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SUPPLY OF
APR. - OCT.

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SUPPLY OF AIRFRAMES & SPARES, P. 39'S
APR. - OCT. 1945

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OUTGOING MESSAGE

14A

FROM: A. F. SUB COM, ALCOM, ROME.
TO: A. F. SUB COM, c/o A.M.G. NAPLES COMBINE.
(Rpt) A. F. SUB COM, LECCE.
A. F. SUB COM, BARI.

Q. 799 12/OCT.

Unclassified (.) 2nd addressee reports serious shortage Alracobra propellers (.)
Request immediate despatch of quantity six (half 12) held by you as reported in
your AFSC/N/642/EQ. 26/APR (.) Confirm (.)

File: AFSC/664/10/EQ.

Priority: ROUTINE

25H
A. H. KNOWLES,
Wing Commander.
Tel. 489081 ext. 265

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13A

From:- Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, Lecce.

To:- Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, Rome. ✓

Date:- 10th. October, 1945.

Ref:- AFSC/L/664/10/EG.



PROPELLERS.
PROPELLERS - P.39 AIRCRAFT.

*received
17/10/45*

The position in respect of airscrews for the Airacobra aircraft at this Detachment has now become acute, and it is requested that the balance of the 6 airscrews that were held in reserve by our Naples Detachment, as per their letter AFSC/NA 642/EG. dated 26th. April, 1945, be sent immediately if any are still available.

13A on 642/EG.

*Sub. O.
replied
10/10/45*

2. In view of the fact that quantity 4 complete four bladed sets are held, and it is appreciated that these can only be modified for use provided that the nose is fitted with a 2 load cam, can full modification instructions be sent, if you consider the modification suitable and worthwhile.

*Reply to para 2. Please
in 626 Engr. Sub. O.
12/10.*

W.C. Ollason
W.C. OLLASON. C/CAPT.
Officer Commanding,
Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Lecce Detachment.

Copy to:-
Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, Bari.

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From : Headquarters, No. 214 Group, R.A.F., C.M.F.
 To : Air Force, Sub-Commission, A.C. ROLE.
 Date : 3rd September, 1945.
 Ref : 214G/3618/ENG.

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664/10/Eq.

P.39 AIRCRAFT ABANDONED AT VIS

With reference to your AFSC/664/10/Eq. dated 27th August, 1945, a policy regarding disposal of unserviceable aircraft at Vis was issued to H.Q. Balkan Air Force by H.A.A.F. Caserta. H.Q. B.A.F. Signals O.965 and O.973 dated 14th refers (Copies attached).

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2. Instructions were issued in this Headquarters signal T.913 dated 15th May to transfer all aircraft held by 110 M.U. 'C' Detachment to H.Q. B.A.F.

Hash
 J. HASH W/Cdr.
 for Air Commodore,
 Air Officer Commanding,
 No. 214 Group, R.A.F., C.M.F.

Copy to:-
 M.C.A.F.

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TO 214 GROUP

(R) RAF VIS

FROM HQ BAF

0.965 MAY 14 SECRET.

UNEXPECTED IMMEDIATE AVAILABILITY OF SHIPPING HAS LED
MAAF TO INSTRUCT US TO EVACUATE VIS PORTSWITH. WILL
ARRIVE FOR MOVEMENT OUT OF 110 MU DETACHMENT WITH
OTHER RAF UNITS AND ITS ONWARD ROUTING TO PARENT UNIT.
MAAF ARE GIVING US POLICY REGARDING DISPOSAL OF UNSERVICEABLE
AIRCRAFT AND WE WILL PASS THIS ON TO RAF COMMANDER FOR HIS
GUIDANCE

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FROM H.Q. B.A.F.
TO R.A.F. VIS (R) 214 GROUP (R) 110 M.U.

O.973 MAY 14

YOUR O.21 MAY 14. POLICY FOR UNSERVICEABLE AIRCRAFT
WITH 110 M.U. IS FOLLOWS. REMOVE ALL AILERONS AND MAGNETO
CONTACT BREAKERS WHICH ARE TO BE BROUGHT WITH YOU ALTHOUGH
NO REPEAT NO PRECAUTIONS AGAINST DAMAGE IN TRANSIT NEED BE
TAKEN. OTHERWISE LEAVE AIRCRAFT INTACT ALSO REMOVE BREECH
BLOCKS OF GUNS. MY O.965 TO FIRST AND SECOND ADDRESSEES ONLY
ALSO REFERS

B

From : Air Forces Sub Commission, A.C., Rome.

To : H.Q. M.A.C.A.F.

Date : 27th August 1945

Ref : AFSC/684/10/Eq.

T.912 AIRCRAFT ABANDONED AT VIE.

With reference to H.Q. M.A.C.A.F. letter, C.A.F./11034/1/1/2g. dated 19/8/45 and further to this Sub Commission's letter under even reference dated 8/8/45, enclosed is copy of a letter received from No.8 A.R.P., S.A.A.F., C.A.F. ref. 8/AND/1003/Eq. dated 20/8/45, from which it appears that the above-mentioned aircraft were transferred to the charge of H.Q., S.A.F. on the authority of T.914 Group Signal T.912 dated 15/5/45.

2. H.Q. No. 214 Group are requested to furnish both to H.Q. M.A.C.A.F. and this H.Q. as much information as possible in connection with the circumstances surrounding the transfer of these aircraft to the charge of H.Q., S.A.F.

B.C. DENNIS, P/Lt.
Air Vice Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

Copy to H.Q., No. 214 Group

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From : Officer Commanding,
No. 8. A.F.D., SAAF; C.M.F.

To :- Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, Rome.

Date :- 20th August 1945

Ref :- SAR./1000/24.

P.39 AIRCRAFT ABANDONED AT VIS.

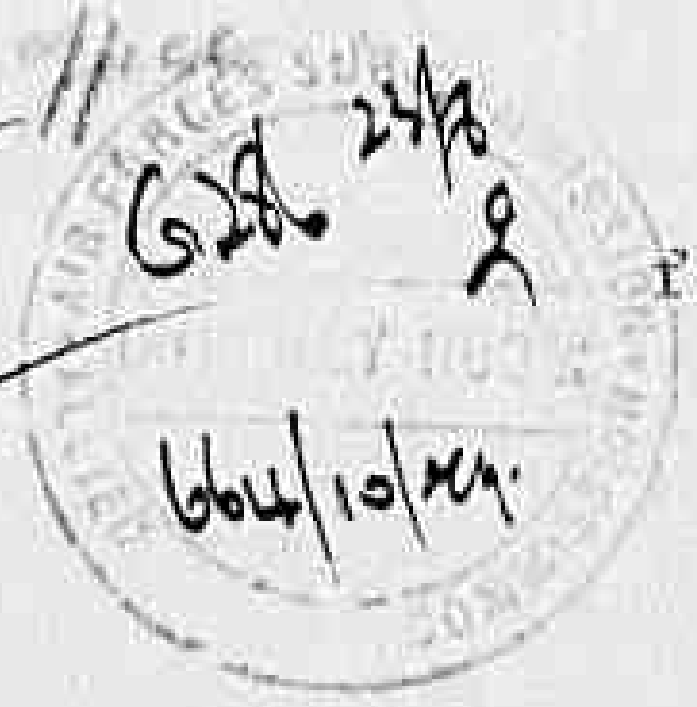
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With reference to your letter AFS7/654/10/24
dated 7th August 1945, it is advised that the
aircraft in question were transferred to the charge
of H.Q., B.A.F. This Unit's Issue Voucher T2.157
dated 10th July 1945 refers, and the authority
is 214 Group Signal T.911 dated 15th May 1945.

Not to

Rome

See 11A



Albert

For Lt. Colonel, Commanding,
No. 8. A.F.D. SAAF; C.M.F.

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GA

From: Air Force Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, USA.
To: O.C. No. 110 H.U.
Date: 22nd August, 1945.
Ref: AFAC/664/10/Sq.

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P.39 AIRCRAFT ABANDONED AT VIS

A reply to this H.Q. letter under even reference dated 7/8/45 does not appear to have been received.

May the matter please receive your attention.

HB
B. C. DENNIS,
Flight Lieutenant,
for Air Vice Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

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8A

From: Headquarters, Mediterranean Coastal Air Forces.

To: Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, Rome.

Date: 18th August 1945.

Ref: CME/11024/4/1/1Q.



Abandoned Airacobra Aircraft.

Reference is made to your letter AFS/64/10/20, dated August 6th, 1945.

2. A copy of the Headquarters M.A.A.F. Signal to Headquarters, Balkan Air Force authorising the abandonment of aircraft on the withdrawal of R.A.F. and Allied Units from Vis, is forwarded for your information.

3. The whole withdrawal was made quickly, and with very limited shipping at their disposal prior consideration was given to personnel and their kit, unit stores, small arms, ammunition, bomb detonators and other dangerous items of equipment. Every endeavour was made also to bring out all aircraft spares, as well as every removable part of aircraft which were to be abandoned. It is thought that this latter action was taken individually by the British and Italian Air Force Sections, and as far as the R.A.F. was concerned it is believed that the technical equipment did not amount to very much.

4. Despite a second party going into Vis to collect the airfield's P.S.P. P.C.L. and further ammunition, the shortage of available shipping did not permit the withdrawal of any grounded aircraft by sea. Under the circumstances therefore it is felt that any aircraft left on Vis will have been stripped of all removable parts and left as an irrecoverable loss.

5. No record is held by this Headquarters of any Airacobra aircraft ever being transferred to Headquarters Balkan Air Force on receipt of the Postagram from Headquarters M.A.A.F. and therefore No. 110 Maintenance Unit's signal 139 June 27th is not understood. It would be appreciated if further evidence on the transfer could be provided by No. 110 Maintenance Unit.

6. It is noted that Allied Forces Sub Commission signal 196 June 16th refers to a No. 110 Maintenance Unit letter dated April 23rd and it is assumed that the final position of aircraft abandoned on Vis in June will differ from the list given in their letter dated 23rd April.

6/1/45
H. J. P.
19/8/45
W. J. A.
W. J. A.

Reference is made to your letter AFSC/68/10/30, dated August 8th, 1945.

2. A copy of the Headquarters R.A.F. Signal to Headquarters, Balkan Air Force authorising the abandonment of aircraft on the withdrawal of R.A.F. and Allied Units from Vis, is forwarded for your information.

3. The whole withdrawal was made quickly, and with very limited shipping at their disposal prior consideration was given to personnel and their kit, unit stores, small arms, ammunition, bomb detonators and other dangerous items of equipment. Every endeavour was made also to bring out all aircraft spares, as well as every removable part off aircraft which were to be abandoned. It is thought that this latter action was taken individually by the British and Italian Air Force Sections, and as far as the R.A.F. was concerned it is believed that the technical equipment did not amount to very much.

4. Despite a second party going into Vis to collect the airfield's P.S.P. P.O.L. and further ammunition, the shortage of available shipping did not permit the withdrawal of any grounded aircraft by sea. Under the circumstances therefore it is felt that any aircraft left on Vis will have been stripped of all removable parts and left as an irrecoverable loss.

5. No record is held by this Headquarters of any Airacobra aircraft ever being transferred to Headquarters Balkan Air Force on receipt of the Postagram from Headquarters R.A.F. and therefore No. 140 Maintenance Unit's signal 139 June 27th is not understood. It would be appreciated if further evidence on the transfer could be provided by No. 140 Maintenance Unit.

6. It is noted that Allied Forces Sub Commission signal 196 June 16th refers to a No. 140 Maintenance Unit letter dated April 23rd and it is assumed that the final position of aircraft abandoned on Vis in June will differ from the list given in their letter dated 23rd April.

J.M. Warner
for Air Commodore,
Air Officer i/c Administration,
HEADQUARTERS MEDITERRANEAN COASTAL AIR FORCE.

E. J. [unclear]
W. J. [unclear]
W. J. [unclear]
W. J. [unclear]
W. J. [unclear]
W. J. [unclear]

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POSTAGRAM.

TO: HEADQUARTERS, BALKAN AIR FORCE.

MAAF/1586/ORG.
7th June 1945.

FROM: HEADQUARTERS, M.A.A.F. C.M.F.

Withdrawal from ZADAR and VIS.

It is notified for your information that the following decisions have been made consequent upon the withdrawal of Allied Forces in ZADAR and VIS.

- (a) Aircraft beyond repair at VIS are to be abandoned.
- (b) A.F.H.Q. are to arrange for the withdrawal of 600 tons of stores as soon as possible on Vis and also stores at Zadar.
- (c) A.F.H.Q. are to investigate the possibility of withdrawing the P.S.P. from Vis and removing same as soon as possible.

J. O. Callaghan S/LHR.
for Air Vice Marshal
Air Officer i/c Administration.

Copy to CMBQ.

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From: Air Forces Sub Commission,
Allied Commission, ROME.

To: Headquarters,
Mediterranean Allied Coastal Air Force.

Date: 8th August, 1945.

Ref: AFSC/664/10/Eq.

Abandoned Airacobra Aircraft.

1. With reference to your letter CAF/11024/L/1/Eq. dated 18th July, 1945, herewith copies of all correspondence relating to the above subject.
2. It will be realised that the position of these aircraft is rather unusual in that all P.39s held by the Italian Air Force are held on loan from the Americans and no replacements or spares are now being provided. It is therefore of the greatest importance to the Italians that all aircraft capable of being repaired or of being cannibalised should be returned to them.
3. It would appear from 110 M.U. signal Q. 139 dated 16/June, however, that aircraft which had to be abandoned at Vis have been transferred to the charge of B.A.F., and this represents the loss of a most valuable source of spares for the aircraft still in use.
4. If it is not possible to arrange transfer of these aircraft to Lecce and if they have, in fact, been transferred to the charge of B.A.F., it is requested that the necessary vouchers be forwarded to this Headquarters for accounting action, as it is assumed that these vouchers will now be raised by 3 Base Area.


A. H. KNOWLES,
Wing Commander,
for Air Vice Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

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6A

From: Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, Rome.

To: O.C. No. 110 M.U.

Date: 7th August, 1945.

Ref: AFSC/66¹⁰/82.
P.39 AIRCRAFT ABANDONED AT VIS.

Reference is made to your signal Q. 139 dated 27th June, 1945 addressed to A.F.S.C., Lecce.

Will you please advise us whether the aircraft detailed therein were in fact transferred to the charge of B.A.F. and if so, it will be appreciated if you will also quote the authority.

It is pointed out that no replacements have been received for these aircraft and in view of our previous request that they be sent to Lecce (our Q.196 16/6/45 refers) can it be stated whether the spares salvaged from these aircraft are now available for use in the Italian Air Force

*File postponed
see 9A*

Post
A. H. KNOWLES,
Wing Commander,
for Air Vice Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

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Copy to: M.A.C.A.F. (letter ref. CAF/1102/4/1/82. dated 18/7/45 refers)
A.F.S.C. Bari (attention P/Lt. Lawrence)

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

LRKE V LGJP 4/25 ROUTINE

FROM:- AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION LECCE 241600B

TO:- AIR FORCE SUB-COMMISSION ROME

GR----- BT

Q205 24 JULY UNCLASSIFIED

FROM F/LT LAWRENCE TO F/O EVANS . REF YOUR Q460 DATED 23 JULY
 COPY OUR Q96 DATED JUNE 16 TO 110 MU (R) AFSC BARI MESSAGE
 GEINS . REF TELECOM . MAJOR LOWE . F/LT LAWRENCE REQUEST ALL P39
 A/C BE RETURNED TO I.A.F. LECCE . LETTER AFSC/BS832/ENG
 DATED APRIL 12 REFERS
 MESSAGES ENDS

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SENT RC AR K

WA RETURNED TO RPT TO IAF

IN SECOND LINE EA COPY OUR READ Q196 RPT Q196

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*Outgoing Signal**HA*

From : Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C., ROME.

To : Air Forces Sub-Commission A.C., Beccoe.

E.Q. 160 24th. July 1945.

From F/O Evans to F/Lt. Lawrence.

Request you forward copy of Signal Q 196 June 16 •
Subject Abandoned P39 Aircraft at Vis.

To Be Encyphered if sent by w/t

Time of origin - 24/1000 E.

Priority - Routine.

J.M. Evans

J.M. EVANS F/O.
Air Vice Marshal
Air Officer Commanding 5027

From :- Headquarters, Mediterranean Allied Coastal Air Force.
To :- Air Forces Sub-Commission, A. C. Rome.
Date :- 18th July, 1945.
Ref :- CAF/11024/4/1/EQ.

ABANDONED AIROCobra AIRCRAFT.

Reference is made to your letter AFSC/664/10/EQ., dated 10th July, 1945, to Headquarters, Balkan Air Force.

2. It is requested that a copy of No. 110 Maintenance Unit's Signal 139, dated 27th June, be forwarded to this Headquarters for information and any necessary further action. Your request is not clearly understood, as nothing is known regarding these Airocoba Aircraft transferred to Headquarters, Balkan Air Force.

3. Any assistance you can give regarding references of Headquarters, Balkan Air Force correspondence will be appreciated, especially as it is thought this matter may refer to Aircraft left behind on the urgent closing down of R.A.F. Station, Vis.

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Letter to my nature place
J. m. Wane sk.

& Air Commodore,
Air Officer i/o Administration,
MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED COASTAL AIR FORCE.

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From: Air Forces Sub Commission, A. C. Rome
To : Headquarters, B.A.F., R.A.F., C.M.F.
Date: 10th July, 1945
Ref.: AFSC/664/10/BQ.

ABANDONED AIROCOBRA AIRCRAFT

It is requested that a covering form 600(C.R.V.) in respect of the following aircraft transferred to your charge in accordance with O/C 110 M.U. signal 1396 dated 27th June 1945 be forwarded to this H.Q. for necessary accounting action.

43036	21867
42459	43048
43030	42463
43016	

J. M. Evans
J. M. EVANS F/O.
AIR VICE MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

From:- Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, Bari.

To:- Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, Rome.

Date:- 29th. June, 1945.

Ref:- AFSC/B/S.664/2/EQ.

P.39 AIRCRAFT.

Herewith copy of Signal received from
No. 110 Maintenance Unit and which is forwarded to you for
information.

R. Cartner
for R. CARTNER. F/O.
Officer Commanding,
Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Bari Detachment.

Copy to:-
Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, Lecce.

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FROM 110 MJ

TO A F S C LECE

(R) A F S C BARI

GP - BT

139 27 JUNE

RESTRICTED FROM MAJOR LOUW TO F/LT LAWRENCE

YOUR Q156 JUNE 16 (.)

FOLLOWING P39 AIRCRAFT ABANDONED

AT V I S AND BEING TRANSFERRED

TO CHARGE OF B A F

A/C NOS 43036 42459 43030 43016
218367 43048 42463 REPEY

BT 2714209

GP AFTER 42459 IS 43030 AND 43016

CK

SENT WJC BK

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Rec P 300

From : Air Forces Sub Commission,
Allied Commission,
c/o Allied Military Government,
NAPLES Commune, A.P.O. 394.

To : Army Air Forces Service Command,
Mediterranean Theatre of Operations.
Date : 26th April, 1945.

Ref : AFSC/N/664/2/EO.

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Rome
(W/and Knowledge.)



P.39 EQUIPMENT FOR ITALIAN AIR FORCE.

1. It will be appreciated if your advice may be given on the possibility of this Sub Commission arranging to clear remaining stocks of P.39 equipment from A.A.F.S.C. depots, for use by Italian Air Force.
2. Although certain items are now in short supply there is undoubtedly a large quantity of equipment for which demand is limited, and the practicability of such an arrangement depends largely upon the existing stocks together with duration of further use by Italian Air Force.
3. The Italian Air Force have a depot with sufficient capacity to hold a large amount of aircraft equipment.

L.G. Watkins
(L.G. Watkins)
Flight Lieutenant,
for Air Vice-Marshal,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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Copies to :

Air Forces Sub Commission, ROME.

Air Forces Sub Commission, BARI.

Note. This proposition is placed with A.A.F.S.C./M.E.C. because of an indication given that they are considering clearing out stocks of P.39 equipment.

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