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ITALIAN TANKS, DISPOSAL OF
FEB. - JULY 1946

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 794

Tel: 439081-365

12 July 1946

AC/14513/42/1/PS

SUBJECT: Italian Turin - Disposal of.

TO: Director of P.S.,
Ministry of Interior.

1. Reference is made to your 792/4575/14500.7.1 dated 9 June 1946.

2. The following Italian tanks of obsolete pattern are disposed as shown below:

Serial No	Location	Size	Engine No	Chassis No
1	Florence Arsenal	"3"	1790	
2	"	"3"	76/0328	1205
3	Bari	"3"	Spa 528	
4	Bari	"3L"	Spa 0351	
5	Turin Arsenal	"143"	100572	43285
6	"	"0733"	Spa 358	2328
7	"	"15/42"	100177	18036

3. The First SPA wish to claim the sum of 149,744 from the Arsenal Turin on whose account Nos. 5, 6 and 7 shown above, were repaired.

4. The War Ministry and the Allied Military authorities are not interested in this matter.

Will you please direct the Arsenal Turin to settle the matter direct with the First SPA?

PJS/nc

J. J. H. H. H.
J. J. H. H. H. Colonel
Acting Director.

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COPY: - MIA
(Your 14513 dated 10 July refers).

Subject: Italian Tanks - disposal of

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC
(M.M. I.A.)

Q.154

10 July 1946

TO : A.C. (for Public Safety Sub Commission) ✓

Reference your AC/11615/12/P3 dated 13 June 46.

1. It appears the present position is that the following Italian tanks of obsolete pattern are disposed as under.

Serial No	LOCATION	TYPE	ENGINE No	CHASSIS No
I	Florence Questura	"3"	1708	?
II	"	"3"	76/8348	1205
III	Rome	"3"	Spa 628	?
IV	Bari	"3L"	Spa 0051	?
V	Turin Arsenal	"140"	100572	48296
VI	"	"CV33"	Spa 858	2328
VII	"	"E15/42"	100177	18056

2. Under G13 instructions 5072/Q2 of 21 May 46 Serial Nos V, VI and VII are to be rendered innocuous.

From the attached correspondence it appears that the firm SPA wish to claim the sum of Lire 419,744 from the Questura Turin on whose account they were repaired.

May the Director of Public Safety, Ministry of Interior be requested to instruct the Questura Turin to settle the matter direct with the firm SPA.

The War Ministry and the Allied Military Authorities are not interested.

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Admiral

R.A. CURTIS Lt Col
for Major General,
M.M. I.A.

Copy to: 1 BM - ref Q 9/1 of 4 July 46.

10 - for War Ministry and to obtain immediate
reply to Q.154 of 3 June 1946.

TO : A.C. (for Public Safety Sub Commission) ✓

Reference your AC/14613/12/RS dated 13 June 46. *see. 14 per*

1. It appears the present position is that the following Italian tanks of obsolete pattern are disposed as under.

Serial No	LOCATION	TYPE	ENGINE No	CHASSIS No
I	Florence Questura	"3"	1708	?
II	"	"3"	76/8348	1205
III	Rome	"3"	Spa 628	?
IV	Bari	"3L"	Spa 0051	?
V	Turin Arsenal	"DLO"	100372	48296
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The War Ministry and the Allied Military Authorities are not interested.

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

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TO	UNIT	DATE
DIRECTOR		11/7
DEPUTY DIRECTOR		11/7
ASST. OFFICER		12/7
POLICE		
LIC. & REG.		
PR. GEN.		
ASST. OFFICER		
SECURITY		
CHIEF CLERK		

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SPATURIN 1 July 1946NOTE for the Comando 1st BID - Corso Oporto 18, TURIN

On July 1945 the Italian Police Headquarters of TURIN handed to SPA Works in Caselle, the following tanks to be repaired,

Type	C.V.	-	33	engine No 858	Frame No 2328
Type	L.	-	40	" "	100372 Frame No 48296
Type	M.	-	15/42	" "	100177 Frame No 18036

The work was done and the SPA met an expense of Lire 419,744, but as soon as the work was through, there came the Allied Headquarters of Rivoli who took the tanks away without leaving any receipt.

Later on these were handed, in a very bad condition, to the Arsenale of TURIN.

SPA Company is still awaiting to know to which Allied Authority the aforesaid amount of Lire 419744 has to be invoiced.

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SUBJECT: Disposal of Tanks & Armored Cars.

I 115/G
HQ 7 AGFA

4 Oct 45

Sir SACMONT
S.P.A. Sec P. AZIONE
Commo FERRUCIO 122
TORINO

Your ref RM/41/ dated 29 Sep 45.

1. The 5 tanks type CV 5 located at the SPA Works, CASALE handed to you by the Quastura will be returned forthwith to the Quastura.
2. The Armored Car Type AM/40 located at CASALE and the light car (Desert Model) body No. 95522 will also be handed over to the Quastura. Payment for the latter is a matter for mutual arrangement between you and Officer Commanding Quastura.
3. All guns, gun carriages and any other weapons will be handed over to the Direzione di Artiglieria.
4. All other Armored Cars and Tanks will be dismantled as quickly as possible.
5. The loose groups may be used on civilian who or for non-military purpose.
6. You are personally responsible that all these orders are carried out.

ag. GRANDE BRIG.
Comd 7 AGFA

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED COMMISSION
Public Safety sub-Commission
APO 334

tel: 489361-365

13 June 1946

AC/14613/12/RS

SUBJECT : Italian Tanks - Disposal of.
TO : Land Forces 3/C (ROMA).

1. Reference is made to your 3.154 dated 4 June 1946.
2. This matter was referred to the Director of Public Safety Ministry of Interior, and attached is a copy of the reply giving the required information.
3. It is appreciated that the information now supplied to you is at variance with that forwarded in our previous letter. However, our letter of 7 May was based on information supplied at the time by the Director of Public Safety.
4. The particulars now supplied are believed to be correct.

PJW:tm

Franklin Stal.
F. J. B.K. Colonel
Acting Director.

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(Translation M.B.)

MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
P.S. General Direction
G.G.F. Div. 2nd Sec.

Rome. 9/6/46

Nr. 999/4575/14600.7.I
Reply to note AG/14613/12/PS
dated 6th inst.

To : ALLIED COMMISSION
P.S. Sub Commission

R O M E

SUBJECT : Italian tanks. Displacement of the same.

Reference to a/m note.

It is communicated that a SPA armoured car, a light truck of colonial type and 4 tanks, have been withdrawn on the 12th March last by the Rome Police car pool from the Turin Questura.

The said vehicles have been displaced, for Police services, as follows :

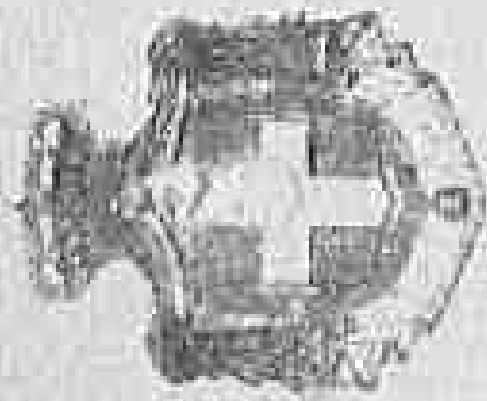
- 1) SPA armoured car - Engine Nr. 100204 - Chassis 47558 - at the Rome Police car pool.
- 2) SPA 40 light truck of colonial type - Engine Nr. 100751 - Chassis 55521 at the Rome Police car pool.
- 3) Tank "Type 3" - Engine Nr. 1708 (not 3188) at the Florence Questura.
- 4) Tank "Type 3" - Engine Nr. 76/8348 (not 1205, which is the number of the chassis) at the Florence Questura.
- 5) Tank "Type 3" - Engine Nr. illegible (checked Engine Nr. SPA 268) at the Rome Police car pool.
- 6) Tank "Type 3 L" registered 4350 (checked Engine Nr. SPA 0051) at the Bari Questura.

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The Chief of Police

sgd/ FERRARI

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Ministero dell'Interno

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA P.S. DIVISIONE S.C.T. SEZIONE 2^a

N. 999/4575/14600.7.1

Roma 2 giugno 1946

Risposta a nota S corrente n. A.O. 14613/12/T. 3/A/PO. 394

OCCORRENZA: Carri armati italiani - Disposizioni dei tedeschi.

AL COMANDO COMMISSIONE MILITARE

Sottocommissione per la P.S.

R.O.M.A.

In relazione alla nota suddetta di comando si comunica che un'autoblinda Spa, un autocarro leggero tipo coloniale e 4 carri armati sono stati ritirati il 12 marzo u.s. dall'Autocentro di Polizia di Roma presso la Questura di Cortina.

Detti automezzi hanno avuto la seguente dislocazione per i servizi di Polizia:

- 1°) Autoblinda Spa motore 100201 - Telaio 47356 presso l'Autocentro di Polizia Roma;
- 2°) Autocarro leggero tipo coloniale Spa 40 motore 100751 - Telaio 55521 presso l'Autocentro di Polizia, Roma;
- 3°) Carro armato tipo 3 motore 1705 (e con 3168) presso la Questura di Firenze;
- 4°) Carro armato tipo 3 motore n. 76/0346 e con 1205 (che è il numero del telaio) alla Questura di Firenze;
- 5°) Carro armato tipo 3 motore illeggibile (riscontrato nel Spa n. 268) presso autocentro di Polizia Roma;
- 6°) Carro armato tipo 3 T targa 4350 (riscontrato nella Spa

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Roma 2 giugno 1946

Risposta a nota 5 corrente n. 4.0.14613/12/P.S./A/PO.394

Oggetto: Carri armati italiani - Riposizione dei medesimi.

AL COMANDO COMMISSIONE ARTEFATA

Sottocommissione per la P.S.

R O M A

In relazione alla nota minificata di codesto Comando al comitato che un'autoblinda Spe, un autocarro leggero tipo coloniale e 4 carri armati sono stati ritirati il 12 marzo U.S. dall'Autocentro di Polizia di Roma presso la Questura di Torino.

Detti autoveicoli hanno avuto la seguente destinazione per

i servizi di Polizia:

- 1°) Autoblinda Spe Motore 100204 - Telaio 47598 presso l'Autocentro di Polizia Roma;
- 2°) Autocarro leggero tipo coloniale Spa 40 motore 100751 - Telaio 55521 presso l'Autocentro di Polizia, Roma;
- 3°) Carro armato tipo 3 motore 1708 (e non 3153) presso la Questura di Firenze;
- 4°) Carro armato tipo 3 motore n. 76/8348 e non 1205 (che è il numero del telaio) alla Questura di Firenze;
- 5°) Carro armato tipo 3 motore illeggibile (riscontrato n. 268) presso autocentro di Polizia Roma;
- 6°) Carro armato tipo 3 L targa 4350 (riscontrato n. 268) presso la Questura di Bari.

IL CAPO DELLA POLIZIA

Spumari

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel: 489081-365

AC/14613/12/P3

6 June 1946

SUBJECT : Italian Tanks - Disposal of.

TO : Director of Public Safety,
Ministry of Interior.

1. On 12 March 1946 six vehicles were sent to your Ministry by the Questore of Turin. Particulars of the vehicles are as follows:-

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

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

3. May we be informed please where these vehicles are at present located? It would be appreciated if this matter could be treated as urgent.

FJW/tm

Frank J. Byr
F. J. BYR, Colonel
Acting Director

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Copy to: - Land Forces S/O (2MIA)
(your C. 154 dated 4 June refers).

SUBJECT:- Italian Tanks - Disposal of.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,
M.H.I.A.
R O M E
Q.154
4 June 1946

TO : Allied Commission (for Public Safety Sub-Commission).

Reference your AC/14613/12/ES of 7 May 46.

1. See attached report from CC.MR L.O. TURIN.

2. May Ministry of Interior be approached as to present location of the tanks.

3. Meanwhile the War Ministry are being requested to verify that they have at the TURIN Arsenal three tanks as under:-

Model C.V. 33 - Motor No. 063666 - No. Plate 2328 - Chassis No. 1502
" L. 40 - " " 100372 - " " 48296
" M. 15/42 - " " 100177 - " " 18036

4. As H.Q. 3 District require a report on this subject you are requested to treat as urgent.

5. It is again put on record that the War Ministry do not accept any responsibility for any repairs executed by SFA on the authority of the Civil Authorities or of the Allied H.Q. (originally 7 ARIA).

Alfredo
Major General,
M.H.I.A.

Copy to:- CHQ - 5072/02 of 21 May 46 refers.
3 District - 631/13 Q of 23 May 46 refers.

Internal: "C" - (File SD/107/4 refers).
OCHR - (File CORR/3/1/2 of 6 May 46 refers).

TO : Allied Commission (for Public Safety Sub-Commission).

Reference your AC/14613/12/83 of 7 May 46.

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Internal: "C" - (File SD/107/4 refers).
 CORR - (File CORR/Q/L/2 of 6 May 46 refers).

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Robertson
 Major General,
 H.M.I.A.

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TO	INIT	DATE
DIRECTOR		
DEPUTY DIRECTOR		
CHIEF CLERK		
SECURITY		
CHIEF CLERK		

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SUBJECT : Italian Tanks handed to
the Ministry of Interior.

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

27 May 1946

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

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

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

	<u>Engine</u>	<u>Chassis</u>
- SPA armoured car	100204	47558
- Desert light truck SPA 40	100751	555121
- Tank type 3	3488	
- " " "	1205	
- " " "	(illegible)	
- " " L 33	L. Plate 4350.	

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

Sgd. Major
CC.RR. LO.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

File 3A
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Tel: 489081-365

AO/14613/12/PS

7 May 1946

SUBJECT : Italian Tanks Alleged handed to
Ministry of Interior.

TO : Land Forces S/O - M.M.I.A.

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

FJW/tm


E. J. BYR, Colonel
Acting Director.

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SUBJECT:- Italian Tanks handed over to the Ministry of the Interior.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION, HQ.
ROME

OCRR/Q/1/2

6 MAY 46.

Public Safety Sub Commission, HQ.

1. Reference the letter to Public Safety Sub Commission regarding the above subject (OCRR/Q/1/2 of 3 May 46).
2. Will you please also ascertain.
 - (a) The type and make of these Tanks.
 - (b) The armament and am details of any ammunition held.

RFF/cmr

Richard Fildine
for H. MICHAEL, Lt. Col.
GSO I CC.RR. Section.
M. E. I. A.

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SUBJECT:— Italian Tanks handed over to the Ministry of the Interior.

L.L. AND W.W. ENGINEERS AND ARCHITECTS, INC.
NEW YORK, N.Y.

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Table 1. Subject Data Characteristics

1. On July 1945 the questions of TUPIN sent six Italian SPA tanks to the SPA works at GOMELIO for repairs. The six tanks had originally been taken from the Partisan Division "ROMANINHO". The tanks were repaired at a cost of 449,744 liras, which has not yet been paid.
2. Sixes were returned by SPA to the questions of TUPIN on the authority of Irigadier Graham, CC 7 AGM, vide Mia Letter L.146/8 HQ 7 AGM of the 4th October 1945.
 - i TUPIN have reports that the six tanks above referred to were handed over to the Ministry of the Interior (Public Safety), ROME on 12 March 45.
3. Could you please ascertain
 - (a) On whose authority these SPA Tanks were handed over to the Ministry of Interior on 12 March 45.
 - (b) The present whereabouts of these three tanks.

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Copy to c(se)

H. HONOLULU I.I., COL.
QSO I , POWER Section
H. I. A.

C O P Y

SUBJECT :- CEM

1 British Liaison Unit
Q 9/1

27 Apr 46

To :- HQ Land Forces Sub Comm AC.
(NMIA) ROME

With ref to the attached copy of HQ 2 District 1266/Q3
dated 14 Mar 46.

1. May disposal instrs please be given in respect of these tanks also a ruling as to the settlement of the claim. Three of the tanks are located at the Royal Arsenal of TURIN details of which are attached, the remaining three were handed over to the Min of Interior (Public Safety) ROME, on 12 Mar 46.
2. All relative correspondence is attached.

Sgd:

Major
DAA & QMG.

*Please attach
this to the letter
sent to P Safety
Sub-Commission*

*P/S
Reform
CCRR/a/1/2
of 3 May 46*

C O P Y 10SUBJECT :- Enemy Material1 British Liaison Unit
Q 9/1

5 Feb 46

TO : - HQ 59 Area75 Med Regt RA

1. The following memorandum was handed in to this office by a rep of the SPA:-

" The Questura of TURIN handed in July 1945 to the SPA-WORKS in Caselle (Six) 6 Tanks in order to be repaired. Those Tanks had been taken by the Questura from the Partisan Division "Monferrato".

With letter I 146/8 HQ 7 AGRA in date of 4th October 1945, signed by the Brigadier Commander GRAHAM, the SPA received the disposal to hand back three of these Tanks to the Questura.

The remaining three Tanks, said:-

Model C.V. 33	- Motor N° 063666	- No Plate 2328	- Chassis N° 1502
" L. 40	- " " 100372	- " " 48296	
" M. 15/42	- " " 100177	- " " 18036	

after having been repaired by the SPA, have been handed to the Allied Headquarters of RIVOLI, where they are still located.

The cost of the repair of these three Tanks is, on the whole L.419,744 (Four hundred and nineteen thousand, seven hundred and forty four Lire).

What can do the SPA in order to obtain the payment of the aforesaid amount".

2. Their rep is calling again at this office in a week's time. On receipt of your reply, the information will be passed on to him.

Bgd: J.A. BOURNE Major
DAA & QMG 798

