

Monthly Report

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

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10 July 1945

SUBJECT : Monthly Report - June 1945.

TO : DISTRIBUTION "A".

1. AMERICAN ITALIAN TRUCK COMPANIES.

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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:

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| 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. |

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

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

<u>Total tonnage hauled</u>	: 22,160.34 truck tons.	3012
<u>Total mileage</u>	: 462,739 miles.	

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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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Lt. 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 3rd and 10th Companies were in process of turning in property and transferring personnel at the end of June. Operations will be discontinued 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.

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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.

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

These columns arrived at Civitavecchia during the early part of the month, but 75 Transport Column was ordered forward to report to District Three.

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 batman. 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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Tele : 478303 HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

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INTER OFFICE MEMO

Our ref.: AC/100/16/Tn 3

4 June 1945

SUBJECT : Monthly Report (Roads)
May 1945

TO : Chief, Movements Div.

1. GENERAL

With the cessation of hostilities, and in accordance with the directive applicable to phase I, ~~all~~ ²²⁹ A.C. vehicles were placed under Command to 15 Army Gp. for the purpose of assisting 15 Army Gp. to meet transport requirements during this period. It was envisaged that the vehicles remaining under A.C. command would have been sufficient to meet essential and priority programmes. It was found however, that programmes were not being met. This was due to lack of discipline on the part of Italian Army drivers, and their officers, of the CM and GT Coys employed. Investigation revealed that vehicles literally disappeared for hours, that drivers were "flogging" goods loaded to vehicles and that an excessive number of vehicles were "off the road" due to lack of maintenance and other reasons. Steps have been taken in an endeavour to remedy this state of affairs and it is hoped that an improvement will soon be apparent. The inefficiency of truck operating was mostly reflected in reduced loadings to rail of grain for the Heel and in a number of railway wagons under load in the ANCONA area.

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The fact that there has been a break in line 87 (ANCONA to Heel) has made it necessary to employ approx 339 trucks between ANCONA and OSIMO for the purpose of bridging this gap. It is anticipated that the rly line will be open by approx. 20 June.

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3. REFUGEES

Movement of refugees and displaced persons has placed an additional burden on the overstretched transport resources. Owing to the break in line 87 it has been necessary to ferry train loads of personnel between ANCONA and LORETO. In order not to interfere with storen programme, transport normally employed on southern grain haul has been employed (this has been a contributory factor to reduction in tonnage of grain to the Heel).

As a result unexpected delay Coy 18021/Field 96 Trucks cannot leave Civitanova

In addition 3rd Tk. Bn (384 Trucks) less one Coy to be detached to Foligno Refugee Camp was offered 17 May and accepted 24 May. Bn had moved to c/o 45 Army by 4 June. Still awaiting one Coy at Foligno. TOTAL No. of A.C. Trucks from Army Area is 1223/1117

On one occasion 800 refugees were conveyed by road from FLORENCE to ROME and on another 800 were conveyed by road from FORLI camp to LEGHORN. Refugee camp at FORLI has worked under extreme

difficulties owing to an insufficiency of vehicles with which to meet its "housekeeping" requirements. A platoon (33 trucks) of

222 GT Coy has been ordered to report there for duty and is expected to be operating there by 5 June. Train loads of refugees (1200-2000 at a time) have frequently arrived in Rome without previous advice. These have been conveyed to camps when necessary by ENAC operated transport. H.E. Zaniboni (Minister for Refugees), has expressed his appreciation for the assistance he is receiving in connection with this problem.

3. POSTAL SERVICES (Civilian)

Arrangements were completed during the month for the opening of postal communications (post cards to begin with) between ROME and North ITALY. Service to N.W. ITALY will begin during first week of June and N.E. ITALY should be served during the 3rd week of June. System will be by rail to RHs. and thence by regular collections by truck - 3 times per week.

4. BUS SERVICES

A second bus service was put into operation between ROME and FLORENCE under control of Ministry of Communications. Service will operate 3 times per week in each direction.

5. AIR FREIGHT

No request for movement have been received.

6. TYRE DISTRIBUTION

A meeting was held early in the month with representatives of Commerce Sub-Commission and Roads Div (En S/C) the object of which was to simplify the existing system for the distribution of tyres and to prepare a system which could be employed by the Italian Govt. in territory handed over. The scheme evolved was submitted to the Italian Govt and accepted without amendment.

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8. TRUCK LIFT AVAILABILITY

This is shown at Appendix "A", attached.

9. ROADS - NORTH ITALY

On cessation of hostilities every effort was made to obtain road intelligence from North ITALY and during the early stages road sitreps were issued daily. These were of much value to officers of other Sub Commissions who were travelling north. Roads generally were in good condition all over Northern ITALY.

10. TOURS

ACMG (M) visited AFHQ and also carried out a tour of North ITALY covering FLORENCE, MILAN, TORINO, BOLOGNA and VENICE. He obtained valuable information on existing transport availability in the North and of requirements for transport in various localities. Main trouble was lack of direction of M.Officers w/c 15 Army Gp. and not sufficient liaison with Army Movements.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
NAPLES COMMUNE
A.C. SENIOR TRANSPORTATION OFFICER.

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16 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Monthly Report.

TO : H.Q. A.C. (Att. Tptn. Sub-Commission).

Reference your AC/100/11/IN 3 dated 7 May 45.

1. Mail Service:- This service has now been discontinued by road & all mail from Naples to Rome is now transported by rail.
2. Refugees:- Reason for refugees being moved by road is the shortage of box cars.
3. All figures shown on our monthly report concern the truck & cool vehicles only.

For the Commissioner:



A. McD. Clark
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Lieut. R.S.F.
Tptn Officer (Roads)

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Tele : 478303 HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

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Our ref.: AC/100/11/Tn 3

7 May 1943

SUBJECT : Monthly Report - April

TO : Senior Transportation Officer
c/o AMG Naples

1. Ref para 3 (Road) of your April monthly report.
2. Long Distance trips, medium tonnage.
B) Mail Service, Rome, Naples Region, 2 trucks for 26 days, total trucks 50.
3. Long Distance trips, heavy tonnage.
D) Refugees, Rome and Naples Region, 2 trucks for 31 days, total trucks 62.
4. In respect of items quoted in paras 2 and 3 please give full detailed report explaining
 - (a) Reason traffic cannot move by rail and
 - (b) Whether truck pool vehicles operate these services.

By Command of Rear Admiral STONE:


C.N. CHRISTENSEN
Lt. Colonel, C.

Copy to : Road Division
Commissioner, AMG Naples Command

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF

AC/100/8/TH.5

3 May 1945

SUBJECT: Monthly Report - April '45.

TO: Chief, Movements Division.

I. Summary. The month proved very interesting from a movement aspect owing to many changes which were made to programmed hauls. The success with which unexpected commitments were met demonstrated good team work between Movements Division - Roads Division and the M.F. Group. The fact that 500 load carrying vehicles were withdrawn from various facilities for 10 Army GP. Towards the end of the month, and that they were replaced by vehicles of different types, with newly trained drivers, without jeopardy to programmed hauls demonstrated a satisfactory flexibility in the general "Roads" organization. Two important requests for movement were received during the month which could not be met without prejudice to other priority programmes. They were

(1) Coal - Industry 5/6. 3000 tons lignite from Widdowson (20 miles east of Widdowson) to Widdowson plant - Widdowson within 30 days. The request was subsequently withdrawn.

(11) Bricks - Industry 5/6 - 2400 tons from Widdowson to Widdowson all within 4-5 days. The request was subsequently withdrawn.

Even if trucks had been available for these moves, no rail capacity was available.

2. How Movements Division. How Memorandum No. 1 was issued clarifying the procedure for bidding for road movement and gave outline of the existing organization.

3. Summary. The programme was set up for the movement of 50 tons per day. During the month this was altered to 40 tons per day as the request of Industry 5/6. Between 1 and 24 April 1, 100 tons were moved from Widdowson mine. From 24 April the programme was again changed by Industry 5/6 to 50 tons per week.

4. Accountant's Office. Road haul. The programmed figure was set at 2400 tons. Figure moved was 3900 tons.

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(1) Coal - Industry S/C. 5000 tons lignite from Macellum (20 miles east of Salsburgh) to Colver Plant - Road No. 10 within 60 days. The request was subsequently withdrawn.

(11) Trucks - Industry S/C - 2810 tons from Macellum to Salsburgh all within 4-8 weeks. The request was subsequently withdrawn.

When 11 trucks had been available for these moves, no rail capacity was available.

2. ROAD MOVEMENT PROGRAMME. Road Memorandum No. 1 was issued explaining the procedure for bidding for road movement and gave outline of the existing organization.

3. SUMMARY. The programme was set up for the movement of 30 tons per day. During the month this was altered to 40 tons per day at the request of Industry S/C. Between 1 and 24 April 1,720 tons were moved from Macellum mine. From 24 April the programme was again changed by Industry S/C to 60 tons per week.

4. MOVEMENT SUMMARY - Summary 1904 haul. The programme figure was set at 4400 tons. Figure moved was 2900 tons. 3002

5. Summary. A programme for the movement of cense was drawn up. This covered 39,720 tons of low acid content, to be moved before 30 June '46. The balance of 27,290 tons high acid content could not be moved without prejudice to existing priority programmes. The question of moving the high acid content cense was referred to the Priorities Board. Mining still existed.

6. Summary. During 1-12 April 20,000 trees were moved from Fionn area to Macellum and Salsburgh. This completed the programme for movement of 100,000 trees on behalf of Agriculture S/C.

carried out checks on roads in the M-Pale area and in last Central Italy. In the M-Pale area three days work brought to light 20 cases of illicit use of M.P. and other irregularities in connection with documents. Some of the latter had been altered; some had been fraudulently signed. In all such cases authorities for movement and vehicle permits were contacted by Guardia di Finanza. In last Central Italy many vehicles were found to be operating on obsolete M.P. permits or on permits issued for use in some other part of the country. A comprehensive report was submitted to the Minister of Communications for such action as he considered necessary.

9.

M.P. figures for the whole month of March were not available when the March report was written. The figure recorded for the month is 100,000 tons. There are no figures available yet for April but it is expected that they will be higher than those for March, due to increasing control by M.P.

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M.P. There are no changes.
Major C. Staff-Carrier was granted local leave
8-15 April.

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(1) M.P. and M.P. were visited by M.P..

(11) M.P. and M.P. were visited by Staff Capt.

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M.P. M.P. M.P. are due to be withdrawn on 1 April.
May. The total number of serviceable vehicles available
of over a tons capacity is 700 with a list of 1942 tons.

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M.P. M.P. M.P. were withdrawn on 1 April.
Total number of tons. of over a tons capacity is 100 with
an available list of 101 tons.

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C.M. M.P.
M.P. Colonel

I HER OFFICE MEMORANDUM.

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5 April 45.

SUBJECT: Monthly Report - March '45.

TO : Chief, Movements Division.

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1. Tonnage moved by road during the month showed an increase on previous figures. This was brought about by better operations of available MT and an improvement in weather and, therefore, in road conditions.

2. Important Movements.

(a) Grain for ROME. Grain hauled to RHs in the ANCONA Area for ROME was over 8,900 tons. (The February figure was 5,270 tons);

(b) Salmon. The target was set at 2,160 tons, (ex CABERNARDI mines). Amount moved was ~~over 2,700 tons~~. 2719 TONS.

(c) Forward Food Haul. A movement of food from ANCONA for stockpiling in FORLI began on March 5th. The amount moved in the period 5-31 March inclusive was 2,357 tons. The target had been set at 2,400 tons.

(d) Grain for the Heel. Movement of grain from East Central Italy to ORTONA Railroad for the Heel was suspended in the early part of the month because it was estimated that the total to be cleared from warehouses before the next harvest could be moved by rail when the East Coast Line ORTONA - ANCONA is open (1 May). The amount being moved by road to railroad was small owing to long turnaround and bad roads. The transport thus made available was allotted to traffic as per para (e). (e)

(e) Inter Provincial Distribution of Grain in the LIRANO, ASCOLI and AQUILA Areas.

The tonnage handled was over 2,900 tons. A meeting was held at CHIESI on 20 March for the purpose of determining means of increasing this movement and, arrangements were made to transfer one Q.M. Truck Coy to the East Coast and to increase the lift of Truck Pools by re-organisation of their work.

(f) Trees. A programme which was put in hand at the end of February for the movement of Trees from the PISTOIA and PRATO areas to LAZIO and UMBRIA has been well maintained and up to the 31 March over 70,000 trees had been delivered. 30,000 trees remain to be delivered by the 15 April. These trees are for the rehabilitation of orchards destroyed by war. Agriculture Sub-

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(g) Help. 1,358 tons were moved in the MARLES area during the month by M.T. In addition a considerable tonnage was moved by animal drawn transport. The exact amount is not known but is believed to be over 1,000 tons. (The March target was 2,880 tons). Agriculture Sub-Commission has expressed satisfaction regarding the amount moved and added that all the Help which was available for movement was, in fact, moved.

3. ADDITIONAL TRANSPORT FACILITIES.

(a) ENAC (Ente Nazionale Autotrasporti de Cons.)

During the month this organization extended its control to the Provinces of AQUILA, TERAMO, ROME, RIETI and VITERBO. Registration of vehicles in ROME, TERAMO and VITERBO provinces is not yet complete. The spreading of ENAC control has not meant an increase of M.P. availability but should result in transport being used more economically, thereby increasing tonnage hauled. Such transport is primarily required in the district in which it is based and where it has been previously employed. It is seldom that it can be sent far from its base, because of the difficulties of housing and feeding of personnel and repairing of vehicles. Figures for the month have not been compiled yet but tonnage moved by ENAC vehicles in the period 1-10 March was 39,380^{tons}, exclusive of the provinces of RIETI and VITERBO, figures for which have not yet been received.

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Reports of the need for tyres and tubes become more pressing. Unless large numbers of tyres and tubes are made available for civilian vehicles, the position by July will be acute.

7. STAFF.

- (a) The branch was strengthened by the arrival of Capt. A.A.Gower, R.E. on 27 March '45.
- (b) Local Leave. The following took 7 days leave during the month:-

Capt.H.J.Mansfield.
L/Sgt.Higginbottom,G.M.

8. TOURS.

The following tours were made during the month:-

- (a) ANCONA, FORLI, CSESNA and MACERATA 7-13 March.
- (b) 5 ARMY Area.
- (c) CHIETI and AQUILA 19-21 March.

9. SICILY.

The total number of serviceable vehicles of over 2 tons capacity is 845 with a total lift of 3,287 tons.

A.C. Transportation Officers will be withdrawn on 1 May '45. The proposed visit to SICILY in March by a representative of this branch was not made but will be made in April.

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4 March 45.

OUR REF:- AC/100/3/Tn.3.

SUBJECT:- Monthly Report - FEBRUARY 1945.

TO :- Chief, Movements Division.

ITALYENAC.

ENAC officially began to operate on 1 Feb. Activities were confined to SOUTHERN REGION, results have been disappointing inasmuch as vehicles have frequently failed to appear, tonnage lifted has been far below tonnage planned. Truck owners have shown decided reticence to co-operate. Steps are being taken by ENAC in conjunction with the Ministry of Communications to pull offenders into line. An improvement is hoped for in March.

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Petrol allocation is not sufficient to meet requirements. Situation should be reviewed by Petrol Section with view to increasing supplies. That petrol is available is evidenced by the fact that it is easily obtainable on the black market. Black market price is steadily dropping as supply increases. It is represented that this petrol is stolen from or bartered with troops. Suggested that checks be instituted by Allied M.P. working in conjunction with Civilian Police.

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but it is stated in reply that administration of such a small number is difficult and that 25 vehicles is probably the minimum number which should be held in ROME.

STAFF.

The staff of this branch consists of AQMG, DAQMG(M), Staff Capt, Chief Clerk(L/Sgt), and one civilian clerk, additional staff is awaited.

TOURS.

Staff Capt visited Southern Region 7-11th Incl and obtained useful information of a general nature.

AQMG visited FLORENCE 14th-24th in connection with formation and administration of new truck Coys now forming. Also arranged details for move of two platoons 1000 G.T. Coy to POLLENZA Area.

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All roads over which it is required to operate are open and no difficulties in this connection have been experienced during the month.

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SARDINIA.

All transport is organised under the Consorzi Provinciali Obligatorii Autotrasporti. This organisation operates on the same lines as those laid down by EMAC and the system is working satisfactorily. EMAC will probably take over control in March. A shortage of tyres for civilian vehicles as well as limited petrol supplies prevents full use being made of transport available. 100 Military vehicles were allocated to the Island by AFHQ. Of these it was possible to put into first class condition 60 vehicles. The balance will be used to

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maintaining these in operation. It is expected that by this means the 60 vehicles will be kept running for at least one year.

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Transportation Sub-Commission
Movements Division (Roads)

AC/11/1/Tn.3

5 February 1945

TO : Lt. Col. SIEFF.

SUBJECT : Monthly Report, January 1945.

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working in Abruzzi-Marche Region. Hauling wheat from Ascoli and
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120 x 3 tonners. Availability usually 100 x 3 tonners
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working in Abruzzi-Marche Region. Hauling wheat from Ancona and
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Major Eardly. (Food Sub-Comm.)

Quarter Master Truck Bn.

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Should have eight and the last two are in the process of being
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50 x 2 1/2 G.M.C.'s. Availability usually 40 x 2 1/2's.
Located in Rome and used as an emergency pool.

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No. V Truck Coy.

51 x 2 1/2 G.M.C.'s. Availability usually 40 x 2 1/2's.
Located in Livorno. Working for AMG 5th Army and Warehousing
Division.

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No. VI Truck Coy.

51 x 2¹/₂ G.M.C.'s. Availability usually 40 x 2¹/₂s.

Located in Lucca. Availability usually 40 x 2¹/₂s.

Working for AMG 5th Army.

All the lifts of the Truck Coys are controlled by the Adv. HQ. of the Truck Bn. stationed in Florence. Transport is made available on the priorities of AMG 5th Army, Warehousing Division Toscana Region.

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