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(VOL. IV)

CORRESPONDENCE RE TYRES
NOV. 1944 - JAN. 1945 AND SPARE PARTS

COPY

Subject: Accounting - Tires

To: Director
Tire Section
Transportation Sub-Commission
AC CMF

HQ 1 Advanced Base Workshop
RENE CMF
AWP 10 12 Jan.45

Reference your TT/T/451.3253 dated 15 Dec 44.

1. It is pointed out that this workshop has never been responsible for accounting on behalf of AC, except for tyres handed over from AC to the workshop for processing. However; in order to help as much as possible, I have endeavoured to obtain certain information which we were conversant with in the early stages, although records of most of the transaction were held by AC.

2. The following is as requested in para 3 of your letter -

(a) (i) From FBS - 3376 - Complete details are not available as all receipts are held by AC.

(ii) 170 German tyres - 42 of which were already processed. These were in the Pirelli factory when we occupied same and were handed over to AC. Sizes as detailed at Appendix 'A'.

(iii) 63 civilian tyres and 4 tubes. These were originally in the Pirelli factory, requisitioned by RENE and handed over to AC. Sizes asdetailed at Appendix 'B'.
36 tyres, it is understood, were requisitioned by Mr. Ryan from the Pirelli depot in Via Emilia but as these were passed to workshops for processing along with other tyres it is not possible to segregate the exact sizes which came from that Source.

(iv) No records of any tyres been received from any other source.

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(b) Presumably you refer to the tyres and tubes processed in workshops, which amount to 1993 tyres and 410 tubes. Complete details of these are given in the monthly tyre summaries which are in your possession.

(c) No tyres have been issued from AC stocks to other AC agencies or civilians, by RENE.
Prior to handing over the stock of requisitioned tyres [illegible] (iii), 11 tyres and 4 tubes were

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held by AC.

2. The following is as requested in para 3 of your letter -

(a) (i) From MRS - 1376 - Complete details are not available as all receipts are held by AC.

(ii) 170 German tyres - 42 of which were already processed. These were in the Pirelli factory when we occupied same and were handed over to AC. Sizes as detailed at Appendix 'A'.

(iii) 63 civilian tyres and 4 tubes. These were originally in the Pirelli factory, requisitioned by RTSC and handed over to AC. Sizes asdetailed at Appendix 'B'.
16 tyres, it is understood, were requisitioned by Fr. Ryan from the Pirelli depot in Via Emilia but as these were passed to workshops for processing along with other tyres it is not possible to segregate the exact sizes which came from that source.

(iv) No records of any tyres been received from any other source.

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(b) Presumably you refer to the tyres and tubes processed in workshops, which amount to 1990 tyres and 410 tubes. Complete details of these are given in the monthly tyre summaries which are in your possession.

(c) No tyres have been issued from AC stocks to other AC agencies or civilians, by RTSC.
Prior to handing over the stock of requisitioned tyres referred to under(a) (iii), 13 tyres and 4 tubes were issued on AC instructions. Sizes of these have been segregated in my Appendix 'B'

(d) All receipts of tyres from MRS are held by AC and have never been in our possession.

(e) It is regretted that complete data of tyres used for gaiters

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was not recorded as they were certified u/s by your inspectors and used exclusively for repair of other AC tyres. Only 600 x 16 were used.

(f) Stocks of AC tyres in possession of RAMF at 31 Dec 44 - NIL

3. Delay in reply is regretted but we have made a through check on all our files in order to give you as much information as possible.

Lt.Col. (H.Shore),
CMME.1 Adv. B. Wksp. RAMF

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APPENDIX 'A' to AFN 10 dated 12 Jan 45

German tyres (covers only) held at Pirelli Works

(a) Processed and passed for issue.

SIZE	QUANTITY
12x15	1
600-16	3
7.50-20	3
15x15	3
6.00-17	1
5.50-16	3
5.25-20	1
4.75-18	1
5.00-16	5
5.00-18	1
7.00-20	1
7.25-20	1
5.25-16	5
5.25-17	1
26x500	1
32x5	4
145x400	3
6.50x17	3
190x20	3
	42

(b) Passed and awaiting process

SIZE	QUANTITY
3.25-19	4
5.50-18	1
5.00-16	1
16x45	2
165x400	1
5.50-20	1
3.00-19	14
16x30	1
34x7	5
3.25-20	1
3.50-19	7
5.25-16	2
7.00-20	19
190x20	17
270x20	16
7.25-20	7
700-18	1
6.50-17	1

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5.00-18	1
7.00-20	1
7.25-20	1
5.25-16	5
5.25-17	1
26x500	1
32x6	4
145x400	1
6.50x17	3
190x20	3
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16x50	1
34x7	5
3.25-20	1
3.50-19	7
5.25-16	2
7.00-20	19
190x20	17
270x20	16
7.25-20	7
700-18	1
6.50-17	1
19x50	1
6.00-16	1
6.50-19	1
5.25-20	1
155x400	1
210x20	10
5.00-18	2
5.50-16	1
12x15	1
7.50-20	4
9.75-20	1
9.00-20	3
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APPENDIX 'B' to AWB 10 dated 12 Jan 45

1. Civilian tyres (covers only) in possession of Pirelli

(a) Processed and passed by W.D. inspectors for issue

SIZE	QUANTITY
38x9	1
130x40	1
165x400	1
190x20	1
36x8	1
4.00-17	2
32x6	1
8.25-20	1
5.50-16	1
5.00-18	4
42x9	1
5.00-18	1
9.75-20	1
160-40	1
1.00-17	2
34x7	1
4.25-17	1
36x8	2
42x45	25

(b) Passed by W.D. inspectors and awaiting process

SIZE	QUANTITY
5.50-17	2
165x400	2
42x9	6
50x9	4
32x6	1
10.50-20	1
7.50-19	4
27.x20	4
975-24	1
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2. Civilian reconditioned tyres (covers) held by Pirelli, and issued to A.C.C.

SIZE	QUANTITY
5.00-15	1
5.50-15	1

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5.50-15	1
6.00-18	1
4.00x9	4
5.00-18	1
9.75-20	1
1.50-20	1
4.00-17	1
34x7	2
4.50-17	1
38x8	1
12x45	2
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(b) Passed by R.D. inspectors and awaiting process

SIZE	QUANTITY
5.50-17	2
165x400	2
4.00x9	6
5.00x9	4
32x6	1
10.50-20	1
9.50-19	4
27.00x20	4
975-24	1
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SIZE	QUANTITY
5.00-15	1
5.50-15	1
5.25-16	2
4.50-17	2
5.00-18	3
14x40	3
140x40	1
Tubes	4

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
H.Q.Transportation Officer
LANCIA WORKS

Tn/SP/100

File
Mot.

LIST OF SPARE PARTS FOR TRUCK 634 FIAT

Nº	13	Nuts for differential bolts.
"	2	Nuts for main shaft.
"	2	Retaining oil ring for axle.
"	30	Bolts for con. rod.
"	9	Connecting rod bolts.
"	2	Bolts fixing connecting rod up.
"	23	Guide valves.
"	5	Metal tube control valve.
"	1	Rocker arm.
"	2	Retaining ring for water pump packing.
"	7	Water pump shaft bushes.
"	34	Stud bolts for head cylinder 634/108
"	17	Stud bolts for head cylinder 634/105
"	11	Stud bolts for head cylinder 634/108
"	8	Bolts fixing motor to rear plates.
"	44	Bolts fixing motor to chassis.
"	28	Bolts fixing motor to front plates.
"	15	Bolts fixing motor to front plates mm. 16x90.
"	11	Bolts fixing motor to chassis mm. 14.
"	8	Bolts fixing rear spring to chassis.
"	20	Bolts fixing front spring to chassis.
"	11	Bolts for inner differential casing.
"	53	Bolts fixing support to chassis.
"	23	Bolts fixing head to fork lever.
"	4	Bolts fixing radiator.
"	29	Bolts fixing oil pump body.
"	2	Starting motor plates.
"	7	Bolts 2x85x18 mm.
"	13	Bolts 13x45 mm.
"	2	Exhaust valves.
"	2	Steering casings.
"	1	Steering casing cover.
"	1	Steering casing cap.
"	3	Inlet pipes for radiator.
"	1	Oil pipe for tank to filter.
"	1	Oil pipe from tank to filter.
"	68	Flying wheel bolts.
"	6	Flying wheel ring gears.
"	2	Differential casing rings 022880
"	1	Rocker arm shaft support 038275
"	2	Oil tubes 038462
"	2	Petrol tubes 052801

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Capt. R.A.
Supply Officer (Reads)

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from DUILIO MORI.

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from FIAT. CORPORATION

"	2	Differential casing rings	022880
"	1	Rocker arm shaft support	038275
"	2	Oil tubes	038462
"	2	Petrol tubes	052801
"	2	Oil tubes	055663
"	1	Valve plate	090228
"	2	Injector tubes	091830
"	3	Injector tubes	091832
"	2	Injector tubes	091834
"	2	Injector tubes	091836
"	18	Springs	097740
"	32	Inner valve springs	315515
"	30	Outer valve springs	315516
"	3	Springs	329970
"	2	drums.	

Received in above

M. HAY
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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION ACC

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AG/1/3/11/LG Tel: 478190

SUBJECT: Survey of Arezzo Province. 15 January 1945

TO : Director, Transportation Sub Commission.

1. The following point was raised by the Provincial Commissioner of Arezzo Province in the course of a recent local government survey, and is passed to you for information:

Transport - Only two lorries able to run. About 25 others which could run if any tires could be supplied. Germans removed most of the transport.

R. C. B. SPICER
Colonel
Director
Local Government Sub Commission

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

SECRET

Tel:-489081
Ext:-436

January 17th. 1945

File Cwd R/25

SUBJECT:- M.T. Spares.

TO :- Regional Commissioner, Southern Region.

1. Attached is cable received from your region on 25th December 1944. Considerable work has been caused at this H.Q. in trying to ascertain the nature of these stores. It was eventually established that apart from 63 cases ex FORT KOOTENAY which were unloaded and collected by this H.Q. in September last, no stores have been unloaded from this ship for the Commission.

2. It is not understood how this cable, stating that stores were held by your region, could have been sent in December in view of these circumstances and it is requested that the matter be investigated and report rendered to this H.Q. stating how the mistake arose.

By Command of Rear Admiral STONE.

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

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Copy to:- Personal to Regional Commissioner, Southern Region.
Director, Transportation Sub-Commission.

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SR/754
DEC 231905

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PRIORITY

ALCOM SOUTHERN REGION

HQ ALCOM FOR TRANSPORTATION SC

SECRET.

We are holding 63 cases mt spares ex FORT KOOTENAY at Bari.

Please wire disposal instructions.

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Action - Tn SC (2)
Info - Chief Commissioner.
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File (2)
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission
Roads Division

Ref : AC/Tn/R/82 16 January 1945

SUBJECT : Recommended Priorities for Release of Tires and Tubes.

TO : Major Wood,
Commerce Sub-Commission

1. Following are the recommended Priorities for release of tires and tubes. Lists are in suggested order of importance.

T R U C K S :

1) AC Regional Pools
2) Petroleum Haulage
3) Public Utilities
4) Police & Guard Duty
5) Food & Agricultural Haulage
6) Medical & Hospital Haulage
7) Sanitary Service
8) Regional & Communal Admin.
XX Ind & Commercial Haulage

C A R S :

1) Hqs. AC Pool
2) AC Regional Pools
3) Petroleum Distribution Cntrl
4) Public Utilities
5) Physicians
6) Police & Guard Duty
7) Regional & Communal Admin.
8) Agricultural Inspectors
9) Food Control Distribution
10) Ind & Commercial Haulage

O T H E R :

1) Ambulances
2) Fire Trucks
3) Public Service Buses

Note : The latter have been listed separately because these vehicles may come under either of the above categories.

XX : The heavy requirements of this type of service necessitate its being placed here so it will not absorb the entire supply. It is suggested that priorities 1) and XX)

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MERRITT H. TAYLOR
Director

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

R/25 File UNRP.

15 January 1945

TN/SR/ 5 /840

SUBJECT : Tyres.

TO : HQ.AC. (Attn.Transportation S/C)

1. Reference your AC/TN/R/25 dated 10 January,1945 and the enclosed application for tyres.

2. In accordance with the Regional policy this authority will be passed to E.N.A.C. who are the controlling and distributing administration for civilian tyres. Sales are checked by the Commission but the Ente is responsible to the Prefects for priority allocation. This system has been in successful operation for a considerable time.

3. The tyres requested will be size 600 x 16. In the past six months ten tyres and tubes have been made available by AC.Headquarters for the civilian population of Naples.

4. In view of this situation applications and authorities can only be filed pending reasonable supplies being issued to this Region. Among tyre applications which it has not been possible to fulfil are ambulances ,street-cleaning,postal services and numerous doctors.

For the Regional Commissioner:

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

BGJ/mjc
Copy to : Adjutant's File.

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Letter dated 22 Jan 45 R/25 refers

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

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15 Jan.1945

AC/TN/R/25

SUBJECT : Issue of Tyres to Toscana Region.

TO : Commerce Sub-Commission (Att:Col.Evans).

1. The Regional Transportation Officer of the above Region, Major G.Sowers, recently called at this Headquarters with a view to obtaining some tyres.

2. He was instructed to contact Mr.Harlan Cleveland,a member of the Priorities Board. He did so, and Mr.Cleveland instructed him to send a cable showing full particulars for which the tyres were to be used and their urgency.

3. No such cable has yet been received by this Headquarters, but a truck has arrived from Toscana Region to collect the tyres. It is understood from the driver of this truck that two more trucks are on the way. The driver of the first truck, Cpl.Andrews R.A.S.C., has been instructed by this Sub-Commission to report to you for a decision as to the issue of tyres to Toscana Region.

4. For your information, Col.Cerneg was informed verbally by Mr.Harlan Cleveland that, if these trucks took back with them any tyres, such tyres would not be put into use without sanction of the Priorities Board.

5. Request this Sub-Commission be notified of action taken in this matter.

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MERRITT H. TAYLOR 55'7
Director

Original handed by
Cpl Andrews to Col Carnes
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

R/25

CWAP/hgd

AC/TRR/25

15 Jan. 1945

SUBJECT : Tyre Repairs.

TO : Commerce Sub-Commission.

1. Reference your letter AC/5095/Commerce dated 11 Jan. 1945 subject as above.

2. This Sub-Commission has no comments to make, save that the matter should be handled by Industry Sub-Commission.

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MERRITT H. TAYLOR
Director

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
Releases & Requirements Section

FJS/rjd

Tel: 47805

11 January 1945

Ref: AC/5095/Commerce

SUBJECT : Tyre Repairs
TO : Transportation Sub-Commission
TO : Inustry Sub-Commission

1. Attached copy of a letter received by us from HQ. Southern Region, Transportation Division, ref TN/SR/5/731, dated 6 January 1945, refers.

2. This Sub-Commission will be grateful to receive your comments.

W.P. EVANS
Colonel
Director
Commerce Sub-Commission

1 Encl:- Letter referred to in para 1 above.

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394 U.S. ARMY

6 January 1945

TR/SR/5/731

SUBJECT / Tyre Repairs
TO / HQ. AC.

1. Information has been received from the Zone Commissioner AC., BARI that is is possible for two civilian firms in the Province to commence repairing and retreading of civilian and military tyres subject to the release of material, rubber, canvas backing, etc.

2. The E.N.A.C. representatives have inspected these factories and estimate that approximattively 20 tyres per diem can be handled with available installations.

3. On account of the critical tyre situation in Southern Region and as an appreciation of the initiative shown by the Italian administration concerned may the necessary material be released to E.N.A.C., please.

For the Regional Commissioner

B.C. JEFFERSON
Captain, R.A.
Regional Tptn. Offr.

BJ/aml

Copy to : HQ. BARI Zone (Ref: your BZ/RH/2/3/10 dated 3 Jan. 1945)
Adjutant's File

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HEADQUARTERS
NORTHERN BASE SECTION
OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER
APO 386

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20 December 1944

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SUBJECT : ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CORSICA

TO : Chairman. Local Resources Board, NORBS, APO 386,U.S.Army.

1. An investigation was made on Societe Eternit Asbestos Plant at Canari, Corsica on 16 December 1944 by Lt. Colonel James E. Lambert, CE, Engineer for the Northern Base Section and Major Wills, 'British', for the purpose of determining the possibility of obtaining quantities of asbestos for the Allies.

2. The following information is submitted:

(a) This mill has on hand ready for shipment at the mill 500 tons of milled asbestos, about one half of which is ground asbestos and the other half long fiber asbestos, this material in storage and in 100 pound sacks.

(b) This company has in storage in Bastia 200 tons of ground asbestos waiting transportation to France.

(c) The quantity of asbestos rock at the quarry is unlimited.

(d) Production of the mill in its present state of repair is 75 tons per month.

(e) Production of this quarry could be increased to 500 tons per month if properly managed and machinery installed, some of which is at the site.

(f) Quality of the rock is fair, containing about 5% asbestos.

3. It is believed that should the requirements demand large quantities of this material for the war effort it could be obtained from this site in a short time with a small expenditure.

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S/ James E. Lambert

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Lt.,Colonel, C.E.
Base Engineer

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

8 January 1945

Ref. T-12

SUBJECT : Requisition AC-ORD-60-45 Asbestos Sheets

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394
(Attn: Requisition Division)

1. Investigation by this Section has revealed that Asbestos is available in CORSICA as shown in the attached report. If plants are available in CORSICA or ITALY to process this into sheets, this may meet your requirements.

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For the Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

DONAL LATHROPE
1st Lt. C.A.C.
Economics & Supply Division

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Inclosure: Report on Asbestos Production in CORSICA.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785021

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394
(Attn: Requisition Division)

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AFHQ - G-5 Section 1 1

AC-ORD-60-45 7 December 1944 SPECIAL

DUKO - Consign to AC Transportation Sub-Commission

ROBERT A. MARTINO
Lt. Colonel, S.R.
Chief, Requisition Division

A.G. ANTOLINI
Acting Deputy, Chief of Staff
Economic Section

None SHEET, Asbestos,
Sizes in Thickness:

(a) .059 inches (1½ mm)	Sq.Ft.	3,000
(b) .079 inches (2 mm)	Sq.Ft.	4,000

////////////////////// E N D O F I T E M S //////////////////////

DELIVERY: Ship to DUKO AS indicated above. If from theatre stocks ship immediately: otherwise, on or before 15 February 45.

BASIS: (1) Item on this requisition is urgently required for the production of gaskets for automotive purposes.

(2) A vigorous search has been made in Naples, Rome and other places for stocks of asbestos sheets, but without success.

(3) Motors on many civilian vehicles are rapidly failing in service due to blowing of gaskets. Present stocks are being exhausted and unless asbestos sheets from which gaskets can be made are made available, many vehicles will be forced to lie idle, thereby, bringing about additional difficulties to the present problem of transportation.

(4) It is requested that item in quantities specified be procured from theatre stocks, if possible.

RATING: III

////////////////////// E N D O F R E Q U I S I T I O N 55-1 //////////

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785021

SUBJECT:- Applications for Tyres.

R/25 F 10 Italy

DIRECTORATE OF ENGINEER PRODUCTION &
STORES.
A.F. H.Q.

Tel: FORMAL 6.

DEPS/4315 .

14 Jan. 45.

H.Q.,
Allied Commission,
Transportation Sub-Commission,
A.P.O.394.

Reference my 1746/DW of 9 Dec. and 19 Dec. and your AC/TN/R/25 of 27 Dec.

1. Your attention in this matter is appreciated.

2. The forms requested were supplied by A.M.G. Lazio Umbria Region, Motor Transportation Division, A.P.O.394 under cover of their letter reference MT/2764/9 dated 19 Dec. from which it would appear that my original DW/1796 of 9 Dec. addressed to you arrived at the wrong destination.

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E.L. LEACH,
Capt., R.E.
for Brigadier,
D.E.P. & S.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMI ION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

R/25 File Wbp.

Tn/SP/13

To : H.Q. Southern Region. (attn Reg.Tpn Officer)
Subj. : Payment of spare parts.
Date : 13th January 1945.

Reference Tn/SR/20/608 of 3 JAN 45.

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M. HAY
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Staff Officer (Roads)
TRANSPORTATION SUB-SECTION ...ASC

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File R/25 Tm S/C
Chief

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

LED:lrw

15.03/ES

12 January 45

SUBJECT: Transportation Requirements for Radio - Rome

TO: Director, Communications Subcommission

1. Reference is made to the following, copies attached:

a. Copy letter from Transportation Officer, P.W.B. to Mr. Edman, dated 5 January 45.

b. Copy letter from Mr. Edman to Chief Commissioner, dated 8 January 45.

c. Copy letter from Chief Commissioner to Mr. Edman, dated 9 January 45.

2. In line with our conversation at the Chief of Staff meeting this morning, please indicate to the Transportation Subcommission the tire requirements. It is not at all assured that we will be able to supply the requirements; however, they will be considered and put forward by the Transportation Subcommission to the Priorities Board.

FOR

L. D. DENSMORE
Colonel, FA
ADCOS E/S

Copy to:
Director, Transportation Subcommission

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EWS/dfe

9 January 1945

Dear George:

Thank you for your letter of 6 January. I am passing it on to Colonel Densmore, Acting Vice President of the Economic Section, to handle.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ EWS

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Mr. George W. Ftman
A.D.S.E.A.O. Italy
P.W.B. Unit No. 1
APO 512

cc: Colonel Densmore
Chief of Staff
Major Fielden, PPB
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8 January 1945

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, U.S.N.R.
Chief Commissioner
Headquarters Allied Commission
Rome

Dear Ellery:

In view of the imminent turnover of radio to the Italian authorities, I am sending you a copy of a memorandum from Major Mehl, our chief transportation officer at AFHQ.

Point #1 is not stated broadly enough. It is more than Rome. It is all of Liberated Italy. I should appreciate it if you would forward the memorandum to the proper section of Allied Commission, with whom the R.A.I. officials should confer in order to plan a solution of their transportation problems.

If you will let me know who it is, I shall be glad to pass the information along to Dr. Rusoa.

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE W. EDMAN
A.D. P. W. C.

cc: Mr. Russell Barnes
Major Robert F. Mehl
Mr. Ivor Thomas

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH
APO 512

5 January 1945

TO: George W. Edman, A.D.P.W.O. Italy

FROM: Robert F. Mehl, Major, Infantry, Chief Transportation Officer, PWB-AFHQ

SUBJECT: Radio Roma Transportation

1. In view of the contemplated divorce of PWB from the operation and control of Radio-Roma, various conferences were held between Mr. Ivor Thomas, Chief of Radio, Mr. Dante Gnudi, Chief, Italian Documents Section, Dr. Russo, Il Commissario of R.A.I., and Mr. Fano, Under-Secretary of Communications, to determine:

a. Transportation requirements
b. Method by which Radio Rome would acquire necessary vehicles

2. The following points were agreed upon:

a. Transportation requirements: 38 passenger vehicles & two busses
b. Vehicles to be obtained through Italian government sources
c. PWB must withdraw all transport and divert it to other operations which are deficient in transportation facilities
d. PWB will continue to supply present transport requirements until such time as the complete withdrawal is effected.

3. The Under Secretary of Communications informed us that vehicles were available in the amount requested. However, tires to equip the vehicles must be supplied from some source. PWB can assume no responsibility either for producing vehicles or tires, nor for making provisions for the supply of petroleum products.

4. Dr. Russo requested that we investigate the possibility of obtaining the use of buses controlled by the Red Cross. These vehicles would be used between 2200 and 2400 hours to facilitate the movement of large groups of concert personnel.

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5. We are obligated to assist Radio Rome to the extent of justifying to proper authorities their need for aid in transport. Therefore, I recommend that the facts on this matter be brought to the attention of those authorities for necessary action.

ROBERT F. MEHL,
Major, Infantry,
Chief Transportation Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

CWAP/hgd

12 Jan. 1945

AC/IN/R/26

SUBJECT : Spare Parts.

TO : Capt. Hwy. Lancia Garage.

1. At a recent meeting held in the Office of the Chief of Staff, it was decided that handling of civilian spare parts should be conducted in future by the Industry Sub-Commission.

2. In these circumstances any future correspondence in this matter should be addressed to the Industry Sub-Commission.

JAMES F. BARNES,
Colonel, Infantry
Director Road Division.

Original handed to Capt Hwy AC Comm 12/1/45

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

CWAP/hgd

11 Jan. 1945

AC/TR/R/25

SUBJECT : Batteries.

TO : G-4 American.

1. Reference your request for Five Hundred (500) salvage batteries to be allocated to the Super Garage. Industry Sub-Commission are investigating the possibility of obtaining a number of salvage batteries, and have promised to make an allocation to the Super Garage if such batteries are obtained.

CWAP.

MERRITT H. TAYLOR
Director

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

CWAP/hgd

AC/TM/R/25

11 Jan. 1945

SUBJECT : Spare Parts.

TO : Headquarters Sicilian Region
(Att: Capt.Calvanese).

1. Reference to AFHQ's Combined Inspection Team Report Para 3(3), our Spare Parts Officer was asked whether he could supply any of the items mentioned. A copy of his reply is attached. With reference to Para 3 of this reply would you please signify to this Headquarters your willingness to pay for these parts at the standard rates now inforce and arrangements will be made to dispatch them to you as soon as possible.

CWAP.

MERRITT H. TAYLOR
Director

Copy to: A.F.H.Q. (Att:Col.Butterworth).

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
H.Q.Transportation Officer
LANCIA WORKS

Tn/SP/24.

To : Transportation Sub-Commission.
Subj.: Spares for SICILIA Region.
Date : 5 January 1945.

1) Reference AC/Tn/R/25 and 79 of 28 DEC 44, the following is the position as regards the spares asked for.

6v.and 12v. batteries.	None available till AFHQ releases lead plates asked for.
brake fluid.	Can be purchased in ROME.
spark plugs.	" " " " "
1/16" to 3/4" drills.	" " " " "
metal saw blades.	" " " " "
metal files.	" " " " "
carbide.	Is quite unobtainable and acetylene gas is strictly rationed by Ordnance.

2) It is difficult to believe that all the spares shown as available in ROME cannot be purchased in PALERMO and CATANIA. I am quite certain that 60 suitable spark plugs could be found in Sicily without any trouble.

3) However, if arrangements can be made to pay for and collect the items, I can arrange to purchase in ROME, except batteries and carbide.

M. HAY
Capt. R.A.
Supply Officer (Roads)

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File
Ref.

HCR/gmp

Tel.447

11 Jan.45

Ref.AC/5505/IND

SUBJECT : Batteries and Battery Plates

TO : Director, Industry Sub-Commission.

FROM : Major H.C. Reid, Industry Sub-Commission.

1. Major Stockman, Industry Division Southern Region, reported to-day by telephone that the 2,000 batteries and 5 tons battery plates at Base Salvage Depot Torre Annunziata are damaged beyond repair and are only of value for recovery of lead.

2. The only factory in Liberated Italy with plant facilities for grid casting is the Partenope factory at Naples. This factory is occupied by RAAF and until now any attempts to survey this plant have been unsuccessful as the occupying unit refuse access to AC personnel for this purpose.

3. I propose visiting this plant next week with Capt.Hay, Transportation Sub-Commission to discuss this and other points with the U.S. unit. In the meantime the batteries and plates are held at the Salvage Depot pending agreement by RAAF to recast them for A.C.

H.C. Reid Maj.
H.C. RAID.
Major,
Industry Sub-Commission.

Copy to:-
Commerce S/C
(Actg.Maj.Scotten)
Transportation S/C
(Actg.: Col.Cannes)
~~File 7000~~

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 194

JJC/hgd

11 Jan. 1945

AC/TR/R/25

SUBJECT : Issue of Tyres.

TO : Tyre Section (Industry Sub-Commission).

1. In accordance with the agreement between Mr.Cleveland, Priorities Board, and Col.Carnes, Transportation Sub-Commission, please issue to a representative from Emilia Region the undermentioned tyres and tubes from the warehouses as specified:-

50 Tyres 600x16)
50 Inner Tubes 600x16) Warehouse in Rome
10 Inner Tubes 750x20)

10 ~~Tires~~ Tyres 750x20 Warehouse in Leghorn.

BENNETT H. TAYLOR
Director

Copy to: Economic Section
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

10 January '45

Tel: 478908

AC/TN/R/25

SUBJECT: Tyres for Italian Red Cross Vehicle.

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

1. Reference the attached copy of letter from the American Red Cross.

2. Authority is hereby given for the President of the Italian Red Cross, Naples, to have his car, Lancia -Tipo Ardea 30507 RA, fitted with five tyres which will be supplied by the Italian Red Cross from salvaged materials. (W.D.)

MERRITT H. TAYLOR
Director

Copy to:- Public Health Sub-Commission.

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AMERICAN RED CROSS
CIVILIAN WAR RELIEF

December 30, 1944

Brigadier G. S. Parkinson
Public Health Sub-Commission
Allied Commission

Dear Sir:

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It is our understanding that a large number of salvaged tires have been made available to the Italian National Red Cross and that they are perfectly willing to supply Professor Rodino with five tires for his car provided approval may be secured from the proper authorities for these tires to be used on a civilian car.

In addition to being President of the Italian Red Cross in Naples, Professor Rodino is a surgeon of good reputation and is connected with the Surgical Clinic of the University of Naples.

The car for which the tires are requested is a Lancia-Tipo Ardea, 30507 NA.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) (Mrs.) Alice L. Pelegrin,
Assistant to the Director
Civilian War Relief.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
INDUSTRY SUB-COMMISSION

MGR/hh

Tel. 447

R/25

8 January 1945

Ref. : AC/5595/IND

SUBJECT : Ingot Lead (Battery Plates)

TO : Allied Force Headquarters G-5 Section

1. Ref. is to your T-12 of 29 December 1944 addressed to Transportation Sub-Commission, para 3.

2. It is suggested that the 1 1/2 cwts 7% Antimony lead be retained at the factory.

3. It is considered that lead containing 7% Sb. is suitable for grid casting but if a lower figure is desired, it can be run in with a purer lead when this becomes available.

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For the Chief Commissioner:

(Signed) W. S. VAUGHAN

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Director,
Industry Sub-Commission

Copy to : -
Transport S/C (with copy of above quoted AFHQ letter)
~~G-2 (A)~~
~~G-4 (B)~~
~~Economic Section~~

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Ref. : AG/3995/IND

SUBJECT : Ingot Lead (Battery Plates)

TO : Allied Force Headquarters G-5 Section

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

Ref.T-12

29 December 1944

SUBJECT: Ingot Lead (Battery Plates)

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

1. Advice has been received to the effect that 1½ cwts of Ingot Lead delivered to REME in Naples for the manufacture of battery plates for AC account is unsuitable for the purpose due to the fact that it has 7% Antimony content.

2. Pure lead is still in very short supply, but as conditions improve an effort will be made to furnish AC with the required number of battery plates.

3. Further to Para 1 above, may disposal instructions for the lead please be given.

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

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

Copy to: H.Q. Allied Commission
Attn: G-4 (A)
G-4 (B)

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G-5 Section
APO 512

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

Copy to: H.Q. Allied Commission
Attn: G-4 (A)
G-4 (B)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

9 January 1945

Ref. T-12

SUBJECT: Salvage Rubber Dust

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394
(Attn. Transportation SubCommission)

1. The Ordnance Section MTOUSA has available for release at the 429th Tire Repair Coy in Caserta approximately 350 barrels of salvage rubber dust, weighing approx. 150 lbs. per barrel.

2. We are requesting the Ordnance Officer to assure release notes or similar authority for collection are issued.

3. This authority will be notified you, and you will be requested to arrange prompt collection.

4. Please confirm that the rubber dust can be utilized in the plants under your jurisdiction.

5. Requisition No. MGS-256-ORD. has been assigned.

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

HEADQUARTERS
10 JAN 1945
A. C.

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

Copy to: ORD(A).

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SOUTHERN REGION
ALLIED COMMISSION
TRANSPORTATION SECTION
ZONE BARI

R/25 File Civ.

8 Jan.1945

SUBJECT: - Possession of War
Dept. Tyres and Tubes

TO : - Police Authorities.

1. This to certify the bearer Enzo Manfredonia, owner of car Lancia Augusta No. Roma 41215; has been loaned two (2) tyres and tubes from the 9th Driver Company - Bari for the purpose of proceeding to ROME.

2. On arrival at Rome these tyres and tubes will be returned to 9th. Drivers - BARI through A.C.C. ROME and BARI Offices. (To be delivered to Rome office by 18 Jan.1945.)

For the Zone Commissioner.

for DANIEL L. COLEMAN
Capt. Inf. A.U.S.
Transportation Officer
Zone Bari

ALLIED COMMISSION NOTICE

Copy: Transportation Office A.C.C. - ROME

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

Tn/SP/13

File Wolf
R/25

To : H.Q. Southern Region. (attn Reg. Tpn Officer)
Subj.: Payment for spare parts.
Date : 8 JANUARY 1945.

Reference Tn/SR/20/608 of 3 JAN. 45.

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

TN/SR/20/608

3 January 1945

SUBJECT : Payment for Spare Parts.

TO : HQ.AC.Transportation Sub-Commission

1. Reference your TN/SR/13 dated 21 December 1944.

2. The enclosed letter quoting Price Table, No. 12 of 1 July 1940 states that the basic price for a Fiat 634 assembly was 10.230 lire. The addition of 50% plus 200% increased this price to 46.036 lire.

3. The statement that the black-market price is in the region of 1.500.000 lire and that the Supply Section of Transportation Sub-Commission are already selling these engines at an excessive price is hardly a suitable explanation to pass to the Italian Manager of No.1 Truck Pool.

4. In view of the attached letter, may an explanation of how the figure of 150.000 lire is arrived at, be supplied, please, so that in turn it may be submitted to the garage concerned and the matter closed.

For the Regional Commissioner:

Bernard G. Jefferson

B.G. JEFFERSON
Captain,
Regional Tptn. Officer

BGJ/mjg
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FIAT

RAG. ADAMO GRILLI - CONCESSIONARIO

PALAZZO DELL'AUTO
VIA GALILEO FERRARIS, 43
(AUTOSTRADA)
TELEFONO 53649
C. C. POSTALE 6/516
C. P. C. 9197c

Napoli, li 30 Dicembre 1944

Spett/ CONSORZIO AUTOTRASPORTI NAPOLETANO
Via S. Aspreno, Palazzo della Borsa

N A P O L I

Riferendoci alla V/ richiesta verbale, abbiamo il piacere di comunicarVi che la segnalazione fattaci dalla Sede della Filiale Fiat di Napoli circa il criterio per la vendita di parti di ricambio in questo momento, è la seguente:

X Tariffa n° 12 del 1 luglio 1940 aumento 50% più il 200%.

L'esempio di un gruppo cilindri per 634 al n° di catalogo 095538 prezzo base L. 10230.00.e più il 50% pari a L. 15345.00, aumento 200% pari a L. 46036.00.

Di tale pezzo di ricambio noi ne siamo sofniti ed anche la sede della Filiale Fiat.X

La n/ segnalazione è a titolo solo informativo.

Distinti saluti.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

4 January 1945

Tel: 478908

AC/TN/R/25

SUBJECT: Spare Parts for Car of Italian Under Secretary of State for Navy.

TO : Capt. May - Lancia Garage.

Reference the attached letter NSC/1406 dated 29 December 1944.

Can you give any assistance in this matter please.

Request a reply as soon as possible, in order that an answer may be furnished the Navy Sub-Commission by this office.

MERRITT H. TAYLOR
Director

Copy to:-The Navy Sub-Comm.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Navy Sub-Commission

NSC/1406

29 December 1944.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq, AC.
To : Transportation Sub-Commission(Road Section),
Att: Major PEPPER.

Subject: Spare Parts for Car of Italian Under Secretary of State for Navy.

1. Enclosed copy of letter 17458 dated 20 December 1944 received from Ministry of Marine.

2. It would appreciated if you could assist in obtaining the release of the spare parts required.

H. W. ZIROLI,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, AC.

1-Incl.
cc ltr Min of Marine
No. 17458, 20/12/44.

COPY

From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : F.O.L.I. - Rome
Date: 20/12/44
Ref : 17458

Subject: Spare Parts for Car Belonging to Undersecretary of State for Navy.

We shall be glad if you will kindly approach Allied Authorities concerned to authorize the Alfa Romeo Co. to supply I.R.N. with the following spares for Alfa Romeo car, License R.M. 2300 allocated to H.E.:-

- 2 giunti completi con relativo albero di transmissione dal cambio al supporto.
- 2 flexible tubes for back wheel brakes.

CHIEF OF CABINET.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

6 Jan. '45

Tel: 375

AC/TN/R/25

SUBJECT: Salvage Spares and Tyres.

TO : Industry Sub-Commission.
(Attn. Mr. Vaughan).

1. Confirming telephone conversation of this morning between Mr. Vaughan and Col. Carnes.

2. It is understood that a large quantity of tyres are at the British Salvage Dump at Torre Annunziata.

3. Attached is a letter from Commerce Sub-Commission dealing with spares on a similar basis.

4. Will you please investigate the possibility of obtaining these for A.C.?

MERRITT H. TAYLOR
Director .

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTER OFFICE MEMO

From: OFFICE OF G-4 (A)

R/25 File Wash.

SUBJECT: Batteries

FILE No.

TO: Transportation Sub Commission
Attn: Colonel CARNES

6 January 1945

1. Reference telephone conversation this date. Request Five Hundred (500) salvage batteries be allocated to the Supper Garage for rebuilding.

2. Request G-4 (A) be notified when delivery can be made.

Clayton C. Craig

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

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Transportation Sub-Commission

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6 Jan. '45

Tel: 378

AC/TN/R/32

SUBJECT: Government Spare Parts for the Repair of Salvaged or Class VI Vehicles.

TO : Executive Officer (U.S.).

1. After conferring with the Regional Transportation Officer, Lazio - Umbria Region, on the above matter, it was agreed that the most practicable method of repair would be to contact with several local civilian firms.

2. In these circumstances, Government Spare Parts should be handled as an entirely separate concern, and warehoused accordingly.

MERRITT H. TAYLOR,
Director.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
H.Q.TRANSPORTATION OFFICER
LANCIA WORKS

Col Hq Comm. (1 copy). TN S/C R/25 File CWP.

Herewith a copy of a Memorandum on the Supply and Manufacture of spare parts for Italian cars and trucks.

It is the result of the past four months experience and may be found useful as a basis on which to build a Spare Parts Section.

M. HAY.
—Capt. R.A.
Supply Officer (Roads)

5 JAN 1945

TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION ACC

Copy sent to Mr VAUGHAN. hmy

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

LARUSIA WORKS

M E M O R A N D U M O N

SUPPLY AND MANUFACTURE OF SPARE PARTS

for

ITALIAN CARS AND TRUCKS.

1) As the present position regarding the control and supply of spare parts is anything but clear, I am setting out the present position as I see it with suggestions for future procedure to improve the situation.

2) The present position appears to be as follows: -

a) Numbers of vehicles.

I) A.C. is responsible for the running of the following approx. nos. of vehicles: -

W.D. cars.	100
W.D. trucks.	900
Italian cars.	1000
Italian trucks.	500

II) Besides these, there are a considerable number of private Italian cars and light trucks with "Permessi di Circolazione" for various essential purposes. It is extremely difficult to obtain the numbers of these vehicles but from enquiries, I have made, I consider the following figures as near as can be estimated at present:

Italian cars.	18,000
" trucks.	26,000

III) It is unlikely that these figures will be increased before the end of the war owing to the shortage of shipping for petrol and tires. We can therefore take these figures as a maximum.

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b) FIAT and LANCIA.

I) Both FIAT (TURIN) and LANCIA (TURIN) are north of the present line and it does not seem probable that they will be liberated for 6 months anyway. On the other hand, I do not believe that, once liberated, FIAT and LANCIA will allow other firms to manufacture spare parts for their cars; that is, as soon as FIAT and LANCIA are in a position to re-start manufacture. I make this point for the benefit of those who are endeavouring to include the manufacture of spare parts in plans for the re-habilitation of Italian industry.

II) It therefore appears to me that the manufacture of spare parts for Italian vehicles is a purely short-term problem and that all manufacturing should be done by firms already existing, who possess machinery either capable of manufacturing spare parts or able to do so after adaptations have been carried out.

c) W.D. spares.

I) As regards W.D.cars and trucks the supply of spare parts is a matter for Ordnance (Brit. and American) and R.E.M.E. and it would obviously be most uneconomic to endeavour to manufacture parts in Italy when thousands of these parts are already being turned out daily in U.S.A. and U.K.

3) Proposals for supply and manufacture.

a) It can be taken that the supply of new parts for all Italian vehicles is almost at an end and the only source of supply is from other cars which are unuseable for other reason e.g. lack of tires or petrol. If therefore Italian vehicles now running are to be kept running, it is absolutely essential that an organised programme for the manufacture of spare parts be drawn up and initiated immediately.

b) I use the word "organised" advisedly as at present sporadic efforts are being made by A.C., R.A.A.C., P.B.S. Ordnance and R.E.M.E. to carry out the manufacture of spare parts, each working in a water tight compartment and in complete ignorance of what others are doing. Even in A.C., I find Industry Sub-Commission has been working on spare parts without Transportation Sub-Commission being aware of the fact.

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c) I consider therefore that the manufacture of spare parts should be co-ordinated on a high level but I also consider that both horizontal and vertical co-ordination is essential. By that, I mean, that the co-ordinating body must not only have complete knowledge of all manufacturing facilities available for all types of spare parts, it must also be in the closest touch with the maintenance end of the organisation.

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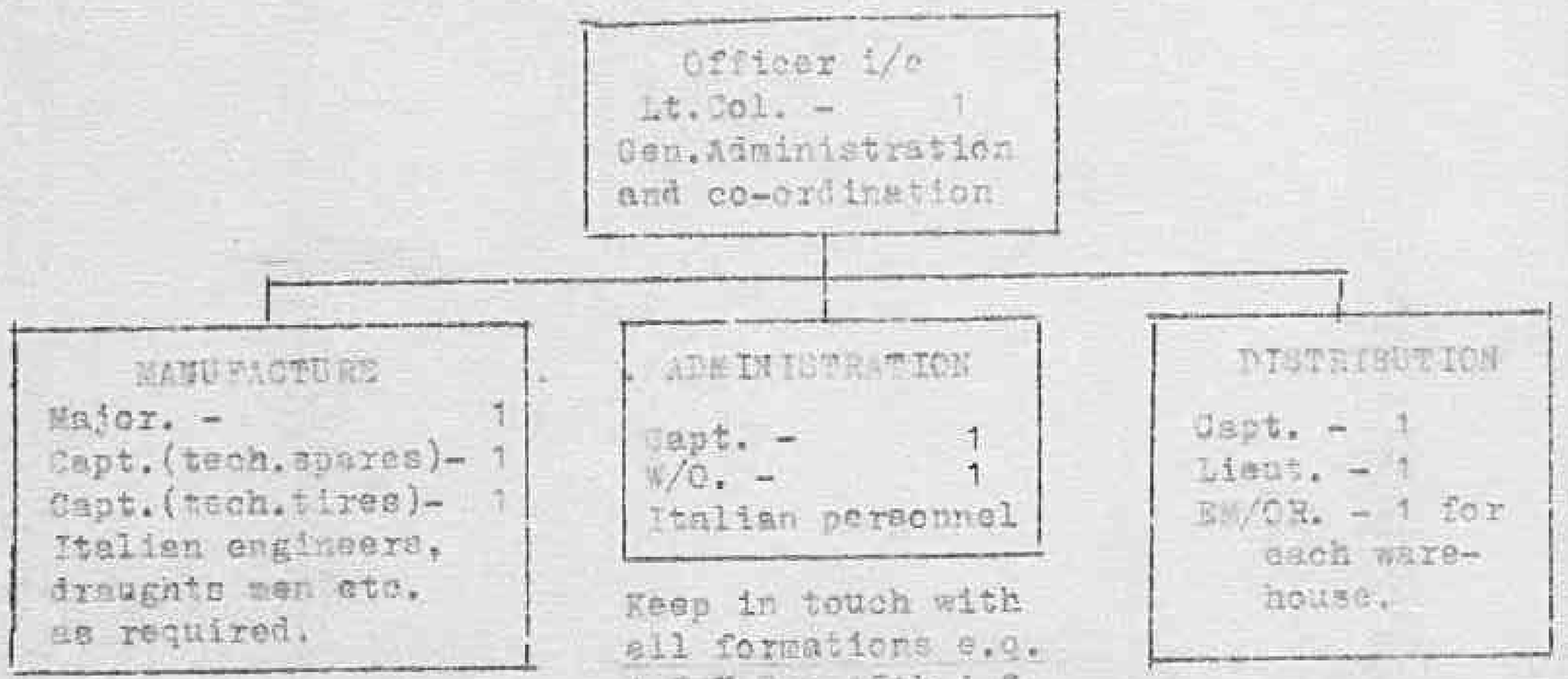
4) Special Parts Division.

a) From this, it can be deduced that I do not favour proposals to allow manufacture to be carried out by Industry Sub-Commission, distribution by G-4 while maintenance is carried out by a third, as yet unspecified, body. This is what I mean by vertical co-ordination and I consider that, if necessary, a special committee should be set up with representatives of A.F.H.Q., 15th A.G., P.B.S., Ordnance, R.E.M.E. and A.C. (Industry, Commerce, Transportation G.Cs. Establishment Branch). Such a body is much too unwieldy to carry out actual operations and would only meet, say, monthly for the purpose of receiving reports, confirming action taken and above all, ensuring that each formation was conversant with what is being done and supplies available, when and where.

b) The actual work would be carried out by a much smaller body to be called, say, SPARE PARTS DIVISION. In fact, I would go further and include TIRES in this Division's work as I cannot see any difference between the supply of spare parts and the supply of tires; both problems have the same difficulties to face and are all part of the maintenance of motor vehicles.

c) I would suggest the following composition: -



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Officer i/c
Lt.Col. - 1
Gen.Administration and co-ordination

MANUFACTURE
Major. - 1
Capt.(tech.spares)- 1
Capt.(tech.tires)- 1
Italian engineers, draughts men etc. as required.

Drawing office.
Samples of parts.
Contact firms capable of manufacture.
Specifications.
Tenders.
Placing of orders.
Supply of raw materials.
Inspection (both during mfg. and final).
Certification of Accounts for payment.

ADMINISTRATION
Capt. - 1
W/O. - 1
Italian personnel

Keep in touch with all formations e.g. A.F.H.Q., 15th A.G. P.B.S., R.A.A.C., A.C. as to requirements.
Contracts.(wording and typing).
General office work.
Payment of Accounts thru A.F.A.

DISTRIBUTION
Capt. - 1
Lieut. - 1
EM/OR. - 1 for each warehouse.

Warehouses.
Stocks.(Accounting)
Advising offT i/c where stocks are held.
Distribution by truck or rail.

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d) It is difficult to decide to whom this Division should be responsible but Transportation Industry and Commerce Sub-Commissions are all obviously interested.

e) From the duties detailed above, it can be seen what the proposed functions of the S.P.D. would be. Such a body would be in touch constantly with both manufacturers and maintenance officers, a necessity if supplies are to be produced as required.

f) I consider the officers in this Division should be more of the "business-man" type than motor experts: two Capt.s (Tech.), one with a thorough knowledge of spare parts and the other tires are sufficient.

5) Present Manufacturing Facilities.

a) I have already either arranged or made preliminary arrangements for the manufacture or renewal of the following spare parts: -

I) Head gaskets.
II) Miscellaneous gaskets.
III) Batteries.
IV) Torsion rods for rear suspension. } LANCIA -
V) Springs for front suspension. } LANCIA -
VI) Friction discs for clutches. } LANCIA -
VII) Silentblocks.
VIII) Rubber washers for hydraulic brakes.
IX) 16" wheels.
X) Fan belts.
XI) Differential housings. 1500 FIAT -
XII) Thermostat controls.

b) From the above list it will be seen that considerable progress are been made in starting the manufacture of fast-moving parts but there are many parts which still require to be manufactured. Some of them, such as ball-bearings, are impossible to make in Italy without importation of special machinery. Such parts include the following: -

I) Cylinder heads.
II) Cylinder blocks.
III) Pistons.
IV) Connecting rods and bearings.
V) Main bearings.
VI) Ball bearings.
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VIII) Generators (dynamos).
IX) Fuel pumps (parts for).
X) Universal joints.
XI) Pinion and crown wheels for differentials.

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NOTES I) and II) can often be welded.
III) supply of aluminium pistons still adequate.
IV) these are drop forgings and might be made at TERNI.
V) bearings can often be re-run in soft metal.
VI) impossible with present resources but not

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VII) and VIII) can often be re-wound; this is bein done now.
IX) membranes for fuel pumps impossible at present.
X) can be remade if fabric available.
XI) can be made in NAPLES and ROME with straight teeth: they are more noisy but will keep the vehicle running.

c) So far as cars are concerned, there are still large numbers of cars hidden away in Italy, especially in ROME and I am of the opinion that any wastage of cars requisitioned by Allied authorities could be made good during the next six months by, requisitioning other cars, at present concealed. I do not think there are many trucks hidden away: the profits on truck-haulage are so enormous that pratically every truck is on the road. In fact, I know of a number of Italian owners of cars who are converting them into light trucks.

6) Tires.

I can see no reason for leaving tires out of this scheme as I believe plant exists in the vicinity of ROME for the manufacture of tires. Owing to the extra-ordinary number of different sizes of tires used on Italian vehicles, the importation of tires is almost impossible. This is why the provision of wheels has been taken up so that military tires, (mostly jeep size, 600 x 16) can be fitted to civilian vehicles. The provision of the cotton from Egypt or India should not be difficult; the provision of raw rubber, presumably, synthetic, will however be a problem due to the demands of the Armies which must, of course, have priority. The S.P.P. would, at least, be able to enquire thoroughly into the whole problem and put forward suggestion to Industry Sub-Commission.

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P.S. I wish to make it clear that I have not discussed the foregoing with anyone and that therefore it is capable of being very much improved upon by others with more knowledge. It is only put forward as a basis for discussion.

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Transportation Sub-Commission

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R/25

4 January 1945

Tel: 378

AC/TN/R/25

SUBJECT: Tyres.

TO : Regional Commissioner - Southern Region.
(Attn: Major Birt - Commerce Sub-Commission).

(1) Reference your letter RES 753.9.B dated 22 December 1944, with attached application for tyres on behalf of Ditta BIAGIO DI FRISCO.

(2) Our Tyre Section has been consulted, and state that tyres as requested are not available.

E.y.E.

for MERRITT H. TAYLOR
Director

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Capt. Pepper

HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION
ECONOMICS & SUPPLY SECTION
APO 394

RES.753.9.B

22 December 44

SUBJECT : Tyres.

TO : HQ. Allied Commission
(For attention Transportation Sub-Commission
Capt. C.W.A. Pepper)

1. Attached is application of firm Biagio Di Prisco - Naples for salvaged tyres.

2. It is sent to you, with our recommendation, for any action you may consider necessary.

For the Regional Commissioner:

W.G. BIRT
Major, R.A.
Commerce Sub-Section

HEADQUARTERS 24 DEC 1944 C.

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IMPORTAZIONI

Autovetture e autocarri

1. Comune Napoli Provincia Napoli Regione III (Napoli)
2. Tipo (autovettura o autocarro) autovettura Capacità 4 posti
3. Condizione del veicolo buone del motore buone della batteria buon
4. Fabbrica Fiat Modello 508 Numero del Motore 100355
5. Targa N° 22512 NA Marca Fiat
6. Attuale proprietario effettivo (AMG, ACC o civile) civile
7. Nome e indirizzo Ditta Biagio di Prisco = Miradpis, 11 NAPOLI
8. N° del permesso 81494 rilasciato da Governo Italiano Napoli
9. Adoperato dalla Ditta Biagio di Prisco = Napoli = Miradois, N° 11.
   b) Scopo industriale
   c) Uso autorizzato industriale e per forniture P.B.S. & A.C.
10. Numero di gomme attualmente con il veicolo 5 condizione pessime.
11. Numero di copertoni e camere d'aria richieste 6 (sei)
12. Misura di copertoni e camere d'aria richieste 6.00 x 16
13. Misura e voltaggio della batteria (se assolutamente necessario)
14. Giustificazione (in dettaglio) La scrivente esplica molteplici attività industriali, specialmente per l' Allied Commission per la quale fabbrica candele e sapone e per la P.B.S. Quartermaster per la quale raccoglie il grasso e produce sapone da bucato per l'U.S. Army.

Napoli li 6/12 1944

Il Dichiarante

p. Ditta BIAGIO DI PRISCO

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Ditta BIAGIO DI PRISCO
FABBRICA CANDELE e SAPONI
Salita Miradois, 11-Tel. 21003
NAPOLI (187)

SOUTHERN REGION, A. C. E. & S.
INDUSTRIAL INVESTIGATION
Approved
Recommended
Date 22 Dec 1944

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HEADQUARTERS EMILIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

REF : RX/TP/83 27 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Tires.

TO : Roads Division, Transportation Sub-Commission, A.C.

1. A small tire re-soling plant has been found in Rimini, name and address is as follows: Rossi Domenico, Via Sigismondo No.12, Rimini. The proprietor was contacted and has signified his willingness to work for Allied Commission, provided he can get a 15 HP motor-car engine to drive the plant, some coal for the boilers and cooking apparatus, and the necessary raw materials for the retreading and repairing of inner tubes. The proprietor has stated that he could re-sole tires of any size and that approximately 8 to 10 could be resoled in one day. The proprietor has been instructed to get his establishment cleaned out and his machinery re-installed pending a decision as to whether he will work for us. The proprietor further stated that he would be ready to operate in approximately 14 days time. Only a very small quantity of the necessary material is in his possession. It is suggested that if you are interested in this plant, and the raw products are available, that you might possibly send a representative from the Tire Section to inspect the establishment before any work is done.

HEADQUARTERS
31 DEC 1944

A. T. HUGHES
Major, R.A.
Regional Tptn.Officer

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Tn/SP/45.

To : G-5. Allied Force H.Q. (attn. Lt. Col. FRANKLIN).
Subj.: Battery plates.
Date : 4 January 1945.

1) Reference T-12 of 22.DEC.44 and 693/988 of 22.DEC.44 from H.Q. 693 Base Mfg Workshop (copy to DME.AFHQ refce conversation SMITH-BARNES), it is not understood how the small proportion of antimony, less than 0.1%, in the 1500 Kilos of lead sent to 13 Sub Wksp. NAPLES renders the lead unsuitable for production of battery plates.

2) AHENSEMBERGER, ROME, who are the same firm as the PARTENOPE WORKS, CASALNUOVO, definitely state that this lead is suitable for the manufacture of battery plates.

3) The following authorities have been consulted in the library of the Università di Roma:

a) METALLURGY OF LEAD.
Prof. HOFMAN. Massachusets Inst. of Tech. 1918.
"Lead for battery plates contains Pb. 94%"
Sb. 6%".

b) METALS HANDBOOK. 1936.
"Battery plates may contain 1% to 25% of antimony".

c) METALS.
Sir Harold Carpenter and Robertson.
Prof. of Metallurgy. Imp. Coll. of Science. London. 1939.
"Lead used for storage battery grids contains 7%-12% of antimony".

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For Rear Admiral ELLERY W. STONE.

M. HAY
Capt. R.A.
Supply Officer

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2) HENSEMBERGER, ROME, who are the same firm as the PARTENOPE WORKS, CASALNUOVO, definitely state that this lead is suitable for the manufacture of battery plates.

3) The following authorities have been consulted in the library of the Universita di Roma:

a) METALLURGY OF LEAD.
Prof. HOFMAN. Massachusets Inst. of Tech. 1918.
"Lead for battery plates contains Pb. 94%"
Sb. 6%".

b) METALS HANDBOOK. 1936.
"Battery plates may contain 1% to 25% of antimony".

c) METALS.
Sir Harold Carpenter and Robertson.
Prof. of Metallurgy. Imp. Coll. of Science. London. 1939.
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For Rear Admiral HILLERY W. STONE.

M. HAY
Capt. R.A.

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Copies to: Transp. Sub-Comm.
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DME. AFHQ.
693 Base Mfg. Wkshop. CMF.
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

CWAP/bm

R/25

4 January 1945

Tel: 378

AC/TN/R/25

SUBJECT: Tyres.

TO : G - 4 (A)

(1) Reference attached copy of letter AC/5095/COM. dated 29 December 1944.

(2) Will you please take necessary action as indicated, forwarding this office a copy of the requisition ultimately submitted.

C.W.P.

MERRITT H. TAYLOR
Director

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMERCE SUBCOMMISSION

WES/jfl/rm

Tel. 556

Ref. AC/5095/Commerce

29 December 1944

SUBJECT: Tyres

TO : Transportation Subcommission
(Attn. Mr. Taylor)

The following is quoted for your information from a report by the undersigned resulting from his visit to the War Office in London:

"The possibility of providing moulds for tyre manufacture was considered. As the possibilities of manufacture at the Pirelli plant in Rome were not known it was decided that it would not be worthwhile to go further into the question until the Pirelli Factory near Milan became available.

"It was pointed out that unless tyres of the following sizes were provided, the greater part of the A.C. motor cars would become immobilised as they consisted of Italian requisitioned cars mounting tyres that could not be provided from standard army stocks.

400 x 15
500 x 15
550 x 15
140 x 40
15 x 45
600 x 18

"The matter was referred to Lt. Col. Cotton, C.A. War Office who suggested that a request should be made for the required number of tyres through A.F.H.Q., pointing out that the tyres were an Army requirement for A.C. officers. If the request were approved by Ordnance it might be possible to obtain priority for production to start within one month of order being placed.

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"It is however essential that good justification of the essential military need be put up as well as pointing out that the use of Italian requisitioned cars using these tyres enables A.C. to free Army cars for use of the Military.

"It must also be made quite clear that the tyres are not for civilian needs whose requirements should be ordered through normal channels."

W. P. EVANS
Colonel
Director
Commerce Subcommission

This information was extended to Mr Villa on my return from London but Commerce Section are unaware of what action was taken if any. WPE

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To : C.I.F., ROMA.
Subj.: Spare parts.
Date : 4 January 1945.

Reference attached letter of 12 DEC 44.

FIAT 500.N°77250.ROMA.
Release orders on FIAT and "fuori FIAT" are attached.Spare parts on the "fuori FIAT" release order can be obtained easily in ROME.

FIAT 500.ASCOLI PICENO.
All these parts can be purchased in ROME.

SPA.31/3.
A head gasket can be made in one week after receipt of a sample gasket.The bolts can easily be bought in an ironmongers shop in ROME.

FIAT 621.
A release order on FIAT for the spring bolts is enclosed.No sparkplugs are available but can probably be purchased in MASSARI,BONORI or TIBURZI.

FIAT 508.
1 rubber tube is available at FIAT.The rear spring can probably be bought at ALBANI.The petrol tank will have to be taken off an old car as none are available.

M. HAY
Capt. R.A.
Supply Officer (Roads)
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION ACC

To: Transp S/C.

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Received 6 January 1945
TIRE SECTION, A. G.
By E.M.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

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Jan. 1945

AC/TT/B/25

SUBJECT : Tyres and Tubes for Italian Red Cross.

TO : Tyre Section Transportation Sub-Comm.
(Att: Capt.Peterson).

1. Reference the attached correspondence 13617/F/A dated 30 Dec. 44, and telephone conversation, (Major Fenner - Capt.Peterson).

2. Kindly obtain from the Italian Red Cross a completed receiving report for the tyres delivered to them, and forward to this office as soon as possible.

3. Please return correspondence.

CHARLES H. TAYLOR
Director

1st Ind — Complied with. I.R.C. asked to furnish receipt. Capt. Peterson

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFO 394
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION
TEL. 476662

13617/T/A

30 December 1944

SUBJECT: Tyres and Tubes for Italian Red Cross.

TO: Director
Transportation Sub-Commission

1. Reference the attached correspondence.

2. It is agreed by this office that these tyres and tubes should be regarded as a free issue.

3. This transaction may be considered closed, provided your Sub-Commission has on file a completed receiving report signed by the Italian Red Cross.

4. Such issues should be shown in your Statement of Stock-Movements or "Other Issues - Italian Red Cross".

J. C. Paul O'Connor
Chief Accountant
for Joint Director
Finance Sub-Commission

letter saying use on file

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

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22 Dec. 1944

AC/TR/R/25

SUBJECT : Tires and Tubes for Italian Red Cross.

TO : Lt.Col. Martino Requisition Division.

1. Reference the attached correspondence 451.9259 dated 18 Dec. 44.

2. As these tyres have got to be paid for by somebody, please obtain a written request from the American Red Cross, addressed to you requesting you to obtain the tyres, and hand them to the Italian Red Cross.

2. This letter will then be treated by us as an account, and the American Red Cross will be charged.

MERRIT H. TAYLOR
Director

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFO 394
TIRE SECTION TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

RE/em

Tele: 774031

18 December 1944

Tn/T/451.9255

SUBJECT : Tires and Tubes for Italian Red Cross.

TO : Director, Roads Division - Transportation Sub-Commission.

1. Reference letter attached.

2. On August 1944, 9 tires 600 x 16 were delivered to the Italian Red Cross. On 18 September 1944, and 10 November 1944 invoices for the amount of $270.00 were forwarded to the Italian Red Cross who now claim that they have no facilities for making such payments.

3. The following is suggested:

a. That this be taken up with the Italian Government (thru channels) for their action.

b. That this be declared a gratuitous issue.

Richard B. Bullock
RICHARD B. BULLOCK
Captain Infantry
Director

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

Tel. 470
In Reply
Refer To:
RD-451.92

RAM/lml

14 December 1944

SUBJECT : Tires for Italian Red Cross.

TO : Transportation Sub-Commission
(Attention: Captain R. B. Pullock,
Director, Tire Section).

1. Reference is made to your letters of 18 September 1944, File ACC Tn/Atg. 2, and 23 November 1944, File ACC Tn/451.957, relative to subject item.

2. The tires requested by the Italian Red Cross were for the purpose of equipping several vehicles in order to carry on relief work. It was understood at the time, that these tires were not to be on a reimbursable basis, but were to be given gratuitously to the Italian Red Cross due to lack of finances. This condition still exists today.

3. It will be appreciated, therefore, if you will consider this transaction as one of military necessity in preventing disease and unrest, rather than a commercial matter. This is in line with discussion and agreement reached at the time of issuance of the tires.

/s/ Robert A. Martino

/t/ ROBERT A. MARTINO
Lt. Colonel, S. R.
Chief, Requisition Division

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

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3 Jan. 1945

AC/TN/R/25

SUBJECT : Spare Parts for Motor Vehicles.

TO : AFHQ Petroleum Section.

1. Reference your letter PET/30/R/9 dated 27 Dec. 1944.

2. No reply was sent to your letter of the 14 Dec. since, before it could be answered, a representative called at this office, and was sent to Capt.Hay, Lancia Garage.

3. Capt.Hay's authority is necessary before items can be released from the Fiat Garage.

4. Result of the interview is not known.

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MERRITT H. TAYLOR
Director

Copy to:
Economic Section

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Transportation Sub Comm
HQ AC

Refer attached

a) 63 + 62 makes 125 + not 188

b) The first consignment of 63 C/S was received by truck from HQ. Reg III Naples

c) The second consignment of 62 C/S was received by rail direct from BARI. & collected by us from the GOODS STN. ROME.

d) 125 C/S of spares have therefore been received by us handed over to G.4(A).

10 JAN 1945

M. MAY
Capt., R.A.
Trasportation Sub Comm

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

30 December 1944

Tel: 478303

AC/TN/R/25

SUBJECT: Spare Parts for American Commitment Vehicles for AC.
TO : Capt. Hay - LANCIA GARAGE.

1). Reference the attached copy of letter T - 6 dated 27 Nov'44 from G - 5, AFHQ.

2). Will you please inform this Hqs whether you know anything about the 188 cases of spare parts referred to in para 2 of the attached letter. This information is required so that receipt of the spare parts can be acknowledged as requested in para 4.

E. Y. Edwards
J. Cond.

for MERRITT H. TAYLOR
Director.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G - 5 Section
APO 512

27 Novemver 1944

Ref. T-6

SUBJECT: American Commitments Vehicles for AC
(204 1½ ton Trucks ex Mideast)

TO : Heauquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.
(Attn: Executive Director, Economic Section).

1. Reference is maue to letter DOS 2/17/2(3) dated 21 Oct'44, in which it is stated that a total of 204 1½ ton trucks ex USAFIME hau been turned over to AC by British Vehicle Parks, copy of letter attached hereto.

2. British Ordnance also state that two consignments of spare parts, each consisting of 63 cases weighing 9 tons, were discharged at BARI from the S.S. EMPIRE MIST and despatched on July 30 to A.C. Southern Region under instructions given by Lieutenant O'Leary. This shipment was loaded into R.R. cars Nos 92667, 466970 and 7470004. In addition there was one consignment of 62 cases weighing 9 tons discharged from the S.S. KOOTNAY at BARI and despatched on 21 September to U.S. Warehouse No. 101 Corso Sacalia BARI, by road, under instructions from Major Watkins, AC.

3. Details of the above shipment were in each case handed to a representative of AC by Port Ordnance Officer, BARI.

4. In order that the matter may be cleared up it is requested that AC furnish a complete list of the 1½ ton 4 x 2 cargo trucks which were received by them ex USAFIME. It is also requested that receipt of the 188 cases of spare parts be acknowledged.

5. Since 200 1½ ton 4 x 2 cargo trucks are shown in PENBASE books as on loan to AC, the above procedure is necessary in order to complete records of the transaction.

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

(sgd.) G.S. FRANKLIN
Lt.Col., RCASC.,
Economics & Supply Div.

Copy to: H.Q. Allied Commission
(Attn: Transportation Sub-Comm).
G-4(A)
G-4(B)

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

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Addis Abeba P.O.Box 621

FABIANO HENDEL
Addis Abeba - Mogadiscio
Massua-Gimma-Dire Daua
Ufficio MILANO Via Leopardi
Telegrammi HENDEL

30 Dec'1944

Extracts from original letter to Major Grandy:

1. That I am allowed to enter the part of Italy under Allied control.
2. That I am permitted to ship from Mogadiscio 30 trucks (20 Fords 10 Fiat 634)
That I am permitted to ship from Eritrea 60 trucks (Fiat 634)

3. That I am assisted in obtaining the shipment from the said places to Italy.
4. That the Administration Authorities in Somalia and Eritrea are recommended to assist me in the matter. I must add that as far as I am informed from different quarters (in Somalia by my own people) there are in Eritrea hundreds of lorries lying idle and in Somalia all Fords and some 634. Their exportation to Italy would not endanger the transport situation in the said colonies.

Mogadiscio P.O.Box
S.Somalia

Nairubi P.O.Box 1610
Kenya Colony.

Notes by Major Grundy.

1. Somaliland (Italian) and Eritrea have been licked clear of spares but I believe Hendel has an adequate supply.
2. Hendel has been operating in Italian Somaliland, Abissinia, and Eritrea for several years before the war and since these countries were occupied by us.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

30 December 1944

Tel: 478303

AC/TW/R/25

SUBJECT: Spare Parts for American Commitment Vehicles for AC.

TO : Capt. May - LANCIA GARAGE.

1). Reference the attached copy of letter T - 6 dated 27 Nov'44 from G - 5, APHQ.

2). Will you please inform this Hqs whether you know anything about the 188 cases of spare parts referred to in para 2 of the attached letter. This information is required so that receipt of the spare parts can be acknowledged as requested in para 4.

For KERRITT H. TAYLOR
Director

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TN S/C 6607

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

Ref. T-6

27 November 1944

28 DEC 1944

SUBJECT: American Commitments Vehicles for AC
(20¼ 1½ ton Trucks ex Midcent)

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

1. Reference is made to letter ECO 2/17/2(3) dated 21 October 1944, in which it is stated that a total of 20¼ 1½ ton trucks ex USAFMIDD had been turned over to AC by British Vehicle Parks, copy of letter attached hereto.

2. British Ordnance also state that two consignments of spare parts, each consisting of 62 cases weighing 9 tons, were discharged at BARI from the S.S. EMPIRE MIDT and despatched on July 30 to A.C. Southern Region under instructions given by Lieut. O'Leary. This shipment was loaded into R.R. cars Nos. 92667, 466970 and 747000. In addition there was one consignment of 62 cases weighing 9 tons discharged from the S.S. HOOKWAY at BARI and despatched on 21 September to U.S. Warehouse No. 101 Corso Sacalia BARI, by road, under instructions from Major Batchie, AC.

3. Details of the above shipments were in each case handed to a representative of AC by Port Ordnance Officer, BARI.

4. In order that the matter may be cleared up it is requested that AC furnish a complete list of the 1½ ton 4 x 2 cargo trucks which were received by them ex USAFMIDD. It is also requested that receipt of the 189 cases of spare parts be acknowledged.

5. Since 200 1½ ton 4 x 2 cargo trucks are shown in FIREBASE books as on loan to AC, the above procedure is necessary in order to complete records of the transaction.

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

G.S. Chamberlin

G.S. CHAMBERLIN
Lt. Colonel, C.A.S.C.
Economics & Supply Division.

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Copy to: H.Q. Allied Commission
(Address Transportation Sub Commission)
G-4 (A)
G-4 (B)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
CHRONICLE (BRITISH)

Ref: HOS 2/17/2(3)
Tel: Freedan 988
Date: 21 Oct 44.

SUBJECT: Vehicles for A.C.C.

G(AI). A.F.H.Q.

Reference your minute G/52/2 - No. 3 dated 3rd Sept. '44.

Herewith all relevant correspondence including copies of 38H/53/72 dated 7th Sept. '44 and 38H/53/99 dated 18th Oct '44.

It would appear from this correspondence that A.C.C. have received all vehicles listed with the exception of 1/4530854. In addition they have received 7 vehicles not included in list 91845/S13 dated 22nd. Aug '44 totalling 204 vehicles instead of 197 vehicles.

(Signed) R. CUNNINGHAM-JONES, J. Cpsct.
S/Capt, 'D' Vehs.
For Major General,
D.C.S.
A.F.H.Q.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

29 December 1944

Ref. T-12

SUBJECT: Ingot Lead (Battery Plates)

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

1. Advice has been received to the effect that 1½ cwts of Ingot Lead delivered to HEMS in Naples for the manufacture of battery plates for AC account is unsuitable for the purpose due to the fact that it has 7% Antimony content.

2. Pure lead is still in very short supply, but as conditions improve an effort will be made to furnish AC with the required number of battery plates.

3. Further to Para 1 above, may disposal instructions for the lead please be given.

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

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G.S. Franklin

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

Copy to: H.Q. Allied Commission
Attn: G-4 (A)
G-4 (B)

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Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

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AC/TR/R/25
AC/TR/R/79

Dec. 28, 1944

SUBJECT : Batteries, Brake Fluid and Spark Plugs for Sicilia Region.

TO : Capt. Hay Lancia Garage

1. Lt.Col.Fernyhaugh of the AFHQ Combined Inspection Team, has stated in his report of road transport in Sicily, that the following items are immediately required:

18 x 12 volt and 3 x 6 volt batteries
5 gallons Brake Fluid —
24 Fiat and 6 Bianchi Plugs

Above for Palermo

6 x 12 volt and 6 x 6 volt batteries
24 Fiat and 6 Bianchi Plugs
5 gallons Brake Fluid —
Carbide, 1/16 to 3/4 drills, metal saw blades and metal files for workshop.

Above for Catania

2. Please state whether you are in a position to supply any of the above mentioned items.

CWAP.

MERRITT H. TAYLOR
Director

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TIRE SECTION TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

R/25

GD/am

Tele: 774031

28 December 1944

Tn/T/65.92

SUBJECT : Tire and tube release.

TO : Allied Military Government, Warehouse 696, Naples. (Attn. Maj. MARTIN).

1. Request the release of the following tires and tubes from Tire Section A.C. stock to be transported to Rome.

a. Tires.

Size	Condition	Quantity
1200 x 20	new	43

b. Tubes.

Size	Condition	Number of boxes	Quantity of tubes each box	Total number of tubes
750 x 20	new	12	12	144
750 x 20	new	5	8	40
TOTAL				184

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SUBJECT : Tire and tube release.

TO : Allied Military Government, Warehouse 6y6, Naples. (Attn. Maj. MARTIN).

1. Request the release of the following tires and tubes from Tire Section A.C. stock to be transported to Rose.

a. Tires.

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RICHARD B. BULLOCK
Captain Infantry
Director

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File R/25

NOTES ON THE ACQUISITION OF SPARES FROM SALVAGED VEHICLES.

1. Entry to the Vehicle Disposal Depots, where BLR Vehicles are broken down for Salvage of Spares now forbidden except to REME units. Spares at Salvage Depots unserviceable and therefore authority AFHQ/8070/2/QAE dated 21 November 1944, (copy attached) is virtually useless.

2. Unofficially, I have informed QAE of this who I believe will give favorable consideration to
   a) A release of a number of class VI vehicles or
   b) Consent to cannabalization of a number of our own BLR's.

3. Suggest G5 AFHQ be requested to obtain release of a percentage of Class VI vehicles of all the types held by AC.

4. Suggest a plan be made here for breaking down these vehicles in a business like manner.

5. This plan should include provision of facilities for the complete breakdown of each vehicle individually, cleaning, labelling and storage of serviceable parts and the evacuation of salvage.

D.C. MOYLE, Capt. [redacted] R.A.
Maintenance Officer (13)
TN, Sub Commission

27 December 1944.

G-4(B) requested to act as suggested.
Clutch
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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Ref. T-12

23 December 1944

SUBJECT: Battery Plates

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394
Attn: Transportation Sub-Commission, and G-4(B)

1. Arrangements have been completed whereby REME will manufacture battery plates for the Allied Commission.

2. Immediate action should be taken by A.C. to deliver approximately 1-1/2 tons of lead to the REME plant, Naples.

3. Attached hereto is copy of AFHQ letter AFHQ/8022/6/Q(AE) dated 21 Dec 44 giving authority for the issue and manufacture of these plates.

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

E. S. Franklin

E. S. FRANKLIN,
Lt. Colonel, R.C.A.S.C.
Economics & Supply.

Incl:

as above.

Copy to:

Headquarters, Allied Commission
Attn: G-4(A)

Original passed Capt Hay for action 27/12/44 5481
with copy of attached
AFHQ/8022/6/Q(AE)

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SUBJECT: Battery Components

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

TEL.No. FREEDOM 124

AFHQ/8022/6/Q(A3)

21 Dec 44

Ord(Br)

Reference your DOS 10/11(3) dated 5 Dec 44 para (2).

1. It is confirmed that the plates will be acceptable in an unformed state. Will you please arrange issue.

(Sgd)
C.V.A. GREINER, S/Capt.
for Brigadier, Q(AE)

Copy to:- R.E.M.E. - Your ME/2B/2380 dated 12 Nov refers
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*R/25 Transfer to the file
Chron
CWZ

23 December 1944

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Dear Mr. Ambassador:

In reply to your note of the 21st of December, enquiring as to whom Italians apply for tires.

As you know, the tire supply question is very critical. Responses to our requisitions for imports have been very small, there are no tire manufacturers operating in the country, and even the opening of tire-repairing plants is dependent, to a large extent, on imported repairing materials.

Supplies for essential civilian transport from theater stocks have been mainly C-1 tires, i.e., battle casualties requiring extensive repair, and the number of these has been limited.

It has, therefore, been imperative that all available supplies are strictly controlled by AC, and I am sure you will appreciate this. Now that ENAC, an Italian transport supervising organization, is gradually becoming active, we intend to delegate the distribution of tires for Italian use to them. In the recent shipment of tires, for instance, those allotted to Southern Region were distributed through ENAC under the supervision of the Regional Transportation Officer. In Umbria-Lazio Region (Rome) ENAC is not fully activated and, for the present, civilian applicants must apply to the Transportation Officer for that Region. As soon as ENAC is fully operative, then Italian users will apply to that organization for their requirements. But while the tire situation remains as it is, and with the ever-present danger of leakages to the Black Market, we must remain in control.

Arrangements are being made with ENAC that wherever they are operating in liberated Italy the distribution of tires for civilian users will operate through them.

Yours very truly,

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ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

The Honorable Alexander W. Kirk
U.S. Representative to the
Advisory Council for Italy
Via Vittoria Veneto 119, Rome

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION
ECONOMICS & SUPPLY SECTION
APO 394

R/25

RES 753.6a.17

25 DEC 1944

22 December 1944

SUBJECT : Salvaged Tyres.

TO : H.Q. Allied Commission
(for att. of Commerce Sub-Commission)

1. Reference attached copy letter written by this Sub-Section to G.4 APO 782 Pen. Base South and copy of their reply.

2. Forwarded for your information and any action you may consider necessary.

For the Regional Commissioner

HEADQUARTERS
24 DEC 1944
A. C.

W. G. BIRT
Major R. A.
Commerce Sub-Section

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AG 451.92 HFCBS(S)(12 Dec 44)
HEADQUARTERS, PBS SOUTHERN DISTRICT, APO 782, 16 Dec 1944

TO: Regional Commissioner, Southern Region, Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. Regulations currently in effect will not permit issuance as requested.

2. Recommend that your request be processed through normal Allied Commission requisitioning channels to AFHQ for procurement.

For the Commanding Officer:

A. J. MARSHALL JR
2nd Lt., FA
Acting Asst Adj Gen

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION
ECONOMICS & SUPPLY SECTION
APO 394

12 December 1944

RES 753.4a.17

SUBJECT : Salveged Tyres

TO : G.4
APO 782
PEN. BASE SOUTH

1. Will you please authorize the release of 5. Tyres and Inner Tubes for Wheels 15. - 5.25 or 5.50 to the MANIFATTURE COTONIERE MERIDIONALI from the Quartermaster Salvage & Reclamation Division, APO 782.

2. The a/m firm is one of the most important factories in Italy, producing textiles for the Allied Forces and the civilian population. Their plants are widely separated necessitating periodical visits by the management, apart from frequent visits to the Allied Commission H.Q. and the Italian Ministry, Rome.

3. The use of even Salveged Tyres to keep their car on the road for the purpose of making these journeys, is absolutely essential.

4. Your assistance will be much appreciated.

For the Regional Commissioner:

W. G. BIRT
Major R. A.
Commerce Sub-Section

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

22 Dec. 1944

AC/TN/R/25

SUBJECT : Tires and Tubes for Italian Red Cross.

TO : Lt.Col. Martino Requisition Division.

1. Reference the attached correspondence 451.9255 dated 18 Dec. 44.

2. As these tyres have got to be paid for by somebody, please obtain a written request from the American Red Cross, addressed to you requesting you to obtain the tyres, and hand them to the Italian Red Cross.

2. This letter will then be treated by us as an account, and the American Red Cross will be charged.

MERRIT H. TAYLOR
Director

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TIRE SECTION TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

EB/cm

Tele: 774031

10 December 1944

Tn/T/431.9255

SUBJECT : Tires and Tubes for Italian Red Cross.

TO : Director, Roads Division - Transportation Sub-Commission.

1. Reference letter attached.

2. On August 1944, 9 tires 600 x 16 were delivered to the Italian Red Cross. On 18 September 1944, and 10 November 1944 invoices for the amount of $270.00 were forwarded to the Italian Red Cross who now claim that they have no facilities for making such payments.

3. The following is suggested:

a. That this be taken up with the Italian Government (thru channels) for their action.

b. That this be declared a gratuitous issue.

RICHARD B. BULLOCK
Captain Infantry
Director

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

Tel. 470
In Reply
Refer To:
RD-451.92

RAM/lml

14 December 1944

SUBJECT : Tires for Italian Red Cross.

TO : Transportation Sub-Commission
(Attention: Captain R. E. Bullock,
Director, Tire Section).

1. Reference is made to your letters of 18 September 1944, File ACC Tn/Atc. 2, and 23 November 1944, File ACC Tn/451.957, relative to subject item.

2. The tires requested by the Italian Red Cross were for the purpose of equipping several vehicles in order to carry on relief work. It was understood at the time, that these tires were not to be on a raimbursable basis, but were to be given gratuitously to the Italian Red Cross due to lack of finances. This condition still exists today.

3. It will be appreciated, therefore, if you will consider this transaction as one of military necessity in preventing disease and unrest, rather than a commercial matter. This is in line with discussion and agreement reached at the time of issuance of the tires.

/s/ Robert A. Martino

/t/ ROBERT A. MARTINO
Lt. Colonel, C. E.
Chief, Requisition Division

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

Dec. 22, 1944.

Memo to: Director Transportation Sub-Commission.

From : Highways Branch.

Subject: Consignment of Tyres and Tubes to A.C.

On the 17 of Nov. Headquarters Southern Region received from the ZTO A.C. Taranto Zone Information as follows:

"Following have arrived Taranto. 14 Cases inner tubes index MT 14/19L84. 150 covers outer 75 by 20 index MT/17280. 36 bundles of RIMS. Consigned CO Penbase for A.C. Send disposal instructions."

On the 24 Nov. Capt. Bullock Officer in charge of our Tyre Section received the following report from Lt. Pengilly who had proceeded to Taranto for the purpose of collecting these tyres and tubes.

"In accordance with your instructions I proceeded to Taranto 21st Nov. to obtain and distribute a shipment of tires. Information of this shipment was received in a telegram dated 17 Nov. 1944, from Allied Commission Southern Region. On arrival at Taranto I contacted Capt. Samson, Transport Officer and located the berth at which shipment had arrived(berth 6) but the tires had been forwarded to 557 B.O.D., N°1 Sub Base Depot, Ponte Cagnano by rail on the 22 Nov.'44."

Capt. Bullock registered a 1st Indorsement on this report requesting that this office check up through proper channels as to disposition of this shipment.

Capt. Bullock was informed that it was his responsibility to take the necessary action.

Capt. Bullock was about to detail an officer for this purpose when it became known that Capt. Rowlands of G-4 British was about to visit Ponte Cagnano in the performance of his duties. This officer kindly undertook to investigate the matter and if possible to bring back with him the consignment of tyres.

On his return, however, Capt. Rowlands stated that nothing was known at 557 B.O.D. about these tyres.

Capt. Bullock therefor sent a cable to 557 [illegible] 5476 on the 18th Dec. asking the position.

A reply has now been received to the effect that the covers and tubes are held pending collection.

Capt. Bullock is sending an officer and 4 trucks to collect forthwith this material.

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(sgd) J.L.CARNES,
Colonel, Inf.,
Director Road-Section,
Tptn. Sub-Comm.

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APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

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To : H.Q. Southern Region (attn. Reg. Tptn. Officer)
Subj.: 634 FIAT Engine.
Date : 21st December 1944.

a) Your Tn/SR/20/490 of 16 DEC. 44.

b) The pre-war price of FIAT 634 Engine complete with gear box and clutch, as furnished by the FIAT Co. ROME, was 78.000 l; and not 35.000 lire as you state.

c) The lire has depreciated to one quarter of its pre-war value and therefore the equivalent today would be 78000x4 = 312.000. I have however an agreement with FIAT to supply all parts at prewar price plus 200% which is 234.000 l. but no 634 engines are, or have been, available for the past two years.

d) The black market price for such an engine is 1,500,000 lire.

e) If the above explanation is insufficient, the engine may be returned at any time as Reg. V have already had 6 at this price and are asking for more.

M. HAY
Capt. S.A.
Supply Officer (Roads)
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION ACC

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Copy to:
Tptn. S. C.

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T R A N S L A T I O N

From : FRANCESCO SELLITTO Firm, Lecce
To : MMIA Bari

Ref.
Date : 30 Nov. '44

This firm has the duty to transport mail and postal parcels amongstthe central office, the railway as well as the railway office, and the airport for air mail.

However, owing to the non-availability of tyres and inner tubes, this service is delayed and tends to stop with serious consequences.

This firm requests that you may please assign five tyres and inner tubes size 6,00 x 16 in order that the duty in question may be carried out for the postal adm.

Thanking you in advance for whatever action you may take in that respect which is most important and delicate etc.

FRANCESCO SELLITTO firm
Lecce

From : Post &cTeleg. Administration
To : L.O. Bari

Subject : Mail service -Lecce Centre, Station, Lecce Station and Airport.

Express :

With reference to letter dated 30 Nov, from Cav. SELLITTO Francesco contractor for mail services as above addressed to you, we beg you that the request made, be satisfied.

This firm has to carry out the two most important tasks of mail transport; one in this locality between the centre and the two branches of the Station Post Office; the other between the Station Post Office and Galantina Airport in relation with the arrival and departure of planes to and from the Capital, Sardinia, Sicily and Calabria.

The Province Director

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AMMINISTRAZIONE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI

Lecce, Addì 1/12/44 19

Direzione Prov. di Lecce

Ufficio 1 Reparto

Prot. N. 23041/632

Allegati 1

Al l'On. Ufficio di Collegamento presso la Commissione Alleata Via Umbriani LECCE

Risposta al foglio N.

del

OGGETTO: Servizio procacciato Lecce Centro - staz. e Lecce staz. - Aeroporto

ESPRESSO

Con riferimento alla lettera del 30 novembre scorso del Cav. Sellitto Francesco, accollatario dei servizi in oggetto, diretta all'On. Commissione Alleata, si prega vivamente codesto On. Ufficio di interporre i suoi autorevoli uffici presso la detta Commissione affinchè sia soddisfatta la richiesta del servizio.

Costui deve provvedere alla esecuzione di due importanti servizi di trasporti postali uno in questo Capoluogo fra il Centro le due Succursali e l'Ufficio postale di Stazione, l'altro fra quest'ul timo ufficio e l'Aeroporto di Galatina in coincidenza con gli arrivi e le partenze degli aerei da e per la Capitale, la Sardegna, la Sicilia, e le Calabria.

IL DIRETTORE PROVINCIALE

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C O P I A

DITTA FRANCESCO BELLITTO

L E C C E

Lecce 30 Novembre 1944

On/le Commissione Alleata

B A R I

La sottoscritta ditta è accollataria del servizio del trasporto degli effetti postali fra l'Ufficio Centrale e la Ferrovia nonchè fra l'Ufficio Ferrovia e l'Aeroporto per la posta aerea.

Intanto per mancanza assoluta di gomme (coperture e camere d'aria) il buon andamento del servizio ne risente in deficienza e minaccia di arrestarsi del tutto, con grave pregiudizio.

Pertanto la sottoscritta ditta si onora chiedere a Codesta On/le Commissione Alleata che gli vengano, benevolmente, assegnati N° cinque gomme (coperture e camere d'aria) della misura 5.00 x 16, onde poter disimpegnare il pubblico servizio che gli è stato a suo tempo affidato dall'Amministrazione Postale.

Nel porgere i più sentiti ringraziamenti per l'interessamento benevolo che Codesta On/le Commissione Alleata crederà di adottare in favore di così importante e delicato servizio, si onora di votamente osequiare.

Ditta Francesco Bellitto - Lecce

f. c. c.

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT,
TOSCANA REGION.

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20 Dec. '44.

BVIII/35/7/5/5.

SUBJECT: Civilian Tyres - Repair and retreading plant.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Toscana Region.

1. The battle of the Tyre plant is over. 5 Army Ordnance have accepted my proposal and have recommended that the operations be released to AMG. Real Estate, G-4 had already awarded the property to AMG.

2. If and when 5 Army Ordnance secures a stock of repair material and moulds, it may request that up to one half of the plant capacity may be devoted to the repair of 5 Army tyres, using 5 Army Ordnance materials.

3. I am working with the owners to rush the plant into operating condition.

GEORGE B. SOWERS,
Major, AUS.,
Regional Transportation Officer.

GBS/LC.

Copy to:- Transportation Sub-Commission, (Roads), H.Q., A.C.
Provincial Commissioner, Province of FIRENZE.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TIRE SECTION TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

Tele: 774031

19 December 1944

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Tn/T/451.9255

Memorandum

TO : Director, Roads Division - Transportation Sub-Commission.

1. Inclosed report for your information and file.

2. Requisition for raw material is being submitted to the Requisitioning Officer.

3. It has been called to the attention of the Requisitioning Officer that curing bags will soon be a critical item and that either the bags or the designs for making the bags must be secured immediately if operations are to go as scheduled.

Richard B. Bullock
RICHARD B. BULLOCK
Captain Infantry
Director

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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TIRE SECTION TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

ARP/em

Tele: 774031

9 December 1944

Tn/T/451.929

SUBJECT : Report of Lt. Pengilly and Dr. Manni on their visit to Cagliari (Sardinia).

TO : Director, Tire Section - Transportation Sub-Commission.

1. Though railways are in activity in Sardinia, re-activation of motor cars and especially of trucks and busses is of great importance for economic rebuilding of this island. Therefore tire supply problem should be faced.

2. Supply of 277 tires as per applications are urgently needed. An additional request will be forwarded to this office December 15, 1944.

3. In Cagliari the tire retreading and repairing workshop of Giovanni Perrier, 6 Via Pieve was inspected. The report of 27 September to H.Q. A.C.C. from Transportation Officer Region VI stated that there were two small plants in Cagliari and one in Sassari capable of retreading tires. The plants of Giovanni Perrier is the only one capable of retreading the other two are small repair shops without moulds.
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a) Machinery installed as follows:
1 Boiler
4 Moulds for following tire sizes: 5466
1) 34 x 7; 210 x 20; 200 x 20
2) 12 x 45; 13 x 45; 14 x 45; 730 x [illegible] 40; 5,00 - 18; 6,00 - 18; 6,00 - 16; [illegible] difficulties for Jeep tires.
3) 4,00 - 15; 4,00 - 17; 4,25 - 17; 5,00 - 15; 5,50 - 15; 130 x 40; 140 x 40.

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4) 30 x 5; 32 x 6.
2 Electric heated plates for repairing of inner tubes; thermostates are in bad condition.
2 Scrapers.
2 Flex shafts for internal scraping.
3 Sanding machines.
2 Section moulds for large size tires; (broken).
4 Mandrels for inner repairs.
1 Press for vulcanizing of fan belts.
1 " " " " " " and repairing of covers.

b) Few curing bags are available, the following being complete stock:

2	34 x 7	1	4,00 - 15
2	32 x 6	1	4,00 - 17
2	30 x 5	1	5,50 - 15
2	6,00 - 18 (15 x 45)	1	140 x 40
1	12 x 45		

A larger stock of these and of other sizes should be provided.)
A production of 10 retreaded tires and of 25 repaired by one 8 hour shift can be obtained with this equipment. The capacity of the boiler is such that no more than 2 moulds can be heated at same time, but if the boiler could be replaced by a larger one the production of retreaded tires could be doubled.

c) Electric power will require an employment of 6 KW.

d) Raw materials needed for a six-monthly production (10 tires retreaded and 25 repaired per day average size 32 x 6)

Coal	Kg. 40.000
Camel back (without cushion) or Tread compound	" 16.000
Cushions compound	" 3.000
Benzol (Solvent)	" 1.500
Inner tubes compound	" 50
Cord fabric	Meters 30

No raw materials are available excepting coal on the Island.

e) Labor.

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e) Labor.
At the moment the owner has no skilled labor other than himself. His tire specialist was conscripted into the army. This shortage might make production slow to start whilst men were trained but the Regional Transportation Officer stated that the skilled men could be obtained from the Army if materials became available.

f) General conclusion.
The plant would be run by the owner under the supervision of the Regional Transportation Officer Region VI who

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would check all materials and tires to be retreaded or repaired. This is the officer's wish and providing materials were available the plant could go into operation on 24 hrs notice and greatly alleviate the tire situation on the Island.

A. R. Pengilly Lt

A. R. PENGILLY
Lieutenant
Ass't Director Tire Section
Transportation Sub-Commission

Dr. GIORGIO MANNI
Executive Business Analyst Tire Section
Transportation Sub-Commission

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Subject:- ZAGGARI Tyre Plant. - Local Resources.

Headquarters.
R.E.M.E. Branch.
Tel : 66513
& 66514.

REME/36
18 Dec '44.

TO:- Transportation Sub-Commission A.C.

Reference your AC/TN/R/25 dated 14 Dec '44.

It is regretted that the information requested in Para. 3. of your reference cannot be furnished since plant has not been inspected by this H.Q.

H. Young
D.A.D.M.E.
FOR AREA ALLIED COMMANDER

Copy to:- D.M.E., A.F.H.Q.

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B.O.D.
557/Nº 1 SUB-BASE DEPOT; PONTE CAGNANO SOUTHERN REGION

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PARA ONE PD INFORMATION REQUESTED BY TYRE SECTION THIS HOW QUEEN AS TO THE POSITION OF TYRES WHICH ARRIVED AT TARANTO NOVEMBER CMA AND CONSIGNED TO ORDNANCE OFFICER PENBASE FOR ALCOM PD

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NICHOLAS PICASINO
CWO U.S.A.
Assist. Adjutant

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CWO U.S.A.
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Copy to Capt Bullock

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(att Col: Bordas)

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

15.10/ES

BDN/ram

18 December 1944

R/25.

My dear Mr. Taylor:

I have made every effort to investigate the possibility of complying with the requests for automobile tires conveyed in your letters of December 2, in behalf of the Minister of San Marino to the Holy See and also Commendatore Giovanni Giovannini.

Unfortunately the situation is so stringent, as to both tires and inner tubes, that there are now many vehicles urgently needed for essential functions, which cannot be used simply because tires and tubes are not at hand. There is a special demand for tires for ambulances.

Patching and repairing of old tubes is in prospect when essential equipment has been brought into Italy and such machinery has been requested. This may ultimately make some tires available for essential uses.

Whenever it is possible to do so, I will make every effort to meet the requirements of those to whom you refer.

Sincerely yours,

B. D. DENSMORE
Acting Deputy Chief of Staff
Economic Section

Mr. Myron C. Taylor
The Personal Representative of the
President of the U. S. of America
to His Holiness the Pope
2 Via Boncompegni
Rome

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

17 December 1944

Ref. T-9

SUBJECT: Captured Spares.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.
(Attn: G-4(B))

Attached herewith find G(AE) letter AFHQ/8022/6/G(AE) dated 15 December 1944 regarding a/m subject. This letter is for your information and retention.

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

G.S.F.

G. S. FRANKLIN,
Lt. Colonel,
Economics & Supply.

Incl:

as above.

Copy passed to Capt. Hoy, with covering letter from Col. Miller, G-4 (B).
Chron
20/12.

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SUBJECT: Captured Spares.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

TEL.NO. FREEDOM 124

AFHQ/8022/6/Q(AE)

15 Dec 44

Ord(BR)

Reference your DOS 3/61/1(3) dated 17 Oct 44.

1. G-5, AFHQ have now notified that the spares under reference would be acceptable to the Transportation Sub-Commission, HQ, A.C., Rome.

2. Will you please arrange for calling forward and consignment as mentioned above.

/s/ C.V.A. Greiner
C.V.A. GRENIER, S/Capt.
for Brigadier, Q(AE)

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Copy to: G-5 - It is confirmed that no financial obligation will be incurred by AC. Para 3 of your T-9 dated 4 December 44 refers.

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HEADQUARTERS EMILIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

REF : RIX/TP/8D

16 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Spares - Civilian Vehicles.

TO : Roads Division, Transportation Sub-Commission, H.Q.A.C.

1. Would you please advise this H.Q. of a fair and reasonable price to be charged for spare parts for requisitioned and hired civilian type vehicles. It has been found by experience that dealers are willing to come forward with a certain amount of spare parts if they get a reasonble price for them and provided such spares are not requisitioned. In order that the "black market" is not condoned by ourselves it is necessary that we have either the correct or arbitrary percentage for spares overand above pre-war prices. The general feeling in the liberated part of this Region is that this percentage should be 200%. Would you please confirm this, or issue instructions as necessary, in order that the same price is charged throughout the Region.

A. R. HUGHES
Major, R.A.
Regional Tptn.Officer

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Original passed Capt Hay 29/12/45

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BARI ZONE – ECONOMIC SUPPLY DIVISION

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TRANSFER VOUCHER

No. 358

TRANSFERRED FROM: ALLIED COMMISSION SUPPLIES – BARI ZONE

TRANSFERRED TO: TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION (ROAD HQ. ALLIED COMMISSION)

ARTICLES TRANSFERRED	UNIT	QUANTITY	SELLING PRICE	
			RATE	AMOUNT
M.T. SPARES By courier	CASE	1		
ex S/S "Kootenay"				

(1) Above transfer approved.

F.M. O'Leary Date: 15 Dec. 1944

Signature and Rank

ECONOMIC SUPPLY DIVISION (ALLIED COMMISSION)

(2) I certify that the above articles were entitled to receive them on the 15 day of Dec. 1944

F.M. O'Leary LIEUT.

Signature and Rank of Issuing Officer

ECONOMIC SUPPLY DIVISION (ALLIED COMMISSION)

Tally Card No: ..... Store Ledger Folio (issue): .....

(3) I certify that the above articles were received by me on the ..... day of ..... 19 ....

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Signature and Rank of Receiving officer

Tally Card No: ..... Store Ledger Folio (receipt): .....

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TIRE SECTION TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

Tele: 774031

15 December 1944

Tn/T/451.9253

SUBJECT : Accounting (R.E.M.D. - A.C.).

TO : Commanding Officer, "P" Sub Wksp No 1 Adv. Base Wksp, R.E.M.D.

1. You are refered to letter copy attached from which no reply has been received.

2. On or about 7 December 1944 a verbal request was made to your section for a complete accounting statement in reference to joint operations of "P" Sub Wksp and the Tire Section, A.C. To date no reply has been received.

3. In order to complete an audit of our accounts the following information is essential:

a. The number, by size and type of tires and tubes received by R.E.M.D. for A.C. from
   1. Army sources
   2. captured or confiscated
   3. requisitioned from civilians
   4. others

b. The number of tires and tubes, by size and type, delivered to the Tire Section A.C.

c. Copies of receipts for any tires and tubes issued from A.C. stocks by R.E.M.D. direct to other A.C. agencies or civilians.

d. Complete data in reference to type C-1 tires received from Penbase Depots.

e. Number, size, and type of tires used in the production of boots and gaiters or for other such use. (Give dates).

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f. List of A.C. stocks in the possession of

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SUBJECT : Accounting (R.C.M.P. - A.C.).

TO : Commanding Officer, "B" Sub Wksp No 1 Adv. Base Wksp, R.C.M.P.

1. You are refered to letter copy attached from which no reply has been received.

2. On or about 7 December 1944 a verbal request was made to your section for a complete accounting statement in reference to joint operations of "B" Sub Wksp and the Tire Section, A.C. To date no reply has been received.

3. In order to complete an audit of our accounts the following information is essential:

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   1. Army sources
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f. List of A.C. stocks in the possession of R.C.M.P. for processing or storage on 30 November 1944.

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4. The above data required should cover the entire period of joint operations up to and including 30 November 1944.

5. Your cooperation and prompt reply is requested.

RICHARD H. BULLOCK
Captain Infantry
Director

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TIRE SECTION TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

November 9, 1944

To R.E.M.S., H.Q. Nº 1 - Adv. E. W/S.

SUBJECT: Tires and Tubes.

1. Please be good enough to let me have a copy of all shipping tickets in your possession originating from P.B.S. for tires sent you. These are attached to your vouchers and copies are needed at this office.

2. At the same time please let me have copies of all vouchers, etc. dealing with tires requisitioned or of german origin.

3. Furthermore, I shall be obliged if you will look into the schedules of the following tires:

32 x 6	shows a minus of	25	tires
36 x 8	"	"	"	"	19	"
140 x 40	"	"	"	"	1	"
145 x 400	"	"	"	"	2	"
170 x 20	"	"	"	"	1	"
200 x 20	"	"	"	"	5	"
210 x 20	"	"	"	"	2	"
300 x 21	"	"	"	"	1	"
350 x 19	"	"	"	"	1	"
400 x 17	"	"	"	"	1	"
230 x 20	"	"	"	"	1	"
525 x 18	"	"	"	"	1	"
650 x 20	"	"	"	"	3	"
700 x 16	"	"	"	"	1	"

advising me on the subject.

Please also let me have in letter form addressed to A.C. Tr. S/C Roads Section the information passed on to me on slips of paper concerning:

a) number of tires on hand as at Oct. 5454 in workshop for reprocessing, etc.;

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b) Tires in your possession in the dump heap.

/s/ Guido Maurino

/t/ RICHARD R. BULLOCK
Captain Infantry
Director Tire Section
Transportation Sub-Commission

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AFHQ PETROLEUM SECTION
ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
Tel:- ROME 478876

SUBJECT: Spare Parts for Motor Vehicles. PET 30/E/9

14 Dec. 44

HQ. A.C. Transportation Sub-Commission,
APO 394. (Attn: Roads Section).

1. In order to put in running condition some C.I.P. vehicles essential for POL distribution in Rome Area, certain materials are essential.

2. This Section has been informed that the necessary materials may be withdrawn upon Allied authority from the FIAT stores in Rome.

3. May the necessary authorization to purchase and draw the materials required be given as soon as possible.

JOHN J. FAGAN
Major, R.E.

for Colonel
Petroleum Section

Copy to: C.I.P., Rome.

Representative called before letter was answered, & was sent down to Capt - Hay.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TIRE SECTION TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

13 December 1944

Tele: 774031

Tn/T/451.9255

SUBJECT : Auto Parts and Accessori

TO : Director, Roads Division / Transportation
Sub-Commissi

1. Reference letter Pirelli attached.

2. A request for release of a portion of the materials listed (copy letter Tn/T/451.9254, attached) has been forwarded.

3. The remainder is brought to your attention in that certain vital auto parts and accessories are available.

Richard B. Bullock
RICHARD B. BULLOCK
Captain Infantry
Director

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Letter Tn/T/451.9254
Pirelli Letter

Copy sent to F.C.C.

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Letter Tn/T/451.9254
Pirelli Letter

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APO 394
TIRE SECTION TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

Tele: 774031 13 December 1944

Tn/T/451.9254

SUBJECT : Release of Raw Material - Pirelli.

TO : Pirelli S.P.A. (Attn. Mr. G. BARICALLA)
(Thru Industry Division Region Lazio-Umbria -
Attn. Maj. LISTER).

1. Certain tire repair material owned by Pirelli is required by this section for repair of tires for civilian and A.C. use.

2. Request that the material listed be released to this Section, to be secured from Pirelli as required.

3. Bill of materials:

Curing Bags:	Size S - 0	(4.00-17, 4.25-17) and equivalents)	N° 2	
	" S - 1	(12x45, 4.40-19 and equivalents)	" 3	
	" S - 3	(130x40, 5.00x16)	" 1	
	" S - 4	(15x45, 16x45, 4.50x21, 5.25x19)	" 7	
	" S - 7	(4.00-15)	" 1	
	" S - 12	(5.00-15)	" 4	
			" 18	
Camel Backs:	Type "E"	(32x6, 7.00-20, 7.50-20)	Kgms.	220
	" "F"	(34x7, 7.00-20, 7.50-20)	"	150
	" "I"	(5.50-15/20, 6.00-16/20, 6.50-16/20, 30x5)	"	420
	" "[illegible]"	([illegible])	"	[illegible]

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Tm/T/451.9254

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	" S - 12	(5.00-15)	"	4
			"	18

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	" "I"	(5.50-15/20, 6.00-16/20, 5.50-16/20, 30x5)	"	420
	" "N"	(42x9 to 12.75-20)	"	100
	" "3"	(9.75-20/22/24)	"	160
			"	1050

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Rubber solution:	"Pirelli"	(boxes)	Nº	3
"	"	"	(125 grams cans)	" 2
"	"	"	(250 " ")	" 2
"	"	"	(500 " ")	" 4

RICHARD D. BULLOCK
Captain Infantry
Director

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December 9th, 1944

To H.Q.
Allied Commission,
Transportation Sub-Commission,
Tires Section,
R o m e

(Attn.: Cpt. Bullock)

Subject: MATERIALS ON HAND

With reference to the conversation you had yesterday with our Mr. Clementi, we beg to enclose herewith a list of materials which we have presently on hand at our storehouse here in Via Emilia.

The quantities shown were already declared at the arrival of the Allied Forces in Rome to Maj. Lister, A.M.G., Industry Division, together with all our other stocks which were hidden during the German occupation in various other places of Rome. A.M.G. has therefore been completely informed of our availabilities, and since all our materials were blocked by Maj. Lister we have not sold anything without previously obtaining a regular release.

We would be pleased to sell you what materials we have, out of the enclosed list, which could be used for repairings of tires (such as curing bags and raw-rubber stripes for retreading), with the only condition that priority be kindly given if possible in the use of these, for reparations of tires belonging to our firm, which badly needs them to carry out its activities for the fulfilement of the program agreed with yourselves and A.M.G.-

We await therefore your kind instruction both as regards the disposal of the materials in question and the reparation of our tires.

P I R E L L I
Società per Azioni
The Manager

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(G. Baricalla)

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LIST OF ACCESSORIES FOR MOTOCAR, MOTORCYCLE, BICYCLE

IN HAND AT VIA EMILIA 86.

Tyres Balloon:	Size 8 - 0 (4.00-17, 4.25-17 and equivalents)	No.	2
"	8 - 1 (12x5, 4.50-19 and equivalents)	"	3
"	8 - 3 (130x40, 5.00x16)	"	1
"	8 - 4 (15x45, 16x40, 4.50x21, 5.25x19)	"	7
"	8 - 7 (4.00-19)	"	1
"	8 - 12 (5.00-19)	" 4	No. 18
Trapezoidal belts for motocar- and motorcycle engines			" 45
Valve-caps			" 501
Rubber pedals for bicycles			" 200
Flanged sleeves			" 18
Tyres Semi balloon: Type "E" (32x6, 7.00-20, 7.50-20)			Kgms. 220
" "F" (34x7, 7.00-20, 7.50-20)			" 150
" "I" (5.50-15/20, 6.00-15/20, 6.50-16/20, 10x5)			" 420
" "H" (42x9 to 12.75-20)			" 100
" "3" (9.75-20/22/24)		" 160	Kgms.1050
Gaiters			No. 40
Rubber clutches for radiators			" 45
Internal mechanism for cut-valves			" 11
Supports for cut-valves			" 11
Rubber solutions "Pirelli" (boxes)			" 3
" " " (125 grams each)			" 2
" " " (250 " ")			" 2
" " " (500 " ")			" 4

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

Ref. AC/Tn/R/25

13 December 1944

SUBJECT: Tools and Equipment and Control Vehicles for Additional ~~C.M.~~ Q.M. Truck Companies.

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

1. Reference is made to Para 9 of our letter AC/Tn/R/52/20 of even date.

2. Tools and equipment and control vehicles are hereby requested as follows:

Engineer

16 each Tool Set, complete with Tools Carpenter No. 2

Medical

16 each Kits, First Aid, Motor Vehicle

Ordnance

50 each Trucks, 1/4 ton, 4x4
18 each Trucks, 3/4 ton, 4x4, C&R
16 each Cabinets, Spare Parts, Type 1, M1940
480 each Chains, motor vehicle tow, 16 ft. long x 7/16 in. diam.
30 each Rope, tow, 20 ft. long, 1 in. diam.
16 each Tool Sets, complete w/Tools, Body Mechanics (SNL N-19)
112 each Tool Sets, complete w/Tools, General Mechanics (SNL N-19)

Unit Equipment, Second Echelon

48 each Set No. 1 (SNL N-19)
16 each Set No. 2 "
16 each Set No. 5 "
16 each Set No. 7 "
16 each Welders "

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32 each Axe, hand chopping, single bit, standard grade, 4 lb.
18 each Bag, canvas, water sterilizing, porous complete w/cover and hander.

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Quartermaster (Cont.)

32 each Buckets, canvas, water, 18 qt.
38 each Buckets, general purpose, galv. heavy weight, w/o lip, 14 qt.
360 each Cans, water, 5 gal.
16 each Cans, corrugated, nesting, galv. w/cover, 10 gal.
16 each Cans, corrugated, nesting, galv. w/cover, 16 gal.
16 each Cans, corrugated, nesting, galv. w/cover, 24 gal.
16 each Cans, corrugated, nesting, galv. w/cover, 32 gal.
36 each Case, canvas, dispatch
16 each Chest, record, fiber
2 each Desk, field, empty, fiber, Headquarters
16 each Desk, field, empty, fiber, Company
1600 each Drums, inflammable liquid, gasoline stool, w/carrying handle, capacity 5 gal.
16 each Kit, barber
64 each Kit, sewing
48 each Heaters, immersion type for cans corrugated
64 each Shovel, general purpose, D Handled, strapback, round point, No. 2
4 each Lantern, gasoline, two mantle, commercial
18 each Lantern, electric, portable, hand
64 each Pick, Mattock, intrenching M1910 w/handle
16 each Range, Field, M1937, 3 unit complete
2 each Safe, Field, combination lock
16 each Screens, latrine complete w/pins and poles
16 each Tents, kitchen, fly proof
2 each Tents, Command Post, camp w/poles
346 each Tents, squad, M1942, w/P/P
36 each Tents, wall, small cmp, w/P/P
456 each Tubes, flexible nozzle
160 each Whistles, thunderer

Signal

500 each Flashlight, TL - 122

3. This request is to equip 16 QM Truck Companies on the same scale as the previous 8 QM Truck Companies, equipment for which was approved by G-4(A).

MERRITT H. TAYLOR,
Director.

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

13 December 1944

This is to certify that Prof.Dott. FERDINANDO ARENA, who is physician to the Royal Household has permission to be in possession of undermentioned tyres.

The tyres are the property of the Royal Household.

Numbers: 9720, 3125, 8587, 1545 (4 Avon tyres) size 450x17;
Number : 116517, (1 Dunlop tyre)size 450x17.

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MERRITT H. TAYLOR
DIRECTOR

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C.R/25 File

Subject:- Spares for ANC, Ancona.

BT/1063/9

12 Dec. 44

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.(MAIA)
ROME
Tel: 680051 EXT 526

To:- Provincial Commissioner,
Ancona Province, ANC.

1. In reply to your ANC/A/100 dated 2 Dec. 44.--

2. The following points are brought to your notice:-

(a) in principle ANC requisitioned vehicles should obtain spares either from M.G. sources, or from Transportation Sub Commission who are in control of all civilian owned MT spares in liberated Italy.

(b) Italian Army spares are reserved for Army MT which is in a critical state.

(c) particular requests with special justification for individual spareparts will receive favourable consideration.

3. Will you please review your list in light of the foregoing.

(O.C. BATTERY)
Major-ASC
for Lt.Col.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.(MAIA).

OCP/as.

Copy to: Transportation Sub Commission A.C.

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G-5 Section
A.F.H.Q.

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FREEDOM 505

Subject:- Tyre Repair for HQ AC

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To:- Q(AE), AFHQ.
G-5 (Rr). AFHQ.

10 Dec 44

1. At a conference held by HQ AC on 11 Nov 44 certain queries were raised as to the operation of the Pirelli Co. tyre repair equipment by REME.

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3. Perhaps G-5 will be good enough to forward a copy of this Appendix to the Transportation Sub-Commission, HQ AC, RAMC.

W.H. Tope.

W.S. TOPE, Major General,
Director of Mechanical Engineering.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS, G-5 Section, APO 512. 11 December 1944.

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Director of Mechanical Engineering.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS, G-5 Section, APO 512. 11 December 1944.

TO: Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394. (Attn: Transportation Sub-Commission). 5443

Copy forwarded herewith.

G.S. Franklin

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

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APPENDIX 'A' TO ME/A/2/2964/3 DATED 10 DEC 44

QUESTIONS SUBMITTED TO CEME 1 ADV BASE WKSPS REME CMF IN MY ME/A/2/2964/3 DATED 19 NOV 44 COMBINED WITH REPLIES RECEIVED FROM HIM IN HIS AWN 10 DATED 28 NOV 44

1. (a) 'Q' What have been your sources of supply of raw materials for the repair of tyres and tubes for A.C.?

'A' From requisitioned stocks ex Pirelli and W.D. stocks.

2. 'Q' What is the backlog of repairable tyres and tubes from A.C. awaiting attention in connection with which you have already received firm demands?

'A' There is at present a back-log of 82 tyres which would amount to a normal days' work. The flow has been very steady during the past two months and practically all demands have been satisfied within 48 hours.

3. 'Q' What have been the general standards of classification of repairability of tyres for A.C. in comparison with those at present applied in respect of repairs to British military tyres and tubes for British military service?

'A' The standards of repair of A.C. tyres are extremely low. On AFPQ instructions every tyre capable of having any life at all after repair has been processed. In many cases, tyres have had as many as 8 re-inforcements, plus an extra number of minor repairs. This has, in my opinion, been a wastage of man power and materials. The standard therefore of repair classification has no comparison whatever with W.D. standards.

4. 'Q' By whom is the decision reached as to whether A.C. tyres or tubes are considered repairable and subsequently processed through the Pirelli plant?

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'A' From requisitioned stocks ex Pirelli and W.D. stocks.

2. 'Q' What is the backlog of repairable tyres and tubes from A.C. awaiting attention in connection with which you have already received firm demands?

'A' There is at present a back-log of 32 tyres which would amount to a normal days' work. The flow has been very steady during the past two months and practically all demands have been satisfied within 48 hours.

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'A' No. There has been no delay in repairing A.C. tyres. W.D. tyres are only repaired - not retreaded - at this plant, and for this work our own A.F.S.1095 equipment only is used.

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8. 'Q' Have you at any time transferred stocks of materials suitable for tyres passed to you by A.C., which stocks were requisitioned by you at the time the Via Assisis premises were taken over, without receiving in exchange other materials equally suitable in quality and quantity for undertaking the same service?

'A' We have never received any raw materials from A.C.

9. 'Q' Have you at any time utilised for any purpose other than that directly benefiting A.C., any materials emanating from A.C., whether in serviceable or scrap condition when received by you?

'A' As stated above, we have never received any raw materials from A.C. and scrap A.C. tyres have been used for the production of gaiters for use on A.C. tyre repairs only.

10. 'Q' It is thought that you have been drawing supplies of steam from the boiler already installed with the rest of the Pirelli plant for operating British military equipment. If so, have you been operating this military equipment at the expense of the availability of the Pirelli equipment?

'A' There has been no question of steam being used for W.D. purposes at the expense of A.C. The boiler capacity is capable of supplying steam for all purposes.

In amplification of the above, CEME 1 Adv Base Wkshps states that following instructions from this Directorate that due to the critical position in respect of the availability of repair materials he was to cease providing any British military stocks for use in repairing A.C. tyres, he has been forced to stop repairing any A.C. tyres at all. He points out that requisitioned Pirelli stocks were not balanced and although there are quantities of synthetic tread still remaining, there is no cushion material which is essential for the necessary processing. He stresses that as none of this essential material has ever materialised from A.C. the process of repairing A.C. tyres could only be continued by using W.D. materials.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

Dec. 9, 1944

Memo to: Directior Transportation Sub-Commission

From : Highways Branch

Subject: Consignment of Tyres and Tubes to A.C.

On the 17 of Nov. Headquarters Southern Region received from the ZTO A.C. Taranto Zone information as follows:

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Capt. Bullock was informed that it was his responsibility to take the necessary action.

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J. J. CARNES,
Colonel, Inf.

P.S. Capt. Rowlands since this letter was written has visited No.557 B.O.D. but they have no information regarding these tyres.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

9 December 1944

Ref. T-12

SUBJECT: Local Resources -- Zaccari Tire Co.

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

Ref your AC/TN/R/25 dated 6 December 1944.

1. REME advises that the repair materials were available when the Inspection was made on 21 November 44.

2. It is suggested that complete information on the Zaccari plant can be furnished by DADME, RAAC.

For the Acting Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

letter R/25 dated 14/12/44 refers

HEADQUARTERS
10 DEC 1944
A. C.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

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To : S.C.A.O. - A.M.G. Fifth Army.
Subj.: Pass to LIVORNO and ANCONA.
Date : 9th December 1944.

8772895 - SANTAGATA, Pasquale.
V.AVEZZANA, 3. TORRE DEL GRECO.

a) The above is a partner in the firm, SANTAGATA & SOLLAZZO, V. AVEZZANA, 3. TORRE DEL GRECO, who are working exclusively for the Allied Forces (principally for A.C./A.M.G.). They are, so far as I know, the only firm in Italy who can make gaskets for any make of car.

b) Their supply of sheet asbestos has now come to an end and I have been unable to find any in either NAPLES and ROME. Indents have been forwarded to U.S.A. for sheets required but will take months to arrive.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION RB/cm
APO 394
TIRE SECTION TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

Tele: 774031 9 December 1944

Tm/E/451.9252

SUBJECT : Tires and Tubes (Southern Region).

TO : Regional Transportation Officer - Southern Region.

REFERENCE : TM/SR/5/333.

1. The tire situation is dangerously acute not only in Southern Region but also in the whole of Liberated Italy, Sicily, and Sardegna.

2. This section has made two deliveries to Southern Region within the last 40 days. This shipment was made on a percentage basis according to our stock and according to request on file in this office.

3. This Section now has no tires or tubes in stock and no material for repairing tires. Tires and material have been requisitioned from Allied Sources. Further shipments will be made to you when these arrive.

4. A representative from this office will visit you in the near future in reference to establishing repair facilities within your region.

RICHARD B. BULLOCK 5487
Captain Infantry
Director Tire Section
Transportation Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. Army
Transportation Sub-Commission

4 December 1944

TN/SR/5/333

SUBJECT : Tyres.

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

The situation regarding supply of tyres has beco_ me dangerously acute, and of such proportion that the compi_ lation of individual requests offers no solution. Nearly 30% of all the W.D. (Civil Supply) vehicles are now laid up and Mr. Gross estimates that over 1000 tyres and tubes are required to equip our present vehicles.

Requisitions for 300 1050 x 16, 150 750 x 20, 178 32 x 9 tyres and tubes have been outstanding for nearly 3 months and there is still no sign of a single tyre or tube against these request.

By order of Brigadier DUNLOP:

J.A.N. GILES
Lt. Colonel,
Regional Tptn. Offr

JG/mjt
Copy to : Adjutant's File

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

Dec. 9, 1944

AC/TN/R/25

SUBJECT : Impounding of Tires and Tubes.

TO : Rail Section Transportation Sub-Commission.
(Att: Lt.Col. Lindberg).

DCCAO/13/3.2 dated 3 Dec from HQ AAI

1; the attached correspondence is passed to you with the following comments.

2. The Regional Transportation Officer Toscana Region has been consulted by this Headquarters and from his statement it would appear that there is no doubt, but that there was sufficient reason for the impounding of these tyres and tubes. These tyres and tubes were handed over to the Provincial Commissioner and are now being used on lorry carrying vehicles for the haulage of essential civilian supplies.

3. Nevertheless, it is not the desire of the Highways Branch that the Rail Section should suffer any loss in the matter. If possible the following compromise is suggested - rather than removing the tyres from the vehicles, at present operating on urgent business, it might be possible to replace these tyres from the limited stocks we have. If you will kindly let us know the sizes involved we will make every effort to do so.

4. Please return the attached correspondence with your reply.

GERRIT H. TAYLOR,
Director.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

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AC/TN/GEMs

7 Dec. '44

Tel: 220

SUBJECT: Tires for Automobiles
Ref. 15.10/E2

TO : Acting Deputy Chief of Staff
Economic Section

1. Reference is made to your communication of 5 December 1944 with attachments requesting that Transportation Sub-Commission submit its recommendations in this matter.

2. The following recommendations are made:

a. All requests for tires should be made to Regional Headquarters, attention of Transportation Officer. Transportation Sub-Commission is no longer an operating agency.

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MERRITT H. TAYLOR,
Director, Tn. S/C.

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LDD/es

Tel: 546

5 December 1944

15.10/ES

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAYLOR, DIRECTOR, TRANSPORTATION S/C:

SUBJECT: Tires for Automobiles.

1. Reference is made to the attached

a) Letter Hq, MTOUSA, AG 451.92/702 ORD-O, dtd 29 Nov, subject: Tires and Tubes for IRCC Delegation, attached to which is an inclosure, same being ltr IRCC Delegation, S/RO/331, dtd 12 Nov 44, subject: IRCC Delegation in Naples, car.

b) Letter from Myron C. Taylor, dated Dec 2, requesting tires for Marchese Filippo Serlupi Crescenzi, Minister of San Marino to the Holy See, attached to which is copy of letter dated 18 Nov 44 from the Minister of San Marino to the Holy See.

c) Letter from Myron C. Taylor, dated Dec 2, requesting tires for Commendatore Giovanni Giovannini.

d) Memo, dated 1 Dec, to Transportation S/C from Col. Densmore, subject: Tires for Ambulances (15.10/ES), memo dated 4 Dec, from Transportation S/C to Col. Densmore, same subject, copy memo 5 Dec to Civil Affairs Section, from Mr. Antolini

e) Letter 4 Dec from Transportation S/C, subject: Tyres 600 x 16.

2. Attention is called to the fact that 1 a), 1 b) and 1 c) above have not been acknowledged.

3. At the time these papers were handed to the Economic Section by Colonel Adams it was indicated that in view of 1 e) above, a policy ruling was requested by the Transportation S/C from the Economic Section.

4. It is submitted that the Economic Section is not in position to make a policy ruling in this matter without a clear recommendation from the Transportation S/C, which S/C has all of the facts and knows the requirements with respect to the question of tires. It is therefore requested that the Transportation S/C submit its recommendation in this matter. 543

A. G. ANTOLINI
Acting Deputy Chief of Staff
Economic Section

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APO 394
TIRE SECTION TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

Telet 774031

7 December 1944

Tn/T/451.3254

SUBJECT : Tires and Tubes.

TO : Requisitioning Officer - Economic Section - Headquarters Allied Commission.

1. Information in writing is desired as to the status of the following requisitions placed with your office:

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c. Requisition for repair material for tire repair plant in the vicinity of Rome.

d. Requisition for tires and tubes necessary to fill civilian needs.

e. Has a requisition been forwarded for curing bags and moulds or are designs being obtained so that these may be made from local sources?

2. It is requested that this section be kept informed as to the status of such as above by copies of requisitions submitted and correspondence pertaining to requisitions.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TIRE SECTION TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

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Tele: 774031

7 December 1944

Tn/T/451.925

SUBJECT : Tires and Tubes.

TO : Director, Commerce, Sub-Commission.

1. Tire repair work for A.C. and civilian needs has stopped because of the lack of necessary repair materials. Any information that can be given in reference to the procurement of materials from local sources is desired.

2. This section has on hand a large number of unrepairable tires that could be reverted to reclaimed rubber for the production of rubber accessories. The Pirelli Tire Company has such reclaim facilities and it is desired to obtain for that firm the authority to buy scrap rubber for such production. Can such authority be granted by Commerce?

3. Your cooperation and immediate action is respectfully requested.

RICHARD B. BULLOCK
Captain Infantry
Director Tire Section
Transportation Sub-Commission

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

Dec. 6, 1944

AC/TN/R/25

SUBJECT : Local Resources - Zaccari Tire Co.

TO : APHQ G-5 Section (Att:Lt.Col.Franklin)

Your Ref.T-12 dated 1 Dec. 44 refers.

1. The tyre retreading plant of the c/m company has already been requisitioned by A.C.

2. Information to hand, is that there is no repair materials whatsoever at the c/n plant, and it is for this reason that no work has been effected at the Zaccari tire plant.

3. It would be appreciated if you would inform us of the locality of the repair materials stated as being available, in your minute T-12.

MERRIT H. TAYLOR,
Director Transportation
Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT,
TOSCANA REGION.

RVIII/35/7/2/46.

5 Dec. '44.

R/25

SUBJECT: Damaged Tyres.

TO : Transportation Sub-Commission, (Roads), Tyre Section. ✓
(att. Capt. Peterson).

1. Hold the 50 600 x 16 damaged casings. will send truck within a few days. These tyres urgently needed for small trucks.

George B Sowers

GEORGE B. SOWERS,
Major, AUS.,
Regional Transportation Officer.

GBS/FC;

Copy to: Transportation Division Garage, Siena.

Capt Peterson has spoken personally to Major Sowers this matter.

No copy required

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394A

R/25

Dec. 5, 1944

SUBJECT : Italian Spare Parts.

TO : Salvage Officer PBS (Att:Col. Giles).

It is understood that certain Italian Spare Parts are available for sale for PBS Salvage. It is further understood that MMIA has first choice in these parts.

It is requested that any remaining spares be made available for sale to ESAC.

Lt.Col.Giles, Transportation Officer Southern Region will co-operate with you in this matter.

BERRIT T. TAYLOR,
Director Tn. Sub-Comm.

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT,
TOSCANA REGION.

RVIII/35/7/9/3. 4 Dec. '44.

TO : Colonel Carnes,
Transportation Sub-Commission.

See progress report sent to Sub-Commission regarding tyre plant in Firenze.

Major Bitner is in a tough spot. If he recommends that the plant be assigned to A.C. and of no use to Italian Army or Ordnance and we place it in operation rebuilding Army tyres for civilian use, he says "Govt. will eat his ass out". Apparently neither Ordnance or Italian Army have personnel to solve the problems, organise the plant and place it is operation as we have and plan to do. Perhaps 5 Army would like to take me on for this job.

As soon as Major Bitner and Ordnance can study the plant's facilities, the Major will make a recommendation to General T. In the meantime, as for past several weeks, the plant stands idle. 5 Army wants and needs the tyre rebuilding facilities but can not, apparently, organise and get them functioning, while A.C. has the materials and can probably get the plant in operation for civilian needs. Italian Army has no tyres or material, hence could not use the plant.

Yours George

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT,
TOSCANA REGION.

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RVIII/35/7/5/2. 4 Dec.'44.

SUBJECT: Tyre Rebuilding Plant, Firenze - Progress Report.

TO : Transportation Sub-Commission (Roads),
HQ, Allied Commission.

1. G-4, 5 Army (Rear) - Major Bitner and Capt. King - made some investigation regarding Army and Italian Army need for a tyre re-building plant in Firenze. Both greatly need to have broken tyre casings repaired and rebuilt. Army has no facilities available in this area.

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c If unsuitable for Army work, the plant would be assigned to A.M.G. or A.C. for production of Army C-1 tyres for civilian use.

2. I declined to proceed with the rehabilitation of the plant on above basis as I have my time entirely taken up with the operation of Regional vehicles and the placing and keeping in operation of civilian road transport. I agreed that we were all part of the Allied Armies and should do all that we can to help each branch operate. I did agree that I would give G-4 the name of the plant director and, if possible, have him contact G-4 in order that Ordnance Officers might question him regarding the plant's facilities and decide if the plant should be taken over by Ordnance.

George B Sowers

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c If unsuitable for Army work, the plant would be assigned to A.M.G. or A.C. for production of Army C-1 tyres for civilian use.

2. I declined to proceed with the rehabilitation of the plant on above basis as I have my time entirely taken up with the operation of Regional vehicles and the placing and keeping in operation of civilian road transport. I agreed that we were all part of the Allied Armies and should do all that we can to help each branch operate. I did agree that I would give G-4 the name of the plant director and, if possible, have him contact G-4 in order that Ordnance Officers might question him regarding the plant's facilities and decide if the plant should be taken over by Ordnance.

George B Sowers

GEORGE B. SOWERS,
Major, AUS.,
Regional Transportation Officer.

GBS/EC.

Copy to:- Regional Commissioner.

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4 December 1944

15.10/E5

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEVELAND:

Subject: Tire Manufacturing

I seem to remember hearing Mr. Antolini say that certain functions with respect to tire manufacturing, in the past having been carried on by the Transportation Sub-Commission, will in the future be handled by the Industry Sub-Commission. I don't recall having seen anything in writing setting forth a formal transfer of responsibilities and a clarification of the matter. Is there something that should be done on this?

L. D. DENSMORE
Colonel, F A
Chief Staff Officer
Economic Section

cc: Industry S/C
Transportation S/C

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TIRE SECTION TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

ARF/em

24 November 1944

Tele: 774031

SUBJECT : Shipment of Tires at Taranto.

TO : Capt. RICHARD B. BULLOCK, Director Tire Section, Transportation Sub-Commission.

1. In accordance with your instructions I proceeded to Taranto 21 November to obtain and distribute a shipment of tires. Information of this shipment was received in ~~the~~ telegram dated 17 November 1944, from Allied Commission Southern Region.

2. On arrival at Taranto I contacted Capt. Samson, Transport Officer and located the berth at which shipment had arrived (berth 6) but the tires had been forwarded to 557 B.O.D., No 1 Sub-Base Depot, Ponte Cagnano by rail on the 22 November 1944.

3. After inspecting two tire retread plants in Bari I returned to Rome 25th of November.

A. R. Pengilly Lt RCA

A. R. PENGILLY
Lt, RCA

1st Ind.

TO : Commanding Officer, Transportation Sub-Commission Allied Commission.

1. Forwarded for your information.

2. Request that a check up be made through proper channels as to disposition of this shipment.

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RICHARD B. BULLOCK
Captain Infantry
Director Tire Section
Transportation Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

17 NOVEMBER 1944

FROM : ZTO AC TARANTO ZONE
TO : ALLIED COMMISSION SOUTHERN REGION
DATE TIME : 161650A
REF NR : T/AC/GEN/146
RESTRICTED IMPORTANT

Following have arrived Taranto. 14 cases
Inner tubes index MT 14/19L84. 150 covers outer 75 by
20 index MT 14/17280. 36 bundles of RIMS. Consigned
00 PENBASE for AC. Send disposal instructions.

DISTRIBUTION: Tptn. (Action) →
Ex.O.
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

DSA/hl
AC/TR/GPdS
4 Dec. '44

Tel: .220

SUBJECT: Tires for Ambulances
Ref: 15.10/29

TO : Colonel Densmore, Economic Section

1. With reference to your letter concerning tires for ambulances, advise as follows: We have two sources of tires

a) requisitioned tires
b) repaired or retreaded tires.

2. All requisitioned tires received so far are for large trucks and nothing that would fit Italian ambulances. The proper size are on requisition and have been for a long time.

3. We have received some 800 old tires, however, these are not the proper size for the ambulances and practically all of them have been distributed. We have never received any tubes from any source of the size needed.

4. The first tires received of the small size necessary for these ambulances will be utilized for that purpose. We realize the urgency of the matter and it has been discussed with Colonel Cripps.

D. S. ADAMS,
Colonel, C.E.
Director, Tr. S/C

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

Dec. 4, 1944

AC/IN/R/25

SUBJECT : Tyres 600 x 16

TO : Director Transportation Sub-Commission.

The following is the present status of tyres 600 x 16.

(a) In Tyre Section 40 tyres no inner tubes.

(b) Super Garage 30 tyres no inner tubes.

(c) Lancia Garage none.

Reference (a) 20 inner tubes are available for repair and should be repaired within three days.
Reference (b) 30 tyres are needed at the Super Garage for exchange for unserviceable tyres.
Reference (c) 62 tyres and 30 inner tubes are needed to place vehicles on the road.

Recapitulation.

Tyres needed for Headquarters cars 92.
Tyres available 70. Insufficient tyres for Headquarters cars at present 22.

J. J. CARNES,
Colonel, Inf.
Director Road Section.

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TO : Director Transportation Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TIRE SECTION TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

EB/cm

29 November 1944

Tele: 774031

ACC Tn/451.9215

SUBJECT : Memorandum.

TO : Director, Roads Division - Transportation Sub-Commission.

1. It is proposed by this section to establish tire repair facilities in each region. To do this a survey of all plants must be made by representatives of this office.

2. The survey, to be made by Lt. Pengilly and Dr. Mannl, will enable us to re-establish repair plants for our use and give details on production. Necessary information will also be obtained as to raw material requirements.

3. This section does not have adequate transportation to carry out this mission. Your assistance is requested. A Command and Reconnaissance Car is suggested instead of a civilian car because of dependability.

RICHARD D. BULLOCK
Captain Infantry
Director, Tire Section
Transportation Sub-Commission

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In Comment

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Liaison Division
Office of Chief of Staff

Tel: No. 478001

29 November 1944

Ref: 105/213/L

SUBJECT: Tires for the Car of the Minister of San Marino to the Holy See.

TO : Director of the Transportation S/C AC.

1. Inclosed you will find a copy of a letter from the Honorable Myron C. Taylor with a letter from Col Poletti.

2. These communications are self-explanatory. Will you please inform this Division of any action taken.

Enoch Brown
Lt Col
Director
Liaison Division

Put the plant - Inventory line copies

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HEADQUARTERS
Allied Military Government
LAZIO-UMBRIA REGION
APO 394

R/ 2683

27 November 1944

SUBJECT: Tires for the Minister of San Marino to the Holy See

TO : Chief of Staff
Headquarters Allied Commission

1. I am attaching a copy of a letter from Ambassador Taylor regarding a request for tires for the Minister of San Marino to the Holy See. Since the control of all tires is in hands of AC M&, this request has been turned to you for whatever action is possible.

/s/ Charles Poletti
Colonel
Regional Commissioner

Incl: 1

Letter from:
Myron C. Taylor
21 November 1944
"Request for Tires"

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COPY

THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
TO HIS HOLINESS THE POPE

November 21, 1944

My dear Colonel Poletti:

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter dated November 18, 1944 from Marchese Filippo Serlupi Crescenzi, Minister of San Marino to the Holy See, regarding his desire to obtain five automobile tires and inner tubes size 550 x 15, to be used on Fiat, type 1500. Mr. Tittmann, in his telephone conversation with you regarding this matter explained that Marchese Serlupi's automobile had been stolen and then although he had a second car, this could not be used because it lacked tires. Since Marchese Serlupi has always been very friendly toward and demonstrated this friendship in a practical manner in connection with the preservation of Baronsor's art treasures, I would appreciate it if effort could be made to meet his desires.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Myron C. Taylor

Enclosure:
Copy of letter

Colonel Charles Poletti
Regional Commissioner
6 Via Lucullo
Rome

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TIRE SECTION TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

RB/em

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Tele: 774031

2 December 1944

ACC Tn/451.9243

SUBJECT : Requisition for Tires and Tubes.

TO : Director, Transportation Sub-Commission.

1. The following data is submitted in reference to tires and tubes:

		Tires	Tubes
a.	Total demand as of Nov. 30, 1944	13004	13300
b.	Stock on hand	None	None
c.	Balance due from Airgram 40, AFHQ	9032	10945
d.	Number according to size due from Airgram 40 applisble to a.	4643	5621
e.	Balance required (sizes designated below)	8361	7679

2. Request that the amount as shown in e. above be requisitioned from Allied sources; Amounts by sizes are shown as follows:

Size	Tires	Tubes
12 x 45	275	276
13 x 45	26	26
14 x 40	8	8
14 x 45	227	227
14 x 50	13	13
15 x 45	93	88
15 x 50	19	19
16 x 45	49	49
16 x 50	42	43
16 x 120	6	6

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16 x 50	42	43
16 x 120	6	6
17 x 50	6	6
18 x 525	2	2
20 x 9	2	2
25 x 6	16	16
26 x 500	9	10

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Size	Tires	Tubes
30 x 5	374	290
30 x 6	3	3
32 x 5	5	5
32 x 6	1249	1328
32 x 7	8	8
32 x 8	10	10
32 x 9	8	8
34 x 5	8	8
34 x 6	13	13
34 x 19	2	2
35 x 7	38	38
36 x 7	3	3
36 x 8	199	212
36 x 9	36	36
38 x 6	2	2
38 x 8	16	17
38 x 9	256	239
40 x 8	20	20
42 x 9	352	302
44 x 10	28	28
45 x 12	5	5
45 x 16	26	24
45 x 15	4	2
45 x 16	3	3
50 x 16	4	4
60 x 16	4	4
150 x 40	106	106
140 x 40	118	116
140 x 45	15	15
145 x 60	5	5

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34 x 5	8	8
34 x 6	13	13
34 x 19	2	2
35 x 7	38	38
36 x 7	3	3
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38 x 9	256	239
40 x 8	20	20
42 x 9	352	302
44 x 10	28	28
45 x 12	5	5
45 x 16	26	24
45 x 15	4	2
45 x 16	3	3
50 x 16	4	4
60 x 16	4	4
150 x 40	106	106
140 x 40	118	116
140 x 45	15	15
145 x 60	5	5
145 x 45	10	10
145 x 400	4	4
150 x 16	5	5
150 x 40	15	15

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Size	Tires	Tubes
155 x 400	3	3
160 x 16	8	8
160 x 20	9	9
165 x 60	4	4
165 x 400	18	18
170 x 16	17	17
170 x 20	28	29
190 x 20	1	21
200 x 20	7	11
210 x 20	247	250
230 x 130	47	47
270 x 20	109	99
300 x 19	13	17
325 x 19	11	0
350 x 19	100	100
350 x 20	2	2
400 x 15	240	204
400 x 16	12	12
400 x 17	102	75
400 x 18	14	14
400 x 19	4	4
400 x 130	3	1
400 x 155	5	5
400 x 165	35	35
400 x 175	5	5
425 x 17	277	244
440 x 17	7	7
450 x 15	5	5
450 x 17	46	46
450 x 18	23	23
450 x 19	3	3

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200 x 20	7	11
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230 x 130	47	47
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400 x 16	12	12
400 x 17	102	75
400 x 18	14	14
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400 x 130	3	1
400 x 155	5	5
400 x 165	35	35
400 x 175	5	5
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440 x 17	7	7
450 x 15	5	5
450 x 17	46	46
450 x 18	23	23
450 x 19	3	3
450 x 20	8	8
450 x 21	5	6
475 x 17	7	7
475 x 18	59	56

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Size	Tires	Tubes
500 x 15	138	101
500 x 16	41	41
500 x 17	38	37
500 x 18	43	43
500 x 19	43	43
500 x 20	4	5
525 x 15	2	2
525 x 16	5	6
525 x 17	25	25
525 x 18	128	118
525 x 19	12	16
525 x 20	27	30
550 x 15	294	288
550 x 16	18	18
550 x 17	8	8
550 x 18	116	116
550 x 19	6	6
550 x 20	9	6
600 x 17	33	32
600 x 18	665	660
600 x 20	81	147
640 x 20	6	6
650 x 15	2	2
650 x 16	10	12
650 x 17	10	5
650 x 18	8	6
650 x 20	25	24
700 x 16	7	7
700 x 17	11	11
700 x 18	140	144

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650 x 15	2	2
650 x 16	10	12
650 x 17	10	5
650 x 18	8	6
650 x 20	25	24
700 x 16	7	7
700 x 17	11	11
700 x 18	140	144
700 x 20	-	46
700 x 21	2	1
720 x 120	57	59
725 x 20	9	9
730 x 130	4	4

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Size	Tires	Tubes
740 x 140	278	265
750 x 16	4	3
750 x 17	11	11
750 x 18	2	2
765 x 105	2	1
850 x 20	5	5
900 x 16	3	-
900 x 20	521	-
975 x 20	17	-
975 x 24	9	11
1050 x 16	28	14
1050 x 24	1	1
1125 x 4	5	5
1275 x 20	248	247
1350 x 20	3	3
1550 x 15	2	2
1900 x 300	3	3
1900 x 350	1	1
	8361	7679

3. The need for the above is urgent.

Richard B. Bullock
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Captain Infantry
Director Tire Section
Transportation Sub-Commission

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

Tel: 48908I
Ext: 436

G-4/I32/I7.

R/25

2 December I944

SUBJECT : Supply of M. T. Spares.

TO : A.F.H.Q. (for DDOS "B" Spares, Ordnance British).

With reference to your DOS 2/I7/3(3) dated I9th November I944 and further to this office letter of even number dated 28th November I944 in connection with the setting up of a Central M.T. Spare Parts Section at this H.Q..

A directive will be issued instructing all Regions (with the exception of AMG, 8th Army) that w.e.f. January Ist, I945 all indents for M.T. Spare Parts will be submitted to this Branch only, where such demands will be met from the scaling held in the Central Depot at this H.Q., and indents submitted by this Branch to Ordnance to maintain this scaling.

Requirements of controlled stores as in para. 3 your above-quoted letter will be consolidated by this Branch and indents will be submitted monthly as required.

Arrangements have already been made with C.O.O. No. 3 Sub Depot, 557 B.O.D. regarding the submission of indents and collection of Stores on the weekly "milk round" system, this Branch being held responsible for same. To date there has been every help and cooperation from Ordnance side.

It is requested that when you issue your instruction "freezing" all indents from Regions w.e.f. January Ist, I945, all indents submitted prior to this date by Regions will be considered cancelled w.e.f. same date. An instruction will be issued to Regions to this effect requesting them to re-submit such indents direct to this Branch for consolidation etc.

For the Chief Commissioner

S. Miller Lt-Col

NORMAN R. [illegible]

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For the Chief Commissioner

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Chief of Staff,
Establishment Section.

Copy to : Transportation Sub-Commission,
(Roads - Col. J. J. CARNES).

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

1 December 1944

Ref. T-12

SUBJECT: Local Resources - Zaccari Tire Co., 60 Viale Manzoni, Rome

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

1. This headquarters has received information to the effect that the a/m firm is equipped with modern plant for tire retreading and repair, but has only sufficient repair materials for one months's operation.

2. Attached hereto is copy of REME letter ME/A/2/3302/1 of 27 Nov 44 making available the above information.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

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

Incl: as above

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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

Incl: as above

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FREEDOM 505

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
REME

Subject; Local Resources - Reports on Italian Firms ME/A/2/3302/1

To : G-5 (Br), AFHQ (through Q(AE)) 27 Nov 44

1. It has been reported to this Directorate by DADME HQ RAAC that the firm of ZACCARI, 60 Viale Manzoni, ROME, claims to be equipped with modern plant for tyre-re-treading and repair.

2. It is stated that they are in possession of sufficient repair materials for one months' operation only.

3. As you know, the small tyre repair plant of PIRELLI, situation in Via Assis, ROME, has been requisitioned by REME and its tyre repair potential has been held available for work on behalf of A.C. At a recent meeting in ROME, it was indicated by the representatives of Transportation Sub Commission, A.C., that the PIRELLI equipment was not making available sufficient repaired covers and it is therefore suggested that the firm mentioned in para 1 above might well be exploited by A.C., if they have not already taken action to this end.

(Sgd)
H.O. FIELD, Lt. Col,
ADME,
for Major General,
Director of Mechanical Engineering.

Copy to:- Q(AE), AFHQ
DADME, HQ RAAC (reference your REME/36 dated 21 Nov 44).

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TIRE SECTION TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

Tele: 774031 1 December 1944

ACC Tn/451.9244

SUBJECT : Tire Repair Facilities - A.C.

TO : Director, Transportation Sub-Commission.

1. A report is hereby submitted on the tire repair facilities of the Tire Section, H.Q. A.C. This report is intended to act also as a requisition for the necessary repair materials. These plants are ready to assume full operations as stated and are awaiting receipt of the required materials.

2. Data for each plant is as follows:

a. Pirelli Plant, Via Assisi 41, Rome.

1. Retreading can be carried out in this plant for the following sizes:

(low pressure)

4.00 - 15	4.75 - 18	5.25 - 18	6.00 - 20	9.75 - 20	6.00 - 19
4.00 - 17	4.75 - 19	5.25 - 19	6.50 - 20	10.50 - 20	
4.25 - 17	5.00 - 15	5.50 - 15	7.00 - 20	10.50 - 24	
4.40 - 19	5.00 - 16	5.50 - 16	7.50 - 20	210 - 20	
4.50 - 18	5.00 - 18	5.50 - 18	8.25 - 20	230 - 20	
4.50 - 19	5.25 - 17	6.00 - 18	9.00 - 20	270 - 20	

(high pressure)

12 x 45	15 x 45	130 x 40	30 x 5	38 x 9
13 x 45	15 x 50	140 x 40	32 x 6	40 x 8
14 x 40	16 x 45	165 x 400	34 x 7	42 x 9
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Repairing, both of tire-covers and inner tubes, can be carried out for all sizes of tires. It should be remarked however that some curring bags are missing because of use and others for the same reason will become unserviceable during future production of tires. This situation may be faced both by [illegible] or by employing

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2. Data for each plant is as follows:

a. Pirelli Plant, Via Assisi 41, Rome.

1. Retreading can be carried out in this plant for the following sizes:

(low pressure)

4.00 - 15	4.75 - 18	5.25 - 18	6.00 - 20	9.75 - 20	6.00 - 19
4.00 - 17	4.75 - 19	5.25 - 19	6.50 - 20	10.50 - 20	
4.25 - 17	5.00 - 15	5.50 - 15	7.00 - 20	10.50 - 24	
4.40 - 19	5.00 - 16	5.50 - 16	7.50 - 20	210 - 20	
4.50 - 18	5.00 - 18	5.50 - 18	8.25 - 20	230 - 20	
4.50 - 19	5.25 - 17	6.00 - 18	9.00 - 20	270 - 20	

(high pressure)

12 x 45	15 x 45	130 x 40	30 x 5	38 x 9
13 x 45	15 x 50	140 x 40	32 x 6	40 x 8
14 x 40	16 x 45	165 x 400	34 x 7	42 x 9
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3.25 - 19
9.75 - 20
10.50 - 20
250 - 20
270 x 20
38 x 9

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2. Daily production capacity:

1 8 hours shift: 80 tires - 80 inner tubes, repaired & retreaded
2 8 " " :160 " -160 " " , " " "
3 8 " " :240 " -240 " " , " " "

3. Requirements of electric power:

1500 kwh. per day with 150 kw/. of power employed.

b. Zaccari Paolo, Vicolo del Mandrione 55, Rome.

1. 7 Moulds for following tire sizes:

1) 42 x 9 only for Artiglio tread
2) 42 x 9; 38 x 9; 10,50 x 20; 270 x 20
3) 36 x 8; 9,00 x 20; 8,25 x 20; 34 x 7; 7,50 - 20; 190 x 20; 200 x 20
4) 32 x 6; 30 x 5
5) as per 3
6) 6,00 - 18; 5,50 x 18; 5,25 - 18; 6,00 - 16; 4,25 - 17
7) as per 6

Curing bags for above sizes are available.

2 tread plates for repairing inner tubes.
5 mandrels for inner repairing of tires.
2 section moulds.
1 scraper.
2 flex shafts for internal scraping.

2. Operating 8 hours per day with 15 workers this plant is capable of retreading 70 tires of various sizes per shift. Approximately 10 - 12 tires of any special size is the output for 8 hrs.

c. Greco Augusto, Via Giovanni Lanza 188, Rome.

1. 5 Moulds for following tire sizes:

1) 4,00 - 15 till 5,00 - 15
2) 130 x 40; 140 x 40; 5,50 - 15.
3) 4,75 - 18; 5,00 - 18; 5,50 - 18; 6,00 - 18; 6,00 - 16; (some difficulties for 600 x 16)
4) 6,00 - 20; 6,50 - 20; 30 x 5; 32 x 6
5) 4,00 - 17

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1 section mould for 34 x 7 and 36 x 8 tires

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1 section mould for 34 x 7 and 36 x 8 tires
4 tread plates
1 buffing machine for inner tubes
1 scraper
1 flex shaft for internal scraping

2. Operating 8 hours per day with 10 workers this plant is capable of retreading 25 tires of various sizes per shift.

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d. Santantoni Virgilio, Via Principe di Piemonte 210 B, Rome.

1. 4 Moulds for following tire repair:

1) 4,00 - 15; 4,00 - 17; 4,25 - 17; 5,00 - 16; 5,25 - 16; 130 x 40; 140 x 40; 165 x 400
2) 5,50 - 20; 6,00 - 20; 7,00 - 18; 7,00 - 20; 14 x 50; 15 x 50; 16 x 50; 30 x 5; 32 x 6; 170 x 20
3) 4,75 - 18; 5,00 - 18; 5,25 - 18; 5,50 - 18; 6,00 - 16 (some difficulties for 600 x 16)
4) 42 x 9

Curing bags available for above sizes

2 section moulds (1 broken)
1 scraper
1 flex shaft for internal repairing

2. Operating 8 hours per day with 6 workers production should be 15/20 tires per shift.

3. Raw materials required for six-months production at full capacity for Pirelli:

Coal, Sardinian, "Sulcis"	300	tons
Benzine Solvent	12	"
Synthetic rubber	95	"
Natural rubber	36	"
Sulphur	4	"
Carbon black, American	32,2	"
Carbon black, National(from mineral oils)	48	"
Zinc oxide	6	"
Calcium carbonate	24	"
Magnesium carbonate	2	"

Accelerators, anti-ageing materials, plasticizers:

Mercapto disulphide	0,5	tons
Diphenylguanidine (accelerator N°12 Dupont)	0,6	"
Diphenylguanidine acid oxalate	0,9	"
Stearic acide	3,6	"
Coal tar	2,4	"
Bitumen A Sor 140 (Bretner)	2,4	"
Mercaptobenzothiazol	1	"
Anhydrous formaldeideaniline (plasticizer A St. Denis)	0,3	"
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Oil tar	3, "
"G" Mineral oil	0,3 "
Naftol Z.D.	3,2 "
Buna 36 of the Buna Works A.C.	3,9 "
Paraffine	1 "
Red Wax	0,15 "
Ortotolilbiguanidine(Vulcacit 1000-IG Farben I)	0,1 "

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4. Prepared repair material required for a six-months production at full capacity for Greco, Zaccari, and Santantoni:

Camel back (without cushion)	121	tons
Cushion Compound	22	"
Benzol	14	"
Coal (Sardegna)	150	"

5. Raw and repair materials on hand :

None.

6. Further reports and requisitions will be made as repair facilities are established in the various regions.

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TIRE SECTION TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

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SUBJECT : Status of Repair Material.

TO : Director, Transportation Sub-Commission - Headquarters Allied Commission.

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d. That this situation be made known to all concerned in H.Q. A.C. and to A.F.H.Q.

7. In addition to the work obtained from "B" Sub Wksp R.E.M.E., this section controls 3 addition repair plants in Rome. All these will be capable of full time operation on receipt of the required raw material.

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