

Sardinia

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Transportation Sub-Commission
Movements Division

Our Ref: AC/88/2/TN.3.

2 March 1945

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TO : - Chief Movements Division

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(a) Ex Military Vehicles (22 Ton 6x6) of the total of 100 load carrying vehicles allocated by AFHQ it has been possible to produce a total of 60 tonners in very good condition. The balance of 40 vehs. have been, and will continue to be, used to provide spare parts for the 60. It is expected that by this means the 60 will be kept running for at least a year.

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(b) Civilian vehicles There are in the island:-
 500 (approx) vehs. with load capacity under 2 tons.
 " " " over 2 tons.
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These vehicles are, generally speaking in fair to good condition. They are NOT all usable owing to shortage of tyres. Tyres on running vehicles will soon require replacing.

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TRANSLATION

(Notes for C.W.C. H. Discoe)

- I The CONSORZI PROVINCIALI ORGANOLOGICI AUTOTRASPORTI HAS BEEN IN operation in the three provinces of SARDINIA since July 1943.
- II Discipline is the responsibility of the Prefects while the control of the CONSORZI is under the Provincial Offices of Commerce and Industry which are responsible for establishing priorities relative to the demands and requirements of transportation.
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4. Closing of SARDINIA Region.

The Region will close on 28 February 1945 and will move to mainland when ordered by C.O.S. Strength, 12 Officers, 36 EM & ORs, one Jeep, one Staff Car, 4 X 3 ton trucks. A large quantity of files office records and G 1098 stores. Cooking equipment will be handed over to Col. Simmonds in SARDINIA and replaced on mainland under arrangements Col. Kerr with G.4 (A).

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C. STAIT-GARDNER
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Movements Div. Roads

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