

Disposal of Captured Enemy Material in Italy

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ARMY STAFF: DATED: 01/01/00

ACTION: NISPI ARMY, BENTH ARMY, DESPOND, DISNO, PIR INFO: ALONG, NISIA

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1. In accordance with policy this headquarters directive 18306.3/1631-0 dated 22 June paras 9c and 9(f) all Italian vehicles now in vehicle parks and awaiting repair will be handed over as follows - military vehicles to NISIA, civilian types to ALLIED COMB BROS immediately.

2. Arrangements for collection will be made mutually between AC/NISIA and headquarters controlling dump. Attention is drawn to instructions in above quoted reference.

3. For ALONG, this expires your 18308 dated 16 July. Not possible at present to turn over captured German vehicles until military needs are met. Your 37 of 19 June and 043/023 of 22 June refer.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission94/21
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21 July 1946

Our ref.: AC/94/12/Tn 3

SUBJECT : Captured Enemy Vehs.

TO : Regional Transportation Officers
Liguria Region.

1. Reference your LIG/TRAN/225 dated 17 July.
2. The signals referred to in your letter have not been received in this Sub-Commission.
3. Our letter AC/94/4/Tn 3 dated 9 July refers to cars for use of Tn Officers in the field, your reference, therefore, to motor cycles and three ton trucks is not understood.

By Command of Rear Admiral STONE


G. E. CONSTABLE,
Major.

Tel. 478303

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

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94/20

Our Ref :- AG/94/10/Tn.3.

20 July 1945

SUBJECT :- Enemy Vehicles for Transportation Officers.

TO :- Regional Transportation Officer
Piemonte Region.

- (16)
1. Ref your letter dated 16 July '45 - no reference.
 2. Indents for Captured Enemy Vehicles should be made to Capt. Fryer of War Material Disposal & I.P.W. S/O who will be opening an office in Milan on, or about 27th July '45.

By Command of Rear Admiral STONE :-

CC
C.F. CONSTABLE
Major.

Copy to : War Material Disposal
and I.P.W. S/O

Tel. 478303

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

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9/4/19

Our Ref :- AG/94/5/Tn.3.

20 July 1945

SUBJECT :- Captured Enemy Transport.

TO :- Regional Transportation Officer
Venetia Region.

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1. Re: your RXII/TM/11.1 dated 16 July 45.
2. Indents for captured Enemy vehicles should be made to Capt. Fryer of War Material Disposal & I.P.W. S/C who will be opening an office in Milan, on or about 27th July 45.
3. Ref. para 2 of your letter all jeeps are to be withdrawn from this Theatre and, in most cases, will be replaced by captured vehicles.

By Command of Rear Admiral Stone :-


C.F. CONSTABLE
Major.

Copy to War Material Disposal & I.P.W. S/C

Tel. 478303

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

GFC/SS
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Our Ref :- AC/94/6/Tn.3.

18 July 1945

SUBJECT :- Disposal of Captured Enemy Equipment.

TO :- Regional Transportation Officer
Emilia Region - AMG-

1. Reference your RIX/TP/4/10/113 dated 15 July.
2. Indents are NOT made on this Sub-Commission, please refer to para 3 of our AC/94/4/Tn.3. dated 9 July.
3. It is suggested that you also state the reasons for requiring as many as twelve cars.

By Command of Rear Admiral Stone :-

C. P. Constable
C. P. CONSTABLE
Major.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LIGURIA REGION
TRANSPORTATION SECTION

July 17th. 1945.

Tel: 28771.
Ref: Dig/Tran/223.
Subject: Captured Enemy Vehicles.

To: Headquarters, Allied Commission,
(Transportation Sub-Commission)



file 13.
Reference your AS/94/4/Pa 3 of July 9th. 1945.

1. - Para 2 (a) None have been assigned to this Region.
2. - Para 2 (b) Signal No. 163 of May 31st. asked for seven passenger vehicles, 23 motor cycles and further signal No. 247 of June 7th. asked for 100 Three Tonn trucks.
N.R.

By order of the Regional Commissioner,

H. B. James
H. B. James, Major,
Regional Transportation Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
PIEMONTE REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

16 July 1945

Office of the Regional Transportation Officer

Subject: Enemy Vehicles for Transportation Officers
TO : The Director-Transportation Sub-Commission
Headquarters Allied Commission, APO 394.

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1. Reference your letter dated 9 July 1945, file AC/94/4TN3, Subject: Disposal of captured Enemy Equipment, it is requested that information be forwarded to this division as to the location of the place where these vehicles can be drawn for the Transportation Officers.

R.W. Saunders
R.W. SAUNDERS
Major Inf.

Regional Transportation Officer

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VENEZUELA REGION

Allied Military Government
Transportation Division

APO 394

16 July 45

TO : H.Q. Allied Commission ✓

SUBJECT : Captured Enemy Transport.

FILE NO. : RXII/TN/11.1.

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18 JUL 1945

1. Reference your AC/94/4/TN3 dated 9 July.

2. It was understood that ten Jeeps were being allotted to Region for Transportation Officers, to be held outside the normal W.E. Will these cars be allocated in the same manner? The Region is already up to establishment.

3. Ref. ^{new} para 2:

a) Five.

b) No. require five more if in reasonable conditions as to tyres and mechanical soundness, and can be held outside the Region W.E. I would like to hold ten cars as per para 2 above.

4. If conditions above obtain would WD and I.E.W. ^{Subsistence} take this letter as asking for 5 cars.

J.S. Woodger
cc.

J.S. WOODGER

Colonel

REGIONAL TRANSP. OFFICER

23/7/45

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Colonel
REGIONAL TRANSP. OFFICER
23/7

Copy to : War Material Disposal and
Italian P.W. S/C.

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HEADQUARTERS EMILIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

94/14

REF. : RIX / TP / 4.10 / 113 15th July 1945

SUBJECT : Disposal of captured
Enemy Equipment

TO : H.Q. Transportation Sub-Com. ✓
H.Q. AICOM Rome.

17 JUL 1945

Ref. your ^{folw 13} AS/94/1/TL.3.

I regret that my predecessor left no record that
German cars were available, and does not appear to have in-
dented for any.

I ~~submit~~ indent herewith for twelve cars.

For the Regional Commissioner

J. DODDS
J. D. DODDS, Capt.

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Chief Transportation Officer

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Tele : 478303

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 334

Transportation Sub-Commission

CSG/fd

9 July 1945

Cur ref.: AC/94/4/Tn 3

TO : Regional Commissioner EMILIA Region
 " " LIGURIA "
 " " PIEMONTE "
 " " LOMBARDIA "
 " " VENEZIA "

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 (b) Have your requirements been met in full?

3. Should you encounter any difficulty in obtaining cars you should apply to War Materials Disposal and Italian P.W. Sub-Commission at this Headquarters with copy to this Sub-Commission.

4. An early reply is required.

By Command of Rear Admiral STONE:

(Signature)
 M.J. STONE, Colonel

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M.J. STEFF, Colonel

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- War Material Disposal and Italian P.V. S/C.

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AFHQ/5039/Q(AE)

MINUTES OF AFHQ/ATOUSA CONFERENCE
HELD AT HQ 15 ARMY GP. AT 1430 HRS 4 JUN 45

PRESENT :Chairman

Brigadier R.G. THURBURN

Lt.Col. C. GWATHNEY
Lt.Col. R.A.M. SHUTTE
Lt.Col. B. BOYD
Major D. BARNES
Brig-General R.H. TATE
Brigadier W.R.D. RITCHIE
Colonel C.S. D'ORSA
Lt.Col. R.A. PERSELL
Colonel E.M. CLARKE
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Lt.Col. H.C.R. BURNETT
Major E.H. McL. YOUNG
Major F.B. MURDOCH
Major-General C.A. HEIDEMAN CB, MC.

Colonel J.T. RIDDLE
Lt.Col. C.A. CHADWICK-ITALEY
Colonel E.T. FOSTER
Lt.Col. T.A. CAMPBELL
Major C. STAIR-GARDNER
Colonel C.P. KERR
Colonel F.T. NOAKES
Major C.O. RATELLE

and 20 others

AFHQ/ATOUSA Q(AE)

AFHQ/ATOUSA G-4(A)
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15 ARMY GP. G-4
15 ARMY GP. DA & QMG
15 ARMY GP. G-4
15 ARMY GP. G-5
FIFTH ARMY G-4
FIFTH ARMY Engr.
EIGHTH ARMY Q(AE)
EIGHTH ARMY G(SD)
EIGHTH ARMY Q
1 DISTRICT Comd.
1 DISTRICT DA & QMG
2 DISTRICT AQMG
P.B.S. G-4
AC ITALY War Materials
AC ITALY Transportation
MMIA Dep Dir.
MMIA DA & QMG
MRS

1. POLICY AND METHOD FOR COLLECTING CAPTURED MATERIAL INTO MAIN DUMPS

(a) Armies agreed that in conjunction with Districts it was necessary to nominate as early as possible the minimum number of locations as MAIN DUMPS to save guards, facilitate control and minimise movement and that in such dumps material would be segregated by 'services'.

Action Armies to report locations of main dumps and types of material held to AFHQ/AFHQUSA as of 15 JUN 45.

(b) It was stated that in connection with enemy dumps served by rail some confusion had occurred as to whether the dumps were Engineer or I.S.R. dumps.

Action MFG recommendations for MAIN DUMPS for I.S.R. material in Army Areas will be agreed by Armies before they are established. The decision as to whether material is I.S.R. material or not will remain with Armies.

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3. MATERIAL CONTROLLED BY PARTISANS

FIFTH ARMY anticipated no trouble in recovering material in the hands of partisans. As the arms were surrendered they were put in C.E.M. dumps. In EIGHTH ARMY area in ITALY the situation was still obscure. It was desired to continue the process of withdrawal by amicable arrangement. In 1 DISTRICT one partisan group had given up everything but 28 Partisan Bds had refused to give up vehicles and water-carts.

It was stated that in MILAN a system of registering vehicles in the

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hands of partisans without calling them in had been established and was working well.

Amies agreed that no further instructions were needed at this stage from AMHQ/MEUSA.

Action EIGHTH ARMY to forward to A.F.H.Q. a stage-study on the position at 20 JUN to reach AFHQ by 1 JUL.

4. USE AND REGISTRATION OF CAPTURED TRANSPORT

(a) It was agreed that there was no necessity to vary the policy contained in the external directive i.e.

(i) Captured vehicles may be used to fill deficiencies in T/E's (N.E's).

(ii) All remaining vehs should be formed into truck and car companies.

(b) The AMHQ/MEUSA policy as to the employment of captured transport is still

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(f) 1 DISTRICT said they were forming a Captured Vehicle and Repair Park to be operated by five German Wehr Corps at OLIVIA and that they expected to receive there some 4000 vehicles, mostly from FIFTH ARMY.

(g) (i) It was agreed that the process of registering captured vehicles as required by the external directive was in an unsatisfactory condition and that the proper registration of and issue of WD numbers to all vehicles is an essential preliminary to the preparation of reliable statistics as a basis for allocation.

(ii) It was agreed that a census of captured vehicles must be taken and that 15 JUN would be the date of the first census.

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(iii) PBS have put in to 15 Army Gp their demands for vehicles and Districts have been asked to state their requirements. 15 Army Gp. are of the opinion that, as soon as the census figures are available, the responsibility for the allocation of captured transport in ITALY should pass from 15 Army Gp to AFHQ/MTOUSA.

(h) It was reported that the only substantial stock of vehicle spares was at BOLSAHO under control of FIFTH ARMY. It was agreed that these spares should be inventoried and then pass to AFHQ/MTOUSA control. In the meantime EIGHTH ARMY, Districts and Base Section will place requisitions on FIFTH ARMY for such spares as are actually required to put vehicles on the road.

(j) AC said they were short of ambulances and were advised to place their demands on AFHQ/MTOUSA at once.

Action

(i) AFHQ/MTOUSA will vary the external directive on the lines of Appendix 'A' Sections 2 and 3 to cover points raised in (c), (e) and (f)(ii).

(ii) AC in respect of (e) and (j).

(iii) Armies, Districts and Base Section in respect of (c)(i) and (f)(ii) and (h) without waiting for further instructions.

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(b) AC said that the production of arms and weapons in ITALY (except for allied requirements) had ceased, but that vehicles were being produced by FIAT's.

FIFTH ARMY said that some types of pre-fabricated hutting were still being produced against German contracts.

Action AC will continue the survey of war-like stores in factories and advise AFHQ as of the 15th of each month of the progress of the survey. First report to be as of 15 JUN 45.

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Action

- (i) Armies, Districts and Base Section to report inventories to AFHQ/MTOUSA as of 15 JUN. (see minute 9) and also make firm demands through normal channels. In meantime, as an emergency measure, 1 DISTRICT should continue to demand maintenance items from FIFTH ARMY through EIGHTH ARMY, who will pass to FIFTH ARMY a list of items which cannot be supplied from EIGHTH ARMY resources.
- (ii) AFHQ/MTOUSA to alter para 7 of directive to require reports of inventories as well as excesses. (See Appendix 'A' Section 2 of these minutes).
- (iii) AFHQ/MTOUSA to study machinery required to make allocations incl vehicles.

7. UNITS/PERSONNEL REQUIRED WHEN DISTRICTS TAKE OVER FROM ARMIES.

- (a) It was agreed that no further instructions were required from AFHQ/MTUSA as regards the relief of guards and labour.
- (b) After further study Districts will inform AFHQ of their requirements in personnel (staff and technical) to enable them to meet their liabilities for enemy material.
- (c) AFHQ emphasised that the bulk of the work in connection with enemy material must be done by P.O.W. in organised units under the minimum of allied supervision. German transport and equipment must be used to the maximum extent.

- Action (i) Districts in respect of (b)
- (ii) Armies, Districts and Base Section in respect of (c).

8. ARRANGEMENTS NECESSARY FOR HAND-OVER FROM ARMIES TO DISTRICTS.

It was agreed that, District reps would visit Armies to study the situation on the ground and arrange the take-over.

It was considered that no further instructions from AFHQ/MTUSA on this subject were necessary.

- Action Districts in conjunction with Armies.

9. FIRST DATE FOR RETURNS.

It was agreed that the first inventories in broad terms which necessary would be reported as of 15 JUN to reach AFHQ/MTUSA by 23 JUN and that special efforts would be made to include the principal items needed for maintenance. The first determination of excesses to be of 15 JUL.

- Action (i) Armies, Districts and Base Section without waiting for further instructions. (See Appendix 'A' Section 2 of these minutes).

10. M.R.S. STORES BEING USED FOR NON-RAILWAY PURPOSES.

See minute 1(b).

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11. CAPTURED CIVILIAN MATERIAL.

Difficulties have arisen in the disposal of captured civilian material. It was agreed that Appendix 'C' to these minutes, if issued as an order, would work from the point of view of the Armies, Districts, Base Section and A.C. AFHQ/AFHQUSA said that further study was necessary at AFHQ before instructions could be issued.

Action AFHQ/AFHQUSA will issue instructions after further staff-study (See Appendix 'A' Section 4 of these minutes).

12. OTHER MATTERS.

(a) AFHQ/MTOUSA emphasized that :-

(i) Italian weapons and ammunition could not be handed back to the Italians without AFHQ authority, but that Italian military material needed for Italian maintenance could be handed back through MIA.

(ii) Material of Russian origin must be segregated and reported to AFHQ.

(iii) Category 3 list has been extended to include the following German Tractors :-

Sd. Kfz 11 Zger	3-ton
Sd. Kfz 7 Zger	8-ton
Sd. Kfz 9 Zger	16-ton.

(iv) The disposal of enemy ammunition and equipment is a matter which will take time. It is essential that sufficient German technical personnel be retained in ITALY to carry out this task. Early information as to numbers of technical personnel is required.

Action

(i) Districts and Base Section to make recommendations on numbers required to AFHQ/MTOUSA when they have taken over in ITALY, by which time Disposal policies will be firm.

(ii) G-1(A) and G-1(S) AFHQ to note this requirement for technical P.O.W.

(v) No general authority for the destruction of unwanted enemy material can be given at present.

(b) The question of handing-over unwanted German equipment to the Italian Army is responsible representative of allied interest or as Agents of the Allied Command with whom responsibility would remain, was discussed. It was agreed that the bulk of such unwanted material would be combat equipment. The external directive permits only Italian material necessary for maintenance to be returned as the Italian Army is already in possession of sufficient weapons to equip the small post-war army of 150,000 - 200,000 plus 65,000 Carabinieri at present contemplated. Any proposal to hand-over German weapons to the Italian Army in any capacity except as guards under command of Allied formations should be referred to C.O.S. But even if this consent is forthcoming it is very doubtful if the Italian Army with its internal security and demobilization liabilities is in any position to do the work, whereas German P.O.W. are available in unlimited numbers.

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Action G-1(A) and (S), G-3, G-4(A) and (S) and G-5 AFHQ to note.

(d) AFHQ/MTOUSA undertook :-

Sd. Kfa 11 Zgkw 3-ton
Sd. Kfa 7 Zgkw 6-ton
Sd. Kfa 9 Zgkw 18-ton.

(iv) The disposal of enemy ammunition and equipment is a matter which will take time. It is essential that sufficient German technical personnel be retained in ITALY to carry out this task. Early information as to numbers of technical personnel is required.

Action

(i) Districts and Base Section to make recommendations on numbers required to AFHQ/ATOUSA when they have taken over in ITALY, by which time disposal policies will be firm.

(ii) G-1(i) and G-1(B) AFHQ to note this requirement for technical P.O.W.

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(i) To issue an instruction authorising the return of military material of French origin to the French Military authorities. (See Appendix 'A' Section 5 of these minutes).

(ii) To clear the position as regards the dumping of unwanted ammunition in lakes.

Action G(Maint) AFHQ agreed to clear this point.

(e) EIGHTH AFHQ said they were not clear as to whether under para 9(c)

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of the external directive they had to turn-over Italian military maintenance to the Italians or whether they could retain such items as socks, shirts etc. useful and urgently required for maintenance of P.O.W.

Action AFHQ/MTOUSA undertook to clarify the position in the directive (See Appendix 'A' Section 4 of these minutes).

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R.A.N. SHUTE
Lt. Col.,
for Secretary.

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8 JUN 45

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The AFHQ/AFHQ3A Staff Sections concerned are requested to examine Appendix 'A' to the minutes and not later than 13 JUL 45 give to Q(AE)5 their comments or concurrences.

R.A.M. SHUMBE
Lt. Col.,
for Secretary.

APPENDIX 'A' to minutes of Conference
held at HQ 15 AG on 4 JUN 45

The following proposed amendments to this Headquarters letter
A.G. 386.3/163 LOG-0 of 22 APR 45 will be examined by AFHQ/AFHQUSA.

SECTION 1

The following will be substituted for para 9(f) of this Headquarters
letter referenced AG 386.3/163 LOG-0 of 22 APR 45.

AMMUNITION

- (i) Attention is drawn to current instructions on the handling of enemy ammunition.
- (ii) Ammunition of German manufacture if in Category 3 and in original containers will be centralized in a few selected parks under arrangements to be made by addressees. German transport and personnel will be used for this purpose under allied supervision.
- (iii) Small quantities of loose ammunition in unguarded dumps which constitute a hazard to life or property will, under arrangements to be made by MIA, be reported by Carabinieri to the Italian Ministry of War. MIA will authorize the destruction by the Italian Ministry of War without reference to this Headquarters, of all such small quantities of German or Italian ammunition. Explosives will, if not available in the dumps, be demanded by MIA from Armies, Districts, or Base Section.
- (iv) Small Dumps of German and Italian ammunition (other than that in Category 3 in original containers) of 500 tons or less will be destroyed by the most suitable means by German personnel under allied supervision. German technical units may be formed for this purpose. If practicable the brass will be recovered and be returned through Allied Army Salvage organizations.
- (v) Larger Dumps of German and Italian ammunition in excess of 500 tons will be placed under guard, their contents reported and disposal instructions awaited.
- (vi) Nothing in these instructions is to be regarded in any way as restricting the authority of addressees to destroy ammunition in any quantity which is in a dangerous condition or constitutes a hazard to internal security, utilizing German personnel, under allied supervision, for the work.

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Delete sub-para (a) and (b) of para 7 and substitute the following: **2370**

- (a) Addressees will report as of the 15th of each month (commencing with 15 JUN 45) to reach AFHQ by the 28th of the same month all serviceable captured enemy material in dumps. Initially such reports will be in broad terms and special efforts will be made to ensure the fullest possible reports on material which is significant for maintenance of P.O.W. or allied troops including re-deployment operations. In addition to the inventories called for above, addressees will as of the 15th of each month designate such material as is in excess of their requirements. The first report of excesses will be as of 15 JUL 45.

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- (b) No special reports are required in connection with material which is not repairable. It should be rendered innocuous (where necessary) and turned over to allied military salvage organizations.
- (c) As of the 15th of each month (commencing with 15 JUN 45) to reach AFHQ by the 28th of the same month addressees will report the following information in respect of all captured General purpose (B) vehicles showing vehicles of Italian make separately.

- (i) Numbers and types organized into car/truck companies, held by units within establishments, or otherwise.
- (ii) Numbers and types handed over to other agencies.
- (iii) Numbers and types awaiting issue.
- (iv) Numbers and types awaiting repair.

SECTION 3

The following amendments will be made to this headquarters AG letter 586.5/163 IOC-0 of 22 APR 45.

Para 2(j) (i)

Line two : Delete 'enemy' after 'truck companies' and insert 'of vehicles of German make'.

Line four: for 'enemy' substitute 'German'

Para 2(j)

Add the following :-

- (3) Italian army vehicles captured after the armistice with Italy will be dealt with in accordance with AFHQ Circular No. 5 and returned to the appropriate Italian authorities through MIA. All other captured Italian vehicles whether requisitioned or not will be turned over to A.C. Italian vehicles are defined as vehicles of Italian make. Italian military vehicles can usually be identified by the R-E on the dashboard or instrument panel. If doubt arises as to whether a vehicle of Italian make is a civilian or military vehicle, such vehicle will be turned over to MIA who will determine the ownership and subsequent allocation in conjunction with A.C. Receipts for all vehicles handed over to A.C. or MIA will be obtained. As the retention of vehicles of Italian make against deficiencies in unit establishments is, at present, authorized, the ultimate hand-over to A.C. or MIA of such vehicles may be postponed until further orders are issued by this headquarters. Every effort will be made to hand over to MIA all stocks of spare parts including types for Italian military vehicles which are marked

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- (iv) Numbers and types awaiting repair.

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The following amendments will be made to this headquarters AG letter 386.5/165 LOG-0 of 22 APR 47.

Para 9(j) (i)

Line two: Delete 'enemy' after 'truck companies' and insert 'of vehicles of German make'.

Line four: for 'enemy' substitute 'such'

Para 9(ii)

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SECTION 4

AFHQ AC letter 386.3/163 LOG-0 dated 22 APR 45 will be amended as follows by the addition of a new sub-para 5 (1) :-

"(1) Captured Civilian Material

- (1) Captured material, which is not required for military purposes including maintenance of P.O.W., which is apparently of a civil character and of Italian origin will be turned over to A.C. or U.G. as appropriate, who will investigate ownership and authorize its return to its owners under such financial arrangements as may be appropriate. Material of this character, the ownership of which cannot be determined, will be disposed of by sale or otherwise as AC may determine. Proceeds of sales will be credited to the Anglo-American dollar/sterling suspense account.
- (2) Captured German civil material which is not required by the controlling service at this HQ will be turned over to AC for disposal as above.
- (3) Captured civil material, which is of neither German or Italian origin will be reported to this headquarters and disposal instructions awaited."

SECTION 5

The following will be added to para 9 of this headquarters letter AC 386.3/163 LOG-0 of 22 APR 45.

New sub-para 9(1)

"(1) Re-captured material of French origin

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Tel: 473303.

TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

CSG/ghh

MOVEMENTS DIVISION.

Ref : AG/24/1/Tn3.

SUBJECT : Disposal of Enemy Equipment in ITALY.

TO : Deputy Director.
Transportation S/C. (2)

9 June 45.

1. AFHQ ordered a meeting to take place at H.Q. 15 Army Group at 1420 hours on 4 June 45. I attended the meeting and rendered a verbal report to Director Tn. S/C during the evening. I also telephoned details of items effecting Tn. S/C to Roads Division, A.C.

2. The object of the meeting was to discuss AFHQ Directive AG.326.3/123 LCC-C dated 22 April 45 regarding disposal of captured Enemy Equipment in ITALY.

3. The Chair was taken by Brig. Thurburn C(AE), AFHQ. Lt. Col. Shutte and other officers of C(AE), AFHQ were there together with representatives of G-3, G-4 and G-5. The following were also represented :-

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H.Q. 1 District.
H.Q. 2 District.
Allied Commission.

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 - (iii) Policy on material now in hands of Partisans.
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 - (ix) Reports on all serviceable materials to AFHQ.
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 - (xi) Other matters arising out of Directive.

... summary in brief of decisions

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5. At Appendix "A" is given a summary in brief of decisions reached. At Appendix "B" is a report on matters discussed which are of particular interest to Transportation Sub-Commission.

Copy to: Rail Div.
Roads Div.
Mov Div(Rail Branch).

C. STANT-GARDNER.
Major.
Roads Branch.

9 June 1945

APPENDIX "A"DISPOSAL OF ENEMY EQUIPMENT IN ITALY.1. Policy and methods of collection.

(a) Brig. Thurburn stated that although the total number of POW held by 5 and 8 Armies is approximately the same, 5 Army hold 90% of all captured Equipment. Arrangements must be made to ensure that 8 Army will be able to meet its maintenance commitments. After some discussion it was decided that the best method of equalising the equipment available would be for each Army to prepare a statement showing minimum maintenance requirements for prisoners held for a period of 6 months. This statement would be sent to AFHQ together with a statement showing quantities of items of equipment held. Everything in excess of 6 months requirements would be frozen by AFHQ and distributed where most needed.

(b) Brig. Thurburn said that considerable progress had already been made by 5 Army in the collection into main dumps of equipment; 8 Army representative had no details as to progress made but will send details to 15 Army Gp.

(c) Brig. Gen. Tate (15 Army Gp) directed that the closest contact be maintained with Mov. & Tn. of localities concerned in the selection of sites to be used for dumps. Should be at suitable railway loading points.

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(a) Many injuries have resulted to both military and civilian personnel.

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(e) Recovered brass will be handed in through Allied Army Service Channels.

(f) Ammunition may be dumped in the sea subject to limitations imposed by C. in C. Med.

(g) Information required as to whether or not amn. may be dumped in rivers and lakes. If so, what are regulations?

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3. Materials in hands of Partisans.

(a) Maj. Gen. Heiden said difficulty is being experienced in persuading Partisans to hand over more than a percentage of their equipment. (incl. M.T.) Material held by them is mostly concentrated in the mountains.

(b) 2 District have had the same experience but hope to overcome this by good will rather than by any other means. Some success has resulted in connection with production of M.T. previously conceived.

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(a) Maj. Gen. Heiden stated he had two large M.T. dumps, one of which already contains over 4,000 captured vehicles of assorted types. They are in the process of sorting and repairing the vehicles. The majority are not runners, those that are runners are not in sufficiently good condition to be put into service. He has constituted some German M.T. Repair Coys which are working well.

(b) For further details of matters connected with M.T. see Appendix "B".

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It was stated that ALGER is continuing a survey of factories. It is known that one factory is still producing Army Hats ordered by the Germans. Further information required. Arms may not be manufactured.

6. Availability of captured supplies for maintenance of POW.

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(d) Clothing & barracks stores have been found in large quantities. (In S. Australia)

7. Units and Personnel required when Districts take over from Armies for Staff, Guards and Labour.

1 District will eventually take over from 8th Army.

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As Armies hand over to Districts additional personnel will be required to handle work now being carried out by Formation tpd. Some will have to be technicians. Envisaged that Movements L.O.s would be very helpful in eliminating unnecessary handling and movement of stores (later on). Guards and Labour could probably be found by absorbing Partisans now being discharged and for whom employment is sought. Demands for additional District personnel to be made to AFHQ in good time.

8. Transfer of Responsibilities from Armies to Districts.

Covered by 7 above.

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(b) 3 Army may continue meeting the demands of 1 District.

(c) 1 District to send rep. to S. AUSTRIA to examine the large quantities of clothing and barracks stores which have been found there.

(d) 5 Army has made offers of large quantities of Engr. equipment to 2 District.

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(g) Agreed with MRS rep. that railway wagons found filled with railway repair equipment should be sent to ISR dumps at VERONA and BOLZANO where equipment will remain under guard of ISR.

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10. Captured civilian material.

(a) Under what terms will Allied Commission hand back materials to civilians? (Italian)

(b) Complaints have been received concerning the manner in which Italian Civilians have sometimes been treated in this respect. Some have stated that certain materials were purchased by them from the Germans. The Allies took over such materials and when the Italians have claimed them, have sometimes been told that they must pay for them, resulting in double payment for the same article.

(c) Timber will probably figure largely in claims made by civilians.

11. Other matters arising out of the Directive.

(a) Weapons cannot be handed back to Italians without AFHQ authority.

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Appendix 'B'

9 June 45.

DISPOSAL OF GERMAN EQUIPMENT IN ITALY
(Matters affecting Tn S/C)

1. M.R.S. Rep stated that over 1800 railway wagons of the total captured in the North of Italy, have been found to contain Railway construction and repair stores. These wagons will be sent direct to ISR dumps at VERONA and BOLZANO where they will be under guard of ISR.
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3. Allies may use captured enemy vehicles for the maintenance of POW but MUST report vehicles held in excess of W.I. to A.F.M.Q. Units holding German vehicles in excess of W/I for a specific task must surrender such vehicles at the conclusion of the task.
4. Many German vehicles are already being used to meet AMG demands.
5. During Phase 1 A-C must not expect to have any captured trucks handed over for use in that part of ITALY, not under the jurisdiction of 15 Army Gp. 1 District is quite willing to hand over to A-C 2-300 trucks now if A-C is prepared to tow them away.
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7. Asked if A-C is prepared to accept vehicles on the basis that A-C would be responsible for their maintenance, I replied 'YES'. I asked about the position regarding spares and was informed that at this stage no answer could be given. Although a large quantity of M spares had been found near BOLLANO, it is too early to say what kind of spares they are.

Appendix 7

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8. Army vehicles made in ITALIAN factories were of two categories:-

(a) Those made for the Italian Army. - These have "R.S." stamped on the chassis, on the motor and on the dash board, (also sometimes on the dials of the dash board instruments). These vehicles MUST be handed over to MMIA for disposal. These vehicles were manufactured under orders of the ITALIAN Ministry of War and are the ONLY Army vehicles which are acceptable to MMIA and, incidentally, the only vehicles which may be handed over to MMIA.

(b) Those made in ITALIAN factories for the German Army. - Such vehicles may be exactly the same as types made for the Italian Ministry of War but do not have the "R.S." distinguishing letters. These vehicles will, AT THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY, be handed over to Allied Commission.

(c) Neither of the above classes of vehicles, spares or tyres may be held by Army Units against deficiencies in W/M. Neither will they be held by German Units.

9. A.F.H.Q. is frequently receiving demands for MT from units, areas etc. A.F.H.Q. will only consider demands submitted by areas and A.C.

10. Vehicles handed over to A-C will be: ITALIAN, priority 1, and GERMAN, priority 2.

11. Asked how A-C proposed employing vehicles handed over, I replied that it is intended to form them into Civilian Truck pools operated by civilians.

12. In connection with Maj. Gen. Heideken's remarks re the difficulty encountered in persuading Partisans to hand over equipment, the experience of 2 District is worth noting. Finding the same difficulty, they announced that all owners of vehicles should register them with HQ, 2 District. In this way the POL requirements could be estimated. The response was very satisfactory and, after registration, vehicles were sent away with a red disc on the wing screen. Although the vehicles are still in the hands of the "owners" they are being used instead of being "stored".

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Tel. : 478303 TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION CSG/tp

INTER OFFICE MEMO

Ref. : AC/82/9/TN3

11 June 1945

SUBJECT : Captured Enemy Transport.

TO : Economic Section.

1. Reference is made to letter from A.M.G. VENEZIA Region Ref. 5829/EC. dated 30 May '45, forwarded to this S/C under cover of your Routing & Work sheet on 2 May and now returned herewith with Log P. 177 dated 19 Mar. '45.

2. Major C. Stait-Gardner of this S/C attended a conference held at HQ 15 Army Gp. on the Disposal of captured Enemy Equipment in ITALY. A copy of his report on the meeting is enclosed for your information and such action as you may deem necessary on some of the points raised at the meeting.

M.B.
M.B. THOMAS, Col.,
Deputy Director.

3 ENCL. : AMHQ Log P. 177 of 19 mar. '45.
HQ AC. Th. S/C letter AC/84/1/Tn3 of 9 June '45.
AMC Venezia Region 5829/EC. of 30 May '45.

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HEADQUARTERS 15TH ARMY GROUP
G-5 SECTION
APO 777

MH/mlh

Ref: G-5/9/13.1

13 May 1945

SUBJECT: Captured Enemy Transport.

TO: Transportation Sub-Commission,
HQ Allied Commission.



1. Reference your AG/82/3/Tn 3 of 11 May 1945.
2. We regret to inform you that no positive information is at hand concerning the number of vehicles available.
3. During phase I, all enemy vehicles in running condition will be put to use by the Army.
4. In phase II, enemy vehicles will be reconditioned under direction of War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission who are writing a directive covering this matter. Numbers and dates of availability depend entirely on local facilities to undertake repairs.

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Lt. Col., CE
Economics Section

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
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Our ref.: AC/82/3/Tn 3

11 May 1945

SUBJECT : Captured Enemy Transport

TO : H.Q. 15 Army Group *for SCAO*

1. In Log P 177 dated 19 March 1945 (para 18 c.v.) reference is made to the forming of PW transport coys. from captured enemy vehicles.

2. Please may this HQ be informed if sufficient data is in your possession to estimate what number of vehicles it is anticipated will be available for haulage of civil supplies and approximate dates.

For the Chief Commissioner :

C.H.
C.H. CHRISTENSEN
Lt. Colonel

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

7 May 1945

Ref. S-22

SUBJECT: Captured Enemy Transport

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394
(Attn: Transportation Sub-Commission)

Ref your AC/482/1/Tn.3 dated 5 May 45. No information
is available at present.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

H. P. Croom-Johnson

H. P. CROOM-JOHNSON, Lt. Colonel,
Economics & Supply Division.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

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Tele. 478303

AC/82/1/Tn.3

5 May 1945

SUBJECT : Captured Enemy Transport.

TO : G-5 AFHQ (2)

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For the Chief Commissioner :


C.N. CHRISTENSEN
Lt. Colonel

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