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CAPTURED ENEMY VEHICLES

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

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4 August 1945

SUBJECT: Captured Enemy Vehicles

TO : Supply Division, Economic Section

1. Reference letter AC/98/TN 5 (Supply Ref: 15.26), of 1 August and letter of AC of S, G-5, 5th Army, 25 July, referred to Transportation Sub-Commission for action.

2. This matter has been discussed with War Material Disposal & Italian Prisoners of War Sub-Commission, and they have requested that no action be taken by this Sub-Commission until the return of Lt.Col. Campbell on 9 August, at which time a meeting will be held to consider the problem in light of Lt. Col. Campbell's investigation in Northern Italy.

MURKIN E. TAYLOR,
Director.

cc: To Civil Affairs Section,
for WMD & IPW Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
G-5 SECTION
APO 464 US ARMY

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25 July 1945

Subject: Captured Enemy Vehicles

To : Economics Section,
Allied Commission, APO 394, U.S. Army.
(Attn: Executive Officer)

1. Ordnance, Fifth Army, is turning over to G-5, Fifth Army, approximately 500 passenger type Italian vehicles, the majority of which need extensive repairs.
2. Attached herewith is plan being followed on withdrawing these vehicles from Ordnance and putting them in running order.
3. Since the attached memorandum was written 80 vehicles have been withdrawn and delivered to the O.M. plant, an additional 40 are being moved today.
4. Attached herewith letter from Senior Finance Officer, Fifth Army, to Finance S/Commission, Alcom.
5. Should proper Alcom authorities wish any change in procedure being followed immediate advise requested.
6. G-5, Fifth Army, will make no disposition of these vehicles until advised by Alcom what procedure they wish followed under paragraph K of letter 22 June AFHQ.

FOR THE AC OF S., G-5:

Bertram M. Goldsmith
BERTRAM M. GOLDSMITH,
Major, AUS,
Commerce & Industry Officer,
G-5 Fifth Army.

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
G-5 SECTION
APO 464 US ARMY

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21 July 1945

SUBJECT: Preliminary Plan for Captured Enemy Vehicles

TO : Major Goldsmith

1. G-4 Fifth Army has allocated all Fiat sedans at the Ghedi Dump to AMG Fifth Army. The amount of vehicles available have been estimated to be from 450 to 500. These vehicles are on the whole in pretty bad condition in regard to their running ability, but upon personal inspection it was learned, that the greater percentage need only minor repair, and that the upholstery and condition of the frames and bodies were fair.

2. The O.M. Truck Manufacturing Plant in Brescia has been contracted to repair and where necessary rebuild for AMG the a/m vehicles. This officer has been in contact with the engineer and director of O.M. Truck Manufacturing Plant and the following arrangements were made.

a. Vehicles (Fiat 500, 1100 and 1500 weight would be delivered to O.M. Truck Manufacturing Plant from Ghedi by AMG at the rate of 40 every other day. Labor (drivers) to be supplied by AMG Brescia Province. It has been found that in addition to Italian labor supplied by Brescia Province it will be necessary to use German type wreckers and also the German drivers from Ghedi, in order to tow the vehicles from this dump to O.M. Truck Manufacturing Plant in Brescia. The ordnance personnel located at Ghedi will supply the German wreckers and drivers.

b. When the vehicles are delivered to the O.M. Truck Manufacturing Plant in Brescia they are each given a serial number. This number is only used for checking purposes and not as an Army CAP vehicle number.

c. Complete inventory is then taken of each vehicle and a receipt is then issued to AMG from O.M. Truck Manufacturing Plant making O.M. then responsible for a complete vehicle except for the parts found missing in the preliminary inspection. This officer is on hand and personally supervises this inspection.

d. Among the vehicles delivered to O.M. Truck Manufacturing Plant in Brescia will be several that are beyond repair. These vehicles will be cannibalized and provide parts for some of the others. The method to be adopted for the utilization of these vehicles will be as follows. If the engineer at O.M. Truck Manufacturing Plant decides that vehicle #35 cannot be repaired, but the parts can be used to repair

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vehicle #1 - 2 and 3, only this officer can give permission for the demolishing of vehicle #35. In other words there will be no cannibalization without authority from this Headquarters.

c. The Fifth Army will supply to O.M. Truck Manufacturing Plant in Brescia, gasoline and oil for the testing of vehicles, kerosene for the cleaning and washing of all used parts. A storeroom has been found in the O.M. Truck Manufacturing Plant where these materials will be kept and only issued where absolutely necessary.

3. The actual contract with the O.M. Truck Manufacturing Plant in Brescia is in the process of being prepared. In lieu of this and realizing the need for some written agreement, the following plan has been adopted. Printed upon each receipt and signed in agreement by O.M. Truck Manufacturing Plant is the following contract.

"This car is received by us for repairs, price to be paid for such repair to be established by Allied Commission. If delivery of this car is demanded by Lt. Hartman, Major Goldsmith or Lt. Col. Michie, such car will be delivered against one of the said signatures, even though no payment arrangements have finally been agreed upon. This receipt is evidence that proper payment is intended."

4. The movement of vehicles from Ghedi to the O.M. Truck Manufacturing Plant in Brescia has already started the system outlined above has been put into operation.

SEYMOUR HARTMAN,
1st Lt., Infantry,
Asst. Industry & Commerce Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
AMG 5TH ARMY
A.P.O. 464 U.S. ARMY
Finance Division

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20th July 1945.

SUBJECT : Payment for repair of captured enemy vehicles.

TO : HQ, Allied Commission
(Attn: Chief Accountant,
Finance Sub-Commission).

1. There has been allotted to AMG 5th Army at the present time approximately 500 captured German vehicles which are in various states of repair and disrepair. It is estimated that by cannibalizing 150 of these vehicles, the balance of 350 can be put in running order.

2. It will be suggested by G-5, Fifth Army to Allied Commission that they be allotted to the various provinces on application of the Regional and Provincial Commissioners for use by Italian officials; tax people, monopoli people, police, prefects and various intendente's employees, in fact members of the official Italian family, on the city, province and state levels.

3. Since the vehicles are captured the question of settlement for them will be arranged by Allied Commission under AFHQ letter of 22nd June 1945, para. K and the Italian Government. This of course may take years.

4. The repair work is to be done by AMG 5th Army at the OM (civilian plant) in Brescia by Italians. Obviously OM will have to make immediate payment of wages and for materials. How will payment be made to OM for the repair of these cars.

/s/John W. Clarke.

/t/JOHN W. CLARKE,
Lt. Colonel, CMP,
Senior Finance Officer.

Copy to : Major Goldsmith,
G-5 Section.

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