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Assembly of Vehicles

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

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4 April 1945

SUBJECT: Press Release

TO : Director, Public Relations Branch

1. Reference the attached slip, the information is correct.
2. A note of warning should be sounded in painting too optimistic a picture, because these vehicles arrived cased, and have to be assembled and then made up into General Transport or Quartermaster Truck Companies before they go into actual operation.
3. The majority of the vehicles are assembled in Rome under the supervision of the AC Motor Transport Group, and, if not already publicized, pictures and details of the assembly plant might have some value.
4. The OT and QM Companies, formed from the vehicles which are being assembled in Rome, are being organized in Civitavecchia; several thousand Italian soldiers are allocated for this purpose; here again there may be some news value. All in all, however, a period of at least two months elapses from the date of arrival of vehicles in the theater before they actually go into operation on the roads.

WJS
M. J. SIEFF, Colonel,
Chief, Movements Division.

- 1 Incl:
Slip quoting information
for press release

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1. Transportation S/C
2. Mr. Brown
3. Censors
4. General Release

/S/S "KEMP BATTLE" and 28/3/45
A further 160/1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton trucks have arrived in liberated Italy from the
United States, the Allied Commission announced today.

This brings to 1,194 the total of trucks so far delivered in Italy out
of the 1,700 scheduled to come.

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INTERNAL SECURITY MEMO

AG/83

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Our Ref :- AG/125/12/2n.3.

10 March 1949

SUBJECT :- Arrival of Gased Vehicles

TO :- Roads Division (2)

1. For your information the undermentioned quantities of Gased Vehicles are due to arrive at Ports indicated on approx 7th April

WABING	582	Tons
LEADROCK	239	"
"	13	"

Lot. *OSI* *major*
C.S. CHRISTENSEN
Lt. Col.
MOVEMENTS DIVISION
ROADS BRANCH

Copy to :- Rail Division

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INTER-OFFICE MEMO

Ext : 566

Ref : AG/328/2/Tn.5

SUBJECT : Cased Vehicles

TO : Movements Division,
Transportation Sub-Commission.

20 March 1945

1. Reference your memo AG/125/9/Tn.3 dated 17 Mar 45.

2. Information requested therein is as follows:-

- (a) No. assembled by A.T.A.C. in Rome = 72 in one month to 13 Mar.
- (b) No. of trucks assembled in Naples, and sent to No.9 V.P. CAPUA = 70 (to 8 Mar).
- (c) No of trucks arrived and awaiting assembly in ROME = 120 (to 16 Mar)

(d) Present daily rate of assembly:-

ROME = 20 per day.
NAPLES = Subject to military commitments.

(e) No in route from LEGHORN = 386

(f) Present distribution of (a) and (b)

- (a) To be used for activation of new Q.M. Coy 2 Truck Bn in next 3 weeks.
- (b) Handed over to 3 Dist for transport to IRANI School for training drivers of new G.T. Coys to be activated.

(g) Proposed shipping programme :-

- (i) 216 x 1 1/2 ton (new) - 20 Mar - 1 Apr.
- (ii) 666 x 1 1/2 " - Apr thru May.
- (iii) 100 x 1 1/2 " (reconditioned) May thru June.
- (iv) 260 x 10 " 6 x 4
- (v) 500 x 1 1/2 " (new)

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No actual docking dates to hand.

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(a) To be used for activation of new Q.M.
Coy 2 Truck Bn in next 3 weeks.

(b) Handed over to 3 Dist for transport to TRANI School for training drivers of new G.T. Coys to be activated.

(g) Proposed shipping programme :-

(i)	216 x 1½ ton (new)	- 20 Mar - 1 Apr.
(ii)	666 x 1½ "	- Apr thru May.
(iii)	100 x 1½ "(reconditioned)	May thru June.
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3. It is planned that all trucks assembled at NAPLES will be allotted to TRANI for formation of 6 new G.T. Coys. Those assembled in ROME will be used to activate 16 new Q.M. Coys (2 Truck Bus).

4. 500 drivers per month are being trained at TRANI, 200 are already trained and a further 500 will be turned out early in April.

Sufficient personnel for 15 Q.M. Coys are held at CIVITAVECCHIA and for 3 Coys in ROMÉ. These men are untrained and require 3 weeks training before activation of Coys.

5. Following is a tentative programme for activation of G.T. Coys and Q.M. Coys in the next 3 months, dependant upon assembly rate and forward shipments of trucks :-

<u>No Coys & Trucks Required</u>	<u>Truck Availability</u>
April 2. G.T. Coys = 240	170 under assembly Naples 70 ex 216 due 20/3 - 1/4
4 Q.M. Coys = 200	72 assembled 120 under assembly. 8 due 20/3 - 1/4.
<u>Total 6 Coys = 440 trucks.</u>	
May. 2 G.T. Coys = 240) 4 " " = 200)	138 balance due 20/3 - 1/4 302 due Apr thru May.
<u>Total 6 Coys = 440 trucks.</u>	
June. 2 G.T. Coys = 240) 12 Q.M. Coys = 600)	364 balance due Apr thru May 476 due May thru June.

G. FERNYHUGH

G. FERNYHUGH,
Lt Col. R.A.
Roads Division

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INTER OFFICE MEMO

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17 March 1945

Ref. AG/125/9/Tn.3

SUBJECT : Cased Vehicles.

TO : Roads Division
Tn Sub Comm.

Please will you ascertain and notify this Branch the programme for the Cased Vehicles now arriving at the MT Gp. The following information is desired.

- (a) No assembled in Rome - state period done
- (b) No of assembled vehicles arrived from Naples - state period
- (c) " " vehicles arrived and awaiting assembly in Rome.
- (d) Present daily rate of assembly.
- (e) No. en route from Leghorn (ex ships now arrived)
- (f) Present distribution of (a) & (b)
- (g) Planned dates with Nos of vehicles for vehicles to be available for loading between now and 31 Jul 45.


C.N. CHRISTENSEN Lt.Col.
for Chief, Movements Division.

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INTER OFFICE MEMO

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AC/125/1/Tn.3

16 February 1945

TO : Col. M.J. Sieff.

SUBJECT : Piombino (assembly of vehs).

1. A recce has been carried out by Capt. Peterson of In. Sub-Comm. Roads (Operations) Branch. A summary of his report is given in the following paragraphs. Attached at Appendix A. is a rough sketch of Area (Piombino) under consideration. Date of recce Feb. 12-15 Feb. 45.
2. (a) Only one building available for assembly. This building has no roof. It has no cransage facilities, a mobile crane (minimum 5 tons) would be required. The building is shown on the sketch and marked "A". The building is accessible by rail ONLY unless a track is prepared for road vehicles across the net work of rly lines.
(b) The electric cranes on quays are unusable. Owing to lack of space on quays it will be necessary to discharge direct on to waiting flats. This can presumably be done by ships cranes. Trains would then be shunted 1 mile to stockpile marked "B" on sketch or approx 2 miles to site "A".
(c) Crane (5 ton) required at site B.
(d) There is no covered accommodation anywhere.
(e) It is anticipated that once site "A" had been prepared and necessary cranes supplied - say 6 wks after date of decision - assembly could be carried out at rate of 3 vehs p. day.
3. Conclusion : That Piombino is not very suitable and that it would be preferable to assemble vehs in ROME for reasons given below.
4. Assembly in Rome.
(a) On the assumption that vehicles would be discharged direct from ships to waiting flats - trains would be shunted approx 1 mile to main line.

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(b) Personnel, whips and equipment now quite ready in Rome. All facilities available to enable assembly to start at once. To begin with 3 vehicles could be assembled per day. This figure would be increased with more experience and any improvement in assembly organization.

C. STAIT - GARDNER
Movements Division
Roads Branch

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" " Shipping

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