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APR.-MAY 1944

HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 39.

TN/190/D

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref: 156/23/CA.

23rd May 1944.

SUBJECT: Executive Commissioner's tour of AMG 5 & 8 Armies,
Regions IV and V.

TO :	Economic Section.	Food Sub-Commission.
	Public Safety Sub-Com.	Public Health Sub-Com.
	Italian Refugee Branch.	Agriculture Sub-Com.
	Transportation Sub-Com.	Establishment Officer.

I am directed by the Executive Commissioner to enclose extracts from notes made during a tour of AMG 5 and 8 Armies, Regions IV and V, and to ask you to let him have replies to the various queries as soon as possible.

AJS/JG.

Official
6896 Captain,
PA to Executive Commissioner.

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Reply by Lt Col Vining to Maj. Lusk.

Transportation.

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At the moment only 40 trucks are operating, 155 trucks out of 160 have been supplied. 75 have been withdrawn to Region III, 40 trucks are unserviceable.

Executive Commissioner stated that arrangements should be made for the trucks on loan to Region III to be to V Army. However, any trucks not immediately required by V Army may be retained by Region III for the time being.

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155 has been handed over to
V Army & 5 more being handed over to day
making the original total 160. 6895 26/5-

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Military Government Section

CMS/FHL/jm

28 April 1944

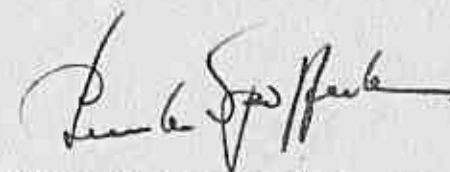
SUBJECT: Provision and Maintenance

TO : Headquarters Allied Control Commission (Attn: Col. Adams)

1. Major Gordon S. Franklin, as representative of G-4 American and British, Chief of Section and the Economics and Supply Branch of M.G.S., is visiting your HQ to coordinate the following points:

- a. Maintenance of ACC TPT - WE and Civilian Supply.
- b. Provision and Maintenance of Tires. ✓
- c. Future requirements of Tires. ✓
- d. Policy regarding Requisition of Vehicles. ✓
- e. Policy regarding the operation of essential Civilian transport. ✓
- f. Fire Fighting Equipment.

2. Such information and assistance as you may be able to give Major Franklin will contribute to an early disposition of the above matters, some of which are pressing.



CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonel, G. S. C.
Chief of Section

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Col Adams

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26 April 1944

Tires for A.C.C.

1. C-4 M.G.S. 26 Apr 1944 1. Major Franklin informs that Q(AE) have expressed the intentions of adopting a plan along the lines as outlined below, of tire maintenance for ACC.
 - a. A tire repair shop is established at BARI, equipped to handle all repairs to metric size tires for civilian use.
 - b. British Ordnance will make available an initial allocation of 100 tires and tubes of assorted metric sizes to ACC.
 - c. With these tires as a nucleus, ACC will set up and follow thru with a tire maintenance program for all essential military and civilian owned vehicles under their control. ACC will turn in, on a schedule to be determined, for repair or retread, tires whose useful life can be prolonged; and will draw out an equivalent number of repaired tires and tubes for issue.
 - d. All costs of tires, tubes, and maintenance supplies and labor, to be charged to the Italian Government by ACC.
2. This program appears to be workable and should be initiated at once.
3. Due to the urgency of the early inauguration of this plan, it is recommended that the respective ~~armies~~ ^{ARMIES} loan to ACC sufficient materials and supervision so that a tire repair program may be commenced immediately. In the meantime, ACC should take appropriate action to secure supplies from which to repay the armies and to continue operations as a civilian organization without any further assistance from the Armies.

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4. In the meantime, it is requested that the tire requirements, particularly of Region 3, for some 15,000 tires and tubes for 3 months, be reviewed in the light of the program of maintenance. As soon as firm reasonable requirements of all regions have been received and reviewed, an Airgram should be dispatched to AGWAR for CC/S approval of the justification and for allocation of tires for minimum essential civilian requirements.

L. E. HEYDUCK
Colonel, G.S.C.
Exec. Officer, C-4

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Military Government Section

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MGS: 537.

24 April 1944

SUBJECT: ACC Transport Provided from WD Sources
TO : The Chief of Section.

1. Reference the above subject, it has been brought to the attention of this Section that WD vehicles are being disposed of by ACC to the Italian Government and Italian road haulage contractors. See copy of letters HQ AAI (Adv Ech) GWF 3332/4(AB) dated 6 April 1944 - Appendix I, AFHQ letter AFHQ/8070/4(AB) dated 21 April 1944 at Appendix II.

2. Instructions for the Organizing and Operation of Road Haulage Transport dated the 10th of February 1944 emanating from ACC Internal Transportation Subcommittee, and para G, sub-para 3, Monthly Conference held at Headquarters ACC on the 14th of April, extracts of which are attached, see Appendices III and IV, tend to show that the allegations made in the letters mentioned in para 1 above may be correct.

3. When provision was made of these vehicles to ACC, it was clearly defined on what basis they would be operated and maintained. See letter HQ, AFHQ (Adv Adm Ech) GWF 36/21/43 (para 3, sub-para a and b) at Appendix V; cable 55613 dated 23 February 1944, TROOPERS from AFHQ at Appendix VI.

4. The economical and efficient operation of these vehicles demands that the greatest supervision be exercised by ACC over their control and maintenance. The policy as laid down in letter HQ, AFHQ (Adv Adm Ech) GWF 3621/43 and AFHQ cable 55613, at Appendices V and VI, intended that a strict policy of maintenance would be adhered to. ACC have apparently altered this policy without the concurrence of higher authority.

5. At the present time 150 additional British WD vehicles are awaiting allocation to ACC by AAI, but until such time as the policy governing the operation of ACC transport is clarified all future issues are frozen.

G. S. Franklin
G. S. FRANKLIN
Major

Incls:
as above.

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APPENDIX I

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(COPY)

SUBJECT:- W.D. Vehicles handed
over to A.C.C.

H.Q., A.A.I. (Adv Ech)
C.M.F.

3332/Q(AE)

6 Apr 44

A.P.H.Q. - Q(AE).

It is understood that W.D. Vehicles handed over to A.C.C. in accordance with this Headquarters letter 36/21/43 dated 8 Feb. 44 are being sold to the Italian Government. Would you please state if these vehicles on being sold should retain their existing W.D. Numbers.

Major General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

Copy to: ORD.

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APPENDIX II

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Subject:- Transport

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

AFHQ/EO70/Q(AE)

21 Apr 44

M.G.S.

We have been informed by A.A.I. that W.D. vehicles handed over to A.C.C. to augment the existing civilian road haulage organizations in Italy are being sold by A.C.C. to the Italian Government.

Will you please confirm whether this is in fact so as it does not appear to be in accordance with the original policy.

/s/ J. R. Little
/t/ J. R. LITTLE, Major
for Brigadier,
Q(AE).

JRL/NI

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APPENDIX III

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERNAL TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMISSION
APO 394

10 February 1944

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION OF ROAD HAULAGE TRANSPORT.

EXTRACT

II. MOVEMENT OF GOODS BY ROAD.

(c) When ACC/AMG vehicles are allocated to civilian road haulage transport organizations, this will be done on a contract basis. These vehicles will be supplied to the Regions as explained in paragraph III below and it will be the responsibility of the Regional Road Haulage Transport Control officer to turn over the vehicles to the civilian road haulage organizations, on the recommendations of the provincial officers. Gasoline, oil, maintenance, manpower and other requirements will be supplied and paid for by the civilian road haulage organization. A standard form of contract for each civilian road haulage organization, with provision for local variations as necessary, will be issued.

(iii) Goods preferably will not be transported by road if rail transport is available except when trucks are returning empty.

(iv) No other goods shall be accepted for transport so long as any goods on the priority list are awaiting transport.

(v) The subject of return loads will always be borne in mind.

(vi) All requests for road transport of ACC/AMG goods will be submitted to the Provincial Civil Supply and Road Haulage Transport Control Officer at least 24 hours before the movement is required to take place.

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B. APPENDIX IV

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

MONTHLY CONFERENCE
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14 APRIL 1944
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EXTRACT

G. Transportation Sub-Commission.

3. 550 trucks have been made available since the last meeting, of which 150 are awaiting allocation. Will be handed over to the Italian Government in the near future. The 1001 G.T. Coy. (120 trucks) will be handed over to Region II fit for work in a few days.

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APPENDIX V

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H.Q., A.F.H.Q.
Adv. Admin. Ech.
36/21/03. dt 8 Feb 44.

Subject :- Transport for A.C.C.

C.C. P.B.S. D.D.O.S. D.H.S.T.

1. Under A.F.H.Q. Admin Memo No. 92 dated 19th December 1943, the C-in-C, A.C.M.F., is authorised to divert military resources including transport to facilitate the feeding of the civil population.

2. C-in-C, A.C.M.F., has decided to meet the requirements of A.C.C., in regard to transport as follows :-

- (a) One G.T. Coy strength 120 load carrying vehicles to be detailed by D.D.S.T., A.F.H.Q., Adv. Admin. Ech. for attachment to A.C.C.
- (b) A transport unit self contained in every respect, strength not less than 80 load carrying vehicles to be detailed by C.C. P.B.S., for temporary attachment to A.C.C.
- (c) The units mentioned in (a) and (b) above should preferably be manned by Italian Military personnel, but this is left to the discretion of the authorities responsible for providing them. They will be made available by 20 Feb 1944.

Deputy President A.C.C. will inform C.C. P.B.S., and this H.Q., where they should report.

(d) Further assistance will be given by the provision of vehicles with which A.C.C. will form civilian transport units. These vehicles will be found as follows :-
By C.C. P.B.S., 300 - 24 trucks are being shipped for the purpose from Oran and are due Naples by 15 Feb. Of these 80 may be retained by P.B.S., as offset to those supplied with the unit mentioned in para 2 (b) above.

D.D.O.S., Flambo, following consignments of 3 ton lorries 4 x 2 are being made available by A.F.H.Q.,

100 earmarked from vehicles ex M.N.B.D.O., Sicily

100 due 28th Feb 1944.

100 due 15th March 1944.

Balance of 400 additional vehicles to complete requirements are now being sought by A.F.H.Q., from Mid East.

(e) Arrangements for taking over vehicles mentioned in (d) above will be made direct between A.C.C., and the authorities responsible for supplying them who will issue all necessary instructions concerning documentation of vehicles handed over.

3. (a) A.C.C. will arrange with C.C., P.B.S., and D.D.M.E., Flambo for periodical inspection and maintenance of vehicles in the units mentioned in paras 2(a) and (b) above. It is essential that the work of these units should be so arranged as to permit regular maintenance.

(b) A.C.C., will be responsible for maintenance of the vehicles mentioned in para 2 (d). A.C.C., will indent (requisition) on A.D.O.S., Area and C.C. P.B.S., for spare parts and accessories required to maintain the British and American vehicles handed over in accordance with the normal British and American indent (requisition) procedure.

Copies to:-

H.Q., A.C.M.F.

G (5D)

Deputy President A.C.C.

Brig Gen for,
Major Gen. D.C.A.O.

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Brig Gen for,
Major Gen. D.C.A.B.

Copies to:-

H.Q., A.C.M.F.
G (SD)
Deputy President A.C.C.
A.F.H.Q.
Q(AE)
D.D.M.E.
G4(B)
S.D.

PARAPHRASE OF CABLE

APPENDIX VI

TO FOR ACTION: TROOPERS

FOR INFO : MIDEAST

REF NO : 55613

SIGNED : WILSON

CITE PHOCT

We refer to your 68471 IM 1 of February 15th.

Your para 3. Operational units diverted from correct role supplemented to maximum availability by hired civilian trucks.

Your para 2. Vehs required for both A and B.

Balance met at present by 1 ST Coy of 120 vehs diverted from BR sources.

300 trucks from each U.S. and BR operational reserves have been allocated. Hope to get remainder by (A) using as many as possible 10 ton Fiats of the 184 available from BR and US sources in MIDEAST. Number not known as dependant on availability spare parts. (B) 200 referred to in our 50719 12 February.

1200 lorries estimated to cover all requirements up to and incl RIMINI PISA line not incl replacements.

Request 200 lorries plus sealings spares be diverted ex MIDEAST.

Your para 5. Vehs will be driven by Italians controlled by ACC. Maintenance from US and UK sources.

ORIGINATOR: G-3(ORG-4) R/N/75/3

AUTH: DANIEL NOCE, BRIG GEN

INFORMATION: MGS
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G-4(B)
G-4(A)
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COORD WITH: MGS G-4(A)
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