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USE OF MILITARY TRANSPORT FOR AMGOT

AUG. - OCT. 1943

REF ID	REF No.	DATE	FROM/TO
1.	24 Aug.	Mem. for GOC 15 Aug.	Transportation
2.	20 "	"	to SCAO Catania. Request for Jumbos
3.	20 "	SCAO (Palermo)	1 N. 1 Jumbos.
4.	1705/10/502 31 "	From HQ 15 Aug. Group	Vehicles
5.	2 Sept.	to SCAO Messina.	(Copy to SCAO)
6.	AI/4/382 5 Sept.	From Capt. Juma	AF 507 Liaison
7.	5047/CS. 9 Sept.	to AF 5. Liaison.	att: Col. Stone. Home.
8.	5047/CS. Copy of this #05.	with footnote (added)	
9-10.	5047/CS. Sept 17.	From SCAO Palermo	
11-12.	AI/19/87. Sept 17.	From Capt. Juma.	Air-1st Liaison
13.	G-4-73. Sept 17.	HQ 15. AF Group	Carbide
14.	F4903/9946/6479. Sept 18.	From AF HQ	
15.	1000035037 Oct 5.		Capt. Balk ERS.

Secret TO 10133

AL/19/87.

17 Sept

Provision of TPT.

From Capt. Ferrer SE

64-72 Message.

17 Sept

From HQ 15th Army GP.

Trucks for Intra Island
Activities

From AFHQ (Cable)

Ref HQDS/9944/6479

Re 64-72

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P. 20/10/43

British Army Trucks

Acting Director, Economics & Supply
Division

5 October

12 trucks were offered to us by 9 Maint., No. 1 Dis-
trict this morning by telephone from Catania for one or two
trips only. We have arranged through Sgt. Vines for Major West
to take over these trucks and run flour from our warehouse in
Catania to Messina Province. This has been cleared with
Lt. Col. Denmore and Major Clayton.

WLB/jf1

Distribution

c/c - Lt. Col. Denmore
- Major Clayton

WLB
WILLIAM L. BATT, JR.
Captain, Infantry
Economics & Supply Division

18 SEP 1943

CB/ML/2

17 September 1943

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Palermo



MEMORANDUM:

TO : Chief Staff Officer - AMGOT HEADQUARTERS

1. Enclosed is a communication from Captain P. A. Negretti at Monreale. It concerns a truck which was used by the commune and has now been taken away by I.N.T.
2. This truck was performing essential service in the transportation of flour and grain. It is vitally important that this commune have a vehicle available.
3. Will you please give them all assistance possible in regaining the use of the truck in question.

Charles Poletti
CHARLES POLETTI
Lt. Colonel
Senior Civil Affairs Officer

ENCL - letter

*to see
Col Hays*

*Capt Minard
? Any comments*

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19/9/43

*This truck is property of I.N.T. It was improperly
taken by CAO in first instance and later recovered
by me. C.R.M.*



MUNICIPIO DI MONREALE

Monreale

15 Sept. 1943

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Ufficio

Risposta alla note del

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OGGETTO:

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To S.C.A.O.

Palermo

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If we have to consider that to appointed Director of such a company, closely linked with fascist interests, Mr. Salina must have been a fascist, who had deserved a particular reward, as the salary was good,

It is necessary to remark too that Mr. Salina, profitting of & using other's property, being he a mere clerk, has been hiring the trucks of other Companies, cashing big sums; What has he done of this money? Doesn't this money belong to the allied Government?

Considering everything herein stated & deeming it an abuse the withdrawal of the truck without showing any regular authorization, the Civil Affairs Officer of Monreale had Mr. Salina arrested & the truck sequestered. A short time after that, an American officer presented himself asking what this man be put out of jail and the truck be delivered to him.

This has caused a ~~great~~ great evil, depriving the Commune of Monreale of its only means of transport for alimentary use, and what is worse, it has admitted the principle that any one may take the liberty to be unkind to a C.A.O. I therefore ask that some proceedings be made against Mr. Salina & that the truck be given back to the Commune of Monreale.

Captain ~~D. A. Negrotti~~
The Black Watch (R.H.R.)
Civil Affairs Officer

Monreale, 15 Sept. 1943

17 SEP 1943

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SUBJECT: - Purnishing trucks to Ragusa,

AMCOT/5047/CS.

AMCOT H.Q. SICILY.

2. Sept. 43.

To: S.C.A.O. Messina,

There is an urgent need for at least four trucks in Ragusa to be used for grain transport. Would it be possible for you to send that many to them from the Italian Military Trucks that have been recovered in Messina?

Capt Minard

Can we spare any others? 11/9

Not unless vehicles coming from 7th Army are turned over to us. C.R.M.

Command

Off Hayes

Lieut. Colonel.

Carl Supply Div.

Copy to: S.C.A.O. Ragusa.

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Col Hayes:

Would like to help but 8th Army took all trucks except those we had internally in use in Messina.

PA 17/9/43

S.B. Barton
B.L.C.

Memorandum

AMCOT/5047/US
AMCOT HQ SIGINT
9 September 43.

To: AMCOT Liaison, 15 Army Group
Attention: Col. Thorne-Thorne.

1. Reference is made to my memorandum of 24 August 43, requesting the release to AMCOT of 100 motor vehicles, and to your memorandum on the same subject dated 5 September.

2. Your request for the turn-over of the 100 trucks on 30 September is perfectly satisfactory. However, I wish to emphasize that in my original request, I also asked for the necessary drivers, mechanics, overhead and spare parts. Please press for these also.

JFRS/MDG.

Major General
Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

PA 9/9

Subject: Transpa :

AL/4/382

5. Sept. 43.

Headquarters,
AMGOT,
PALESTINE. ✓



With reference to your H.Q. request for the provision of 100 lorries for the transportation of civilian supplies.

G(SD) have asked urgently the date on which you wish these lorries to be delivered to you. I was unable to contact you on the telephone today as it was out of order and have stated that you desire the lorries to be handed over by 30. Sept. This is the first date on which the lorries can be delivered, assuming that everything is done as speedily as possible.

H. Pann.

Captain,
Staff Captain,
AMGOT Liaison.

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AMGOT Liaison,
15 Army Group Main,
FIELD.
HP/JG.

Copy to: G(SD) 15 Army Gp.

Cdr Seitz ————— *Seitz*

RJT

Subject: - Resolving Trucks to Rome.

DATE: 3/27/91.

FROM: H.Q. SMC.

2. Ref. 11.

To: S.C.A.O. Rome.

There is an urgent need for at least four trucks in Rome to be used for grain transport. Would it be possible for you to send that away to them from the Italian Military Trucks that have been removed in Rome?

[Signature]
Lieut. Colonel.

Copy to: S.C.A.O. Rome.

PA 3/9

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Subject: Vehicle

DP

HQ 45 Army Gp
1705/10/302

31 Aug 43

AMGOT HQ

Reference your 5047 CS of 24 Aug, please state latest date by which these 100 trucks are required.

Please make this date as late as possible as the vehicle position is difficult at present but is expected to improve.



Rh/ce
Maj Gen,
C.G.S.

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5047-208
AMST/5039/08
20 Aug 43. J.I.

Subject:- I.N.T. Trucks.

For- S.C.A.O., Palermo.

Confirming our oral agreement of yesterday, it is my understanding that you will turn over to us as of Monday, 23 Aug 43, the 21 Motor Trucks belonging to Instituto Nazionale Trasporti, together with the local garage operated by it.

AMST TO
15 Army Group

J.P.R. SMITH
Lt. Col., G.S.C.
D.C.S.R.

END.

5047. ⁹⁶¹
20 August 43. ²
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Memorandum for S.O.A.O., Catania.

1. Reference is made to your radio HQ/1 August 16, 1943 requesting additional trucks.
2. Three (3), 5 ton trucks and five (5), 15 hundred weights were dispatched for Catania this morning.
3. In as much as resistance on the Island has now collapsed, it is suggested that you again contact Eighth Army, and ask for captured trucks to fill out this pressing need.

AMCH HQ
15 Army Group

CHARLES M. STAFFORD
Lt. Col., G. S. O.
Chief Staff Officer.

END.

AMCOT/50-48
AMCOT HQ JMWK
24 August 43.

Subject:- Transportation.

Memorandum for G.O.C., 15th Army Group

1. Reference is made to our conversation of August 22nd regarding Civilian Supply in General and expected difficulties of transportation in particular.

2. The present Civil Supply situation is satisfactory, but it is necessary that we look ahead to the rainy winter months. Owing to the condition of the roads, bridges, and railroads caused by the war, and the resultant worse conditions to be caused by the rains, it is necessary that there be formed an island-wide trucking establishment with reliable vehicles. These vehicles will be used to haul grain from surplus to deficient areas, transport imported items of food to the interior and carry exports from the interior to the ports. Under the latter will be sulphur, lemons and oranges so badly needed in England.

3. Requisitioned civilian trucks and captured army trucks will not be reliable enough for this work. It is therefore requested that one hundred (100) U.S. or U.K. trucks 2½ - 3 ton load capacity, together with the necessary drivers, mechanics, overhead, spare parts, and maintenance be released to AMCOT HQ in order that this work may be efficiently accomplished.

EDG.

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Major General,
Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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