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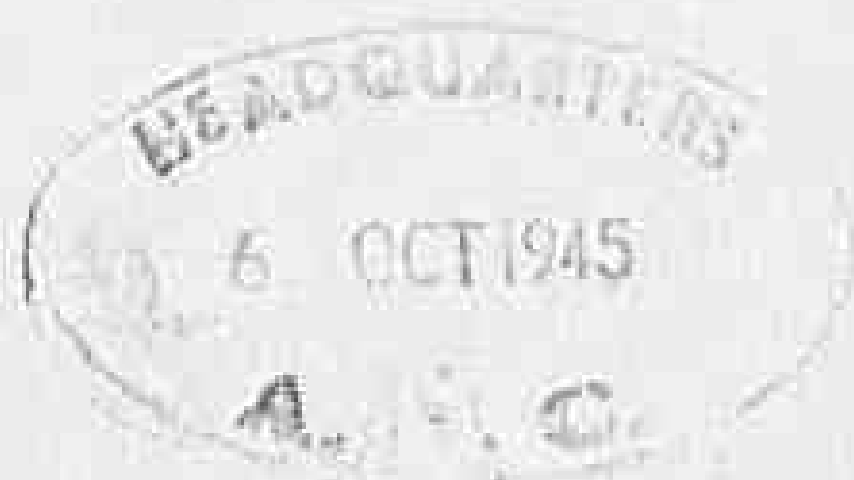
It is proposed to withdraw the Allied Military supervisory personnel on loan to maintenance group AF. Reference our MG 537/177 GMD-0 dated 11 July. Please advise by 1800 hours 8 October that civilizational of maintenance group is now complete.

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HEADQUARTERS
TRUCK OPERATING GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION (I.A.P.)
APO 394

Tel. 886324
Ext. 8

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AC/HC/205/11

10 July 1945

SUBJECT : Monthly Report - June 1945.

TO : DISTRIBUTION "A".

1. AMERICAN ITALIAN TRUCK COMPANIES.

a. 1st Trucking Bn. (1st-8th Coys incl.):
These Companies are operating under the control of the 15th Army Group, and are located in Northern Italy at Modena, Genoa, Milan, and other intermediate points. Battalion headquarters are located at Modena.

b. 2nd Trucking Bn. (9th-16th Coys incl.):
This Battalion is operating under the control of this Headquarters. The location of the Battalion Headquarters and Companies are as follows:

Bn Hqs	-	Osimo
9th Co	-	Pollenza
10th Co	-	Osimo
11th Co	-	Osimo
12th Co	-	Chiaravalle
13th Co	-	Porto Recanati
14th Co	-	Tolentino
15th Co	-	Macerata
16th Co	-	Pollenza.

The Italian Bn Hqs is located at Porto Recanati.

A recapitulation of the operational activities of this Battalion for the month of June is as follows:-

Type of work performed: General hauling from Ports to towns of the Ancona areas in the Marche Region.
Inter-city transfer of refugees. Transfer of grain from small town granaries to Ports.

Types of tonnage hauled: Grain, sulphur, coal, sacks, rations, flour

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Inter-city transfer of refugees. Transit of grain from small town granaries to Ports.

Types of tonnage hauled: Grain, sulphur, coal, bricks, rations, flour, refugees, and miscellaneous equipment.

Total tonnage hauled : 22,168.34 truck tons.

Total mileage : 462,739 miles.

Total truck dispatches : 5022.

Total vehicles : 381.

Total vehicles deadlined
(as of 30 June) : 70.

Total accidents : 37.

Total injuries : 4 (2 Iti Mil - 2 US Mil)

Total accidental deaths : NONE.

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It. Col. Downing, Lt. Col. Oliszewski, Major Chapman, Captain Jessup, and members of their office staffs visited this Battalion during the month of June on inspections, motor accident investigations, and other operational activities. Several officers from the Motor Maintenance Group also visited.

Instructions have been received for the disbandment of this Battalion to take place progressively during the month of July, 1945. Procedure has been laid down for this and the 9th and 10th Companies were in process of turning in property and transferring personnel to the end of June. Operations will be coordinated by each Company as specific orders are issued for its disbandment. Vehicles will be turned over to civilian pools and troops are being instructed in Italian units. Disposition of American personnel will be made by instructions from this Headquarters.

- c. 3rd Trucking Bn. (less 18th and 21st and 22nd Coys).
- This Battalion is under the operational control of the 15th Army Group. The Battalion headquarters are located at Modena, Italy.

- d. 3rd Trucking Bn. (18th and 21st and 22nd Coys ONLY):
- The 18th Company is located in Anzola, Italy, and is working for the Transportation Officer, Emilia Region, ACC. The 22nd Co. is located in Bologna and is working for the same office.

The 21st Company is located at Civitavecchia and is attached to the Camp Headquarters there as a service company. Civitavecchia camp is breaking up its Transport Companies and this Company is heavily burdened in handling the camp service, pulling convoys for Rome, and furnishing drivers for long hauls to Southern Italy.

2. BRITISH-ITALIAN TRANSPORT COMPANIES.

- a. 227, 228, 229 and 230 Transport Companies.
- These Companies are still operating under the 15th Army Group, and we have no particulars regarding the work they have been doing.

- b. 221 Transport Company.
- This Company has been operating in Leghorn, but it has not yet had a great deal of work to do. Therefore, it has been assisting in the collection of wheeled vehicles which have been arriving in the Port of Leghorn.

- c. 222 Transport Company.
- This Company commenced operations on June 3rd in Florence, having one platoon (33 vehicles) detached to the refugee camp at Forlì. This Headquarters (33 vehicles) detached to Bologna without the knowledge of this Headquarters. This Company has been moved from Forlì to Bologna at the present time. This Company has had a fair amount of work to do and has carried out its duties very efficiently.

223 and 224 Transport Companies.

These Companies are under the jurisdiction of District Three

Group. The Battalion headquarters are located at Modena, Italy.

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- d. 223 and 224 Transport Companies.
These Companies formed under the jurisdiction of District Three and they have been ordered to come forward to Civitavecchia where they are due to arrive during the first days of July.
- e. 225 and 226 Transport Companies.
These Companies started training at Civitavecchia under the direction of the CRASC 75 Transport Column. Owing, however, to instruction received regarding the turn over of the vehicles to civilian pools, this training was stopped and the two Companies will be disbanded during the first week of July.

5. BRITISH-ITALIAN TRANSPORT COLUMNS (No. 75 and 76)

These Columns arrived at Civitavecchia during the early part of the month, but 76 Transport Column was ordered forward to report to Fifth Army.

Each Column should consist of a British Cadre of one Lieutenant Colonel, one Captain and four ORs. On arrival at Civitavecchia it was found that the 76 Transport Column only had a British Lt.Col. and his batmen. Eventually the Captain arrived and the Lt.Col. and the Captain proceeded forward to Fifth Army. We understand that they have since received their full complement of ORs. The 75 Transport Column first of all supervised the training of the 225 and 226 Transport Companies, but now this training has ceased, it is taking over the duties of supervising the disbanding of the 225 and 226 Companies at the beginning of July, and it will also supervise the disbanding of the 221, 222, 223, and 224 Transport Companies, beginning the middle of July.

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JAMES J. CARNES,
Colonel, Infantry,
Commanding,
TRUCK OPERATING GROUP.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

Tel: 220

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544/21/TN 1

SUBJECT: Removal of Insignia

17 July 1945

TO : Road Division

1. AFHQ have requested the removal of all U.S. insignia from vehicles delivered to the Italian Government.
2. Special Truck Group has been requested to see that U.S. insignia is removed from all vehicles under their control which are to be delivered to the Italian Government.
3. Please arrange with the Italian Government and truck pool officers for the removal of U.S. insignia from all vehicles turned over to the Italian Government and all vehicles not under the control of Special Truck Group which are to be turned over to the Italian Government.

MERRITT H. TAYLOR,
Director.

cc: Special Truck Group
G-5, AFHQ
Economic Section

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

Tel: 220

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SUBJECT: Removal of Insignia

544/20/DN 1

TO : Special Truck Group

17 July 1945

1. AFM have requested the removal of all U.S. insignia from vehicles delivered to the Italian Government.
2. Please arrange for the removal of this insignia from vehicles under your control at the earliest possible date.

MERRITT N. TAYLOR,
Director.

cc: Road Division, Tn. S/C
G-5, AFM
Economic Section

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HEADQUARTERS
MAINTENANCE GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION (I.A.P.)
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Ref. AC/MG/202/7

19 July 1945

SUBJECT : Maintenance Group, H.Q., A.C.

TO : Director Transportation Sub-Commission H.Q., A.C.

1. Reference to your 544/14/Tn 1 dated the 5th July, 1945.
2. Paragraphs 2, 3 and 5 of your letter are not understood.
3. Whilst it is agreed that no formal conference took place between persons referred to, an informal discussion took place between Col. Walton and Col. Carnes outside the conference room where Regional Commissioners meeting was held. Mr. Taylor, who was passing, was invited to join the discussion by Col. Walton, and it was certainly understood by the undersigned that Mr. Taylor was fully acquainted of the points raised.
4. However our letter of the 28th June has been answered by the Economic Section, to whom it was addressed, and a copy is enclosed for your information. Action has been taken by this Headquarters upon the suggested amendments and a fresh letter has been despatched to the Economic Section this day. A copy of this letter is also enclosed for your information.

2 Incls.:-
as per para 4 above.

James J. Carnes
JAMES J. CARNES,
Colonel, Infantry,
Commanding,
MAINTENANCE GROUP.

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HEADQUARTERS
MAINTENANCE GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION (I.A.P.)
APO 334

Tel. 886334
Ext. 8

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Ref. AG/NO/502/7

20 June 1945

SUBJECT : Maintenance Group, H.Q., A.C.

TO : Vice-President,
Economic Section, H.Q., A.C.

1. This confirms the conversation and agreements reached between the undersigned at H.Q., A.C. this morning:-

- 1 - Mr. Merritt H. Taylor, Director Transportation Sub-Commission.
- 2 - Col. G.W. Walton, Chief Supply Division, Economic Section.
- 3 - Col. James J. Carnes, Commanding Officer, Maintenance Group A.C.

2. It is understood that these agreements will meet with your full approval.

3. Agreements reached are as follows:-

(a) The present Truck Operating Group, as authorized by A.F.H. letter reference AG 537/177/GDS-0 dated 13 May, 1945, will be disbanded during the month of July, 1945, in accordance with the plan submitted to G-5 by the AVP dated 28 June, 1945. An A.C. Establishment Memorandum is being prepared to this effect.

(b) The existing Maintenance Group as authorized by the same above mentioned letter, will continue to function in its present capacity until such time as the Vice-President, Economic Section, H.Q., A.C., or other competent authority, to whom the Commanding Officer of the Maintenance Group reports, as laid down in Establishment Memorandum No. 10, dated 28 May, 1945, orders its disbandment.

(c) The duties of the Maintenance Group will be as laid down in Para 4 of the above mentioned A.F.H. letter.

(d) To accomplish these commitments, all personnel, both A.C. and loaned, of the disbanded Truck Operating Group, not withdrawn immediately by A.F.H., will be absorbed into the Maintenance Group during the month of July, 1945.

(e) The question of handing over tools and equipment has been discussed at some length with Col. Walton and Lt. Col. Farneyhough, and it has been agreed that this Group should turn over certain essential tools on memorandum receipt to Regional truck pools which in turn would subsequently hand them over to the Italian Government.

4. In order that the Maintenance Group may proceed with its assigned duties, may this Headquarters have your confirmation that the above agreements are satisfactory to all concerned?

Copies to:-

Mr. Harritt H. Taylor, Director,
Transportation Sub-Commission, H.Q., A.C.
Col. C.W. Walton, Chief Supply Division,
Economic Section, H.Q., A.C.

JAMES J. CANNON,
Colonel, Infantry,
Commanding,
MAINTENANCE GROUP.

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C O P YHEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

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7 July 1945

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SUBJECT : Maintenance Group, HQ AC.

TO : Headquarters, Maintenance Group

1. In response to para 4 of your letter of 28 June, you are informed that:

a. "Para 3a" should be amended to add a statement, "in accordance with the plan submitted to G-5 by the AVF dated 22 June 45", after the first sentence.

b. "Para 3b" should be amended to add, following the words "AVF, Economic Section HQ AC", a statement such as, "or other competent authority".

c. "Para 3c" should reflect the agreement made by undersigned, yourself and Lt. Colonel Fernyhough regarding tools essential for truck pools.

2. I have a copy of the letter from Director, Transportation S/C addressed to you on 5 July 1945.

CHARLES W. WALTON
Colonel, A.C.
Chief, Supply Division.

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INTER OFFICE MEMO

Tel. 566

TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION
Roads Division

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Ref: AC/29/2/Tn5

7 July 1945.

SUBJECT: Personnel, Tools and Spare Parts Held by Truck Maintenance Group.

TO : Director, Transportation Sub-Commission.

1. In accordance with Economic Section letter AC/29/1/Tn5 dated 7 July 1945, I visited HQ, Truck Maintenance Group this morning. The information required in para. 3 of the above mentioned letter is set out hereunder.

2. PERSONNEL.

- (a) Attached at Appendix A are Special Orders No. 1 issued by the Truck Operating and Maintenance Groups dated 30 May 1945, which show Officers and EM/OR's assigned to each organization. There are at present in the Truck Maintenance Group 15 Officers and 41 EM/OR's.
- (b) By 15 July the disbandment of Q.M. and Italian Transport Coys will permit release to the Truck Maintenance Group of the following personnel:

2 Truck Battalion	--	4 Officers	20 EM
2 Italian Transport Coys	--	3 "	20 OR's

By 30 July the following additional personnel will be released:

2 Truck Battalion	--	12 Officers	40 EM
2 Italian Transport Coys	--	6 "	22 OR's

The remaining 2 Transport Coys (Italian) will be disbanded the beginning of August and will release a further 6 Officers and 22 OR's by 15 August. The above personnel are exclusive of any personnel now employed in 1 and 2 Truck Battalions and 227 - 230 Italian Transport Coys in the North.

- (c) If A.F.H.Q. approve the transfer of the above personnel

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to the Truck Maintenance Group, Colonel Carnes states that he will have adequate personnel to bring the Truck Maintenance Group up to strength.

- (d) Approximately 1,000 civilian personnel are at present employed in the Truck Maintenance Group in the spare parts storage organization and truck construction work at the ATAC plant. Of these, 200 are engaged exclusively in storage of spare parts, both in office and store capacity. These Italians are being trained to take over the spare parts supply and storage side of the Truck Maintenance Group ready for transfer to the Italian Government.

3. TOOLS.

- (a) Attached at Appendix B is a copy of Truck Maintenance Group letter AC/MG/201/10 dated 2 July, which attaches inventory of all maintenance and repair tools held by the Truck Maintenance Group at 2 July. This letter does not include LAD equipment which has up to now been drawn by Italian Transport Coys, the details of which are not known. This list will be forwarded to G-4 (A). A.F.H.Q. has arranged with request for formal notification that this equipment is handed over to A.C.
- (b) We have already requested A.F.H.Q. to issue the balance of outstanding LAD equipment direct to the Truck Maintenance Group and to notify official handover of this equipment to A.C.
- (c) It is intended that out of the above mentioned American and British equipment the Truck Maintenance Group will issue to Truck Pools sufficient tools for 1st echelon maintenance.

4. SPARE PARTS.

- (a) The following spare parts are held by the Truck Maintenance Group:
- (1) 6 months supply for 72 x 1½ ton Chevrolet
 - (2) 9 tons of spares for 235 jeeps
 - (3) 11 " " " " 100 Harley Davidson motorcycles
 - (4) 129 " " " " Dodge, Ford and International 1½ ton trucks
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- (b) The above tonnages of parts have been received in boxes without detailed shipping lists. Boxes are at present being opened, parts are being put into stock and catalogued. It is not known yet, therefore, for how many and for what types of vehicles a complete 6 months scaling is held.
- (c) No parts have yet been drawn against the 60 day supply released by A.F.H.Q. for the 550 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ton American commitment trucks originally released to A.C. for 1 Truck Battalion and Truck Pools in the South.

5. ALLIED RELIEF AGENCIES AND MISSIONS.

- (a) Attached at Appendix C is copy of Truck Maintenance letter AC/AMG/201/1 dated 11 June 1945, requesting that full information of these organizations should be furnished to the Truck Maintenance Group, which is to be responsible for the maintenance of their trucks. It is not known whether the Economic Section have passed this letter to A.F.H.Q. As the Truck Maintenance Group is to assume responsibility for these vehicles on 15 July, it is essential that the required information is furnished at the earliest possible date. We must know also whether any spare parts for these categories of vehicles have yet been requisitioned and, if not, through what channels the Truck Maintenance Group is to obtain spares for them.

6. REPAIR CONTRACTS.

- (a) Col. Carnes has already negotiated contracts for the repair of trucks with firms in Porto Civitanova, Milan, Rome, Naples and Livorno. He will shortly let further contracts at other strategic points.
- (b) Attached at Appendix D is a copy of the contract which is being used with all contractors.
- (c) Col. Carnes is submitting to Economic Section his overall plan for the takeover of maintenance, repair and spare parts supply organization by the Italian Government, for introduction as vehicles are handed over in the various areas. At present, Allied personnel supervise repair in contractors work shops. He is proposing that the Ministry of Transport engineers should be provided immediately at Porto Civitanova and Leghorn ready to take over existing contracts on behalf of the Government and to supervise repair work in the interests of the Minister of Transport.

Encl.-

Appendix A,B,C,D

G. FERNYHOUGH
Lt. Colonel, R.A.

HEADQUARTERS
MAINTENANCE GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION (I.A.P.)
APO 394

APP. "B"

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CWEP/CG.

Ref. AG/110/703/10

3 July 1946

SUBJECT : Tools and Equipment of the Truck Transport and
Maintenance Groups.

TO : Economic Section H.Q., A.C.
(Attn: Col. Walton)

1. Reference your AG/110.01 dated the 30th June 1946.
2. Reference para 1 herewith Inventory as requested. It is pointed out that where data are shown as incomplete, requisitions have been submitted and the balance is expected in the very near future.
3. Reference para 3 Major Babcock, Maintenance Officer (A), left this date for the Ancona area with instructions to make out the necessary memorandum receipts, and to issue the necessary tools and equipment.
4. On receipt of the L.A.D. equipment mentioned, warehousing arrangements will be made by this Headquarters, and the tools and equipment issued as requested by the Transportation Sub-Commission.

1 Incl.:-
as per para 2 above.

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JAMES J. CANNON,
Colonel, Infantry,
Commanding,
MAINTENANCE GROUP.

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HEADQUARTERS
MAINTENANCE GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION (I.A.P.)
APO 394

2 July 1945

SUBJECT : Tool Sets Second Echelon.

TO : Col. Carnes.

1. Tool Sets on hand in this unit as of 2 July 1945.
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| 48 ea. Tool Set, Unit Equipment, Second Echelon | Set No. 1 (Incomplete) |
| 24 ea. Tool Set, " " " " | Set No. 2 (Incomplete) |
| 23 ea. Tool Set, " " " " | Set No. 5 (Incomplete) |
| 24 ea. Tool Set, " " " " | Set No. 7 |
| 16 ea. Tool Set, Body Mechanics (Incomplete) | |
| 183 ea. Tool Set, Motor Vehicle Mechanics (Incomplete) | |
| 24 ea Tool Set, Welders. (Incomplete) | |

LORENZO R. HOLMES
Lt.Col. QMC
Supply Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
MAINTENANCE GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION (I.A.P.)
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APP "C"

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CWAP/cg.

Ref. AG/MG/201/1

11 June 1945

SUBJECT : Maintenance of Vehicles.

TO : A.F.H.Q. G-5
Through: Economic Section H.Q., A.C.

1. Reference is made to A.F.H.Q. letter AG 537/177 GDS-O dated 13 May 1945.
2. Reference to para 4 it is requested that a complete list be furnished to this Headquarters of the Allied relief Agencies and missions for the maintenance of those vehicles, as mentioned, the Maintenance Group A.C. is held responsible.
3. A complete list of vehicles allotted to the various Agencies and missions, together with full particulars of type and make, etc., and also operational location, is also requested.
4. Information will also be appreciated as to whether any spare parts for these vehicles have yet been requisitioned.

Chb
JAMES J. CARNES,
Colonel, Infantry,
Commanding,
MAINTENANCE GROUP.

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APP "D"

This contract entered into this _____ day of _____ 1945 by and between ALLIED COMMISSION herein called the Commission and _____

_____ herein called the Contractor.

Art. 1

All vehicles and automotive equipment of Allied Commission or agencies of Allied Governments and those turned over to the Italian Government by the Allied Governments will be repaired under this contract when designated for repair, under proper authority from the Commission.

Art. 2

Vehicles or automotive equipment designated for repair under this contract will have priority over all other work in the Contractor's shop.

Art. 3

A storage place will be provided for a stock of automotive parts accessories and lubricants, on the premises of the repair shop. Such storage place will be inclosed and secure from pilferage. The storage, issue and care of automotive parts, accessories, lubricants etc., will be the responsibility of such persons, military or civilian, as may be designated by the Commission. Such persons will have access to those premises at all times.

Art. 4

Automotive parts and lubricants when possible will be furnished from Allied Commission or Allied Governments' supplies for all work under this contract.

Art. 5

The contractor will furnish all tools, machines, equipment, shop facilities, buildings, shop supervisory personnel and labor.

Art. 6

All work will be done expeditiously in a workmanlike manner consistent with good practice in the automotive maintenance trade. Work will be accepted as satisfactory by such person or persons, military or civilian, as may be designated by the Commission. Such persons will be known as Technical Supervisors and will have access to the premises to inspect work in progress at all times.

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Art. 7

Work for repair will be designated by the Technical Supervisor and certified for repair under this contract. Upon completion of repair work the Technical supervisor will inspect the work for acceptance and if satisfactory will approve the charges against the job for payment. If the charges are not considered correct or just the Technical supervisor will attempt to reach an agreement with the Contractor. In the event no agreement can be reached the bill will be forwarded, with a statement by the Technical Supervisor, to the Commission for final action. Action by the Commission on any controversial bill will be final and binding.

Art. 8

All supplies furnished by the Contractor will be billed at the current wholesale market price. Prior to the use of the Contractor's supplies or materials approval will be obtained from the Technical Supervisor. Iron or steel stock, lumber, automotive parts etc. when not supplied from Allied Governments' stock, used for repair of equipment under this contract will be furnished by the Contractor and paid for by the Commission. The overhead costs ²⁴⁷⁸ by the Contractor and paid for by the Commission. The overhead costs ²⁴⁷⁸ electricity, heat, light, water, rent, coal, coke, charcoal, acetylene, oxygen, welding rod, solder, etc., will be paid entirely by the Contractor.

Art. 9

Payments under this contract will be made in the following manner:

An itemized list of supplies furnished by the Contractor will be made listing price for each item. An itemized accounting of labor showing hours and costs for each of two classifications will be made.

The two classifications of labor will be skilled (journeymen) and semiskilled (apprentice). The price charged by the Contractor for labor will include all costs incident to employing such labor, such as insurance etc., wages, operating expenses, overhead as defined in Art. 8 and profit. There will be no monies paid under this contract except for those two items (supplies furnished by the Contractor and labor).

The prices for supplies furnished by the Contractor will be billed as outlined in Art. 8. The rate at which labor will be billed in this contract will be L. _____ per hour for skilled (journeymen) and L. _____ per hour for semiskilled (apprentice) workmen. No increase in rate will be allowed for overtime work or for any other reason and no labor will be billed against a job which was not actually worked upon. The cost of supervisory personnel such as executives, shop foremen, engineers and of clerical personnel hired by the Contractor will be considered as overhead under this contract and this cost will be paid by the Contractor. A separate itemized bill will be submitted for each repair job certified by the Technical Supervisor.

Art. 10

The Contractor guarantees security of equipment left in his charge for repairs, from pilferage or theft from or of equipment and component parts. The cost of insuring security will be paid by the Contractor. In the event this provision of contract is not fulfilled by the Contractor, he will be liable to Allied Commission and Allied Governments for the cost of stolen equipment or damage to equipment resulting from such theft.

Art. 11

This contract may be altered or adjusted at any time by mutual agreement between the contracting parties. Such negotiations to be carried on by Technical Supervisors on behalf of the Commission but must be forwarded to the Commission for final approval.

Art. 12

The only binding form of this contract is the English text.

Art. 13

This contract may be terminated by either party by giving _____ days advanced notice in writing on the part of the Contractor and upon _____ days advanced notice in writing from the Commission.

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Art. 12

The only binding form of this contract is the English text.

Art. 13

This contract may be terminated by either party by giving _____ days advanced notice in writing on the part of the Contractor and upon _____ days advanced notice in writing from the Commission.

Art. 14

The contractor shall at all times hold and save the Allied Commission and the Allied Governments harmless and free from all claims for damage for death, personnel injuries and property damage and shall carry the necessary insurance to cover same.

Art. 15

This contract is exempt from any taxes whatever, according to Circular #82, dated 13 February 1944, of the Italian Ministry of Finance.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

INTER OFFICE MEMO

1 JULY 1945

EXT :- 566

REF :- AG/27/82/Tn5

SUBJECT :- Truck Transport & Maintenance Coye A.C.

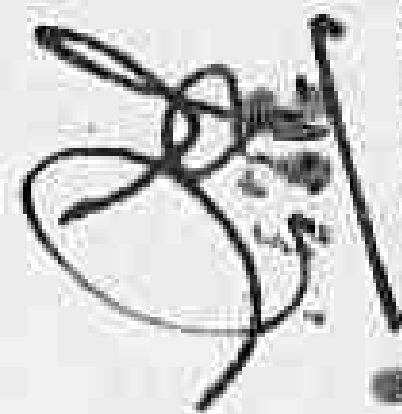
TO :- Land Forces Sub-Commission (ALIA)

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For the DIRECTOR



G. PERNYHOUGH
Lt. Col. R. A.

Copy to :- Economic Section
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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

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5 July 1945

SUBJECT: Maintenance Group, Hq. AC

TO : Commanding Officer, Hq. Maintenance Group

1. Reference is made to your AC/AC/202/7, 28 June 1945, to Vice President, Economic Section.

2. The subject matter of this communication was not discussed with the Director, Transportation Sub-Commission on 28 June as indicated in your letter.

3. Therefore, paragraph 3 of your letter is not agreed.

4. Also, there are other points in your letter which need clarification; paragraph 3(a) is specifically objected to. Necessary first echelon maintenance tools must be supplied to truck pools regardless of requirements of the Maintenance Group. The Maintenance Group is primarily concerned with higher echelons of maintenance for which tools are on order.

5. It is requested that your above referred to letter be withdrawn inasmuch as it was not coordinated as indicated in paragraph 1.

HERRITT B. TAYLOR
Director

cc: Vice President, Economic Section
Chief, Supply Division, Economic Section
Road Division, Transportation Sub-Commission

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MAINTENANCE GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION (I.A.F.)
APO 394

Tel. 886324
Ext. 8

CHAP/CG.

Ref. AG/AG/202/7

28 June 1945

SUBJECT : Maintenance Group, H.Q., A.C.

TO : Vice-President,
Economic Section, H.Q., A.C.

1. This confirms the conversation and agreements reached between the undersigned at H.Q., A.C. this morning:-

- 1 - Mr. Merritt H. Taylor, Director Transportation Sub-Commission.
- 2 - Col. C.W. Walton, Chief Supply Division, Economic Section.
- 3 - Col. James J. Carnes, Commanding Officer, Maintenance Group A.C.

2. It is understood that these agreements will meet with your full approval.

3. Agreements reached are as follows:-

(a) The present Truck Operating Group, as authorized by A.F.H.Q. letter reference AG 537/177/GDS-C dated 13 May, 1945, will be disbanded during the month of July, 1945. An A.C. Establishment Memorandum is being prepared to this effect.

(b) The existing Maintenance Group as authorized by the same above mentioned letter, will continue to function in its present capacity until such time as the Vice-President, Economic Section, H.Q., A.C., to whom the Commanding Officer of the Maintenance Group reports, as laid down in Establishment Memorandum No. 10, dated 28 May, 1945, orders its disbandment.

(c) The duties of the Maintenance Group will be as laid down in Para 4 of the above mentioned A.F.H.Q. letter.

(d) To accomplish these commitments, all personnel, both A.C. and loaned, of the disbanded Truck Operating Group, not withdrawn immediately by A.F.H.Q., will be absorbed into the Maintenance Group during the month of July, 1945.

(e) Any tools and equipment surplus to the needs of the Maintenance Group for the efficient discharge of its duties under Para (c) above, are to be handed over, on Memorandum Receipt, to the various truck pools as designated by the Director, Transportation Sub-Commission.

4. In order that the Maintenance Group may proceed with its assigned duties, may this Headquarters have your confirmation that the above agreements are satisfactory to all concerned?

Copies to:-

Mr. Merritt H. Taylor, Director,
Transportation Sub-Commission H.Q., A.C.
Col. G.W. Walton, Chief Supply Division,
Economic Section, H.Q., A.C.

James J. Carnes.
JAMES J. CARNES,
Colonel, Infantry,
Commanding,
MAINTENANCE GROUP.

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ECONOMIC SECTION

Ref : 544/13/TN 1

22 June 1945

SUBJECT : Organization of Truck Transport and Maintenance Groups, AC

TO : G-5, AFHQ

1. Reference is made to letter your Headquarters, file: AG 537/177 GDSO of 13 May 1945, C. Com., A/C and to letter AC/27/34/Tn.5, 8 June 1945 to G-5 (no reply).

2. In order to comply with para 8 of directive referred to above, it is now proposed:

- a) to discontinue activation of two GT companies and release the personnel now; on July 1st to disband 8 QM companies and release the personnel.
- b) on July 15th to disband 4 GT companies operating in Italian Government territory and release the personnel.
- c) on August 1st or at such later date as might be considered necessary by competent military authority, to disband truck companies operating in AMG territory, consisting of 16 QM companies and 4 GT companies and release the personnel.

3. It is proposed that Allied supervisory personnel released under 2(e), above, be transferred to the Maintenance Group. This Group may then be activated as it could not have been earlier because of the inability of A/C to obtain personnel through its application to AFHQ, pursuant to Para 7 of the 13 May directive.

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- a) allied supervisory and training personnel have been made available and have had time to train and establish Italian personnel to take over the management.
- b) the parts must be in hand.
- c) the maintenance of all AC/AMG and relief organization vehicles, which are dependent upon the parts, must be insured.

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5. a) May the plan in peres 2 and 3 above be approved by AFHQ?
- b) May a stay of at least 90 days be granted in the holding of the Allied supervisory personnel in the maintenance group?

For the Chief Commissioner :

S. B. MCZINIEY
Brigadier General, U.S.A.
Acting Vice President

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E. B. MCINLEY
Brigadier General, U.S.A.
Acting Vice President

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

Mr Taylor

Ref: AG/348/TnS

18 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Truck Pool Turnover to Italian Government.

TO : Captain D. E. Richardson.

You are hereby directed to turn over Allied Commission Truck Pools (as designated by this office) to the Italian Government representatives who will visit each Truck Pool with you. This turnover will be accomplished in the following manner:

1. VEHICLES: All WD vehicles (British and United States) which are physically present in a particular Truck Pool will be handed over and receipted for on a Tally Out. This includes vehicles which are wrecked or unserviceable regardless of condition or state of cannibalization. All vehicles which have been stolen or lost will be handed over to the IG on a separate Tally Out. Vehicles which have been salvaged through U.S. Ordnance or declared RM through British Ordnance will not be handed over to the IG. Vehicles will be listed as to Make - Type - Motor No. - WD No. - Chassis No. and in the case of British vehicles the Serial No. will be included. AC requisitioned automobiles will be sent to G-4 (A).

2. PROPERTY: All British or United States WD property other than vehicles, spare parts for vehicles and tools will be turned in to G-4 (A) or (B), Headquarters, Allied Commission. All spare parts for vehicles and tools which are physically present in a Truck Pool will be inventoried keeping a division between British and U.S. spare parts and tools. The Italian Government will acknowledge receipt for these vehicles, spare parts and tools on a Tally Out. Copies of Tally Outs will be sent to the respective G-4 Sections who will compute the proper sale price of the parts, tools and vehicles and who will prepare a bill of sale to the Italian Government at a later date. All U.S. and British requisitions or indents for Ordnance supplies will be collected at each Truck Pool and enclosed in the final report of turnover. All property which has been purchased by a Truck Pool will be handed over to the Italian Government on a Tally Out. This is to include furniture - office equipment - tools - etc. A complete and accurate inventory will be made of all items belonging to a Truck Pool and will be receipted for by the Italian Government. Such buildings and grounds as have been requisitioned or rented by a Truck Pool will be handed over to the Italian Government who will then make their own arrangements for future use. This property will be derequisitioned and turned over to the Italian Government. ALL REQUISITIONED PROPERTY will be receipted for by the Italian Government who will acknowledge responsibility for the property. The Italian Government

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will receipt for all POL supplies on hand as of the date of turnover.

TIRES: -- All tires whether on vehicles or in warehouses will be listed as to make - size and serial number.

3. FINANCIAL: Cash Balance: Cash balance as verified by a Bank Statement will be turned over to the Italian Government by bank check.

Accounts Receivable: Abstract of Accounts Receivable as per Truck Pool records will be receipted for by the Italian Government. Adjustments will be made by the Italian Government.

Unpaid Accrued Items: Balance Sheet as of closing date of operations will not include accrued items. Adjustments for unpaid accrued items will be made by the Italian Government.

Insurance: All vehicles insurance policies will be receipted for by the Italian Government.


G. G. GROSS Jr.
Chief,
Roads Division.

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

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Tel: 220

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18 June 1945

SUBJECT: GT & QM Companies Obtaining
Captured German Vehicles

TO : Motor Transport Group
Road Division, Tn. S/C

1. Lt.Col. Harris, Acting Chief of Staff, G-5, 15th Army Group, visited Rome 16 and 17 June and stated that captured German vehicles are being formed into GT & QM Companies and that some disposition of these GT & QM Companies would have to be made, probably at the commencement of Phase II, or the Allied Commission would assume responsibility of these units, if not in Phase II, we certainly would in Phase III. It is suggested that GT & QM Companies formed of German captured vehicles be turned over to Motor Transport Group for operation and Transportation Sub-Commission have lift control in a later phase of operations. Please coordinate this with Lt.Col. Harris and prepare a definite plan and submit it to me.

MERRITT H. TAYLOR,
Director.

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

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Phone 489081

544/10/Tn 1

13 June 1945

SUBJECT: Distribution of Q Companies

TO : G-5, 15th Army Group
Attention: Lt. Col. Harris

1. Six Q Companies of the 3rd Truck Battalion have been delivered to 15th Army Group, Nos. 17, 19, 20, 22, 23 and 24.
2. 7th Company, 3rd Truck Battalion, has been ordered to proceed to Emilia Region, to report to Major Sowers, Transportation Officer, for operation in the provinces which are ~~under~~ ^{Not} the responsibility of the 15th Army Group.
3. The 8th Company of the 3rd Truck Battalion will be ordered to report to the Battalion Commander, Major Ryner, at Modena, with the understanding that 15th Army Group will arrange for the necessary lift in the provinces of Emilia Region, which are their responsibility.
4. This distribution of the 3rd Truck Battalion has been agreed to with Lt. Col. Harris, G-5, 15th Army Group.

For the Chief Commissioner:

[Signature]
MERRITT H. TAYLOR
Director

cc: Deputy Director, Tn S/C
Road Division, Tn S/C
Movements Division, Road Branch, Tn S/C
Acting Vice President, Economic Section
Truck Operating Group
Regional Commissioner, Emilia Region.
Att: Transportation Officer

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

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544/3/Tn 1

8 June 1945

SUBJECT: C and GT Companies, Truck Operating Group

TO : HQIA (Attention: Colonel Kerr)

1. Reference the attached copy of minutes of meeting, your assistance on the various points raised is especially requested. It should be explained that these C and GT Companies with Italian personnel are engaged on the haulage of essential food stuffs and other commodities vital to Italian economy. Recently performance has fallen very seriously behind program and has resulted in repercussions on other forms of transport.

2. With regard to item 1b, it is requested that we may be informed whether a further supply of Italian soldiers can be obtained to replace those who have proved so unsatisfactory, those who are sick, in prison for long terms, etc.; and if so, how many replacements can be given.


M. B. THOMAS, Colonel
Deputy Director

1 Incl: Minutes

cc: Road Division
Movement Division
Truck Operating Group

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF MEETING HOLD 1 JUNE 1945

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Q and GT COMPANIES

PRESENT: Transportation Sub-Commission:

Colonel M. B. Thomas, Deputy Director (in the chair)
Mr. G. G. Gross, Chief, Road Division
Lt. Col. G. Fernyhough, Road Division
Lt. Col. C. N. Christensen, Movements Division

MMIA:

Captain S. P. Archer

Truck Operating Group:

Colonel James J. Carnes, CO
Lt. Col. J. H. Bordass

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1. Reference was made to the unsatisfactory working of the new Q and GT Companies. A number of instances were referred to and it was generally agreed that the operations left a great deal of room for improvement. The main root of the trouble lies in the lack of discipline among the Italian personnel, officers and soldiers. The following recommendations are tabled:

a. Some 20 Italian officers who are unsatisfactory should be changed; these 20 officers are mostly reserve officers, and regular officers should be used in their place. Colonel Celli, the CO of the Second Truck Battalion, has this in hand with the Italian War Office. It was agreed that Colonel Carnes should supply the names of the officers to be changed to Colonel Kerr, MMIA, who should be requested to see that there is no delay in making the changes.

b. Of the 2,500 USITIS and the 2,500 BRITIS, a large number are most unsatisfactory. Some cannot read nor write, and consequently it is difficult to give them instructions as to what they should do; some are of a worthless type whom no amount of punishment can improve. It is decided that Transportation Sub-Commission should press MMIA for replacements of a number of these men and also for replacements of those who had deserted, come sick or been sent to prison for long periods.

c. One of the difficulties is that the punishments now given are not sufficient. Loss of pay can soon be made up in the black market, and a

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spell in prison merely provides a rest from hard work. Colonel Carnes has in hand with MMIA the question of establishing a proper field personnel center at Civitavecchia where offenders could be sent and given stiff disciplinary treatment. It is felt that news of this treatment would soon get around and have a deterrent effect on the others. Colonel Carnes will follow up with MMIA the question of securing 6 officers and a number of soldiers to man this center.

d. Another difficulty is the shortage of control vehicles to check up on unauthorized journeys. It is agreed that Colonel Carnes should send up to the Q and QT Companies jeeps and motorcycles as they become available, keeping in Rome a reserve of some 20 vehicles. Some of these vehicles would be subject to recall for use in the north in accordance with requests made by Road Division, Transportation Sub-Commission. EM/ORS would be taken out of the companies to man these vehicles and act as military policemen.

M. B. Thomas

M. B. THOMAS, Colonel
Deputy Director

DISTRIBUTION:

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Truck Operation Group
Road Division, Tn S/C
Movement Division, Tn S/C

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

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Tel: 220

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SUBJECT: Disposition of Vehicles

30 May 1945

TO : Road Division, Tn. C/C

1. Reference your memo AC/349/1/TN 5. of 28 May 1945.
2. No physical transfer of vehicles referred to in para. 1 of basic communication of 25 May is contemplated at this time. At a future date a physical transfer will be made from Motor Transport Group to the Italian Government.
3. The agency of the Italian Government which, at a later date, will receive the physical transfer of this equipment will probably be INT which will be operated by ISR.
4. Road Division is a part of Transportation Sub-Commission. The primary responsibility of obtaining necessary signatures from the Italian Government belongs to the Road Division with the assistance of Director, Transportation Sub-Commission.
5. Your para. 4 is agreed. However, since no change is made in the accountability for these trucks and spare parts, a re-affirmation of this responsibility at this time seems superfluous.

MERRITT H. TAYLOR,
Director.

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

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MEMORANDUM

25 May 1945

At a meeting today called by Transportation Sub-Commission at the suggestion of Colonel Parkin, Commanding Officer of 2675th Regiment, the following were present:

Colonel H.G. Crawshaw, Chief Accountant, Finance S/C
Mr. G.G. Gross, Chief, Road Division, Tn. S/C
Major C.C. Craig, G-4, American
Mr. Merritt H. Taylor, Director, Tn. S/C

The following was agreed:

- 1) Road Division, Transportation Sub-Commission will obtain the necessary information from the Motor Transport Group and prepare schedule of the 1700 trucks, spare parts, and other incidental items to be turned over to the Italian Government.
- 2) Colonel Crawshaw will prepare receipt and other papers for signature of the Italian Government to effect transfer of title to items referred to in (1) above.
- 3) Transportation Sub-Commission will obtain necessary signatures from the Italian Government and deliver documents to Colonel Crawshaw, Chief Accountant, Finance Sub-Commission.
- 4) Jeeps obtained as control vehicles for the Motor Transport Group will remain the property of Allied Commission at present. The Motor Transport Group will be accountable for Jeeps and spare parts.

Merritt H. Taylor
MERRITT H. TAYLOR,
Director.

Distribution:

Economic Section
Motor Transport Group
G-4 (American)
G-4 (British)
Road Division, Transportation S/C
Col. Crawshaw, Chief Accountant, Finance S/C

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APO 394
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12 May 1945

SUBJECT: Motor Transport Group

TO : Economic Section

1. Reference is made to Establishment Memoranda, Nos. 2 and 7, both of this year. In the first Establishment Memorandum the Motor Transport Group is formed, and paragraph 2 gives in some detail the channels of communication with Hqs., AC; no mention is made of Vice President, Economic Section in this paragraph.

2. In the second Establishment Memorandum the 2nd and 3rd Truck Battalions are placed under the control of the Vice President, Economic Section, for maintenance, operation and supply.

3. Is it intended that these two Battalions shall be on a different basis from the rest of the M.T. Group? The position as it stands at present is by no means clear.

M. B. THOMAS, Colonel
Deputy Directorcc: Establishment Section
Motor Transport Group
Road Division, Tn S/C

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

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Ref: AC/324/2/TN.5

14 April 1945

SUBJECT: Minutes of Transportation S/C conference held 12 April 1945.

1. The vehicular ceiling of the Motor Transport Group was fixed at 3000. This is in excess of the T/E in order to permit a maximum operational strength at all times.
2. All imported vehicles will be assigned to the MTG up to the terminal point for inclusion in the organization. All trucks above that figure will be consigned on a replacement basis and the vehicles released will be taken over by the TH S/C for truck pool operations.
3. All spare parts for the imported vehicles will be turned over to the MTG for warehousing and control. If and when imported vehicles are released for truckpool operation, spares will be supplied in proportion to vehicle strength from this stock.
4. The MT Group is completely accountable and responsible for all materials consigned to it and all records pertinent to said materials will be forwarded to the Group.
5. Full supply responsibility and accountability for truck pool equipment rests with the TH S/C.
6. All indents will be channeled through the TH S/C to the proper supply sources.
7. TH S/C will receive the notifications of shipment calls forward and shipment arrivals, and issue the disposition instructions. Full details of all shipments, which concern the MTG, will be forwarded immediately to the Group.
8. 1st, 2nd and 3rd echelon tools as indented for by MGS-280-ORD will be allocated according to vehicle strength.
9. 4th and 5th echelon shops, as included in MGS-280-ORD, will serve both the MTG and truck pool vehicles contingent upon a stabilized situation which will allow centrally located and permanent type installations.
10. A consolidated requisition will be placed by TH S/C on Commerce S/C for tires and tubes to be specifically allocated to the vehicles controlled by the MTG and TH S/C.

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WARNER G. PETERSON
Capt. C.A.C.
Roads Division

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Tel. Ext. 376

6th April, 1945.

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SUBJECT. Channel of Communication - Motor Transport
Group Allied Commission (Italian Army Personnel)

TO : Economic Section.

1. Reference is made to Establishment Memorandum No.2, of the 3rd March, 1945.

2. Para 2(a) states clearly that the Motor Transport Group is a field activity of the Allied Commission and that its Commanding Officer is in a status comparable to a Regional Commissioner; as such we take it that he should not communicate direct with AFMC. Will you please confirm this understanding.

3. A typical case in point is AFMC letter, Ref. T.10 of the 1st March, 1945, which deals with the assembly of vehicles for the G.T. Company of the M.T. Group at Naples, and asks for certain information about the new G.T. Companies. Our understanding is that such a letter should be handled by this Sub-Commission in accordance with para 2.a.(1)(c) of the memorandum referred to above.

4. If you are in agreement with our views as above will you please arrange for the position to be clarified to the Commanding Officer of the M.T. Group.

M.B.T.
M.B. THOMAS, Colonel,
Deputy Director.

Copy to:

Col. J.J. Carnes, MT Group AC (It. Army Personnel).
Roads Division.

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13 February 1945

NOTES OF MEETING C.O.S. OFFICE 10 February 1945PRESENT:C.O.S.: Brig. Lush (chair)
Major TalbotEconomic Section: Colonel Densmore
Mr. Taylor
Colonel Thomas
Colonel Carnes
Colonel Evans
Major WoodEstablishment Section: Colonel Parkin
Lt. Col. Miller
Major Craig
Captain ParryM.M.I.A.: Major PinkleyIn attendance: Captain Shipton, AFHQ (Ord. A)Formation of Hq. Truck Coys. Responsibility for Maintenance of Vehicles.
Inspecting and Distribution of Spare Parts.

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1. A large number of vehicles for civil use are now being imported into Italy for the formation of Q and MT companies with Italian drivers under Allied control; they will be an addition to the Q and GT companies now operating with WD vehicles. Certain supervisory personnel have already been authorized. It was agreed that AFM authority should be sought for the formation of a Truck Brigade HQ and for certain other units to control and maintain these operating companies. Except for a few officers, no part of the brigade can be found from AD resources; it must therefore be an additional commitment not debitable to the existing AD establishment. Transportation Sub-Commission will initiate necessary action. Until such time as the nucleus of the new HQ is formed and the appointment of its commanding officer announced, Transportation Sub-Commission will be responsible for all work in connection with forming and training Q and MT companies.

2. The Truck Brigade Commander will be responsible to the Chief Commissioner for the operation and full maintenance of all vehicles in the brigade and for all personnel assigned to it.

3. The Truck Brigade will be treated as a field formation, and its commander as equivalent to a Regional Commissioner "without a region." The table below shows the way in which staff functions will be exercised by the various offices at LC HQ on behalf of the Chief Commissioner:

Transportation S/C - Loads to be carried, efficient operation and maintenance of vehicles. Civilian material and spares.

C.O. 2675 Regiment - Discipline and administration of U.S. Army personnel, who will be assigned to a new company of 2675 Regiment.

G-1, British - Discipline and administration of British Army personnel.

Land Forces S/C - Discipline and administration of Italian Army personnel.

G-2, American - American supplies and WD material and spares. (Routing of documents will be made direct to American Ordnance and other services.)

G-4, British - British supplies and WD material and spares. (Routing of documents will be made direct to British Ordnance and other services.)

4. When units of the Truck Brigade operate in Army areas and Regions it will be necessary to work out the division of responsibility between Truck Brigade HQ and Army or Regional HQ for operations, discipline, accommodation and administration. Transportation Sub-Commission will draft instructions for approval by all concerned.

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3. The Truck Brigade will be treated as a field formation, and its commander as equivalent to a Regional Commissioner "without a region." The table below shows the way in which staff functions will be exercised by the various offices at J2 on behalf of the Chief Commissioner:

<u>Transportation S/C</u>	- looks to the carrying, efficient operation and maintenance of vehicles. Civilian material and spares.
<u>C.O. 2675 Personnel</u>	- Discipline and administration of U.S. Army personnel, who will be assigned to a new company of 2675 Regiment.
<u>G-1, British</u>	- Discipline and administration of British Army personnel.
<u>Land Forces S/C</u>	- Discipline and administration of Italian Army personnel.
<u>G-2, American</u>	- American supplies and WD material and spares. (Routine requests will be made direct to American Ordnance and other services.)
<u>G-4, British</u>	- British supplies and WD material and spares. (Routine requests will be made direct to British Ordnance and other services.)

4. When units of the Truck Brigade operate in Army areas and Regions it will be necessary to work out the division of responsibility between Truck Brigades HQ and Army or Regional HQ for operations, discipline, accommodation and administration. Transportation Sub-Commission will draft instructions for approval by all concerned.

5. A number of WD vehicles are now operating in civilian truck pools. It was agreed that (a) the latter must be requested to continue the higher echelon maintenance of such vehicles until such time as they are transferred to complete Italian control, and (b) that such vehicles should be so transferred to complete Italian control at the earliest possible date in order to comply with the directive as to withdrawal of AC officers from King's Italy. Transportation Sub-Commission will initiate action on these two points.

6. The responsibility for higher echelon maintenance of various vehicles operating in Italy will be as follows:

<u>Type of Vehicle</u>	<u>Authority Responsible</u>
WD vehicles in HQ and GI Coys	Truck Brigade Headquarters
Allied civilian or requisitioned vehicles in Q and GI Coys	" "

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Type of VehicleAuthority Responsible

WD vehicles in civilian truck pools:

(a) now

Army

(b) when transferred to Italian control

Italian Government or its agent.

Other WD vehicles

Army

Other requisitioned vehicles

Regional Commissioner or HQ Commandant

7. The arrangements for the supply and distribution of spare parts will be as follows:

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WD vehicles in Q and GT Coys

Truck Brigade HQ to G-4 A or B. (Routine indents direct to Ord.)

Army Ordnance to Truck Brigade.

Allied civilian or requisitioned vehicles in Q and MT Coys

Truck Brigade HQ to Transportation S/C

Commerce S/C to Truck Brigade

WD vehicles in civilian truck pools:

(a) now

Regional Commissioner or Truck Pool officer to G-4 A or B (Routine indents direct to Ord.)

Army Ordnance to Regional Commissioner or Truck Pool officer.

(b) when transferred to Italian control

Italian Government (ENAC) to Transportation S/C

Army Ordnance or Commerce S/C to Italian Government (ENAC)

Other WD vehicles

Regional Commissioner or HQ Commandant to G-4 A or B (Routine indents direct to Ord.)

Army Ordnance to HQ Commandant or Regional Commissioner

7. The arrangements for the supply and distribution of spare parts will be as follows:

Supply of Spare Parts

	<u>Indirect</u>	<u>Distribution</u>
WD vehicles in Q and GT Coy's	Truck Brigade HQ to G-4 A or B. (Routine indents direct to Ori.)	Army Ordnance to Truck Brigade.
Allied civilian or requisitioned vehicles in Q and MT Coy's	Truck Brigade HQ to Transportation S/C	Commerce S/C to Truck Brigade
WD vehicles in civilian truck pools:		
(a) now	Regional Commissioner or Truck Pool officer to G-4 A or B (Routine indents direct to Ori.)	Army Ordnance to Regional Commissioner or Truck Pool officer.
(b) when transferred to Italian control	Italian Government (ENAO) to Transportation S/C	Army Ordnance or Commerce S/C to Italian Government (ENAO)
Other WD vehicles	Regional Commissioner or HQ Commandant to G-4 A or B (Routine indents direct to Ori.)	Army Ordnance to HQ Commandant or Regional Commissioner
Other Requisitioned vehicles	Regional Commissioner or HQ Commandant by purchase, requisition or other means.	

The initial supply of 6 months spare parts for imported vehicles will go direct to the Truck Brigade.

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DISTRIBUTION:

C.O.S.	2	Economic Section:	
Establishment Section:		D.C.O.S.	2
Exec. Officer (A)	1	Tn S/C	2
" " (B)	1	Commerce S/C	1
G-1, (A)	1	Land Forces S/C	1
G-1, (B)	1	Hq 2675 Regiment	1
G-4, (A)	1	Spares and file	6
G-4, (B)	1		
Hq Commandant	1		

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