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TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENCE
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LDD, es

15.20 /ES

31 January 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION:

Subject: Vehicles

1. Confirming conversation Denmore-Taylor, 30/1/45, attached is copy of draft of proposed letter with notes 0-5 to AG, re: "Vehicles", Ref T-11 of 28 Jan.
2. This letter et al, will be the basis of transportation meeting, office A/DCOS, E/S, to be held 1500 Thursday.
3. May immediate study and consideration be given this matter in order that a full discussion may be had at the meeting above referred to?
4. The Industry Sub-Commission is available for assistance if required by Transportation Sub-Commission. THIS IS URGENT.

L. D. Denmore
L. D. DENMORE
Colonel, F A
ADCOS, E/S

Incl - m/a

cc: Industry S/C - Info

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C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

Ref. T-11

28 January 1945

SUBJECT: VEHICLES

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

1. A conference was held 27 Jan at the request of Ordnance (A) at which representatives of G-4 (A), G-5 and ORD (A) were present.

2. ORD advised that the first lot of 72 trucks, 1½ ton, without bodies, had been received. Contrary to expectation these trucks were boxed according to civilian practice for assembling in branch plants. ORD had anticipated an army package in which case each truck would have been assembled in approximately 8 - 10 man hours. Each pair of trucks is shipped in two boxes.

Box #1	10,290 lbs.	-	609 cu.ft.	-	239" long x 80" wide
					x 55" high
Box #2	2,010 "	-	294 "	-	126" long x 62" wide
					x 65" high

It is estimated that teams organized on 24 hour basis can complete 1 truck each day. This means 3 x 30 teams, if organized on 8 hour shifts.

3. Under present conditions and with an increased schedule of truck and vehicle assembly and repair for the army ORD cannot fulfill its agreement to assemble the 1,700 trucks coming forward in Feb, Mar and April. (If the requisition for 2,000 trucks is approved this delivery schedule may continue thru July).

4. ORD suggests that AC secure the necessary buildings and storage space in the Rome area to be used as an assembly plant: that AC supply the teams of mechanics and helpers: that ORD provides the supervisors. The rate of arrival of trucks in the theatre is estimated at 750 per month. The rate of assembly must not be fewer than 30 per day. Space required for assembly (under cover) is approximately 50' x 500' plus storage space for boxed vehicles. (Space to store 1 boxed vehicle approximately 7' x 6' x 15'.) This headquarters will consult with M & Tn for the movement of boxed vehicles by rail from Livorno to Rome area. If M & Tn cannot move the boxes, other plans will have to be made.

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5. In addition to personnel it will be necessary to have hoists to place boxed vehicles in assembly bays - lift trucks or equivalent to raise chassis to permit wheel assembly - hand tools etc. If possible facilities for II and III Echelon service should be integral part of assembly plant or close at hand.

6. Railroad siding to assembly plant would be helpful.

7. The system proposed affords an opportunity to familiarize Italian personnel which presumably will be employed later in maintenance, with the assembly of U.S. trucks. It is also a "must" if AC hopes to get its trucks on the road in time to meet the coming load.

8. Your immediate consideration is urged. May we have at the earliest your plans along the lines indicated, or on equally acceptable substitute. Time is of the essence.

For the Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

J. E. BUTTERWORTH
Colonel, G.S.C.
Chief, Economics & Supply Division

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COLONEL BUTTERNORTH'S NOTE

Colonel Libby G-4 will be in Rome Jan. 30, 31. He will phone Col. Densmore and will arrange to remain to attend a conference on 1 Feb in the afternoon if AC desires.

General Coffey (US ORD) will cooperate to the utmost in furnishing supervisory personnel and such equipment as is available.

In connection with para 5 - What can you find locally that will lift 5 tons? Note that this lift must be (1) from flat cars and (2) from intermediate conveyance, if any to (3) the assembly bay.

This is a tough problem and will need plenty of thought and quick action.

ORD will send a representative Thurs. When Libby phones make arrangement with him to notify ORD. I will leave Thurs AM about 0930 - 1000 and will have room to bring him along.

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15.00/ES

LDD/es

30 January 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION: ✓

1. Colonels Libby and Butterworth of AFHQ will be here Thursday, February 1. It is desired that we hold a transportation meeting in my office at 1500 hours that afternoon and it is requested that either the Director or Deputy Director of the Sub-Commission be present, also Colonel Carnes, and that we bring up for discussion any matters relative to road transport which are pending between AC and AFHQ that you feel should be discussed.
2. Attached are copies of letters T-8, 29 January, subject: "Maintenance of Vehicles" and T-11, 28 January, subject: "Vehicles", from G-5, AFHQ. I have the originals but have not as yet had a chance to read these letters. We can take them up at the Thursday meeting.

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L. D. DENSMORE
Colonel, T A
ADCOS, E/S

Incl - m/a

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

GWAP/hgd

Inter Office Memo

31 Jan. 1945

AC/R/1/TN.5

SUBJECT : Transport.

TO : Major Boyle Maintenance Section.

1. The following is an extract from a letter to this Sub-Commission from G-4(B), which has originated from a number of queries raised by A.F.A.O. with reference to Census Return.

"Light-Weight Motor Cycles.

It is requested that this Branch be informed.

(a) Who is now responsible for making returns with reference to these motor cycles.

(b) Whether any of these motor cycles have been evacuated B.L.R., and in particular, if motor cycle No. 5111479 is held.

(c) Question has been raised as to the correct R.D. number of the motor cycle which appears on the Ordnance Voucher as 5111539. It is requested that this number be checked by visual inspection and this Branch be informed if this number is correct."

2. Please let me have the correct answer.

Auth. 1150
MAJOR E.A.S.O.
Admin. Officer
Roads Section.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

CWAF/hgd

31 Jan. 1945

AC/R/1/TN.5

SUBJECT : Transport.

TO : Capt. Hay Lancia Garage.

1. The following is an extract from a letter to this Sub-Commission from G-4(B), which has originated from a number of queries raised by A.F.H.Q. with reference to Census Return.

"Bedford 3-ton.

Question has been asked with reference to 2 of the 5 x 3-ton Bedfords which were on loan to the Food Sub-Commission at Naples and which are now believed to be at the Lancia Garage. It is requested that this Headquarters be informed who is now responsible for the operation of these 5 vehicles, and that the under-mentioned V.D. and chassis numbers be checked.

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4883972

OYD. 72518
OYD. 72533

2. Please let me have the correct answer.

CWAF
MAJOR H.A.S.C.
Admin. Officer
Roads Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

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CMAP/hgd

AC/E/1/TN.5

30 Jan. 1945

SUBJECT : Chains for Trucks.

TO : Regional Commissioner Abruzzi-Marche Region
(Att: Transportation Officer).

1. Reference your B5/517/12/2 dated the 14 Jan. '45.
2. Your problem was handed over to the officer in charge of Spare Parts, Capt. Ray, who has made an exhaustive search in the Rome areas, and reports as follows:

2 set of chains 750x20 and 2 sets 42x9 are available at Zamberlan, Rome, Price about 12,000 Lire per set.
3. No more chains can be found in Rome.

By Command of Rear Admiral STONE:

ChdP
MERRITT H. TAYLOR
Director

*Handed personally to
Capt Richardson 30/1/45. [Signature]*

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HEADQUARTERS
AMG/AC
ABRUZZI MARCHE REGION
C.M.F.

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R5/517/12/2.

14 January 1945.

SUBJECT : Chains for Trucks.

TO : Transportation Sub-Commission (Roads), Hq. AC.

1. The situation in regard to chains for trucks in this Region is critical at this time. Approximately 20% of the Civil Transport trucks are equipped with chains. Most of the 1½ Ton Chevrolet trucks assigned to this Region were drawn from British vehicle parks less chains and tools. None of the 8 Ton Fiat trucks have been issued chains.

2. "Scrounging Parties" have been sent to various supply depots and salvage dumps during the months of October - November - and December with chains as a priority item of need - but little result has been obtained from these sources. At present there is a Regional "Scrounging Party" operating in the Foggia - Bari area with a priority mission of acquiring chains.

3. The G-4 at Hq. Allied Commission had advised me that tire chains are a Critical Item even with the 5th and 8th Armies - and he has offered little encouragement towards requisitioning thru proper channels.

4. With the snow and ice on the roads of Aquila - Chieti - Teramo and Ascoli Provinces of this Region - a considerable number of Civil Transport trucks are "grounded".

5. Our requirements for tire chains are as follows:

105	Sets.	750 x 20	Tire Size.
20	"	1050 x 16	" "
40	"	34 x 9	or 1100 x 24 or 1200 x 24
			Size.

(In the event this latter size is not available, sufficient chains of other size will be suitable as they can be adapted to the tire in our workshops.)

For the Regional Commissioner:

D.P. Richardson
D.P. RICHARDSON
Capt. Inf.
Regional Civil
Transport Officer.

Copy to: R5/517/12/2.

INTER OFFICE MEMO

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CWAF/hgd

29 Jan. 1945

AO/R/1/TN.5

SUBJECT : Shipment of 1700 Trucks.

TO : Economic Section.(Att:Col.Densmore)

1. Reference your 5.00/ES dated 25 Jan.45.
2. Six Trucks have been turned over by PBS to A.C. at Leghorn, completely assembled, less bodies, and one truck at Naples in similar condition.
3. We are informed that some sixty chassis are at Naples, but have not yet been assembled.
4. Four more trucks have arrived at Leghorn, and are being assembled.

CWAF
Major R.A.C.B.
Admin. Officer
Roads Section.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

File
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Copy of
covering letter
R/66

28 January 1945

Ref. T-11

SUBJECT: Standard Stake and Platform Body Design
and Body Builder's Layout

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394
(Attn: Economic Section)

Reference AFHQ signal FX-62963 of 4 Dec.

1. Our T-11 of 1 Dec advised that 1,500 trucks arriving from the U.S. have bodies, tarpaulins, and drivers' maintenance kits.
2. AFHQ signal FX-62963 of 4 Dec advised that 72 trucks would arrive in UGS 62 without bodies. These are understood to have arrived, and letter SPLLS 014(26 Dec) from Hq. ASF is attached enclosing body designs.
3. Our T-11 of 11 Dec, enclosing CAL 1021 advised that a further 66 vehicles will arrive without bodies.

For the Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

R.V. Grady
R.V. GRADY
Captain, T.C.
Econ & Supply Div.

Incls: As above.

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**RESTRICTED**HEADQUARTERS, ARMY SERVICE FORCES
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

26 December 1944

SPILLS 014 (26 Dec 44)

SUBJECT: Standard Stake and Platform Body Design
and Body Builder's Layout.TO: The Commanding General,
Allied Force Headquarters,
Caserta, Italy.
Attention: FHGEG

Inclosed are three prints of standard stake and platform
body referred to in CAL 1021 and CAL 1064. Also inclosed is one
print of Chrysler body builder's layout.

For the Commanding General:

D.G. SHINGLER,
Brigadier General, U.S.A.,
Acting Director, International Division.

2 Inclosures:

- Incl. #1 - 3 prints standard stake and platform body
Incl. #2 - 1 print Chrysler body builder's layout.
- Alfred Ogden*
ALFRED OGDEN, Major, A.U.S.
Executive Officer
International Division

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

TRH/RB/jjr

25 January 1945

G-5: 091.711-14 Italy

SUBJECT : Training of Italian Drivers for 1,700
Civil Supply vehicles.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

The following is notified for your information.

1. The present proposal is that the 1,700 civil supply vehicles now in course of arrival in this country shall be formed in 17 QM Truck Companies (850 vehicles) and 6 GT Companies (850 vehicles). Final executive orders for these organisations have not yet been issued.

2. It has been agreed that you are to train and organise the Italian military personnel (approx 2,500) for the QM Truck Companies.

3. D.M.T. has issued the necessary orders establishing a British cadre to train and organise the Italian military personnel (approx 2,500) for the G.T. Coys. This training is to take place at Treni and it is understood that the cadre will be ready to start training in a few days.

4. It is understood that the decision has been made to make available on a phased program 2,500 Italian military personnel for the QM Truck Companies, and 2,500 for the G.T. Companies and that the necessary executive orders are in the course of issue.

T. R. HENN
Colonel
Acting Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5.

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394. U.S. Army
Transportation Division

Office - HP
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26 January 1945

TN/SR/9 /147

SUBJECT : Vehicles 476 TUP

TO : HQ.AC. (Attn. Transportation Sub-Commission)

1. Reference telephone conversation (Maj. Downer-Capt. Jefferson) 26 January 1945.

2. 476 TUP Aversa have assembled one vehicle. The vehicles are DODGE 1 1/2 Ton type requiring 1 1/2 Ton bodies. The finish is civilian type being black gloss.

3. To date 58 cabs and 50 chassis have been located at 476 TUP and it is not doubted that a further 8 chassis will materialize. The Port Liaison Officer and the Officer i/c 476 TUP have the matter in hand.

4. Delay in obtaining information regarding these vehicles has been due to a complete change of personnel at the depot within the last two weeks and the fact that no order regarding assembly have been received from G-4(A).

5. Any further information regarding these packs will be furnished as obtained.

For the Regional Commissioner:

B. G. Jefferson
B. G. JEFFERSON
Captain, R.A.
Regional Tptn. Officer

BGJ/mjg
Copy to : Adjutant's File.

HEADQUARTERS

28 JAN 1945

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

TN-S/C 8160
HEADQUARTERS
26 JAN 1945
25 January 1945
File
Chf.

Ref. T-10

SUBJECT: Drivers for Allied Commission.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394
(Attn: Economic Section)

1. A course of instruction for training Italian Army personnel as drivers for the Allied Commission is due to begin at Trani on 27 January 1945.
2. Vehicles are now being provided on temporary loan from a field formation now resting. However, we are advised that it will be necessary to withdraw these at an early date.
3. It is requested that you arrange to make 120 vehicles available from stocks now being shipped, by not later than 20 February 1945, and notify this section where and when they may be collected. *Presume this is satisfactory as per phone conversation Carnis/Butterworth?*
4. An inspection of ships manifests indicates the following vehicles have arrived:

	<u>Chassis</u>	<u>Cabs</u>
BA 681 Frances Marion) Period 16-25 Jan 1945)	4	4
BA 669 George H. Thomas) Period 6-15 Jan 1945)	9	9
BA 654 Andrew Moore Period 27 Dec 1944 - 5 Jan 1945)	<u>102</u>	<u>102</u>
Total	115	115

5. Your confirmation to this arrangement is requested.

For the Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

J. E. BUTTERWORTH,
Colonel, G. S. C.,
Chief, Economics & Supply.

Copy to:

G-3 AFHQ
G-4(A) AFHQ

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Duplicate handed to
Capt. Peterson for
investigation
Chf. 27/1/45

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
OFFICE OF G-4 (A)

CCC/LV/tbw
JAC

25 January 1945

SL 451.81

SUBJECT: Registration of Truck, 1½-ton, Commercial for Civil Transport
TO : Director, Transportation Sub-Commission, Allied Commission,
APO 394, US Army

1. With reference to civil transport vehicles now arriving on consignment to Transportation Sub-Commission, the following procedure will govern for purposes of accountability:

a. G-4 (A) Vehicle Section will maintain a register of numbers commencing with 10000 for the purpose of identification.

b. Motor and chassis numbers of vehicles will be submitted to G-4 (A) upon issue, and registration numbers will then be allotted each vehicle.

c. Letters and numerals 3 inches high will be stenciled in white paint on each side of the hood by the unit or representative of the Transportation Sub-Commission receiving the trucks, in accordance with the following diagram:

ALCOM 10000 (IT)

Clayton C. Craig
CLAYTON C. CRAIG
Major, Infantry
G-4 (A)

DISTRIBUTION:

CO, 1st Trk Bn	1
CO, Co "T", 2675th Regt AC	1
File, G-4 WD Sec	1

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5.00/ES

LDD/es

25 January 1945

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clerkMEMORANDUM FOR TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION
(ATTENTION COLONEL GARNES)

1. The Chief Commissioner has asked me to indicate to him the latest information we have stating source with respect to shipment of the 1700 requisitioned trucks from the States. Can you get "the dope" for me?

2. You might be interested in contacting General Browning, Army Sub-Commission, who had a rather interesting story this morning at the Vice Presidents' meeting on how the truck drivers we have been talking about are to be provided and trained. I didn't get the gist of it but believe it is something which would justify your asking General Browning to repeat.

R/H/S dated 29 Jan 45L. D. DensmoreL. D. DENSMORE
Colonel, F A
ADCOS, E/S

~~Transport~~ - S/C

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

25 January 1945

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Press Release - Immediate

The first shipment of the 1,700 trucks promised for Italy by the United States Government has arrived, the Transportation Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission announced to-day.

The shipment consisted of 72 complete chassis - wheels, tires, motor, and cab - which will be fitted with work bodies here and put to immediate use.

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DATE: 11/10/01

of Johnson, 1994).

DO: National Commission - Special Section
DO: Transportation - Port of England

2. The comment in paragraph four of your above reference letter as a favor my is in fact, incorrect. That "it may be possible for the High Commissioner to join the Italian Port Authorities" from the allotment of the original sixty trucks. It is understood that a further request for additional trucks will depend upon the condition of the trucks now being loaded over.

L.O. BRYANT
Colonel, E.
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INTER OFFICE MEMO

5 Jan. 1945

To : Deputy Director Transportation S/C

From : Road Section Transportation S/C

Subject: Vehicles situation at Port of Cagliari.

1. Reference attached. (*Letter from Bonomi to Chief (Army)*)

2. The Military Mission to the Italian Army has agreed to release 100 Military vehicles to operate within the Port of Cagliari, in order to effect those vehicles transferred by the Allied to the Mainland on the recent handing over of the Port to Italian administration.

3. It is understood from a recent letter from MILA on the subject, reference 10/5 dated 26 Dec. 44, agreed to the Economic Section, that these 100 vehicles will be released at the rate of 40 per month, subject to clearance through the Italian Military workshops, where they are undergoing overhaul. If the situation warrants sufficient urgency there is no reason why the entire 100 vehicles could not be handed over immediately without attention from the workshops but, for obvious reasons, this is hardly to be recommended.

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Wd. 1128

C. W. A. PEPPEL,
Major, A.A.S.C.

Tel. 55E

REAR MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED COMMISSION
AFG 594
ECONOMIC SECTIONR/1
File: 504/13
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8 January 45

Ref. G.04/IS

SUBJECT: Transportation - Port of Cagliari.

TO: Regional Commissioner
Sardinia Region.

1. Reference your signal No. 277, dated 26 Dec. 1944, and previous correspondence on this matter.

2. Land Forces AC, (AMIA) were asked, in view of the fact that the vehicles being handed over were required for civilian use other than for port duties, whether they could release a further 30 vehicles.

3. A copy of their reply is attached, your comments on which will be appreciated as soon as possible.

By Command of Rear Admiral STONE:

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 L.D. BENSIMORE
 Colonel, P.A.
 Acting Deputy Chief of Staff
 Economic Section

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Cc: Chief of Staff
Transportation S/C

COPY,

Subject: Transportation - Port of Cagliari

Land Forces
 Sub Commission, AG (MMIA)
 Rome
 AG/5
26 December 1944

To : Economic Section, Allied Commission

Reference your letter of 21 Dec 44, above subject.
 (Evidently your file 6.04/ES)

1. A large number of Italian Army motor vehicles were found to be in Sardinia. These vehicles have been and are being repaired for the use of the Italian Army and transfer to the mainland. None of the vehicles considered economically repairable for transfer to the mainland can be given to the Regional Commissioner, Sardinia for civilian work, inasmuch as the Italian Army does not now have sufficient vehicles to meet its commitments as demanded by the Allies.
2. The Regional Commissioner, Sardinia requested 50 trucks for port work. This request is shown in Annex B to AFHQ letter HSD/480 of 9 December. MMIA had previously authorized the transfer of 100 trucks from the Italian Army pool in Sardinia to the Regional Commissioner. These trucks are not considered economically repairable for Italian Army use. However, since the Italian Army shop is to remain in Sardinia longer than anticipated, we are processing these 100 vehicles through the Italian Army shop before delivery to the Regional Commissioner. It appears that only 13 of the repaired vehicles have been delivered and an estimated rate of hand-over of 40 per month in the future. We will be glad to deliver all unrepaired vehicles at once if he so desires, so that the Regional Commissioner can repair them in his own shops. It must be understood that our shops must process Army vehicles destined for the mainland in order to maintain our shipping priorities.
3. Shipments by the Italian Army through the Port of Cagliari are handled in Italian Army Trucks organically assigned to the Italian Army in Sardinia.
4. We have also loaned some trucks to the OC 63d Staging Wing in Sardinia as requested by the Regional Commissioner. We now find that the Italian Air Force in Sardinia itself has more than sufficient trucks for this purpose, and we are taking steps to get the Air Corps to meet their own commitments.

5. It is possible that some hundreds of Italian Army vehicles will be turned over to the Regional Commissioner in Sardinia when the Italian Army work shop goes to the mainland. These vehicles will be available for civilian use, but must be repaired in civilian work shop.

CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel
for Major General
Land Forces
Sub-Commission, AC (MMIA)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
AFO 394

Dec: 20, 1944

AC/TN/R/1

SUBJECT : Transportation - Port of Cagliari.

TO : Economic Section.

1. The attached cable was received by this Sub-Commission from H.Q., Sardinia Region.

2. On receipt of this cable, contact was made with MMIA, who informed us that, under instructions issued by them, Reference AQ/5, dated 12 November 44, one hundred vehicles were to be transferred to the appropriate civilian authorities, and MMIA suggested that the crisis would appear to have arisen owing to lack of co-operation between the MMIA liaison officer in Sardinia (Col. Simmonds) and the Regional Commissioner.

3. A signal was therefore sent to the Regional Commissioner, asking him why the MMIA instructions had not been carried out. A copy of his reply is attached, and a request for the meaning of the letters WAE has been forwarded to Sardinia.

4. It would appear that the vehicles which were ordered to be released by MMIA are not intended to replace those withdrawn from the Port. In these circumstances, may MMIA be requested to release a further 50 vehicles, as there is no facility of supplying vehicles from the mainland.

WHD.
MERIT H. TAYLOR
Director

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Sub A-1 at 11/14/44

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

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REF AC/TH/R/

Dec. 8, 1944

SUBJECT : Port of Cagliari
TO : Economic Section.

Reference attached letter 5804/44/COS dated
7 Dec. 44.

With regard to the attached you are referred
to cable AQ 2309 dated 9 Dec. 44 of which you have
received a copy.

MA
MERRIT H. TAYLOR,
Director Transportation
Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Chief of Staff

Tel. 451

7 December 1944

Ref. 5804/14/COS

SUBJECT: Transportation - Port of Cagliari.

TO : Economic Section for Transportation S/C.

1. Reference signal 174 from Sardinia Region of 3 Dec 44 on above subject.

2. The importance of the Port of Cagliari has increased immeasurably with the growing demands of the mainland for Sardinian products. The COS therefore directs that he be informed of the action taken in response to the request conveyed by the subject signal.

[Signature]
Chief Staff Officer,
to the Chief of Staff

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Copy to: SO to Chief Commissioner.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
SARDEGNA REGION

3 December 1944

ECON. SECT. 4877

6.04

REFERENCE: TPTN/1604

SUBJECT: Transportation for the Port of Cagliari.

TO: Headquarters, Allied Commission.

With reference to your 6.04/ES of 25 Nov 44.

1. On November 14th the Allied Garrison of Sardinia handed over the running of the Port to the Italian Naval Authorities. At that time they had three Transport Companies of the 205 Division, comprising of 120 Italian military vehicles working under their command for the Port of CAGLIARI.
2. Since November 14th these three transport companies have all been withdrawn to the mainland. The Port is now entirely dependent on local civilian transport, which cannot cope with the situation.
3. Most of the traffic through CAGLIARI Port will be for civilian commodities, wheat, barley, mining equipment, phosphates, pyrites, etc. will be arriving in large quantities, hides, cork, skins, cheese, salt, etc. being shipped. Military requirements will include paint pigment, firebricks, fireclay and lead. In addition there are M.M.I.A. stores and vehicles which are shipped in special transports. There is only one berth at which unloading or loading direct into railway wagons can be carried out. Motor transport or other transport must be used for the other 13 berths. At present goods are being taken to the ships in small donkey carts and delay is being caused in the turn round of ships.
4. I have made requests to M.M.I.A. to replace the 120 vehicles which have been sent to the mainland, but the requests apparently cannot be met because of military priorities. I understand from A.F.H.Q. that as the cargo is predominantly civilian, transport for CAGLIARI Port should be provided from A.C. sources. At least fifty 3-ton trucks are required and should be placed at the disposal of the Port immediately. I would suggest that these should be provided from the substantial pool of repaired trucks which are held by M.M.I.A. in SARDINIA.

JAC Pennycook
Colonel

HEADQUARTERS

6 DEC 1944

J. A. C. PENNYCOOK
Colonel,
Regional Commissioner.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

25 January 1945

Ref. T-10

SUBJECT: Drivers for Allied Commission.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394
(Attn: Economic Section)

1. A course of instruction for training Italian Army personnel as drivers for the Allied Commission is due to begin at Trani on 27 January 1945.

2. Vehicles are now being provided on temporary loan from a field formation now resting. However, we are advised that it will be necessary to withdraw these at an early date.

3. It is requested that you arrange to make 120 vehicles available from stocks now being shipped, by not later than 20 February 1945, and notify this section where and when they may be collected. Presume this is satisfactory as per phone conversation Carnes/Butterworth?

4. An inspection of ships manifests indicates the following vehicles have arrived:

	<u>Chassis</u>	<u>Cabs</u>
BA 681 Frances Marion) Period 16-25 Jan 1945)	4	4 ✓
BA 669 George H. Thomas) Period 6-15 Jan 1945)	9	9 6 3 cabs 3 closer
BA 654 Andrew Moore Period 27 Dec 1944 - 5 Jan 1945)	102	102 62
Total	115	115

5. Your confirmation to this arrangement is requested.

For the Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

J. E. BUTTERWORTH,
Colonel, U. S. A.,
Chief, Economics & Supply.

Copy to:

G-3 AFHQ
G-4(A) AFHQ

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N.T. STORES

EXCEL RECORD

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Week ending... 24 January 1945

	Demands on B.O.D.	Receipts from B.O.D.	Receipts from other sources	Stores not available	A.C. REGIONS		
					Demands	Issues	S.I.D.O.
TOTAL	3077	786	579	605	1639	589	986

DATE 22 January 1945

SIGNED Robert J. Long

G.H. (B) N.T. STORES W.T.
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- 1) Slight improvement in issues to Regions,

- 2) Increase of N.T.'s from B.O.D. less material available from B.O.D.

W. Stone 28 22/1/45.

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Reads

Ym refers to letter 15.07 E.S. dated 16 Jan from Economic Section to Food S.C., copy to Tn S.C. and letter ref. 60-2/162/FOOD ^{dated 18 Jan.} from Food S.C. to Economic Section copy to Tn S.C.

Subjct :- Transport of grain.

21.1.45.Tn.S/C ADCOS,E/S

1. Reference Minute 1. the average quantity of grain moved from 1-14 January was approx. 580 tons per day, not 300 T.P.D. This improved figure is due to better coordination between the road and rail movement programme. As haul to railhead become longer it is doubtful whether this figure will be maintained with the present transport.
2. A third G.T.Coy. is being moved from N.W. to N.E. liberated Italy. The primary purpose of this move is to have road transport available for lifting sulphur from mine to railhead: not all 1200 Coy's lift will be required for this purpose, and some should be available to lift grain. It is unlikely that this M.T. will be available for another two weeks.

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MERRITT H. TAYLOR
Director

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 HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
 APO 394
 ECONOMIC SECTION

LDD/es

Ref:
 15.01/ES
 AC/R/1 Tn 5

23 January 1945

SUBJECT: Trucks.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters, G-5, APO 512.
 (Economics and Supply Division)

1. Reference is made to letter ref. T-11, AFHQ, G-5 to HQ, AC, dated 10 January 1945, above subject, with reference to paragraph 3.

2. The provision of drivers is now under consideration by your headquarters. Attention is directed to

a. Letter Ref T/10, AFHQ, G-5, to HQ, AC, dated 5 January 1945, subject: "Personnel for the Establishment of G. T. Coys and G.M. Coys."

b. Letter, Ref. AC/R/20/TN.5, HQ, AC, (Transportation S/C) to AFHQ, G-5, dated 16 Jan 45, same being reply to ref. 2 a.

3. Particular attention is directed to para 10 of reference 2 b, where it was stated:

"The urgency of this matter cannot be sufficiently stressed. Due to the period of time necessary for the efficient training of drivers, it is imperative that definite action be taken immediately if A.F.H.Q. Log Plan 164, so far as road transport commitments are concerned, is to meet with any success whatsoever."

LDD
 L. D. DENSMORE
 Colonel, P A
 Acting Deputy Chief of Staff
 Economic Section

cc: Transportation S/C ✓

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INTER OFFICE MEMORANDUM

HMD/ab

SUBJECT : ASSIGNMENT OF VEHICLE

TO : Col.J.James Carnes. 20/Jan/45

1. In order that necessary maintenance inspections of vehicles assigned to Region be carried out request that the under signed officer be assigned one (1) 1/4 ton 4x4-C&R Car, or one (1) 3/4ton 4X4 C&R Car.

H.M. DONER
Maj.Ord.Dept.
Maint.Sect.Roads Division.

1st IND

24 Jan. 1945

From : Roads Section Transportation S/C

To : G-4 (American).

1. Request as above is approved.

2. G-4(B) have supplied a W.D. vehicle for the use of the British Maintenance Officer, and it is felt that the American Officer similarly needs one for the efficient performance of his duties.

CMD.
Major R.A.S.C.
Admin. Officer
Roads Section.

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Cwd.
Major R.A.S.G.
Admin. Officer
Roads Section.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
SICILIA REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

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19 January 1945

In reply
refer to: RTC 451.9

Subject: Depreciation Charges on W.D.
Vehicles Leased

To : Headquarters Allied Commission
Transportation Sub-Commission
Att: Colonel J.J. Carnes

1. Reference AC/Tn/GRds. 15 December 1944.
2. There are no W.D. Vehicle leased to A.C. truck
pools for road haulage in Sicily; last sentence of para.4
covers I.W.T. Sicilia Region.

For the Regional Commissioner:

IM Calvanese
I. M. CALVANESE
Captain, Q.M.C.
Regional Road Haulage
Transport Control Officer.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Industry Sub-Commission
HELP DIVISION

A. P. O. 394

JS/ga

Tel. 478176

19th January 1945

Ref. 600/1412/N

Subject: Tarpaulins. Hemp.
To : Transportation Sub-Commission.

Your letter dated 13th January AC/TH/R/1 addressed to Commerce Sub-Commission has been passed to this office.

Some confusion appears to have arisen over the matter of Tarpaulins. We have no stocks of Tarpaulins.

At a meeting of the M. P. Committee on 17th Nov. 1944 large quantities of canvas were bid for to make tarpaulins and in order to ease the work of the military I volunteered to have some of the canvas sewn together tarpaulin shape but could not guarantee any specific amount.

At the moment we are trying to assist in the manufacture of tarpaulins for rail transport as the M.R.S. have a requirement for 5000 of these 8 metres by 5 metres.

If Southern Region, Toscana Region and the Truck Battalion need Tarpaulins bids will have to be placed in the usual way on M.A.T.S.10. for the required number of square yards of canvas, but I have to advise that this canvas has not been waterproofed and will not be very satisfactory unless treated. To the best of my knowledge there is no waterproofing material in the country except possibly in military hands.

In any case unless sufficient transportation in good order can be supplied for the movement of raw hemp in Southern Region it is going to be very difficult to manufacture for civil use as well as military and military requirements must receive first consideration.

for 1123. VAUGHAN
Director
Industry Sub-Commission

Copies to: Commerce Sub-Commission
Economic Section

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MOTORVEHICLES IN ITALY

Comparative Chart

Showing the situation on the 10-VI-1940 1-I-1942 and 10-VIII-1944.

PROVINCE	REGION	AUTOBUSES			TAXIS		
		1940/VI	1942/I	1944-VIII	Jun. 1940	Jan. 1942	Aug. 1944
Agrigento	Sicilia	37	35	19	157	123	120
Caltanissetta		39	23	19	90	89	93
Catania				24			251
Enna				19			55
Messina		74	68	43	283	258	174
Palermo		185	131	150	329	204	190
Siracusa				5			80
Ragusa				2			79
Trapani		39	31	16	79	88	93

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(1) Including garage hiring cars, and hiring cars without driver.

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MOTORVEHICLES IN ITALY

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		1940/VI	1942/I	1944-VIII	Jun. 1940	Jan. 1942	Aug. 1944
Agrigento	Sicilia	69	63	170	6	3	6
Caltanissetta		20	15	47	11	8	3
Catania				455			94
Enna				24			17
Messina		187	170	211	31	34	46
Palermo		392	345	850	87	68	95
Siracusa				112			20
Ragusa				50			12
Trapani		103	103	225	21	20	19

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MOTORVEHICLES IN ITALY

Comparative Chart

Showing the situation on the 10-VI-1940 1-I-1942 and 10-VIII-1944.

PROVINCE	REGION	up to 20 T. TRUCKS over 5 T. & Trailers			Private Cars		
		1940/VI	1942/I	1944/VIII	Jun. 1940	Jan. 1942	Aug. 1944
Agrigento	Sicilia	4	3	6	116	100	83
Caltanissetta		15	11	19	59	56	156
Catania				56			423
Enna				4			57
Messina		10	17	7	398	321	275
Palermo		23	15	34	323	353	830
Siracusa				11			95
Ragusa				9			102
Trapani		5	7	10	256	274	270

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(I) "A.C.E."-"I.N.T."

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Caltanissetta	I			Benz. 2			Benz. 3 Nafta 17
Catania	I			Benz. 4			Benz. 26 Nafta 31
Enna	I						Benz. 3 Nafta 17
Messina	I			Benz. 17			Benz. 80 Nafta 74
Palermo	I			Benz. 26			Benz. 113 Nafta 107
Ragusa	I			Benz. 5			Benz. 4 Nafta 6
Siracusa	I			Benz. 4			Benz. 15 Nafta 19
Trapani	I			Benz. 4			Benz. 28 Nafta 25

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Agrigento	I			Nafta 7			1
Caltanissetta	I			" 11			4
Catania	I			" 20			
Enna	I			" 5			
				Benzine 1			
Messina	I			Nafta 60			
Palermo	I			Nafta 55		17	16
Ragusa	I			Nafta 3			2
Siracusa	I			" 10			2
Trepani	I			" 8			

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

CMAP/hgd

18 Jan. 1945

AC/R/1/TN.5

SUBJECT : Collection of Transport.

TO : H.Q., Commandant.

1. Reference your HQC/10 dated 15 Jan. 1945.
2. The correspondence referred to in our letter AC/TN/R/1 of 13 Jan. 45 is enclosed herewith. The omission is regretted.

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Chap
MAJOR G.B.A. PEPPER,
Admin. Officer
Roads Section.

TRANSLATION

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MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
General Inspectorate of civil motorization
and transport in concession

Rome 17 January 1945

Div. R.S.T.
Ref.: No. 152/201
Reply to your letter dated 3/12/44 - ESPM/15/11

To: Headquarters Allied Commission
APO 394
Economic Section

Subject: Reoperation of road transports.

Reference to the above mentioned letter, concerning the reoperation of road transports I send you to following data:

The motor-car road traffic is summed up in two specific sectors by this Ministry: the first is that concerning public services of passenger or freights transports and which is operated with authorization and concessions; the second, which is the largest, considers all the owners or those who operate transport on their own behalf or for a third party, and for them the operation of transports is free, with the exception of legislative instructions concerning tests, examinations of drivers, limitations in the loading capacity and other economic dispositions for transports of commodities.

With the imminent operation of ENAC, further limitations will be issued for the truck circulation and so we will be able to obtain statistical data more particular of those which have been published up to now in the bulletins of this Ministry.

In order to reply to the requests of that Economic Section, we communicate hereto all the data which this General Inspectorate has collected and we inform you that we will notify you all the data of the year 1944 as soon as we will have them.

	Year 1936	Year 1939
Private motor-cars	137.400	204.000
Zone of Italy north of the line Pisa-Pistoia-Rimini.	111.5	114.000
Zone of the Italy south of the line Pisa-Pistoia-Rimini.	68.500	17.400
Sicilia	10.400	17.400

To: Headquarters Allied Commission

APO 394

Economic Section

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Zone of the Italy south of the line Pisa-Pistoia-Rimini.	10.400	17.400
Sicilia	2.200	4.000
Sardinia	218.800	339.400
Totals	6.200	4.600
Taxi-cabs	4.500	4.000
Zone of Italy north of the line Pisa-Pistoia-Rimini	1.000	1.000
Zone of Italy south of the line Pisa-Pistoia-Rimini	30	100
Sicilia	11.730	9.700
Sardinia		
Totals		

	Year 1936		Year 1939	
	from 10 to 35		beyond 35	
Motor-cars of garages	Zone of Italy north of the line Pisa-Pistoia-Rimini.		5.700	
	Zone of Italy south of the line Pisa-Pistoia-Rimini		6.100	
	Sicily		1.600	
	Sardinia		300	
	Totals		13.100	
Trucks operating transports on their own behalf	Zone north of the line Pisa-Pistoia-Rimini 33.000		Year 1939 11.000	
	Zone south of the line Pisa-Pistoia-Rimini 14.000		4.500	
	Sicily		900	
	Sardinia		250	
	Totals		16.650	
Trucks operating transports on their own behalf	Zone north of the line Pisa-Pistoia-Rimini 2.500		5.500	
	Zone south of the line Pisa-Pistoia-Rimini. 2.000		4.000	
	Sicily		80	
	Sardinia		90	
	Totals		10.250	
	Totals		11.500	

During the year 1936 the number of trucks operating transports on their own behalf or for a third party it was:

in the zone north of the line Pisa-Pistoia-Rimini	52.700
in the zone south of the line Pisa-Pistoia-Rimini	23.400
Sicily	2.400
Sardinia	800
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	Year 1939

Busses	extraurbane line	No.	5948	No.	6772
	Urban lines	"	1626	"	1556

Zone south of the line Pisa-Pistoia-Rimini	14.000	4.500	2.000
Sicily	2.300	900	120
Sardinia	550	250	60
Totals	49.850	16.650	6.180

Zone north of the line Pisa-Pistoia-Rimini	2.300	5.500	7.000
Zone south of the line Pisa-Pistoia-Rimini	2.000	4.000	4.000
Sicily	80	500	300
Sardegna	90	950	200
Totals	4.470	10.250	11.500

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Sicily	2.600
Sardinia	800
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	Year 1936	Year 1939
Busses (extraurban line)	No. 5948	No. 6772
Urban lines	" 1526	" 1556

Tramway e-locomotives	" 953	" 932
Urban tramways	" 3833	" 3691
Trolley busses	" 89	" 476

Factories of trucks
and motor-cars

FIAT (Turin)-LANCIA (Turin)-SPA (Turin) ISOTTA
FRASCHINI (Milan)-BIANCHI (Milan)-ALFA ROMEO
(Milan)-OM (Brescia-Milan)-MASERATI (electri
vehicles-Bologna).

	Year 1936	Year 1939
Miles of operating bus lines	64.392	79.977
extrar. bus lines		
urban bus lines	1.649	1.961
Tons/km of commodities carried on extraurban bus-lines	1.875.000	2.960.000
Number of passenger transported		
extraurban lines	51.177.700	76.037.600
urban lines	204.502.700	239.076.000

The minister
sgd. Cerabona

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

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17 Jan. 1945

AC/R/1/TN.5

SUBJECT : Assignment of W.D. Vehicle

TO : G-4 British.

1. Confirming conversation between Lt. Col. Miller, G-4 British, and Major Moyle, Transportation Sub-Commission.

2. Request W.D. vehicles be assigned to the Maintenance Section of the Roads Division of the Transportation Sub-Commission.

3. This vehicle will be used principally for maintenance duties and demonstration purposes. It would be recalled that the assignment of a W.D. Vehicle to the maintenance Section as above for these purposes was considered essential by the former Establishment Officer Col. Albright.

CWP
MERRITT H. TAYLOR
Director

Copy to: Major Moyle
Maintenance Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

R/1 CWAP/bm

15 Jan. 1945

Tel: 378

AC/TN/R/1

SUBJECT:

TO : Regional Commissioner, Southern Region,
(Attn. Transportation Officer, Capt. Jafferson).

1. Reference the attached correspondence which please return with your answer.
2. Please state whether you are utilizing the forty trucks mentioned as not being currently used by P.B.S.
3. If not, what is the position?

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MERRITT H. TAYLOR
Director

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Date 16 Jan 45

SUBJECT: Imports - Disposition
TO : ALCOM Port Liason Officer Depot 676, Naples (Att. Maj. Marks)

TO

Copy to:
Transportation S/C (Att. Col. Carnes) Tn. S/C (Att. Capt. Peterson)

Tn.S/C (Att. Capt. Wyatt) G-4 (Att.Maj. Craig)

1. Convoy Number **UGS 65** Ship Number **681** Ship Name **FRANCIS MARIAN**
2. Expected Port of Unloading **NAPLES**
3. Expected Arrival Date **24 Jan 45 (not firm)**
4. Follow instruction in para 5(c).
- 5.

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ROBERT H. KLEIN, Capt., MAC, for
D. S. ADAMS, Colonel, C.E.
Director, Transportation Sub-Commission

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Date 30 DEC 44

SUBJECT: Imports - Disposition
TO : ALCOM Port Liason Officer Depot 676, Naples (Att. Maj. Marks)

TRANSPORTATION SUB-Comm. (Att. Col. Carnes)

1. Convoy Number UGS 63 Ship Number BA 654 Ship Name NAPLES
2. Expected Port of Unloading
3. Expected Arrival Date 7 Jan (Not firm)
4. Follow instruction in para 5(c).
5.

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ROBERT H. KLEIN, Capt., MAC, for
D. S. ADAMS, Colonel, C.E.
Director, Transportation Sub-Commission

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VIA CABLE
FILED: 121640A
RECD : 130615A

ROUTINE

FROM: NYEE

TO : OG MTOUSA

REF NO THIS MESSAGE: SPTAA-54170, 12 January 1945.

Refer FX-78047, NAGDS, NAORD, 2 January.

Truck 1½ ton, International, complete, 62 each,
scheduled for shipment marked ALOL E Ord II D SHP HH 354.

In accordance with current established procedure, land-
ed cost of above trucks will be reflected on WD shipping
documents for information and guidance of all concerned.

FOOTNOTE: FX 78047 is MC OUT 454 2/1/45 G-4

ACTION : G-4

INFO : ORD
G-5
M & TN
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MC IN 9411

13 Jan 45

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REF NO SPTAA 54170

y/O/P

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TRANSPORTATION CORPS

CONFIDENTIAL OCEAN MANIFEST
ORDNANCE A M G

CARGO LOADED ON VES 3A 6 81 BACPE TO MITE ON CONVOY

PRN	ITEM	OVERSEA	ADDRESS	QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION
253 640 107	62	02SHPTUG126CO	12	TRK 1 1HFT 4X2	
253 640 107	62	02SHPTUG126CO	12	2 BX 2EA CHASSIS TUP	
253 640 107	62	02SHPTUG126CO	12	ABOVE ITEMS HEAVY LIFT	
253 640 107	62	02SHPTUG126CO	12	2 BX 2EA CAB TUP	

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 ORDNANCE A M G
 VES 3A 681 BAGRE TO MITE ON CONVOY
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QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	WT	CU	STW	V
12	TRK 1 1HET 4X2	20500	1210	4LH	3
12	2 BX 2EA CHASSIS TUP			4LH	3
12	ABOVE ITEMS HEAVY LIFTS	4020	500	4LH	3
12	2 BX 2EA CAB TUP	24500	1306		

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 C O N F I D E N T I A L

CONFIDENTIALALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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10 January 1945

Ref. T-11

SUBJECT: Trucks

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

1. It has now been confirmed by the New York Port of Embarkation that trucks 1-1/2 ton 4 x 2 cargo commercial type are scheduled for shipment in 4 equal installments of 375 each, marked A.O.L. (time indicator) Ord IV Tog SHP III 31 FAME.

2. Time indicators are C, D, E, F, which converts to arrivals phased equally through March and April 1945.

3. Please insure that this notification is brought to the attention of the section responsible for the provision of drivers and the reception of these vehicles.

For the Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

H. V. GRADY
Captain, T.C.
Economics & Supply Division

*See letter R/1/TMS
dated 23/1/45*

*Replies correspondence for Altman
Copy passed to Capt Peterson*

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

13 January 1945

AG/TM/R/1

Dear Mr. Minister:

Your Ministry will shortly be receiving an application by the Ministry of Public Works for a number of load carrying motor lorries for use at Civitavecchia port.

Plans have been made for work on clearing the port in order to ~~enable~~ ^{increase} its present capacity, to commence forthwith, and your cooperation in a matter vital to the future well-being of Rome is urgently requested.

The need for the lorries is estimated to be for a period of at least three months, and drivers will be required to live in, or in the neighbourhood of Civitavecchia. The necessary administrative arrangements in this connection will therefore have to be made.

I understand that the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour is investigating the possibility of housing workers from Tolls in Civitavecchia. I suggest therefore liaison with this Ministry for including the drivers in the administrative plans made.

Yours very truly,

M.B. THOMAS
Colonel,
Deputy Director.

His Excellency the Minister of Transport.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

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13 Jan. 1944

SUBJECT : Tarpaulins - Hemo.

TO : Commerce Sub-Commission.
(Att: Major Wood).

1. In accordance with instructions received from the Economic Section, the under-mentioned requirements of Tarpaulins, as required by this Sub-Commission are forwarded.

2. All Regions and the Commanding Officer of the present Truck Battalion have been consulted and have returned the under-mentioned quantities needed:-

Southern Region	68
Toscana Region	20
1st Truck Bn.	400
Total	488

3. In addition to these a further 200 will probably be required. AFHQ letter T-11 dated 1 December 1944, states that 1500 of the 1700 trucks coming in will have tarpaulins. According to further information received, the remaining 200 will have neither tarpaulins or spare parts.

4. It would be appreciated therefore if a total of 688 tarpaulins could be made available to A.C.

See letter
from Henry Dawson
dated 19/1/45 on
this subject

CHP
HERRITT H. TAYLOR
Director

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMERCE SUBCOMMISSION
Releases & Requirements Section

File
11/10/44
FJS/ec

Tel. 478905

28 November 1944

Ref. AC/5056/Commerce

SUBJECT: Tarpaulins Hemp

TO : Transportation Subcommittee ✓

Attached is copy of a letter ref. H-1 dated 24 November 1944 from G-5 Section, AFHQ, addressed to HQ Allied Commission, and a copy of our reply thereto!

Lawson
dup
W. P. EVANS
Colonel
Director
Commerce Subcommittee

2 Incls.: Copy letter from G-5 AFHQ to H.C. AC
Copy letter to G-5 AFHQ ref. AC/5056/Commerce
dated 28 November.

S. Regan
Reg 5 -
Lieut. Regan -
Reg 8 -
Tamp reg'd - 68
" none
400 CD
20 for Br. 3 ton.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-5 Section

ATO 512

Ref. H-1

24 November 1944

SUBJECT: Tarpaulins- Hemp

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394
(Attn: Economic Section)

1. Please refer to paragraph 7, Minutes of the Miscellaneous Purposes Committee, AFIRS, 17 November 1944.

2. In this paragraph attention is called to the limited manufacturing facilities to produce a few heavy weight tarpaulins.

3. It is suggested that A.C. may be interested in bidding for a number of these, both for their present trucking facilities and also for the 1700 1½ tons vehicles recently advised as approved and available.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

/s/ J. E. Butterworth
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APO 394

COMMERCE SUBCOMMISSION

Releases & Requirements Section

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28 November 1944

SUBJECT: Tarpaulins Hemp

TO : Allied Force Headquarters
G-5 Section

1. Your Ref. H-1 dated 24 November 1944 and paragraph 7 Minutes of the Miscellaneous Purposes Committee, AFLRS, 17 November 1944 refer.

2. Your letter, as above, was passed to Transportation Subcommittee, who will be definitely interested in bidding for any tarpaulins that become available, and we thank you for bringing this matter to our notice.

For the Chief Commissioner:

W. P. EVANS
Colonel
Director
Commerce Subcommittee

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

GWAP/bm

Tel: 378

11 January '45

AC/TN/R/1

SUBJECT: Vehicle Transfer.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Southern Region,
(Attn: Transportation Officer).

Request that the 1/4 ton truck N° 2047904 now with
38th Ordnance, be transferred to the 1st Truck Bn.

Chd
MERRITT H. TAYLOR
Director

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Tel; 558

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

CRA/hs

Ref: 18.22/ES

10 January 1945

SUBJECT: Tarpaulins - Hemp.

TO : Transportation Sub-Commission.

1. Your AC/TN/R/1 dated 9 January 1945 to AFHQ, G-5, forwarded for approval and signature of Acting Deputy Chief of Staff, is returned together with the attachments.

2. The correct procedure is for you to place your requirements through Commerce Sub-Commission for the attention of Major Wood.

C. W. Atkins
C. W. ATKINS, Lieut., R.A.
Staff Lieutenant
Economic Section

Incl:
as per para 1 above.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APC 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

R/1
CYAP/US

Tel: 378

6 Jan. 1945

AC/TH/R/1

SUBJECT: Transfer of Trucks from Gardinia.

TO : The Ufficio Trasporti di Roma.

1. Reference your Prot. n. 10704 dated 21 Dec '44, passed to this Headquarters for decision.

2. It is regretted that no trucks can be spared from Gardinia at present.

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HARRIET H. TAYLOR
Director

Copy to :- Major Harris - Region Lazio.
(Your MP/2931/8 dated 30 Dec. '44 referred)
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

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Tel: 378

8 Jan 1945

AO/TN/R/1

SUBJECT: Engines for Flat Trucks.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission.

1. Reference the attached copy of letter AS/347/12/2 dated 2 January 1945 from Abruzzi-Marche Region.

2. May we have your comments, please, bearing in mind that Abruzzi-Marche Region would be prepared to pay a fair price in cash for any engines turned over.

CWAF

MERRITT H. TAYLOR
Director .

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AMG/AC
ABRUZZI MARCHE REGION
C.M.F.

HEADQUARTERS
3 JAN 1945
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R5/5I7/I2/2.

2 January 1945.

SUBJECT : Engines for 634 Fiat.

TO : Transportation Sub-Commission, (Roads), Hq. AC.

1. It is my understanding that there are complete engine assemblies in Sardinia which are the property of the Italian Army.

2. This Region has twelve (12) Italian captured Fiat 634 trucks which are of the road because of worn out engines for which we are unable to get replacement parts.

3. Is it possible to have some of these engines shipped to this Region?

For the Regional Commissioner:

D.P. Richardson
D.P. RICHARDSON
Capt. Inf.
Regional Civil
Transport Officer.

Copy to: R5/5I7/I2/2.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

LAC AIRGRAM 96, 7 January 1945.

From : FHQNG (Concurred: FHQNS, FHQJE)

To : Combined Civil Affairs Committee,
38 - 586 Pentagon Building,
Washington, D.C.

(15 copies)

Subject : Control Vehicles for Allied Commission Economic Transportation

Requisition No: LGS-253-QRD

Ship to : ALOI for Transportation Sub-Commission, Allied
Commission, during MARCH 1945. (The serial number of
each consignment must include the letters TOG.
Packages must be marked with standard approved markings
of green dots on crossed white tape.

It is requested that the following items be approved, allocated
and procurement initiated; and that AFHQ cite FHQNG be advised of
action taken.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Article</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Required</u>
1	TRUCKS - 1/4 ton - 4 x 4/cars 2 seater - 4 x 4 - complete with scale of spare parts for six months period	ea.	35
2	MOTORCYCLES - Heavy Duty - Twin Cylinder complete with scale of spare parts for six months period	ea.	200

JUSTIFICATION:

These vehicles are urgently required for the administration and
control of present truck companies, now without proper supervisory
vehicles. and for vehicles now being shipped from the U.S. (1700
trucks - LAC Airgram 51 - 20 Aug 44).

DATING: TWO

LANDED COSTS: It is requested landed costs be despatched **109** ^{five}
before receipt of shipment.

AGREED : M & TN

Information Copies to: The Directorate of Civil Affairs,
War Office, Whitehall, London, S.W.1. (4 copies)
Director of Freight Movements,
War Office, 2.M. 9, London.

It is requested that the following items be approved, allocated and procurement initiated; and that AFHQ cite PHCING be advised of action taken.

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REMARKS: TPO

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ARMED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

LAC AIRGRAM 95, 7 January 1945.

From : AFHQ (Concurred: FHQDS, FHQAF,)
 To : Combined Civil Affairs Committee,
 30-286 Pentagon Building,
 Washington, D.C. (15 copies)
 Subject : Economic Transport for Northern Italy

Requisition No: LGS-252-OND

Ship to : See Delivery Instructions below, for Transportation Sub-Commission, Allied Commission. (The serial number of each consignment must include the letters TCG. Packages must be marked with standard approved markings of green dots on crossed white tape).

It is requested that the following items be approved, allocated and procurement initiated; and that AFHQ cite FHQEG be advised of action taken.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Article</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Required</u>
1	TRUCKS - 2 1/2 tons/3 ton, complete with bows and tarpaulins and spare parts to scale for six months	ea.	2,000
2	TRUCKS - 1 1/4 ton - 4 x 4/cars 2 seater - 4 x 4 - complete with scale of spare parts for six months period	ea.	200

NOTE - Heavy duty trucks of maximum capacity available are preferred for at least 50 percent of the lift and the quantity of trucks could be proportionately reduced, or heavy duty tractor semi-trailer type or heavy duty trucks with trailer would be acceptable up to 50 percent of the required lift.

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In view of the critical spare parts situation US/UK, if necessary shipment of parts may be phased in over a 6 months period.

///////////////// L A S T I T E M ///////////////////

DELIVERY - Ship to ALC consigned to A.C. Transportation Sub-Commission. Phased into shipments of 300 vehicles every 10 days beginning 1 April 1945.

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JUSTIFICATION: Item 1

Since submitting our requisition (LAC Airgram 51 dated 20 Aug 44) for 1,700 trucks the situation in relation to NORTHWEST Italy has changed.

The number of indigenous trucks estimated as available in Southern and Central Italy for transfer to the North will not come up to expectations.

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Increased lift by trucks in the M.T. will become necessary by reason of the destruction of rail and civilian road haulage equipment.

The size of the commitment is such that assistance available from military resources will be relatively small.

Provision must be made for the distribution of indigenous resources and imports to supplement the civilian economy.

Delay of liberation of this area beyond time forecast in Italy 1944, has lessened the amount of local supplies available to the population, through local consumption, and removal by the Germans.

Item 2.

(1) Vehicles indicated in this requisition are to be used as control vehicles needed for the load-carrying vehicles.

(2) These control vehicles are requested on the assumption that the load-carrying vehicles will be organized as follows:

- (a) 3 British General Transport Columns of 4 G.T. Companies each.
- (b) 3 American Q.M. Truck Battalions of 8 Truck Companies each.

All load carrying vehicles are to be organized into equivalents of U.S. Q.M. Truck Battalions and British General Transport Coys.

Nature of Requirements.

Vehicles needed to lift minimum essential supplies for civilian relief in N.W. Italy.

Basis for Estimate of Requirements.

1. Ports.

Within limits of availability of naval, military and civilian resources it has been determined that only the port of Genoa can be opened.

2. Railways

a. Intelligence reports indicate widespread destruction of bridges, and removal of double tracks on most of the principal lines. must be anticipated.

b. Military assistance for reconstruction will be limited to the repair of the main trunk lines. This will take time to complete.

3. Trucking.

Local vehicles will be greatly reduced by German requisition and destruction. Survey of provinces now in our possession indicate that lift capacity is approximately 30% of that available in 1942.

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4. Supply Routes for N.W. Italy.

a. North-West Italy will be supplied from the Port of Genoa as soon as it can be opened, and the Genoa-Alessandria road rebuilt.

b. In the initial stage N.W. Italy will be supplied ex Bologna with limited tonnages moved overland.

Tonnage of civil supplies required to be lifted by truck into Piedmont, Liguria, Lombardia and Emilia after the first two months of liberation.

Tons per month 120,000

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Truck requirements (calculated on the basis of required ton miles per day)

- a. Total of 2 1/2 - 3 ton trucks (including percentage for those off the road for maintenance) 2,700
- b. Trucks that will be available 700
1700 1 1/2 ton trucks (equivalent 3 ton lift less 15% for those that will be off the road for maintenance)
- c. Additional 2 1/2 - 3 ton trucks required 2,000

RATING: TWO

LANDED COSTS: It is requested landed costs be despatched to arrive before receipt of shipment.

AGREED: M & TN

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17 Dec 44

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ROUTINE



TO FOR ACTION: AGWAR FOR GCS FOR COAC

FOR INFO : GENERAL DISTRICT UK BASE SECTION (LONDON)
BRITISH OFFERS OF SERVICE : TROOPERS :

REF TO : EX 70259

SIGNED : ALFABANK CITE: TEGEG : TEGOS : TEGAN :

This is LAC 507.

Allied Commissions original demand for 1700 vehicles (LAC airmen 51) was computed on information then available together with Allied Commissions then known commitments for the Area North of the PISA RIVER line.

Allied Commissions commitments for the Northwest (commitments of HIRMONT, LIGURA and LOMBARDY) are now clearly defined and it is essential that additional transport be provided for the distribution of civilian supplies necessary for the prevention of disease and unrest.

In view of the foregoing this additional requisition is placed for 2000 three ton trucks, or sufficient trucks capable of giving a 6000 ton lift at one time.

It is emphasized that this estimate of truck requirements is the essential minimum for load carrying based on mileage computed from the port of entry, modified by operational factors.

In order to ensure the efficient and maximum operation of the above trucks the following vehicles are required for convoy and traffic control: 200 cars & cabs.

Spare parts, tires and tubes for these vehicles (both load carrying and control) should be loaded for 6 months period and shipment be made in increments coinciding with the vehicle shipments.

In the preparation of the above estimate due consideration was given to the following:

MC OFF 6256

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COPY No. 7

THE MAKING OF AN EXACT COPY OF THIS MESSAGE IS FORBIDDEN

REF NO THIS MESSAGE: BX 70259 (CONT'D) 17 December 1944

(A) - Each truck having a minimum capacity of 3 tons will operate on a double shift basis over bad roads.

(B) - It was assumed that sufficient indigenous transport for the haulage of locally produced commodities will be found upon entry into the territory.

Formal requisition including justification and rating will follow.

further estimate
It is further estimated that an additional 1000 trucks & tonners will be required for the remainder of Northern ITALY for the first 6 months after occupation. Firm requisition for these 1000 will follow.

ORIGINATOR: G-5

AUTH: ROLAND SEGALINI, CAPT.

INFO

MEMO

CONCURRED: G-4 : C(AR)

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NO OUT 6266

17 Dec 44

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REF NO: BX 70259

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

GWAF/bm

Our Ref: AC/R/1/Tn

6 January 1945

SUBJECT: Transport - Allied Garrison Command, Sardinia.

TO : The Chief of Staff.

1. Reference your B258/48/COS dated 3 January 1945.
2. The above letter synchronized with the receipt by this Sub-Commission of a letter, dealing with the same subject, from Prime Minister Bonomi to the Chief Commissioner, for whose signature this Sub-Commission was directed to prepare a reply.
3. Confirming telephone conversation yesterday between Major Rively and Major Pepper, herewith notes prepared by the latter to enable the Director, Transportation Sub-Commission, to prepare a complete reply.

I.D. DENSMORE,
Colonel, F.A.,
Act'g D/Chief of Staff.

Enclosures: (Notes)

Subject :- Captured Vehicles.

Ident A.M. Clark,
Transportation Officer,
Naples Base, A.C.

H.Q., A.C., Rome
CC HQ 21 Salvage Depot
Sal Offr, HQ 56 Area

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3 District
Tel Ext 79
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6 Jan 49



1. Please find herewith a list of foreign motor cycles held by the Base Salvage Depot, Torre Annunziata.
2. Will you please arrange to inspect these vehicles as soon as possible.
3. After inspection a Demand Note should be addressed to this office, stating which vehicles are required by your organisation, and on receipt of same a Release Note will be issued by this office.
4. On presentation of this Release Note to CC HQ 21 Salvage Depot the vehicles will be handed over.

for *J.M. Mark* *Capt*
W.P.S. Passmore,

Major,
D.A.D. Salvage

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INTER OFFICE MEMO

5 January 1945.

TO : Deputy Director,
Transportation Sub-Commission

FROM : Road Section,
Transportation Sub-Commission

SUBJECT: Vehicles situation at Port of Cagliari.

1. Reference attached. (Letter from Prime Minister Bonomi to Chief Commissioner).

2. The Military Mission to the Italian Army has agreed to release 100 Military vehicles to operate within the Port of Cagliari, in order to offset those vehicles transferred by the Allies to the Mainland on the recent handing over of the Port to Italian Administration.

3. It is understood, from a recent letter from MMIA on the subject, reference AQ/5 dated 26 December '44, addressed to the Economic Section, that these 100 vehicles will be released at the rate of 40 per month, subject to clearance through the Italian Military workshops, where they are undergoing overhaul. If the situation warrants sufficient urgency, there is no reason why the entire 100 vehicles could not be handed over immediately without attention from the workshops, but for obvious reasons, this is hardly to be recommended.

4. In the meantime, however, it is understood from a report from Capt. Turner, the Regional Commerce Officer, that a satisfactory agreement has now been made between the Port Commander and the High Commissioner on the problem of Port transport. The Port is obtaining 4 or 5 vehicles for permanent use. When any big ship arrives, necessitating the use of any large number of vehicles, the Port Commander can obtain any number from the High Commissioner if he gives 12 hours notice ⁴⁰ ~~100~~ requirements. The number has not been specified, but it is anticipated that up to 40 vehicles could be drawn upon.

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C.W.A. PEPPER
Major, R.A.S.C.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

CNAF/hgd

4 Jan. 1945

AC/TN/R/1

SUBJECT : Transportation

TO : Enrico Evangeliste,
Via Mezzario, Sauro 17, Rome.

1. Reference your letter requesting transfer of two trucks from Sardinia to the mainland.

2. Your statement that the two vehicles are remaining idle in Cagliari is not understood, in view of the fact that we have reliable information that the two vehicles have been exclusively employed by the Genio Civile of Cagliari since July 1944, and that they have never been out of action, and are at present in good running order.

3. For your information, no civilian vehicles in such running order can be spared from the island.

Chd.
MERVITT H. TAYLOR
Director

*Correspondence to be
taken out of R/1
and filed in R/1*

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Economic Section

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4 Jan. 1945

AC/TN/3/1

SUBJECT: Vehicles for Republic of San Marino

TO : Regional Commissioner Emilio Region.

1. Reference your RIX/HQ/E/10/1 dated 24 Dec. 1944.

2. The following is an extract from a letter recently received by this H.Q. from the Regional Transportation Officer, Strada-Merone Region, who was instructed to meet the request of the Republic of San Marino:-

"Republic officials were contacted at San Marino by Lt. ASM (Truck Pool Commander at Reno) on about 2 Dec. 44. At this time he found that the Republic had five trucks in operating condition with a minimum of four ton capacity per truck. The Republic required only two additional six ton trucks, which were supplied by the Truck Pool.

Close liaison with the Republic will be maintained by Lt. ASM and if additional trucks are required they will be supplied by the Truck Pool at Reno."

By Command of Rear Admiral STONE:

L.D. DENEMORE,
Colonel, E.F.
Acting Vice President
Economic Section

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TO : Regional Commissioner Emilio Region.

1. Reference your MIL/HQ/R/10/1 dated 24 Dec. 1944.

2. The following is an extract from a letter recently received by this H.Q. from the Regional Transportation Officer, Brussel-Marche Region, who was instructed to meet the request of the Republic of San Marino:-

"Republic officials were contacted at San Marino by Lt. ASH (Truck Pool Commander at Pano) on about 2 Dec. 44. At this time he found that the Republic had five trucks in operating condition with a minimum of four ton capacity per truck. The Republic required only two additional six ton trucks, which were supplied by the Truck Pool.

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L.D. DUNSMORE, 1087
Colonel, S.A.
Acting Vice President
Economic Section

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UFFICIO TRASPORTI DI ROMA

Movimento automezzi

Rome 21 December 1944

Prot. n. 10704

Mr. CESAURI Temistocle son of late Nazzeno, residing in 22 Via Rattazzi Rome, has turned to this Office asking to be authorized to transport to Rome from Sardinia the FIAT 626 truck, Plate N. 4662 which is owned by him, the above mentioned truck was taken to that Island so that it could not be taken by the Germans.

Mr. Cesauri Will put this vehicle at our disposal as soon as it will arrive at the mainland. Meanwhile we beg your Command to authorize the a/m transfer.

We inform you that the transfer of the truck from Sardinia could be carried out by means of the "Edera" Merchantman from S. Antioco to the Port of Naples and from there on to Rome by its own means.

THE DIRECTOR
Dr. L. Tanfani

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT/AC
ABRUZZI MARCHE REGION

SUBJECT : AMG Courts - Chieti 51
TO : Regional Transportation Officer
FROM : Legal Officer, the Abruzzi

28 December 1944
CH/Legal/258

1. Attached hereto are 2 letters 5 December Ref. H/1/13 and 23 December Ref. H/1/13 Re: disposal of truck confiscated from VISIONE Felice.

2. Approval was given previously for use of this truck for communal use.

3. It is now found that the vehicle is not suitable because of condition.

4. Request this application by Capt. Dodridge be authorized by proper Region Order so as to conform to policy established.

(Signed) William R. Cohen
Major, Legal Officer
the Abruzzi.

Ref. H/1/13

23rd December 1944.

SUBJECT : Disposal of
confiscated truck.
TO : Legal Officer, The Abruzzi, (Maj. Cohen)
FROM : P.O. A.C. Chieti.

Reference my memorandum of 5 December, (attached) on which the sale of Truck No. CH 3745 was authorized to UNES, I have to report that the truck has been examined by an expert and the cylinder block was found to be cracked. The vehicle therefore was of no use to UNES.

The vehicle is 21 years old and is a converted private car. It has been valued at 35,000 lire.

The former owner, VISIONE Felice, is desirous of repurchasing the vehicle to use it for cannibalisation purpose for the other truck which he owns. As the vehicle is useless for other purpose I ask that this be authorized.

(Signed) Capt. DODRIDGE

Ref. H/1/13

5 Dec. 1944

SUBJECT : Disposal of confiscated truck.
TO : Legal Officer, The Abruzzi (Maj. Cohen)
FROM : P.O., A.A., Chieti.

Ref. my memorandum of 7 Nov. 44, of which a copy was addressed to you, dealing with disposal of 4 confiscated civilian trucks to No. 3 Truck Pool, I have to inform you that No. 2 on the list a Fiat 521, Reg. No. CH 3745 (Chieti Court Case # 51) was subsequently handed over to the Comune to be operated by them and they later sub-contracted it for operation by a private merchant.

The Public Works Officer at present in Chieti states that a motor vehicle is absolutely essential to UNES if they are to maintain the power lines in the district. If a breakdown occurs at the moment the workers have to walk to it carrying their own tools.

I therefore suggest that this truck be valued by an independent expert and then sold to UNES.

May this be authorised by you, please.

(Signed) Capt. DODRIDGE

Copy to: P.C. Chieti
P.P.S.O. Chieti

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
ABRUZZI MARCHE REGION

SUBJECT : Transportation
TO : Transportation Officer Region H.Q.
FROM : Legal Officer the Abruzzi

24 December 1944
CH/Legal/253

Ref: A/1/13-17 December PO. Chieti

1. Attached is request from PO Chieti (Thru P.C.) to sell a confiscated truck, stated to be unfit for further use by A.C.
2. This is a matter that should, I believe, be disposed of by Region Order.

Signed: William R. Cohen
Major; Legal Officer;
the Abruzzi

Info/Copy to
P.O. Chieti - Capt. Dodridge

Ref. H/1/13
17 Dec. 1944

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TO : Legal Officer, The Abruzzi (Maj. Cohen)
FROM : PO, AC, Chieti.

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Under these circumstances the Mayor asked if the Commune could purchase the truck at a reduced price. He stated the Commune was in debit.

The trucks is old; the differential broken and the tyres useless. I have it valued by an independent expert who fixes its value at 70,000 lire.

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P.P.S.O. AC. Chieti

DTR/cc

HEADQUARTERS
AMG/AC
ABRUZZI MARCHE REGION
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R5/517/12.

29 December 1944.

SUBJECT : Motor Transport for the Republic of San Marino.

TO : Transportation Sub-Commission, Hq. AC.

Reference your telegram dated 27 Nov. 1944, No. 7137.

1. Republic officials were contacted at San Marino by Lt. ASH (Truck Pool Commander at Fano) on about 2 Dec. 44. At this time he found that the Republic had five trucks in operating condition with a minimum of four ton capacity per truck. The Republic required only two additional six ton trucks, which were supplied by the Truck Pool.

2. Close liaison with the Republic will be maintained by Lt. ASH and if additional trucks are required they will be supplied by the Truck Pool at Fano.

3. Note that only nine Italian captured trucks were received from 8th Army AMG by this Region, and that of this number only four were in operating condition.

Col.
Berland

For the Regional Commander:

D.P. Richardson
D.P. RICHARDSON
Capt. Inf.
Regional Civil
Transport Officer.

Copy to: R5/517/12

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

R/1 JHB/bm

27 December '44.

Tel : 478303

AC/TN/R/1

SUBJECT: Truck Pools at Terni and Rieti.

TO : Regional Commissioner,
Lazio - Umbria Region.
(Attn: Transportation Officer).

- 1) Reference your MT/2642/20 dated 15 December 1944.
- 2) In reply to para 3 of your above quoted letter, a meeting was held with the Director of the Transportation Sub-Commission at which the following were present:-
 - Mr. M.H. Taylor - Director Transportation Sub-Commission;
 - Col. Carnes - Transportation Sub-Commission;
 - Col. Crawshaw - Finance Sub-Commission;
 - Major Timmons - Finance Sub-Commission;
 - Major Harris - Transportation Officer -Lazio-Umbria;
 - Major Tyrell - Finance Officer, Lazio-Umbria.
- 3) At this meeting it was agreed that money could be loaned for the formation of the Truck Pools and the Regional Finance Officer agreed to take the necessary steps.

Merritt H. Taylor
MERRITT H. TAYLOR,
Director . 1081

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
SARDEGNA REGION

2/1
27th December 1944.

Ref. Lptn/1607.

Subject : Transportation.

to : H.C., Allied Commission,
Attention Transportation Sub-Commission.

1. Reference your AC/IN/R/1 dated 20 Dec. 44.
2. The same application was made under cover of your AC/R/11/IN dated 27 Nov. 44 to which this Headquarters replied (Letter of even reference dated 5 Dec. refers)
3. The statement that the vehicles are "IDLE" is entirely untrue. Both vehicles have been exclusively employed by the GENIO CIVILE of CAGLIARI since July 1944 and have never been out of action and are at present in good running order.
4. It would appear that the various efforts to get vehicles over to the mainland are merely concerned with financial gain to the applicants and in no way intended to assist the transportation difficulties of the Allies or the Italian themselves.
5. No civilian vehicles that are complete with tyres and batteries, can be spared from the Island - we are short of transport.

JACP/cjm

J. A. C. Pennyquick
J. A. C. PENNYQUICK.
Colonel ⁴⁰⁸⁰
Regional Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
AMG/AC
AMUZEE MARCHIN REGION
C.E.F.

B5/517/12.

26 December 1944.

SUBJECT : Mileage Records for WD Vehicles.

TO : Transportation Sub-Commission, (Roads), Hq. AC.

Reference your letter dated 15 December 1944, AC/TN/CRde

1. Consolidated mileage records are being maintained by all Truck Pools in this Region but there is no uniform system of breakdown as to mileage per individual truck.

2. Effective 1 January 1945 all Truck Pools will maintain complete mileage records with a uniform breakdown as to mileage operated per individual truck.

3. With the above breakdown, mileage can be divided between British and American trucks.

For the Regional Commissioner:



D.F. Richardson
D.F. RICHARDSON
Capt. Inf.
Regional Civil
Transport Officer.

Copy to: B5/517/12.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
INDUSTRY SUB-COMMISSION
MINING DIVISION

Tel.: 559

Ref: Mines-319,6

26 December 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Military Vehicles.

TO : AMHQ, G-5 Section
APO 512, U.S. Army.

1. It has come to the attention of the Mining Division, Industry Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, that Italian Military vehicles, now available in Sardinia are being sent to the Italian Mainland.
2. The Sardinian mines, producing minerals, such as Sulcis Coal, Talo, Antimony, Cassiterite, and paint pigments for the Armed Forces, require these trucks to transport these minerals since many of the mines are not located at a railhead. Additional trucks are also required by the Coal mines to haul supplies and transport mine labor from outlying districts.
3. It is suggested that a minimum of eight (8) Italian trucks and trailers be released to the Regional Mining Division, Sardinia Region, to assist the mining of important mineral products for the Armed Forces.

For the Chief Commissioner:

c/c - Economic Section (1)
Chief of Staff (1)
Float (1)
Files, Mining Div. (2)

W. S. VAUGHAN,
Director,
Industry Sub-Comm.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
EIGHTH ARMY

Subject: Transport - Provision of Ambulance Cars.

OA/5

24 Dec 44

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H.Q., Allied Commission,
A.F.O. 394.

1. Group Captain BENSON mentioned during his recent visit to ROME the fact that there was a possibility of obtaining discarded Army ambulance cars.
2. During his visit, however, D.D.M.S. Eighth Army together with D.D.S.T. interested themselves in the project, and have formed the following conclusions.
3. The provision of Class IV vehicles was not to be recommended as the mechanical maintenance of such vehicles could not be satisfactorily solved with the personnel likely to be available.
4. The need for the provision of Ambulance Cars was accepted in principle, and Army support will, therefore, be given to an application to have Ambulances allotted for A.M.G. use. These vehicles will, however, be Class I vehicles.
5. It was suggested that A.F.H.Q. should be approached with a view to increasing the War Establishment of one of the G.T. Companies, and D.D.M.S. asked for our views to support the claims for these vehicles to be allotted.
6. A copy of our letter to D.D.M.S. is enclosed for your information together with a copy of D.D.M.S. letter.
7. We will advise you what further steps are taken.

St. James
Staff Capt.
for Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
H.Q., A.M.G. EIGHTH ARMY.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
FIFTH ARMY

Subject: Ambulance Cars.

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23 Dec 44.

D.D.M.S.
Rear Ninth Army.

1. Reference your L 4224/134 of 20th December, 44.
2. The following considerations are submitted in support of the claim for Ambulance Cars to be available for A.M.G.
 3. The present situation in the forward areas is typical, and future requirements are likely to be similar. 1537 sick and wounded Italian civilians are receiving attention in civilian hospitals with a bed capacity of 50 or over, but many others are in smaller hospitals, dispensaries or being cared for by Army Medical Units.
 4. The policy adopted is to evacuate the forward hospitals and approximately 2700 wounded and sick are in the PERARO and ANCONA Provinces where civilian hospitals are established.
 5. It is found that large numbers of civilians are wounded during battles in addition to the normal sickness requiring attention. Civilian hospitals must be set up to obviate any call upon Military Hospitals, but the capacity of forward hospitals cannot deal with all such cases and evacuation is essential.
 6. To avoid aggravating any problem of displaced persons it is desirable that patients cured be returned to their homes. In many cases these have been evacuated away from that locality.
 7. The only Ambulance Cars and transport at present available are:
 - (a) Two Italian Red Cross civilian ambulances attached to 92nd Italian Army Field Hospital in PERARO, both in bad mechanical shape and frequently break up for repair.
 - (b) Army Ambulances as and when they can be spared.
 - (c) Whatever transport can be obtained to return cured civilians - usually lorries which, since they are going forward, can not easily be spared.

8. Dependent upon Army Ambulances has had to be the main resources and frequently patients in need of special care have to be transported for long distances by this means. As most casualties occur in the forward areas, the need to rely upon Army resources overrides the most urgent need of the Army to be unencumbered.

9. The provision of an Ambulance car platoon for A.M.G. use would

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9. The provision of an Ambulance car platoon for A.M.G. use would solve most of the above problems.

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 Group Captain,
 Officer Commanding,
 H.Q., A.M.G. FORCE ARMY.

Copy to: C (S.D.) Main Eighth Army.
 S.S. Rear Eighth Army.

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C O P Y

Subject: Ambulance Cars

REAR HQ EIGHTH ARMY, CMF.

R 4201/13 M

20 Dec 44.

SPHO, AMG, Eighth Army.

Copy: G (SD)
ST

1. G (SD) Eighth Army have agreed to release six ambulance cars to be held, surplus to establishment, by 1001 GT Coy.
2. These ambulance cars will be at the disposal of SPHO, AMG Eighth Army for transportation of Italian sick and wounded in the forward areas.
3. DDST Eighth Army has arranged that drivers will be found from personnel of 1001 GT Coy.
4. The release of these six ambulance cars is temporary only. It is hoped to obtain authority to add an ambulance car platoon to the War Establishment of 1001 GT Coy. Steps to do this will be taken by "S&T" Eighth Army on receipt of the details of proposed employment etc which you agreed to prepare (Lt-Col Ahern - Capt Ballew speaking). It will be appreciated if you can forward the details to this office for DDMS comments as early as possible.

dlw

(signed) ??? Lt-Col for
 Brigadier,
 D.D.M.S. EIGHTH ARMY.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.F.C. 394
Food Sub-Commission

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23 December, 1944

Tel: 478807

Ref: 74-11/105/POOD

SUBJECT: Gabbiani Ottorino

TO Public Safety, Southern Region

1. The following information has reached this Sub-Commission:
2. A truck-load of Citric Acid and Citrus fruit was despatched from Messina on the 15th of December, bound for Rome.
3. The truck, No. 29673 FI with trailer, No. 666 FI is travelling under contract drawn up by the Transport Control Officer, Regional Road Haulage, Sicily Region, under No. RPO 386 dated 2nd Dec., 1944 wherein it is clearly stated that the transport charges agreed upon are Lire. 24,160 plus 2% "Pollo Scambio".
4. The owner of the truck, GABBIANI Ottorino, a passenger on said truck, soon after leaving Messina, demanded a higher fee, viz., Lire 120,000 from CORBO Alfonso, consignee's agent travelling from Messina with the goods.
5. On arrival at CAVA DEI TIRRENI some 15 km south of Naples the owner refused to proceed further unless the higher fee were paid.
6. Can necessary steps please be taken to ensure the safe arrival of the said goods in Rome.
7. The bearer, Corbo Alfonso will indicate to you the whereabouts of the truck and owner.
8. Needless to say it is left to you to investigate the accuracy of the above information.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

H. J. Lester
W. J. LESTER, Colonel
Director Food Sub-Commission

Copy to: ~~Transportation S/C H.Q., A.C.~~
Public Safety S/C H.Q., A.C.
Transport Control Officer,
Regional Road Haulage Sicily Region.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

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Tel: 378

23 December '44.

AC/TN/R/1

SUBJECT: Release of Civilian Trucks by Army.

TO : A.F.M.Q. G - 5 (Att: Col. Butterworth)

In accordance with the 6th and 7th Indorsements of the attached correspondence, we now submit our request for the release of the trucks concerned.

They are urgently required for essential civilian supply services.

CHP
MERRITT H. TAYLOR
DIRECTOR

Copy to Economic Section.

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TRANSLATION

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CIVIL CENSORSHIP GROUP - ITALY -

RESTRICTED

PERUGIA -ROME

Ref: 543/7976

FROM : Neglia Lucia -Via S.Costanzo 4 - Perugia

TO : Neglia Amalia - Viale Luigi Razza 102 + Reggio Calabria.

Date : 20/12/44

Ordinary Mail

Language : Italian

Local informations : CCG, ACCO, Rome, Re-allocated to Mfo-Div-Ac.

Origin : Italian Censorship) I
Allied Censorship)

Adopted measures : forwarded 1.

REMARKSVATICAN VEHICLE USED FOR TRANSPORTATION

" they would like to return to Messina with a truck of the Vatican; we have agreed that I should have travelled with them, but now these priests do not want to give him the means because they need 200000 liras....."

Censor 5508.

Revisor Acco Perugia

Date 22-12-44.

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CIVIL CENSORSHIP GROUP ITALY

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UFFICIO DI CENSURA

LUOGO PERUGIA/ROMA me/

N. di prot. 543/7976

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NEGLIA Lucia Via S. Costanzo, 4 PERUGIA		NEGLIA Amelia Viale Luigi Ranza 102 REGGIO CALABRIA	
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		FOTOGRAFATA INVIATA CON COMMENTO	

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VATICANO VEHICLES USED FOR TRANSPORTATION.

AUTOCARRO DEL VATICANO ADIBITO A TRASPORTI.

"...ora vogliono rientrare a NESSINA per mezzo di un autocarro del VATICANO....; siamo rimasti d'accordo che io dovevo viaggiare con loro, ma ora questi preti non vogliono dargli il mezzo perchè ci vogliono 200.000 lire."

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CENSORE 5508

REVISORE ACCO, Perugia

Data d'esame 22.12.44

Avviso speciale

RISERVATA

ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO No 794 US Army

Q 131/3

TIP/lwt
19 December 1944

SUBJECT: 4 Wheel Drive Vehicles for Forward Units

TO : See Distribution

1. Owing to the very severe conditions now being experienced in the forward areas, it has become imperative that as many 4 wheel drive vehicles as possible are made available to operational units.

2. A number of 4 wheel drive vehicles are known to exist among Units in Base and L of C Areas which could be exchanged for the 4 x 2 vehicles held on the charge of operational formations.

3. Units will therefore report to this HQ not later than 31 Dec 44, the number of Class 1 vehicles held of the following types:

Cars 5-cwt 4 x 4
Cars 4-str 4 x 4
Ambulances 4 x 4
Trucks 8-cwt 4 x 4
Trucks 15-cwt 4 x 4
Lorries 3-ton 4 x 4.

NIL returns will be submitted.



ALBAN LOW
Brigadier
Deputy Commander

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- HQ CMDT
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APO 394

AC/121204/RS

Tel : 475300

19 Dec. 1944.

SUBJECT : CIRCULATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES
Vatican City State,
Sovereign Order of the Knights of Malta,
Republic of San Marino.

TO : Regional Commissioners - All Regions,
S.C.A.C.'s, Fifth and Tenth Armies.

1. Special "Certificates of Registration" have been issued covering the use of vehicles registered by the Vatican City State, the Sovereign Order of the Knights of Malta and the Republic of San Marino.

2. The Certificates will be carried on the windscreen of the vehicles to which they refer. No other permits are required.

3. The Certificates bear the distinctive colours of the Vatican (yellow and white), the Knights of Malta (red and white) and the Republic of San Marino (blue and white), and are issued by this Headquarters in the case of those motor vehicles registered by the Vatican and the Knights of Malta, and by the Regional Commissioner, Emilia Region, in the case of those vehicles registered by the Republic of San Marino.

4. The vehicle referred to carry special identification plates with a number and the letters indicated below :-

Vatican	SVT.....
Knights of Malta	MMO.....
San Marino	SSM.....

These vehicles may only circulate outside their sovereign territory if they carry "Certificates of Registration" covering their use.

5. A Licenza di Circolazione is issued by the Registration authority in respect of each vehicle. The Licence must be carried on the vehicle, and must be produced for examination on demand.

6. The drivers and passengers of these vehicles must be in possession of requisite "Movement of Civilians" passes.

7. Motor vehicles which carry Italian State identification plates, e.g. 7654 Roma, 3201 MI, and used by the authorities mentioned in paragraph 1 will carry standard motor vehicle circulating permits, and will not carry the special "Certificates of Registration".

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7. Motor vehicles which carry Italian State identification plates, e.g. 7624 Rome, 3201 NA, and used by the authorities mentioned in paragraph 1 will carry standard motor vehicles circulating permits, and will not carry the special "Certificates of Registration".

8. All Vatican SVV vehicles have recently been "revised", and the date to which they are authorized to circulate is indicated on the last page of the License di Circolazione - (see paragraph 5), thus, "Valida Fino al". The signature of the Governor of the Vatican City State and the Vatican Seal are also shown.

9. Many vehicles with Italian State identification marks are reported to be carrying practical "stickers" and numbers instead of regular permits. The carrying of these banners has been prohibited by the Vatican; the use of these vehicles is not authorized.

16. Certificates and permits have been issued in respect of all vehicles authorized to be used in the service of the Vatican City State, and any others claiming to be authorized should be eliminated.

17. It is said that there are considerable numbers of vehicles purporting to belong to one or other of the above organizations which are not properly licensed, or are obtaining irregular supplies of petroleum. It is requested that a special police drive be arranged to eliminate them.

18. The users of motor vehicles registered with the Republic of San Marino should be issued with petrol coupons and rations in the same way and on the same scale as any other Italian individual or organization. The Vatican or Sovereign Order of the Knights of Malta must in no circumstances be given additional supplies of petrol as arrangements have already been made for them, including facilities for refueling their vehicles when travelling away from home.

By Command of Rear Admiral SPAN,

G.S. PARKINSON Esq. CBE
WVE, CA Sec.
A/COSS, M.C.

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Italian Government Repatriation
Agency (Ministry of Interior)
Commanding General CC.RR.
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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Ref. T-13

19 December 1944

SUBJECT: De-requisitioning of Italian Trucks for Cosenza Province

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394
(Attn: Transportation Sub-Commission)

1. Reference is made to your AG/TN/R/26 dated 30 Nov 44.
2. This matter has been discussed with the appropriate AFHQ authority and we are advised that the trucks in question are essential for the haulage of military timber and cannot at this time be released for other work.
3. It is understood that a considerable number of civil vehicles are available in SICILY, the operation of which is dependent upon the tyres and tubes which are being sent.
4. In order to overcome the problems in COSENZA due to the lack of road transport, it is suggested that the temporary transfer of vehicles be made from SICILY.

For the Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

G. S. Franklin
G. S. FRANKLIN
Lt. Colonel, R.C.A.S.C.
Economics & Supply Div.

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22 September 1944

Azienda Tramvie E Autobus
Del Comune Di Roma

Materiale Mobile
Sezione Trazione

Major Harris
Chief Motor Transportation
Division
Roma

We have been informed by the Comune of Popoli that a bus of our property- Roma 74668- exercise N° 1593, plundered by the Germans, had been abandoned in that town, afterwards this Concern has tempted to recover it with its own staff and means the September 4- 1944.

Our delegate on his arrival has not found the vehicle at the signalized place and after informations taken from the Carabinieri Reali and the Sindaco of Popoli, he knew the bus has been transported to Pescara by the Firm Forlini toward August 15, afterwards authorization of the Comune of Pescara, to be used in passenger transport service-Popoli Pescara and viceversa.

Our above -mentioned delegate has gone to Pescara to take back the vehicle from the Firm Forlini, where he was begged to ask for an authorization of the Allied Command for its recovery. It has been notified however, by that Command, that the vehicle would be temporary requisitioned for the public service after the revision.

The above - mentioned bus is urgently needed by this Concern for public services in Rome, especially for the Allied Forces.-

This Concern will duly pay the eventual expenses that the Firm Forlini may have done for exchange pieces or reparations although the reparation has not been previously authorized.+

Awaiting for a kind answer by this Command we remain.

Yours Truly
The Director

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

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AC/TW/GHOS

Tel: 220

15 Dec. '44

SUBJECT: Depreciation Charges on U.S.
Vehicles Leased to Truck PoolsTO : All Regional Transportation Officers
All Regional Finance Officers

1. In the event of existing AC/AG Truck Pools or those formed in the future being turned over to Italian companies, it will be necessary to raise a depreciation charge against such pools for the hire of U.S. vehicles. This charge will be credited to the U. S. and British Governments and will be based on the mileage covered.
2. You should therefore see that mileage records are maintained in such a manner that the mileage covered by American and British trucks can be separately determined. If this is not possible without considerable labor in respect to past mileage, it will not be necessary for you to estimate it and any charge against the Italian Government will be based on the proportion of British and American trucks employed.
3. Please inform this office whether
 - a) adequate mileage records are being maintained by all pools using U.S. trucks, and
 - b) whether such mileage can be split between British and American vehicles.
4. Until further notice, depreciation charges for U.S. vehicles will be levied, and paid in cash, against such truck pools as are owned by private Italian companies. It will be unnecessary to obtain payment of such charges from AC/AG owned pools whose profits are considered as accruing to AC.

HENRY H. TAYLOR,
Director.

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copy to:
Chief Accountant,
Finance Sub-Commission.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO UMBRIA REGION
APO 394

15 December 1944

MT/2642/20

TO : Transportation Sub-Commission

SUBJECT : Truck pools at Terni and Rieti

REF. : AC/TN/R/1

1. The provincial truck pool at Rieti has been set up and is functioning to a limited extent. Since December 5th, some 70 trucks have been registered with the pool and are being dispatched by them. Efforts are now being directed to the formation of the sub pools thru out the province in the various communes that need transportation. Police supervision is satisfactory and the general operation of the pool meets with the approval of the provincial commissioner.

2. At Terni all preliminary operations have been completed for some time such as obtaining office and garage space, preparing the Prefect's Decree, setting up the pool and printing the forms to be used. However, a strong local clique of truck owners and shippers have consistently been able to place obstacles in the path of our efforts in this locality. Among other things they have warned off proposed pool directors as fast as we have been able to produce them. We have now sent a non-commissioned officer and a director from another locality to take over and anticipate but little additional trouble here.

3. In both provinces there is one outstanding factor that has blocked progress and that is the inability to obtain funds for the initial month or so of operation. During that period there are salaries to be paid, printing bills, garage and office rent and a host of other minor bills that have to be met pending the receipt of the pool's own revenues. The necessary advance is merely a loan in order to start operation. At Rieti the position is very acute inasmuch as the director and a staff of four have

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been working since Oct. 25 without pay which is an unusual display of civic spirit.

M. Harris
M. HARRIS
Major C.E.
Chief of Division

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HQ, AMG, LAZIO-UMBRIA REGION, APO 394, 22 December 1944.

TO: Transportation Sub-Commission,
Headquarters, Allied Commission

1. Forwarded.

John D. Ames
JOHN D. AMES
Lt Colonel,
Acting Regional Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

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Dec. 15, 1944

AC/TM/R/1

SUBJECT : Road Transport.

TO : Priorities & Movements Division.
(Att: Major Richardson)

1. Reference your 15.17/ES dated 8 Dec. 44
para 2.

2. Please inform this section if there is any
objection to the Sulphur being conveyed by night.

3. The demands made upon the trucks allocated
to Southern Region are very great and unless there is
some serious objection to movement by night it is con-
sidered by this Section that such movement is the only
feasible solution.

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MERRIT H. TAYLOR
Director.

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APO 394
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15 December '44.

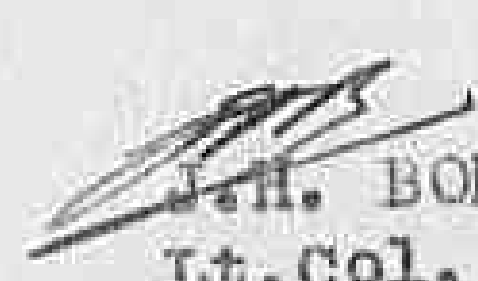
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AC/TN/R/1

SUBJECT: Monthly Shipping Report.

TO : Director Transportation Sub-Commission.

1. Reference para 4 of Monthly Shipping Report for Sardinia.
2. I have contacted MMIA and on the 12th Nov 1944 they issued instructions (Reference AQ/5) to the effect that 100 vehicles would be transferred to the appropriate civilian authorities.
3. It would appear that the whole trouble is lack of liaison between Col. Simmons, the MMIA Liaison Officer in Sardinia, and the Regional Commissioner.
4. We have sent a signal to Sardinia asking why the MMIA instructions have not been implemented.


J.H. BORDASS
Lt. Col. R.A.S.C.
Tptn. Sub-Comm.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

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Ref. AC/TN/R/32

12 December 1944

SUBJECT: Salvage Motor Vehicles (American)

TO : AFHQ, G-5
(Attn: Col. Butterworth)

1. Reference our letter of even reference dated 2 September 1944.

2. It is believed that there are several thousand of the above type of vehicles in this theatre which are unrepairable for military use, but which might be made serviceable for essential civilian purposes.

3. It is also believed that it would be uneconomical to return these vehicles to the United States for rebuilding.

4. It is submitted that these vehicles could be repaired in this theatre by the utilization of Italian civilian labor in civilian workshops and garages, provided that necessary spare parts were forthcoming from military sources.

5. It is requested that a first instalment of five hundred of these vehicles be released to AC at the earliest possible moment. It is proposed to rebuild these vehicles in the Rome area.

6. Should it ultimately be decided that economic transport at present operated by AC be sold to the Italian Government, the above mentioned vehicles will be included in the sale.

MERRITT H. TAYLOR,
Director.

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INTER OFFICE MEMO
OFFICE OF G-4 (B)

Ext: 436

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12 December 1944

G-4/101/14.

SUBJECT : Transfer of W.D. Vehicle.
TO : Public Health Sub-Commission.

1. Reference your 40/5003/7/PI of 11 December 1944 enclosed is A.F. G.1033 for transfer of this vehicle to Transportation Sub-Commission.
2. The top copy should be signed on behalf of your Sub-Commission and second copy by Transportation Sub-Commission as a receipt. The third copy signed by both parties will be returned to this office.
3. Vehicle and equipment should be checked on handover and A.B.412 signed by the person checking tools and equipment.

Donald H. Haslam Capt

S. W. MILLER
Lieut. Col.
G-4 (B).

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Copy to : Transportation Sub-Commission.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

11 December 1944

Ref. T-11

SUBJECT: Trucks for Northern Italy

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

Reference our T-11 of 5 Dec.

1. Attached is a copy of CAL 1021
2. It will be noted that the availability of these 128 trucks completes the consignment of 1,700 trucks approved by the CCAC.
3. We are requesting that these vehicles be called forward to Mite in the first convoy in April, and that Penbase be asked to assemble them (reference AFHQ signal FX 62963 of 4 Dec, repeated to A.C.).

For the Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

R.V. Grady
R.V. GRADY
Captain, T.C.
Econ & Supply Div.

Incl: CAL 1021

12 DEC 1944

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION.
APO 394.
Br. Motor Pool.

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SUBJECT :- Vehicle Transfer.

TO :- Transport Officer,
Transportation Sub Commission.

B.S.A. Motor-cycle C.4861633.

Attached APC 1033 for the a/m vehicle recieved in this pool, for necessary action please.

8 Dec 44.

E. Hoyle Capt. dno.
E. Hoyle Capt, D.W.R.
MTO. Br. Motor Pool.
HQ, Allied Commission *U.S.*

IF USED BY ORDNANCE OFFICERS AS AN ISSUE VOUCHER, TONNAGE TO BE ENTERED ON REVERSE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

Dec. 8, 1944

AC/TN/R/1

SUBJECT : Trucks for A.C. ex United States.

TO : AFHQ G-5 (Att:Capt.Grady)

1. Reference your letter T-11 dated 1 Dec. 44.
2. This H.Q. has no record of your letter T-11, dated 22 Nov. 44.

3. We have, however, a letter, no reference, dated 22 Nov. which, in Para. 4 requests this office to submit a phased program covering delivery etc.

4. To this letter we replied, in our AC/TN/R/20 dated 29 Nov. requesting permission to contact PBS Ordnance, Leghorn, direct, in order to find out what be needed from A.C. in the way of labour or anything else in connection with the assembly of these trucks. To date, no reply has been received.

5. A.C. has no facilities for the assembly of these vehicles, and it is believed that they will be assembled and turned over to A.C. by PBS Ordnance.

MERRIT H. TAYLOR,
Director Transportation
Sub-Commission.

Copy to Economic Section

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

Dec. 8, 1944

AO/TW/E/1

SUBJECT : Trucks

TO : G-5 AFHQ (Att: Col. Butterworth)

1. Reference your letter no reference, dated the 2nd Dec. 44, Para 1 and 2 are noted. With reference to Para 3, A.C. are submitting to A.F.H.Q. a request for the provision of the necessary personnel to form 8 more G-T Coys and 16 additional Q.M. Truck Coys (Italian).

2. It is considered that these Coys will be essential for efficient working of Areas North of the Pisa Rimini Line.

3. With regard to Maintenance and Tools, to date none have yet been made available by the Services for the use of A.C. and the Italian Government.

4. Requisitions for Tools, Maintenance and Equipment for the Rome and Naples Areas have been submitted to your Headquarters under cover AO-ORD-49-45 dated 27/11/44.

5. Surveys are still being made by the two Ordnance Officers lent by you to us and requisitions will be submitted in due course on their recommendations, but it is considered that at least another month will have to elapse before a comprehensive survey can be completed.

MERRILL H. TAYLOR,
Director Transportation
Sub-Commission.

Copy to Economic Section

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

2 December 1944

SUBJECT: Trucks

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394
(Attn: Economic Section)

1. G-4 AFHQ has advised this Section that the 1500 trucks notified as being available are being called forward to arrive in the months of February and March, subject to availability of shipping.

2. This will mean that at the best 250 trucks will be spread-loaded over each convoy for six successive convoys. These trucks must be assembled and cleared at the rate of 250 trucks each ten-day period.

3. This is a reminder that A.C. will have to provide the necessary trained drivers. It should also be prepared with the other bodies necessary for complete maintenance of these vehicles. In this connection, have heavy maintenance tools been made available by the Services for the use of A.C. and the Italian Government in connection with maintaining all civilian vehicles? Ordnance has had officers with you now for at least two months to advise on the maintenance equipment needed by you, and it is presumed that you have asked for and received this equipment. If this is not the case, let us know what we can do to help you expedite the turn-over.

For the Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

J. E. Butterworth
J. E. BUTTERWORTH
Colonel, G.S.C.
Chief, Economics & Supply Division

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4 Dec
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO UMBRIA REGION
APO 394

7 December 1944

LAZ/BrD/11

SUBJECT : Accounting M.D. Vehicles.

TO : Regional Commissioner,
Southern Region.

1. A.Fe. G.1033 in respect of the following British M.D. vehicles transferred to this Region have been received:-

L.4678085
L.4677907
L.4678368

2. Will you please forward A.Fe. G.1033 for the remaining vehicles transferred as enumerated hereunder:-

L.4677771
L.4677798
L.4678054
L.4677984
L.4678356
L.4676219
L.4880227
L.5646552
L.5392887

W. H. A. G. P.

Captain R.A.
Officer Commanding,
British Detachment.

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MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
Cabinet

Rome 5th December 1944

Ref ; 14040/5700

TO : Allied Commission
Interior Sub-Commission
Rome

SUBJECT: Rieti - Transports

The Prefect of Rieti has pointed out to this Ministry the peculiar transport situation of that province, where transports were especially based upon trucks owing its mountains.

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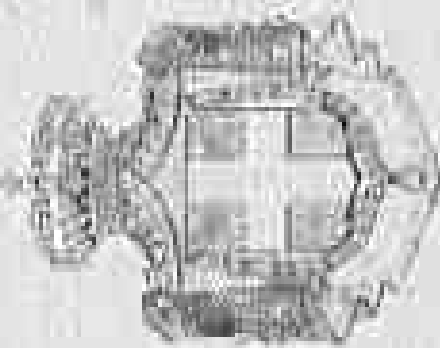
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Roma, 5 Dicembre 1944

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 ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
 Sottocommissione Interni

ROMA



Ministero dell'Interno

GABINETTO DEL MINISTRO

Prot. N. 14640/5786 Allegato

OGGETTO : RIETI- Trasporti-

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Speciale preoccupazione suscita il problema del rifornimento del grano. Infatti dagli Alleati si è disposta l'esportazione dalla provincia di grande quantità di grano per essere usato come seme.

In sostituzione, onde provvedere alle necessità dell'alimentazione, è stato assegnato grano delle province di Perugia ed Ascoli Piceno, che non è però possibile trasportare per mancanza di automezzi. Col pericolo inoltre che, progredendo la stagione invernale, i passi montani si rendano intransitabili e la provincia rimanga senza più possibilità di rifornimento.

Si prega codesta Commissione di voler portare la propria attenzione sul problema sopra esposto.

Il prefetto ha fatto per ogni lettera un abbozzo di risposta e inoltre nelle risposte
 di cui si parla nella lettera del 5 dicembre 1944.

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Si ringrazia e si prega di voler favorire notizie in proposito.

IL MINISTRO

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G-5 Section
APO 512

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Ref. T-11

5 December 1944

SUBJECT: Trucks.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

In confirmation of our letter T-11 dated 2 December and further to our letter T-11 of 1 December we inclose for your information the formal call-forward of 1,500 vehicles for the Allied Commission.

For the Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

R. V. Grady
R. V. GRADY,
Captain, TC,
Economics & Supply.

Incl:

Signal FX 62964 of 4 Dec.

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TO FOR ACTION: PEMBARK

FOR INFO : PENBASE

REF NO : FX 62964

SIGNED : MCNARNEY CITE: NAORD



Truck, 11/2-ton 4 x 2 cargo (commercial) with bodies for AC each 1500 desired shipped to MILT marked ALOL-ORD-IV-TOG-SHP-HH315 at rate of 250 per convoy starting with UGS 66. 16125 ship tons is total or 2687.5 ship tons per convoy. For above shipment, CAL 954 is the authority.

Reference 72 like trucks without bodies scheduled for UGS 62 in CAL 825 confirmation of acceptance is hereby given.

ORIGINATOR: ORD

AUTH: G O STOVALL WOJC

INFO: G-4
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TO FOR ACTION: PENBASE
 FOR INFO : PENSOUTH, ALCOM
 REF NO : FX 62963
 SIGNED : CG MTOUSA CITE: NAORD

Arriving on UGS-62 are 72 each truck, 11/2-ton 4 x 2 cargo (commercial) w/o bodies for ACC. ACC facilities are inadequate to handle the assembly of these trucks and an additional 1500 trucks which will be called forward from the US at rate of 250 per convoy beginning with first convoy in February. It is desired that PENBASE assemble these vehicles for the ACC without interference to assembly operations to US Army requirements, and PENBASE is authorized to call on ACC for necessary assistance. Vehicles will be unloaded at ALOL. This confirms telephone conversation Lieutenant Colonel PRATT, Ordnance this Headquarters to Colonel HOGAN, Ordnance PENBASE 1 December, current year.

ORIGINATOR: ORD

AUTH: G O STOVALL, WOJG

INFO: G-4
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
CAMPOBASSO

December 2nd, 1944

TO : Regional Transport Officer, A.C.C. Rome City
FROM : Capt. J.O. Dodds, A.C. Campobasso Province

The attached table of movement of Rome trucks in the Province may be of interest to you.
I regret I have no record on their loads but in future will include the details if you would like for the reports.
The information is secured from Carabinieri road-blocks.

Facts are R/H

Copy to :
Black Market Control Section
A.C. HQ. Rome.

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J.O. Dodds, Capt.
CTO, A.C. Campobasso Province

TABLE OF MOVEMENT OF R O M E TRUCKSCC.RR. CHECK-POST - ISERNIANovember 14th - 20th

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Autocarro	Rome 73488	from	Cerignola	to	Rome
Autocarro	Rome 73486	"	Isernia	"	Campobasso
Autocarro	Rome 35486	"	Boiano	"	Roma
Autocarro	Rome 33008	"	Trivento	"	Rome
Autocarro	Rome 32981	"	Forli del S.	"	Campobasso
Autocarro	Rome 81843	"	Casalbordino	"	Rome
Autocarro	Rome 65023	"	Colleferro	"	Pesche
Autocarro	Rome 7286	"	Isernia	"	Boiano
Autocarro	Rome 3073	"	Carpinone	"	Rome
Autocarro	Rome 64131	"	Velletri	"	Campobasso
Autocarro	Rome 83477	"	Rome	"	Agnone
Autocarro	Rome 82887	"	Barletta	"	Rome
Autocarro	Rome 58583	"	Rome	"	Brindisi
Autocarro	Rome 62328	"	Rome	"	Cisternino
Autotreno	Rome 55091	"	Campobasso	"	Castel di S.
Autocarro	Rome 35498	"	Rome	"	Miranda

CC.RR. CHECK-POST - TERMOLINovember 14th - 22nd.

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CC.RR. CHECK-POST - MONTENERO DI BISACCIANovember 16th - 18th.

(None

ALLIED COMMISSION
SICILIA REGION HEADQUARTERS
APC 394.

In reply
refer to : RTO 386

Subject : Truck 29673 FI and trailer 666 FI to be transferred to
Rome.

To : Public Safety Allied Commission Sicilie Region.

2 December 1944

1. This is an agreement between Fratelli Micelli (Exporters) di Messina, Piazza Duomo, and Gabbiato Ottorino fu Palmiro, Florence, Via Fra Bartolomeo No. 17, proprietor of truck Fiat 634 targato 29673 FI with trailer 666 FI.
2. Mr. Ottorino agrees to haul " Acido Citrico in fusti or containers" and grummi totaling up to (50) fifty quintali for said Fratelli Micelli from Messina to Rome on this trip.
3. Tariff charges to shipper are to be 24.160 liras plus 2% " Bollo scambio "; shipper is responsible for insurance if declared inflammable by competent Italian Authorities Messina, and is to load unload goods. Tariff charges are same as I.N.T. tariff applied for similar haul.
4. Truck 29673 FI with trailer 666 FI is to be refused transfer or passage into mainland if this contract is not honored. Fratelli Micelli may appeal to Italian Courts for Prosecution of same if contracted is violated as agreed to before this Allied Officer in Palermo.

5. This truck and trailer request to be transferred to Florence. However, this zone is believed to be operational; therefore this office has no objections in permitting same to reach Rome Transporta-tion Officer AO, for further instruction with the possibility of permitting them to proceed to requested destination.

6. Documents have been examined, and appear to be legal valid and authentic.

7. Request is made that goods to be carried, quantity etc., be carefully examined to avoid contraband or " Black Market" haulages.

For the Regional Commissioner: *RM Salvatore*

I.M. CALVANESE

Captain, O.M.O. 1018

Messina, Piazza Duomo, and Gabbiano Ottorino fu Palmire, Florence, Via Fra Bartolomeo No. 17, proprietor of truck Fiat 614 targets 29673 FI with trailer 666 FI.

2. Mr. Ottorino agrees to haul "Acido Citrico in fasti or containers" and agrumi totaling up to (50) fifty quintali for said Fratelli Micelli from Messina to Rome on this trip.

3. Tariff charges to shipper are to be 24.160 liras plus 2% "Bollo scambio"; shipper is responsible for insurance if declared inflammable by competent Italian authorities Messina; and is to load unload goods. Tariff charges are same as I.N.I. tariff applied for similar haul.

4. Truck 29673 FI with trailer 666 FI is to be refused transfer or passage into mainland if this contract is not honored. Fratelli Micelli may appeal to Italian Courts for Prosecution of same if contracted is violated as agreed to before this Allied Officer in Palermo.

5. This truck and trailer request to be transferred to Florence. However, this zone is believed to be operational; therefore this office has no objections in permitting same to reach Rome Transportation Officer 40, for further instruction with the possibility of permitting them to proceed to requested destination.

6. Documents have been examined, and appear to be legal valid and authentic.

7. Request is made that goods to be carried, quantity etc., be carefully examined to avoid contraband or "Black Market" haulages.

For the Regional Commissioner:

I.M. CALVANESE

Captain, O.M.C. 1016

Regional Road Haulage

Transport Control Officer

For Fratelli Micelli Exporters Messina:

For truck owner:

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1. Headquarters Allied Commission Transportation Sub-Commission.
2. Lazio Region Allied Commission, Transportation Officer thru Headquarters Allied Commission.
3. Gabbiani Ottorino.
4. Fratelli Miele Exporters Messina.

FOR THE HEADQUARTERS TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION
 CERTIFICATE SUBMITTED TO THE TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION
 1. MESSAGE TO THE HEADQUARTERS TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

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ALLIED COMMISSION
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2 December 1944

In reply

refer to : H20 306

Subject : Trucks and trailers to be transferred to Rome :

(29398 FI ~~XXXXXX~~)
(15900 PI)
(8722 LI)
(8255 MI and trailer H57 LI)
(8245 MI)

To : Public Safety Allied Commission Sicilian Region

1. These trucks and trailers request to be transferred to Florence and Rome respectively. However, these vehicles are believed to be operational; therefore this office has no objections in permitting same to remain. Some Transportation Officer is, for further instruction with the possibility of permitting them to proceed to requested destination.

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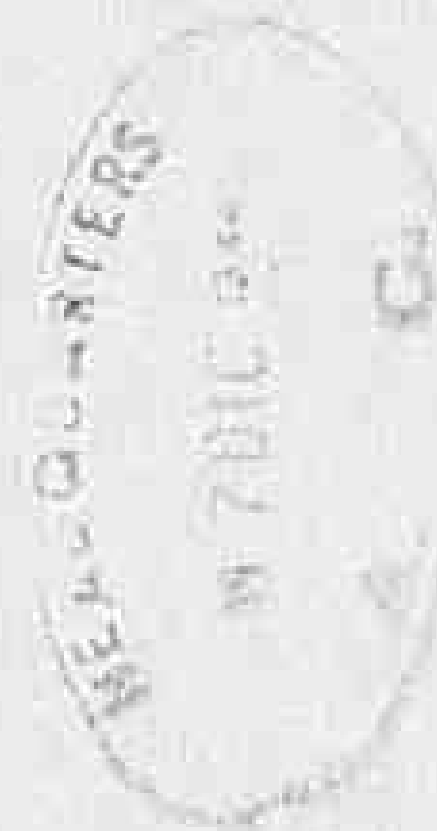
For the Regional Commissioner :

L. M. CALVANESE
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Regional Road Haulage
Transport Control Officer

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Headquarters Allied Commission Transportation Sub-Commission
Lazio Region Allied Commission, Transportation Officer
this Headquarters Allied Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO UMBRIA REGION
APO 394
MOTOR TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

MP/ 2481/12

2 December 1944

TO : Transportation Sub-Commission

SUBJECT : Group Activities at U.T.R.

Ref. : N° 16 Nov. 1944

1. Enclosed is a report from Dr. Tanfani of the Ufficio Trasporti di Roma concerning the activities of the "groups" engaged in the transportation business in Rome. We are fully aware that these groups are nothing more or less than a racket that has grown up here but as long as they operate outside the premises of the U.T.R., there seems to be little that we can do about it legally. Their activities are similar to the unions in the States and no doubt there are many persons who object to the amounts of money that have been collected by our unions.

2. In order to allow the individual owner to have the same rights and receive the same consideration at the hands of U.T.R. that the larger firms and the members of the "groups" receive, we have insisted that U.T.R. operate on the principle of "first in first out" and that all group chiefs be ejected from the premises of U.T.R. This operation has been finally achieved, not without considerable opposition. In order to allow certain bookkeeping functions to continue that are quite necessary for the operations of the large firms and groups, we have allowed not to exceed two employees of the groups to occupy office space in the dispatch stations, provided that they do the necessary work for all groups and are paid by them. This overcame a serious objection in the operating procedure of U.T.R., but under no circumstance must these employee be permitted to handle any of the trip tickets.

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3. Insofar as Bonamico is concerned, the enclosed letter was received by this office several days ago. It is self-explanatory and was not solicited by either this office or by the Ufficio Trasporti di Roma. There are growing indications that other groups are about to break up.



M. HARRIS
Major C.E.
Chief of Division

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Ref : No 7439

11th November 1944

SUBJECT : Tariffs for transport of potatoes

TO : Italian league of agricultural "Consorti"
wholesale service of agricultural productsfor attn. Transportation and assurance office
Rome

Reference our letter No 6218/6297 of the 7th November
on same subject.

The Allied Command, with a note of the 8th November and signed by Col. Poletti, has informed us, that until the publication of new tariffs, which were studied by the competent Italian authorities, we should apply, for all transports operated under the supervision of this office, those tariffs fixed by the A.M.G. and applied by our office.

While we point you out that the above mentioned tariffs have an incidence of 60 centimes per ql.Km. for vehicles with a loading capacity superior to 20 qls, and of 80 centimes per ql.Km. for vehicles with a loading capacity inferior to 20 qls. Said tariffs are calculated on the nominal loading capacity of the vehicle for a minimum daily mileage of 100 Kms. The cost of fuel and lubricant are on your behalf, besides the 3% for the transportation office and the various fiscal taxes.

It is up to you to decide the adoption of the above mentioned tariff or of the forfeit, which has been agreed in our office on the 27th October and is reported in your relation.

While we give you a complete freedom on that question we think convenient to remember you that owing to the present circumstances, to the conditions of the roads as well as that of the vehicles, to the difficulties you are meeting in the loading and unloading operations, in centralising the potatoes from the places of production to the grouping centers, etc. we suggest that the adoption of a forfeit tariff will be better if we consider its lower incidence on the prize of the product. This solution better utilization of the vehicles because the

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It is agreed that until it will not be adopted the above mentioned forfeit a transferment indemnity of 250 liras per day will be paid to the drivers in addition to the present tariff.

The Director

(sgd. Dr. Luigi Tanfani)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512



1 December 1944

Ref. T-11

SUBJECT: Trucks for A.C. ex the United States.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

Reference our letter T-11 dated 22 November.

1. The following further information has been received from CCAC:

"The 1500 trucks referred to in LAC 830 have bodies, tarpaulins and drivers maintenance kits. We are not able to advise whether or not spare tires will be provided, as some of the vehicles may have been outfitted and boxed before the directive issued by Headquarters Army Service in October limiting occasions under which vehicles can be shipped with spare tires.

The safe load rating as stated by the manufacturer is 3,150 pounds under normal operation, and the manufacturer will not commit himself to safe load figure under severe operating conditions. War Department Circular 212 authorizes 100% overload for this type vehicle when operating under favorable conditions on smooth hard surface roads. The Circular further states that, on rough or unimproved roads, or in off-road hauling, loading limitations must be adhered to.

The tire size is 750 x 20, 8 ply regular for front and rear."

2. We are still awaiting a reply to our a/q letter, relative to the desired destination of these vehicles.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

R. V. Grady
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