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TOUR OF INSPECTION 100 LT. COL.
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Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC.
c/o Gov & Co.
H.Q., A.S.I. (Near Admech),
C.M.F.

Our reference : ACC Th/175/1

Date : 22 April 44.

TO : Colonel S.A. Fisch,
Director, Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC.

SUBJECT : Tour of inspection 1001 G.T. Coy. (Italian) and
handing over of vehicles to S.I.T.A.

1. Reference to visit to Region II in connection with the above, the following is my report :-

2. Contact was made with Col. Warren H.D.S.R. Distwo and Major Bowles (N.A.P.F.) and the following arrangements made :

(a) 1001 G.T. Coy (Italian) would come under control of A.C.C. as from the 14th. April.

(b) S & T would be responsible for maintenance and documentation of vehicles, which would be carried out by the O.C. British Cadre.

(c) Region II would be responsible for accommodation for 1001 G.T. Coy. (Italian).

3. Contact was made with O.C., H.A.S.C. 6 Base sub-area and it was requested that for the present the H.Q. and 3 Platoons of the G.T. Coy. be allowed to remain in its present location. A letter was also sent by Region II to this effect and it was understood that this would be granted.

4. Contact was made with the O.C. British Cadre and he was informed that as from the 14th April he would receive all instructions for details from Region II. Capt. Bailestee explained that he was making the necessary arrangements with Major Knight (Civil Supply Officer, Region II) to forward the details direct 24 hours in advance. He was told that it was desired to leave the Platoon at Brindisi in its present location, to have two platoons in Bari and one Platoon at Potenza. A Platoon at Potenza was later cancelled, when it was known that S.I.T.A. were going to draw vehicles. It was agreed that 1001 G.T. Coy should be allowed two days for maintenance, commencing haulage operations on the 15th. April.

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5. Contact was made with Major Knight and he was informed that 1001 G.T. Coy was available and the method of working with same was outlined. Major Knight stated that he would probably ask to move one Platoon to Taranto, which would locate 1001 G.T. Coy. as follows :

H.Q., & 2 Platoons at Palo (Covering Bari Province).
1 Platoon at Brindisi.
1 Platoon at Taranto.

2. Contact was made with Col. Warren D.M.S., Distwo and Major Bowles (I.A.T.T.) and the following arrangements made:

(a) 1001 G.T. Coy (Italian) would come under control of A.C.C. as from the 14th April.

(b) A.C.T. would be responsible for maintenance and documentation of vehicles, which would be carried out by the C.C. British Cadre.

(c) Region II would be responsible for accommodation for 1001 G.T. Coy. (Italian).

3. Contact was made with C.C. S.A.S.C. Base Sub-area and it was requested that for the present the B.C. and 5 Platoons of the G.T. Coy. be allocated to remain in its present location. A letter was also sent by Region II to this effect and it was understood that this would be granted.

4. Contact was made with the C.C. British Cadre and he was informed that as from the 14th April he would receive all instructions for details from Region II. Capt. Walsted explained that he was making the necessary arrangements with Major Knight (Civil Supply Officer, Region II) to forward the details direct 24 hours in advance. He was told that it was desired to leave the Platoon at Brindisi in its present location, to have two platoons in Bari and one Platoon at Potenza. A Platoon of Potenza was later cancelled, when it was known that S.I.T.s. were going to drive vehicles. It was agreed that 1001 G.T. Coy should be allowed two days for maintenance, commencing haulage operations on the 16th April.

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5. Contact was made with Major Knight and he was informed that 1001 G.T. Coy was available and the method of working with same was outlined. Major Knight stated that he would probably ask to move one Platoon to Taranto, which would locate 1001 G.T. Coy. as follows:

L.C., & 2 Platoons at Felo (Covering Bari Province).
1 Platoon at Brindisi.
1 Platoon at Taranto.

6. Contact was made with Lt. Col. Boxall, A.M.E. Distwo, owing to the fact that Col. Carey (I.D.M.E.) was away on sick leave. Major E.E. Griffiths of 151 Sub-area was the Officer who had been selected to accompany Col. Carey on his tour. It was explained that Col. Carey was not able to make that tour at present, but Major Griffiths is available at 24 hours notice and he can be contacted through Major R.P.F. Donald (the I.A.D.M.E. Distwo, telephone Bari 11494).

7. Contact was made with the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission. Col. Kirkwood was away, but Lt. Col. Rothergill was seen and he introduced me to Capt. R.J. Carragher, who is dealing with the vehicles. Capt. Carragher supplied me with a list of tools he required to maintain the 10x3 tonners allotted to the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission. His plan is to set up a workshop in the camps at Bari and Lecce for 1st and 2nd line maintenance and the 11 Port Workshop R.E.M.E. at Bari and the 15 Port Workshop R.E.M.E. at Brindisi will cover all other maintenance.

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8. Signal was received from H.A. A.C.C. that Mr. Della Penna of S.I.T.A. has been seen and that he was on his way to Matera.

9. Contact was made with the C.O. L. Vehicle Park of A. Vehicle Coy. Coreto (Capt. Ross) and he informed us that he had authority to issue 150 new 3 tonners. Arrangements were made with him as to how these vehicles would be drawn.

10. Mr. Della Penna arrived in Matera and attended meeting at Region II H.Q. on Tuesday 18th April at 1800 hours. Mr. Phillips and Mr. Napoli of S.I.T.A. were also present. Mr. Della Penna signed the agreement, but stated that he desired permission to report on the freight rates at the end of a month. He was informed that there was no objection to this and that his report would be submitted to H.Q. without delay. Arrangements were made for drawing vehicles.

11. Major Nicholls (Provincial Commissioner, Potenza) was contacted and informed that vehicles were being handed over to S.I.T.A. and that the first delivery was on Wednesday 19th April. Major Seaman was also informed, so that he could supervise the vehicles on arrival in Potenza.

12. Wednesday 19th April Mr. Della Penna, accompanied by various other S.I.T.A. officials and drivers, was met at Matera and conducted to Coreto where 10 new 3 ton Dodge's were drawn by Capt. Halstead and handed over to S.I.T.A. All vehicles were equipped with complete tool kits and spare wheels, which were checked before being handed over. These vehicles proceeded to Potenza under supervision of Capt. Roberts.

13. It was arranged that the next 10 x 3 tonners would be drawn on Friday 21st April and that they would also be taken to Potenza. Capt. Halstead would arrange the dates for subsequent drawing of vehicles until there were 40 at Potenza and 15 at Matera.

14. S.I.T.A. were instructed to submit a list of expendable spares they would require to maintain the vehicles drawn. This list will be screened and on approval, indents will be submitted without delay. When these spares are issued, they will be priced before being handed over to S.I.T.A.

The provisional arrangements were that the drawing of the vehicles would be as follows:

Wednesday 19th April	10 to Potenza
Friday 21st "	10 "
Monday 24th "	10 "
Wednesday 26th "	15 " Matera
Friday 28th "	10 " Potenza

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J.H. BRYAN,
Major, R.A.S.C.

