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'Q' BUCK SLIP

FILE NO 4137

DATE	SECTION OF SERVICE		ACTION REQUIRED
	FROM	TO	
9 July	Q	G	Copy of JWP signed attached for your file. This declares Stagmonds all kind lease! (14) in your SD/109 attached. indicated "direct transfer" would be permitted up to entitlement. As the whole lot is likely to be "bought" by the Ottomans, you may not think it worth while to pursue the matter.

RAC

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FOL 58 on Q137

FROM : GHQ CMF

14 MAY 1640

TO : AFHQ (ATT G-3)

INFO : ILFB ROME : RAC GHQ

SD 0349 (.) RESTRICTED (.)

YOUR FX 76202 OF 5 MAY PARA 2 (.) FOLLOWING IS LIST OF LEASE LEND EQUIP
HELD IN DEPOTS FOR ITALIAN ARMY (.)

TRUCKS 15 CWT HALF TRACKED PERS WITHOUT WINCH	25
" " " " " WITH WINCH	50
LORRY 30 CWT 4 x 4 GS GMC	4
CAR LIGHT ARMORED FORD GREYHOUND M8	71
CAR LIGHT ARMORED FORD MK II	24
" " " " MK III	3
CAR MEDIUM STAGHOUND	133
" " " T17 E2 AA	4
TANK LIGHT STUART RECCE MK II	34
TANK CRUISER SHERMAN MK I	5
" " " MK IB	11
" " " MK IC	3
" " " MK II	4
" " " MK III	17
" " " MK III DOZER	1
" " " MK V	97
" " " MK VC	25
105 mm SP M7 MK I	78
3" SP M 10 MK I	25

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TRANSLATION

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SD/109/4
Q

From: Ministry of Defence.
To : I.L.F.B.

Ref: 1/3946/Serv.
Date: 24 July 1947.

SUBJECT:- "Staghound" armoured cars.

Ref. letter SD/109/4 dated 15 July last.

The proposal relative to the drawing of 12 "Staghound" armoured cars from the Armoured Vehicle Park of S.Felice, to be distributed "on loan" to the CC battalion of new formation, is accepted by this S.M.

Instructions will be consequently issued to Bologna Military Territorial Command.

sgd LIUZZI
Gen.

GM

RC	
GSO I (C) X	X
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GSO II (C)	
GSO II (D)	
GSO II (I)	
GSO II (L)	

FILE: SD/109/4
DATE: 29/7/47

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch

Tel: 470421

Ext: 218

SD/109/4

15 July 47.

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Ministry of National Defence - ARMY.

Subject:- Stachound Armoured Cars.

Reference your 1/3233/Serv. of 26 June 47.

1. Negotiations between the Italian and U.S. Governments regarding passage of Lend Lease equipment to the Italian Army are not yet completed.
2. This HQ cannot therefore authorize the complete handover on an ownership basis of the 12 Arm. Cars asked for.
3. You are however authorized to withdraw 12 Cars on loan for the newly forming Bn of CC. This on the understanding that they may be withdrawn if negotiations between your Government and the U.S. Government break down.
4. Please confirm that this provision is accepted.

E. H. H. H.
Major General,
Director.

Copy to 'Q'

WLB/cw.

TRANSLATION

SD/109/4

Q

26

FROM: Ministry of Defence.

REF: 1/3233/Serv

TO : I.L.F.B.

DATE: 29 June 1947.

SUBJECT:- "STAGHOUND" armoured cars.

25

Reference your letter SD/109/4 dated 19 June last.

It is confirmed that, with the posting to the Veneto of the mobile CC battalion of Turin, replacing Allied troops in the zone, the forming of a new mobile CC battalion for the Turin area is necessary.

An allotment of 12 "Staghound" armoured cars should be made in order to equip the new battalion in question.

These should be revised at O.A.R.E. before their handing over.

Please grant authority for the use of n.12 "Staghound" armoured cars to be drawn from those handed over to the Italian Army and stored in the Park of S.Felice - Bologna.

GM

Wants mean no override in personnel, but necessitates a w.e. override of 12 armoured cars. Over this is OK if they reduce their reserve from 24 to 12 by.

BGS	
GSO I (SD)	+
GSO G. II	
GSO II (SD)	
GSO III (SD)	
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GSO II (L)	

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BOGLIACCINO Mob. CC.

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FILE: SD/109/4

DATE: 17/5/47

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Italian Land Forces Branch

Tel: 478421

SD/109/4

Ext: 218

14 June 47.

Ministry of National Defence - Army.

for 7/26

Subject:- Staghound Armoured Cars.

1. From a conversation ^{Meloni} ~~Mr.~~ Col. ~~Reagan~~ Major Byatt it was understood that the intention of the S.M.E. was to form an additional Mobile Bn of Carabinieri.
2. It was further understood that permission was sought to withdraw 12 Staghound Armoured Cars from the Depot at San Felice.
3. May this HQ please be supplied with full details of the project, on receipt of which consideration will be given to the request for the release of Armoured Cars.

L. Shadburn
L. W. G. S.Major General,
Director

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FILE NO

Q 137/LF

DATE	SECTION OR SERVICE		ACTION REQUIRED
	FROM	TO	
18 Jun	Q	G	Byam report Meloni (SME). wishes to obtain permission to withdraw 12 Staghound from the 125 "frozen" at San Klice for purpose of forming an additional mobile bn CC at Turin. This bn to replace the regular Turin mobile bn which is being ordered to Vongai jungle area. Please accept action RAC

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ALFED ROMO IS INTERIMS
Italian Land Forces Branch

Ref: 409004
 Ext: 218

SD/109/4

7 May 47.

Ministry of National Defence - Army

Subject:- Standardisation of AFV's.

Receipt is acknowledged of your 1/1918/ser
 dated 3 May 1947, the contents of which are noted.

In view of this Branch SD/109/4 dated 30 April
 1947, it is considered that no further action is required
 at the present.

Major General,
 Director.

SD/109/4

Information

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Subject in paper back

to 22 - 29 - 1964

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WP

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SD/109/4

Q 23

FROM: Ministry of Defence.

REF: 1/1918/Serv.

TO: I.L.F.B.

DATE: 3 May 1947.

SUBJECT:- Standardisation of AFVs.

See 24

Reference your letter SD/109/4 of 17 April last copy attached for Bologna Military Territorial Command.

The problem of standardisation of tanks has already been seriously considered by this Ministry as among the vehicles already released to the Park at S. Felice there are no less than 8 different types, to which a further type M4 A3 is now added (letter Q.023/LF dated 15 April of your I.L.F.B.).

According to the data in possession of this S.M., there are 18 instead of 27 tanks in excess of the limits laid down by the peace treaty. In fact of the 19 Sherman 1B tanks, armed with 105 m/m cannons, 8 have been already withdrawn, on request, by the Allies and one of the tanks released is a Dozer type, without armament and which, in consequence, should be considered as separate from the 200 tanks to be released to the Italian Army.

In view of this we propose the return of 17 Sherman III tanks and 1 Sherman I tank (total 18).

In case it is the intention of your I.L.F.B. that among the material to be returned the remaining 11 Sherman 1B tanks should be included, we propose that to complete the number of 18, 5 Sherman I and 2 Sherman II be handed over.

sgd. LIUZZI
Gen.

R.A.G.

BGS	
GSO I (SD) X	X
DER. G. III	
GSO II (SD)	
GSO III (SD) X	X
GSO II (I)	
GSO II (L)	

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FILE: SD/109/4
D: R/6/5/47

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Tel: 489084
Ext: 218

File
SD/109/4

22
20 Apr 47

Ministry of National Defence - Army (S.M.E.)

Subject: AFV's - Standardisation.

20
I am directed to refer to this Branch SD/109/4 dated 17 Apr 47, and to state that when the time comes for a decision to be taken in the matter, this Branch will of course be pleased to discuss the question with you and to give any advice you may desire.

It is considered that no further action need be taken in the meantime.

ARCS/jm

[Signature]
Major General,
Director.

Copy to : 'G' (info)

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ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch
(Formerly AFSA)

SP/109/4.21

Tel: 459084
Ext: 337

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18 APR 47

Ministry of National Defence - Army
(For Information Directorate)

Subject: Gun Workshops - Tank overhaul

1. The location of your workshops for the overhaul of tanks was discussed at Bologna last week when my AUSA (Lt Col MURRAY) visited 5 Territorial Battalion.

2. Without detriment to your final plans for this installation, it is considered that a workshop ought to be opened immediately to cope with the medium tanks now being concentrated by you at Bologna (see below).

3. The essential conditions for this workshop are:

- (a) A short distance from Gen. Bellini.
- (b) Adequate machinery, workshops and stores facilities.
- (c) Road and rail services.
- (d) Reasonable proximity to Gun Workshops at Macenta.
- (e) Facilities to begin work immediately.

4. The present GUN Workshops at Bologna, although not designed for tank overhaul, fulfill most of these conditions, and could be easily and quickly adapted to this purpose. Details of necessary adjustments could be discussed between your Directorate concerned and my AUSA.

5. It is recommended therefore that, until more suitable plans can be made, and in order to prevent deterioration and waste of valuable equipment, the GUN should undertake this duty.

6. It is important that you should decide on this quickly, not only because of the urgent need for outstanding work to begin, but also in order to take advantage of technical advice in the organization of improved vehicle workshops, which qualified officers, at present on my staff, but who may be moved at any moment, are able to give you.

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1. The location of your workshops for the overhaul of tanks was discussed at Bologna last week when my AMSG (Lt Col MOLLER) visited 5 Territorial General.

2. Without detriment to your final plans for this installation, it is considered that a workshop ought to be opened immediately to cope with the sodium tanks now being concentrated by you at Bologna (San Salvo).

3. The essential conditions for this workshop are:

- (a) A short distance from San Salvo.
- (b) Adequate machinery, workshops and stores facilities.
- (c) Road and rail service.
- (d) Reasonable proximity to San Workshops at Piacenza.
- (e) Readiness to begin work immediately.

4. The present OASH Workshops at Bologna, although not designed for tank overhaul, fulfill most of these conditions, and could be easily and quickly adapted to this purpose. Details of necessary adjustments could be discussed between your Directorate concerned and my AMSG.

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WJ/ve

Major General,
Director.

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C. E. R. 19/4/47

Copy to: 6 MH (Reference concentration with AMSG)

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GSO I (SD)	✓
DEP. C. II	
GSO II (SD)	
GSO II (SD)	✓
GSO II (I)	
GSO II (L)	

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Italian Land Forces BranchTel: 489081
Ext: 218

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17 Apr 47

Ministry of National Defence - Army
(S.M.E. for General LIUZZI)Subject: AFVS - Standardisation. *sent 23*

When the next transfer of Allied tanks to the ITALIAN Army has taken place, there will be 227 medium tanks of various types on your charge.

In order to comply with the terms of the Peace Treaty 27 of these tanks will have to be returned to the Allies.

It is suggested that, before your Q branch hand these tanks back, your general staff should decide as a matter of policy, to what extent you wish to standardise your holding.

The factors to be considered seem to this Branch to be as follows:

- (i) Tactical aspect of the different types of gun mounted in the tanks
- (ii) Simplicity of supply, particularly of ammunition, etc. by having as few different types of gun as possible
- (iii) Simplicity of maintenance by having as few different "marks" of tank as possible
- (iv) Wider experience gained particularly at schools by retaining many varying types of gun and marks of tank.

You are requested in due course to inform this Branch of your decision.

ARCS/mm

Major General
for Major General,
Director.

Copy to: 'Q' (Info)

'G'

55/109/4

FILE: 15-4-47

DATE: 15-4-47

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Q (principal)

GRO

From: K. of D.

Ref: 46698

To : I.L.F.B.

Date: 2/4/47

Subject: Supply of tyres for Staghound Armoured cars, tractors and artillery.

BGS	
GSO I (SD)	<u>Amis</u>
DEP. G. III	
GSO II (SD)	
GSO III (SD)	<u>AS</u>
GSO II (I)	
GSO II (L)	

This Ministry is particularly interested in the supply of the tyres in question.

It is not considered convenient to approach our own industry for the manufacture of the limited annual quantity required, also as the said industry could not conveniently be equipped for manufacture, as there is no vehicle in Italy which has tyres of the size requested (14.00 x 20).

We therefore think it advisable to make the necessary agreements with the Commercial Attaché of the British Embassy for the import of the annual requirements of said material.

Before approaching the Embassy, this Ministry suggests, in the common interest, the release to this Administration of the tyres size 14.00 x 20 which I.L.F.B. has available in the Armoured Vehicles Park at Bologna and Forlì.

It is also advisable to make use of the tyres in good condition of the armoured cars in the a/m Parks because they are depreciating in quality, without any use made of them, being left on the vehicles for a long time and exposed to the weather.

Therefore if you agree to the proposal, we beg you to kindly issue your authorization for the recovery of the said tyres.

R.A.E.

Sgd. ROSSI
Gen.

SD/109/4
D E: 31-3-47

TRANSLATION

Ref: 4233/DST

From: M. of D.

Date: 24/3/47

To : Bologna Military Territorial
Command.
IMAS (for info)

(Ref. letter SD/109/LE dated 12/3/47)

In complying with the request made, AFHQ IMAS LFSS has placed at the disposal of this Ministry, one of each of the following types of armoured vehicles which were withdrawn from the Allied camp of Forlì for the Armoured Vehicles Park of S. Felice/:

- Greyhound light armoured car
- Recce car
- Sherman tank
- 105 m/m R. 17 Mobile gun
- CG 3 inch (7.5) Mobile gun

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- N° 6 BIU has already been informed by LFSS.

- We request you therefore to arrange for the dispatch (2 at a time) of the a/m armoured vehicles to the MT Studies Office in Viale Pinturicchio - Rome.

- Direct agreements will be made with the Studies Office for the dispatch and handing over.

- For the Studies Office we repeat the instructions in letter N° 95 dated 7-I-47 i.e.; that the vehicles must be quickly returned after they have been studied, to the Park of S. Felice in the same condition in which they are received as the vehicles are British Army W.D. property.

We await your reply.

Sgd. ROSSI
Gen.

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Italian Land Forces Branch
(Formerly M.M.I.A.)

Tel : 489081
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Q.137/IF
29 March 47

Ministry of National Defence - ARMY.

Subject : Releases - 'A' Vehicles.

1. With reference to this HQ letters Q.137/IF dated 4 March and 28 March 1947.

2. The following vehicles complete with kits are available at FORLI:

Authy:GHQ SDO 882 of 24 Feb 47.
GHQ Q VR/9004 of 3 March 47.

Serial No.	Item.	Class.Qty.	Destination.
1	Carriers Universal Mk I	I 30	(a)
2	Cars Scout Ford Mk II	I 5	"
3	Car Lt Arm'd Ford M8	I 16	"
4	(Greyhound)	II 130	"
5	Carriers Track Towing No 2	II 25	"
6	Truck 15 cwt $\frac{1}{2}$ track personnel w/o winch	II 15	"
7	Truck 15 cwt $\frac{1}{2}$ track with winch	II 1	"
8	Car Scout Humber Mk I	II 2	"
9	" " Mk II	II 9	"
10	" " Ford Mk II	III 35	"
11	Truck 15 cwt $\frac{1}{2}$ track with winch	III 21	"
12	Car Lt Arm'd Ford M8 (Greyhound)	III 34	"
	Stuart RECCE		

Note (a) To be taken over in Situ.

3. Collection will be effected by the Ministry of National Defence - ARMY.

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4	Carriers Track Towing No 2	II	130	"
5	Truck 15 cwt $\frac{1}{2}$ track personnel w/o winch	II	25	"
6	Truck 15 cwt $\frac{1}{2}$ track with winch	II	15	"
7	Car Scout Humber Mk I	II	1	"
8	" " Mk II	II	2	"
9	" " Ford Mk II	II	9	"
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[Signature]
Major General.
Director.

Copies to:- 6 BLU (2) (for action: ref this HQ Q.101 of 25 July 46)

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RCS	<i>[Signature]</i>
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DEP. G. III	<i>[Signature]</i>
GSO II (SD)	<i>[Signature]</i>
GSO II	<i>[Signature]</i>
GSO II (L)	<i>[Signature]</i>

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REF SD/109/LP

12 Mar 47

MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENCE - ARMYSubject: Transfer of Equipment for Post
Peace Treaty ITALIAN ArmySD/109/LP
file 11

Reference your letter 5231 of 26 Feb 47.

1. The request contained in your letter is agreed to.

2. It should be understood that the conditions stated in paragraph 2 of our letter SD/109 dated 17 Jan 47 will continue to apply to these vehicles and that nothing should be done to these vehicles which could prevent their being handed back to the ALLIED Forces in their present condition, should it be necessary to do so.

MWH

Major-General,
Director.

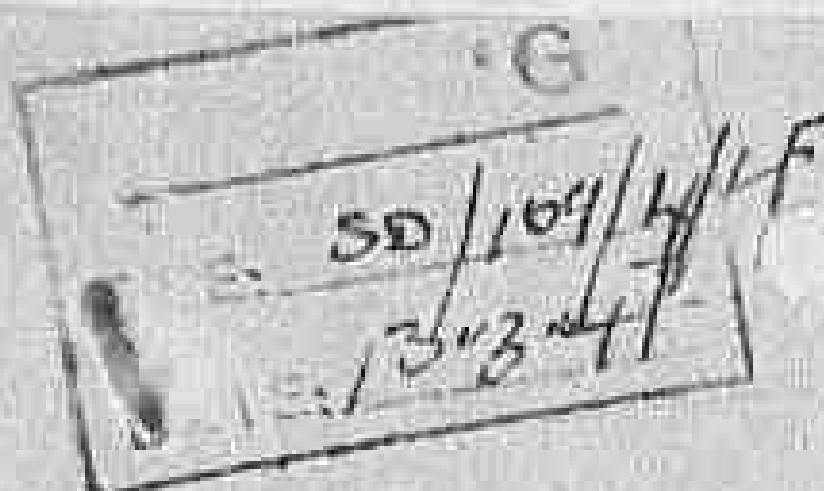
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TRANSLATION

From: M. of E.

Ref: 3231

To: IMAS

Date: 28/2/47

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Subject: Armoured vehicles for the ME Study Office.

Further to the previous verbal communications with Maj Ryatt of your AMHQ IMAS, this M. we would inform you that it is our desire to examine, for the eventual training of the units which will be employed, one armoured vehicle of each type of the following, which were withdrawn from Forlì Allied Camp for the Armoured vehicles Park of S. Felice:

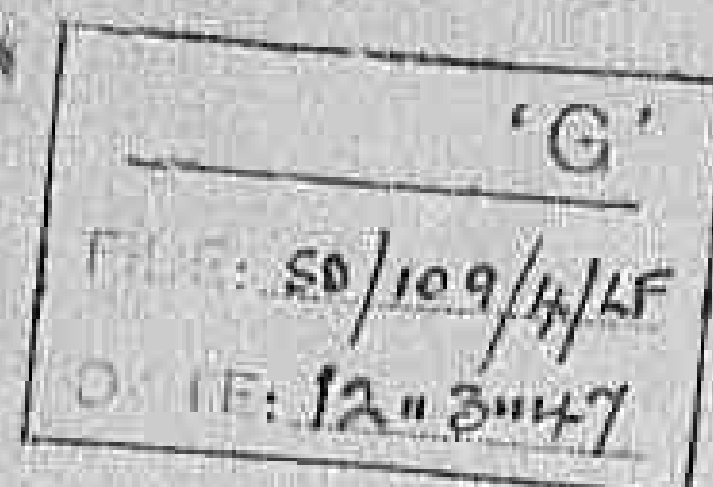
- Light armoured car Greyhound
- Recon car
- Sherman tank
- Mobile gun 105 mm M 17
- Mobile gun C.C. 3 inch (7.5).

Should your AMHQ IMAS LEBS accept the request, the above armoured vehicles should be handed over to the ME Study Office - Viale Pinturicchio - Rome, from time to time at a rate of 2 each time.

We await your kind reply on the matter.

C/A

sgt. ROSSI
Gen.Action: SD/109/LF
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TRANSLATION

From: M. of D.

Ref: 6/697/Serv.

To : IMAS

Date: 4/3/47

Subject: Armoured vehicles.-

Ref. your letter SD/109/4/LF dated 28/2/47.

The movement of the armoured-cars from the Bologna Armoured Vehicle Park to the Armoured Car School was carried out due to a misunderstanding by this S.M., who, at first, thought that the armoured cars were excluded from the restrictions imposed on the vehicles in question.

This office realized the error, after having carried out the movement.

Whilst giving assurance that the regulations contained in letter SD/109 dated 17/1/47 will be observed, we would point out that the armoured cars transferred to the Armoured Car School are the following:

8 Medium Staghound armoured cars.

6 Light Greyhound armoured cars.

Up to the 28/2/47 only 6 Greyhound armoured cars of the original 28 have been handed over to the Bologna Armoured Vehicle Park.

The 6 Greyhounds armoured cars transferred to the Armoured Car School will be returned to the Bologna Armoured Vehicle Park as they are to be considered in excess to the requirements of the School.

BCS	
G.C. I (SD)	
DEF. G. III	
GSO II (SD)	
GSO III (SD)	
GSO II (I)	
GSO II (L)	

Sgd. MELONI
Col.

UR.

Subject : VEHICLE RELEASES - BRITISH ORIGIN

FILE: SD/109/4/LF

DATE: 20-3-47

6 British Liaison Unit
Bologna C.M.F.
Tel: 28032
Ref: Q/4/3/LF
5th March '47

To : Allied Force Headquarters
Italian Military Affairs Section
Land Forces Sub - Section
(for "G" SD)

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Reference your SD/109/4/LF of 28 Feb. '47.

Your attention is respectfully drawn to the following : -

- (a) Quantity of Cars Light Armoured Greyhound consigned to Armoured Car Schools, was 6 and not 14.
- (b) These vehicles are not half - tracked.

For your information.

A. D. P. R. I. U.
Major DAI & CMC.
6 BLU.

WHW/sr

REF	
GSO I (SD)	
DEP. C. M. I.	
GSO I (SD)	
GSO II (SD)	
GSO II (I)	
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Italian Military Affairs Section

Land Forces Sub Section

Tel: 489.081

Ext: 359407

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Q 137/12

4 Mar 47

Ministry of National Defence - Army.Subject:- Release of "A" Vehicles - FORLI.

Reference this HQ letters of 22 Feb and 4 Jan 47.

1. In addition to the 1081 vehicles referred to in a/q letters, the "A" vehicles listed at Appendix "A" attached hereto, are available for transfer to you at FORLI, making a total of

1081

323

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1440

B.C.	
GSO I (SO)	☒
DEP. G. III	☒
GSO II (SO)	☒
GSO III (SO)	☒
GSO II (I)	☒
GSO II (L)	☒

2. The above vehicles will all be placed in a wired-in enclosure at FORLI, which will contain nothing else and will be ready for handover to you by 15 Mar 47. Two Nissan Buses will be placed at your disposal for accommodation of the Italian Guard.

3. HQ 6 BNU will arrange handover with 6 Territorial Command. Please ensure that 6 Comditer is in a position to take over and provide necessary guards.

HRL/wf

W. P. Parley
Major General
Director.

Copy to:- HQ 6 BNU. Ref telecon WRITER/LUCKETT 4 Mar 47.

Please arrange and negotiate handover with G.O. 12 Veh Bk and report as soon as arrangements are completed.

Internal:- G

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Appendix "A" to G 137/LP of Mar 47

<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Qty</u>
1	Carriers Universal Mk 1	I	30
2	Carriers Track Towing No 2	II	130
3	Truck 15 cwt & track personnel with winch	II	25
4	Truck 15 cwt & track personnel with winch	II	15
		III	35
5	Car Scout Humber Mk I	II	1
6	Car Scout Humber Mk II	II	2
7	Car Scout Ford Mk II	I	5
		II	9
8	Car Lt Arm'd Ford M8 (Greyhound)	I	16
		III	21
9	Stuart Recce	III	34
		TOTAL	323

1	Car Lt Arm'd Ford M8 (Greyhound)	I	14
		II	8
2	Car Scout Ford Mk II	I	8
		II	1
		III	1
3	Car Scout Ford Mk III	II	2
4	Carriers Tracked, Starting and Charging		2
		TOTAL	36

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27/09/47

28 Feb 47

MEMORANDUM OF NATIONAL DEFENSE - ARMYSubject: Vehicles 15 out Half Track (arm)

Ref this HQ 25/109 dated 17 Dec.

1. It is reported that the following vehicles, subject to the provisions stated in my above quoted letter, have been transferred from BOLINA to the ARMORED CAR SCHOOL.

One Light Armored (Gryphon) 14
One Medium Armored (Staghound) 8

2. (a) There is no entitlement for Gryphon in the Interim Army.
(b) Holdings of Staghound are already in excess of entitlement for the Interim Army.

3. Such transfer is therefore clearly contrary to the terms of my above quoted letter.

4. In this instance covering authority for the transfer which has already been effected is hereby given.

5. A representative of this HQ will visit the Armored Car School to inspect and check the identification numbers of the vehicles in question.

6. In future no transfer of vehicles held at BOLINA under the terms of this HQ above quoted letter may take place without prior authority which will be obtained from this HQ by application to G HQ.

RUC/nc

Copy to: 6 British Indian Unit
Internal: 6 (HQ)

for Major General,
Director

Reg out
28/2/47
SM

F. J. Smith
Colonel
G1

"Q" BUCK SLIP

FILE NO

Q 137/LF

(6)

DATE	SECTION OR SERVICE		ACTION REQUIRED
	FROM	TO	
27 Feb	Q	G.	Reported that following have been transferred ex Bologna to Central Training School. Coin High Armoured (Plymouth) 14 " Med " (Slagford) 8. Then appear contrary to your SD/109 of 17 Jan except that a discrepancy of 17 Slagford exists in Interim Army. Will you take action and advise covering authority to warn that further transfers ex Bologna require prior authority? RAC See file of SD/109/4/45 dated 28/2/47

KXX 400

SD/109/LF

16 Feb 47

Ministry of National Defense - ArmySubject: Transfer of Equipment for Post
Peace Treaty ITALIAN Army.SD/109 /also 74
cover. III

Ref this D letter SD/109 of 17 Jan 47.

1. A verbal request has been received from the Inspector of Artillery for the loan of Self Propelled equipment from the holding Depot at BOLOGNA to the School of Artillery.

2. This sub- section agrees to the following equipment being sent to BRACCIANO:-

One Self Propelled 3 inch Anti Tank (M.10)
One Self Propelled 105 mm Field Gun (M.7)

3. It should be understood that the condition stated in para. 2. of the above quoted letter will continue to apply to these two vehicles.

4. You are requested to ensure that personnel having adequate knowledge of driving and maintenance of track vehicles similar to the types in question are either already at BRACCIANO or will be attached there in order that the vehicles may have proper attention.

5. Detail issues of ammunition for these guns will not be available in advance of any general release of ammunition for the ITALIAN Army on the withdrawal of ALLIED Troops from ITALY.

KXH/ter

M. M. M.
Major General,
Director.

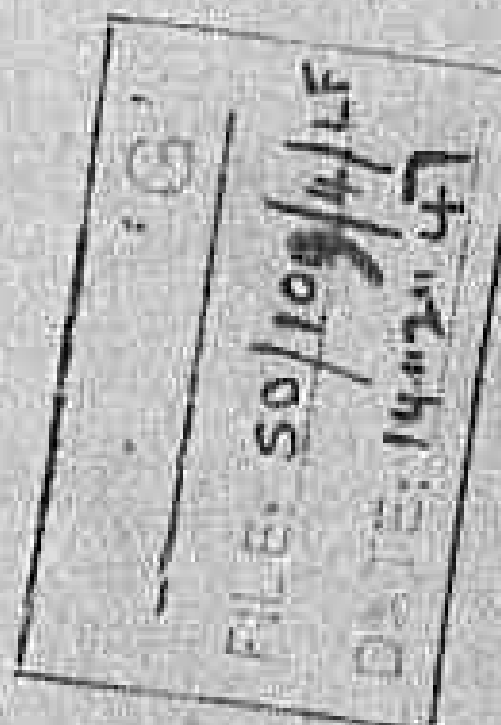
Copy for- Inspector of Artillery, S.M.S.
SD/109/4 *5/6 B.L.V.*

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Military Affairs Section
Land Forces Sub Section
(Formerly MILA)

Tel: 489034
Ext: 445

6 British Liaison Unit



137/LF

14 Feb 47

Subject: Maintenance of "A" Vehicles
on loan to Italian Army
(APLA copy)

EX 74311 of (S.M.) - file 50/109/4/LF
Cover I

1. Under instructions from HQ, the War Ministry have been informed that the transfer of "A" vehicles to Bologna is subject to the following conditions:

- (a) The equipment remains the property of and subject to withdrawal by the British Government.
- (b) Responsibility for losses rests with the Italian Government.

2. You are required to complete with 6 Territorial Command detailed arrangements to ensure all vehicles transferred under these conditions are properly maintained and regularly inspected.

3. It is suggested the simplest method is for War Ministry Representative to prepare a ledger in which each vehicle is allotted a Serial No (such as H I BR 1-500), an outline inventory of armament, wireless and other internal fittings of a portable nature should be entered against each serial No.

A regular programme of physical inspection will be arranged so that each serial No is examined once per month by MILA and Ministry of War representatives.

4. The ledger will be signed by MILA and War Ministry Rep at end of each month stating that inspection has been made, number of vehicles by types held, and deficiencies and condition of vehicles and equipment noted. A confirmatory certificate at the end of each month will be forwarded by you to H. MILA on last day of each month.

5. You are to settle details on the lines suggested above and will report not later than 28 February 47 the procedure adopted. An index of the ledger showing Serial Nos allocated will be forwarded at the same time and kept up to date as necessary.

28 Feb

6. Commencing 1 March 47 the monthly certificate will be forwarded to this HQ on envelope at Appx 'A'.

Under instructions from the War Ministry have been informed that the transfer of "A" vehicles to Bologna is subject to the following conditions:

- (e) The equipment remains the property of and subject to withdrawal by the British Government.
- (e) Responsibility for losses runs with the Italian Government.

20. You are required to comply with 6 Territorial Command Detailed arrangements to ensure all vehicles transferred under these conditions are properly maintained and regularly inspected.

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The Ledger will be signed by MIA and War Ministry Rep at end of each month stating that inspection has been made, number of vehicles by types held, and deficiencies and condition of vehicles and equipment noted. A confirmatory certificate as at appx 'A' will be forwarded by you to M. MIA on last day of each month.

50. You are to settle details on the lines suggested above and will report not later than ~~26~~²⁸ February 47 the procedure adopted. An index of the Ledger showing said Nos allocated will be forwarded at the same time and kept up to date as necessary.

6. Commencing 1 March 17 the monthly certificate will be forwarded to this HQ on performance at Army 11.

Copy to: Ministry of National Defence-Army
Intended: G (2D)

Appendix 'A' to L.F.S.D. Letter
 4937/LF dated 14 Feb 1967.

"A" VEHICLES ON LOAN TO ITALIAN ARMY.

Certified that:

(a) during period ending _____ all vehicles
 (Serial 1 -) have been physically inspected and
 found correct except as stated below.

(b) on _____ the following vehicles by
 types were held in the Vehicle Park:

Tanks.

Armoured Cars Light

Armoured Cars Medium

105 mm AT

120 mm M40

(c) Damage and/or deficiencies noted have been
 entered in the Ledger against the vehicles con-
 cerned

(d) Major deficiencies or damage noted were as under:

(b) on _____ the following vehicles by
types were held in the Vehicle Park:

Tanks.	_____
Armoured Cars Light	_____
Armoured Cars Medium	_____
195 mm AT	_____
2 5.8, 140	_____

(c) Damage and/or deficiencies noted have been
entered in the ledger against the vehicles con-
cerned

(d) Major deficiencies or damage noted were as under:

DATA

SD/109/4/16
13-A-114

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Military Affairs Section
Land Forces Sub - Section
(Formerly M.M.I.A.)

Tel : 489081
Ext : 259

Q.137/LF
12 Feb 47

MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENCE - Army.

Subject : Release of Carriers ex FORLI.

With reference to this HQ 137.0 dated 4 Jan.

1. It is noted that on 25 Jan 47 the following vehicles, Classes I and II, were taken over by you:-

Carriers Universal	705
" N M C	38
" 3" Mortar	107
" T Towing	214
" Tracked Svc	17

TOTAL 1081

2. way.

Shipping tickets will follow in the usual

HJOP/ps

Internal Dist: 'G'
'ORD'

Al. McIntyre
Major General,
Director.

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GSO I (SD)	<i>xxxx</i>
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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM : GHQ OMF

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TO : (FOR ACTION) DMAS IFSS

(FORMERLY MMIA)

UNCLASSIFIED

GT/O154 (.) FROM G TRG (.) YOUR TRG/42 /LF OF 3 FEB (.)

NO ACTION NOW REQUIRED BY YOU

5 February 1947

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Ref GHQ Signal

GT/O111 dated 25 Jan
copy to you1 sep 47 folio 85
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DATE: R/6/2/47

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FILE: SD/109/4
DATE: R/6/2/47.

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M M I A - (G)

FILE SD/109/4DATE 27-1-47

FROM : GHQ CMF

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TO : M M I A

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75.*

GT/0111 (.) FROM G TRG (.) SUBJECT IS TRG EQPT (.) REF

PARA 3 THIS GHQ LETTER SD/2146/4 DATED 7 JAN 47 (.) YOUR

BIDS ARE REQUIRED SOONEST

RGS	
GSO I (SD)	☒
DET. G. III	☒
GSO II (SD)	☒
GSO III (SD)	☒
GSO II (I)	☒
GSO II (L)	☐

27 Jan 47

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Copy To:- SD/109/4

G (Trg)

'Q'

ORD

EME

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TRANSLATION

From: M.of W.
To : MMIA

Ref: 1/169/Serv
Date: 19/1/47

Subject: Half track vehicles for drawing 17 pdrs. -

Ref. letter SD/109/4 dated 11/1/47 from your MMIA.

- a) - This Ministry intended to use the 150 half tracks (requested with letter 1/4372/Serv. dated 28/12/46) as 17 pdr tractors. -
- b) - From the above referred to letter it appears, instead, that your MMIA has interpreted the request as made in order to install the guns on board the vehicles in question. -
- c) - Whilst confirming that the purpose for requesting the release of the half tracks is that mentioned in para a) above, we would point out that the Italian officers who during the war used the above mentioned vehicles for this task and also the British officers of Forli camp have declared that the half tracks are fully suitable as 17 pdr trailers. -
- d) - We would therefore be grateful if your MMIA will order the release of said vehicles to the Italian Army, in the quantity requested with the above mentioned letter. (1/4732/Serv.) -

SD. Distr.

60/109/4

'62'

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ASO (SD)	✓
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sgd. Meloni
Col.

MMIA - CP
FILE SD/109/4
DATE 18/22/47

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INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM AFHQ

191400 A

ACTION TROOPERS LONDON

INFO GHQ OMF

MMIA

AGWAR WASHINGTON FOR BAS

EX 7447

SECRET

REFERENCE 7653: GS (W)1 OF 11 JAN (.)

- ONE (.) ASSUMPTION OF RESPONSIBILITY BY UNITED STATES OF SUPPLY TO ITALIAN ARMY OF QUOTE 'A' UNQUOTE VEHICLES AND THEIR FUTURE MAINTENANCE IS MATTER FOR DECISION BY UNITED STATES WAR DEPARTMENT WHO ARE BEING QUERIED (.)
- TWO (.) COLONEL PIDSLEY MMIA WHO IT IS UNDERSTOOD WILL SHORTLY VISIT YOU IS ACQUAINTED WITH THE SITUATION (.)
- THREE (.) SUGGEST BAS WASHINGTON BE DIRECTED TO TAKE UP MATTER WITH UNITED STATES WAR DEPARTMENT

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MMIA - 109
FILE SD/109/4
DATE 12/20/1/41

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Rome 489081 Ext 218

LAND FORCES SUB COMM. AG (MILIA) COM

SD/109/4

17 Jan 47

MINISTRY OF WAR

Subject: Vehicles - 15 out Half Track (Arm).

Ref. your 6/26/Serv dated 11 Jan 47.

Please see this HQ SD/109/4 of the same date.

ARGES/eb

Antony
for Major-General,
GOC, MILIA.

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MMIA - G2
FILE <i>SD/109/4</i>
DATE <i>11/1/47</i>

TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War.

REF: 6/86/Serv.

TO: M.M.I.A.

DATE: 11 January 1947.

SUBJECT:- Tractors for 17 pdr guns.

To See	
A/O	<i>[initials]</i>
"Q"	<i>[initials]</i>
Q Liaison	<i>[initials]</i>
Q (M.I.)	<i>[initials]</i>
Q (AF)	<i>[initials]</i>
ORD	<i>[initials]</i>
REME	<i>[initials]</i>
S & T	<i>[initials]</i>

Anti-tank regts with two 17 pdr groups and two 6 pdr groups are being formed at the infantry divisions.

In consequence there must be formed 5 new 17 pdr groups and 10 6 pdr groups; these last for the reorganisation of the 6 pdr anti-tank coys which in the past were part of the W.E. of the infantry regts.

The 5 new 17 pdr groups are as yet deficient of tractors and these are not available.

The 5 original 17 pdr groups have heavy tractors on issue mainly worn out and not fully suitable, for mechanical reasons, for the hauling of guns.

18 tractors have been laid down in the W.E.s of anti-tank regts for 17 pdr anti-tank guns, while "Porter B" trucks have been laid down for the hauling of 6 pdr guns.

Further to the inspection carried out at 12th Vehicles Park at Forlì it appears that 150 carriers half track are available there in the very best condition.

Said material is fully suitable for the hauling of both 17 pdr guns and 6 pdrs, as well as being fit for the transport of personnel.

In consequence we earnestly beg your M.M.I.A. to kindly consider the advisability and necessity for said material being included with that to be released directly to the Italian Army in addition to the tanks, armoured cars and carriers already being released from a/m camp at Forlì. In such case the W.E.s of tractors for 17 pdr guns of the anti-tank regts would have to be amended, laying down carriers half track in place of the 18 tractors for anti-tank guns laid down at the moment.

SGD. LIUZZI
Gen.

R.A.G.

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16/1/47

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Tel: 439034
Ext: 400

Land Forces Sub Commission AC.
MILIA

5D/109/4

13 Jan 47.

Allied Force Headquarters.

Subject: Tanks for Post Twenty
ITALIAN ARMY.

1. CFC in their letter 0459/Q4 of 19 Dec 46, addressed to War Office, copy to AFHQ, refer to possible future requirements of Post Twenty ITALIAN ARMY, amongst other things, 'M' Vehicles. It is difficult to make any accurate forecast of this requirement until it is known what interpretation will be made on Article 52 of Draft Peace Treaty. Relevant extracts state:-

"LIMITATION TO BE IMPOSED ON THE ITALIAN ARMY.
No more than 200 Tanks medium and heavy."

Presumably the Council of Ambassadors charged to supervise the execution of the treaty will, when commencing to operate, lay down their agreed interpretation.

The following are the points at issue:-

- (a) What is meant by a heavy and medium tank. Is this based on the nomenclature employed when referring to the types of tanks now in use in US and BRITISH Armies.
- (b) Are self propelled artillery equipments to be regarded as tanks or not.
- (c) Does the limit of 200 Tanks include tanks required for training and instructional purposes.
- (d) Can ITALIAN Army or Government hold reserves over and above this 200

As regards (b) above. The Self propelled 4/T878 Gun of the M.10, VALENTINE or corresponding type could conceivably be classified as a tank though presumably self propelled field artillery would not be.

As regards (c) above. If Tank formations are to be efficient a great deal of training both in Schools and Units is essential, especially in the short service conscription ITALIAN Army with a call up of personnel every 4 months and a complete turnover every 12 months. These vehicles have a very short life, in the hands of learners.

If the intention is to allow the ITALIAN ARMY

and in their letter of 13 Dec 45, addressed to War Office, copy to LMG, refer to possible future requirements of Post Treaty ITALIAN Army, amongst other things, '1' Vehicles.

It is difficult to make any accurate forecast of this requirement until it is known what interpretation will be made on Article 52 of Draft Peace Treaty. Relevant extracts state:-

"LIMITATION NO 10 IS IMPOSED ON THE ITALIAN ARMY.
No more than 200 tanks medium and heavy."

Presumably the Council of Ambassadors charged to supervise the execution of the treaty will, when commencing to operate, lay down their agreed interpretation.

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The following are the points at issue:-

- (a) What is meant by 'heavy and medium tank'. Is this based on the nomenclature employed when referring to the types of tanks now in use in US and BRITISH Armies.
- (b) Are Self propelled Artillery equipments to be regarded as tanks or not.
- (c) Does the limit of 200 Tanks include tanks required for training and instructional purposes.
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As regards (b) above. The Self propelled A/T 878 can of the M.40 VALENTINE of corresponding type could conceivably be classified as a Tank though presumably Self propelled Field Artillery would not be.

As regards (c) above. If Tank formations are to be efficient a great deal of training, both in Schools and Units is essential, especially in the short service conscription ITALIAN Army with a call up of personnel every 4 months and a complete turnover every 12 months. These vehicles have a very short life, in the hands of learners.

If the intention is to allow the ITALIAN Army 200 Combat Tanks there must be a sufficient number of additional Tanks for Training, including Driving and Maintenance Instruction.

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As regards (c) above, ITALIAN Industry is unlikely to be in a position to manufacture Tanks, or wish to do so, if they can be provided with Tanks of AMERICAN or BRITISH make. In view of the time lag in obtaining replacements from overseas the holding of a war reserve would be essential, in addition, normal stockings would require to be held for annual replacements. If these reserves and replacements are to count against the 200, the number of Tanks available for Co-Bre will be much reduced.

3. The ITALIAN War Ministry in forwarding their possible requirements, have assumed that MC types of SP Artillery equipments are Tanks and that additional Tanks will be allowed for training and reserves.

I presume that, until Ratification of the Peace Treaty, a decision as to the types and number of Tanks that may be earmarked or handed over to the ITALIAN Army, can only be made by CIG WASHINGTON.

I suggest however, that this should be based on the interpretation likely to be put in Article 52 by the Council of Ambassadors.

Presumably the War Office and US War Dept could obtain from Foreign Office and State Dept respectively some forecast of this decision. Meanwhile I suggest that the earmarking of Tanks for training purposes would not be unreasonable.

SHG/ter

Colonel,
Deputy Commander,

Drafted by Major General J.H. COULTELL, DSO.

A.C.
G.H.Q.

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BRITISH Embassy

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Telephone:
Rome 489081 Ext 218

LAND FORCES SUB COM AG (MMIA) CMF

ED/109/4

11 Jan 47

MINISTRY OF WAR

Subject: Vehicles - 15 cwt Half Track (Armd)

Ref your 1/4322/serv dated 28 Dec 46 para 1 (c).

Trucks 15 cwt half track (Armd) personnel have NOT proved entirely satisfactory as gun towers for 17 pr or 6 pr guns, and it is therefore not recommended by this HQ that you should acquire any for this purpose.

A bid for 330 of these vehicles is however being made on your behalf to cover your requirements of Armd QPs for Arty and of two set mobile armd W/T stations for Sigs Bns for both of which purposes the vehicles have been used most satisfactorily in the BRITISH Army.

ARCS/rr

Internal: 'g'

for
Major General,
GOC, MMIA.

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Tele No : PAUUA 22693

Subject : Equipment - South African Arm'd Div

To : AFHQ (attn G-3)

LAND FORCES SUBCOMMISSION AG (PETA)

SD/2145/4

7 Jan 47.

Ref this GHQ SD0636 dated 7 Jan.

Herewith copy of War Office cable 75586 GS(W)1 dated 31 Dec.

This GHQ SD0509 dated 12 Dec to Troopers contains the same information as this GHQ SD/2146/4 dated 11 Dec to you.

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Lieutenant General,
General Officer Commanding - in- Chief,

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TELETYPE MESSAGE

IMMEDIATE

FROM : WASHINGTON

TO FOR ACTION : C(AD) CNY

INFO : RAS WASHINGTON

REF ID : 75286 CS (1/1).

31 DEC 46 (311715)

URGENT FRAMFOR L/L 3000 PM 6 SA AMED DIV.

RE SPECS MARSHALL-BARTON AND YOU WILL HAVE SPECIES M1548 OF 31 DMD ENCH

SOUTH AFRICA LONDON TO PTEROELL COME TO YOU.

ONE. FOR CNO PTEROELLA CS 26/1 0217 APRIL 45 CAPTIES TO YOU LISTED L/L

EAST SILENT NORTH AFRICA RAPID TO TRANSFER.

TWO. AMERICANS ARE GLOBALLY SHORT AND DESIRE REPORTING IN CLASH ONE
COMETION PULSATING WEST L/100 IS ABOVE LATTER (A) 2 080000 15 (105000)QUANTITY 15 (3) TO CNO0000 114(7600) QUANTITY 67 (0) 26 MAY 4/5 QUANTITY 1
(12) 0000 000000 0/0 0000 114 000000 QUANTITY 5.THREE. AMERICANS HAVE NO ONE OTHER TO TRANSFER PROVIDED WE CAN HAVE
AVAILABLE EQUIPMENT TYPES AND QUANTITIES. CNO WASHINGTON HAS TROUBLE
DEMONSTRATING LITERATURE FOR ITALIAN ARMY TO LEFT WHICH IS CURRENTLY SURPLUS.
IN VIEW THE OFFICE STOCK POSITION AND AMPLIFYING DIFFICULTIES IN PROVIDING THIS
SOFT FROM OTHER SOURCES ITEMS IN PARA TWO SHOULD BE MARKED BY YOU 000000
TO AMERICANS IF AVAILABLE EARLY BY BUREAU IN CNY.FOUR. YOUR NO 0000 OF 15 DEC PARA SECOND NOTICE. PLEASE STATE IF (A)
QUANTITY OF 67 SPECIES 114 000 (B) ITEMS IN PARA TWO (C) AND (D) ARE ILLEGIT
TO BE AVAILABLE IN EARLY FUTURE.

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SD/109/4

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M M T A - 'C'

FILE SD/109/4

DATE 10/11/47

GHQ OUTGOING MESSAGE

Branch File No : SD/1011

For signals use only

FROM : GHQ CMF
 TO FOR ACTION : TROOPERS FOR GS (W)1
 TO FOR INFO : OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMD FOR SOUTH AFRICA: BAS WASHINGTON:
 (FOR BRIT ELEMENT)
 AFHQ: MILA: SOUTH AFRICA DIV EQPT PX GENOA

07 1600 A

SD0636 (.) SECRET (.) REF YOUR 75586 GS(W)1 DATED 31 DEC (.)

FIRST (.) FOLLOWING CLASS 1 EQUIPMENTS AVAILABLE CMF

(A) SHERMAN 1B 26 (.)

(B) SHERMAN 2A 40 (.)

(C) TK ARV T/5 NIL (.)

(D) 6 X 6 WRECKER B/D WARD LA FRANCE NIL (.)

SECOND (.) SHERMAN TRV M32 QTY 1 AVAILABLE IN LIEU TK ARV T5 IF SUITABLE (.)

THIRD (.) IF 4H DO NOT MOVE PRESENT EQPT TO BAOR VIDE THIS GHQ SD0579 DATED

24 DEC A FURTHER 13 SHERMAN 2A MAKING TOTAL OF 53 AND 3 SHERMAN TRV

M32 MAKING TOTAL OF 4 WILL BE AVAILABLE (.) PLEASE GIVE RULING SOONEST (.) 27

FOURTH (.) PLEASE CONFIRM THAT

(A) AMERICANS ONLY WISH TO RECAPTURE QUANTITIES STATED IN YOUR 75586 GS(W)1
 SHERMAN
 DATED 31 DEC AND THAT/ 1B QTY 11 CAN BE TREATED AS GLOBALLY SURPLUS (.)

(B) THAT ALL OTHER EQPT LISTED IN OUR SD0509 DATED 12 DEC IS GLOBALLY

SURPLUS AND MAY BE MARKED FOR POSSIBLE ISSUE TO ITALIAN POST PEACE

TREATY ARMY (.)

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FROM : GHQ CMF 07 1600 A

TO FOR ACTION : TROOPERS FOR GS (W)1

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TREATY ARMY (.)

FIFTH (.) IT IS EMPHASIZED THAT NONE OF THE EQPT REFERRED TO IN OUR SD0509 DATED

12 DEC IS AS YET BEING TRANSFERRED TO ITALIAN ARMY (.)

SIXTH (.) IT IS BEING MOVED TO ITALIAN VEH PARK AND STORED THERE UNDER BRITISH

SUPERVISION TO ENABLE US TO CLOSE VEH PARK AT FORLI (.)

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SEVENTH (.) IF TERMS OF PEACE TREATY DO NOT ALLOW TRANSFER OR REPT IS REQUIRED FOR

ANY PURPOSE IT CAN BE WITHDRAWN AS EASILY FROM ITALIAN VEH PARK

AS FROM FORLI (.)

EIGHTH (.) THIS SIGNAL DIRECTLY CONNECTED WITH OUR SD0628 DATED 6 JAN TO

MO 3 FOR BRIG ARCHIBALD (.) REQUEST YOU DISCUSS MATTER WITH HIM

IN WAR OFFICE (.)

NINTH (.) FOR ATHQ AND MAILA (.) COPIES OF TROOPERS 75586 GS(W)1 DATED 31 DEC

FOLLOW BY LETTER

Internal Distribution.

IMMEDIATE TO TROOPERS

'Q' } SD509 give Troopers infm contained
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Signature

Maj. J.K. MAXWELL

G (SD) Branch,

Tele No : 22693

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G (SD) Branch,

Tele No : 22693

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REF AFHQ F 73834 19 DEC AND GHQ QG 249 OF 18 DEC (.) ITALIAN
GOVERNMENT AGREED THIS MORNING DIRECT TRANSFER OF CARRIERS TO
ITALIAN ARMY (.) ITALIAN WAR MINISTRY PREPARED TO TAKE THEM
OVER IN FORLI ON RECEIPT OF RELEASE FROM GHQ

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FROM : AFHQ
 TO : GH CMF
 INFO : MMIA
 REF : 67799

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FILE 30/109/4
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REFERENCE YOUR QG/249 OF 18 DEC 1946 (.)

THERE IS NO OBJECTION PROVIDED ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AGREE

20 Dec 46
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TO : MMIA

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PARA TWO OUR FX 73725 REFERS (.) SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGOT (.)

REQUEST IMMEDIATE REPLY AS TO WHETHER YOU HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL OR NOT

20 Dec 46
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 TO : MMIA
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 FURTHER TO QG 200 DATED 11 AND AFHQ FX 73725 DATED 12 (.)
 SUBJECT CARRIERS FOR ITALIAN ARMY (.)
 ONE (.) NOW UNLIKELY THAT 12 VEH PARK WILL BE CLOSED BEFORE
 MID JAN AND PROPOSED CONCENTRATE CARRIERS IN ONE PORTION OF VEH
 PARK TO BE TAKEN OVER IN SITU BY ITALIAN ARMY (.)
 TWO (.) REQUEST YOU OBTAIN EARLIEST CONCURRENCE FROM ITALIAN
 GOVERNMENT AND CONFIRM REQUIREMENT FOR THESE CARRIERS (.)
 BRITISH MINISTRY OF SUPPLY NEED NOT REPEAT NOT BE
 CONSULTED SINCE CARRIERS HAVE BEEN WITHHELD FROM BEING DECLARED
 SURPLUS PENDING CONFIRMATION OR OTHERWISE OF REQUIREMENTS FOR
 DIRECT TRANSFER TO ITALIAN ARMY (.)
 THREE (.) FOR AFHQ (.) FAN 679 AUTHORISES SACMED TO APPROVE
 DIRECT TRANSFERS TO ITALIAN ARMY FROM GENUINE GLOBAL SURPLUSES IN 868
 CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES (.) ASSUMED THAT NECESSARY AUTHORITY IS
 GRANTED SUBJECT TO AGREEMENT TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT

20 Dec 46
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FROM : AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGCT

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TO : MMIA

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INFO : GHQ., CMT

MMIA - 'G'
FILE 80/109/4
DATE 14/12/46

REF : FX 73725

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GHQ., CMT QG 200 OF 14 DEC 46 REFERS (.)

PARA ONE (.) NO ALTERATION CAN BE MADE TO EXISTING CHANNELS OF SUPPLY WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AND BRITISH MINISTRY OF SUPPLY (.) FROM PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE IT IS MOST UNLIKELY THAT SUCH APPROVAL WOULD BE GRANTED (.) SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGCT.

PARA TWO (.) AS THIS HEADQUARTERS AUTHORITY FOR THIS, SUGGEST IN VIEW OF TIME FACTOR, YOU APPROACH THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT DIRECT

File: Q.

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 C(SD) Branch,
 GHQ, CMF.

Tele No : PADUA 22693

Subject : A Vehs for Post Peace Treaty Italian Army.

SD/2146/4

To : Land Forces Sub Commission AC, (MMIA)

// Dec 46.

Copy To : AFHQ

12 Veh Park FORLI.

1. In accordance with agreement reached by reps GHQ, MMIA and Italian Army at FORLI on Thursday 5 Dec 46 the equipment shown at A pendix 'A' (Att) is being transported to the Italian Veh Park at BOLOGNA.
2. It will be held there under supervision of MMIA for the Italian Post Peace Treaty Army.
3. It must be understood however that ^{THE} equipment is still the property of the British Army and as such can be withdrawn from BOLOGNA and issued to units should the occasion arise.

JKH/as

for Maxwell Major
 Brigadier,
 Chief of Staff.

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Appendix A to SD/2146/4
Dated Dec 45.

	Class	Class	Class	Class
	I	II	III	III
<u>Armored Cars</u>				
Lt Grayhounds				
Staghound Mk I	20	8		
Mk II	33	30	50	
Med T 17E, A	10	1	5	
	2	1	1	
<u>Scout Cars</u>				
Ford Mk II	8	1		
Ford Mk III				
<u>Tanks</u>				
Sherman I	5			
IB	19			
IC	3			
2	4			
2A	25			
3	12	5		
3 Dozer	1			
V	26	3		
VO	25			
<u>SP Guns</u>				
105 mm M 7	11	24	43	
3" M 10	1	24		

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Scout Cars

Ford Mk II

Ford Mk III

Tanks

Sherman I

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SP Guns

105 mm M 7

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FROM: GHQ CMF

ACTION: MMIA

INFO: AFHQ

MMIA - 67
FILE 30/10/4
DATE B.N. 46

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SD0519 (.) OUR SDO 511 DATED 11 DEC IS INVALID (.) 5 CARRIERS
S AND C WILL BE ISSUED TO YOU SOONEST

requested by folio 59

13 Dec 46
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LAND FORCES SUB COMM, AG (MMIA) CMF

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12 Dec 46

MMIA - 'G'
FILE 50/109/4
DATE 13.12.46

G (SD) ✓
REME

Subject: "A" Vehicles ex 12 Veh Park

Reference our Q.137 dated 9 Dec 46.

Attached hereto is copy of 6 B.L.U. letter Q/4/3 of 9 Dec 46 amending Appendix to 6 B.L.U. Q/4/3 of 6 Dec which was attached to our above quoted letter.

Please make the necessary amendment.

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GSO (SD)	✓
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FW/ra

R. Blunt
Lt-Colonel
AGMG MMIA

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URGENTSubject: VEHICLE RELEASES - BRITISH

6 British Liaison Unit
Tel: 217 Area 119
Ref: *Ref 3*
9 Dec. '46

To: VI COMPTONReference appendix to this H.O. letter *588* of 6 Dec. '46.

Please send as follows:-

DELIVER

Sherman IIA - 76 m.m. (Diesel) and details. ✓

ADD

Sherman IIA - 76 m.m. Class I - 25 - Total 25. ✓

" III - 75 m.m. Class I - 12. Class II - 5 - Total 17.

Med. Staghorn III - Class III - 10 - Total 15. ✓

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12 Vehicle Park, R.A.C.O. } 1

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FROM: GHQ CMT

TO : AFHQ

INFO : MMIA

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DATE 12-12-46

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GG200 (.) ONE (.) SUBJECT IS DEFICIENCIES AGAINST EXISTING WE OF INTERIM
 ITALIAN ARMY (.)
 TWO (.) DEFICIENCY IN CARRIERS AGAINST WE IS 1081 (.)
 THREE (.) THESE CARRIERS AVAILABLE AND GLOBALLY SURPLUS IN 12 VEH PK
 AND BEING DECLARED SURPLUS TO ARAR THROUGH MINISTRY OF SUPPLY (.)
 AS YOU ARE AWARE IT IS MOST UNLIKELY THAT CARRIERS WILL REACH ITALIAN ARMY
 THROUGH THESE CHANNELS AND INDICATION IS THAT CARRIERS ARE SOLD TO FARMERS (.)
 FOUR (.) COL PIDSLEY MMIA HAS REPRESENTED STRONGLY THAT 1081 CARRIERS
 TRANSFERRED DIRECT TO ITALIAN ARMY (.) MAY AUTHORITY FOR THIS PLEASE BE GRANTED
 OR CAN WE ASSUME CONCURRENCE IN VIEW OF PARA 3 YOUR F73385 DATED 22 NOV 46 (.)
 FIVE (.) STRESS EXTREME URGENCY FOR EARLY REPLY (.) 12 VEH PK MUST BE
 FINALLY CLOSED AND GUARDS WITHDRAWN BY 20 DEC (.)
 SIX (.) FOR MMIA (.) REQUEST YOU MAKE ALL PREPARATIONS FOR TAKE OVER THESE
 CARRIERS AT FORLI AND CLEARANCE BY 20 DEC 46 AS SOON AS AFHQ CONCURRENCE GIVEN

12 Dec 46

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INFO : ABHQ

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REF YOU SD 3929 UNDATED (,) REGRET CARRIERS S AND C ON SHORT LIST

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FROM : AFHQ

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TO : 12MIA

REF : F 73681

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FOR C(20) (.) REQUEST THAT TRANSMIT TO INDICATE THAT RE ALLOCATIONS
PARTICULARLY IN 12 THE IN POINT OF VIEW INDICATE THAT SEVERAL AND SEVERAL
AT THE TIME AVAILABLE AT THAT IN (.) REQUESTED TO BE REVERSED
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LAND FORCES SUB COM, AG (MMIA) CMT

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9 Dec 46

MMIA - 'G'

FILE 50/109/4

DATE 10/12/46

G (SD)

Subject: "A" Vehicles ex 12 Veh Park

Ref attached copy of letter Q/4/3 dated 6 Dec from 6 BII to
6 Territorial Command.

1. It will be seen that the War Ministry have authorised their rep to take over Class 2 and 3 vehicles in addition to the Class 1 vehicles already authorised by G.H.Q.
2. Captain Osborne, rep Ord Directorate G.H.Q., stated vehicles not removed would be de-militarised as British requirements from 12 Veh Park had been met and the balance, after de-militarisation, would be handed over to C.D.O. for Ministry of Supply.
3. You are requested to obtain Q release through G (SD) at G.H.Q. of the following vehicles held surplus at 12 Veh Park:

Carriers track Starter and Charger - 5.

These are urgently required to operate with the Shermans and other A.F.V.'s now being moved to Bologna.

RAC/ra

Copy to: 6 B.I.U.
R.E.M.E.

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GSD 1 (D)	Am
Rep G.H.Q.	
GSD (SD)	Am
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GSD (A)	
G.H.Q.	

R. Osborne
Colonel,
Colonel A/Q, MMIA.

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Subject: VEHICLE RELEASES - BRITISH

6 British Liaison Unit
Rel: 217 Area 119
Ref: 14/5
6th Dec. '46

To: VI COMINTER

1. In confirmation of conversation held by your Representative, Major FINE of ITALIAN M. of W., and DAA & QMG this Headquarters, it is agreed that the vehicles requested by you and shown as an Appendix to this letter, shall be made available to the ITALIAN Army, subject to the proviso stated in para 8 below.
2. Further, it is confirmed that tanks shall be delivered by tank transporters to SAN FELICE Vehicle Park, commencing 9 Dec. '46. The number to be delivered daily is not at present known, (owing to unavailability of full complement of transporters), but will "step-up" to approx. 20 daily, by week commencing 16 Dec. '46.
3. All tanks delivered will be provided with a tarpaulin, which will give temporary shelter, and it is expected that the majority of armoured cars will also be issued with tarpaulins.
4. Tanks will be issued with full petrol tanks, containing 100 Octane spirit. This is the normal BRITISH practice for vehicles of this type, which are to be stored for an unknown length of time, as 80 Octane spirit tends to "gun-up" with considerable mechanical ill-effect, under these conditions.
5. 100 Octane spirit is NOT suitable for normal running of these vehicles however, and you are therefore strongly advised that this petrol should remain in the tanks, during their storage period at SAN FELICE, but used only for the purpose of "starting-up" and idle running for short periods. Similarly, 100 Octane spirit is unsuitable for any type of normal vehicle, and its use in this respect would produce serious mechanical consequences.
6. As it is understood that the majority of Class I and II armoured cars ex FORLI will be roadworthy, and as agreed by Lt. Col. GARRINI, you are requested to provide 10 drivers for the purpose of driving them to BOLIGNA. This Headquarters will give at least 12 hours notice of when they will be required.
7. Sufficient petrol will be provided by 12 Vehicle Park, for their journey to BOLIGNA.
8. Regarding the 103 Class III Staghound Armoured Cars, it is agreed that representatives from Ministry of War and VI COMINTER shall this day inspect them, and earmark up to that total, for the ITALIAN Army.
9. Movement (by transporter) of vehicles earmarked will be arranged by this Headquarters in conjunction with 12 Vehicle Park.
10. A team of 17 BRITISH personnel will be available at BOLIGNA, to drive tanks to their parking place, and generally assist and advise as necessary.

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MAIL ROOM

1) 12 Vehicle Park, R.A.O.C.

1) R.T.M.E. Incr. att. 6 B.M.V.

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Appendix to 6 B.L.U. Letter 04/3 of 6 December 1946

Armoured Cars	Class Class Class			Total
	I	II	III	
Light Greyhounds				28 112
Med. Staghound MK I	20	8	50 103	78
" MK II	33	1	5	39
" 2	10	1	1	12
Scout Cars	2			2
Ford MK II				
" " III	8	1	1	10
Medium Tanks				
Stervon I - 75 mm	5			5
" IB-105 mm	19			19
" IC-17 pdr	3			3
" II - 75 mm	4			4
" III - 75 mm (Diesel)	12	5		17
" IV - 75 mm	1			1
" V - 75 mm	3			3
" VC-17 pdr (Diesel) Chassis	25			25
" VII - 75 mm	25			25
" VIII - 75 mm	12	5		17
S.P. Guns				
105 mm M7 Continental	11	24	43	78
S.P. A/Tank Guns				
3 inch M10 (Diesel)	1	24		25

* Actual number to be selected.

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Prod. No. 111

Moderna Polska

Shewan	I - 75 mm
"	IP-105 mm
"	IO-17 pdr
"	II - 75 mm
"	III - 75 mm
"	II Bozer
"	V - 75 mm
"	VO-17 pdr
"	II - 75 mm
"	III - 75 mm

S.P. Ginn

105 and 17 Continental

S. P. A. Bank Corp.

3 inch MC (vertical)

* Actual number to be solicited

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FROM: AFHQ

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TO : MMIA

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REF G-3/AFHQ 135 OF 3 OCTOBER (.) IT IS REGRETTED THAT
THE 18 LIGHT TANKS MODEL M5 WITH 75 MILLIMETER GUNS
LISTED IN PARA 3 OF THE ABOVE QUOTED LETTER ARE NOW NOT
AVAILABLE FOR TRANSFER TO THE ITALIAN ARMY(.)

MMIA - 'G'

FILE 30/109/4

DATE 10 DEC 1946

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REF: SD 3928				
REF YOUR F 73468 DATED 29 NOV AND G-3/AFHQ/135 DATED 30 OCT (.) IN VIEW OF SMALL NUMBER OF AMERICAN OWNED LIGHT TKS AVAILABLE ITALIAN ARMY DO NOT REPEAT NOT DESIRE THEIR TRANSFER (.) ITALIANS WOULD ONLY BE INTERESTED IF MINIMUM FIFTY OF THESE TKS WERE AVAILABLE COMPLETE WITH MAINTENANCE SPARES				
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30 Nov 46

MINISTRY OF WAR

SUBJECT: Scout Cars

Ref your 1/3804/Serv dated 24 Nov. 46.

1. Lt Colonel BLUNT of this Headquarters accompanied by Maj FIORE of Ufficio Servizi S.M.E. visited the British Vehicle Park at FORLI in October in order to select A Vehicles for the Italian Army.
2. They found 36 Dingo scout cars in the Park none of which were considered serviceable being all Class III or worse.
3. It was not therefore recommended at the time that any of these Scout Cars should be included in among the vehicles to be transferred to BOLOGNA.
4. Lt Colonel BLUNT will be returning to FORLI on 4 December in order to examine all A Vehicles about to be transferred.
He has been instructed to undertake a further examination of all Scout Cars in the Vehicle Park and arrangements will be made to earmark, for transfer to the Italian Army, any Scout Cars found serviceable.

MMH/sb

Major General,
GOC, MMIA.

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Lt-Colonel Blunt

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FROM: AFHQ

TO : MMIA

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*Answered
by 503928
of 7 Dec.**SD/109/2
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F73468 (.) YOUR SD 3923 OF 12 OCTOBER REFERS (.)

PARA 1 (.) THE 18 LIGHT TANKS REFERRED TO IN PARA 3 OF OUR G-3/AFHQ/135
DATED 3 OCTOBER ARE US VEHICLES AND HAVE NOT YET BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THE
ITALIAN ARMY (.)

PARA 2 (.) YOU ARE REQUESTED TO DEAL DIRECT WITH G4 SECTION HQ MICUSA IF
THEY ARE STILL REQUIRED

29 Nov 46

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DATE 30/11/46

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TRANSLATION

SD/109/4
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From: M. of W/
To : MMIA

Ref: 1/3804/Serv
Date: 24/11/46

Subject: Withdrawal of 12 Daimler (Dingo) cars. -

The Armoured-car School urgently requires, for training purposes, 12 Recce cars of the Daimler type (Dingo) fit for immediate use.

For this reason an officer was sent to Forlì (in agreement with ARAR) with the task of examining the material laying there.

From the survey carried out it has resulted that:

- 1- No Daimler (Dingo) cars fit for immediate use exist in the ARAR Park at Forlì, but only derelicts of class 6 classification, which are unrepairable;
- 2 - in the Allied Camp at Forlì there are Daimler (Dingo) cars fit for immediate use, but the Allied Authorities of said Camp pointed out that they had not yet received instructions regarding the handing over to ARAR of vehicles of the a/m type that are not of class 6 classification/ -

We beg you therefore to authorize the withdrawal of 12 Daimler (Dingo) cars from the Allied Camp at Forlì. -

sgd.

Liuzzi
Gen. 850

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SUBJECT : Temporary Issue of Armoured Fighting
Vehicles to Public Safety

LAND FORCES SUB COM AG (MILIA)

(489081 Ext 400) SD/109/4

17 Oct 46

TO : ALLIED COMMISSION (for
Executive Commissioner)

Below for your information are copies of letter
to this HQ from Ministry of War (226205/II of 14 Oct 46) and
our reply (SD/109/4 of 17 Oct 46).

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Major-General,
M. M. I. A.

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SUBJECT:- Temporary Issue of Armoured Fighting Vehicles
to Public Safety.

14th FORCES SUB COMM. CO. (M/IA)
tel. 485081. ext 400.

SD/109/4

17 Oct 45.

MINISTRY OF WAR.

Ref your 226205/II of 14 Oct. 45.

It is regretted that permission cannot be given for the issue of the vehicles in question to Public Safety.

It is the policy of AFHQ:

(a) That no tanks shall be employed by ITALIAN Forces.

(b) That, ~~when~~ heavily armed intervention is required in aid of public security, this intervention shall be provided by Carabinieri Forces. To this end Mobile Battalions of CC.RR. were formed and issued with STACHPED Armoured Cars.

Effingham

MMH/ver

Major General.
M. M. I. A.

Copies to: C/92/1
CC.RR.

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TRANSMISSION

FROM: Ministry of War.

REF: 226205/II

TO: M.M.I.A.

DATE: 14 October 1946.

SUBJECT:- Temporary issue of armoured fighting vehicles to P.S.

The Ministry of Interior, P.S. Directorate General, as a result of public disorders which took place recently in the Capital, has asked for the temporary issue of the following vehicles:

- 1 armoured car Spa 40
- 13 light tanks
- 2 heavy tanks

*for our
reply see folio
AR.*

These vehicles are at 8 Efficient Vehicles Park where they have been recently handed over for the disposal of your Mission, by the Carabinieri as they were no longer necessary having been substituted by Allied vehicles.

Before replying to the said Ministry of Interior we beg you to inform us whether or not you agree to the request.



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FILE <i>SO 100/4</i>
DATE <i>Reg/16/10</i>

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SECRETALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-3 SECTION**SECRET**

MMIA - (G)
FILE SD/109/2
DATE Reg/11/10

3 October 1946

FILE : G-3/AFHQ/135

SUBJECT : Transfer of BRIT Weapons to ITALIAN Army

TO : MMIA

Ref your SD/109/2 of 5 September 46.

1. The Combined Chiefs of Staff have been asked to agree to the holding of surplus equipment in anticipation of the terms of the Peace Treaty and also that such equipment should be held in a Depot as recommended by you in your para 6.
2. As an interim measure you are authorised to form a Depot and hold surplus equipment which is available.
3. The following equipment is immediately available for issue :-

185 Arm'd Cars
528 Dingoes
472 Med Tks
136 SP A/TK guns
18 Light Tanks, Model M5 with 37 MM Gun

You are requested to notify this headquarters of which items of the above listed equipment you require so that it may be issued as soon as possible.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN

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T. S. AIRY
Major General
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL :

11/10/46
T.S. Airy

MMIA
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Major General
Chief of Staff

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Dep G III	✓
GSO II (SD)	✓
GSO III	✓
GSO IV	✓
GSO V	✓
GSO VI	✓

OFFICIAL :
K. C. COOPER
Brigadier, G.S.
A C of S, G-3

Copy To : G-4
Q Branch GHQ

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SUBJECT: Vehicles for Training

LAND FORCES SUB-PON, AG (MILA)
(454081 Ext. 401) SD/109/4

18 Sep 46

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Reference your letter 1930/O.S.M. of 13 September.

1. The position regarding Staghound Armoured Cars has already been stated by this HQ in letter to you L. 127 of 6 August. Any further vehicles for training will have to be taken from the reserve, in accordance with this HQ letter SD/109/4 of 9 September.

2. Similar about cars; this HQ has already set out the position in letter SD/109/4 of 9 September. When this position changes you will be notified.

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MHC/sh

Internal: G(Trg)
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ORD

for Major General;
R. M. I. A.

8:5
6:1

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCERef: BM/35 DTel: 29348/235 Sept 1946Subject: Transport 7 C.A.R.TO : M.N.I.A.

Reference Monthly Report for August, Appendix "D" para 2(f).

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2. Officer commanding 3rd Bn. stated that his two load carrying vehicles were just sufficient but that there was urgent need of passenger vehicles. At the present time the Bn. has only one Jeep and one M.C.
3. It was pointed out that Company Commandants could not carry out their duties satisfactorily without some form of vehicle. As each Coy consists of some threehundred and fifty (350) men and as training areas are some distance from the Barracks it is considered that at least one vehicle per Coy is essential for Staff and Instructors to get about and to carry out reces.

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- (b) One M/C " " = 4 extra M/Cs.

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D.S.L. GREGSON
Major
DAA & CMC

TO : M.M.L.A.

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DAA & QAC

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
STATO MAGGIORE DELL'ESERCITO

IL CAPO DI S.M.

n° 1930 /C.S.M.

Rome, 13 September 1946

SUBJECT: armoured cars for
Tor di Quinto school.-

TO: Land Forces Sub-Commission (A.C.)
M.M.I.A.

S.M.E.-Ufficio Servizi has write you about assigne-
ment of eight Staghound and six Daimler (Dingo) E1 armou
red cars for Tor di Quinto armoured car School. 843

This assignement is particularly important to insure
the service of the school especially, as you know, with
new recruits arrival and I am personally interesting for
the complete school adjustement.

I beg you to be so kind to assign, quickly if possi-
ble, the cars request by S.M.E.

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M.M.I.A. - 'G'
FILE 5D/109/4
DATE 18/17/9/46

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R. CADORNA, General
Chief of S.M.E.

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TRANSLATION

QO
SD/109/4
SD/109/2

FROM: Ministry of War.

REF: 1/2857/Serv.

TO: M.M.I.A.

DATE: 5 September 1946.

SUBJECT:-- Equipment of Italian Army.

Reference verbal communication and further to letter 1/2817 of 31 August 1946 of this S.M.

This S.M. considers that 1,453 universal carriers are necessary for the Italian Army.

This figure has been obtained by subtracting from the total requirement the 913 carriers already possessed by the Italian Army and the 140 being issued by the A.R.A.R.

Information passed on to G.M.A. Not included in list of 5 SEP.

sgt. LIUZZI
Gen.

9/9/46
Re

R.A.G.

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N.M.I.S. 10/11/46

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SUBJECT: Scout Cars

LAND FORCES SUB COM AC (MMIA)

(489081 Ext 401) SD/109/4

9 Sep 46

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Reference your letter 6/3924/Serv of 3 Sept 46.

1. This HQ has spoken to G.H.Q. at CASERTA on the subject of the availability of Daimler Scout Cars and we are informed that there is not even a sufficient supply to satisfy the current needs of British Units. In view of this, there is no chance at the moment of procuring these cars.
2. There is a possibility however, of getting Humber Scout Cars instead; these vehicles are designed for the same role as the Daimler pattern and are more suitable for training purposes.
3. This HQ will keep in touch with G.H.Q. on this matter, and you will be informed of further developments.

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(Sgd) Campbell, Capt.
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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Subject: ~~Unsubstantiated Claim~~

LAST KNOWN DATE, 40, (MIA)

(1957-58, 101) 20/10/54

9 20/10/54

20 MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

50/103 10/10/55

With reference to your letter 1/10/55 dated 1 Aug.

The sum of £5,000 should be drawn from the
 Army Reserve of 40 Cms, according to the policy set out in paragraph 3
 of our letter 2.1.57 of 5 Aug 56.

10/10/55

for Major General
 10/10/55

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FROM GHQ GEF (.) REF YOUR SD 3920 OF 23 AUG 46 (.)

ALL HUMBER SCOUT CARS BEING RE CLASSIFIED FOR INFAN WAR OFFICE (.)

NO ISSUES CAN BE MADE UNTIL INSTRS RECEIVED FROM WAR OFFICE

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30 August 46 /ell

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OUTGOING MESSAGE

FROM MACIA

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TO GEN

ROUTINE

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SD 3920

FOR C(SD) (.) QUANTITY TWELVE HINDER SCOUT CARS REFERRED TO
 /AT
 BE LYING IN 12 VET PR/RODII (.) URGENTLY REQUEST RELEASE TO
 ITALIAN ARMY AGAINST LARGE REBELS DEFICIENCY IN SCOUT CARS (.)
 REQUIRED FOR THE AT ITALIAN ARMS O SCHOOL

See 7131 for 247

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(C(24)) (SD)

SD/109/4

[Signature]
 MICHAEL COOPER
 A. H. C. HORTON Lt-Col

SD/109/424
QTRANSLATION

FROM: SME

REF.: 6/3621

TO : MMIA

DATE: 11 August 1946

SUBJECT: Armoured Cars supplied to units

We state that this SME has already provided for the assignment to Inf. Divisions, for training RECCE battalions, of Staghound armoured cars being in excess at the Tor di Quinto school.

(sgd.) N. Meloni, Col.

See our letter here Vol 31

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GSO I (SD)	<i>[initials]</i> X
Dep G III	
GSO II (SD)	<i>[initials]</i> X
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MMIA - 'G'

FILE SD/109/4

DATE R/12/8

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SUBJECT: Allotment to units of Armad Cars

LAND FORCES HQ COM, A.C. (MIA)

(489081 Ext 215)

30/10/4

1 Aug 40

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. This HQ is informed that at the Armad Car School at FOR DE QUINTO there are some thirty STATIONED Armad Cars in excess of the 18 of the school.

It is supposed that these Armad Cars are waiting dispatch to formations.

2. This HQ considers that such dispatch should not be delayed and that formations should possess Armad Cars on which men trained at the school can continue their training.

3. Your are requested to give the matter your consideration.

for Reply see 30/10/4

489081/XT

Internals: G(Trg)

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for Major General,

M. M. I. G.

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SUBJECT:- Release of Equipment of
Italian origin.

28 B
Rear HQ XIII Corps
1013/6/CS
18 JULY 1946

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.,
MMIA
R O M E

Reference 1013/6/CS(1) dated 15 Mar 46, enclosing copies 2 and 3
of Release Order Serial No.33 authorising the release to you of 3 Medium
and 1 Light Tanks of Italian Origin,

It is understood from 5 B.L.U. (vide their letter AG/60/146 of 25
June 46) that the No.2 copy was forwarded by you to them about the end of
March but was never received.

A further copy is therefore enclosed herewith. Will you please
complete by inserting signature and stamp in space provided, acknowledging
receipt of the vehicles in question, and return document to this Directorate
for onward transmission to GHQ.

Major
for Colonel
DDOS
(T.P.SMITH).

Copy to : 5 B.L.U.

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G O P X

FILE NO : FPMR 251.
 SUBJECT : Staff Tables - ITALIAN ARMY
 TO : Land Forces Sub Commission A.O. (MOLA)
 G(AD) Bureau
 GEN. OFF.
 SD/109/53
 14 June 1946

SD/109/17d.12A.
Gen II

Ref your SD/109/1 of 25 May and Summary attached and confirming tele conversation Lt Col BOWEN - Maj HENIS of 13 June.

SD/109/17d.12B.
Gen II

1. The total of Arm Cars is altered to read 250 (figure for Gen II amended to read 168).

2. The figures for 6 pr guns are amended by your SD/109/4 of 6 June.

3. (a) The total of guns 3.7 KAA (shown under Vehicles) should be 5.

(b) Entitlement of 5.5. guns Qty 5 has been omitted.

(See our SD/109/20 of 24 May)

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(Signed) E. J. M. BOWEN
 Major General
 Chief of General Staff,

SD DISSEMINATION

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SD/109/17d.12B
Gen II

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Ref your SD/109/A of 25 May and Summary attached and confirming
tele conversation Lt Col SOUTHERN - Maj INELLS of 15 June.

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amended to read 168).

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3. (a) The total of gun 3.7 MM (shown under vehicles) should be 5.

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(See our SD/31/28 of 24 May)

(Signed) M. H. M. M. M. M.
Major General
Chief of General Staff.

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Tele No : FIDDOI 254

SUBJECT : Arm'd Cars for ITALIAN Army

COPY TO : RAC
ORD

Land Forces Sub Commission CO, (LIA)

Ref our ESD/81/37 of 15 Mar 46,

1. LIA has just notified us of recent changes in the Staff Tables for the ITALIAN Army.

The UE of Arm'd Cars is considerably reduced, and entitlement is now as follows:-

Inf Divs (5)	70
Army Trg Bst	12
Carabinieri	144
CO. RR Trg Bst	21

Total UE	250
12 months maint at 1 1/2 per month	375
Total to be issued	280

2. Issues to date have been as follows:-

Ref LIA signal C.903 of 12 Apr	25
Ref '91' signal C.34602 of 30 Mar	133

Balance yet to be issued	123
	67
TOTAL	280

3. In view of requirements outside this theatre, it is unlikely that further issues to the ITALIAN Army can be made at present, (See our signal to TROOPERS EX. 67594 of 12 Jun, NOT to LIA).

However it is hoped that the majority of the balance of 67 will eventually be available from vehicles now in use.

C(SB) French,
CFO, CTF

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14 Jun 46

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COPY TO :

RAC

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Land Forces Sub Commission AG, (C. IL)

Ref our ESD/84/37 of 15 Mar 46.

1. MILA has just notified us of recent changes in the Staff Tables for the ITALIAN Army.

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CC.MR Trg Bst	24

Total UE	250
12 months Maint at 1 1/2 per month	30
Total to be issued	280

2. Issues to date have been as follows:-

Ref MILA signal 0.903 of 12 Apr	85
Ref '91' signal 0.34682 of 30 Mar	168

Balance yet to be issued	193
	87
TOTAL	280

3. In view of requirements outside this theatre, it is unlikely that further issues to the ITALIAN Army can be made at present, (See our signal to TROOPERS PA.67594 of 12 Jun, NOT to MILA).

However it is hoped that the majority of the balance of 87 will eventually be available from vehicles now in use.

4. Please send Appx 'A' to our ESM/84/3D of 6 Jun as follows:-

Serial 22/Arm'd Cars/250/1.0/30/-/delete all detail

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MIL/AL/EGS

Major General,

FILM 80/88/1 of General Staff.

DATE 2/17/6

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SUBJECT: Armoured Cars for Italian Interim Army

LEND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (ITALIA)

(485081 Ext 401)

SD/109/4

14 Jun 46

TO : GENERAL HEADQUARTERS FOR G(SD) (5)

SD/109/1 COVER I

Ref your LSO/81/3P dated 15 March and further to conversation
WILKINSON - LOWE.

SD/109/1

1. The number of Armoured Cars now required by the Italian Interim Army, including CC.PR. is 290 and not 226 as stated in the Staff table forwarded under cover of our SD/109/1 dated 25 May 46.
2. The increase of 64 Armoured Cars over the figure given in the Staff table is due to the fact that 24 are required for Troop purposes by CC.PR., which were not taken into account when preparing the Staff table, and 40 are required for maintenance purposes.
3. Any inconvenience you have been caused is regretted.

MW/rr

Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Internal: 'Q'
EMT
CC.PR.

Subject : Issue of "A" Vehicles

6 British Liaison Unit
Tel : 217 Area 415
Ref : Q/4/3
6 June 1946

To : Land Forces Sub-Commission A/O
(MMIA)
RCMP - C.M.F.

1. It is understood that 12 Vehicle Park, FORLIT, is in the process of handing over "in toto" to the Italian Ministry of Supply: as the number of vehicles involved is from 3000 to 3500, no fixed date of completion is available.

2. Availability of carriers held, as at 6 June '46, hereunder :

Class I	18
" II	219
" III	732
" IV	328
" VI	81
Unclassified	181

3. Your Q 137 of 3 June refers.

D. A. Prior
Major DAA & QMG
6 BLU

WFM/ar

Q Section

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G Inf.

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FILE	SD/109/4
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TRANSLATION

FROM : Ministry of War.

TO : M.M.I.A.

Ref: 6/2504/3erv.

Date: 2/6/46.

Subject : Armoured cars Staghound.Ref: letter SD/109/1 dated 28th March and Q/137 dated 23/5/46.

1 -

It is hereby confirmed that the armoured cars withdrawn until this day (except those previously handed over on loan to the armoured cars School) are 168.

The number of armoured cars still to be withdrawn are:

63 for the Army

28 to be held in reserve.

For the withdrawal of the above, your instructions are awaited. As far as armoured cars to be held in reserve are concerned, we would like to know whether the number could be increased from 28 to 40.

2 -

Instructions will be issued to all Territorial Military Commands as regards the maintenance and repairs to the armoured cars to be carried out at the repair Units and at the main W/shop of Bologna.

3 -

The formation of a reserve armoured car section at the EVP of the CARE at Bologna, will be done as soon as the armoured cars will be issued and that, according to the instructions, are still to be withdrawn.

4 -

With the occasion we point out the necessity by which the scale of issue of spare parts Allied for said armoured cars for 12 months be issued as soon as possible.

These spare parts will be stored at the Allied spare parts base Depot of Bologna.

Among the supplies which have a great importance and urgency, is the special oil for the gear-boxes.

Sgd. LUZZI - Gen.

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SUBJECT : Italian Tanks handed to
the Ministry of Interior.

1 British Liaison Unit
CC.RR. Q 9/1

27 May 1946

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TO : HQ Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) Rome.

1. Reference your letter SD/109/4 of 17 May 1946.

2. Further inquiries have been made respecting the disposal of SPA tanks by the Questore of Turin, and it is disclosed that six vehicles not three were sent to the Ministry of the Interior - Direzione Generale di P.S. on the 12th Mar 46. The vehicles are the following:-

	Engine	Chassis
- SPA armoured car	100204	47558
- Desert light truck SPA 40	100751	555121
- Tank type 3	3188	
- " " "	1205	
- " " "	(illegible)	
- " " L 33	L. Plato 4350.	

3. No receipt was obtained by the Questore of Turin for these vehs as this action was taken in compliance with orders from Autocentro Ministero Interni (their letter of 5 Mar 46 - 905 Z 20.

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Sgd. Major
CC.RR. LO.

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C.A.M.

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the Ministry of Interior.

1 British Liaison Unit

CC.RR. Q 9/1

To : HQ Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.
(MMIA) Rome.

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MMIA - 'G'

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Major
CC.RR. LO

See file 1, 3, 5, 13A

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SUBJECT: Italian Tanks handed to Ministry of the Interior.

LAND FORCES SUB-COMM. AC. (MILIA)

→SD/109/1←

17 May 46

TO : 1 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

1. The Public Safety Sub Commission have been approached with a view to ascertaining upon what authority the three SPA tanks previously held by the Questore of Turin were handed over to the Ministry of the Interior, and their present whereabouts.
2. The Public Safety Sub Commission have informed this HQ that:-
 - (a) One Spa tank only was sent to Rome by Turin Questore on 22 Mar 46;
 - (b) That this tank was sent as not being necessary at Turin and not as a result of a request by the Ministry of the Interior;
 - (c) That nothing is known of three SPA tanks being handed to the Ministry of the Interior on 12 Mar 46.
3. Will you therefore please make further inquiries about the disposal and whereabouts of these tanks from the Questore Turin and inform this HQ accordingly.

[Signature]
Major General,
M. M. I. A.

EW/sb

Internal: Q
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See Fd 1, 3, & 5

See Fd 13

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17/12/5

SUBJECT : Stagounds for the Italian Army.

G.H.Q. C.M.F.

8159/Q1

15 May 1946

Ord. Directorate.

Reference this Branch letter GHQ/8159/Q(AE) OF 7 mar. 46.

Will you please arrange in addition to issue the following sets for the Stagounds which are being released from 293 Armed Bel Sqn to the Italian Army for the Carabinieri.

Mk II Power Sets	8
Mk III " "	1
Mk II Complete Sets	2

J. J. PROUDFOOT, Major
for Brigadier, DQMG.

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Public Safety Sub-Commission
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AC/14613/12/PS

7 May 1946

SUBJECT : Italian Tanks Alleged handed to
Ministry of Interior.

TO : Land Forces S/C - M.M.I.A. ✓

1. Reference is made (to your CCRR/Q/1/2) dated 3rd and 6th May 1946. *filled?*
2. One SPA type tank filled with machine-gun but no ammunition was sent to Rome by Turin Questore on 22nd March 1946.
3. The Director of Public Safety, Ministry of Interior has stated that the transfer of this tank was not requested by him. The vehicle was sent as not being necessary in Turin.
4. Nothing is known of three SPA tanks being handed to the Ministry of Interior on 12 March 1946.

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See John 7+13

E. J. BYE, Colonel
Acting Director. 825

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From M. of W.
To M.M.I.A.

Ref. 6/2021/Serv.
Date 5/5/46.

Subject Handing In of CC.RR. Tanks and Armoured Cars.

John To in closed file
Reference letter SD/IO9/I dated 11/4/1946.

CCRR.

The Gen.HQ of the CC.RR. Arm, in letter 58/17 C.A.M. dated 19 April addressed to your mission, pointed out the advisability of:

- 1 - Cancelling the handing in order for the old type Tanks and armoured cars until such time as the CC.RR. units supplied with Staghound armoured cars are actually trained in the use of the new vehicles;
- 2 - Issuing the CC.RR. Legion at Messina ^{with} the 7 Italian made armoured cars that are to be handed in;
- 3 - Issuing the legions which have no mobile battalion ^{with} 4 light tanks.

This S.M. fully agrees with the proposals submitted and asks your mission to kindly inform us of any decisions which may be taken on the a/m matter.

DAK

See our letter 50/109/4 of 10 May for reply.
G. Liuzzi.

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