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1. Bureau Div.	Inspection of the [illegible] B. Harley 053/1001 25 MAR 66		
2. H&M	Mr. McDonald's visit to Naples, MAR 66		

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formerly operated in A.O. Military Transport Units, for which P.O.L. had been provided from military sources.

Immediate action was taken to effect release of P.O.L. where necessary and steps had been taken subsequently to clarify the position with Pet. Sec. As a result, supplementary allotments either have been or will be made.

5. As Appendix "A" is a statement showing the number of trucks by types handed over to each Truck Pool.

A.O.L. ANGORA - Capt. A.L. Bent
Sen. T.O.

6. Truck Pools

a) Organization - 300 trucks from 2 Truck Battalions have been absorbed by Truck Pools #1, 2 & 3 and the reorganized Pools are now operating satisfactorily, subject to difficulties noted in para 6 b. below.

b) Finance and Administration

The Director claims that he is greatly hampered in his administration by lack of finance, difficulties in obtaining requisitions for the premises he requires, restriction on his powers of initiative and general lack of cooperation from the Inspector of Motorization.

(ACTION - A.O.L.)

7. Port Clearance

Captain A.L. Bent gave as his opinion that the lift available would be adequate for port clearance when ANCONA was Port W.S.F. - 1 September 1945.

A.A.G. ANCONA - Capt. R.L. Bent
Sen. F.O.

6. Truck Pools

a) Organization - 300 trucks from 2 Truck Battalions have been absorbed by Truck Pools No 6 & 7 and the reorganized Pools are now operating satisfactorily, subject to difficulties noted in para 6 b. below.

b) Finance and Administration

The Director claims that he is greatly hampered in his administration by lack of finance, difficulties in obtaining requisitions for the premises he requires, restriction on his powers of initiative and general lack of cooperation from the Inspector of Motorization.

(ACTION - A.O.P.)

7. Port Clearance

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A.C. BOLOCH

- Lt. Col. Walter A.C.L.O.
Capt. P. J. Hadden - Sen. F.O.

8. Truck Pools

a) New civilian Truck Pools have been formed and were ready to operate at BOLOCH, PERONA, SAVONA and MILANO, but due to delay in F.O.L. supply, operation was held up. This situation has now been rectified and these four Pools should be in full operation now.

b) Truck Pools are being formed at RADDIO and SODRA with a holding of 10 trucks each but little progress is being made due to lack of finance and directive from the Ministry of Transport.

The Sen. F.O. reported that the A.C.T. Area Inspector
to the drive and does not exercise regular control over the
directors of the truck pools. This can be explained by his
being largely occupied on other duties and by his ignorance
of truck pool organization.

(ACTION - A.C.T.)

9. 190 and 1st Achuleu Manila

190 personnel had visited necessary facilities, the
concrete workshop, but, due to circumstances for completion
of repairs and had not obtained any spare parts.

(ACTION - Truck and Intentional
Group)

10. P.O.L.

a) The Sen. F.O. reported that the office auto transport
were meeting considerable quantities of fuel on unnecessary
long distance hauls. It was recommended they be warned
that this waste must cease under penalty of reduction of
P.O.L. supplies.

b) No P.O.L. for truck pools had been released to date
of visit. Senior Transportation Officer informed that 150
barrels were allotted by Pet. Sec. on 3 August.

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(ACTION - P.O.L.)

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11. Truck Pool

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trucks. Delay in release of P.O.L. has however prevented

allied personnel and equipment for maintenance of contract workshop, but since no arrangements for spare parts of repairs had not obtained any spare parts.

(ACTION - Truck Maintenance Group)

10. F.O.L.

a) The Gen. T.O. reported that the Ufficio Autotrasporti were meeting considerable quantities of fuel on unnecessary long distance haulage. It was recommended they be warned that this wastage must cause under penalty of reduction of F.O.L. supplies.

b) Re F.O.L. for Truck Pools had been released to date of visit. Senior Transportation Officer informed that 150 barrels were allotted by Fiat. See. on 15 August.

7. Senior F.O.L. & M.B.O.

A.A.O. VAGONE

11. Truck Pool

Has been formed and is ready to operate with 1330 trucks. Delay in release of F.O.L. has however prevented commencement of operations.

12. Displaced Persons

The road transport requirements for displaced persons are 100 trucks at any one time. In the past these have been supplied by 5th Army Troop, but this source has to cease September 1-1949. It was agreed that there is sufficient civilian transport, in addition to the Truck Pool, to meet all provincial needs and provide the 100 trucks for movement of displaced persons.

Advancement of refugees by rail is satisfactory but difficulty may be anticipated if an abnormal flow arises and Truck Pool vehicles are not available through lack of F.O.L.

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13. 1st. B. 4th. Kohlen - repairs

Alled personnel and arrived and established liaison with Bonvanti and Cortezal, the contract workshop, but as spare parts were available, in view of the fact that 35 vehicles are R.O. for repairs of tyres and of 105 vehicles it is vital that spare parts be provided forthwith.

(ACTION - Truck Maintenance Group)

14. A.S.C. VENEZIA

Sig. Manley - assigned Commissioner
Major Corby - assigned P.O.
Major Fortett - T.O.

Truck Pool

All the trucks allocated will have been handed over to Italian Government officials and distributed among the 7 truck pools of the region by the 1st September '45. Organisation and activation of the pools was almost completed but start of operations were hampered by lack of fuel.

15. P.O. 1st.

Demands for additional allocation of P.O. 1st. to cover the new commitments were submitted to Intel Section, Minister in 1st August but release was held up pending provision of non essential details of trucks and operations. Lt. Col. Cunningham planned transportation sub-committee (Academy) and confirmed by signal, stressing the urgency of immediate release by P.O. 1st. P.O. 1st. to enable essential transport of refugees and supplies to continue. 300 barrels have since been released for Verona which will enable 85 of the 120 trucks required for refugee movement to operate. A further 385 barrels have been allotted for movement of refugees at Padova.

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Memoranda for additional allocation of P.O.I. to cover the new commitments were submitted to Petrol Section & District in mid August but release was held up pending provision of non essential details of trucks and operations. Lt. Col. Ferryhouse phoned Transportation Sub-Commission (Roads Division) and confirmed by signal, stressing the urgency of immediate release by Pet. Sec. H.A.A.O. to enable essential transport of refugees and supplies to continue. 300 barrels have since been released for Verona which will enable 25 of the 100 trucks required for refugee movement to operate. A further 300 barrels have been allotted for movement of refugees at Padova.

14. Italian Officials

Ing. Jannaccone, Area Inspector of Civil Motorization lacks co-operation and interest in the new Truck Pools, thus prejudicing progress in activation of both pools and maintenance and repair organizations. It is said that, due to his other duties, he is unable to devote sufficient time to Truck Pool work. It was agreed that the Ministry of Transport should be informed.

(ACTION - A.O.T.)

17. Status of Office Antiaircraft - Road

The question of the disposal of funds from the A.A.C. withdrawal was raised.

(Action - Finance C/O.)

Provincial Commissioner
Deputy Prov. C.O.

A. M. B. DOWLING

18. Transport Situation

The essential transportation needs of the Province are adequately covered by the available civilian transport.

19. Truck Pool

The Pool has been formed with 30 trucks, of which 10 have been earmarked for P.R. & A.S./G domestic purposes. The remaining 10 are to be allocated to the P.R. and A.S./G Hospital at Soriano, since the P.R. vehicles are not required for civilian service. Operation, however, had not commenced due to lack of P.R. This matter was taken up as part of General's Region's supplementary P.C.C. allocation.

20. Transport Requirements of P.R. & A.S./G Hospital at Soriano

The P.R. Colonel's detachment, has need of 30 ambulances and 30 trucks for the use of the Hospital at Soriano. 14 of these trucks have been allotted (para 19 above). The request for these vehicles has already been forwarded to A.S./G.

P.R. Colonel's Region - Lt. Col. Fitzpatrick, Col. J. J.

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b) The U.S.A.R. contract workshop has commenced to repair deadline trucks and rebuild wrecks but does not possess the capacity to compete with the volume of repair work which has arisen. In agreement with the A.O.R. Inspector, Capt. Harper proposes to purchase and install at the truck pool additional plant & equipment to enable 1/4 scheduled repairs to be done. No spare parts had yet been received, but the officer assigned by the truck maintenance group was then in time to collect the first supply. No trucks are without tyres and an adequate supply of spares is held.

c) Ins. Sergeant, the A.O.R. Inspector, is stated by the Reg. T.O. to be incapable of the overall supervision and control of a truck pool at this stage. He has no experience of such work, lacks organizing ability and is not a "big enough" man for the job. In addition he is unable to devote enough time to the pool.

The Director in however, a high power executive, who is fully qualified to ensure the pool efficient supervision.

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All most clearance co-incident with being met without difficulty by the Reg. T.O. and the Reg. Liaison Officer are fully satisfied with the service provided.

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The Director is, however, a high power executive, who is fully qualified to ensure the pool without supervision.

(ACTION - I.O.D.)

26. Port clearance

All port clearance commitments were being met without difficulty by the truck pool and the Port Liaison Officer was fully satisfied with the service provided.

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27. Tyres

A considerable number of trucks at the four Italian Transport Coy's were delivered to truck pools without tyres. 212 G.M. Coils. put in orders to A.F.O.D. 2 Dist. on instructions from A.F.M.C. for the total tyres required. No release had been made up to 15 August and it was stated to be unlikely that tyres would be available owing to the overall theatre shortage.

The numbers of tyres required at each truck pool are set out below together with the I.F.Coy which delivered the trucks.

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>No of tyres</u>	<u>I.F.Coy</u>
VARONA	151	237
BAROVA	101	128
BOICOMA	112	103
TUAIN	40	130
Total	404	tyres, size 1050 x 16

(ACTION - Truck maintenance group)

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42. Captured enemy trucks

A large number of captured enemy trucks are in operation under official auto-transport in all regions. These vehicles were recovered by civilians, registered with A.S.S. as Allied property and are now hired out to the operator under contract by A.S.S.

Regional T.O.'s asked for information as to the disposal of such trucks on the withdrawal of A.S.S. since the operators are anxious to know if they will be permitted to purchase them.

(ACTION - for material disposal
4/7)

FOR THE DIRECTOR

C. J. Humphreys

U. S. Army
Lt. Colonel R. A.

Copy to :

- Director of Transport.
- General Inspectorate of Civil Administration.
- Truck Maintenance Group.
- ✓ - Maintenance Division (Roads).

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STATEMENT SHOWING NUMBER OF TRUCKS HANDLED OVER TO
ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TRUCK POOLS IN NORTH ITALY

<u>REGION</u>	<u>Truck Pool Location</u>	<u>1- ton</u>	<u>1 1/2 ton</u>	<u>Dodge</u>	<u>Bedford</u>	<u>Ford</u>	<u>Chevrolet</u>	<u>Other</u>
<u>PIEMONTE</u>	Turin	33	33	55	31	35	1	
<u>LIGURIA</u>	Genoa	91	192					
<u>VENEZIA</u>	Bolzano		30		101	1		
	Verona	52		30				
	Trento		67					
	Trieste	41						
	Udine		40					
	Novigo		43					
	Padua							
Shipping Tickets not yet received - Approx. 710.								
<u>LOMBARDIA</u>	Milan	71	105					
<u>EMILIA</u>	Palermo	45	127	55	61	9	4	
	Reggio		30					
	Rimini		30					
	Ferrara		50					
	Modena	47						
TOTALS HANDLED OVER		356	815	238	193	45	5	

APPENDIX "A"

OF TRUCKS HANDLED OVER TO
TRUCK POOLS IN NORTH ITALY

Ton	Dodge	Bedford	Ford	Chevrolet	Austin	Commer.	Freec.	G. T. Co.	TOTALS
									249
99	59	31	36	1	1	1			190
99									30
							1		185
30									67
67	30	101	1						41
									40
40									48
48								132	132
ng tickets not yet received - Approx. Fig.									
									543
									177
105									305
127	55	61	8	4	2				30
30									30
30									50
50									47

Tel. 836 HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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Transportation Sub-Commission

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27 July 1946

SUBJECT : Tour of Northern Area.
TO : Capt. Tosi
Rep. Min. of Marine.

You will accompany Mr. R.M. Mazzanella on
tour of Northern territory including Genoa, Milan, ~~and~~
Venice, and TRIESTE.

You will depart at 0800 hours 29 July.
Duration of tour approx. 14 days.

For Chief of Mov. Div.

M.P. Laraman
M.P. LARAMAN
Major R.E.

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The answer was in the negative. In view of the fact that the bulk coal is carried by train to San Antonio where it is loaded into ships for export, with the exception of 15,000 tons per month for the Island, for use, electricity, etc. This is distributed by train burning excess coal for the most part. (There are approximately 15 locomotives in service fitted with sulfur-burning fireboxes).

(Info: Coal Div., Commerce S/C
Rail Div.)

(c) With regard to Semi coal, it is required to move 4000 tons of powdered coal before the anthracite can be reached. 300 tons of additional imported coal would clear this powdered coal from Semi to Arctax after which about 25 tons of anthracite per day could be produced. This mine is served by a narrow-gauge line on which there are no sulfur-burning locos.

No other difficulties are being experienced with the railways from San to the distribution points.

(Info: Coal Div., Commerce S/C
Rail Div.)

(d) At the present time four cattle trains per week are being run from Macomer to Olita. There are burning within the present railways allocation of 2000 tons of imported coal per month, and in view of the drought conditions prevailing, with consequent shortage of livestock available and available for export, it is recommended that there should be no further increase in the coal allocation of this account.

(Info: Coal Div., Commerce S/C
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