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SECRET

UNIT 41 Signal Park

FORMATION, AREA, or DISTRICT

Distribution of Part X Orders :—
Original — To QMAFHQ GHQ MEF.
Duplicate — ~~To Quadruplicate AFHQ ~~ANAF~~~~.
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PART X ORDER No. B/ 4

Date 11th February 45

LAST PART X ORDER No. B/ 3 Dated 22 Jan 45

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REPORTING ALL MOVEMENTS AND CASUALTIES OF "B" V

(EXCLUDING 2nd LINE REPAIR)

(To be rendered within 24 hours of a movement or casualty occurrin

W. D. No.	TYPE AND CAPACITY	MAKE	DESIGNATION OF UNIT		WASTED (Here state cause) *
			FROM	TO	
3294801	T E V. 3 Ton C.S. GS	Bedford	41 Signal Park	52 C.A.O. Ancrigat Rd	Gloucester.

*(a) Enemy Action; (b) Fire; (c) Accident; (d) Wear and Tear, or (e) Otherwise B.L.R.

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Signed APPROVED [illegible]

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Census Form 186
(In lieu AF G3929)
Sheet No 1 of 3.

PART X ORDER No. B/ 14
Date 11th February 45
LAST PART X ORDER No. B/ 30 Dated 22 Jan 45

Park

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F.
Formation,

REPORTING ALL MOVEMENTS AND CASUALTIES OF "B" VEHICLES
(EXCLUDING 2nd LINE REPAIR)

(To be rendered within 24 hours of a movement or casualty occurring)

ND CAPACITY	MAKE	DESIGNATION OF UNIT FROM	DESIGNATION OF UNIT TO	WASTED (Here state cause) *	AUTHORITY
3 Ton	Bedford	41 Signal Park	52 A.A.D.		C.S.O. A.A.I.
					Release No 1831.
				Crawford.	LIEUT. Q.M. R. SIGS.

* Accident; (d) Wear and Tear, or (e) Otherwise B.L.R.

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52 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT Phaeno 7
C.M.F.
19 Feb 45/1440

Subject :- Cancellation of 'B' Vehicle Released

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Tele No. Freedom 124.

AFH/8113/1/AG

14 Feb 45

Ord. (Re)

Please cancel all reference to Motorcycles qty 150 released to No.3 District for No.3 Italian Combat Group vide our YE/1079.

D.N.Loon Lieut.
D.A.A. & Q.M.G., Captain,
for Brigadier,
A.A. & Q.M.G.

DHE/MH

Copy to : No.3 District
52 BLU (your A/5 dated
11 Feb 45 refers)

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HQ 56 Area.
Ext 60.
125/131/Pro.
31 Jan 45.

152 T

Subject:- Recovery of Vehicle.

Reparto Arditi,
Company Commande,
Divisien Legnano.

DODGE 15 cwt No 25337237.

1. The above mentioned vehicle believed to be on your charge, has now been recovered and is being held at this headquarters awaiting collection by you.

Major.
A.P.M.

Il veicolo a margine segnato che si ritiene sia in carico a voi, è stato recuperato ed è tenuto presso comando a vostra disposizione.=

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MESSAGE FORM

In lieu of A.F. C.2136

Dont-Doc. 196

271100A

FROM: BLU RTC ICF

TO: 52 BLU 53 BLU

FOR INFORMATION: RAAC LMIA 3 DISTRICT.

T/W/ph.

RESTRICTED (.) IN AFHQ/3118/4/Q(AE) OF 22 FEB G4 (BR) AFHQ INFORM THAT VRI RELEASES VR/1056 DATED 20 JAN FOR 470 FIELD HOSPITAL IS HELD BY 53 BLU AND VR/1218 DATED 2 FEB FOR 576 FIELD HOSPTTAL HELD BY 52 BLU (.) PLEASE EXPEDITE SENDING THESE RELEASES TO BLU RTC ICF

This message may be sent by any means etc.

A. H. Pelaroe
Major, AA.

Degree of Priority

IMPORTANT.

Answered

Internal
File
Float

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ARMY FORM C2136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM D244

Register No. 1094

Call	Srl. No.	riority	Transmission Instructions
			QVR 4 ✓

1094

ABC - THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) Originator: 5TH ARMY

Date-Time of Origin: 011719A

OFFICE DATE STAMP: IN CIPHER

For Action: AFHQ

TO

(W) For Information (INFO): 15 ARMY GROUP DISTONE 52 BLU ✓

Message Instructions — GR —

Originator's No. 5843

SECRET SD 498 @ reference conversation DEATH - TUFF and 8TH ARMY M/3680 SD2 of 16 FEB @ request 40 cars 5 cwt 4 x 4 released for LEGNANO GRUPPO 34 required to replace car 2 seater light utility 6 surplus for SIGNALS

3632/GHQP/12-43

This Message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means except ..... wireless	If liable to be intercepted or to fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent IN CIPHER	Originator's Instructions Degree of priority	Time	System	Op.
Signed Sam J.A.P.	Signed [illegible]	/	THI or TOR		
			Transcribed 0317		

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SUBJECT:- Repair of Jeeps

52 British Liaison Unit
CMF.
2 March 45

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EME/ /

To:- DAA&QMG.
52 B.L.U.

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1. The number of Jeeps received in Workshops with broken clutch pressure plates is reaching a very high figure.

2. The principle cause of this form of failure is BAD driving and as these spares are not available it is felt that all personnel fortunate enough to possess Jeeps should be advised that unless the standard of driving improves with a corresponding reduction in this class of repair it will be necessary to B.L.R/ all vehicles sent into workshops for this repair.

P.H. Nelson Captain.
R.E.M.E.

/WW.

Copy sent to Supply.

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Subject :- Skid Chains.

52 British Liaison Unit
C.M.F.
Ord/10/3(34)
Feb 45.

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D.A.A.&Q.M.G.
52 B/L.U.

1. Held at this Dump at the moment are Skid Chains in quantities as under :-

SIZE	QTY.
600x16	124
900x16	120
1050x16	568

2. Can allocation of these please be given. An early reply would be appreciated as they occupy considerable space.

Major.
~~(G.W.GORDON)~~
DADOS 52 B.L.U.

Also 3 PIATS available.
Allocation required,
"V" state allocation sent direct to Ord.

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DARUG 195

Copy sent to Camp

SUBJECT:- Conservation of Tyres.

HQ 55 Area
55A/15/A/Q
17 Feb 45.

List "A".

1. The need for the conservation of tyres, particularly of the tyres in use on small cars, is daily becoming more urgent.

2. It is known that numbers of tyres size 600 x 16 are being retained in service for some considerable time after the stage where they would normally be removed for retreading and/or repair, due entirely to the shortage of replacement tyres.

3. In order to ease this position such tyres will be withdrawn regularly each week to be forwarded to Repair Plants for reconditioning.

4. Units will be instructed in due course to hand in tyres requiring reconditioning to a central collecting point and tyres will similarly be returned through a central collecting point.

5. This scheme inevitably results in a percentage of cars being VOR for tyres. It is regretted that it is necessary to render cars VOR but insufficient tyres of the specified size exist to enable a float to be formed. It is estimated that approx 3 weeks will elapse between a tyre's being handed in by unit receiving it back repaired.

6. To enable the scheme to function units will submit a return by 5 Mar 45 to this HQ (REME) in triplicate on the proforma attached at Appx 'A'. Returns will only be made in respect of tyres size 600 x 16.

[signature]
Lt Col.
AA & QMG.

JDE/EC

Appx 'A' to HQ 55 Area 55A/15/A/Q dated 17 Feb 45

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JDE/EC

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[illegible]
DA & QMG.

PA A.Q.M.G.

As we are shortly going out of 55 Area,
I have taken no action re this??

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SUBJECT:- Vehicle Situation as at 28 Feb 4[illegible] HQ 68 Inf Legnano

Type	W.E.	Held	Deficient
M/Cs	76	37	39
Jeeps	15	8	7 (1)
Carriers	113	96	17
3 ton Lorries	45	41	4
15 cwt Trucks	98	80	18

Vehicles now at 65 HAA Wksps

These being vehicles which arrived at the Regt in such a condition as to be, for the greater part, certificated BLR.

21 re-conditioned vehicles of which 6 discarded because certificated BLR at the British workshops.

Excluding vehicles now at 65 HAA Wksps, at the present time there are 40 vehicles (2) off the road within the Regt, out of which there are 20 which our 2nd class workshops (Direzione Officine Meccaniche) cannot repair owing to lack of spare parts.

Varnish

Owing to the complete lack of solvent it is impossible to complete the marking of all the vehicles in the 2nd Bn (65 in total), along with a certain number of guns and vehicles belonging to the Regtl Coys.

Catalogues

There is almost a total absence of catalogues for the various types of vehicles held by the Regt., this renders difficult the indenting for spares which can only be specificated by the category No. of the section.

(1) of which 3 15-cwt arrived yesterday in terrible condition in lieu of Jeeps and Utilities.
(2) including 11 carriers and 4 M/Cs.

Deficiencies common to all vehicles

Headlight bulbs	148 (indented for)
Tyre Pressure Gauges	55 (indented for)

Battalions are finding great difficulty when laying on trucks for night duties, having only one or two bulbs between all the vehicles held.

Vehicle Kits

Out of 17 Bedford 3-ton lorries - 14) Vehicle

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Out of	17	Bedford 3-ton lorries	- 11)	Vehicle
	12	Dodge " "	- 6)	kits
	6	Chevrolet " "	- 4)	have
	6	Ford " "	- 3)	no tools
	8	Chevrolet 15 cwt trucks	- 3)	whatsoever
	13	Bedford " "	- 7)	
	50	Dodge " "	- 15)	

Copy of this sent to E.M.F.

External Equipment

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Out of 17 Bedford 3-ton lorries the following articles are deficient/-

8 seat cushions

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2 seat backs
3 windscreens (left)
2 windscreens (right)

Out of 6 Chevrolet 3 ton lorries:-

11 seat cushions
10 seat backs

Out of 7 Chevrolet 15 cwt trucks:-

3 tarpaulins
1 windscreen
5 cab side windows
4 seat cushions

Out of 13 Bedford 15 cwt trucks:-

8 Tarpaulins
5 Windscreens
2 Cab side windows
5 cushions
3 cabins
10 sets of tarpaulin supports
2 seat backs

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COMANDO 68° REGGIMENTO FANTERIA "LEGNANO"

S I T U A Z I O N E A U T O V E I C O L I

DESCRIZIONE DEL MATERIALE	ORGANICO	IN DISTRIBUZIONE	DEFICIENZE
- Motocicli	76	37	39
- Vetture (Jeep)	15	8	7 (1)
- Cingolati	113	96	17
- Autocarri da 3 tons.	45	41	4
- Autocarri 15 cwt.	98	80	18

AUTOGMASTI PRESSO LA 65ª OFFICINA LEGGERA INGLESE DI BRACCIANO

Trattasi di veicoli pervenuti al reggimento in tali condizioni da essere per la maggior parte dichiarati B.L.R.

- Autoveicoli ricoverati nº 21 di cui 6 versati perchè dichiarati B.L.R. dall'officina inglese.
- Escludendo gli autoveicoli presso la 65ª officina inglese, attualmente nel reggimento si riscontrano nº 40 autoveicoli (2) avariati di cui nº 20 che le officine di 2° grado (Direzione Officine Meccaniche) non sono in grado di riparare per mancanza di pezzi di ricambio.

VERNICIATURA

- L'assoluta mancanza di solvente non ha permesso di terminare i contrassegni a tutti gli autoveicoli del II battaglione 65 in totale e un certo numero di cannoni e di autoveicoli delle compagnie reggimentali.

CATALOGHI

- Nella quasi totalità mancano i cataloghi dei vari tipi di macchina in distribuzione al reggimento, senza i quali si rende difficile la richiesta dei pezzi di ricambio che è possibile designare soltanto col numero categorico e la sezione.

DEFICIENZE COMUNI A TUTTI GLI AUTOCARRI

- Lampadine per fari..... nº 143 (richieste)
- Misuratore di pressione ..... " 55 (")

I battaglioni si trovani in gravissime difficoltà a disporre i servizi notturni con gli autocarri, non avendo che una o due lampadine tra tutti gli autonezzi in distribuzione.

DOTAZIONI

- Su 17 autocarri tipo Betford 3 tons. nº 14 dotazioni sono incomplete della totalità degli attrezzi.

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(1) - di cui 3 (15 cwt.) pervenuti ieri in pessime condizioni al posto di Jeep e Utility.
(2) - di cui Carriers nº 11 - motocicli nº 4.-

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- Su 12 autocarri tipo Dodge 3 tons. n° 6
- " 6 " " Chevrolet 3 " " 4
- " 6 " " Ford 3 " " 3
- " 7 " " Chevrolet 15 cwt" 3
- " 13 " " Bedford " " " 7
- " 50 " " Dodge " " " 15

} Dotazioni incomplete della totalità degli attrezzi

DOTAZIONI ESTERNE

- Su n° 17 Bedford 3 tons. mancano
  n° 8 cuscini per sedile
  " 2 schienali
  " 3 parabrezzi (sinistri)
  " 2 " (destri)
- Su n° 6 Chevrolet 3 tons. mancano
  " 11 cuscini per sedile
  " 10 schienali
- Su n° 6 Ford 3 " "
  " 5 cuscini
  " 2 schienali
- Su n° 7 Chevrolet 15 cwt. mancano
  " 3 teloni
  " 1 parabrezza
  " 5 laterali per gabina
  " 4 cuscini
- Su n° 13 Bedford 15 cwt. mancano
  " 8 teloni
  " 5 parabrezza
  " 2 laterali
  " 5 cuscini
  " 3 gabine
  " 10 serie di centine
  " 2 schienali.-

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SUBJECT :- Controlled Stores - VEHICLES

52 BIT,
AQ/1/190
1 Dec 43

HQ No 1 District ('Q' Branch).

Reference NA/640/1, WE 'Training Increment TEME to BLT (for Gruppo di Combattimento)'.

The following vehicles are required to complete to scale :-

TRANSPORT

Motor Cycles 9

Trucks 15 cwt, 4 x 2 GS 1

May instructions for the release of these vehicles be issued please?

CMF
T/BB

Major,
DAA & QMG,
824

SUBJECT:- VEHICLES - LEGNANO GROUP — SECRET

5 British Liaison Unit.
CMF.
27 Feb 45

AQ/1/182

To:- HQ.
1 District.

1. The present vehicle situation of the Legnano Gruppo di Combattimento is giving rise to concern and it is felt that urgent action must be taken if the Group is to be ready to take its place in the line on its target date.

2. A demand for all outstanding W.E. vehicles has been lodged with HQ I District. It is understood, however, that availabilities within the District are not sufficient to meet the demands in full and the matter has been referred to AFHQ for provisioning action.

3. In addition to W.E. vehicles weekly demands have been made for replacements of BLR vehicles but to date no replacements have been available. Provisioning action for these will presumably, also come from AFHQ.

4. The present deficiencies on W.E. amount to some 100 vehicles of varying types (including important technical vehicles) 20 carriers Loyd and 174 Motor cycles.
Outstanding BLR certificates number some 40 and the REME representative with the BLU reports a further 40 vehicles will be condemned and the BLR certificates will be forthcoming shortly.

5. A large proportion of the vehicles now BLR are Lorries 3 ton GS and it is anticipated that there will be yet more of these in the near future. This is partly accounted for by the fact that of the issues already made to the Group 115 lorries 3-ton were Class ID. Also of Class ID were 91 Trucks 15-cwt G.S. and 29 other vehicles. The fact that these vehicles were Class ID is not normally sufficient in itself to cause them to become BLR in a short period, but in the case of the Legnano Group, the Vehicle Parks concerned issued a very high proportion of low category Class ID vehicles, and in only two or three instances had a vehicle any tools or spares.

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6. The spare parts and workshop tools situation in the Group has in the past been desperate and is only now beginning to improve. This has resulted in vehicles being off the road for minor repairs and having to stand in workshops awaiting the necessary spares. As a result other transport has been subjected to unusual strain. Further the lack of spares, tools and accessories has prevented proper maintenance thus increasing the number of vehicles off the road.

7. The Group...../

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SUBJECT: Vehicle Demands

10/25

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A.F.H.Q. Q(AS).

Ref your Adm Instr No. 8. Herewith weekly demand for the Legnano Gruppo and auxiliar

Serial	U N I T	Type of Veh	...	Enti-tlement	Held	Deficient.	Re-ma-rks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	
1	Legnano Gruppo	6003/10 MC 500 cc	MA/534/1 MA/538/1	369	195	174	
2	Legnano Gruppo	6010/00 Car 2 ste 4 x 2	MA/523/1	110	80	30	
	Surgical Unit	- do - - do -	MA/522/1 MA/575/1	1	NIL	1	
3	Direz off Mecanizzate	6025/00 Car 5 cwt 4 x 4	MA/538/1	3	1	2	
4	Legnano Gruppo	6030/10 Cars Light Recce 4 x 4	MA/539/1 MA/540/1 MA/537/1	17	NIL	17	
5	LI Btg Misto Genio	6050/00 Truck 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	MA/528/529/530	28	27	1	
	Rgt Fanteria Speciale	- do - - do -	MA/522 - 527	94	74	20	
	250 Rep Trasp e Rif	- do - - do -	MA/531 - 532	5	4	1	
	68 Rgt Fanteria	- do - - do -	MA/522 - 527	94	77	17	
	Direz officine Meccaniche	- do - - do -	MA/538/1	19	18	1	
6	Legnano Gruppo	6060/00 Truck 15 cwt 4 x 2 Compressor	MA/525/1 MA/527/1	6	4	2	
7	Quartier Generale	6070/00 Truck 15 cwt 4x2 GS office	MA/503	3	2	1	
8	Legnano Gruppo	6075/00 Truck 15 cwt 4x4 personnel	MA/520 - 522	14	-	14	
9	1 Fd Bakery	6090/00 Truck 15 cwt water	MA/597/1	1	-	1	
	Direz Officine Meccaniche	- do - - do -	MA/538/1	1	-	1	
10	LI Btg Misto Genio	6100/00 Truck 15 cwt 4x2 GS	MA/528 - 530	20	19	1	
11	Legnano Gruppo	6124/00 Lorries 3 ton Winch	MA/536/1	8	5	3	
12	Legnano Gruppo	6200/00 Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS	MA/530/1 535/1	338	334	4	
	Mobile Bath Unit	- do - - do -	MA/597/1	2	-	2	
	68 Rgt Fanteria	- do - - do -	MA/522/1 - 527/1	45	40	5	
	250 Rgp Trasp e Rif	- do - - do -	MA/531 - 532 - 507	100	97	3	

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25 Feb 45

Adm Instr No. 8. Herewith weekly demand for the Lagnano Gruppo and auxiliary units.

Type of Veh (c)	(d)	Entitlement (e)	Held (f)	Deficient. (g)	Required (h)	Remarks (j)	Total deficiencies by types. (k)
MD 500 cc	MA/534/1 MA/538/1	369	195	174	174	Initial Issue	174
Car 2 str 4 x 2	MA/523/1	110	80	30	30	- do -	
- do -	MA/522/1	1	NIL	1	1	- do -	
	MA/575/1						31
Car 5 cwt 4 x 4	MA/538/1	3	1	2	1	Replace BER	1
Cars Light Recce 4 x 4	MA/539/1 MA/540/1 MA/537/1	17	NIL	17	17	Initial Issue	17
Truck 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	MA/528/529/530	28	27	1	1	Replace BER	
- do -	MA/522 - 527	94	74	20	3	- do -	
- do -	MA/531 - 532	5	4	1	1	- do -	
- do -	MA/522 - 527	94	77	17	1	- do -	
- do -	MA/538/1	19	18	1	1	- do -	7
Truck 15 cwt 4 x 2 Compressor	MA/535/1 MA/537/1	6	4	2	2	Initial Issue	2
Truck 15 cwt 4x2 GS office	MA/525	3	2	1	1	Replace BER	1
Truck 15 cwt 4x4 personnel	MA/528 - 529	14	-	14	14	Initial Issue	14
Truck 15 cwt water	MA/597/1	1	-	1	1	Initial Issue	
- do -	MA/538/1	1	-	1	1	Replace BER	2
Truck 15 cwt 4x2 PDA	MA/528 - 530	20	19	1	1	Replace BER	1
Lorries 3 ton Winch	MA/536/1	8	5	3	3	Initial Issue	3
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS	MA/530/1 535/1	338	334	4	4	Initial Issue	
- do -	MA/597/1	2	-	2	2	- do -	
- do -	MA/522/1 - 527/1	45	40	5	5	Replace BER	
- do -	MA/531 - 532 - 507	100	97	3	3	- do -	

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(a)	(b)		(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	
12	CFP	6290/00	Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS	HA/507	12	11	1	
	11 Rgt Artiglieria	- do -	- do -	HA/525	48	46	2	
	Rgt Ftr Speciale	- do -	- do -	HA/502 - 527	45	44	1	
	LI Btg Monte Cenio	- do -	- do -	HA/528 - 529	24	23	1	
	Diren Off Meccaniche	- do -	- do -	HA/525 - 530/1	48	43	5	
13	Legnano Gruppo	6232/00	Lorries 3 ton Breakdown	HA/531/1 HA/532/1	7	5	2	
14	Tech Maint Sec	6470/00	Lorry 3 ton 4 x 2 Wkshps	HA/529/1	1	-	1	
15	Legnano Gruppo	6667/00	Tractor 6 x 4 Breakdown	HA/532/1 HA/534/1	8	2	6	
16	11 Rgt Artiglieria	6670/00	Tractor 4 x 4 FA	HA/525	48	47	1	
17	Legnano Gruppo	-	Carriers Lloyd	HA/522/1 HA/527/1	82	62	20	
	Rgt Ftr Speciale	-	- do -	HA/522/1 HA/527/1	41	38	3	
	68 Rgt Fanteria	-	- do -	HA/527	41	40	1	
18	Mech Eng W/sp	6218/00	Lorry 3 ton 4x2 Battery charger	HA/533/1	1	NIL	1	
19	- do -	6223/00	- do - 4x2 Battery store	- do -	1	NIL	1	
20	- do -	6330/10	- do - 6x4 Mech Type F	- do -	1	NIL	1	
21	- do - ≠	6321/10	- do - 6x4 Mech Type D1 or D2	- do -	1	NIL	1	
22	- do - ≠	6357/10	- do - 6x4 Type Z	- do -	1	NIL	1	
23	- do -	6277/00	- do - 6x4 Crane Turntable (Coles)	- do -	1	NIL	1	

≠ 52 BLU stats these vehs will be available from 65 Rd wksps RASC on disbandment of this

for Major
Oc
No. 1

C.M.F.

Copy to: Main 5 Army
52 BLU
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(c)	(i)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)
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" - do -	HA/526	48	46	2	2	- do -	
" - do -	HA/522 - 527	45	44	1	1	- do -	
" - do -	HA/528 - 529	24	23	1	1	- do -	
" - do -	HA/525 - 531/1	48	43	5	5	- do -	24
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00 Lorry 3 ton 4 x 2 Wkps	HA/529/1	1	-	1	1	- do -	1
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- do -	HA/522/1 HA/527/1	41	38	3	3	Replace BER	
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10 - do - 6x4 Mech Type F	- do -	1	NIL	1	1	- do -	1
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T.B. Cowled
Lt-Col
for Major-General,
Commanding,
No. 1 District.

Army

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Subject: Italian Vehicles - Legnano Group

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)
Rome
Q/5
26 February 1945

To : HQ 1 District

Reference ID/9312/Q of 17 February 1945

1. The CCS in FAN 848 of 8 Nov 44 laid down quite clearly that the Combat Groups are entirely a British responsibility for maintenance and initial equipment. No authority exists for the addition of Italian Army vehicles surplus to the W.E. of the Combat Group.

If additional vehicles are required for all Combat Groups, then doubtless the Allied formations commanding the Groups will apply to AFHQ for the necessary amendments to be made to the W.E.

2. BATH LORRY

This is now covered by W.E. As the British vehicle is not at present available, it is agreed that the bath lorry shall remain until replaced by the British vehicle.

3. VEHICLES FOR SURGICAL UNIT

It is agreed that these may remain until replaced by British vehicles.

4. CINEMA LORRY AND TRAILER

Italian Government welfare arrangements are being made to cover all categories of troops. It is therefore agreed that the cinema lorry and trailer shall remain.

5. CARAVANS

No authority exists for the unilateral issue of seven Italian lorries to one Combat Group for caravans surplus to W.E. To do so to one Group because they have failed to return their

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Italian transport on issue of British transport would be manifestly unfair. To add seven caravans to each Group, which will be an additional British commitment of 35 x 3 ton vehicles, is an AFHQ question. It is regretted that no authority to retain these Italian vehicles can be given.

A. Brownjohn

Major General
Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)

cc: MMIA - ST
G2 B&U - Your AG/1/143 of 14 Feb refers.
Note: MMIA Signal ST/1105 of 23 Feb is cancelled.

folio 175 refers

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SUBJECT:- Italian Vehicles

5th British Liaison Unit.
Cmx
28 Feb 45

To:- HQ Legnano
Gruppo di Combattimento

AQ/1/187

1. MMIA have ordered all Italian vehicles to be returned to Rome by March 4th.

The following vehicles still in your possession should be handed in accordingly:-

Lorries	12
Cars	7
Lorries Breakdown	3
Lorries Machy & Stores	10
Trailers for W/S	2
Vehs of 34 Surgical Unit	2

2. This will leave in your possession:-

Bath Lorry		
Cinema Lorry and Trailer		
Lorries	10	(for caravans)
Cars	1	
Tractors F.A.	4	
Machinery Lorries	6	
W/S Trailers	2	

3. G.O.C. 1 District considers the vehicles in para 2 above should be retained.

RWG/WN.

[signature] Major.
for; DAA&QMG.

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SUBJECT :- Vehicles

British Imvement, G(SD) Branch,
HQ FIFTH ARMY.

Ref No : Lighting 98

196/5/G(SD)

24 Feb 45

52 BMU

Copy to : 1 DISTRICT
G-4 (Brit)
Arty (Brit)
Engr (Brit)
Sigs (Brit)
File 47/48/G(SD)

Ref your letters AG/1/153 of 16 Feb, AG/1/151 of 17 Feb and G/20/45 of 20 Feb.

1. Your difficulties over transport are fully appreciated but the responsibility of supplying A and B vehicles for the LEGNANO GRUPPO, until the GRUPPO comes into FIFTH Army area, belongs to 1 District. DISTRICT 96 of 12 Feb refers.

2. It is regretted that, even if the responsibility was that of FIFTH Army, the vehicles are not at present available to meet your demands.

3. EIGHTH Army, who have now had operational experience of Italian GRUPPE, have been asked to advise this HQ what vehicles, additional to the war establishment, are required and what amendments to the war establishment are being applied for.

4. You will be advised of the EIGHTH Army recommendations in due course and a G(SD) representative from this HQ will visit you in order to discuss the matter.

Brigadier,
Deputy Chief of Staff.

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Army (Brit)
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Rec'd Legn Gruppi - G.1 - 12 185

SUBJECT:- Italian Army-Inspections

Unit Maintenance Inspectorate
("B" Vehicles Section)
Adv. H.Q. U.M.I. 1 Dist. C.M.F.

Q (AF) A.F.H.Q.

AF/UMI/63 5 Feb '45.

Copy to:-
D.D.M.E. A.F.H.Q.
D.M.T. A.F.H.Q.
M.M.I.A.
'Q' H.Q. 1 District.
D.D.M.E. H.Q. 1 District.
52 B.L.U. -
Capt. Plewman.

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1. Attached is copy of Capt. Plewman's report on his recent visit to Legnano Gruppi, for information.

2. Particular attention is called to para 9 (1) of the report, and it is strongly suggested that to avoid a similar situation in the Mantova Gruppi about to be equipped, that the early issue of Recovery and Workshop vehicles should be made.

deC/43

Lt-Col.,
C.I. U.M.I. C.M.F.
Absent on duty. 5-45

REPORT ON THE LEGNANO COMBAT GROUP OF THE ITALIAN ARMY

1. Capt. G.A.Plewman and two S/Sgts. paid a further visit to the LEGNANO Combat Group of the Italian Army from 5th Feb'45 to 17th Feb'45.

Calls were made upon all units of the Group, the Increment being accompanied by an Italian officer from the Group Workshops.

M.T. organisation, including the scope of unit fitters, L.A.D.'s and Workshops, was explained to the unit M.T. officers and many vehicles were inspected for maintenance.

2. It is estimated by the Group H.Q., that at present there are approx-imately 200 vehicles off the road. Of these 200, 50 were left at BRACCIANA, when the Group moved to it's present location. These veh-icles are being repaired or B.L.R. by 65 L.A.A. W/Shops. Of the remaining 150 vehicles, a very large majority are awaiting spare parts.

3. It is estimated that if the Workshops and L.A.D.'s were fully equipped, and if all the necessary spares were available in the Group, 80% of these vehicles would be on the road in from 14 to 21 days.

The O.F.P. Coy. stores vehicles were sent to PORTOGRUARO for binning on 22nd Jan '45, and did not return to the Group until 15th Feb '45.

As spares will now be available, it can be expected that a decrease in V.O.R. will be shewn in the near future.

4. The Group Workshops and also the L.A.D.'s appear to be perfectly cap-able of functioning correctly and carrying out the duties required of them, when they are fully equipped, a considerable amount of tools and equipment have not yet been received.

The Italian Workshop officers are particularly keen and efficient.

5. It was found on visiting units, that unit fitters are very inclined to carry out larger repairs than they should do. Although quite cap-able of making a satisfactory job, much time was spent doing work which should have been evacuated to L.A.D.'s or Workshops, consequently minor repairs and adjustments, which should have been carried out by unit fitters were liable to be neglected.

This question was fully explained to unit M.T. officers, by the Increment and by the Italian Workshops officer.

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7. The Increment found that the vehicle maintenance in the Group was fairly satisfactory.

It was gratifying to observe that unit officers were taking considerable interest in vehicle maintenance.

The M.T. organisation and maintenance in the Engineer Bn. was particularly good.

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/The correct oils

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(para 7 cont:) The correct oils were in use throughout the Group, but some units were not being allotted a sufficient quantity of the correct types for their requirements.

This matter was taken up with the Group H.Q., and it is not anticipated that there will be any further difficulty in obtaining ample supplies of oil for all requirements.

8. The road discipline of drivers of the Group is still far from satisfactory. Vehicles are being driven at excessive speeds, halting in the middle of the road, carrying civilians and more than one passenger in front of the vehicle beside the driver. One vehicle was observed with three men in addition to the driver, in the cab.

It is suggested that the Carabinieri might have a mobile road patrol in the Group area, to check drivers on these points.

9. In conclusion the M.T. position in the LEGHORN Group can be summed up as follows:-

Although there is a considerable number of vehicles off the road at present, this is mainly due to:-

(1) The late date at which the Workshops and L.A.D.'s were equipped.

(2) The considerable delay in receiving the scaling of spares and the meeting of indents.

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The Workshops and L.A.D.'s are being well organised, and now that equipment and spares are being received, should function perfectly satisfactorily in a very short time.

Releases are still awaited for approximately 90 vehicles and 170 motor-cycles, to bring the Group up to W.E.

10. A R.E.M.E. training Increment has arrived, and should be extremely helpful to the Group.

CAP/WS
17 Feb '45.

(Sgd.) C.A.Plewman, Capt

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SUBJECT:- Italian Vehicles

52 British Liaison Unit
G.S.O.
27 Feb 45

To:- G.S.O.I.
52 B.L.U.

AG/1/184

Copy of MMIA signal ST/1106 is attached hereto.

It is believed that G.O.C. 1 District has authorised the retention of certain vehicles as requested by the Group. May this please be confirmed and, if correct, may a directive please be given on the reply to be sent to MMIA who have full details of the Gruppo's holding of Italian vehicles.

If no such authority has been given, may it be confirmed that all vehicles are to be returned as per MMIA signal.

Major.
DAA&QMG.

RWG/WN.

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SUBJECT:- Release 1972

52 British Liaison Unit
C.M.F.
27 Feb 45

AQ/1/183

To:- O.C.
9 Vehicle Park,
38 Vehicle Coy.RAOC.

Reference your 9VP/12/86 of 15 Feb and our AQ/1/131 of 9 Feb.

1. In view of the information contained in your above mentioned letter, a further investigation has been carried out. From this it is confirmed that:-

i) none of the vehicles on your enclosed copy issue voucher are held by No.3. Italian Combat Group.

ii) No release bearing the number A.972 has been issued to the Group.

iii) The Group holds no Austin Utility cars.

iv) Only Morris Utilities have been drawn from your park.

v) No drawings were made by the Group on the date in question viz: 30 DEC.

vi) There is no Unit in the Group entitled No.1. Italian G.T. Coy.

2. Obviously the reference to 52 BLU must be a mistake and it is suggested you take the matter up with either 50 or 53 BLU, who may have some knowledge of it.

RWG/WN.

Major.
DAA&QMG.

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7. The Group workshops are efficient and keen on their tasks and it is not considered they can be held responsible for the number of BIR vehicles. It is felt this is due in part to the lack of tools and spares and in part to the condition in which the vehicles were issued.

8. The time left for final equipment of the Group is now so short that unless immediate action can be taken it is felt the Group will not be mobile on its target date. It is requested therefore that action be taken for all outstanding demands for both W.E. vehicles and BIR replacements to be met immediately. It is requested that AFHQ be approached to make the release of these vehicles of the highest priority. In this connection it is pointed out that if availabilities in the forward areas are not such that the demand can be met at once, the Group can send drivers to the rear areas for collection provided one release is made of all outstanding vehicles. This is necessary due to the time and distance involved.

9. It is also requested that AFHQ be asked to make all further releases, both W.E. vehicles and BIR replacements, from Class I stocks. From the experience already gained from previous vehicles of Class ID, it is felt that:-

i) vehicles of this class are unsuitable for the conditions in which the Group is expected to be called upon to operate.

ii) the repairs and maintenance necessary to these vehicles cannot be satisfactorily carried out in Group workshops due to lack of spares.

iii) the Group workshops are not designed to deal with this extra work and can only keep pace with the normal unit repairs.

iv) the Group being equipped from British sources should be equipped with the best vehicles possible, not only from an operational view-point but also because it will be operating under American command and any just criticism of its equipment will fall on the British supply services.

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Major.
811 A&QMG.

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for, Lt. Col., G.S.O.I.

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Subject: Transport held surplus to Establishment.

52 British Liaison Unit,
CMF.
25 Feb 45.

To: DAA&QMG, 52 BLU.

BLUS/10

Jeep held by SORSigs.

1. This note is for your information.

2. The Jeep (WD No 5663381) which I hold was issued to me by SD Main Eighth Army at the request of the CSO on 12 Feb 45 under their SD 3501 dated 11 Feb 45. It was drawn from 18 Veh Pk, REINF out of Eighth Army reserve.

3. SD asked me to supply them with the WD number, upon receipt of which they would send me a retention certificate. This has not yet come in to the BLU as far as I know.

4. Accordingly I am asking G(SD) British Increment Fifth Army for a temporary certificate, which the G1 there promised verbally yesterday he would give me, if none had yet been received from Eighth Army.

5. The jeep in question is one of the six which Eighth Army found necessary to supply to Gruppi above WE for Signals purposes, the other five to be issued on entering operations (for five Italian Signal Officers).

6. Fifth Army say they are prepared to try and fill whatever requirements of this nature that Eighth Army tell them are necessary. It is therefore to be presumed that I shall be allowed either to retain this jeep or be issued with another, although we have passed from Eighth to Fifth Army.

RGA/HS

R. Hold. Adams

Captain,
SORSigs.

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SUBJECT:- Italian Vehicles

52 British Liaison Unit.
CMF.
26 Feb 45

AQ/1/[illegible]0

To:- MMIA IO
52 BLU.

Ref MMIA ST/1601 of 20 Feb 45.

1. Following Italian vehicles at present held by Legnano group:-

Lorries	2 2
Cars	3
Tractors	4
Bath Lorry	1
Breakdown	3
Lorry Cinema	1
Trailer Cinema	1
Lorries Mechy and Stores for LADs and W/S	16
Trailers for W/S	4
Vehs of 34 Surgical Unit	2

2. The following only have been authorised to be retained:-

Bath Lorry and Cinema Lorry and Trailer.

3. MMIA letter ST/1601 is returned herewith.

Major.
DAA&QMG.

DWG/WN.

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AA Qm? 179

Subject:- Vehicle tools for 11 Arty Regt "Legnano"

52 Brit Liaison Unit.
CMF
22 Feb 45
Ref....2.2

To:- G.1 - 1 District

1. Reference my memo dated 19 Feb 45.

2. Herewith attached form comprising the total requirments of the 11 Arty Regt (Legnano)

A B Columbia
Major.
G.II. KA

Copy to: OC 52 BLU
DADOS 52 BLU
Capt RTRD 52 BLU

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LIST OF TOOLS ect. FOR VEHICLES HELD ON CHARGE BY 1° Arty Regt.
(comprising VI battery)

Designation		Quantity
SCREW-DRIVERS (Cacciaviti)	4"	152
" " "	8"	152
PLIERS (Pinze) 8"		161
SPANNERS (Chiavi) :		
ADJUSTABLE (Registrabili)	8"	157
" "	12"	149
D.E. (fisse doppie)	3/16x 1/8	145
	1/4 x 3/16	138
	3/8 x 5/16	116
	1/2 x 7/16	145
	5/8 x 9/16	140
	3/4 x 15/16	145
WRENCHES (Chiavi) :		
BOX TUBULAR (a tubo)	3/8/ x 7/16	123
SPARKING PLUG LORRIERS	(per candele)	137
HAMMERS (martelli) CARPENTER WARR. PATT. 1-½ Pd.		111
JACK LIFTING Complete (Cricco completo)		71
WHEEL BRACE (Girabarchini):		
for DODGE		66
" BEDFORD		11
" JEEP		3
PUMP TYRE FOOT LARGE LORRY TYPE (Pompe a piede)		91
GUNS GREASE INJECTORS WITH ADAPTORS (Ingrassatori)		
LORRY TYPE		101
JEEP		1
CANS OIL COMPLETE (Oliatori)		105
GAUGE - TYRE (Misuratori pressione gomme)		150
TAPE INSULATION (Nastro isolante)		46
WIRE COPPER (Filo di rame)		320 onces
REPAIR OUTFITS COMPLETE TYRE ASSORT. SIZE (Completo per riparazione gomme)		190
PADLOCKS and KEYS (Lucchetti con chiave)		320

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ADJUSTABLE (Registrabili)	8"	!	157
"	12"	!	149
D.E. (fisse doppie)	3/16x 1/8	!	145
	1/4 x 3/16	!	138
	3/8 x 5/16	!	116
	1/2 x 7/16	!	145
	5/8 x 9/16	!	140
	3/4 x 15/16	!	145
WRENCHES (Chiavi) :			
BOX TUBULAR (a tubo)	3/8/ x 7/16	!	123
SPARKING PLUG LORRIERS (per candele)		!	137
HAMMERS (martelli) CARPENTER WARR. PATT. 1-¼ Pd.		!	111
JACK LIFTING Complete (Cricco completo)		!	71
WHEEL BRACE (Girabarchini):			
for DODGE		!	66
" BEDFORD		!	11
" JEEP		!	3
PUMP TYRE FOOT LARGE LORRY TYPE (Pompe a piede)		!	91
GUNS GREASE INJECTORS WITH ADAPTORS (Ingrassatori):			
LORRY TYPE		!	101
JEEP		!	1
CANS OIL COMPLETE (Oliatori)		!	105
GAUGE - TYRE (Misuratori press one gomme)		!	150
TAPE INSULATION (Nastro isolante)		!	46
WIRE COPPER (Filo di rame)		!	320 ounces
REPAIR CUTTITS COMPLETE TYRE ASSORT. SIZE (Completo per riparazione gomme)		!	130
PADLOCKS and KEYS (Lucchetti con chiave)		!	320

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GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "LEGNANO"
Ufficio Automobilistico

SCHEMA DIMOSTRATIVO DEGLI AUTOVEICOLI SPROVVISTI DI CONGEGNI DI ADERENZA DISTINTI PER TIPI E SEZIONE DI COLONNA (AVUTI ASSEGNATI A TUTTO IL 24/2/1945).=

T I P O	6,00 x 16	9,00 x 16
Utility 4x2	10	
15 CWT 4x2		62
TOTALE.....	10	62

IL CAPO UFFICIO
(Magg. P. Catalano)

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SUBJECT: W.D.NOS.

9 VEHICLE PARK.
38 VEHICLE COY.
R.A.O.C. C.M.F.

REF/9VP/12/86
15/2/45

D.A.A.T. Q.M.G.
52 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
C.M.F.

(1) REF.YOUR AQ/1/131 DATED 9/2/45.

(2) COPY OF ORIGINAL ISSUE VOUCHER IS ATTACHED. FROM THIS IT WILL BE SEEN 6 CAR 2 STR.4X2 UTILITY AUSTIN WERE ISSUED. THE UNIT COLLECTING WAS NO.1 ITAL.G.T.COY(52 BLU)3 DIST.RELEASE NOTE A1972 REFERS.

(3) PLEASE RE-INVESTIGATE.

IN THE FIELD
15/2/45
AM/AM

CAPT.O.C.
9 VEHICLE PARK.
38 VEHICLE COY.
R.A.O.C. C.M.F.

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VOUCHER FOR STORES

ARMY FORM C... CONTRO...

INDENT DEMAND OR I.O. No.	NORMAL/SPECIAL	DEGREE OF URGENCY	FROM	TYPE OF TRANSACTION*	DATE
		Normal	C..9 Veh.Pa...38 Veh.Coy	Issue	30/12/43

VOUCHER TO FULL POSTAL ADDRESS	ADDRESS FOR STORES	NO. OF SHEETS	SHEET NO.	A.D.O.S. No.
52 K ... for Rc.1(Ital GT.COY)	3 Dist.A/1972	1	1	

	INITIALS	DATE
SELECTED BY		
PACKED BY		30/12

AUTHORITY:- DOS/782

FULL ... PART ... COMPL...

CATALOGUE OR PART NO.	SECTION / DESIGNATION	QUANTITIES REQUIRED	ISSUED	TO FOLLOW	RATE	VALUE £ S D.	PACKAGE DESCRIPTION*	MARKING	ON WHAT VOUCHER CHARGED	MEASUREMENT	TON HEAVY T. C. Q.
	Car 2 Str.4x2 Uty.AUSTIN		(Six) 6					Tools & Equipment as per A			
	M/4674039 5287820		Class 1								
	5396054 4887523										
	4673081 5289259										
	Truck 15 Cwt 4x2 GS. DODGE		(Six) 6								
	Z/4741275 5322629										
	5319174 5311423		Class 1								
	5319093 4983734										

* Stores listed on Endorsed or Rejected Vouchers will not be brought to charge.
A=Cases. B=Bales or Bundles. C=Crates. D=Drums or Cylinders. E=Cartons. K=Kegs. L=Loose. M=Baskets. P=Parcels. S=Sacks. T=Tins. V=Vats. Z=Cases special to contents.

Particulars of Despatch. Mode of Conveyance (If shipped, name of vessel). Date of Despatch..... Carriers Note No.....

RECEIPT for STORES. SIGN and RETURN RED COPY. 3 RD

Signature Ten.F.?

Rank Lt 1st Coy.

RECEIPT VOUCHER ...

0[805/75]E. 2053 Pads. W.W. & S. 1/42. 51-4038.

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VOUCHER FOR STORES

ORMAL/SPECIAL | DEGREE OF URGENCY: Normal | FROM: O.C. 9 Veh.Pal...38 Veh.Coy | TYPE OF TRANSACTION*: Issue | DATE: 30/12/43 '43

ARMY FORM C.1820 (Large) CONTROL No. 1

FULL PART COMPLETION

CHER TO / STAL ADDRESS: O.C.1(Ital GT.Coy) | ADDRESS FOR STORES: 3 Dist.A/1972

NO. OF SHEETS	SHEET NO.
1	1

	INITIALS	DATE
SELECTED BY		
PACKED BY		30/12

A.F.O.S. No.: 99P/825

US/1782

DESIGNATION	QUANTITIES: REQUIRED	ISSUED	TO FOLLOW	RATE	VALUE £ s. d.	PACKAGE: DESCRIPTION	MARKING	ON WHAT VOUCHER CHARGED	MEASUREMENT	TONNAGE: HEAVY T.	C.	Q.	Lbs.	LIGHT T.	Cft.
2 Uty.Austin	(Six) 6						Tools & Equipment as per AF 412								
5287820		Class 1													
4887523															
5289259															
4x2 GS. DODGE	(Six) 6														
5322629															
5311423		Class 1													
4983734															

Other Vouchers will not be brought to charge.
K or Bundles. C—Crates
E—Cartons. K—Kegs
P—Parcels. S—Sacks.
Z—Cases special to contents.

Particulars of Despatch: Mode of Conveyance ..... (If shipped, name of vessel).
Date of Despatch ..... Carriers Note No. .....

RECEIPT for STORES
SIGN and RETURN RED COPY. 3 RD
Signature Ten.P ?
Rank Lt 1Gt Coy.

RECEIPT VOUCHER NO. | DATE

G & S. 1/42 51-4935.

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ARMY FORM C2436 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 49

Time of Origin

Prec. O

Ckd. Sig. No. 709

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Originator

FROM (A) 1145

For Action CANCELLED by 188

TO (W) For Information (INFO) 82 BEU

Folio 143 regds.

Originator's No.

Sir

DADST has this restricted code room. Copies of the code may only be authorized persons and keys are to be kept locked in the safe when not in use. Copies of the code are to be destroyed by burning as per SOP

Sir DADST has this

Originator's Instructions PRIORITY ST/3/16

Message Instructions CR

PDX 41

Time THI or TOR

Cancelled

System

This Message may be sent AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS { EXCEPT } WIRELESS

If liable to be intercepted or to fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent IN CIPHER

Signed

Signed

ARMY B-23.1145LU SIGNALS

Wt. 9559/60857 10m. (Pds. of 100). 4/45. A.P.L. 5458. Gp. 745/8.

ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large)

MESSAGE FORM

DAMGUE

Register No. 45

Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
	921		QVR3

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FROM (A) Originator. DISTONE

Date-Time of Origin. 221035A

Office Date Stamp

ARMY B-22.1145 LU SIGNALS

For Action.

AFHQ Q(AE)

TO (W) For Information (INFO)

DISTHREE 52 BLU

Message Instructions.	GR
Q Q X	64

Originator's No.

Q150 ref 52 BLU signal AQ11 of 20 advising passed to you copy to this HQ confirmed all ref demands for Expanro type are being made from this HQ Q details present deficiencies shown in my 7.312/Q of 18 Feb D release note A2720 of 9 not taken into account when computing this demand D request this release be cancelled and all future releases made through this HQ

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Originator's No.

A15 0 ref. 52 BLU pupial AQ11 of 20 addressed to four. copy to this HQ 0 confirmed all rel. demands for tegnano grp. are being made from this HQ 0 details present deficiencies shown in my 2,312/Q of 18 Feb 0 release note A2120 of 9 not taken into account when compiling this demand 0 request this release be cancelled and all future releases made through this HQ

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This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means except ..... } WIRELESS. Signed.	If liable to be intercepted or to fall into enemy hands this message must be sent IN CIPHER. Signed.	Originator's Instructions. Degree of Priority.	Time	System	Op
			THI or TOR 2.20 35?		
			Time Cleared 1700		

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ARMY FORM C-2136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 36

Transmission Instructions

Call | Set No. 910 | Priority IMMEDIATE

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FROM (X) Originator: DISTONE

Date-Time of Origin: 211815

For Action:

52 BLO.

TO (W) For Information (INFO):

ARMY B-21.11.45LU SIGNALS

Message Instructions: 99X

GR: 45

Reference No.: ID/2312/2/8. 840 D Longitude 025 Long. Refers 1342 dated 21 Feb. Please Count 25 15 East Long. 20. 16 Zone in Libia Fezzan and Libyan Diplomat D Arrays Collection ec. 11 Feb. for. SON GIOVANNI D Kyrenaica ore ref. be elevated OC. Fd. Surv. Sect. D Lemnitzer GOULD - GWYTHER refers.

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS { EXCEPT / WHICH IS }

IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY: 801

Signed

Signed

Time	System	Op
THI or TOR 2045	F	X
Time cleared		

(1944) WD AGO 55, 700,000 Pads—12-45, Form 1 Pad, stock

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ARMY FORM C2126 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 40

Cat.	Sit. No.	Precedence	Transmission Instructions
	914		8VR3

Q 172

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FROM (A) DISTHREE — Originator — Date Time of Origin 21840Z

For Action

8(AE) AFHB

TO (W) For Information (INFO)

6VEH 6P. 3T VEH COY 52 BLU.

Message Instruction — OR

99X 46.

Originator's No.

GG3342. Patrols 2 52 BLU signal diff 220 rpts 0 Request perm 1060 be rendered Lt Treat Station for all patrols of 52 BLU which do not have gas. gasbd en approach required by these two units 52 BLU Report Encirclements of other patrols 52 BLU Through inspections 0 For 52 BLU confirmed 0220 to each Det

SIGNALS 22 1145 LU

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Signed	Signed		THI or TOR 0750	F	
			Time cleared		

(W) 4235 5M 10/44 Pads. 2-45. (L.A.M. Ltd. 8/44)

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SUBJECT. Jeeps - Italian Gruppi

CONFIDENTIAL

1D/2312/Q

20 Feb 45

52 BLU

A copy of 8 Army letter M 13680 SD2 dated 16 Feb 45 is forwarded for information.

Attention is drawn to para 4, which states that issues of cars 5 cwt 4 x 4 to the scale mentioned will only be made if considered op essential by the commanding formation.

The contents of this letter will not be implemented until the Gruppo moves into the Army area.

DA & QMG,
No.1 District.

CMF
BJH/LJG

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DAAG/PG

COPY

SUBJECT. WE Italian uppi

CONFIDENTIAL

MAIN HQ EIGHTH ARMY CMF
M 13680 SD2
16 Feb 45

5 Corps
10 Corps
13 Corps

Copy to:- AFHQ
CG 15 Army Gp
1 District

Further to this HQ letter M 13680 SD2 dated 26 Jan 45.

1. It has been represented that Italian Gruppi are unable to operate efficiently under present conditions with so small an allotment of cars 5 cwt 4 x 4.

2. The present authorised entitlement of Italian Gruppi to cars 5 cwt 4 x 4 and cars 2 str lt Utility is as follows:-

Cars 5 cwt 4 x 4	10
cars 2 str 4 x 2	72

3. Pending further investigation of Gruppi WEs, and in order to meet existing requirements, authority is given to equip Combat Gruppi with up to a maximum holding of 50 x cars 5 cwt 4 x 4. This figure has been obtained by taking:-

50% entitlement Car 2 str lt Utility	=	34
Entitlement Car 5 cwt 4 x 4	=	10
Surplus cars 5 cwt 4 x 4 for Sigs	=	6
Total		50

4. Issues of cars 5 cwt 4 x 4 to the above scale will only be made if considered op essential by the commanding formation concerned, as it will be appreciated that all such issues will be at the expense of other British maintained formations.

5. Battle cas or BLRs of all Gruppi who hold cars 5 cwt 4 x 4 surplus to the above scale will be replaced by cars 2 str lt Utility or 15 cwt GS, until holdings have been adjusted in accordance with this letter.

(Sgd) ???????
Brig
C of S

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SUBJECT: Vehicle Returns

A.F.H.Q. 9(AG).

Ref your Adm Instr No. 8. herewith weekly demand for the Legnano Gruppo and ancillie

Serial (a)	U N I T (b)	Type of Veh (c)	Veh (d)	Anti-tle-ment (e)	Held (f)	Defici-ent. (g)	Requi-red (h)	Remarks (j)
1	Legnano Gruppo	6003/10 Lr 500 cc	RA/536/1 RA/538/1	369	195	174	174	Initial
2	Legnano Gruppo (1 Surgical Unit	6010/00 Car 2 str 4 x 2 - do - - do -	RA/523/1 RA/522/1 RA/573/1	110 1	60 NIL	50 1	50 1	- do - - do -
3	Direz dff Commissariato	6025/00 Car 5 cwt 4 x 4	RA/ 38/1	3	1	2	1	Replace
4	Legnano Gruppo	6030/10 Cars Light Recce 4 x 4	RA/535/1 RA/540/1 RA/537/1	17	NIL	17	17	Initial
5	LI Rgt Alpini Genio	6050/00 Truck 15 cwt 4x2 GS	RA/528/529/530	23	27	1	1	Replace
	Rgt Fanteria Speciale	- do -	- do -	RA/522 - 527	24	24	20	3	- do -
	250 Rgt Fanteria a Piè	- do -	- do -	RA/531 - 532	5	4	1	1	- do -
	63 Rgt Fanteria	- do -	- do -	RA/522 - 527	24	77	17	1	
	Direz Officina Mascanico	- do -	- do -	RA/538/1	12	10	1	1	- do -
6	Legnano Gruppo	6050/00 Truck 15 cwt 4x2 Compressor	RA/535/1 RA/537/1	6	4	2	2	Initial
7	Quartier Generale	6070/00 Truck 15 cwt 4x2 GS office	RA/525	3	2	1	1	Replace
8	Legnano Gruppo	6075/00 Truck 15 cwt 4x4 personnel	RA/535-539	14	-	14	14	Initial
9	1 RI Battery	6090/00 Truck 15 cwt Water	RA/537/1	1	-	1	1	Initial
	Direz Officina Mascanico	- do - - do -	RA/538/1	1	-	1	1	Replace
10	LI Rgt Alpini Genio	6100/00 Truck 15 cwt 4x2 Wkp	RA/528 - 530	20	19	1	1	Replace
11	Legnano Gruppo	6120/00 Lorries 3 ton Winch	RA/538/1	8	5	3	3	Initial

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12312/A
7917 18 388 45

...ur Ads Instr No. 8. Herewith weekly Return for the Legnano Group and auxiliary units.

(c) Type of Veh	(d)	(e) Auth-ti-ment	(f) Held	(g) Defici-ent.	(h) Requ-ired	(j) Remarks	(k) Total deficiencies by types
30 15 cwt 4x2	RA/539/A RA/538/A	369	195	174	174	Initial Issue	174
30 Car 2 str 4 x 2	RA/535/A	110	60	50	50	- do -	
" - do -	RA/522/A	1	1	1	1	- do -	
	RA/575/A						51
30 Car 5 cwt 4 x 4	RA/ 3 /A	3	1	2	1	Replace RA	1
30 Cars Light 4cwt 4 x 4	RA/530/A RA/540/A RA/537/A	17	1	17	17	Initial Issue	17
30 Truck 15 cwt 4x2 GS	RA/520/529/530	28	27	1	1	Replace RA	
" - do -	RA/528 - 527	94	74	20	5	- do -	
" - do -	RA/531 - 532	5	4	1	1	- do -	
" - do -	RA/512 - 527	94	77	17	1		
" - do -	RA/538/A	19	18	1	1	- do -	7
30 Truck 15 cwt 4x2 Compressor	RA/523/A RA/527/A	6	4	2	2	Initial Issue	2
30 Truck 15 cwt 4x2 GS pedler	RA/533	3	2	1	1	Replace	1
30 Truck 15 cwt 4x4 personel	RA/521-527	14	-	14	14	Initial Issue	14
30 Truck 15 cwt Water	RA/537/A	1	-	1	1	Initial Issue	
" - do -	RA/536/A	1	-	1	1	Replace RA	2
30 Truck 15 cwt 4x2 WT	RA/520 - 530	20	19	1	1	Replace RA	1
30 Lorries 3 ton Tank	RA/525/A	8	5	3	3	Initial Issue	3

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SUBJECT:- Vehicle Releases

52 British Liaison Unit;
CMF
21 Feb 45

To:- Major Terranova
Rear HQ
Legnano Gruppo di Comb.

AQ/1/170

Twenty 15 cwt trucks have been released by 1 District in lieu of Cars Utility. The number of the Release is 1342 but no Release Note has been issued.

The vehicles are to be collected from 11 Veh Park SAN GERVANNI near MONTEVARCHI and will be ready for collection tomorrow 22nd Feb 45.

Major.
DAA&QMG.

RWG/WN.

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ARMY FORM C2136 (Small) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No. 16

Call	Sct. No.	Precedence	Transmission Instructions
	847	QVR1	

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (W) Originator: DISTONE | Date-Time of Origin: 201435A

TO (W) For Action: 52 BLU

(W) For Information (INFO): MTO DISTONE

Collected

Order Date Stamp: 20 1435 LU

Message Instructions: QQX | CR: 22

Originator's No.: Q14 Ref my Q9 of 16 addressed AFHQ Q(AE) copy to you O American command car available this H.Q. send driver to collect.

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This Message May Be Sent	Is Liable to Be Intercepted by Other Than Allied Forces	Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority	Time	System	Ck.
AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS (EXCEPT WIRELESS)	IN CIPHER	795	THI or TOR 1630 Time cleared	5	

SIGNED

NOTICE

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NOTE.—Whenever practicable this voucher must accompany the stores.

ISSUE AND RECEIPT VOUCHER

For Office Stamp.

Army Form G 1033
(in books of 100)

To be completed by Consignee

Issue voucher No. } 1475/110
Account } Vehicle
Date account commences } 1/6/44

To be completed by Consignor

No. of sheets to voucher ..... Sheet No. .....
Receipt voucher No. .....
Account .....
Date account commences .....

Issued by HQ No 1 DISTRICT
To 52 BHU
Authority Q. 1213
Date and mode of conveyance 24/6/44 Road

At .....
At .....
Carrier's or Convoy Note No. and Date .....

Ledger Folio (1)	Cat. or †Part No. (2)	DESIGNATION (3) Section or Sub-Section	Total number or quantity (4)	Description and marks on packages (5)	For Store Depot use only. S. (6)	R. (7)	D. (8)	U. (9)	Rate (10)	Value (11) £	s.	d.
		Car Command 5 Cwt Tilly	1									
		Body. 5310705.										
		Complete as per Demand										

* Or consignee on original and triplicate and of consignor on duplicate.
† Part No. to be completed in the case of M.T. or other technical stores.

IF USED BY ORDNANCE OFFICERS AS AN ISSUE VOUCHER, TONNAGE TO BE ENTERED ON REVERSE.

* (Signature of consignor or consignee) 52 BHU

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ARMY FORM C2136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Call | Srl. No. | Pr[illegible]y | Trans[illegible]ion Instructions

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FROM (A) Originator	Date-Time of Origin	Office Date Stamp
52 BLU	201530 A	

For Action

3 DISTRICT

TO (W) For Information (INFO)

Q(AE) AFHQ DISTONE

Message Instructions | CR

Originator's No.

AQ/1 (.) Restricted(.)
Your vehicle release note A2720 dated 9 received today(.) Impossible send BARI before release expires(.) Please cancel(.) Demande for ALL outstanding vehicles to complete to WE both Legnano Group and attached units already lodged DISTONE(.) Suggest no further releases through DISTHREE (.) For Q (AE) BARI now three day trip from unit(.)
Request no further releases from there if possible

This Message may be sent AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS (except / WIRELESS)	If liable to be intercepted or to fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent IN CIPHER	Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority	Time	System	O.K.
Signed RWJwyther Major	Signed	793	THI or TOR		
			Time cleared		

(GYMS) W[illegible] 9532 194 -100,000 Pads 5/45 B. & S. Ltd. 51-6745/6.

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Cancellation requested

3 DISTRICT

No. A - 2720

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9 Feb 1945

RELEASE NOTE

52 BLU for 34th Surgical Unit.

RELEASE IS AUTHORIZED TO YOU OF

Car 2 ltr 4x2 Lt. Utility Ch. I-1 (ONE)

AGAINST SERIAL

VR/1060

~~TO BE DRAWN FROM~~ Contact 6 Veh. Gp. Bari for collection instructions.

(a) This note is to be produced by unit when collecting.
(b) This authority will lapse if not presented within 14 days.

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E. Kuhuch
Col.
D.A. & Q.M.G.

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Subject:- Vehicle tools of 11 Arty. Regt. "Lepmano2

52 Brit Liaison Unit
C MF.
19 Feb 45

To:- C.1. - 1 District

I have compiled a scale of tools on the form attached, which I consider to be the minimum necessities for satisfactory maintenance.

The quantities represent the requirements to make all vehicles at present with the Regt up to full scale.

The quantities comprise the 30 plus the Field 5 batteries, the figures of the 5th battery not having been received, but as I do not wish to delay the matter, I will forward the completed figures in 2 or 3 days.

H. Flowers BQMS
for Major,
GLI RA.

Copy to: HQ 52 Bde
DADOS 52 (W)
Sgt Lewis 52 WU

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(a)	(b)		(c)	(d)		(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
12	Legnano Gruppo	6200/00	Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS	MA/529/1	531/1	58	54	4	4
	Mobile Path Unit	- do -	- do -	MA/527/1		2	-	2	2
	68 Rgt Fanteria	- do -	- do -	MA/528/1 -	527/1	45	40	5	5
	280 Rep Trasp e Mit	- do -	- do -	MA/531-532-307		100	97	3	3
	OFF	- do -	- do -	MA 307		12	11	1	1
	11 Rgt Artiglieria	- do -	- do -	MA 525		48	46	2	2
	Rgt Fir Speciale	- do -	- do -	MA 532 - 527		45	44	1	1
	LI Mg Mato Genio	- do -	- do -	MA 528 - 529		24	23	1	1
	Direz off Meccaniche	- do -	- do -	MA 525 532/1		48	43	5	5
13	Legnano Gruppo	6232/00	Lorries 3 ton Breakdown	MA 531/1	MA 353/1	7	5	2	2
14	Mob Maint Sec	6470/00	Lorry 3 ton 4 x 2 Wkps	MA/529/1		1	-	1	1
15	Legnano Gp	6667/00	Tractor 6 x 4 Breakdown	MA/532/1	MA/534/1	8	2	6	6
16	11 Rgt Artiglieria	6670/00	Tractor 4 x 4 FA	MA/525		48	47	1	1
17	Legnano Gp	-	Carriers Lloyd	MA/532/1	MA/527/1	82	62	20	20
	Rgt Fir Speciale	-	- do -	MA/532/1	MA/527/1	44	38	3	3
	68 Rgt Fanteria	-	- do -	MA/527		41	40	1	1

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C.E.F.

Copy to: Main 5 Army
52 HLI ✓
GRO

The Forest
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for Major-Gen
Comma
No. 1

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(a)	(b)		(c)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 (G)	WA/530/1	WA/1	338	334	4	4	Initial Issue	
- do -	WA/527/1		2	-	2	2	- do -	
- do -	WA/530/1	- WA/527/1	45	40	5	5	Replace F&R	
- do -	WA/530/1	- WA/527/1	100	97	3	3	- do -	
- do -	WA/527		12	11	1	1	- do -	
- do -	WA/525		48	46	2	2	- do -	
- do -	WA/532	- WA/527	45	44	1	1	- do -	
- do -	WA/528	- WA/529	24	23	1	1	- do -	
- do -	WA/525	WA/1	48	43	5	5	- do -	24
Lorries 3 ton Breakdown	WA/534/1	WA/533/1	7	5	2	2	Initial Issue	2
Lorry 3 ton 4 x 2 Kops	WA/529/1		1	-	1	1	- do -	1
Tractor 6 x 4 Breakdown	WA/532/1	WA/534/1	8	2	6	6	- do -	6
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- do -	WA/527		41	40	1	1	- do -	24

(G/1)

For Major-General,
Commanding,
No. 1 District.

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Subject:- Re very of Vehicle.

HQ 56 Area.
Ext 60.
125/131/Pro.
31 Jan 45.

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Reparto Arditi,
Company Commando,
Division Legnano.

MMIALO
52 BLU

DODGE 15 cwt No 2533737.

1. The above mentioned vehicle believed to be on your charge, has now been recovered and is being held at this headquarters awaiting collection by you.

for Major.
A.P.M.

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LIST OF TOOLS ect. FOR VEICLES HELD ON CHARGE BY 11ª Arty.Reg

Designation		Quantity
SCREW-DRIVERS (Cacciaviti)	4"	136
" " "	8"	136
PLIERS (Pinze) 8"		145
SPANNERS (Chiavi) :		
ADJUSTABLE (Registrabili)	8"	144
" "	12"	138
D.E. (fisse doppie)	3/16 x 1/8	133
	1/4 x 3/16	133
	3/8 x 5/16	112
	1/2 x 7/16	133
	5/8 x 9/16	133
	3/4 x 15/16	133
WRENCHES (Chiavi) :		
BOX TUBULAR (a tubo)	3/8 x 7/16	111
SPARKING PLUGS LORRIERS (per candele)		125
HAMMERS (Martelli) CARPENTER WARR.PATT.1-1/2 PD.		105
JACK LIFTING Complete (Cricco completo)		64
WHEEL BRACE (Girabarchini) :		
for DODGE		55
" BEDFORD		11
" JEEP		3
PUMP TYRE FOOT LARGE LORRY TYPE (Pompe a piede)		86
GUNS GREASE INJECTORS WITH ADAPTORS (Ingrassatori):		
LORRY TYPE		91
JEEP		1
CANS OIL COMPLETE (Oliatori)		89
GAUGE - TYRE (Misuratori pressione gomme)		134
TAPE INSULATION (Nastro isolante)		38-3/4 lbs.
WIRE COPPER (Filo di rame)		270 ounces
REPAIR OUTFITS COMPLETE (Completo per riparaz.gom.) TYRE ASSORT. SIZES		167
PADLOCKS and KEYS (Lucchetti con chiave)		280

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DODGING 162

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ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS

Subject: Cancellation "A" Vehicle Releases

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 553

AFHQ/8350/A/Q(AE)

ORD (B).

15 Feb. 45

It is requested that the balance outstanding of the following release be cancelled:-

A/VR/8225 of 17 Dec. 44. ex 12 VP for 3 and 4 It Combat Groups

Carriers	Universal	Qty 35
"	Tracked Towing	" 20

Pvty

Capt.

B. PONTER, Capt.,
for Brigadier, Q(AE).

A/A.

Copy to: 1 District.
52 MLU (your signal AQ/1 of 11 Feb. 45 refers)
G-5 Org.
3 District.
RMLA
8354

52 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
C. M. F.
19 Feb 42/1/62

DAAQMG.

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Subject. Surplus Vehicles

AD/2306/5/Q.

15 Feb 45

61 Area

1. On the formation of 730 Adv Base Wksps from disbanded AA Wksps, the following vehicles are held by this unit surplus to WE:-

Motor cycles solo	15
Cars 5 cwt 4 x 4	11
Cars 2 str 4 x 2	3
Trucks 10 cwt 4 x 4	2
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	5
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 Water	4
Lorries 30 cwt 4 x 2 GS	1
Lorries 2½ ton 6 x 6 GS	4
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS	1
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 4 GS	4
Lorries 3 ton 6 x 4 GS	24

2. These vehicles will be transferred to the u/m units against deficiencies on WE, under arrangements to be made by you. Where possible, transfers have been made to units in your area:-

Serial	Type of Vehicle	Unit to whom Veh to be transferred	Area	Qty
1	MC Solo	552 Coy RASC GT	61	1
		474 Coy RASC GT (Cypriot)	61	1
		428 " " "	61	2
		1004 " " " (It)	61	1
		20 CRE Wks	61	1
		340 E & M Coy	61	1
		11 Stores Sec	61	1
		610 FC Fire Bde	61	1
		87 Gp Inf Corps	61	2
		51 FC Fire Bde	61	1
		291 'A' Tns Coy	61	1
		950 Port Maint Coy	61	1
		4 Ind Bty C & M Gp	61	
2	Cars 2 str 4 x 2	52 CRE Wks (in lieu car 4 str)	71	1
		Movements Central Italy	71	1
		3 Spec W/less Gp	61	1
3	Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 (Ø in lieu car 2 str or ucap)	3 (It) EMT Coy (Ø)	61	1
		994 Port Gp Coy (Ø)	61	1
		281 Wks Sec (Ø)	71	2
		154 FF Coy	61	1
4	Truck 15 cwt 4 x 2 Water	1065 Coy RASC GT (It)	71	1
		'D' Vehicle Disposal Unit	55	2

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Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS		1
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		994 Port Op Coy	61	1
		281 Wks Sec	71	2
		154 FF Coy	61	1
4	Truck 15 cwt 4 x 2 Water	1065 Coy RASC GT (It)	71	1
5	Lorries 3 ton 4 x 4 GS	'D' Vehicle Disposal Unit	55	2
		404 Coy RASC GT	55	2
6	Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS	2 (It) Engr Coy	61	1
7	Car 5 cwt 4 x 4 (See para 4)	HQ 52 BLU	55	1

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52 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
C. M. F.
19 Feb 45 AD/4/161

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3. As there are no outstanding unit deficiencies in the 1 District for any of the following vehicles, they will be handed in to 9 Adv RVP:-

Trucks 10 cwt 4 x 4	2
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 Water	3
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4. 1 x car 5 cwt 4 x 4 will be transferred to HQ 52 BLD as stated in Serial 7 above. The remaining Jeeps will be retained by the unit and arrangements will be made for these vehicles to be inspected by the RAMF Inspectorate and later transferred to Army units in exchange for Cars 2 str.

CMF
EJH/LJC

D.A. & Q.M.G.,
No.1 District.

Copy to:- 55 Area - Ref Serial 5, para1.
71 Sub-Area - Ref Serials 2, 3, and 4, para 1.
52 BLD - Ref Serial 7, para 1.
SP - Ref Serials 1, 4, and 5, para 1.
RAMC - Your 1D/ME/326 dated 15 Feb 45 refers.

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Subject: Italian Vehicles - Legnano Gruppo.

52 British Liaison Unit,
GHF.
21 Feb 45.
G/2/27

HQ Legnano Gruppo.

Herewith extracts of a letter from GOC No 1 District to HQ MMIA which is passed to you for your information.

Lieut-Col.
GS.

JSMD/MS

Subject: Italian Vehicles - Legnano Gruppo.

1D/2312/G
17 Feb 45.

HQ MMIA.

1. Ref 52 BLU letter AG/1/143 dated 14 Feb 45.

2. I write to support most strongly the application of the BLU to retain the following vehicles:-

(a) Bath lorry
(b) Cinema lorry and trailer
(c) Vehicles for Surgical unit
(d) Seven lorries for caravans
(e) Tractors - 4.

These I consider should definitely be allowed to them. The balance I do not consider essential, and in view of the general shortage of transport amongst Italian troops, I feel could be better employed.

3. I support this application for the following reasons:- 785

(a) The officers and men of this Gruppo have an enthusiasm and a soldierly bearing far above that of any other Italian troops that I have met. For that, I consider that they deserve additional facilities.
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(c) That they have themselves constructed the bath lorry and cinema vehicles, shown an interest in welfare that deserves every encouragement. I have no doubt that this interest is one of the main factors leading to the high morale of the Gruppo.
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4. As a result of my fairly considerable experience of Italian troops, I most strongly recommend that permission be granted for the Gruppo to retain the vehicles I mention. I am certain that the benefits to the Allies to be obtained from this course will far outweigh any that will be got from their distribution to L of C units.

Signed C.A.HEYDEMAN
Comd
No 1 Dist

Copy to 52 BLU

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52 British Liaison Unit.
Ref: E'E/2/8

Subject: R.E. [illegible] Weekly Sitrep.

To: D.D.M.E. 1 District.
D.A.D.M.E. 55 Area.
G 1, 52 B.L.U. ✓

Herewith Sitrep for week ending 2359 hrs 15 Feb 45.

17 Feb 45

T. F. Bateman
Capt. E.M.E.

G.1. Secn.
Pass to DAA&QMG.

All

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Gruppo di Combattimento Legnano. (22 B.L. .)

R.B.M.L. Weekly Sitrep as at 2359 hrs 15 Feb 45.

1. Equipment State. (Out of action)

(a) Vehicles off the road: 200. this figure includes approx. 50 vehicles under repair by 65 H.A.A. Workshop at Bracciano.

Approximately 75% of the V.O.R. require repairs which can be effected in 4 hours, e.g., fan belts, wheel bearings, brake rubbers, spring leaves, etc. It is estimated that the figure of 200 will be halved within the next 7 days.

(b) Artillery. 7 - 25 pdrs. Three of these under repair.

(c) Small Arms. 40 weapons of all types, plus 50 L.M.Gs. (Brens) received from Ordnance in an unserviceable state. These are being overhauled by a team of armourers under instruction of the Increment armourer.

(d) Wireless. 9 No.11 sets under repair.

2. M.T. Administration in the Gruppo.

All units have an M.T. officer. These officers are showing a keen interest in their work, and are gradually improving the standard of maintenance. Units are still too much inclined to regard maintenance and M.T. discipline as the sole concern of the M.T. officer. This view is being altered. It is noted that the General commanding the Gruppo is personally interesting himself in the disciplinary action taken for driving offences.

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There are still considerable deficiences of tool kits, spanners, etc. Oxy-acetylene welding plants have not yet been received, but as 5 Italian workshop lorries (one with each of 5 L.A.Ds.) have not yet been handed in, the Italian welding plants are being used. Permission to retain these lorries until the Workshops are fully equipped has been requested.

The following workshop vehicles are deficient:-

Machinery Lorry Type Z	1
Breakdown lorries	8
Trucks 3-ton G.S.	4
Cars	2
Motor Cycles	15

The following personnel are deficient:-

Electricians	8
Armourers	3
Radio Mechanics	5
Sheet Metal Wkrs.	2
Painters	1
Welders	2

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4. Locations of M.B. Units. (Sheet 13 Scale 1:200,000)

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Mechanical Engineers Workshop: Poggibonsi 469335
Mechanical Engineers Platoon: Radda 488337
2 L.A.Ds. att. Artillery: Tevernelle 472346
1 L.A.D. att Genio: Gaiole 492336
1 L.A.D. att 68 Inf.Regt. Castellina 481335
1 L.A.D. att Special Inf.Regt. Castelnuovo 496321
1 L.A.D. at Bracciano assisting 65 H.A.A. Workshop.
B.M.E. B.L.U. located at Mechanical Engineers Workshop.

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5. R.E.M.E. Training Increment.

The following are still deficient:

Armt. Art. Veh.	1
Vehicle Mechs.	2
Cpl. Storeman	1
Electrician	1
Cook	1

Vehicles deficient:

Truck 15-cwt	1
Motor Cycles	9

6. Ord. Spares Situation.

The Gruppo O.F.P. went to 1 Sub.Depot 557 B.O.D. on 22 Jan to receive sealing, and returned on 15 Feb. The Workshop stores lorries also returned on the same day with sealing and spares after an absence of only six days.

The spares situation has been difficult up to the present, but spares are now arriving in greater quantity. Also the O.F.P. will be in a position to issue on the 17 Feb. This will immediately improve the repair situation and enable many vehicles to be put on the road in a few days.

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It is understood that copies of the official instructions regarding the duties of the C.M.E. and workshop organisation have now been received at 1 District. As soon as copies are received here the position of the C.M.E. can be clarified. At present he is carrying out duties which it is considered are quite beyond his scope, but it has not been desired to lay down rules which might be altered by the official instructions, which have been awaited since the beginning of January.

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SUBJECT:- Breakdown lorries

British Liaison Unit
C.M.F.
18 Feb 45

To:- Capt Baumann
RMP

AG/1/157

Your BME/4/19 of 15 Feb.

The Legnano have given the following explanation why the two recovery lorries have been sent to CHIETI.

When CII was withdrawn from 8 Army and sent to PIEDIMONTE certain V.C.R. vehicles were left behind at MACERATA and CHIETI under the charge of a certain Col. RAMPA. A small detachment of personnel was also left. Col RAMPA was supposed to evacuate these vehicles to ROME but in fact has never done so.

The Legnano are anxious to get back the personnel as they are M.I. personnel but this cannot be done while they are doing guard duties on the V.C.R. vehicles. The breakdown lorries, therefore, are taking some of the CHIETI vehicles to ROME so as to release the Legnano personnel and are then returning here. The primary reason appears to be the release of the personnel and the return of the vehicles is of only secondary importance.

Major.
DAA&QMG.

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RWG/RN.

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SUBJECT:- Part I Orders

52 British Liaison Unit.
CMF.
17 Feb 45

AQ/1/156

To:- O.C.
41 Signal Park.

Ref your Part X Order No.4. dated 11 Feb 45.

It is noticed that you have shown the vehicle concerned as being transferred to 52 BLU.

As this vehicle is for the LEGNANO GRUPPO to make them up to W.E. will you please issue a new Part X Order showing the vehicle as passed to LEGNANO GRUPPO.

WN.

Major.
DAA&QMG.

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ARMY FORM C2136 (Small) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No.

Call	Srl. No.	Pri		Transmi	structions

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ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) — Originator: 52 BLV — Date-Time of Origin: 160900A — Office Date Stamp

For Action: MMIA

TO — (W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions — GR

3632/GHQ/P/44-

Originator's No.: AQM O Rutledge O

Your SS 598 and 620 O Dismissal ordered

LEONARD Branch

This Message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means {except wireless}	If liable to be intercepted or to fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent IN CIPHER	Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority	Time	System	Op.
Signed [signature] Major	Signed		THI or TOR		
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MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 78

(1) VVG V F-1R | (2) 801 | (3) QVRZ

(Time Action Initiated)

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(Date Date Stamp)

FROM (4) MMIA (Originator) | (5) Date-Time of Origin 151130A

(6) For Action: 50 BKU 52 BKU

TO (7) For Information (FYFO)

Q/1/21 [illegible]

(8) Precedence (9) SS620 ⊙ Confidential ⊙ Reference our SIGNAL SS598 dated 23 June 45 no reply yet received from you ⊙ Please expedite

(10) This Message May Be Sent AS WRITTEN / BY ANY MEANS { A CODE / A CIPHER } WHICH AIDS

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Signed

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ARMY FORM C2136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 73

Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
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FROM (A) Originator: MMIA

Date-Time of Origin: 141625A

Office Date Stamp

For Action

TO: 12 BLO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions: QQX

GR: 43

3633/GHQP/44

Originator's No. SS626

Restricted ⊙ Reference your FIQ/1/136 of 11 Feb ⊙ proposals for amendments to WEs should be made through your higher operational formation as Army brief increment AFHQ AQ091/112/119 gen 40 of 20 December forwarded to you under MMIA letter TS/G/129 of 23 dec 44 refers

AQ/185 refers

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SUBJECT:- W.E. Gruppo di Combattimento- Vehicles

52 British Liaison Unit.
C.M.F.
16 Feb 45

E/5A)
To:- HQ 5th Army
British Increment.

AQ/1/153

It is considered that an increase should be made in the vehicle establishment of the Medical branch of the Gruppo by the addition of two Water trucks.

The present medical establishment of Water trucks is two, both of which are allotted to the Sezione di Sanita - one to each section. These two trucks supply 14 Officers and 237 O.Rs in addition to patients. There are also two field hospitals in the Gruppo each with a staff of 6 Officers and 44 O.Rs assigned to deal with 50 patients each. No Water truck is on the establishment of these field hospitals.

It is obvious that the hospitals cannot function without adequate water. Equally the water trucks of the Sezione di Sanita are fully employed with their own unit which in action will be widely separated from the field hospitals. To meet the situation at present the Gruppo has withdrawn two Water trucks from other units, one for each hospital, but this can only be regarded as a temporary measure while the Gruppo is in a training area.

It is considered essential that the Vehicle establishment of each field hospital be increased by the addition of one 15 cwt 4x2 Water truck. May the necessary action please be taken for this to be done. It is considered that, if possible, the increase should be made before the Gruppo moves forward.

Major.
DAAAG.

RWJ/WN.

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Subject: Transport for Signal purposes.

52 British Liaison Unit
CMF.
17 Feb 45.

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G(SD) British Increment
HQ Fifth Army.

1. Special release is requested for the following vehicles to the [illegible] Gruppo di Combattimento for Signals purposes.

2. It should be noted that in two cases such release had already been agreed to by Eighth Army, when we were under command, as being essential for operational purposes in the light of experience gained by the two Gruppi which have already been in the line. In the third case, that of the Gruppo cond's recce, Eighth Army were still considering the proposition.

Type.	Quantity.	Purpose.	Whether against WE.	Remarks.
Jeeps	5	1-Sigs Coy Cond 4-Each Sigs Pl Cond	No	Agreed by 8 Army as being essential for recce and if necessary line laying where bigger vehs cannot go. There are no jeeps at all in Sigs Coy. We would be prepared to surrender 8 M/cs if jeeps are issued.
White or Dingo	1	Arty Regt Cond Recce (to mount 2 19 sets on WE)	Yes (White Scout car)	Agreed by 8 Army. If and recce vehs were not in such short supply this request would not have to be made in this instance.
Jeeps	2	Each Inf Regt Conds recce (equiv to Bde str). To mount one 22 set each.	No	On original WE there were 2 Whites here. This has been cancelled, but no alternative vehs allotted. It is felt essential that Bde Conds should have some veh to carry a WT set on recce.
Jeep	1	Div Cond (to mount 1 - 19 set)	There is a 15 cwt FFW on WE.	Div Conds recce with WT set is at present a 15 cwt. It is felt that a jeep would be essential in mountainous country. This veh could be either in addn or in lieu, much preferably in addn. 8 Army were considering this.

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Eighth Army were still considering the proposition.

Type.	Quantity.	Purpose.	Whether against WE.	Remarks.
Jeeps	5	1-Sigs Coy Comd 4-Each Sigs Pl Comd	No	Agreed by 8 Army as being essential for recce and if necessary line laying where bigger vehs cannot go. There are no jeeps at all in Sigs Coy. We would be prepared to surrender 8 M/cs if jeeps are issued.
White or Dingo	1	Arty Regt Comd Recce (to mount 2 19 sets on WE)	Yes (White Scout car)	Agreed by 8 Army. If and recce vehs were not in such short supply this request would not have to be made in this instance.
Jeeps	2	Each Inf Regt Comds recce (equiv to Bde str). To mount one 22 set each.	No	On original WE there were 2 Whites here. This has been cancelled, but no alternative vehs allotted. It is felt essential that Bde Comds should have some veh to carry a WT set on recce.
Jeep	1	Div Comd (to mount 1 - 19 set)	There is a 15 cwt WT on WE.	Div Comds recce with WT set is at present a 15 cwt. It is felt that a jeep would be essential in mountainous country. This veh could be either in addn or in lieu, much preferably in addn. 8 Army were considering this.

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Lieut-Col.
GS.

WGA/WS

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PART X ORDERS No R/3-IT

DATE:- 1. Feb. 45.

LAST PART X ORDERS No R/ 2-IT.

DATE:- 1. Feb. 45.

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UNIT:- 1ST BN THE GREEN HOWARDS.

FORMATION:- 5 DIVISION.

Reporting all movements and commitments of "A" & "B" Vehicles.

T.D. No.	Type	Make	Given	To	Authority
56529 69 56554 51	3 Ton GS. 4x2. " " "	Dodge "	30 Cwt, BARC (5 Div) 1st Bn The Green Howards.	"A" 5 Div " "	
4921424 4921538	3 Ton 4x4 Refer Tractor. " " " "	Bedford. "	1st Bn The Green Howards.	5R A/Tk Regt, (5 Div.) " " "	"A" 5 Div.
4986509 5308514 5308823	5 Cwt 4 x4 (Jeep) " " " " " "	Willy's "	1st Bn The Green Howards.	"H" 15 Inf Bde. " " " "	"A" 5 Div.
56159 56541 56404 56557 57109 171529 171559 171560 174811 179066 179080 177880 113279 114359 200198 200429 175041 56420 142422	Carrier Universal. " Carrier 3" Mortar.	Ford. "	1st Bn The Green Howards. " " "	42 B.I.U. " "	"A" 5 Div.

A.O. Blakely, Major.
1st Bn The Green Howards.
(Advance Party)

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4921428	3 Ton 4x4 Refor Refiore. Tractor.		1st Bn The Green Howards.	92 A/Tk Regt, R.A. (5 Div.)	"A" 5 Div.
4921578	" " " " "		" " " "	" " "	" "
4986509	5 Cwt 4 x4 (Jeep) Willy's		1st Bn The Green Howards.	"H" 15 Inf, Bde.	"A" 5 Div.
5108014	" " " "		" "	" "	" "
5108423	" " " "		" "	" "	" "
56159	Carrier Universal.	Ford.	1st Bn The Green Howards.	42 S.L.A.	"A" 5 Div.
56341	" "	"	" "	" "	" "
56404	" "	"	" "	" "	" "
56557	" "	"	" "	" "	" "
57109	" "	"	" "	" "	" "
I71529	" "	"	" "	" "	" "
I71550	" "	"	" "	" "	" "
I71560	" "	* "	" "	" "	" "
I74611	" "	"	" "	" "	" "
I75066	" "	"	" "	" "	" "
I75080	" "	"	" "	" "	" "
I77480	" "	"	" "	" "	" "
II2270	" "	"	" "	" "	" "
II4255	" "	"	" "	" "	" "
200198	" "	"	" "	" "	" "
200429	" "	"	" "	" "	" "
I73041	" "	"	" "	" "	" "
56420	" "	"	" "	" "	" "
I42427	Carrier 3" Mortar.	Ford.	" "	" "	" "

A.D. Blakely. Major.
1st Bn The Green Howards.
(Advance Party)

* copy to 52. A.L.A.

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Subject :- Vehicles

52 British Liaison Unit
C.M.F.
14 Feb 45
Q/1

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O.C. 557 Bde

The attached report from Commando Gruppo Combattimento "LEGNANO" is self explanatory. The high percentage of vehicles at present V.O.R. is proving a definite detriment to training.

I do not consider that the Gruppo can be blamed for this state of affairs, and any action that can be taken to expedite delivery of the essential equipment referred to will be much appreciated.

J SHD/aa

LT COL
GS

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Copy to :- HQ 1 District

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COMANDO GRUPPO COMBATTIME "LEGNANO"
- Sezione Servizi -
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Nº 03/410 di prot. P.M. 155, lì 14 febbraio 1945

Subject: V.O.R.s and spare parts.

To 52 B.L.U.

At the time of the transfer from the Bracciano area, the percentage of V.O.R.s was only of 6%. Now it amounts to 20%.

The reasons are the following:

- The normal breakdowns during the movement and the long distances that the vehicles ~~that the vehicles~~ have to run, owing to the present locations of the Units.

- The complete lack of spare parts. The L.A.D.s, the Mech Eng Platoon and the Mech Eng W/S cannot work for lack of spares.

This H.Q. has sent to Pontecagnano, on the 22nd Jan 45, the binned lorries of the O.F.P., which should have loaded the so much required spares.

The lorries have not yet returned; apparently other Units have had priority on the Legnano.

Tomorrow the O.C. of the O.F.P. will leave for Pontecagnano to try and speed up the collection of spares. It would be advisable that this officer should go to Pontecagnano with a letter from 52 B.L.U.

- deficient vehicle outfits. Such deficiency is so high, (approx 80%) that it makes it difficult to carry out the maintenance of the vehs with the system of the tasks.

The present situation can be easily overcome with the arrival of the speres, but if these should not arrive soon, the percentage of V.O.R.s would rise tremendously and, consequently the Combat Group would find itself in the greatest difficulties, particularly at the moment of going into the line.

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI STATO DI MAGGIORE
(Col. F. Garofoli)

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COMANDO GRUPPO COMBATTIMENTO "CREMONA"
- Sezione Servizi -
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Nº 03/410 di prot. P.M. 155, lì 14 febbraio 1945

TRADUZIONE

Oggetto: Autoguasti e parti di ricambio.-

AL COMANDO 52 B.L.U.

All'atto della partenza dalla zona di Bracciano, la percentuale autoguasti era appena del 6%. Oggi tale percentuale è aumentata a 20.

Ciò per i seguenti motivi:

- normali guasti conseguenti alla marcia di trasferimento ed a lunghi percorsi che le unità debbono far compiere ai propri mezzi in conseguenza della attuale dislocazione
- assoluta mancanza del servizio riparazioni. LAD, plotone off., officina mobile non possono lavorare per mancanza di parti di ricambio.

Questo comando, il 22 dello s.m. inviava a Pontecagnano i binned dell'O.F.P. che avrebbero dovuto caricare le tanto attese parti di ricambio.

Partirà domani per Pontecagnano il comandante dell'O.F.P. con il compito di tentare di accelerare i tempi. Sarebbe certamente consigliabile che l'ufficiale si presentasse a Pontecagnano con una lettera di cotesto B.L.U.

- insufficienza di dotazione di macchina. La deficienza è così elevata (80%) che compromette seriamente la possibilità di effettuare per bene il maintenance degli automezzi col sitema del compito.

La crisi oggi è tale che può essere facilmente superata con l'arrivo delle parti di ricambio. Qualora queste dovessero tardare, la percentuale autoguasti salirebbe vertiginosamente con conseguente grandi difficoltà future per il gruppo di combattimento specie nel momento in cui dovrà muovere per raggiungere il fronte.

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
- Col. F. Garofoli -

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Italian vehicles held:

M/c with sidecar	1
M/c solo	11
Lorries	34
Cars	15
Tractors	7
Trailers	1
Bath lorry	1
Breakdown	3
Lorry Cinema	I
Trailer Cinema	1
Lorries Machy and Stores for L.A.D.s and W/S	16
Trailers for W/s	4
Vehicles of 34 Surgical Unit	2

Italian Vehicles which are being handed back on the 10 Feb 45:

Cars	7
M/c with sidecar	1
M/c solo	11
Lorries	12
Tractors	3
Trailer	1

Italian vehicles which will be handed back as soon as possible:

Cars	8
Lorries stores for L.A.D.s	6
Lorries W/s	4
Trailers W/s	3
Lorries Breakdown	3

Italian vehicles that should remain to the Gruppo and for which authority should be obtained:

(a) Lorries	22	(7 to be converted in caravan (15 for Arty Regt)
(b) Tractors	4	
(a) Bath Lorry	1	
(b) Lorries Machy for L.A.Ds	6	
(c) Lorry Cinema	1	
(c) Trailer Cinema	1	
(f) Vehicles of 34 Surgical Unit	2	
(c) 4 Technical trailers for workshops	3.	

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SUBJECT:- Carriers

To:- HQ Legnano
Gruppo di Combattimento

2 British Liaison Unit.
C.M.F.
14 Feb 45

AQ/I/141

Herewith copy of 1 District signal ref the 10 carriers drawn today. We will keep in touch with 1 District on the question of replacing these before the Gruppo moves.

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Major.
DAA&QMG.

RM./VN.

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SUBJECT:- Transport

52 British Liaison Unit.
CMF.
14 Feb 42

To:- HQ
55 Area

A3/1/142

Reference your 554/15/Q of 30 Jan 42.

The officer in question has been traced and we enclose a copy of the statement obtained from the Legnano Group.

The load arranged was duly collected and delivered to FOLIGNO, and the Group is at a loss to understand the report you received.

It would appear there has been some misunderstanding somewhere and the Group wishes us to state that if any inconvenience was caused by them they deeply regret it. They did, however, carry out the arrangements as they understood them and they think there must be an error in the report made to you.

Major.
DAA&QMG.

RMG/NN.

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SUBJECT:- Italian Vehicles

82 British Liaison Unit.
C.M.F.
14 Feb 45

To:- Land Forces Sub Comm AC
(MMIA)

AG/1/143

Copy to:- 1 District
(Lt Col. Gould.)

1. The Legnano Group reports that the following Italian vehicles are held by them at present, or are in process of return to ROME:-

Motor cycle with sidecar	1
Motor cycle solo	11
Lorries	36
Cars	15
Tractors	7
Trailers	1
Bath Lorry	1
Breakdown	3
Lorry Cinema	1
Trailer Cinema	1
Lorries Machy and Stores for IADs and W/S.	16
Trailers for W/S	4
Vehicles of 34 Surgical Unit	2

2. The following were despatched to ROME on 10.2.45:-

Cars	7
Motor cycles with sidecar	1
Motor cycles solo	11
Lorries	12
Tractors	3
Trailer	1

3. The following will be despatched to ROME in the near future:-

Cars	8
Lorries stores for IADs	5
Lorries W/S	4
Trailers W/S	3
Lorries Breakdown	3

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Motor cycle with sidecar	1
Motor cycle solo	11
Lorries	34
Cars	15
Tractors	7
Trailers	1
Bath Lorry	1
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Lorries stores for LADs	6
Lorries W/S	4
Trailers W/S	3
Lorries Breakdown	3

4. The Group wish to retain the following Italian vehicles:-

(a)	Bath Lorry	1
(b)	Lorries Machy for LADs	6
(c)	Technical trailers for workshops	3
(d)	Lorry Cinema	1
(e)	Trailer Cinema	1
(f)	Vehicles of 34 Surgical Unit	2
(g)	Tractors	4
(h)	Lorries	22

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5. The reasons for retaining these vehicles are as follows:-

(a) The bath lorry is the only bath unit available for the whole division and it is obviously essential.
(b) One machine lorry is required for each of the LADs.
(&)The three trailers are required for use by the heavy
(c)workshops. These lorries and trailers contain machinery and tools of the greatest value to the Division and the R.E.M.E. officer with the BLU considers their retention would greatly increase the efficiency of the Gruppo repair services.
(d) The cinema unit was fitted out by the Gruppo and they
(&) naturally wish to keep it. Welfare amenities are very
(e) scarce in the Group and the request is considered a very reasonable one.
(f) The surgical vehicles contain technical fittings essential for the proper functioning of 34 Surgical Unit. These vehicles are not really part of the Group transport but belong to the Surgical Unit.
(g) The four tractors are of a more powerful type than those issued under W.E. They have already proved invaluable to the Artillery Regt and in the adverse conditions certain to be encountered when the Group moves forward their worth will be even greater.
(h) The 22 lorries can be divided into two component parts. Seven are required for office caravans. This is clearly essential and no other transport from the W.E. can be made available for this purpose. The remaining fifteen are wanted to reinforce the transport of the Arty Regt, whose W.E. is considered meagre by the Gruppo and the S.C.R.A. of the BLU. The Arty Regt cannot at present move itself, its guns, stores and ammunition, but could do so with the additional transport.

For the reasons stated above it is recommended that permission be given the Group to retain all vehicles specified in para 4 above. The matters have been discussed between the Group, G3OI of the BLU and GOC 1 District who considers the requests reasonable and is prepared to sanction the holdings surplus to W.E.

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DAA&QMG.

RWG/WE.

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Comando 68 Reggimento Fant. Speciale

Subject. Transport of Dero from Castelnuovo

No 303/Sero di prot. PM 155, 6 Feb. 45

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To Comando Gruppo Cagnano

(Rif. n 03/167 dated 2 Feb.)

See 124 reply

Capt. Natalini was in charge of the convoy which was supplied with petrol at 127 P.P. on the 27th January.

As arranged on the previous evening between Major Rinaldi and HQ 55 Area, the a.m. convoy reported at ~~127 Petrol Depot~~ hrs at 0830 of 27 Jan. at 127 Petrol Depot, where it remained up to 1330 hrs of the same day to load 10.000 galls of Dero. Same were regularly delivered to addressee at Foligno.

The labour of the Petrol Depot did not loose any time, because the ~~loading~~ of vehicles were loaded in the minimum ~~possible~~ possible Time allowed by the viability of the depot. Losses regard to the lay out of the depot.

The above facts were ascertained by Major Rinaldi who went on the following morning to Trasmetto to control the start of the convoys.

(Sgd) Colonnello
Comandante del Reggimento
Col De Renzi

Comando Gruppo Cagnano
Sezione Servizi

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No 03/396 di prot PM 13 Feb 45

to 52 BLU

. . . . for your information, reference 55/M/15/R dated 30/1/1945.

From the reply of the 68th Infantry Regiment, it is thought that there must a misunderstanding on the date and time of collection of load

(Sgd) Il Capo di Stato Maggiore
Col F. Garofoli

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V/pm.

COMANDO 68° REGGIMENTO FANTERIA "LEGNANO"

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N° 308/Serv. di prot. P.M. 155a lì 6 febbraio 1945

Oggetto: Autotrasporto carburanti da Castelhuovo Berardenga a Bracciano.-

AL COMANDO GRUPPO COMBATTIMENTO "LEGNANO"
(rif.f.n.03/167 del 2 corrente)

L'autocolonna rifornita in data 27/1 c.a. presso Petrol Point 127 era comandata dal Capitano automobilista NATALINI Giorgio.

In conformità agli accordi presi la sera innanzi, fra il Maggiore RINALDI ed il comando 55^ Area, detta colonna si presentò al suddetto Petrol Point alle ore 8,30 del27/1. Ivi rimase fino alle ore 13,30 dello stesso giorno per essere caricata di diecimila galloni di nafta. Il carico venne regolamente recapitato all'ente destinatario di Foligno.

La manovalanza del Petrol Point non dovette perdere alcuna ora, poichè il carico venne regolarmente effettuato, nei limiti di tempo consentiti dallo stato di viabilità del deposito.

Le circostanze riferite furono accertate dal Maggiore RINALDI, recatosi nella mattinata del 27/1 a Frassineto, a controllare le operazioni di partenza dell'autocolonna.-

Il Colonnello
Comandante del Reggimento
F.to Edmondo De Renzi

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52, BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

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EME/11/15

Subject: MT Road Discipline.

To HQ „Legnano" Div.
and for information to:
G.S.O.I. 52.B.L.U.

(1) Compliance with regulations on Road-discipline and Performance of Transport details in the Div. leave much to be desired. Improvements in this matter are of paramount necessity.

(2) the most evident irregularities are:

a) excessive speed, on straight runs and in lower gears.

b) Vehicles are not parked on the extreme right of the road, as they ought to be, in order to allow the maximum space for passing traffic.

c) 3 and even 4 persons are travelling in the Driver's cab. (The number of passengers allowed for W.D. vehicles is 2; including the driver, as I have already informed your HQ in my letter EME/4/11, dated 9th of Jan.)

d) Carrying unauthorized passengers.

e) Lack of caution and excessive speed whilst Towing other vehicles, which habit easily causes damage to the towed vehicle. (The speed-limit for towing vehicles is 15 m.p.h.)

f) To start a vehicle, it is often pushed from behind by another one. Thus damage is caused to the tail-board of the first and to the buffer and Radiator of the latter. (This is an obvious example of carelessness.)

(3) The surest way to enforce a Transport discipline and to reduce the number of accidents and damage to vehicles to a minimum, is for the officers of the Div. to give examples in the Observation of Traffic rules and Regulations dealing with the Driving of vehicles. It is that every officer shows the necessary initiative in correcting errors and punishing offences committed in his

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(4) A final measure may yet be taken into consideration: The formation of mobile Road-control patrols. Such patrols could be organised by a special Road-police section.

6th of Feb. 45.

BAUMANN
Capt. E.M.E.

Transl. Spitzer Cpl.

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ARMY FORM C1136 (Small) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No.

Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions

137 OFFICE DATE STAMP

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) Originator: 52 BLU

Date-Time of Origin: 111705A

For Action

TO: DISTHREE

(W) For Information (INFO)

Q(AE) AFHQ

Message Instructions — GR

1632/GHQP/44

Originator's No.

KA/50 Restricted ⊙

Request consultation Pahang 150 M/C solo under VR/1029 ⊙ Covering distances Europe in exploring theatre for third in new area ⊙ Unable collect engine data Kuala

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS {EXCEPT WIRELESS}	IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER	ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY
SIGNED [illegible]	SIGNED	

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Requested Connaught Water

No. A - 2453

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RELEASE NOTE

22 Jan 1945

52 DLI for No. 3 Italian Combat Group.

RELEASE IS AUTHORIZED TO YOU OF

		AGAINST SERIAL
M/C Solo 350cc	CLI - 70 (SEVENTY)	VR/1089
M/C Solo 500cc	CLI - 80 (EIGHTY)	— - 1

TO BE DRAWN FROM 9 Vel Pk Capua.

(a) This note is to be produced by unit when collecting.
(b) This authority will lapse if not presented within 14 days.

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Col.,
D.A.A.G.

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ARMY FORM C2136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Call	Srl. No.	Prior	Transmissi... ...structions
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ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) Originator: 52 Bde D

Date - Time of Origin: 110945A

Office Date Stamp

For Action

9 Vek PK Capua

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

DISTRIBUTE

Message Instructions — GR

3633/GHQP/44

Originator's No.

HQ/20 Electricals

Ref AFHR signal FX22489 of 10 toward for Vehicles on Release VR/913 and VR/1217 Leaving 12 Feb 0 ETA CAPUA evening 13 Feb 0 Disposing of vehicles Can Commence 14 Feb

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS { EXCEPT / WIRELESS	IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER	ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY
SIGNED R.W. GWYTHER Major	SIGNED	

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F/pm.

COMANDO GRUPPO COMBATTIMENTO "LEGNANO"
- Sezione Servizi -
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N° 03/266 di prot. P.M. 155, lì 7/2/1945

Oggetto: Numero di targa automezzi.-

AL 52 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

Riferimento foglio Q/1/116 del 24/1/45.

Comunicasi che nessuna autovettura Utility Austin è stata prelevata fino ad oggi.

Sono state prelevate soltanto n. 6 Utility Morris, sulle quali non è segnato il N° di targa 4674039.

Si terrà conto di quanto comunicato nei prossimi prelevamenti.-

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
- Col. F. Garofoli -

Translator
Capt. Stevens

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MESSAGE FORM

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FROM (A) Originator: 52 Bty

Date-Time of Origin: 110124Z 42

Office Date Stamp: 134

For Action

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TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Q(02) REIN 4 Rd Cr

Message Instructions — GR —

Originator's No.

GOC to Instl D

Yr SG 2427 of 100 Hrs from 2 Cdo Bde is quoted for info of Unit part present during Royal Tour

Release refused by Mil Sec 10 Downing St

Advise course to be taken by 2 Cdo Bde

3631/GHQP/44.

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Signed R W Cox Major	Signed		THI or TOR		
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ARMY FORM G2936 (Sec. II) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No. 18

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52 BLU 1 MAR2		P	QVR1	

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FROM (A) Originator: DISTHREE — Date-Time of Origin: 101250 A

For Action:

TO 52 B L U

(AC) For Information (INFO)

Q/J/45 refers

Message Instructions: QQX — CH: -

Q(AE) AFHQ 4 VEH CP MMIA LO ORD

Originator's No.

QG2926 Restricted 4 Yes gp report following still uncollected despite instructions given in this HQ signals QG2801 of 11 Jan and QG 2018 of 22 Jan Carriers tracked to mvng qty 20 carriers unaccptd qty 35 Request immediate collation of consigning instructions Report if not now required AFHQ release A/VR/8225 refers

Office Date Stamp: 133

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ARMY FORM C2146 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 13

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52SIG.U ✓ MAA2	682	O	QVR2 A

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FROM (A) Originator: ~~MED~~ DISTHREE

Date-Time of Origin: 071530A

Office Date Stamp: 52 SIG. U SIGNALS

For Action: 9 VEH PK

TO

(W) For Information (INFO): 52 BL.U 4 VEH GP

Message Instructions: GR NGC

Originator's No.: Q02917 O restricted O ref AFHQ signal FX22489 of 7 O request your notify this HQ when rels. on VR/9113 and VR/12171 collected by 52 Gld

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			Time cleared	158	

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SUBJECT:- WT Numbers

5 British Liaison Unit
CMF
9 Feb 45

To:- 9 Veh Park
38 Vehicle Coy;
R.A.O.C., CMF

AQ/1/131

Reference your 9VP/12/86 of 17 Jan 45.

Legnano Gruppo have informed us that up-to-date they have not drawn any Austin Utility vehs from you.

The 6 Utilities that they have drawn are of Morris manufacture and none of them bear a WD Number 4674039.

Your letter states that the vehicle in question was issued for No.1. Italian Combat Group, in which case 50 BIU may have knowledge of the vehicle.

WE.

Major.
DAA&QMG.

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ARMY FORM C2130 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

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Precedence: (13)

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FROM (A) Originator: KAEE. 071844A

TO (B) For Action: DISTHREE.

(C) For Information (INFO): 52 B.L.U. O.C. Q. VEHICLE PARK.

Message Instructions: GR 46.

Originator's No.

Restricted O FX 22489 ref 52 B.L.U. AQ 1 of 6 Feb O find SACMED CITE FHQAE O VR 822 cancelled and VR 1217 substituted O in order to allow 52 B.L.U take collection those vehicles arrange VR 913 and 1217 not cancelled without orders this H.Q.

Office Memorandum — B— 7.11.45 LU — SIGNALS

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HQ LEGIANO DIV
Servizi

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Ref No 03/266

APO 155
7/2/45

Subject :- WD Number
To :- 52 BLU

Reference your letter G/1/115 dated 27 Jan 45.

We render information that no Utility Austin has been collected until today.

Only 6 Utility Morris have been collected, on none of which there is a WD number 4674039.

Account will be rendered after the next collections.

By Order
Chief of staff
Col F Garofoli.

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SUBJECT Release VR/1217

52 British Liaison Unit
CMF.
8 Feb 45

AQ/1/128

To:- O.C. 9 Veh Pk. (s)
and
O.C. 6 Veh Gp.

The AFHQ release in respect of the above release has not yet been received by this unit and only the enclosed 3 District release is held.

Owing to the distance involved in collection (some 1000 miles round trip) and the time factor it is not considered practicable to await the AFHQ release any longer. Will you please, therefore, issue the vehicle(s) concerned against the 3 District release only.

Major.
DAAG/MG.

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RWG/WR.

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FROM (A)	Originator	Date-Time of Origin	Office Date Stamp
	52 BLD	061130 A	

For Action

TO Q(AE) AFHQ

(W) For Information (INFO)

3 DISTRICT
O.C. 9 Vehicle PK. CAPUA

Message Instructions.	GB

Originater's No

AQ/1 O CONFIDENTIAL O

LEGHAND George unable collect vehicles under Releases VR/913 and VR/822 owing move O All releases from CAPUA O Vehicles from BIURI under VR/913 have been collected O Releases now expired O Request immediate renewal of exiting releases or new releases for collection soonest O Vehicles under VR/913 as follows O M/c solo 500cc Class I eighty O Ambulances 4 stretcher 4x2 heavy Class I six O Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 GS Class ID Twenty O Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 W/T Class I six O Vehicles under VR/822 as follows O M/c solo 500cc Class ID one O Lorry 3 ton 4x2 GS Class I one O Lorry 6 ton 4x2 GS Class I One

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3 DISTRICT
O.C. 9 Vehicle PK. CAPUA

Originator's No.

AR/1 ⊙ CONFIDENTIAL ⊙

LEGIANS Group unable collect vehicles under Releases VR/913 and VR/822 owing move ⊙ All releases from CAPUA ⊙ Vehicles from BARI under VR/913 have been collected ⊙ Releases now expired ⊙ Request immediate renewal of existing released or new releases for collection soonest ⊙ Vehicles under VR/913 as follows ⊙ M/c solo 500 cc Class I eight ⊙ Ambulances 4 stretcher 4x2 Lorry Class I six ⊙ Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 GS Class ID twenty ⊙ Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 W/T Class I six ⊙ Vehicles under VR/822 as follows ⊙ M/c solo 500 cc Class ID one ⊙ Lorry 3 ton 4x2 GS Class I one ⊙ Lorry 6 ton 4x2 GS Class I One

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This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means except WIRELESS BY RWCAWTHER Signed Major

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Originator's Instructions. Degree of Priority.

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SUBJECT:- Transport.

HQ 55 Area
55A/15/Q
24 Jan 45

52 DLU

On the afternoon of 26 Jan a visit was received from an Italian Offr i/c of the first convoy of vehs returning to BRACCIANO.

He wished to ~~arrange to~~ refill his vehs with pet, and arrangements were made for him to do this at 127 Pet Depot. A load of 40 tons of Derv was also arranged for him to convey to FOLIGNO in vehs which would otherwise be travelling empty.

Labour and Depot Staff waited until 1900 hrs but no vehs arrived, and labour was therefore dismissed.

Would you please ascertain what happened to these vehs ?

You will appreciate that much unnecessary work was caused and much time and effort wasted.

Lt Col,
AA & QMG.

JDS/EG

Copy to: ST

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SUBJECT: Issue of Class II Vehs to [illegible] and [illegible] Units / 23

52 Hvd
53 Hvd

Hvd 45.

Mech & Motor Svcs

1. Wheeled vehicles, released by [illegible] through [illegible] to [illegible] and [illegible] Units in the area during December and January, have included a number of Class II vehicles.

2. These Class II vehicles were issued to complete the 1/3rd scale of these Units Gps but cannot be considered as fit for operations - the number issued is about 1/3 of the total holding of vehicles and the types concerned are mostly 3 ton 4x4 15 cwt Bedford Lorries and 8 cwts.

3. The 3 ton lorries are mostly without tools, mud chains, tilts and lights, and the 15 cwt trucks are in the same state but in addition are completely stripped of windscreens, cushions, horns, locks and hoods.

4. The reason given for the issue of these vehicles is that other vehicles are not available.

Lt Col, GSO 1 52 Hvd
Lt Col, GSO 1 53 Hvd

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COMANDO DI GRUPPO AUTOMOBILISTICO "LEGNANO"
Ufficio Automobilistico

Nº 07/ 672 di prot. F.M.155 - 24 gennaio 1945.=

- AL 52 T.L.T.

F.M.155

^^^^^^/

A conferma varianti notificate a ½ telefono si trasmette lo specchio contenente i dati anche sulla 11ª rgt.artiglieria.-

Questo documento sostituisce il precedente trasmesso con f.nº07/656 del 23 gennaio 1945.=

d'ordine
CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
- Col.F.Garofoli -

Confirmation of phone message to Cpl Spitzer

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GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "LEGNANO"
Ufficio Automobilistico

(allegato al f.n° 07/___ del 21/1/945)

STRUTTO DIMOSTRATIVO DEGLI AUTOVEICOLI SPROVVISTI DI CONGEGNI DI ADERENZA, DISTINTI PER TIPI E SEZIONE DI GOMMATURA:

T I P O	QUANTITA' PER SEZIONE GOMMATURA						
	6.00x16	9.00x16	10.50x16	10.50x18	10.50x20	15.50x20	14.00x20
JEEP 4 x 4	21						
15 C.T 4 x 2.....		139					
3 Ton 4 x 2.....			137				
3 Ton 4 x 4.....				5			
3 Ton 4 x 4.....					71		
3 Ton 4 x 4.....						30	
SCAMELL							
	21	139	137	5	71	30	

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JEEP 4 x 4	21						
15 C.T 4 x 2.....		139					
3 Ton 4 x 2.....			137				
3 Ton 4 x 4.....				5			
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MESSAGE FORM.

FROM : MMIA

DATE - TIME

23 1604 A

TO (FOR ACTION) : 50 BLU
51 BLU
52 BLU
53 BLU
56 BLU

TO (FOR INFO) : AFHQ.
15 ARMY GROUP

SS 598

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION SECRET

REFERENCE AFHQ MED/76 OF 22 OCT (.) SMRE GIVE FOLLOWING AS DIVISIONAL COLOURS FOR BACKGROUND OF UNIT NUMBERS FOR MARKING OF VEHICLES (.) FRIULI BLUE WITH BLACK LONGITUDINAL STRIPE (.) CREMONA GREEN WITH TWO RED LONGITUDINAL STRIPES (.) LEGNANO BLACK WITH THREE BLUE STRIPES (.) FOLGORE BLUE NUMBER IN WHITE (.) MANTOVA RECTANGLE YELLOW AND GREEN DIVIDED HORIZONTALLY (.) BLUE PLEASE CONFIRM IF ABOVE IS CORRECT AND STANDARDIZED

Legnano confirm OK.
Rob.

PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

AUTHENTICATING OFFICER

231643A

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SUBJECT:- Vehicle Losses

British Liaison Unit
CMF
22 Jan 45

To:- HQ Legnano
Groups II Combattimento

9/1/130

Ref vehicles collected by you on 12 Jan against release DOL/973.

1. Please sign and return 3rd copy of Issue vouchers to this HQ.

2. Please confirm W.D. No of Lorry 3-ton 4x2 GS collected by you. 9 Veh Pack records show Lorry 3-ton 4x2 GS Dodge No. 1.960536 as issued in this consignment, but it is believed that a wrong W.D. No. has been quoted in error and request it may be confirmed.

Major. 747
for [illegible]

[illegible]

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SUBJECT:- Deficiencies of Anti-skid Chains

52 British Liaison Unit
CMF
24 Jan 45

To:- DADOs
52 BLU

Q/1/112

Herewith a list showing the requirements of Anti-skid chains required by Legnano in order to complete the equipment of vehicles taken on W.E. up-to-date;

These skid-chains are urgently required by Legnano and it is essential they are indented for immediately.

Type of Vehicle	Number of Vehs deficient of Chains					
	6.00x16	9.00x16	10.50x16	10.50 x20	15.50 x20	14.00 x20
Cars 3 cwt 4x4	21	-	-	-	-	-
Trucks 15 cwt	-	139	-	-	-	-
Lorries 3 ton 4x2	-	-	137	-	-	-
Lorries 3 ton 4x4	-	-	5	71	30	-
Scammell	-	-	-	-	-	1
TOTAL	21	139	142	71	30	1

WM.

for Lt. Col.
G.S.O.I.

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"Legnano" Div.
Transport office.

Ref Nr 07/656

23rd of Jan. 45.

Subject: Requirements of Anti-Skid chains.

To 52. B.L.V.

Attached find a list showing the requirements of Anti-Skid chains needed in order to complete the Equipment of all vehicles taken unto Establishment till to-day, as requested by letter Ref Nr Q/1/112 of the 18/1/1945

~~Pertenance from 11th Arty Rgt will be sent in due course~~ rendered.

By order of
Chief of Staff.
Col. Carofoli.

Trans.
Lt. Le

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- Ufficio Automobilistico -

F.M. 155,11, 23 gennaio 1945

n. 07/656 di prot.
OGGETTO: Fabbisogno congegni di aderenza.=

F.M. 155

Al 52° R.L.U.

In allegato, si trasmette lo specchio indicante il fabbisogno dei congegni di aderenza, per completare tutti gli automezzi, in più ricevuti in cento organico, richiesto con foglio n. 4/1/1.2 del 10/1/1945.

Ricorda di inviare dati relativi all'Art.Artiglieria.=

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
- Col. F. Carofoli -

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List of vehicles fitting Anti-Skid chains, showing types and (& Pictures) Tyre gage.

GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "LEGNANO"
Ufficio Automobilistico

"Legnano" Div. Transport Office.

SPECCHIO DIMOSTRATIVO DEGLI AUTOVEICOLI SERVVISTI DI CONGLANTE DI ADERENZA, DISTINTI PER TIPI E SEZIONE DI GOMMATURA:

TIPO	QUANTITA' PER SEZIONE GOMMATURA (Number of vehicles. Quantity per vehicle.)						
	6.00x16	9.00x16	10.50x16	10.50x16	10.50x20	13.50x20	14.00x20
JEEP 4 x 4	21 9	–	–	–	–	–	–
15 CWT 4 x 2	–	118 137	–	–	–	–	–
3 TON 4 x 2	–	–	103 137	–	–	–	–
3 TON 4 x 4	–	–	–	5	– 71	–	–
3 TON 4 x 4	–	–	–	–	18	–	–
3 TON 4 x 4	–	–	–	–	–	30	–
SCAMMELL.....	–	–	–	–	–	–	1
TOTALE.....	9	118	103	5	18	30	1

24 January

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JEEP	4 x 4	9	–	–	–	–	–
15 CWT	4 x 2	–	118	–	–	–	–
3 TON	4 x 2	–	–	103	–	–	–
3 TON	4 x 4	–	–	–	5	–	–
3 TON	4 x 4	–	–	–	–	18	–
3 TON	4 x 4	–	–	–	–	–	30
SCAMMELL.....		–	–	–	–	–	–
TOTALE.....		9	118	103	5	18	30

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Very urgent

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HQ. „Legnano" Div.
Ops. Intelligence Dept.

Ref № 01/190

24th of January 1945

To 52. B.L.U.

According to a report received from an officer of the Arty. who arrived from Radda Area, the Route laid down for Convoys of this Div. is impassable in the Area of Somma pass (Route 3) and the Area of Lake Trasimeno (Route 75) due to recent snowstorms and subsequent formation of ice.

It appears that only 4wheel driven vehicles equipped with Anti-Skid chains can pass with difficulty.

Since, to-morrow morning, the 25th, according to plan a Convoy consisting of 250 vehicles should leave, we submit this report, in order to receive either acknowledgements from Movements or a revision of Convoy Schedule.

It is added, that the officer, whose report we quoted

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To 52. B.L.U.

According to a report received from an officer of the Arty. who arrived from Radda Area, the Route laid down for Convoys of Kes Div. is impassable in the Area of Somma pass (Route 3) and the Area of Lake Trasimeno (Route 75) due to recent snowstorms and subsequent formation of ice.

It appears that only 4 wheel driven vehicles equipped with Anti-Skid chains can pass with difficulty.

Since, to-morrow morning, the 25th, according to plan a Convoy consisting of 250 vehicles should leave, we submit this report, in order to receive either acknowledgements from Movements or a revision of Convoy Schedule.

It is added, that the officer, whose report we quoted, had himself to use the Via Aurelia. (Route No 1)

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By order of
Chief of Staff.
Col. Sarofoli.

Transl.
Interp.

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SUBJECT:- W.D. Number

52 British Liaison Unit.
CMF.
24 Jan 45

G/1/116

To:- HQ Legnano
Gruppo di Combattimento

1. Reference Car 2 str 4x2 Utility Austin W.D. No.4674039., Chassis No.217258, issued to [redacted] from 9 Veh Park on 30 Dec 44.

2. We have now been informed that this vehicle bears an incorrect W.D. No. and should read 5391390.

3. Will you please have this W.D. No. painted on the vehicle and report completion to this office as soon as possible.

WH.

Major.
for, DAAG/MG.

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LBOE V MEDV NR 220480 CVR1
FROM DISTRIBE 221565A
TO 52 BLU
INFO O(AE) [redacted] AFHQ - 4 VEN CP
OO2815 (.) RESTRICTED (.) REF THIS HQ OO2801 OF 11 (.) 4 VEN CP REPORT
VENS STILL UNCOLLECTED (.) REQUEST IMMEDIATE COLLECTION
BT 1607
SENT 1605 GS E"2
RECD 1625 REE K2

Sir

9/11/101 refers

Collins ltr 7/10

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Subject: W.D.Numbers.

O.C.
52 BLU C.M.F.

9 Vehicle Park.
38 Vehicle Coy.
R.A.O.C. C.M.F.

Ref/9VP/12/56
17/1/45

(1) Reference Car 2 Str.4x2 Utility Austin W.D.No.4674039, Chassis No.217258,issued to you for No.1 Italian Combat Group from this Park on 30/12/44.

(2) I have now been informed that this vehicle bears an incorrect W.D.No. Same should read 5394898.

(3) I shall be glad if you could have this W.D.No.painted on the vehicle and report completion to this office to enable me to clear my records.

In The Field
17/1/45
LM/AM

Capt.O.C.
9 Vehicle Park.
38 Vehicle Coy.
R.A.O.C. C.M.F.

Regret informed to report completion

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Subject; Vehicle issues.

9 Vehicle Park.
38 Vehicle Coy.
R.A.O.C. C.M.F.

Ref/9VP/2/2/275
17/1/45

D.A.A. & Q.M.G.
52 BLU
3 Italian Combat Group C.M.F.

(1) Reference the vehicles collected by your unit on the 12 Jan.45 against release DOS/973.

(2) Please sign and return 3rd copy of Issue Vouchers. Please also confirm W.D.nos.of Lorry 3 Ton.4x2 G.S.collected by you. Our records shewn Lorry 3 Ton.4x2 G.S.Dodge W.D.no.L/5689386 as issued in this consignment but it is believed that a wrong W.D.no.has been quoted in this istance. Please clarify and treat as urgent.

Capt.O.C.
9 Vehicle Park.
38 Vehicle Coy.
R.A.O.C. C.M.F.

In The Field
17/1/45
AM/AM

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SUBJECT:- Chains Anti-Skid

52 British Liaison Unit.
GHQ.
18 Jan 45

To:- HQ Legnano
Gruppo di Combattimento

G/1/112

Please let me know the number of chains anti-skid deficient by types.

EAH/VK.

Lt. Col.
G.S.O.I.

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ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No.

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ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.

FROM (A) — *Originator*: 52 B L U — *Date-Time of Origin*: 160830 A — *Office Date Stamp*

For Action

AFHQ Q(AE)

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

HOME AREA DISTHREE MMIA 15 ARMY GROUP
HQ 38 VEH COY HQ 6 VEH GP [redacted]
HQ 4 VEH GP [redacted]

Message Instructions GR

Originator's No. AQ/16 (.) SECRET (.)

Ref your FX 85082 of 15 (x) FIRST (.) Vehs on FX 84429 of 13 being collected now less those on Release Note VA/913 of 4 Jan (sent by you to 52 BLU in error) (.) SECOND (.) Available drivers now fully committed on above until 20 Jan (.) Collection of vehs on VA/913 and further releases not possible until additional drivers complete essential training estimated end Jan

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Originator's No.

AQ/15 (.) SECRET (.)

Ref your FA 85082 of 15 (.) FIRST (.) Vehs-on FX 8449 of 13 being collected now less those on Release Note VR/913 of 4 Jan (sent by you to 53 BLU in error) (.) SECOND (.) Available drivers now fully committed on above until 20 Jan (.) Collection of vehs on VR/913 and further releases not possible until additional drivers complete essential training estimated end Jan

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O.B.S. "A" M 150-26 800 Pads 100 - 44

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ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large) MESSAGE FORM ...ister No.

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FROM	Originator	Date-Time of Origin	Office Date Stamp
(A)	52 BLU	161830 A	

For Action

TO AFHQ (Q(AE))

(W) For Information (INFO)

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Originator's No.

AQ/16 ⊙ SECRET ⊙ Ref. your FX 85082 of 15 ⊙

~~Fo~~ ~~following~~ Vehs on the following serials ~~ARE~~ being collected ⊙

FIRST ⊙ 6003/10 M/Cs Solo 500cc 100
6010/10 Cars Lt Utility 4x2 6
6036/00 Ambulance 4 Stn Hvy 4x2 4
6090/00 Truck 15 cwt Water 3
6100/00 Truck 15 cwt 4x2 FFW 10
6200/00 Lorry 3 ton 4x2 GS 54
~~6230/10 Lorry 3 ton 4x4 B/D 1~~
6232/00 Lorry 3 ton 6x4 B/D 3
6430/00 Lorry 3 ton 4x4 Winch 1
6470/00 Lorry 3 ton 4x2 W/S (RASC) 2
6670/00 Tractor 4x4 FA 38

SECOND ⊙ On Serial 6050/00 Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 GS 81 ⊙ out of these 65 are being collected ⊙
On Serial 6768/00 Trailer Water 180 Gall 8 ⊙ out of these 4 are being collected ⊙

THIRD ⊙ Serials Not collected owing to NON availability of Drivers ⊙

6865/00 Trailer 7½ Ton Lt Recy 1
6003/10 M/Cycles Solo 500cc 80

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6003/10	M/Cycles Solo 500cc	80
6036/00	Ambulance 4 Str Hvy 4x2	6
6050/00	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 GS	20
6095/00	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 Winches	6

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(W) For Information (INFO)

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RAAC MESSAGE FORM

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FROM (A) AFHQ

DATE-TIME OF ORIGIN

15TH 811

TO (FOR ACTION) 82 BLU

TO (FOR INFORMATION) DISTRIB AMIA 15 ARMY GROUP HQ 38 VAR GOI

HQ 6 VAR GP 36 VAR GOI HQ 4VAR GP 36 VAR GOI

MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS	GR

(REF. No.) FX 85082

(SECURITY CLASSIFICATION) SECRET

SIGNAL SACMED CITE FX 85082.

FIRST. FOLLOWING TELEPHONE MESSAGE RECEIVED THIS HQ 14TH JAN FROM 82 BLU. QUOTE. NOT REPEAT NOT PREPARED ACCEPT ANY MORE LORRIES DUE NOR AVAILABILITY DRIVERS. UNQUOTE. SECOND. NOT UNDERSTOOD WHETHER THIS REFERS ACCEPTANCE VEHICLES DETAILED MY FX 84429 OF 13TH JAN. CLARIFY IMMEDIATELY.

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LOCAL DISTRIBUTION		
	PRECEDENCE:	Received 15 17:5
	ORIGINATING SECTION:	THI OR TOR / Opr.
	A. G. AUTHENTICATION:	TIME CLEARED 733
	ORIGINATOR'S AUTHENTICATION:	

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ORIGINAL.

HQ Legrand.

07/5H

P.M. 155 14/11/45

Subject:- conditions of MT assigned according to W.E.

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1) Up to today 1179 motor vehicles and Trailers have been landed over docks. L.L
More than 2/3 of the number landed classed as per W.E. Thus it is possible to give an opinion; be it only approximate, on the constitution of the transport which is made up more or less of the following proportions:—

967 Vehicles & Trailers of Class I.
212 " " " ID.

2) The proportion of Class ID Vehicles forms about 18% of the total received, and in this light appears advantageous.
3) Excluding m/c from the general total the proportion rises to about 20% but still remains a unsatisfactory one. But a General investigation made in this way gives an erroneous picture of MT possibilities.
It is therefore necessary to exclude from the total not only the m/c's, but also cars, trailers, carriers, and in general - all Specialised M.T., in that they must be taken into consideration, when one is dealing with 'AUTO-TRANSPORTATION'.

4) For this reason limiting the examination entirely to the U.S. Trucks — the only ones — it is regarded — that 'effect transport' — we observe that the proportion of Class ID Vehicles rises at

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drive to about 32%. (388 - Class 1 185 - Class 11.)

As we know. Class 1 Vehicles lack :-
- Sarpaulins - and Sarpaulin support frames.
- Vehicle Kit - (Tools etc)
- Spare Wheels

It gives rise to obvious difficulties taking into account the deficiency of tools and the general conditions under which they will be used.
E.G. The greater part of the 15 cwt have no superstructure to the cab, no side doors and window frames and no windscreens. And a driver who would face until all kinds of weather, do not offer Hardships, minimum comfort which encourages him to give of his best.
In the same way the absence of Sarpaulins impedes the use of the Vehicles for transport of perishable commodities, or if used causes damage to the material carried.
The same inconvenience applies to the M.T. under certain conditions.
Absence of Vehicle Kit and Spares, puts drivers in difficulties as regards the "Daily Regulation" of maintenance and limits the useful possibilities of the Vehicle itself :- even as if one assumes that the vehicles are in an unsatisfactory condition. Here it is of fortune that the suggested redistribution is already in course of being carried out. (centralisation of kits in the hands of Fitters and not drivers in each unit), but

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although it can be regarded as worthwhile from a theoretical ~~point~~ point of view, one has reasons for doubting a priori how much can be expected in practice.

In addition the lack of steering wheels affects the use of all vehicles in no uncertain manner — for some of them :- eg. the ambulances, this assumes aspects of special importance.

3 For some special vehicles — such as water trucks, and trailer water tanks, the proportion of Class 'D' vehicles is very revealing.
In fact:-
— For the Truck it is 35% (Govt 9%)
For trailer Tanks 77% (" 9%).
If it is conceded that the classification refers principally to the "apparatus" itself, it can very easily be argued that their use in their specified role, is to say the least of it, problematical.

Finally the equipment of some of the other special vehicles (office trucks, compressors etc.) even though they are classed as 'A' or 'B' is incomplete & shortages must be declared as regards its specified role.

4 It should be added that a part of the M.T. has been employed for the transport of the Group under ~~conditions~~ different conditions (trucks which just been shown being put into the convoy and entrusted to drivers who had only finished the course a few days previously) ~~consequently~~ causing great wear and tear in consequence the material.

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matter, in order that they might examine the
possibilities of obtaining substitution of women partial)
and the bringing up to scale of deficiencies
in the way of increasing the efficiency
of the Vehicles and of the M.T. service in general in
the Gruppo, which things being as they are
will have to meet with many great difficulties
before being able to be considered wisely for
for this theatre

Lt General Commanding
Northern Italy

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SUBJECT:- Release of Vehicles

2 British Liaison Unit.
CMF.
16 Jan 45

Q/1/107

To:- HQ Legnano
Gruppo di Combattimento

The attached Release notes (AFHQ - VR/913 and 3 District A2245 and A2246 are forwarded herewith.

It is suggested that these release notes are held by you for the time being, until this office informs you where the vehicles are to be collected. ~~from~~ when.

WW.

Major.
for, DAA&QMG

As Per AFHQ Signal FE794429			As per Unconfirmed Release Notes		
6003/[illegible] M/Cs Solo	80 (Nagpur)		6003/10 M/Cs Solo	80	(Cyprus)
6010/10 Cars & Utility 4x2	6 (Bari)		Being Collected	✓	
6036/00 Amb 4 Stn Hvy 4x2	6 (Naples)		6036/00 Amb 4 Stn Hvy 4x2	6	(Cyprus)
6053/00 Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 GS	20 (Naples)		6053/00 Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 GS	20	(Cyprus)
6057/00 Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 GS	81 (Bari)		6057/00 Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 GS (45 vehs being collected)	16	(Bari) *
6095/00 Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 W/T	6 (Naples)		6095/00 Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 W/T	6	(Cyprus)
6865/00 Trailer 7½ ton LP Rec	1 (Bari)		6865/00 Trailer 7½ ton LP Rec	1	(Bari) *
6768/00 Trailer Water 150 G.U.C	8 (Bari)		6768/00 Trailer 150 cwt Water (4 being collected)	4	(Bari) *
6036/00 Amb 4 Stn Hvy 4x2	4 (Bari)		Being Collected	✓	
6050/00 Truck 15 cwt Water	3 (Bari)		Being Collected	✓	
6100/00 Truck 15 cwt 4x2 FFW	10 (Bari)		Being Collected	✓	
6209/00 Lorry 3 ton 4x2 GS	54 (Bari)		Being Collected	✓	
6230/10 Lorry 3 ton 4x4 B/D	1 (Bari)		To Trace		
6232/00 Lorry 3 ton 6x4 B/D	3 (Bari)		Being Collected	✓	
6430/00 Lorry 3 ton 4x4 Winch	1 (Bari)		Being Collected	✓	
6470/00 Lorry 3 ton 4x2 W/S (RBSC)	2 (Bari)		Being Collected	✓	
6670/00 Tractor 4x4 (A	38 (Bari)		Being Collected	✓	
6003/10 M/Cs Solo	100 (Bari)		Being Collected	✓	

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53 B.L.U.
Ref QG - 97
12 Jan 45

Subject: Transport

To :- 52 B.L.U.

HQ 3 District
Ord

1. Ref 3 District signal QG 2761 of 10 Jan 45.

2. Herewith 3 District release note A2245 of 6 Jan. 3 District release note A 2245 of 6 Jan already returned to 3 District. AFHQ release note VR/913 of 4 Jan is also enclosed.

Lt.Col.
G.S.

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SECRET

RAAC MESSAGE FORM 9895

"IMMEDIATE" QVR 1-2-5-8

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From: FREEDOM SIGNED SACMED CITE FHQAE Undated

Action: (1) 52 BLU

Info: (2) ROME AREA (3) DISTRICE (4) 15 ARMY GROUP
(5) HQ 38 VEH COY (6) HQ 6 VEH GROUP (7) HQ 4 VEH GROUP
(8) MMIA 2

Ref No. FX84429 SECRET

FIRST. FOLLOWING VEHS ALREADY RELEASED TO 3 ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP AT PRESENT UNCOLLECTED. READ (A) SERIAL (B) TYPE (C) QUANTITY.

SECOND. VEHS IN 6 GROUP BARI.

(A) 6010/10	(B) CARS LT UTILITY 4x2	(C)	6
6036/00	AMBULANCE 4 STR HVY 4x2		4
6050/00	TRUCK 15 CWT 4x2 GS		81
6090/00	TRUCK 15 CWT 4x2 WATER		3
6100/00	TRUCK 15 CWT 4x2 FFW		10
6200/00	LORRY 3 TON 4x2 GS		54
6230/10	LORRY 3 TON 4x4 B/D		1
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6430/00	LORRY 3 TON 4x4 WINCH		1
6470/00	LORRY 3 TON 4x2 W/S (RASC)		2
6670/00	TRACTOR 4x4 A		38
6768/00	TRAILER WATER 180 GAL		8
6865/00	TRAILER 7½ TON LT RECY		1

TOTAL VEHS 203. M/CYCLES QTY 100. TRAILERS QTY 9.

THIRD. VEHS IN 4 GROUP NAPLES

(A) 6003/10	(B) M/CYCLES SOLO 500cc	(C)	80
6036/00	AMBULANCE 4 STR HVY 4x2		6
6050/00	TRUCKS 15 CWT 4x2 GS		20
6095/00	TRUCKS 15 CWT 4x2 WIRELESS		6

TOTAL VEHS QTY 32. M/CYCLES QTY 80

FOURTH. VEHS IN SECOND ABOVE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION AS FOLLOWS. 16 JAN FROM 412 VEH PARK LUCERA QTY 81 VEHS QTY 9 TRAILERS. 17 JAN FROM 412 VEH PARK LUCERA QTY 82 VEHS QTY 100 M/CYCLES. 17 JAN FROM 403 TVP (MONOPOLI) QTY 40 VEHS.

FIFTH. VEHS IN THIRD ABOVE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION NOW.

SIXTH. ACK.

** Insert as first item (A) 6003/10 (B) M/Cs SOLO 500cc (C) 100

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Info: (2) ROME ARMA (3) DISTRREE (4) 15 ARMY GROUP
(5) HQ 38 VEH COY (6) HQ 6 VEH GROUP (7) HQ 4 VEH GROUP
(8) MEIA 2

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Subject: MT - Use of Chains.

52 British Liaison Unit,
CMF.
11 Jan 43.

G/1/103.

HQ ALLNAF.

The use of chains must be strictly limited to conditions of frost and snow, otherwise the life of the chain is seriously shortened.

Please bring this to the notice of all units of the Group immediately.

FWE/NS

Lt-Col.
A.A.A.G.

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For Action

TO: 53 Bn D

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions — CR

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Add to Ref: Defence Ltr 1 Q/5201 of 10 Feb Reference
Map 1:25,000 Sheets 2 D Bde forward current as at 131200B Feb
R 2245
R 2246
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(GV3S) Wt. 9832 194 2,000 Pads 5/42 B. & S. Ltd 51-6745 6

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LROF V MEDY NR 688

QVR1

FROM DISTHREE 111730A

TO 52 BLU

INFO Q(AE) AFHQ - 4 VEH GP

QQX GR--- DT

QG2801 (.) RESTRICTED(.) REQUEST IMMEDIATE COLLECTION OF CARRIERS UNIVERSAL QTY 35 AND CARRIERS TRACKED TOWING QTY 20 FROM 12 VEH PK RELEASED UNDER A1946 SERIAL A/VR/8225 OF 19 DEC (.) 4 VEH GP YOUR AHQ/115/922 OF 9 REFERS (.) ~~REUER~~/ REQUEST YOU NOTIFY THIS HQ OF COLLECTION BY 20 JAN (.)

THI Q/ 1750A

SENT NR 688 2038 WTK B3

RECD NR 688 2038 DML KKK

See 10A-82A

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LROF V LAEE NR 120 OP OP

FROM 412 OVP 111645A

TO 52 BLU

QQX GR 49 BT

19/25 (.) RESTRICTED (.) RE COLLECTION OF VEHICLES,(.)

THIRD PARTY FOR COLLECTION JAN 14TH (.)

TWO DAYS EXTRA RATIONS NECESSARY (.) VEHICLES

TO BE COLLECTED FROM 403 TVP (.)

CONTACT YOUR BRITISH NCO AT THIS PARK (.)

FOURTH PARTY DELAYED DESPATCH OF DRIVERS TWO DAYS (.)

SUFFICIENT PERSONNEL REQUIRED FOR

COLLECTION OF 82 VEHICLES JAN 13TH

BT THI 1645

SENT NR 120 EM B K

RD NR 120 DML 1903 (K)

Need Victoria will arrange extra rations for 3rd Party when despatched

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REPORT ON U.M.I. VISIT TO
11° REGGIMENTO DI ARTIGLERIA

1. Units visited - 1°; 2°; 3°; 4°; and 5° Gruppo.

2. System of Maintenance

There was no organised maintenance being carried out on vehicles. In the 5° Group the M.T. Officer gives daily instruction on the task system.

3. Vehicles out of action

The following units had the undermentioned vehicles out of action requiring workshop attention for which workshops had not yet been informed.

1° Gruppo	Dodge 15 cwt	2.5318998
	Dodge 15 cwt	2.5339551
3° Gruppo	Morris Tractor	H.4903415
5° Gruppo	Morris Tractor	H.456683
	" "	H.4304779
	" "	H.4559921

4. Faults located

(i) Loose rear engine mounting bolts - with nuts missing
(ii) Accumulators almost dry or with low levels of distilled water.
(iii) Empty steering boxes.
(iv) Oil changes overdue or low engine oil levels.
(v) Carburettor flange studs loose.
(vi) Incorrect tyre pressures - two vehicles were found standing with punctured RF tyres.
(vii) Loose U/J flange bolts - (Morris tractors)
(viii) Poor lubrication.
(ix) Lack of A.Bs 412.

Obviously some of the faults noted above were due to lack of proper care before the arrival of the vehicles at the unit - and units have difficulties owing to lack of tools and lack of drivers, but it is essential that the units make some effort to maintain vehicles on their charge.

5. Recommendations

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5. Recommendations

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The following recommendations were made at the Regimental Headquarters -

(a) That where vehicles are allotted to drivers a maintenance parade be held daily at a set time under supervision of the M.T. officer.
(b) For the maintenance of vehicles not yet allotted to drivers a squad of maintenance personnel be formed to work daily under the supervision of the M.T. officers.
(c) That A.Bs 412 be issued and completed immediately for all vehicles.
(d) That in each group sets of tools be made available for drivers and maintenance squads under control of M.T. N.C.Os.

(P.T.O)

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(e) That as in other Regiments of the Division a Regimental M.I. officer be appointed to supervise the work of Artillery groups.

This officer should submit as soon as possible indents for tools and accessories missing from vehicles on their arrival.

(f) That on the return of the L.A.D. after its period of instruction - it be used to its fullest extent on BRITISH vehicles only.

Capt.
U.M.I.

11-1-45.
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INSPECTION OF TRANSPORT OF
"GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO LEGNANO"

1. Approximately 850 of the G 1098 vehicles have been drawn and releases have been received for a further 300. Of the vehicles already received, 600 are of Class I and 250 of Class ID. As the vehicles are drawn they are passed through the Divisional workshops where they undergo a general revision, ABs 412 are compiled and unit signs are painted.

2. The Group now has a deficit of 288 trained drivers. However, many of the drivers trained in unit driving schools lack experience in driving and knowledge of the care and maintenance of vehicles.

3. To date, few G 1098 vehicles have been issued to actual units of the Group, however, vehicles of the following units have been inspected:

(a) 250 th Transport Coy. Here, 39 Dodge 3-ton 4x2 had been received ~~after~~ without previous inspection by Group workshops. The standard of maintenance in the 1st and 2nd Platoons was low. The 3rd Platoon showed a better standard, where discipline appeared to be enforced. The outstanding faults noted were: oil changes overdue, accumulators dirty with low levels of electrolyte, chassis lubrication poor and with grease, irregular tyre pressures, and loose engine mounting bolts.

(b) Special Infantry Regt. The actual state of maintenance could only be ascertained in the 1st Bn (Bersaglieri) who had held a certain number of G 1098 vehicles for some days. Here a period from 0800 hrs to 0830 hrs was set aside for daily maintenance and the task for the day was published. The state of maintenance was good.

(c) 68th Infantry Regt. Also in this units, vehicles had only been received a few days previously; however it was noted that the 3rd Bn (Arditi) included a daily period of 2 hours maintenance according to the task system as part of driver training.

4. The following recommendations were made to all units visited:

(a) That the contents of letter Q/1 of 21/12/44 from 52 BLU be complied with and that the task system be enforced immediately on the arrival of new vehicles, and that in view of the lack of tools, on individual vehicles, sets of these be made available to all drivers under the control of unit fitters.

(b) That ABs 412 be completed and maintained.

(c) That all tyre pressures be maintained at the prescribed levels.

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(d) That where headlamp bulbs and masks have been removed, these be immediately replaced.

(e) That particular care be taken to maintain levels of electrolyte in all accumulators.

(f) That attention be paid to engine mounting bolts with particular reference to Dodge engines.

(g) That a defect book be kept by unit fitters so that drivers could record defects noted on vehicles and thus facilitate the control and repair of defects.

5. All units are still inclined to try and carry out repairs for which they are not competent.

With the arrival of a 1098 transport, considering the inexperience of the majority of the unit drivers, the need for the speedy organisation of the 6 LADs for the Group is apparent.

Thompson Capt RA
U.M.I.

6 Jan 45.

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ORDNANCE (BRIT)

Release No. DOS/715 *Date* 8 Jan '45

To 38 VEHICLE COY. C.M.F.

The undermentioned vehicles will be issued from SIX GP (37 Veh.Coy) VEHICLE GRP.

to No. 3 District for No.3 Italian Combat Unit. Reference our DOS/715 11/12/44 amend.

Qty	DESIGNATION	Serial No.	REMARKS
1	Amend Lorry 3 ton 4x4 D/Down Class 1o to read 6ch	6232	Re A12 Pic. LUCERA

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Distribution:

Q (AE) A.F.H.Q.
Formation District as above
Vehicle Grp.
Vehicle Park.
— 52 B.L.B. —

H.Q[illegible] MAJ. GEN. John
for
D.O.S.
A.F.H.Q.

1-88 A 3525 3M 11-44

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Papua

Release Note A2245
Serial VR/913

MC solo 500cc Class I — 80 — 6005/10 ✓
Amb'ce Stretcher 4x2 Hy Cl.I. — 6 — 6036/00 ✓
Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 Cl.ID. — 20 — 6050/00 ✓
" " 4x2 W/T Cl.I. — 6 — 6095/00 ✓

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6 Veh Cp BARI

Release Note A2246
Serial VR/913

Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 GS Cl.I. — 16 — 6050/00
Trailer 7½ ton Lt Rec. Cl.ID. — 1 — 6865/00
" 15 cwt Water Cl.ID — 4 — 6765/00

Copy of Golio 97

Copy of RE&R re 3 District Release Notes

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152 LROF V MEDY IMPORTANT CVS 1
FROM DISTRIB : 101645
TO 52 BLU :
INFO 4 VEH GP : VEH GP
QQX MGC BT
QQ2762 . RESTRICTD . FOLLOWING RELEASED TO YOU EX 9 VEH PK CAPUA ON
A2245 . SERIAL [redacted] VK/913 MC 3CLC 520 CC CLASS I QTY 30 AME 4
STRETCHER 4X2 WY CLASS I QTY 6 TRUCKS 15 CWT 4X2 GS CLASS I D
QTY 20 TRUCKS 15 CWT 4X2 W/T CLASS I QTY 6 . EX 6 VEH GP SARI ON
A2246 SERIAL VK/913 TRUCKS 15 CWT 4X2 GS CLASS I QTY 16 TRAILER
7-1/2 TON LT RECOVERY CLASS I D QTY 1 TRAILER 15 CWT WATER
CL I D QTY 4 . RELEASE NOTES WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU BY 53 BLU TO WHOM
SENT IN ERROR . OUR QQ2761 REFERS .
BT

see folio 96.

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RPTNDS ~~READ HA TRAILER 7-1/2 SEVEN AND ONE HALF~~
AMORT:B:2:YKK

RD 1240A NTU B YKK

File Ref:- [illegible]/80

52 British Liaison Unit.
C.M.F.
30 December 1944

OPERATION ORDER.
BY 52 B.L.U.

INFORMATION

A release of 440 vehicles from Vehicle Parks at CAPUA, LUCERA and [illegible] has been obtained as per the attached release notes.

INTENTION

To collect the vehicles and concentrate them in the BARLETTA area.

METHOD.

1. VEHICLES FROM CAPUA

(a) The following vehicles will be drawn from 9 Vehicle Pk, CAPUA on 3 Jan 1945:-

40 Lorries 3 ton G.S. 4 x 2
10 Trucks 15 cwt Airborne 4 x 2
2 Tractors Recovery Scammell
4 Trailers 30 cwt 2-whld G.S.
1 Car 4 str 4 x 4

(b) The following vehicles will be drawn from 9 Vehicle Pk, on 4 Jan 1945:-

70 15 cwt G.S. 4 x 2

(c) Drivers for all the above vehicles will be sent by Reserve Gruppo di Combattimento to FOGGIA on 2nd Jan where they will report to Tenente [illegible].

(d) When drawn, vehicles will return to FOGGIA for the nights of the 3rd and 4th Jan respectively and will proceed to BARLETTA the following day.

(e) All load-carrying vehicles will be made available for G.S. Reserve di Combattimenti FOGGIA to transport men and /or material to BARLETTA.

2. VEHICLES FROM LUCERA

(a) Vehicles will be drawn from 412 Vehicle Park, LUCERA as follows:-

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1. VEHICLES FROM CAIRO

(a) The following vehicles will be drawn from 5 Vehicle Pk, Cairo on 3 Jan 1943:-

40 Lorries 3 ton G.S. 4 x 2
10 Trucks 15 cwt Wireless 4 x 2
2 Breakdown Recovery Scammell
4 Trailers 30 cwt 2-whld G.S.
1 Car 4 str 4 x 4

(b) The following vehicles will be drawn from 5 Vehicle Pk, on 4 Jan 1943:-

70 15 cwt G.S. 4 x 2

(c) Drivers for all the above vehicles will be sent by Lemnos Groups Ci Complimenti to LYDDA on 2nd Jan where they will report to Lemnos Complimenti.

(d) When drawn, vehicles will return to LYDDA for the nights of the 3rd and 4th Jan respectively and will proceed to MACHILLIS the following day.

(e) All load-carrying vehicles will be made available for G.S. lorries di Complimenti LYDDA to transport men and /or material to MACHILLIS.

2. VEHICLES FROM LYDDA

(a) Vehicles will be drawn from 612 Vehicle Park, LYDDA as follows:- 715

Jan 10th:- 18 Tractors R.A. 4 x 4 (670)
15 Trucks 15 cwt G.S. 4 x 2

Jan 12th:- 54 Lorries 3 ton GS 4 x 2 (Gros)
100 Motor Cycles Solo (Gro 3/10)

Jan 14th:- 30 Trucks 15 cwt G.S. 4 x 2

Jan 16th:- 6 Cars 10 hp Utility 4 x 2 (Gro/10)
19 Cars 3 cwt 4 x 4

To meet ...../

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Jan 16th:-
(cont)

3	Trucks 15 cwt Water 4 x 2	6060
10	Trucks 15 cwt PFP 4 x 2	6100
1	Lorry 3 ton Winch 4 x 4	
5	Lorries 30 cwt Winch 6 x 4	6430
2	Lorries 3 ton W/T 4 x 2	6470
3	Lorries 3 ton S/T	6232
4	Ambulances heavy 4 x 2	6036
4	Trailers 15 cwt Water	

(b) Drivers for all the above vehicles will be sent by Lermans Gruppo di Combattimento to arrive at 412 Veh Park, LUCCA the night before vehicles are to be drawn. On arrival O.C. of each party will report to O.C. 412 Veh Pk. and arrangements for drawing to start the following morning.

(c) Drivers on the way to LUCCA will stay one night at PISA and will report to Tenente CASTOLDI.

(d) When drawn, vehicles will return from LUCCA to PISA where they will stay one night and proceed to BRACCIANO the following day. All tractors W.T. and all load-carrying vehicles will be made available for O.C. Reggimento di Complimenti PISA to transport guns, men, and material from PISA to BRACCIANO and/or COLLE FERRO.

(e) All vehicles drawn ex 412 Vehicle Park will be routed from LUCCA to PISA under orders of MOV (East Italy). They will be available to carry loads from LUCCA to PISA or over any intervening distance. O.C. of each convoy will be responsible for carrying out such orders in this respect as he receives from MOV (East Italy) and O.C. 412 Veh Park.

(f) The 100 motor cycles to be drawn on 17 Jan will be loaded on 3 ton lorries being drawn the same day and NO M/C drivers will be necessary.

3. VEHICLES FROM ROME.

The following vehicles will be drawn from 14 Veh Park ROME under arrangements to be made by Lermans Gruppo di Combattimento:- 714

3 Trucks 15 cwt Fireless 4 x 2

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and arrange for drawing to start the following morning.

(c) Drivers on the way to LUCCA will stay one night at PISA and will report to Tenente GRASSONI.

(d) When drawn, vehicles will return from LUCCA to PISA where they will stay one night and proceed to S.GIULIANO the following day. All tractors M.A and all load-carrying vehicles will be made available for U.S. Reggimento di Complimenti PISA to transport guns, men, and material from PISA to S.GIULIANO and/or COLLE PISANO.

(e) All vehicles drawn ex 412 Vehicle Park will be routed from LUCCA to PISA under orders of AOV (East Italy). They will be available to carry loads from LUCCA to CAPUA or over any intervening distance. O.C. of each convoy will be responsible for carrying out such orders in this respect as he receives from AOV (East Italy) and O.C. 412 Veh Park.

(f) The 100 Motor cycles to be drawn on 12 Jan will be loaded on 3 ton lorries being drawn the same day and NO M/C drivers will be necessary.

3. VEHICLE PARK (CAPUA).

The following vehicles will be drawn from 14 Veh Park CAPUA under arrangements to be made by Comando Gruppo di Combattimento:-

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3 Trucks 15 cwt Fixeles 4 x 2

ADMINISTRATION

1. 52 B.A.O. will provide an interpreter (Sgt Spiteri) to be present at 9 Veh Park and 412 Veh Park LUCCA throughout the period of collection.

2. The Release Notes attached hereto will be produced at the Vehicle Park when collection is made. It will be noted that there is only one copy of the AFHQ Release and on completion of collection at CAPUA this must be retained for production at LUCCA.

3. All drivers will take with them rations for the total period of their absence and teli da tenda (or bivouacs) and blankets.

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LROF V MEDV NR 15 CVTA

FROM DISTREE 16 NFT

TO 53 BLU

INFO 6 VEH GP 4 VEH GP 52 BLU

QQX GR-- DT

QQ2761 . RESTRICTED . RELEASE NOTES A2245 AND A2246 OF 6 JAN ARE CANCELLED T O YOU . REQUEST YOU FWD RELEASE QT// NOTES TO 52 BLU FOR WHOM VEHS ARE INTENDED . AFHQ/3116/1/Q(AE) OF 7 REFERS . 4 AND 6 VEH GPS REQUEST YOU RELEASE VEHS TO 52 BLU UNDER VR/315 . 52 BLU CUR QQ2762 OF 1 0 REFERS

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Subject :- Vehicle Markings.

Land Forces Sub-Con. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

S/G/29/40.
8 Jan. 45.

To :- 50 BLU.
51 BLU.
52 BLU.
53 BLU.
56 BLU.

Below is copy of AHQ's W.[illegible]/76 of 3 January. for information and action.

"Ref your S/G/29/40 dated 27 Dec 44.

1. It is considered that BLUs to Gruppi should in due course carry the formation veh sign of the Army under the comd of which they are respectively operating.

2. Veh marking No. 4075 has already been allotted to 51 BLU.

3. Veh marking Nos. 4189, 4190, 4191 and 4192 are hereby allotted to 50, 52, 53 and 56 BLUs respectively."

Copy sent to Comp 10 Feb

for Major General.
M.M.I.A.

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COPY 3 DISTRICT RELEASE NOTE

No. 2134
31 Dec 44

52 BLU (for 3 Ital Combat Group)

RELEASE IS AUTHORISED TO YOU OF

	Against Serial
Carriers Universal - 29 (twenty nine)	A/VR/8254
Carriers Tracked Towing-42 (forty two)	"
Carriers 3 in Mortar -42 (forty two)	"

To be drawn from 12 Veh Park Portici

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COPY

MESSAGE FORM

From :- 52 BLU
To :- 12 Vehicle Park
Info :- Diethree, Q(AE) AFHQ , MMIA

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Originators No AQ/6 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.)
Propose send drivers for carriers released under A/VR/8254 as follows (.) 35 on 16 Jan (.) 35 on 18 Jan (.) 43 on 21 Jan (.) Confirm soonest this agreed and routine will be arranged by you and MOV West Italy

This message etc.

(sgd) RWGwyther
Major

Degree of Priority

Important

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LROF V LRAP NR7842
T 52 BLU

FROM OC 412 ORD VEH PARK , 37 VEH COY RAOC 10----
TO NO 3 ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP
GR---- BT

REF VEHICLE RELEASE AUTHORITY Q(AE) 640 (.) PLEASE LIAISE WITH THIS OFFICE RE DATE OF COLLECTION (.) URGENT (.)

THI 1300
SENT 0130 B.C. (AR) KKK
T/7842 RD 16/0130A CP B

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FROM DISTHREE

TO MAIN 15 ARMY GP 52 BLU 53 BLU MIIA 38 VEH COY
4 GP 38 VEH COY

FX7°°41

RELEASED TO YOU FOR 3 AND 4 ITALIAN .COMBAT GROUPS . SIGNED SACMED CITE FI
FHQAE . A/VR/8225 EX 12 VF . CARRIERS UNIVERSAL QTY 70 AND CARRIERS
TRACKED TOWING QTY 40 . KIT COMPLETE . FOR COLLECTION FROM PORTICI
BT

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LKOF V MEDY NR55(6

QVR1/4

FROM 12 VEHICLE PARK, R.A.O.C. 17307

TO 52 B.L. U.

INFO DISPATCH : Q(AE) A.F.H.Q. - M.M.T.A.

BT

12VP/S/91 (.) CONFIDENTIAL(.) REFERENCE YOUR AQ/6 DATED 7/1/45(.)
CARRIERS AVAILABLE ON DATES STATED(.) PREFERABLE YOUR REPRESENTATIVE
CONTACTS MOVEMENTS WEST ITALY REGARDING ROUTING(.) ALL ~~[illegible]~~
ASSISTANCE WILL BE GIVEN BY THIS UNIT(.)

BT

SENT NR555/6 2201 RMK 2

NR 555/6 RECD 072201A PJB KK

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SUBJECT:- Carri[illegible]

52 Brit[illegible]ch Liaison Unit.
CmF
5 Jan 44

To:- [illegible] Legnano
Gruppo di Combattimento
(for attention Major Terranova)

G/1/91

Herewith Release Note for 113 Carriers.

As arranged Major Gwyther/Major Terranova a signal has been sent to the vehicle park FORLI and to 3 District saying that collection will be made as follows:-

35 Carriers on 15th Jan
35 Carriers on 18th Jan
43 Carriers on 21st Jan

Copy of the signal is enclosed for your information.

Major,
DAA&QMG.

RHG/WN.

4. Lemmano Gruppo di Combattimento will supply sufficient Work Tickets for all vehicles being drawn and will ensure that every Work Ticket is stamped with the entitlement to draw from Allied Sources.

5. Petrol Points are available at FOGGIA, SAN SEVERO, CASERTA, CARANISA and ROME.

6. Vehicles on the stage from FANO to BRACCIANO will travel in groups of not more than 20 at a time so as not to constitute an official convey

INTERCOMMUNICATION

Lemmano Gruppo di Combattimento will provide any D.Rs they consider necessary for the operation.

Major,
A.A.&Q.M.G.

R/Q/EM.

DISTRIBUTION:-

2 Copies - Lemmano Gruppo di Combattimento
1 Copy - Major Polardi
1 " - Cpl Spitzer
1 " - File

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INTERCOMMUNICATION

Le mens Gruppo di Combattimento will provide any D.Rs they consider necessary for the operation.

Major,
A.A.G.

RNG/rs.

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1 Copy - Major Palmeri
1 " - Col Spitzer
1 " - File

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ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS
Q(AF) BRANCH

VEHICLE RELEASE NOTE

Ref VR/793

To: HQ No 3 District
for No 3 Italian Combat Group.

Date: 22 Dec 44

Release of the undermentioned Vehicles is authorised.

SERIAL	QTY	DISTRIBUTION OF VEHICLES	CLASS	FROM
6003/10	100	Motor cycles Solo 500cc	I	6 Group Bari
6010/10	6	Care Lt Utility 4x2	I	do
6025/00	15	Cars 5 cwt 4x4	I	do
6015/30	1	Car 4-str 4x4	I	do
6030/00	50	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 GS	I	do
"	15	do	ID	do
"	50	do	I	VP Capua
"	20	do	ID	do
6090/00	3	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 Water	I	6 Group Bari
6093/00	3	" " " Wireless	ID	14 VP Rome
"	10	do	I	9 VP Capua
6100/00	4	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 FFW	ID	6 Group Bari
"	6	do	I	do
6200/00	40	Lorries 3 ton 4x2 GS	ID	9 VP Capua
"	48	do	I	6 Group Bari
"	4	do (In lieu 3 ton Off)	I	do
6470/00	2	Lorries 3 ton 4x2 WS	I	do
6430/00	1	Lorry 3 ton 4x4 Winch	ID	do
6184/10	5	Lorry 30 cwt 6x4 " (In lieu of 3 ton 4x4 Winch)	I	do
6200/00	1	Lorry 3 ton 4x2 GS (In lieu of 3 ton Cipher office)	I	do
"	1	Lorry 3 ton 4x2 GS (In lieu of 3 ton REV)	I	do
6232/00	3	Lorries 3 ton BD	I	do
6670/00	38	Tractors 4x4 FA	I	do
N.A.	2	Tractors Recovery Scammell (In lieu of Tractors B/D)	I	9 VP Capua
6768/00	2	Trailers 15 cwt Water	I	6 Group Bari
"	2	do	ID	do
6036/00	4	Ambulances 4x2 Heavy	I	do

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Serial	Qty	DISTRIBUTION OF VEHICLES CARGO		FROM
6003/10	100	Motor cycles Solo 500cc	I	6 Group Bari
6010/10	6	Care Lt Utility 4x2	I	do
6025/00	15	Care 5 cwt 4x4	I	do
6015/30	1	Car 4-str 4x4	I	do
6050/00	50	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 GS	I	do
"	15	do	ID	do
"	50	do	I	VP Capua
"	20	do	ID	do
6090/00	3	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 Water	I	6 Group Bari
6095/00	3	" " " Wireless	ID	14 VP Rome
"	10	do	I	9 VP Capua
6100/00	4	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 FFW	ID	6 Group Bari
"	6	do	I	do
6200/00	40	Lorries 3 ton 4x2 GS	ID	9 VP Capua
"	48	do	I	6 Group Bari
"	4	do (In lieu 3 ton Off)	I	do
6470/00	2	Lorries 3 ton 4x2 WS	I	do
6430/00	1	Lorry 3 ton 4x4 Winch	ID	do
6184/10	5	Lorry 30 cwt 6x4 " (In lieu of 3 ton 4x4 Winch)	I	do
6200/00	1	Lorry 3 ton 4x2 GS (In lieu of 3 ton Cipher office)	I	do
"	1	Lorry 3 ton 4x2 Gs (In lieu of 3 ton REV)	I	do
6232/00	3	Lorries 3 ton BD	I	do
6670/00	38	Tractors 4x4 FA	I	do
N.A.	2	Tractors Recovery Scammell (In lieu of Tractors B/D)	I	9 VP Capua
6768/00	2	Trailers 15 cwt Water	I	6 Group Bari
"	2	do	ID	do
6036/00	4	Ambulances 4x2 Heavy	I	do 782
6742/00	4	Trailers 20 cwt 2 wheel GS	I	9 VP Capua

RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS

1. On receipt of this release authority, the unit or formation will await release instructions from Ord.(Br)
2. AFHQ/Q(AE) release and Ord (Br) release will both be handed to the Vehicle Park at the time of collection. The Vehicle Company have been instructed that release will not be made unless both copies of release voucher are presented.

Signed D.H.I.
Brigadier, Q(AE)

DISTRIBUTION: Ord (Br) 52 BLU. MMIA
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SUBJECT:- Care & Maintenance of Vehicles

52 British Liaison Unit
TMF
24 Dec 44

To:- HQ Legnano
Gruppo di Combattimento

Q/1/86

Further to our Q/1/ dated 21 Dec 44, para 3

Attached herewith is copy of the G.R.O. referred to, together with a copy of the pamphlet "Inspection, Maintenance, and Care of Army Vehicles (Wheeled)" for your information and necessary action.

Major,
DAA&QMG

TPL/WN

Copies to 65 Ry AA Wkgps
File A/14

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BRITISH LI... CAT
C. M. F.

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LROF V MEDY NR 230637 IMMEDIATE
FROM DISTHREE 231752
TO 52 B L U
QQX GR-- BT
QG 2240 • RESTRICTED • FX 6" 72316 OF 21 • VEHS RELEASED FROM
9VEH PK UNDER A 1972 AND FROM EXXXX 6 VEH GP UNDER A 1973 •
REQUEST YOU COLLECT • AREA OUR QG 2196 OF 21 REFERS •
NO ACTION REQUIRED BY YOU • 6 VEH GP RELEASE TRAILERS 15 CWT
WATER X

CLASS 1 QTY 3 CL 1 D QTY 3 AS ON FX 72316 • FOR Q(AE) AFHQ
TRAILERS WATER NOT MENTIONED ON VR/782 REQUEST AMENDMENT •
ALL INFORMED
BT IH1 1800 A
SENT GH 1840 GH BBB 2
RECD 637 1840 REB B K

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SUBJECT:- Relea[illegible] of Vehicles

[illegible] British Liaison Unit.
CmF.
28 Dec 44

To:- HQ Legnano
Grupp[illegible] di Combattimento.

Q/1/88

The attached Release note No. A 2003 is forwarded to you to enable you to collect the 3 Wireless Trucks from 14 Veh Park, Rome;

The release note must be produced when collecting and please notify this office when collection has been made.

WN

Major,
for DAA&QMG.

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(b) That speed limits be strictly enforced, and that all cases of speeding, dangerous or careless driving be punished with the strongest disciplinary action. It should be made the responsibility of all officers and N.C.O's to obtain particulars of any incident envolving bad driving and to make a complete report immediately.

(c) It should be made clear to all units what repairs may or may not be undertaken by the various types of workshops.
Cannibalisation must be prohibited within units.

/MD.

10 Dec. 1944.

Signed: G. A. PLEWMAN, Capt.
P. P. MOORE , Capt. R. A.

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Subject:- G.R.O. 346 dated 14 April '44.

Q/1/

Headquarters,
R.E.M.E. Branch,
Tel : 66513
" 66514.
RE 2/64.
21 Dec '44.

To:- C.C. 52 D.L.U., C.M.P.

Reference - conversation Lt.Col.ELLIOT - Major YURG.

3 Copies of G.R.O. 346/44 and 6 copies of pamphlet "Inspection, Maintenance and Care of Army Vehicles (Wheeled)" are forwarded herewith as requested.

G.I Recd

for A. Lovell Capt
D. A. D. M. E.
HOME AREA ALLIED COMMAND.

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RESTRICTED

SUBJECT: Italian Army - Inspections.

Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
S/G/20/19
17. Dec 44

TO : 52 BLU (Copy to AFHQ ref AFHQ/8202/3/Q(AE))

1. AFHQ has requested that the recommendations made in para 7 of the REME report (AF/UMI/63/1 of 12 Dec) should be brought to the notice of all concerned and that they will be implemented.

2. It is known that you have this matter very much at heart, and that General UTLEY is cooperating energetically. In view of the seriousness of the equipment situation you should continue and increase your efforts to make all ranks vehicle conscious and to have guilty or careless drivers or officers severely punished.

W. Ridsley-Taylor
Colonel
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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Unit Maintenance Inspectorate
("I" Vehicles Section)
M.G. U.M.I. C.M.F. (Tel 17972)

AP/UMI/63/1 4 Dec '44.

SUBJECT:- Italian Army Inspections.

Q. (A.E.), A.F.M. Q.

Copy to:- Q(AG), H.Q. AAI.
D.M.E., A.P.M. Q.
M.M.I.A.
H.Q. 3 District (2)
52 B.I.U.
S.I., 3 District

Attached is Report by Capt. Plewman and Capt. Moore on Legnano Div.

In view of the statements made in paras. 1-6 may instructions please be given that the recommendations in para. 7 are put into force.

Lt Col

Lieut-Col.,
C.I., U.M.I., C.M.F.

deC/kb.

REPORT ON LEGNANO DIVISION

27 Nov. - 10 Dec 44.

1. Capt. G.A. Plewman and Capt. P.P. Moore with four S/Sgts. visited the Legnano Division of the Italian Army and have to date been with the formation for a fortnight.

2. At the commencement of the visit the Division were in possession of a considerable number of Italian vehicles and approximately 150 British vehicles, 50 of these having been issued for training of drivers. A considerable number of these British vehicles were out of action owing to lack of spares, this had led to widespread cannibalisation.

3. On 27 Nov 44 it was estimated that there was a deficiency of approximately 450 drivers, this figure has been reduced during the fortnight to 380, but it should be emphasised that the drivers being trained within the Division will only have an elementary knowledge of driving and no practical knowledge of vehicle maintenance. Considering the small number of vehicles that were available for training drivers and the deplorable state of the roads in the Divisional area, it would appear that everything possible has been done to produce the requisite number of drivers.
It is understood that the G.S.O.1, 52 B.L.U. has asked for 200 vacancies at the Italian Driving School at Bari, but todate these vacancies have not been allotted.

4. During the past fortnight the U.M.I. increments have visited the two Infantry Regts, the Engineer Coy, the Transport Coy and two Artillery Btys, giving lectures and demonstrations to every available driver. M.T. officers and N.C.O's were always present. It is estimated that approximately 1000 personnel attended these demonstrations, which covered the daily duties of drivers, the more important points of the Daily Task System, correct oils to use and periodical oil changes, tyre pressures and tyre maintenance. As far as possible, vehicles on charge to the Italian units were used. Subsequently drivers were questioned and it was found that in most cases they had understood what had been told to them.

5. All matters relating to M.T. in the formation are dealt with by the Divisional M.T. Staff Officer, Maggiore Catalano, who was most co-operative and fully realized the necessity for sound vehicle maintenance and M.T. discipline. This officer is having difficulty in enforcing maintenance orders owing to the excessive demands on the limited transport that had been available, and to the fact that some officers do not appear to appreciate their personal responsibility for the vehicles on unit charge.

6. It is understood from 52 B.L.U. that 2/3 of the total allotment of vehicles will be received during the month of December, so far releases have been made for 300 vehicles. Arrangements have been made for these vehicles to be completely checked by the Italian Workshops before being issued to units. An A.B. 412 in Italian will be issued with each vehicle.

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7. If the vehicles being issued are to be kept running and in a reasonable state of maintenance, it is essential that

(a) O.Cs. units realise their responsibility for the vehicles on their charge according to G.R.O. 3.6/44. It is suggested that this G.R.O. be brought to the notice of all O.Cs. units forthwith.

/(b).....

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346. MAINTENANCE OF VEHICLES (WHEELED) TANK SYSTEM.

1. The maintenance of Army Vehicles (Wheeled) is governed by the pamphlet "Inspection, Maintenance and Care of Army Vehicles (Wheeled)" based on the Daily Task System.

2. The task system of maintenance in an integral part of AB 442 and daily spaces are provided for individual drivers and Supervising officers and NCOs as the tasks are completed. The task system will be brought into operation forthwith and a record kept in the appropriate spaces provided.

3. In all units having vehicles on their charge it is the Commanding Officer's responsibility to ensure that :-

(a) Vehicle maintenance is being carried out as laid down in the pamphlet "Inspection, Maintenance and Care of Army Vehicles (Wheeled)."

(b) Drivers have sufficient time to complete the daily task and a record is kept of the completion of the tasks as stated above.

(c) AB 406 inspections are carried out once per month as laid down in the pamphlet. (twice per month in the case of RASC units.)

(d) A new AB 442 (or AB 442A) is taken into use immediately the task record sheets in the book already in use become out of date.

(e) Indents for AB 442 and AB 442A are correctly submitted to the appropriate Stationery Dept. on AFW 1395.

(f) Particulars of the vehicle are immediately copied from the old book into the new book.

(g) The old book is kept on the vehicle with the new book.

(h) ABs 442 (ABs 442A) are examined at regular intervals by an officer.

(i) All officers,
All NCOs i/c MT supervision,
All drivers i/c vehicles
are in possession of the pamphlets "Inspection, Maintenance and Care of Army Vehicles (Wheeled)", based on the task system, and "Standing Orders for Drivers of Mechanical Vehicles (Wheeled) and Motor Cyclist", and that they are carried in the pocket while on duty.

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4. The issue to drivers of these publications will be recorded in AB 64 under, in the old issue, Vehicle Outfit List, and in the new issue, Vehicle Kit List. They will be produced at all vehicle and vehicle kit inspections.

Applicable to British and Dominion troops and Polish Army in NW Europe only.

G200/9(A2).

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(84)

Subject: Care and Maintenance of Vehicles.

52 Brit Liaison Unit,
C.F.
21 Dec 44.

HQ LEGNAGO.

S/1/

1. Now that the Gruppo is drawing its G1098 vehicles it is possible to achieve and maintain a very much higher standard of vehicle efficiency.

2. The following procedure should be adopted to ensure this:

(a) Vehicles will be allotted to individual drivers who will take over and sign for vehicles and equipment after these have been checked in their presence.

(b) All unit vehicles will be inspected by 69 Hy AA Workshops in the presence of the driver. CC Workshops to state dates for units to this HQ. Workshops will either pronounce vehicles as efficient or note them as for repair. If vehicles require repair or adjustment, the driver will be given a note saying whether or not the vehicles can be used pending repair, also the date and time on which it is to report to workshops.

(c) Drivers will always be present when their vehicle is undergoing repair or inspection.

(d) Drivers will NOT carry out any task upon the vehicle other than those laid down in the task system. All engine repairs MUST go to workshops.

(e) On NO account will vehicles be cannibalized in future.

(f) Speed limits will be rigidly adhered to. It is the duty of officers and NCOs to check any case of excessive speed or of bad driving and to take disciplinary action against the offender.

(g) Where tools are in short supply, these must be shared. In such cases the senior driver will be responsible for the tools and will issue and recollect them as necessary.

(h) LADs and workshops must know the limit of repairs which they are entitled to undertake. They will NOT attempt repairs beyond those limits.

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(k) The daily task system will be enforced and an hour allotted for it daily.

3. The responsibility of Commanders of Units in regard to vehicle maintenance is laid down in a CRO: copies of which will be issued as soon as available. In the present time such commanders should give every possible assistance to Unit MT officers and should make frequent inspections of their Unit MT.

Lt Col.
G.S.O.I.

Copy to: 65 Hy AA Workshops
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SUBJECT:- Release of Vehicles

92 Brigade Liaison Unit
G.T.
23 Dec 41

G/1/

URGENT

To H.Q. Lermano
Gruppo di Combattimento
(for attention of Major Terrenova)

Attached is copy of message received from Major Gwynder, for your information and necessary action.

It will be noted that 17 drivers will be required exclusive of the drivers of the vehicles transporting the drivers to Tripoli.

Major,

W.L./W.

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EROF V LAFT NR32 "OE OSU"

FROM 412 VEH PARK

TO 52 FIR

CE 83 FT

412/ADMIN/1S . CONFIDENTIAL .

FROM GWETHER . COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS

UNDER ALTERED . LIPOM TYRHANOVA SOONEST .

FOLLOWING IS NEW PROGRAMME . DRIVERS TO LEAVE

BRACCIANO ON 23 OCT 28

AND REPORT TYANO . COLLECTION WILL BE IN

TWO PARTS . 60 VEHICLES ON 30 DEC

AND BALANCE 77 ON 2 JAN . HAVE

OBTAINED FUELLER RELEASES AND AM REVISING

COLLECTION PROGRAMME WITH MOV

AND VEH GROUPS.WILL INFORM TYRHANOVA

DETAILS ON RETURN .

GP

TRA 231135

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FROF V MEDY NR412 CVR 1
FROM DESTROREL 201430Z
TO 52 BLU
INFO 56 AREA
OOX BI
002164 • YOUR AVZ 1 OF 13 • ALL VEHS ENUMERATED WILL BE HELD AGAINST WE OF 3RD ITALIAN COMBAT GP . ALL OTHER SURPLUS VEHS WILL BE RETURNED TO 15 RVP FORTHWITH
TNI 1442
SENT NR 412 1508 CS B1 K

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SUBJECT:- Spare

52 British Liaison Unit.
CMF.
22 Dec 44

Q/1

To:- 11 RVP
ROME

Could you please supply bearer with the following:-

Plug.
Bulb. 6v
4 Jeep Wheels complete
1 Jeep Circuit Breaker.

Major,
DAA&QMG

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MESSAGE FORM

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FROM (A) Originator: NMNA — Date-Time of Origin: 131210

For Action

TO 52 BLU

(W) For Information (INFO)

PENSOUTH for NMNA 4/o

Message Instructions — GR

Originator's No.

ST/1020 ⊙ Restricted ⊙ Your HQ/1 of 10 ⊙ Confirm NAPLES accept action and will endeavour to borrow one light recovery vehicle for you

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RAAC MESSAGE FORM

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	NR 3651.	ROUTINE.	

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DATE-TIME OF ORIGIN

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FROM (A) DISTRIBN.

TO (FOR ACTION) 5C 5EU.

TO (FOR INFORMATION) 38 VEH CCY 4 VEH GP.

MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS	CR
QVR 1, 2.	

(REF. No.) QSIMI. (SECURITY CLASSIFICATION) SECRET.

FOLLOWING RELEASED YOU FOR 5 ITALIAN COMAT GP AS 12 VEH PA PORTICI. CARRIERS UNIVERSAL QTY 35. CARRIERS TRACKED TORTUS QTY NO. NIT COMPLETE. SERIAL A/VH/8225 RELEASE NOTE (AZ944 & AZ946) APPLY EA70041 REFERS.

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For Action.

52. BL. 4.

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TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

38 Vel Coy. 4 Vel Group.

Message Instructions.	GR

SECRET

Orig. QQ 3886 O Following released yesterday for 3 Italian Combat Group ex 12 Vet Park PORTICI O Serial A/VR/8207 release note A1797 O Carriers tracked towing Qty 20 Universal Carriers Qty 35 O Kit complete O AFHQ FX 64711 of 7th refers.

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Subject:-Movement Order - LEGNANO Combat Gp.

HQ Movements
West Italy
CMF.

To:- O.C.
52 B.L.U.

Owing to unforseen circumstances it is not possible to supply you with the a/m Movement Order this evening but will have it ready for collection p.m 10 Dec 44.

Please confirm the undermentioned figuers:-

30 odd	Flight	'A'	Dept	TAVERNANUOVA	0915 hrs	12 DEC	ETA	ROME	1715	hrs	12 DEC.
	"	"	"	ROME	0700 hrs	13 DEC	ETA	DEST	0930	"	13 "
	"	"	"	"	0700 hrs	14 DEC	ETA	TAVER-NANUOVA	1415	"	14 "
30 odd	"	'B'	"	TAVERNANUOVA	0915 hrs	15 DEC	ETA	ROME	1715	"	15 "
	"	"	"	ROME	0700 hrs	16 DEC	ETA	DEST	0930	"	16 "
	"	"	"	"	0700 hrs	17 DEC	ETA	TAVER-NANUOVA	1415	"	17 "
300 odd	"	'C'	"	TAVERNANUOVA	0915 hrs	18 DEC	ETA	ROME	1715	"	18 "
	"	"	"	ROME	0700 hrs	19 DEC	ETA	DEST	0930	"	19 DEC

1. Is there one other Coff. or not?
2. Are there any carriers?
3. What about domestic vehs? 9 ques.
Suggest Flight A - B - C 300 vehs North
2 vehs South.

Capt.,
Staff Capt., Reads.

9DEC 44.

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68° REGGIMENTO FANTERIA "LEGNANO"
comando

n° 2028/serv. di prot. Posta Militare 155, 2 dicembre 1944

OGGETTO: sorveglianza; manutenzione, funzionamento recipienti per servizio idrico.

AL COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "LEGNANO"
- ufficio del Capo di S.M. - sez. 1^ - servizi. P.M.155

1°)- In conformità delle intese verbali, questo reggimento ha in sito, dal 30 novembre u.s., il personale necessario (compreso il genere motorista) per il funzionamento, la sorveglianza e la manutenzione dell'impianto idrico esistente nella zona di S.Antonino.

2°)- E' ancora sul posto quello italiano della 909^ cp. lavoratori (dipendente dal 320° btg. genio inglese) - P.M. 186, un ufficiale inglese di tale btg. che ha ispezionato, il 30 novembre u.s., l'impianto, ha dichiarato che nessuna disposizione è stata finora emanata circa il cambio del personale.

3°)- Prego codesto comando di interessare gli enti competenti per :
a)- l'autorizzazione al cambio del personale;
b)- il ritiro del materiale esistente (motore, pompa, vasche di tela, tubazioni, ecc.);
c)- la rimessa in efficienza del motore-pompa e filtri dell'impianto fisso (attualmente l'acqua viene attinta mediante un motorino sistemato all'aperto) e per la riparazione dei rubinetti di erogazione, che sono difettosi.

4°)- Il personale del reggimento è in grado di disimpegnare bene il servizio.-

IL COLONNELLO
comandante del reggimento
(Edmondo De Renzi)

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3 DISTRICT RELEASE NOTE

No. A 1799

4 Dec 44

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Release is authorised to you of:-

Description	Qty	Serial
Cars 5 cwt 4 x 4, Cl.I	10	VR/640
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS Cl.I D	20	"
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS Cl.I	10	"
Truck 15 cwt 4 x 2 Machy "K" Light Cl.I	1	"
Truck 15 cwt 4 x 2 Machy 9 K.W. Gen.	1	"
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS Cl.I	40	"
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS Cl.I D	40	"
Lorry 3 ton 4 x 2 W/S RASC Cl.I	1	"
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 4 GS Cl.I	18	"
Lorry 3 ton 4 x 2 Disinfector Cl.I	1	"
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 Stores Cl.I	12	"

Vehs will be drawn from 9 Veh Park CAPUA.

(a) This note to be produced by Unit when collecting.

(b) This authority will lapse if not presented within 14 days.

T. Cook
Lt Col
DA & QMG

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3 DISTRICT RELEASE NOTE

No. A 1800

52 BLU (for No. 3 Italian Co[illegible]at Group)

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Release is authorised to you of:-

Description	Qty	Serial
Ambulances 4 str (Hvy) 4 x 2 Cl.I	4	VR/640
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS Cl.I D	15	"
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 Water Cl.I	3	"
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 Office Cl.	7	"
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 F.F.W. Cl.I	10	"
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 Compressor Cl.I	1	"
Lorry 3 ton 6 x 4 B/Down Cl.I	1	"
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 4 GS Cl.I D	20	"

Contact 2 Veh Gp BARI for collection instructions.

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For Action

MMIA Rome

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

MMIA Naples

Message Instructions | GR

Originator's No.

AQ/1 O Reference O

Your ST/1017 O BLR Italian vehicles in process of transfer handled in S. MARIA O 45 -2KU to be delivered O Div Con complete action but one vehicle on loan for extended tests needed expedite O Can clear carriage

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT **AS WRITTEN** BY ANY MEANS { EXCEPT / WIRELESS }

Signature: [illegible]

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MESSAGE FORM

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TO 52 BLU — For Action — (W) For Information (INFO)

Sheet 1

PERSONAL for MMIA L/O (ADMIN please pass)

Message Instructions — GR

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SD

Originator's No.

SECRET ⊙ Station ⊙ further to your ST/3/11 dated 16 Nov ⊙ Subject to Italian diplomat transport vehicles in possession of LEGNANO div in relation your change of training station in near future ⊙ procure roadworthy Italian vehicles wire now with you ⊙ beyond local repair Italian vehicles requiring to be evacuated to Italian barracks at S. MARIA CAPUA VETERE AGOTTO (B) please state whether LEGNANO div can accept responsibility for completing the evacuation

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS EXCEPT WIRELESS

SIGNED

IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER

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TO (W) For Information (INFO) | Message Instructions | GR

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of all LEGNANO beyond local defence Italian vehicles to S. MARIA if necessary by leaving road party to carry out the evacuation to agreed War Ministry

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Subject: Vehicles.

9 Vehicle Park.
38 Vehicle Coy:
R.A.O.C. C.M.F.

9/12/44.

52 British Liasion Unit. C.M.F.

(1). Receipt of your Q/1/77 is acknowledged.

(2). These vehicles will be ready for the drivers to collect as requested.

for S/Sgt:
Captain. O.C.
9 Vehicle Park.
38 Vehicle Coy:
R.A.O.C. C.M.F.

In the Field.
9/12/44.

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Subject: Vehicles.

52 British Liaison Unit
CmF.
9 Dec 44.

Q/1/77

OC 9 Vehicle Park,
Capua.

Initial releases of WE vehicles for the Lemano Gruppo di Combattimenti have been received from Q(AE) and Ord(Br). These include (inter alia) 110 - 3 tonners of various types, 30 - 15 cwts and 10 jeeps to be drawn from your vehicle park.

These vehicles are the ones most urgently required as the Gruppo is moving to a new location on the 12th Dec and these load-carrying vehicles are essential for the move. It is proposed, therefore, to send the necessary drivers to collect these tomorrow 10th Dec and it is particularly required, if possible, to complete collection of these specified by tomorrow night. We should be most grateful if you would do everything possible to assist the Gruppo to complete the collection in the day. With this in view no detailed check of the vehicles will be carried out before acceptance, but delivery will be taken and the vehicles immediately driven to the Gruppo area. All necessary notifications and arrangements have been made with MOV.(W.Italy) and Traffic Control.

Major,
DAA&QMG.

RWG/NS

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SUBJECT:- Vehicles

52 British Liaison Unit.
CMF.
7 Dec 44

To:- HQ Legnano
Gruppo di Combattimento

Q/1/

The Officers of the BLU are experiencing great difficulty in performing their duties owing to lack of personal transport especially at this time with the issue of new equipment and vehicles starting and the development of training. The move to the new area is also increasing the difficulties.

We have applied to AFHQ for additional transport but it may be some time before this is obtained. As you are now drawing your new transport, we should be extremely grateful if, to assist us, you could lend temporarily to the BLU one Jeep. This is for the use of Capt. Baumann our RE&S Officer who is having to travel quite considerably at present.

Could you please give us an answer tomorrow Friday and if you are agreeable could Capt Baumann have the vehicle by that evening as he has to leave early on Saturday morning.

RWC/MM.

Major,
~~Interpreter.~~
for DAA & QMG

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No. A - 1640

3 DISTRICT

29 Nov 1944

RELEASE NOTE

No. 52 B.L.U.

RELEASE IS AUTHORIZED TO YOU OF

	AGAINST SERIAL
M/C Solo 350cc CLI – 6 (six)	VR/563
Truck 15 cwt 4x2 G.S. CLI - 3 (THREE)	VR/563
Truck 15 cwt 4x2 W/T CLI – 2 (TWO)	VR/563
Lorie 3 ton 4x2 G.S. CLI - 3 (THREE)	VR/563

[redacted] COLLECT FROM

To [redacted] 9 Veh. Pk. Calcutta [redacted]

L. Cole
Lt-Col,
DAQMG GS

(a) This note is to be produced by unit when collecting.
(b) This authority will lapse if not presented within 14 days.

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No. A - 1641

3 DISTRICT

RELEASE NOTE

29 Nov 1944

Hq 52 B.L.A.

RELEASE IS AUTHORIZED TO YOU OF

Trailer Water ℄ I - 1 (ONE)

AGAINST SERIAL

VR/563

Replant 6 [redacted] 2 Veh. G.P. Bari for collection instructions

(a) This note is to be produced by unit when collecting.
(b) This authority will lapse if not presented within 14 days.

A. Cole
Lt-Col,
DA/QMG GS

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FBI

L:LC V MEDY NR804/805

QVR 2/4

FRO M DISTRREE Ø117ØØA

TO 38 VEH COY - 52 B L U

2 VEH GP 37 VEH COY - 53 B L U

4 VEH GP 38 VEH COY

GR-- BT QQX

QQ3722 (.) RESTRICTED (.) FX 60257 OF 29 (.)

CUR RELEASES A 1641 A 1642 A 1643 REFER

BT THI 1700 Read

*SENT NR804/5 LE BEB K
KD 804/5 2200 DCC AR K

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LRLO V LAEE NR 1 P R

QVR-SMG

FROM LAEE 291914A

TO DISTHREE

INFO HQ 38 VEH COY

2 GP 37 VEH COY

4 GP 38 VEH COY

52 BLU

53 BLU

GR23 BT

RESTRICTED

OUR VEHICLE RELEASE Q(AL) 563 AND 564 ARE CANCELLED (.)

FX 60257 SIGNED SACMED CITE FHQAE (.) NEW RELEASES FOLLOW WHERE APPLICABLE

BT 291914A

SENT NR 1 0250A JAP B2 K

RD NR 1 1 EJ 0250 AR K

ARMY IRL SIGNAL

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563.

17 Hp Vehs.

No.3 District
(for No.52 B.A.U.).

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
(AF) BRANCH

VEHICLE RELEASE NOTE — Ref. VR/

Date

To : 6 M/Cycles Solo Cl.I 250 cc. — 9 Park Depot.
3 Bruce 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S. Cl.I. — 9 Park Depot.
2 Truck 3 cwt 4 x 2 W/T Cl.I. — 9 Park Depot.
1 Trailer Water. Cl.I. — 2 Camp Depot.

Release of the undermentioned vehicles is authorised.

Quantity	Description of Vehicles	Priority of Issue

Remarks :

RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS

1. On receipt of this release authority, the unit or formation will await release instructions from Ord (Br).

2. AFHQ Q(AE) release and Ord (Br) release will both be handed to the Vehicle Park at the time of collection. The Vehicle Company have been instructed that release will not be made unless both copies of release voucher are presented.

DISTRIBUTION :

Ord (Br)
File

D H Toon
Brigadier, Actg.
Q(AE)

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52 Dist.

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SUBJECT :- aining Vehicles

2 Brit Liaison Unit
C.M.F.
4 Dec 44
Q/1/74

HQ LEGNANO
Gruppo di Combattimento

Vehicles as per the attached release note, are releasod to the Gruppo , and will be collected as soon as possible from 15 RVP NAPLES.

Please inform this HQ when collection as been effected.

for Major
DAA&QMG

AA.

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ORIGINATORS FILE No. 8118/1

AFHQ MESSAGE FORM

CLASSIFICATION SECRET DATE-TIME OF ORIGIN 25 Nov 44

SPACE BETWEEN HEAVY LINES FOR SIGNAL USE ONLY

ACTION TO:

DET ADMAP

INFORMATION TO:

HQ 38 VEH COY 4 GP 38 VEH COY DISTRIBR MMIA 52 BLU

(REF No.)

FX58565

YOUR DET/55/14/MT 1 DATED 23 NOV 44 (.) SIGNED SACMED CITE FRAE (.)

FOLLOWING RELEASED YOU FOR NO 3 ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP FROM 15 RVF NAPLES

OUR RELEASE NUMBER 545 DATED 26 NOV 44 REFERS (.)

ARIEL MOTOR CYCLE SOLO CLASS II WD NO. C 5167190
ARIEL MOTOR CYCLE SOLO CLASS II WD NO C 4815199
TRIUMPH MOTOR CYCLE SOLO CLASS II WD NO C 5426206
TRIUMPH MOTOR CYCLE SOLO CLASS II WD NO C 4852966
MATCHLESS MOTOR CYCLE SOLO CLASS II WD NO C 5259028
MATCHLESS MOTOR CYCLE SOLO CLASS II WD NO C 4995543
ARIEL MOTOR CYCLE SOLO CLASS V WD NO C 1036944
ARIEL MOTOR CYCLE SOLO CLASS V WD NO C 4815080
BSA MOTOR CYCLE SOLO CLASS V WD NO C 4665275
BSA MOTOR CYCLE SOLO CLASS V WD NO C 4701896
FORD TRACTOR LAA 4 X 4 30 CWT CLASS II WD NO H 4733304

Bernard for Gen L

COORDINATED O.D (B)

NOV 26 5 4 10 17

DISTRIBUTION
3 Q(AS)
1 G-3
1 ORD (B)

PRECEDENCE: PRIORITY
ORIGINATING SECTION: Q(AS)
CONTENT AND CLASSIFICATION AUTHENTICATED BY:
NAME TYPED: J.R. LITTLE, MAJOR
TEL NO FREEDOM 124

TIME HANDED IN

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SUBJECT: Unit Signs

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. S/G/29/40
3 Dec 44

TO : 52 HLC
53 HLU
54 HLU

(Ref 53 HLU G 9-12 of 23 Nov)

1. Authoritative instructions for the marking of vehicles are contained in AFHQ MSD/76 of 22 Oct a copy of which is attached.

2. The "Sign of the Division" to be painted on the left side is the Green, White and Red rectangle with the relevant crest on the White portion (as worn on left shoulder of battle dress).

3. The "Div. colours" referred to are those normally worn on the collar (under the arm of the service marking). Details of these colours in respect of your Group should be sent to MMIA for record.

4. No other distinguishing marks or variations from the above are permitted. The left side of a vehicle is the left hand side to anyone sitting in the vehicle facing forwards.

W. Pedley Colonel
for Major General
M. M. I. A.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTER

G-3 SECTION

FILE NO : WSD/76 22 Oct 44

SUBJECT : Unit Signs

TO : All concerned

1. Authority is granted for the four Italian Combat Gps now in course of frm and any such gps to be formed in the future to use vehicle markings and vehicle marking Nos. as under :-

40	Gruppo HQ and all Tps NOT listed below	
81	87 Regt	(Senior Regt)
55	1/87 Regt	(Senior Bn)
56	11/87 Regt	(Second Bn)
57	111/87 Regt	(Junior Bn)
87	88 Regt	(Second Regt)
60	1/88 Regt	(Senior Bn)
61	11/88 Regt	(Second Bn)
62	111/88 Regt	(Junior Bn)
42	HQ Arty Regt	
43	Arty	(25 Pdr Btys)
46	Arty	(A/Tk Bty)
47	Arty	(LAA Bty)
48	Engrs	(Senior Fd Coy)
49	Engrs	(Second Fd Coy)
50	Engrs	(Sigs Coy)
64	Rgtl Mortar and A/Tk Coys in Senior Regt	
65	Rgtl Mortar and A/Tk Coys in Second Regt	
74	S & T Coy (equivalent Div Tps Coy)	
76	Senior Fd Hosp	
77	Second Fd Hosp	
86	Mech Engrs Wksp	

2. The sign of the Div from which each Gruppo originated will be painted on the LEFT side and the unit no. on the RIGHT, both front and back, the unit no. being in white on the background of the Div colours.

3. Will Army Sub Commission ACC please fwd to this HQ for approval before adoption and for purposes of record, copies of all Div Signs and particulars of Div colours proposed to be used.

By Command of General WILSON.

(Sgd) J. A. H. GAIRETT

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56	11/87 Regt	(Second Bn)
57	111/87 Regt	(Junior Bn)
87	88 Regt	(Second Regt)
60	1/88 Regt	(Senior Bn)
61	11/88 Regt	(Second Bn)
62	111/88 Regt	(Junior Bn)
42	HQ Arty Regt	
43	Arty	(25 Pdr Btys)
46	Arty	(A/Tk Bty)
47	Arty	(LAA Bty)
48	Engrs	(Senior Fd Coy)
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By Command of General WILSON.

(Sgd) J. A. H. GAMMELL,
Lieutenant General,
Chief of Staff.

CHG/tb

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Liaison
G-3 (Org A)
Army Sub Commission ACC (ref C/5/16) (7 copies)

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SUBJECT:- Maintenance Vehicles

52 British Liaison Unit.
CMF.
2 Dec 44.

Q/1/72

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To:- HQ Legnano
Gruppo di Combattimento

The attached 3 District release notes A1636 and A1637 together with AFHQ release note VR/561 are forwarded to you to enable you to collect these vehicles.

Please note that the vehicles on release note A1636 are to be drawn from 9 Veh Park Capua and for the vehicles on release note A1637 you must report to 2 Veh Group Bari for collection instructions.

Both 3 District and AFHQ release notes must be produced at the time of collection.

The vehicles at 9 Vehicle Park Capua should be drawn on Monday 4 Dec 44, then when they have been collected the vehicles at Bari should be drawn.

Please notify this office immediately when the vehicles have been collected.

WN.

Major,
DAA&QMG.

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Copy to AFHQ Rebate Dept for reference

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Q (AE) BRANCH

VEHICLE RELEASE NOTE

Ref VR/561
27 Nov 44

To: No 3 District
(for No 3 Italian Combat Group)

Release of the undermentioned vehicles is authorised.

Quantity	Description of Vehicles		
6	M/Cycles Sclo 350 cc Cl I	9 Park Capua	-AM636
4	Cars 5 cwt 4x4 Cl I	9 do	-AM636
4	Ambulances 4 Str 4x2 Hvy Cl I	2 Group Bari	-AM637
40	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 GS Cl I	2 do	-AM637
5	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 Water Cl I	2 do	-AM637
40	Lorries 3 ton 4x2 GS Cl I	9 Park Capua	-AM636

Remarks : Maint Vehicles for No 3 Italian Combat Group.

RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS

1. On receipt of this release authority, the unit or formation will await release instructions from Ord (Br).

2. AFHQ Q(AE) release and Ord (Br) release will both be handed to the Vehicle Park at the time of collection. The Vehicle Coy have been instructed that release will not be made unless both copies of release voucher are presented.

Signed: D.M.TOON Capt
for Brigadier,
Q (AE)

DISTRIBUTION: Ord (Br)
File
92 BLU. MMIA.

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No. A - 1627

Collected RWB

3 DISTRICT

27 Nov 1944

RELEASE NOTE

52 B.L.U.

RELEASE IS AUTHORIZED TO YOU OF

AGAINST SERIAL

6 cars 5 cwt 4x4 Class I - 1 (ONE) | VR/543

TO BE DRAWN FROM 9 Veh P.R. Capua

A Bradford, Lieut

(a) This note is to be produced by unit when collecting.
(b) This authority will lapse if not presented within 14 days.

Lt-Col, GS
DA & QMG

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Q (AE) BRANCH

VEHICLE RELEASE NOTE

Ref. VR/ 543

Date 25 Nov 44.

To : H.Q. No.3. District for 52 B.L.U.

Release of the undermentioned vehicles is authorised.

Quantity	Description of Vehicles
1	Car 5-cwt 4x4 Class I

Remarks :

From 4 Group 9 Vehicle Park CAPUA against B.L.R.

RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS

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Brigadier,
Q (AE)

DISTRIBUTION :

Ord (Br)
File
52 BLU.

B.000/L.43/4M/40-44

Wt. 9533/63727P 400M (Pads of 100) 5/43 MP 310428 51 6736

ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large) **MESSAGE FORM** D 2109 Register No. 1112

Call	Srl. N	Priority	Transmission Instructions

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Office Date Stamp

FROM Originator	Date-Time of Origin.
(A) AFHQ signed SACMED CITE FHQAE	021715A

For Action.

52 BLU

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TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

DISTONE

Message Instructions: GR

Originator's No. FX 36409 **SECRET** from GWYTHER ⊙

One ⊙

following vehicles released under VR 1570 ⊙ Trucks 15 cwt GS 7 trucks 15 cwt compressor 2 Truck 15 cwt Office 1 Trucks 15 cwt water 2 Truck 15 cwt W/T 1 lorries 3 ton GS 24 lorries 3 ton WKSP 1 Tractor FA 1 ⊙ all from 3 Veh Gp FOLIGNO ⊙ (13 Vel. Pk)

on same release Tractors 6 x 4 breakdown 2 from 2 Veh gp ANCONA ⊙ release unit DISTONE ⊙ obtain receipt and arrange collection ⊙ (7 Vel. Pk)

TWO ⊙

following vehicles released under VR 1602 ⊙ from BAR 1 cars utility 4 Trucks 15 cwt GS 2 cars utility 2 Truck 15 cwt Water 1 Truck 15 cwt compressor 1 lorries 30 cwt

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Originator's No.
FX 36409 **SECRET** from GWYTHER ⊙

One ⊙

following vehicles released under VR 1570 ⊙ Trucks 15 cwt GS 7
Trucks 15 cwt compressor 2 Truck 15 cwt Office 1 Trucks 15 cwt
water 2 Truck 15 cwt W/T 1 Lorries 3 ton GS 24 Lorries
3 ton WKSP 1 Tractor FH 1 ⊙ all from 3 Veh Gp FOLIGNO ⊙ (13 Veh. PH)
on same release Tractors 6 x 4 breakdown 2 from 2 Veh (7 Veh PH)
gp ANCONA ⊙ release unit DISTONE ⊙ obtain consent and
arrange collection ⊙

Two ⊙

following released under VR 1608 ⊙ from BARI cars
utility 4 Trucks 15 cwt GS in lieu cars utility 28 Trucks
15 cwt water 1 Truck 15 cwt compressor 1 Lorries 30 cwt
WINCH in lieu 3 Ton WINCH 2 Lorries 30 cwt breakdown
in lieu 3 Ton breakdown 2 ⊙ from CAPUA lorry 30 cwt

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This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means except WIRELESS. Signed.	If liable to be intercepted or to fall into enemy hands this message must be sent IN CIPHER. Signed.	Originator's Instructions. Degree of Priority.	Time	System	Op.
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			Time Cleared		

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WL 9533/63727P 4 5/43 MF 210428 51 0730

ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large) **MESSAGE FORM** D2479 Register No. 1112

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For Action.

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TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

SECRET

Message Instructions. GR

Originator's No.

winch on lieu 3 TON Winch ⊙ from ANCONA trucks

15 cwt GS 9 trucks 15 cwt GS on lieu personnel 14

lorries 3 ton GS 12 lorries 3 ton GS on lieu Battery charger

and storage 2 Tractor FA 1 Tractors 6×6 gun tower on

lieu tractors breakdown 4 ⊙ Await his return

THREE ⊙ following A Vehicles released under VR/6431 from

12 Veh pk NAPLES carriers tracked towing 25 cars *

light recce LMC 17 ⊙

5u OVER.

FOUR ⊙

Visiting NAPLES and BARI parks arranging collection ⊙.

will signal dates soonest ⊙ ANCONA vehicles on VR/1608

must await my return ⊙

FIVE ⊙

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Originator's No.

winch in lieu 3 TON Winch ⊙ from ANCONA Trucks

15 cwt GS 9 Trucks 15 cwt GS in lieu personnel 14

lorries 3 ton GS 12 lorries 3 ton GS in lieu Battery charger

and storage 2 Tractor FA 1 Tractors 6×6 gun tower in

lieu tractors breakdown 4) ⊙ Rank illegible

THREE ⊙ following ⊟ Vehicles released under VR/8421 from

12 Veh pr NAPLES carriers tracked towing 25 cars

light recce GMC 17 ⊙ *

FOUR ⊙

Visiting NAPLES and BARI parts arranging collection ⊙.

will signal date soonest ⊙ ANCONA vehicles on VR/1608

must await my return ⊙

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FIVE ⊙

Instruct REME contact DDME DISTONE for provision JIBS

for tractors gun tower in lieu tractors breakdown ⊙ AFHQ state

this normal REME procedure ⊙ Paul Attempt at Confusion

SIX ⊙ for DADOS ⊙ LEGNANO ⊙ made top priority w.f. 1 March

at 0100 BST

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means except WIRELESS.

Signed.

If liable to be intercepted or to fall into enemy hands this message must be sent IN CIPHER.

Signed.

Originator's Instructions. Degree of Priority.

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* See OVER.

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4 March '45. Freedom Q (AE) telephoned regarding the convoys

there will not now be drawn from Naples

but from 19 Veh. Park S. Giovanni (near Florence).

Immediately things are ready Army will letter

signal or telephone us to collect.

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SUBJECT :- Vehicles Releases

52 BLU,
AQ/1/197,
4 Mar 45

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HQ LEGNANO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO

1. The following vehicles have been released for the LEGNANO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO, under release note VR 1570 :-

Trucks	15 cwt	Compressor	2
Truck	" "	Office	1
Trucks	" "	Water	2
Truck	" "	W/T	1
Lorries	3 ton	GS	24
lorry	3 ton	W/Shop	1
Tractor	FA		1

All the above will be collected from 13 Vehicle Park FOLIGNO tomorrow 5 March without fail. Release has been arranged by DA & QMG 1 District.

2. In addition under same release note VR 1570 2 Tractors 6 x 4 breakdown are to be collected from 7 Vehicle Park, MONDOLFO near ANCONA. Drivers to be despatched tomorrow also

3. Please also arrange to convey to FOLIGNO 7 drivers from 52 BLU, who are to collect 7 x 15 cwt GS Trucks issued under the same release note. These drivers will report to HQ of Transport Coy at 0800 hrs.

CMF
IAP/BB

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Major,
DAA & QMG.

Copy to :- Camp Commandant 52 BLU reference para 3.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Q (AE) BRANCH

VEHICLE RELEASE NOTE

Ref. VR/ 1570

Date 28 Feb 45

To: No. 1 District for Legnano Combat Group
(Your 1D/2312/Q dated 25 Feb 45 refers)

Release of the undermentioned vehicles is authorised.

Quantity		Description of Vehicles			
7	6050/00	Trucks 15cwt GS 4x2	Cl 1D	3 Veh Cp	Foligno
2	6060/00	Trucks 15cwt 4x2 Comp	Cl 1	" "	"
1	6070/00	" " " Office	Cl 1	" "	"
2	6090/00	" " " Water	Cl 1D	" "	"
1	6095/00	" " " W/T	Cl 1	" "	"
24	6200/00	Lorries 3 Ton 4x2 GS	Cl 1	" "	"
1	6470/00	" " " Wksp	Cl 1	" "	"
2	6667/00	Tractors 6x4 D'down Hy	Cl 1	2 Veh Cp	Ancona
1	6670/00	Tractor 4x4 FA	Cl 1	3 Veh Cp	Foligno

Remarks :

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Brigadier,
Q (AE)

DISTRIBUTION :
Ord (Br)
File

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Sms/862/Feb/45

