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LIGHTING RESTRICTIONS, VEHICLES
JAN., FEB. 1944

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Col. Heaney

Perhaps you would like to consider this matter in its wider aspect.

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C.P.S.

Col. Heaney doesn't think that this calls for any action by Civil Police Division as action is already required in view of AMG administration.

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P.A.

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28 JAN 1944

SUBJECT: Road Traffic - Lighting of civilian vehicles

Rear AMG Eighth Army

04/19/101A

25 January 1944.

AMG.H.Q., A.C.M.F.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter AMG 446/4 of 19 Jan.44.

2. Civilian carts are not allowed on any military traffic roads in Eighth Army area during the hours of darkness.

E.J. Cullin Major
for Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
AMG. Eighth Army.

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C.A.O.

Please see 6 - pages leading up to it.

Would it not be better to issue a G.O. to cover the points instead of a series of provincial orders? Also should not the orders issued by the Regents be endorsed by the SCAP.

The only point in favour of provincial orders is that local variations reflecting the views of the Specific, if there are any.

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Chief of Public Safety Division -

In normal circumstances I should agree that a general order would be preferable. At the moment however, I'm inclined to think that orders by the Regents - with the endorsement of the S.C.A.P - are preferable in some areas. In the areas which have not been regionalized I believe that the best remedy at the moment would be found in local AMG legislation with variations furnished in our own courts -

W.H. C.A.O. 26/1/47

B.F. Griffiths
Asst Chief
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24 JAN 1944

HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394, U.S. ARMY
PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE.

22 January 1944

SUBJECT: Road Traffic - Lighting of Civilian Vehicles.

TO : Public Safety Division, HQ, AMG 15 Army Group.

Reference letter AMG/446/4 dated 19 January 1944.

Existing Italian law provides that all vehicles shall display front white lights during the hours of darkness and all motor vehicles and bicycles shall also display red rear lights. As regards horse-drawn vehicles and handcarts there is, in the present Italian law, no provision for a red rear light.

It is imperative that red lights to the rear should be displayed on all vehicles during the hours of darkness and for this purpose it was necessary to publish an Order covering vehicles other than motor vehicles and bicycles. Owing to the scarcity of lamps and oil, approval was given to allow a red reflector on all horse-drawn vehicles, handcarts and bicycles in lieu of a lamp showing red to the rear.

An Ordinance covering these points has now been issued by the Prefect of Naples and wide publicity has been given thereto - a copy is attached.

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The Prefect and all Italian police agencies have been informed of the urgent necessity for strict enforcement of existing Italian law and the new Ordinance. They have also been told that if there is not an improvement all main roads will be made Military Roads after the hours of darkness and civilian traffic will be excluded therefrom.

Similar Ordinances and instructions are being issued in the Provinces of Avellino and Benevento.

C.T. FRANCIS.
Lieut. Colonel, G.L.,
Chief of Public Safety.

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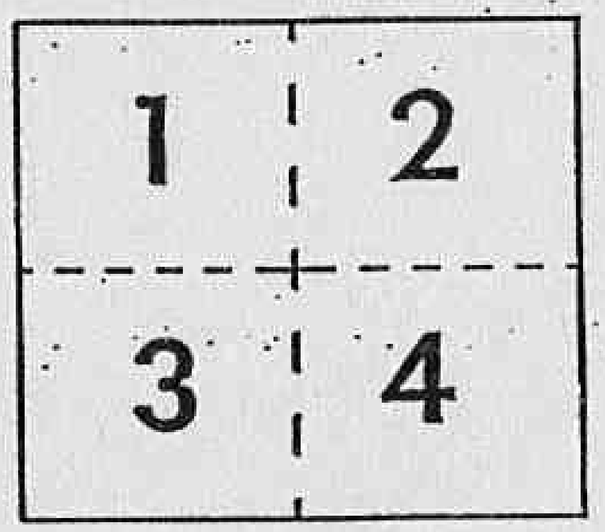

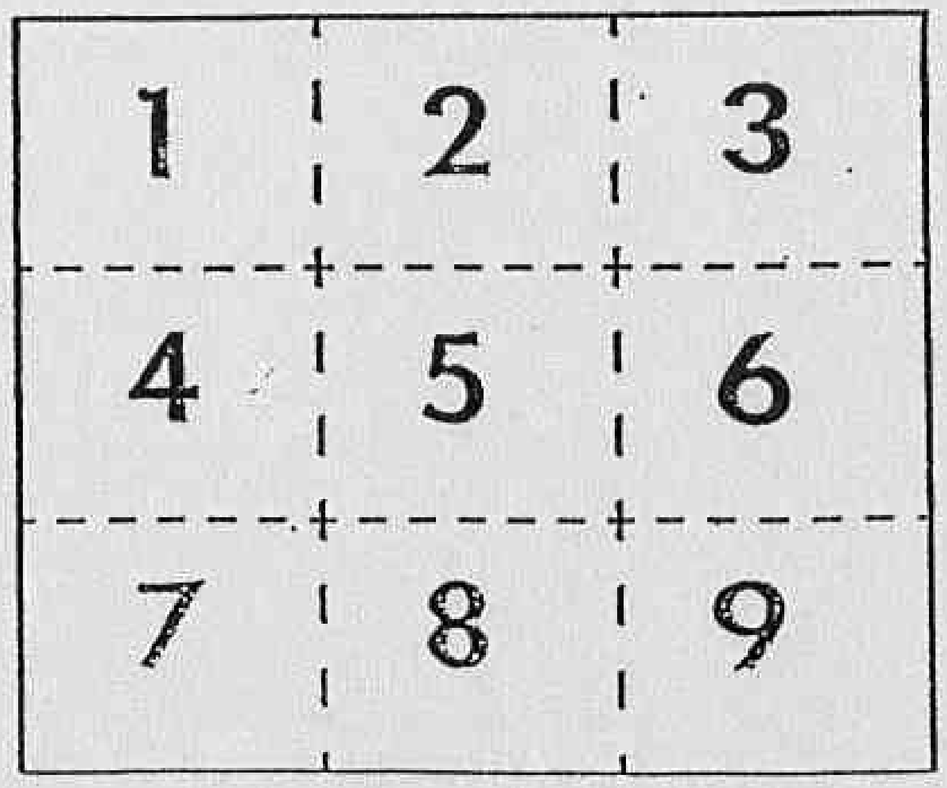

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DELLA PROVINC

Vista la richiesta del Quartiere Ger
relativa alla illuminazione dei veicoli a tr
colano durante le ore dell'oscuramento ne
Provincia;

Considerato che, per le norme vigent
le ore dell'oscuramento debbono mettere i
riore e tutti i veicoli a motore e le bicic
luci rosse nella parte posteriore, mentre p
animale od a mano non esiste alcuna d
parte posteriore;

Considerato che la mancanza di tale

Considerato che non riesce facile di
a mano del prescritto lume bianco, data

Visto l'art. 19 della Legge Comunal

Visti gli art. 41 e 50 delle norme p

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EFETTO

NCIA DI NAPOLI

ere Generale del Governo Militare Alleato
oli a trazione animale e a mano, i quali cir-
ento nel territorio e negli abitati di questa

vigenti, tutti i veicoli che circolano durante
ttere in mostra luci bianche alla parte ante-
e biciclette devono anche mettere in mostra
entre per quanto riguarda i veicoli a trazione
cuna disposizione per una luce rossa nella

di tale luce è causa di seri incidenti stradali;
ile di munire i veicoli a trazione animale e
, data la mancanza di combustibile;
mmunale e Provinciale;
rme per la tutela delle strade e per la cir-

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a mano del prescritto lume bianco, data l
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Visti gli art. 41 e 50 delle norme pe
colazione approvate con R. D. L. 8-12-193
Visto l'art. 2 della Legge 29-5-1939

ORDI

Oltre a quanto è stabilito dalla Legge
meccanica comprese le biciclette di portar
durante l'oscuramento; tutti i veicoli a tr
ore di oscuramento debbono portare nella
ramente visibile. Essa va schermata alla
durante le incursioni aeree e gli allarmi.

Detta luce potrà essere sostituita da
forma circolare, con superficie riflettente
n. 9 del Decreto Interministeriale 30-5-
ciale n. 191 del 9-6 successivo.

Detti catarinfrangenti potranno esse
al prezzo di L. 10 cadauno, esibendo rich
di P. S.

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me bianco, data la mancanza di combustibile
Legge Comunale e Provinciale;
o delle norme per la tutela delle strade e
R. D. L. 8-12-1936 n. 1740;
Legge 29-5-1939 n. 921;

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bilito dalla Legge circa l'obbligo pei veicoli
iciclette di portare il lume rosso nella parte
utti i veicoli a trazione animale o a mano
ono portare nella parte posteriore una luce
a schermata alla vista dall'alto e deve esse
ee e gli allarmi.
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erficie riflettente e con le caratteristiche in
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i munire i veicoli a trazione animale e
a la mancanza di combustibile;
ale e Provinciale;
per la tutela delle strade e per la cir-
936 n. 1740;
39 n. 921;

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trazione animale o a mano durante le
ella parte posteriore una luce rossa chia-
la vista dall'alto e deve essere spenta

da un apparecchio catarinfrangente di
te e con le caratteristiche indicate nel
-5-1936, pubblicato nella Gazzetta Uffi-

ssere acquistati presso le seguenti Ditte
ichiesta scritta vistata dall'Autorità locale

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n. 9 del Decreto Interministeriale 30-5-1
ciale n. 191 del 9-6 successivo.

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al prezzo di L. 10 cadauno, esibendo richie
di P. S.:

a) Ditta Mariano Esposito - Piazza F
b) Ditta Giovambattista Truppi - Via
c) Ditta Santini Giuseppe - Corso U
d) Ditta Giaquinto Lucio - Via Iolan

Le richieste dovranno contenere le g
dicazioni atte al sicuro rintraccio di lui.

I suddetti rivenditori risponderanno
stenti presso di loro e già accertati dalla
bizione delle richieste vistate dall'Autorit
per ogni apparecchio venduto.

I contravventori alla presente ordina
cui agli articoli 40 e 50 del R. D. L. 8
stabilite dall'art. 650 del Codice Penale.

La presente ordinanza entrerà in vig
decimo giorno dopo quello della sua pubbl

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30-5-1936, pubblicato nella Gazzetta Uffi-

essere acquistati presso le seguenti Ditte
richiesta scritta vistata dall'Autorità locale

iazza Principe Umberto, 32 - Napoli;
i - Via Torino, 93 - Napoli;
orso Umberto, 7 - Caserta;
Iolanda Margherita, 68 - Caserta.

e le generalità dell'acquirente e tutte le in-
lui.

anno degli apparecchi catarinfrangenti esi-
dalla Questura di Napoli mediante la esi-
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ordinanza saranno passibili delle penalità di
L. 8 Dicembre 1933 n. 1740 e di quelle
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IL PREFETTO
Cavalieri

- R. Tip. Giannini

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SUBJECT: Road Traffic - Lighting of Civilian Vehicles

HQ AMG
15 ARMY GROUP
CMF

AMG/446/3
19 Jan 44.

APMG

Reference attached. I consider it essential that every vehicle travelling by night should carry a light. This is required by Italian law and I am issuing instructions that it should be rigidly enforced.

Brigadier,
DCCAO.

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C. S. O.

I discussed this with Gen. Pièche to-day. There is, of course an Italian law requiring these vehicles to carry lights, but it is honoured more in the breach than the observance at present. One reason for this is the difficulty in obtaining oil or candles. The D.P.M., No. 2 District apparently sympathises with the cart-drivers and is inclined not to press for prosecution of offenders.

I asked Gen. Pièche for his reaction to the barring of main traffic arteries to native carts, etc. during the hours of darkness and he agreed that such a course might be necessary in operational areas. He was inclined to suggest increased lighting on military vehicles in back areas, but this would not be feasible in, say, the NAPLES area.

Where there are alternative roads to which native carts can be diverted, I think this the best solution, the details being worked out between the appropriate Area and AMG officers.

The action taken in FOGGIA prior to its occupation by the Allies could only be quoted as a precedent for the most forward areas, where, I imagine, there is no particular problem.

12 Jan 44:

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CCAO. Lo ref 2-1 P. Carts without lights on the main traffic routes are a great nuisance & a P.C.O

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[illegible] Restrictions [illegible] Operations. On
the Mainland Civil Supplies Must Movement Civil
traffic at night is one of the only means of
their transport. Vehicles that carry a light
light on the main transport routes to be enforced
& ARMY themselves accordingly.

2. If you agree to above I shall issue
Order by Wednesday authorities.

[illegible]
13/1/44.

All traffic travelling by night should
carry a light. Italian Govt to be enforced
in their respect. After the Armistice

SUBJECT: [illegible] 1944

TO: AMGOT HQ., SICILY

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AG 010.8-1 MCS-AGM 1st Ind.
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS, APO 512, 7 January 1944

TO: General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, 15th Army Group.

Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your command.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

T. J. DAVIS,
Brigadier General, USA,
Adjutant General.

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BRITISH CONFIDENTIAL

From:- Headquarters, Mediterranean Allied Air Forces (Advanced).

To :- Allied Force Headquarters, ALGIERS

Date:- 31st December 1943.

Ref :- MAAF/1827/P.1.

ROAD TRAFFIC

1. The attention of this Headquarters has been drawn to the danger occasioned to road traffic in Italy, during the hours of darkness, by the presence on the roads of civilian horse-drawn vehicles which carry no lights. It is reported that many of the drivers of these vehicles show an indifference to the safety of both themselves and other road users by failing to keep the correct side, and sometimes even appear to be asleep. The number of such vehicles is very great in the early hours of the night and just before dawn.

2. It is not known whether these vehicles are required by Italian law to carry lights, but even if such a law exists, it is evidently not observed.

3. The restricted lighting on Service vehicles makes it extremely difficult for a driver on a dark night to see these unlighted carts more than 15 to 20 yards ahead, which state of affairs results in the following:

(a) A source of danger to both Italian and Service drivers and vehicles.

(b) An excessive strain on Service drivers.

(c) A reduction in the speed of Service vehicles carrying supplies urgently required for operational purposes.

(d) A feeling of resentment by Service personnel against the civilian population, whose failure to adapt themselves quickly to modern traffic conditions is not always understood.

4. There are no grounds for believing that Service drivers as a whole are failing to exercise the high degree of care which is necessary, but several accidents have occurred already where no blame can be attached to them, and it is anticipated that more will follow unless appropriate steps are taken.

5. It is accordingly suggested for your consideration that the need for controlling civilian traffic should be brought to the attention of A.M.C.C.T., which is understood to be the appropriate authority, with a view to an order being issued either that all civilian vehicles should be compelled to carry lights, or that they should be forbidden to travel on main roads during the hours of darkness. According to a notice displayed on one road leading out of Foggia, it is understood that all civilian traffic was forbidden by the Italian and German authorities before the district was captured.

6. Your comments on these suggestions would be appreciated.

/s/ K.F.T. Pickley (?)

for Air Officer i/c Administration
NORTHWEST AFRICAN AIR FORCES.

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