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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

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INTER OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Tele : 478704

7 September 1945

84/47/Tn.3.

SUBJECT : Transport for Displaced Persons

TO : Roads Division

1. Reference your AC/24/60/Tn.5., dated 5 Sept. '45 to Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.
2. The decision by Lombardia Region to use local transport rather than the transport allocated to Displaced Persons Sub-Commission under the terms of the Verona Conference on 11 July '45, is not appreciated by this Branch.
3. It is agreed that Lombardia Region, being on the spot, are more familiar with local conditions and requirements than this Branch, but it is felt that an explanation for this reversal of policy without prior reference to, or consent of this HQ. should be furnished.
4. It is assumed that the term "local transport" refers to various types of civilian vehicles which have been hired through Ufficio Autotrasporti, and it would seem that the employment of such vehicles, instead of vehicles in an organised Truck Pool definitely allocated for the movement of Displaced Persons is not altogether satisfactory.

For Chief, Movements Division

C. R. Worthington
for C.R. WORTHINGTON;
Major, R.E.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION
Roads Division

057/ep

8 September 1945.

Ref: AC/24/60/Tn5

SUBJECT: Transport for Displaced Persons.

TO : Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.

1. Reference is made to letter AC/24/51/Tn5 dated 13 August 1945.

2. We have been advised by Lombardic Region that they propose to use local transport at the locations of the Displaced Persons Centres rather than sending trucks long distances. They have pointed out that to take trucks and drivers from the Ministry Pools for long periods is difficult because of poor living conditions and the high costs of food, and furthermore, there will be considerable lack of control and maintenance on the vehicles.

For the Director:

GORDON S. FRANKLIN
Assistant to the Chief,
Roads Division.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOMBARDIA REGION
TRANSPORTATION DIVISION
APO 394

TN/I60/302

Milan, 24th. August 1945

SUBJECT : Transport for Displaced Persons

TO : Transportation Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission A.P.O. 394
(Att. Mr. Gross)

I. We are in receipt of your letter AC/24/5I/Tn.5 on distribution of trucks to Displaced Persons Centers. We are prepared to send trucks as needed to Como but at Varese we propose to use locally owned vehicles for the reason that it is not practical to allow vehicles to be away from their parent organization when local trucks are available and can be hired at the same price as the former Alcom trucks now under the control of the Italian Government.

2. You also request that we supply a small number of trucks to Novara and Domodossola under the same plan. We suggest that trucks be hired locally the same as we plan to do at Varese. I am sure the Displaced Persons there on the ground will find it much more satisfactory from every stand point. To take trucks and drivers of the Ministry pool away from their homes here and expect them to stay away for long periods is difficult because of the poor living conditions, high cost of foods as well as the lack of control and maintenance on the vehicles.

3. Would you notify the interested persons of our views and get the directive changed.

FOR THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER

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James J. Fitzgerald

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

GF/ep

22 August 1945.

Ref: AC/24/53/Tn5

SUBJECT: Domestic Transport - D.P.R.S.C. Control Camps
and Assembly Centres.

TO : D.P. & R.S.C.

1. Reference your memo DPR/1/Q dated 30 August 1945.

2. It is not intended that the arrangements made in our AC/24/51/Tn5 dated 13 August 1945, for the provision of trucks from civilian Truck Pools should be only a temporary measure. There is no reason why trucks should not continue to be provided by the Italian Government until the movement of displaced persons is completed. As the very large majority of such people are Italian nationals, it is felt that the Government should provide the transport from their Truck Pools.

3. As this Sub-Commission has ^{NOT} previously been concerned in negotiations with A.F.H.Q. regarding the provision of personnel and transport for your Assembly Centres and Control Camps, it is considered that D.P. & R. S/C should apply to A.F.H.Q. for an allotment of 156 trucks for the standard units obtained from U.S. Army sources.

We have made the best arrangements possible to provide the necessary transport. If you feel that they are not satisfactory as a permanent solution in view of the future withdrawal of A.M.G. from the North, the approach to A.F.H.Q. for an allotment of trucks is purely a matter for D.P. & R. S/C.

For the Director:


G. FERNYHOUGH
Lt. Colonel, R.A.

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cc:  Economic Section
Tn1 and Tn3

KCB/cp

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB-COMMISSION

DPR/1/Q

Tel. 489081 Ext. 414

20 August 1945

SUBJECT : Domestic Transport - D.P.R.S.C. Control Camps
and Assembly Centres.

TO : Transportation Sub-Commission, A.C., ✓
Attn: Lt. Col. Fernyhough.

1. The original number of D.P. Control and Assembly Centre Units required for the task of this Sub-Commission in the Northern Regions was 22 Assembly Centres and 20 Control Camps. AFHQ allotted to the A.C. for use of D.P.R.S.C. 11 Assembly Centres and 10 Control Camps - all British standard Units complete with transport and personnel.

2. The remaining 11 Assembly Centres and 10 Control Camps, to come from U.S. Army sources, were eventually provided by 5th Army complete as far as personnel but deficient of transport.

3. At the Verona Transportation Conference on 11 July 5th Army allotted 156 trucks from Alcom (Q.M.) Coys as the basic domestic transport.

4. The disbandment of the Alcom (Q.M.) Coys has resulted in this basic domestic transport being withdrawn and as a temporary measure you have allocated civilian trucks in the Regions to cover this commitment. Your AC/24/51/Tn.5 of 13 August 1945 refers.

5. In order to regularise the situation it is requested that you recommend to AFHQ that an allotment of 156 trucks be made to A.C. in order to complete the establishment of the 11 Assembly Centres and 10 Control Camps formed by 5th Army for the use of this Sub-Commission.

The allocation of the 156 trucks is as per para 2 of your letter AC/24/51/Tn.5 of 13 August 1945. 5033

For the Director:

C.F. Fothergill
C.F. FOTHERGILL
Lt. Colonel
Deputy Director.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB-COMMISSION

DPE/l/q

Tel. 489081 Ext. 392

11 August 1945

SUBJECT : Basic Transport for Displaced Persons Control and Assembly Centres.

TO : Transportation Roads Division,
Attn: Lt. Col. Fernyhough.

1. Reference conversation 11 August 1945 between Lt. Col. Fernyhough and Lt. Col. Fothergill.

2. The basic transport required for maintenance of Displaced Persons Control and Assembly Centres is as follows:-

REGION	TOWN	2 TONNER
Venezia	- Malles ✓	4
	- Verona	20
	- Bolzano	12
Piemonte	- Domodossola ✓	8
	- Novara	8
	- Turin	12
	- Sosa	4
Liguria	- Genoa	20
	- Bordighiera ✓	4
	- Como	12
Lombardia	- Milan	20
	- Varese ✓	4
	- Reggio	8
Emilia	- Modena	8
	- Bologna	12
Total		156

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For the Director:

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Deputy Director.

Copy to:- Major Black.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

13 Aug. '45

AC/24/51/Tn.5

SUBJECT : Basic Domestic Transport for Displaced Persons
Control and Assembly Centres.

TO : Regional Commissioners
AMC Liguria Region)
" Piemonte Region) Att: Regional Ltbn Officers)
" Lombardia Region)
" Venezia)
STO A.C.Bologna

1. Prior to the disbandment of A.C. Military Transport Units, 156 trucks were allotted to Displaced Persons Control and Assembly Centres by 5 Army Tptn Sec. ex AJCM Q.M. Coys. These vehicles were used at the centres for domestic purposes and not for the movement of refugees. The vehicles have now been withdrawn on disbandment of units.

Unfortunately it was not made clear at the VERONA meeting of 11 July that domestic trucks would be required in addition to the total of 420 allotted at various locations for the movement of displaced persons.

2. It is now a matter of urgency to provide the necessary trucks at the assembly centres. These will be allotted from the new Truck Pools now being organized. Referring to Appendix A of this Sub-Commission letter AC/24/51/Tn.5 dated 2 August 1945 a surplus of trucks over and above totals agreed at the VERONA meeting have been allocated to each Region. There should, therefore, be no difficulty in meeting the new commitment from these surplus vehicles. Locations at which trucks are needed, number of trucks at each are given below, together with surplus already allotted to each Region:-

Region	Location	No. Trucks	Surplus in Region
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	X Bordighera	4	
	Total	24	50
PIEMONTE	Turin	12	
	X Domodossola	8	
	X Novara	8	
	X Susa	4	
	Total	32	42
LOMBARDIA	Milan	20	
	X Como	12	
	X Varese	4	
	Total	36	41
VENEZIA	X Malles	4	
	Verona	20	
	Boisano	12	
	Total	36	164

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	Verona	20	
	Bolzano	12	
	Total	36	154
EMILIA	Reggio	8	
	Modena	8	
	Bologna	12	
	Total	28	132
TOTAL 5 REGIONS		156	

3. Trucks will be detailed to report daily to the O.C. Assembly Centre from the local Truck Pool in numbers given above, except at places marked X. Trucks will be placed at X locations on detachment from the nearest Pool. Although Novara and Domodossola are in FIMONTE Region, trucks will be supplied from Milan, due to the shorter distance involved.

4. At X locations the O.C. Centre will engage local drivers who will be employed by D.P. and R. S/C. All trucks on detachment will remain on the strength of the parent Pool, who will be responsible for maintenance and repair. Such vehicles will be exchanged every 10 days by the parent Pool for maintenance, replacements being sent out and trucks at Centres withdrawn.

Unless Sub-Pools are established in the vicinity of Bardighera and Domodossola, it will be necessary for you to make contracts with local garages for 1st Job. Maintenance as the long distances to Genoa and Milan respectively would make 10 day exchange of trucks impracticable. In these cases trucks will be sent into parent Pools monthly for complete overhaul and check up.

5. Regional Tptn Officers should arrange with Provincial Supply Officers for P.O.I. to be made available at Centre locations by C.I.P. Sudn P.O.I. should be allocated from supplementary allotments made by Pet.Sec. for the new Pools (vide para 9 of J.3/27/138/Tn.8).

6. D.P. & R. S/C Group Commanders at H.Q. AMG., Genoa, Turin, Milan, Solzano and at H.Q. D.P. & R Bologna have a copy of this letter. Regional Tptn Officers should contact Group Comds. to settle details and to arrange reduced haulage rates for this work on the basis of Table II of C.O.42 (Revised). Bills will be presented to Group Comds. for settlement.

Representatives of the Ministry of Transport, appointed by Ing. Rascloni to be responsible for Truck Pools in each Region, should be fully acquainted with the above arrangements and informed that the Minister of Transport has received a copy of this letter.

7. If the surplus of trucks in Liguria, Piemonte or Lombardia is insufficient to meet this new commitment, due to deadline vehicles or new haulage demands, you should immediately inform Lt.Col.Harris, Tptn. Sec., A.C. Milan, stating the additional number of trucks required. Lt.Col. Harris will then arrange for trucks to be transferred to you from the surplus in Venezia and Emilia.

8. A report by signal to this Sub-Commission is required at the earliest that trucks have been placed at the Assembly Centres.

By Command of Rear Admiral STONE:

[Signature]
G. FERTHOUGH,
Lt.Colonel, R.A.M.

Copies to: Economic Sec.

D.P. & R S/C (7)

Commerce S/C (P.O.I. Sec)

Tn. S/C (Tn.1 & Tn.3)

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Lt.Col.Harris, Tptn.Sec. A.C. MILAN

General Inspectorate, of Civil Motorization

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