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ALLIED COMMISSION
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION
ANCONA

Subject:- Transfer of Trucks, Ancona Area.

To:- Transportation Sub-Commission (for Tn 5) (2)

From:- Senior Transportation Officer, Ancona

Ref. A.C/Tn 13/1 Anc.

8 July '45

Reference your letter AC/27/72/Tn 5 dated 28 June '45,
Progress Report called for as at 8 July '45 is as follows:-

1 (a) 30 trucks of 9 Coy were handed over to Macerata Truck Pool on 1 July '45. Of these, 24 are on the road at date. 20 trucks of 9 Coy were handed over to CHIETI Truck Pool. All trucks from 2 Battalion that will be handed over to Macerata Truck Pool will be located at SPONZACCSIA. The a/m 30 trucks resumed operations on 3 July '45.

(b) Trucks of 10 Coy were handed over to Osimo Truck Pool on 3 July '45, and resumed operations on 5 July 45. They remain in location at Osimo for the time being.

(c) Trucks of 11 Coy were handed over to Osimo Truck Pool on 5 July 45, and resumed operations on 7 July 45. They remain in location at Osimo for the time being.

(d) Trucks of 12 Coy were handed over to Osimo Truck Pool on 7 July 45, and it is estimated they will resume operations on 9 July 45. They will be located at BORGHETTO-TORRENTI.

2 In all cases, trucks are withdrawn from operations two days before date of hand over to Truck Pools concerned.
3 Directors of Truck Pools report that they have been able to engage sufficient tested drivers, and that they do not anticipate difficulty in that respect.
4 Attached for information is statement of imports and exports (Macerata Province) handled by trucks of Macerata Truck Pool in the month of June 45.

5 For information:-

(a) MACERATA Truck Pool Telephone Macerata 38

Director

Sig. U. POBRO

Private address Via Rona 10, Macerata 2954
(Phone Macerata 315)

(b) OSIMO Truck Pool

Director

Telephone Osimo 174

Sig. MASTROGIACOVANTI

Can be contacted through Truck Pool at all times -
no private telephone.

Osimo Truck Pool has a central Office in Ground Floor of Prefettura, Ancona, and can be contacted on 2954

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 (a) MACERATA Truck Pool Telephone Macerata 38
Director Sig. U. POPPO
Private address Via Roma 10, Macerata 5924
 (Phone Macerata 315)
 (b) OSIMO Truck Pool Telephone Osimo 174
Director Sig. MASTROGIOVANNI
 Can be contacted through Truck Pool at all times -
 no private telephone.
 Osimo Truck Pool has a central Office in Ground Floor of Prefettura, Ancona, and can be contacted on Grain Tpt Office telephone (Ancona 2401)
- 6 A meeting is held each Thursday at Grain Tpt Office, at which Truck Pool Directors and representatives of Consorzi and High Commission (Food) attend, to discuss and arrange programme for following week. It Clark has also been requested to attend whenever possible.

R. I. Bent
 Capt. R. A. S. S.

 R. I. Bent

UFFICIO TRASPORTI

TRUCK POOL - Region V. - A. M. G.

MACERATA PROVINCE

DIREZIONE

Prot. n. 145

Macerata, li 6 Luglio 1945

Qui di seguito vi riportiamo il prospetto della merce esportata ed importata nella nostra Provincia durante il mese di Giugno 1945:

M E R C E	QUINTALI
Grano	84.508
Farina	340
Carta	60
Spago	20
Tele	1.370
Olio	340
Legname	310
Vino	120
Ossigeno	20
Frutta	240
Carbone	52
Pezzi ricambio	20
Varie	580
Zolfo	220
Bestiame	30
Zucchero	362
Alimentari	1.240
Fagioli	50
Gomme	20
Mattoni	20
Sale	600
Latte in polvere	5
Cemento	1.560
Pianniferi	30
Ghisa	80
Solfato di rame	150
Baccalà	20
Materiale edile	20
TOTALE...Q.LI	53.971

IL DIRETTORE
(U. Poppo)

DIREZIONE

Prot. n° 145

Macerata, li 6 Luglio 1945

Qui di seguito vi riportiamo il prospetto della merce esportata ed importata nella nostra Provincia durante il mese di Giugno 1945:

M E R C E	QUINTALI
Grano	84.908
Farina	340
Carta	60
Spago	20
Tele	1.370
Olio	540
Legname	310
Viro	120
Cessigero	20
Frutta	240
Carbone	52
Pezzi ricambio	20
Varie	580
Zolfo	520
Bestiame	30
Zucchero	362
Alimentari	1.240
Fagioli	50
Gomme	20
Mattoni	20
Sale	600
Latte in polvere	5
Cemento	1.360
Fiammiferi	30
Ghisa	80
Solfato di rame	150
Baccalà	20
Materiale edile	20
TOTALE...Q. LI	93.571

IL DIRETTORE
(U. Poppo)



HEADQUARTERS
TRUCK OPERATING GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394.

Tel. 826324
Ext. 6

JHB/jmo.

July 5, 1945

Ref.: AC/MG/200/13

Subject: Transfer of trucks to Civilian Pools.

To: Transportation sub-Commission, A.C., Roads Division.

1. Reference is your AC/27/68 Tn5, dated June 27th, and our letter, reference as above, dated 28th June.
2. Owing to certain unforeseen difficulties arising, the programme for the delivery of trucks to Civilian Pools is going to be delayed.
3. These difficulties are:
 - a) The fact that the 223 and 224 Transport Companies did not report into Civitavecchia until 1800 hours on July 4th.
 - b) The drivers of the 224 Transport Company have not had more than two hours driving instruction and are, therefore, not capable of driving vehicles without further training.
 - c) Some of the driving personnel of the 223 Transport Company will have to be used to give further instructions to the drivers of the 224 Transport Company.
4. The following are the dates when we anticipate to be able to deliver to the various Truck Pools:
 - Serial 1.= 50 trucks have been delivered to Foggia on July 3
 - Serial 2.= 50 trucks to Bari on July 8
 - Serial 3.= 40 trucks to Leghorn on July 13
 - Serial 4.= in three phases: 50 trucks to Bologna on July 16
50 trucks to Bologna on July 21
40 trucks to Bologna on July 27
 - Serials 5 to 13.= as per your original letter
 - Serials 14 to 17.= as per your original letter
 - Serial 18.= 140 trucks to Padova, approx. August 5
 - Serial 19.= 140 trucks to Genova, approx. August 1
5. The reason for disbanding the 223 Transport Company at a later date than the 224 Transport Company is due to the fact that the 223 Transport Company will be required to transport the Italian personnel of the 224 Transport Company to their Replacement Depots, as instructed by M.M.I.A.

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6. The M.M.I.A. are endeavouring to make arrangements for the Italian personnel of the 223 Transport Company to be dispersed in the same area as that where the trucks of the 223 Transport Company are being delivered.

James J. Carnes
James J. CARNES
Col. Inf..
Commanding
Truck Operating Group.

CC.: to Regional Commissioner, Emilia Region
Regional Commissioner, Liguria Region
Regional Commissioner, Venezia Region
Lt.Col.Giles, Senior T.O., A.C. Florence.

HEADQUARTERS
TRUCK OPERATED GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION
A.F.C. 384

July 5, 1945, sec.

Tel. 388334

Ref.: AC/MG/200/1

Subject: Transport Companies, A.C. = Vehicle strengths.

To: A.F.H.C., Attention G.5
(Through Economic Section, A.C.)

URGENT

I. TASK VEHICLES.

- a) In confirmation of our signal 1043, dated July 3rd.
- b) The position is that the 221, 222, 227, 228, 229 and 230 Transport Companies have a number of vehicles on their strength which are not load carriers.
- c) This position has arisen owing to the fact that in the first instance, the 227, 228, 229 and 230 Transport Companies were formed on the standard General Transport Company W/E. This W/E allowed for so many control vehicles and domestic vehicles.
- d) The 221 and 222 Transport Companies were formed under the jurisdiction of District 3, but they were not formed on the standard W/E. They did, however, manage to borrow one or two domestic vehicles, e.g. The 221 Transport Company has a water tanker.
- e) When it was appreciated by this Headquarters that the series 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226 were not being formed on the standard W/E and that they were unable to get domestic vehicles, they were issued with A.C. vehicles to the extent of 140 load carriers per Company. This was made up of 132 task vehicles plus 8 load carriers for domestic purposes.
- f) It is assumed that when all these Companies come under A.C., there should be 140 load carriers per Company for eventual disposal to the Italian Government. It is, therefore, requested that instructions may be issued as to how the surplus vehicles, i.e., water tankers, the 15 Cwts, motorcycles and the cars should be disposed of when the Companies are disbanded and the task vehicles handed over to the Italian Government.

*Agree to plan in this 6/7. with original
Agree para 1 & 2. Para 3 under plan
in view of our AC/27B/81/Tus of 4/7.*

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II. L.A.D. VEHICLES.

- a) A special W/E for an L.A.D. for attachment to each Transport Company was drawn up. This W/E authorised the following vehicles:

1 lorry 3 T. 4 x 2 GS.
1 lorry breakdown 4 x 2 or 6 x 2.
1 15 Cwt 4 x 2 GS.

These vehicles were to be supplied by the disbanding of the serial 3 workshop platoons with the 1000, 1001, 1002 and 1004 General Transport Companies, which were reformed into the 337 to 330 series.

- b) Owing to the disbanding of these Companies, the 3 T. lorry and 15 Cwt are not now required, but it is requested that the breakdown vehicles may be retained in order that they can be used by the truck pools for vehicle recovery purposes. May authority be given for these.

III. L.A.D. EQUIPMENT

- a) A special G1098 for the L.A.D. equipment to be supplied to the Transport Companies was drawn up. This equipment is gradually coming to hand.
- b) It is requested that authority may be given to retain this equipment when the Companies are disbanded, as it will be required by the Truck Pools for the 1st. and 2nd. Echelon Maintenance and by the Maintenance Group in the setting up of their 3rd. and 4th. Echelon Maintenance Scheme.

James J. Carvill
James J. CARVILL
Col. Inf.
Commanding
Truck Operating Group.

CC. to Economic Section, A.C.



HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APC 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

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6 July 1945.

Ref: AG/27/93/Tn5

SUBJECT: Transfer of Trucks in Truck Operating Group to Civilian Truck Pools.

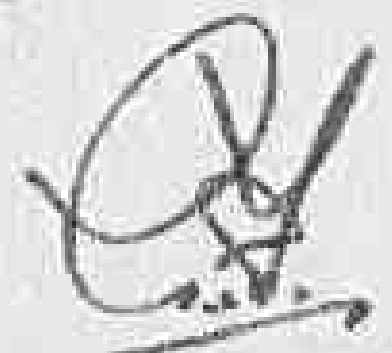
TO : Truck Operating Group.

1. Reference your letter AG/26/900/13 dated 3 July 1945.

2. It is confirmed that 150 trucks are to be delivered to Liguria and 130 trucks to Venezia. According to AG/27/68/Tn5 dated 27 June 1945, a total of 1250 trucks are to be turned over ~~to~~ Truck Pools between 1 and 15 July. On, or about, 1 August a further 403 1½ ton trucks now in 3 Truck Battalion will also be turned over to Truck Pools. In total, therefore, 1653½ ton will have been turned over to Truck Pools for sale to the Italian Government out of the total 1700 trucks imported for the formation of 2 and 3 Truck Battalions and the 6 new Italian Transport Coy's. This will leave a balance of 57 trucks not yet allotted. This figure of 57 will absorb trucks which have been wrecked beyond repair.

3. It is understood that you are putting into Truck Pools only Ford trucks and retaining the other miscellaneous makes for eventual hand-over to the Italian State Railways. It is requested that you will state if there will be any difficulty in meeting the total of 655 vehicles which will eventually have been transferred to Truck Pools.

By Command of Rear Admiral STONE:



C. YERNYHOUSE
Lt. Colonel, R.A.

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

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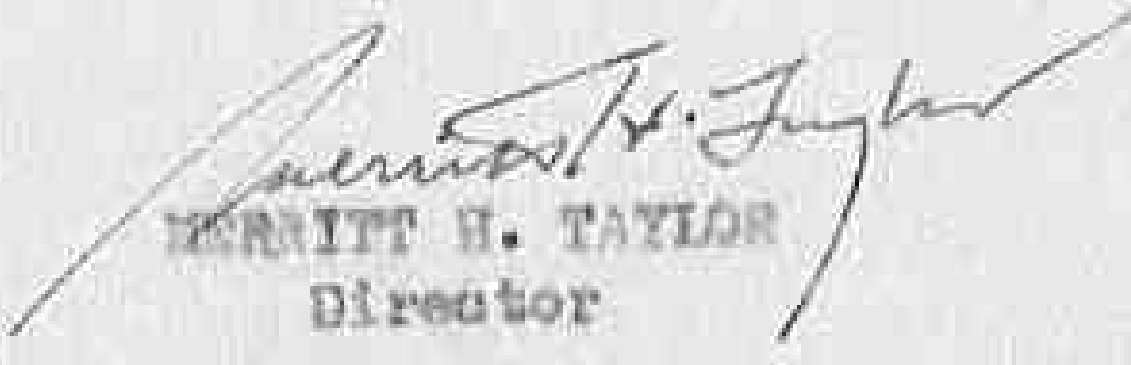
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5 July 1945

SUBJECT: Maintenance Group, Bq. AC

TO : Commanding Officer, Bq. Maintenance Group

1. Reference is made to your AG/13/202/7, 28 June 1945, to Vice President, Economic Section.
2. The subject matter of this communication was not discussed with the Director, Transportation Sub-Commission on 28 June as indicated in your letter.
3. Therefore, paragraph 2 of your letter is not agreed.
4. Also, there are other points in your letter which need clarification; paragraph 3(c) is specifically objected to. Necessary first echelon maintenance tools must be supplied to truck pools regardless of requirements of the Maintenance Group. The Maintenance Group is primarily concerned with higher echelons of maintenance for which tools are on order.
5. It is requested that your above referred to letter be withdrawn inasmuch as it was not coordinated as indicated in paragraph 1.


MERRITT H. TAYLOR
Director

cc: Vice President, Economic Section
Chief, Supply Division, Economic Section
Road Division, Transportation Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION
SUPPLY DIVISION

TN 3/C
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Ref. E5/15.01

30 June 1945

SUBJECT : Tools and Equipment of the Truck Transport and Maintenance Groups.

TO : Colonel J. J. Carnes
Motor Transport Group

1. Inventory. It is requested that you furnish an inventory of all tools and equipment now on loan to the Truck Operating Group by P.E.S. which you wish to retain for the maintenance of vehicles being turned over in truck pools. This inventory is needed for submission to AFHQ in order that this equipment may be handed over to the Truck Maintenance Group for use. Please furnish this inventory as early as possible consistent with the known physical check necessitated.

2. In order to insure that the vehicles turned in at the following pools: Pollenza, Ancona and Osimo, have the necessary tools, it is requested that your maintenance officers turn over a memorandum receipt with the trucks and the necessary tools for their maintenance. This lot of tools will be an offset against any tools which may be furnished in the future from the lot released by AFHQ.

3. This Headquarters will urge AFHQ to expedite the supply of L.A.D. equipment for the six GT companies which they undertook to provide when released. It is requested that you will collect this equipment and distribute that part of it necessary for truck pool maintenance to those truck pools which are receiving vehicles from disbanded Italian transport companies. These pools are at Leghorn, Florence, Emilia Region, Venezia Region, and Liguria Region.

(Sgt) C. M. W.

CHARLES S. WALTON
Colonel
Chief, Supply Division

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HEADQUARTERS
TRUCK OPERATING GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394.

JHB/jmo.

Tel. 886324
Ext. 8

June 23, 1945

Ref.: AC/MG/201/1

Subject: Transfer of trucks in Military Units to
Civilian Pools.

To: Transportation sub-Commission.

1. Reference is your letter AC/348/TN 5, dated June 21.
2. Before this Headquarters is in a condition to carry out the transfer of the trucks set out in your letter, the following information will have to be supplied:
 - a) The names of the persons who will sign for the trucks when they are delivered to the various places mentioned.
 - b) Will the Regional Transportation Officers notify us as to when they are prepared to take delivery and where the trucks will report?
3. Reference para 6 of your letter. It will be appreciated that it will be necessary for the persons receiving the trucks referred to in that paragraph, to arrange transport for the Italian drivers who will be required to report back to some Italian military replacement camp.
4. In reply to para 7, the only maintenance equipment which can be made available is the vehicles' tool kits which are on the vehicles themselves. Any other maintenance equipment is the property of the 2675 Reg. or the British Ordnance.
5. Attention is also directed to para 8 of AFHQ's letter AG/537/177 GDS-o, dated May 13. This paragraph states that the maintenance supervisory personnel will be withdrawn: 1/3 on July 1; 1/3 on July 15 and 1/3 on August 1. Will you please inform this Headquarters as to the persons who will sign for all materials and stores at present the responsibility of the Maintenance Group, as the handing over of these materials and stores will take at least one month to accomplish.

James J. Carnes
James J. CARNES
Col. Inf.
Commanding
Truck Operating Group.

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For distribution: see over.

Copies to: Economic Section
Supply Division, Economic Section
Petroleum Section, AFHQ
Regional Commissioner, Emilia Region
" " Venezia Region
" " Liguria Region
Provincial Commissioner, Ancona
" " Leghorn
Transportation sub-Commission
Road Division, Tn S/C
Movements Division Tn S/C
Deputy Director, Tn S/C

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

INTER OFFICE MEMO

1 JULY 1945

EXT :- 566

REF :- AC/27/82/Tn5

SUBJECT :- Truck Transport Maintenance Coy A.C.

TO :- Land Forces Sub-Commission (MIA)

1. Reference your S.D./6/3 dated 6 June 45.
2. Attached hereto for your information are copies of this Sub-Commission's letters AC/348/Tn5 dated 21 June 45, 544/13/Tn1 dated 22 June 45 and AC/27/68/Tn5 dated 27 June 45. These letters contain our proposed plan to comply with A.F.H.Q. letter AG 537/177 GDS-O dated 13 May 45, together with disbandment dates and subsequent employment of Br. and U.S. cadres and trucks.
3. We await A.F.H.Q.'s approval of the plan, but meanwhile the trucks of units to be disbanded are being organized in Civilian Truck Pools. It is hoped that A.F.H.Q. will agree to the retention in the Truck Maintenance Group of Allied supervisory personnel until at least 30 September 45.
4. You are no doubt aware that A.F.H.Q. have issued an order for the withdrawal of British Cadres from 227 - 230 Italian Transport Coy A.C., now operating in the North under control of 15 Army Group, under authority order No G-1 (Br) 1068/A/1 Serial 2505 dated 23 June 45.

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For the DIRECTOR

G. PERNYNGHOUGH
Lt. Col. R. A.

TO

Land Forces Sub-Commission (L.F.S.C.)

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For the DIRECTOR

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G. PERRYHOUGH
Lt. Col. R. A.

Copy to :- Economic Section
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

GV/80

29 JUNE 1945

EXT

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REF

1- AG/27/76/In5

SUBJECT

1- Transfer of Trucks in Truck
operating Group to Civilian
Truck Pools .

TO

1- Regional Commissioner
A.M.G. Emilia Region
(Att: Regional Trans/Officer)

1. Reference this Sub-Commission's letter AG/27/70/In5 dated 26 June 45 .
2. 15 G.M.Coy of 3 Truck Battalion and 1 Platoon of 222 Italian Transport Coy, now operating in EMILIA Region, will be returned to their parent units immediately the new 1 and $\frac{1}{2}$ ton trucks are in service in adequate numbers to take over the lifts now being performed by these units .
The Platoon of 222 G.T.Coy, now at FORTE Refugee Camp, will return to FLORENCE and 13 G.M. Coy to MODENA .
3. Please signal date when the units can be released in order that the Truck operating Group may issue the necessary movement orders . The Platoon of 222 G.T. Coy must be released by 12 July due to disbandment of the Coy on 15 July .
4. Industry Sub-Commission have bid for road movement of 1000 tons of sulphur from PERTICARA mine (MR 1/200,000 Sheet 14.R 5981) to CESENA . Refinery at the rate of 50 tons per day . Distance is 36 Km. and 12 trucks will be adequate to lift on basis of 2 trips per day.

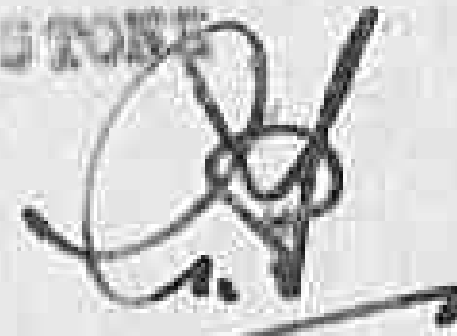
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5. This haul should be started immediately . your new Truck Pools are organized . Please state when you can commence .

By Command of Rear Admiral STONE



G. FERRYTHOUGH
Lt. Col. R.A.

Copy to :

15 Army Group for G-5
Truck operating Group
Movements Division (Roads)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

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Ref: AG/27/75/Tn5

29 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Transfer of Truck in A.C. Military Units to Civilian Pools.

TO : Truck Operating Group.

1. Reference our letter AG/27/68/Tn5 dated 27 June 1945.
2. It is confirmed that trucks under serials 14 - 17 will be handed over at existing Coy locations in Leghorn and Florence. Delivery address for serials 9 - 10 and 12 is Terretto, 4 miles north of Ancona on Route 16, map reference 1/200,000, sheet 14 559469.
3. Referring to para. 3 of the above mentioned letter, Lt. Howell will sign for trucks delivered to Bologna and not Maj. Sowers.
4. Will you please state actual dates when trucks will be delivered for each serial and numbers of trucks in each convoy in order that we may send a signal to receiving officers.

By Command of Rear Admiral STONE:



G. FERNYHOUGH
Lt. Colonel, R.A.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 804
THIRD ARMY SUB-COMMISSION

06/07

25 June 1945.

Ref: 06/07/74/705

SUBJECT: Transfer of Trucks in Truck Operating Group to Civilian Truck Pools.

TO : Gen Distribution.

1. Reference is made to our signal 045 dated 25 June addressed to Gen. T.O., BARI and Captain Price's visit to this H.Q. on 24 June on the above subject.

2. Attached hereto for your information is a copy of our 06/27/06/705 dated 27 June, showing dates and locations for delivery of trucks. As the Truck Operating Group may be unable to deliver all trucks on the dates shown, a signal will be sent to you notifying any change in the programme.

On completion of delivery you will notify this sub-commission by signal number of serviceable and unserviceable trucks received.

3. Trucks have been allotted for the following purposes:

- (a) CHIRI -- 20 for railroad clearance 06/08.
- (b) TRUCKS -- 50 to replace 8 x 10 ton flats moved to CHIRI to increase the lift available for the harvest.
- (c) BARI -- 50 to provide an additional lift for the harvest. Disposition of these trucks among CHIRI and BARI pools will be made by Major Taylor to meet local needs and locations notified to this sub-commission.

A report will be rendered to this sub-commission by 7 July stating the number of new trucks in service and confirming that sufficient additional drivers have been engaged.

4. The Italian Government will shortly take over No. 3 Truck Pool. CHIRI and the CHIRI and BARI pools in the BARI area. Capt. Richardson of the Roads Division, accompanied by engineers and accountants of the Government, will visit each Truck Pool to perform a physical check of all vehicles. The Italian representative will sign for all trucks, including those to be delivered as shown above.

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A further visit will be made to No. 1 Truck Pool, FOGHIA to handover the new trucks.

5. After handover of the FOGHIA and BAKI Truck Pools, the Italian Government will be entirely responsible for operation and maintenance. Major Taylor will act as liaison officer between this U.S. and Italian Government Directors of the Pools, rendering technical advice and assistance on operation and maintenance matters. It is important that the Government provide maximum lift from each Pool.

6. JtB. Sec. will release additional P.O.L. to the Italian Government for the operation of the new trucks.

By Command of Major General STUBBS:


G. F. STUBBINS
Lt. Colonel, R.A.

Distribution:

Major G. F. Taylor, Sec. T.O. A.C. - BAKI
Capt. J. B. Billingham, T.O. No. 1 Truck Pool, A.C. - FOGHIA
Capt. F. R. Price, T.O. No. 3 Truck Pool A.C. - BAKI

cc: TgtB 2/3 (3)
Truck Operating Group

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

Tel: 220

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AC/348/TN 5

His Excellency La Malfa,
Minister of Transport,
Rome.

27 June 1945

Dear Mr. Minister:

Confirming our conversation of 25 June 1945, the Allies placed an order for 2,000 trucks of 2½ tons capacity - giving a total lift of 5,000 tons for use by the Italian Government. This order was later changed to 260 trucks of 10 ton and 1600 trucks of 1½ ton capacity, giving a lift of 5,000 tons.

These trucks are being transferred to the Italian Government which is assigning them to ISR for operation. To date 500 of these trucks have been delivered to the Italian Government. Delivery can be increased if the ISR can accept them more rapidly.

There are now approximately 650 Allied trucks operating in Truck Pools in the Southern and Abruzzi-Marche Regions. These trucks have been used since the inception of the Truck Pools to carry civil supplies only.

On 18 June 1945, an officer of the Allied Commission, accompanied by a representative of the Ministry of Transport and the Ministry of the Treasury left for Campobasso on initial stage of transferring all of the trucks in these Truck Pools to the Italian Government. The transfer of the trucks in Campobasso and Foggia have already been completed. The transfer of the balance of these 650 trucks should be effected by 1 August.

The Allied Commission have been operating approximately 2,000 captured trucks in Sicily, 600 of which are runners. This organization has been operating under the name of INT - AC, Sicily. All of the property of the INT - Sicily was transferred from the Allied Commission to the Italian Government on 25 June 1945.

In addition, there are approximately 2,244 trucks in AC Special Truck Operating Group, composed of the 1700 - 1½ ton trucks, most of which have been delivered and approximately 580 - 2½ to 3 ton trucks supplied from military sources. It is proposed

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Minister of Transport

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to transfer title to these trucks to the Italian Government and deliver them to the locations specified below for operation by local truck pools on the dates set forth:

1. Forli-Cesena	July 1	<u>140</u>	trucks	
2. Bari	"	50	"	
3. Foggia	"	50	"	
4. Leghorn	"	32	"	
5. Ancona-Macerata	"	<u>400</u>	"	664
6. Leghorn	July 15	140	"	
7. Florence	"	140	"	
8. Venezia	"	150	"	
9. Genoa	"	<u>150</u>	"	580.
10. Genoa *	*August 1	200	"	
11. Milan *	"	200	"	
12. Turin *	"	200	"	
13. Venezia *	"	200	"	
14. Venezia-Giulia	"	<u>200</u>	"	<u>1000</u>
				<u>2244</u>

* - Tentative allocation and date subject to review in consultation with 15th Army Group and Regional Commissioners.

These above enumerated vehicles will be transferred to the Italian Government with the understanding that the U.S.A. and U.K. Governments reserve the right to raise a charge in dollars and sterling against the Italian Government. It is also with the understanding that any lifts required by AC will be given first priority for transport by the Italian Government or such other agency or person who may control the operation of these vehicles.

Your acceptance of this tentative program and the conditions of transfer will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

Merritt H. Taylor
MERRITT H. TAYLOR,
Director.

Minister of Transport

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DISTRIBUTION:

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

37/hgd

25 June 1945

AC/27/72/TH.5

SUBJECT : Transfer of Trucks in Truck Operating
Group to Civilian Truck Pools.

TO : Lt.Col.Siles, Senior Transportation Officer
A.O.Florence.
Capt.R.L.Bent.

1. Reference conference held at this H.Q. on 25 June attached hereto for you information is copy of our AC/27/66/TH.5 dated 27 June, showing dates and numbers of trucks and locations of handovers.

2. As the Truck Operating Group may be unable to hand-over on the exact dates stated, you will be notified by signal of any changes in the program. On completion of handover, a report should be sent to this Sub-Commission showing the number of serviceable and unserviceable trucks delivered at each location.

3. Please forward progress reports on the formation of truck pools on 8, 15 and 22 July. It is anticipated that the Italian Govt. will shortly take over all pools in ANCONA, MACERATA, FLORENCE and LEGHORN and will be responsible for operations under your supervision.

By Command of Rear Admiral STONE:

G. PERRYHOUSE 5927
Lt.Colonel, R.A.

Copy to:

En. 5/C (3)
Truck Operating Group
Lt.Clark T.O. AEG. MACERATA

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

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28 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Transfer of Trucks in Truck Operating Group to
Civilian Truck Pools.

TO : Regional Commissioners
Liguria Region
Venetia Region
Emilia Region

1. Reference this Sub-Commission's signals 560 dated 23 June to Liguria and Venetia Regions and 557 dated 23 June to Emilia Region.
2. Delivery of 1 1/2 ton trucks released by disbandment of A.C. Military transport units will commence on dates and in numbers as follows:

Liguria	15 July	150 trucks
Venetia	15 "	150 "
Emilia	1 "	140 "

3. It is intended that in Liguria and Venetia Regions the trucks shall be used in Phase II in port clearance at Genoa and Venice as first priority and for haulage of civilian supplies and refugees.

4. Organizations and Administration.

A.M.G. Truck Pools, civilian staffed and operated, should be formed on the basis of the booklet "Instructions for the Organizations and Administration of Truck Pools". It may be convenient to use existing Ufficio Autotrasporti to perform despatch and accounting work.

Separate income and expenditure accounts should be kept for the A.M.G. Pool ready for eventual handover of the pools to the Italian Govt.

5. Maintenance and Repair.

Trucks will be delivered with vehicle tool kits only. 5925
is intended that a limited scale of 1st and 2nd Ech. Maintenance equipment will be supplied to Truck Pools immediately on release by A.M.G.. Meanwhile local civilian resources should be utilized to the full.

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Truck pools are responsible for let and end Sch. Maintenance and repair. The Truck Maintenance Group is responsible for higher schedule repair and will arrange civilian contracts for this work. It is hoped that a limited number of SM/ONS will be assigned to supervise maintenance if released for this duty by A.P.R.S.

Maintenance officers of this Sub-Commission will visit RHILIA Region about 1 July and LIGURIA and VENETIA Regions about 15 July to assist in the organization of maintenance.

6. Locations and Requisition for Delivery.

Please state earliest address to which trucks are to be delivered. Delivery will probably take place in 1 or 3 convoys on different days. Actual dates of arrival will be notified by signal. It is desired to deliver all trucks to the same address.

The trucks are to be signed for by an Allied officer and taken on charge pending handover to the Italian Govt. Will LIGURIA and VENETIA Regions please signal names of officers who will sign for vehicles.

Trucks will be handed over on memorandum receipt with tally-out list of registration numbers by officer's i/c convoys. One copy should be retained by your relieving officer and additional copies signed for retention by this Sub-Commission and the Truck Operating Group.

By Command of Rear Admiral SMITH:

G. G. GUNN JR.
Chief,
Roads Division

cc: Truck Operating Group
En. 8/2 (5)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION GF/ep

27 June 1945.

Ref: AC/27/68/Tn5

SUBJECT: Transfer of Trucks in A.C. Military Units to Civilian Pools.

TO : H.Q. Truck Operating Group.

1. Reference your letter AC/MG/201/1 dated 23 June 1945.
2. Information requested in your para. 2 is set out hereunder.

Serial	Date	Present Unit	No. of Trucks	Delivery Location
1	1 July	226 I.T. Coy	50	No. 1 Tk. Pool, FOGGIA
2	"	"	50	SUDEST " , BARI
3	"	"	40	221 I.T. Coy Park, LIVORNO
4	"	225 I.T. Coy	140	52 Viale Oriani, BOLOGNA
5	"	9 Q.M. Coy	20	No. 3 Tk. Pool, CHIETI
6	"	9 " "	30	POLLENZA
7	3 July	10 " "	50	OSIMO
8	5 "	11 " "	50	OSIMO
9	7 "	12 " "	50	(a) ANCONA
10	9 "	13 " "	50	(a) ANCONA
11	11 "	14 " "	50	No. 6 Tk. Pool, MACERATA
12	13 "	15 " "	50	(a) ANCONA
13	15 "	16 " "	50	POLLENZA
14	15 "	221 I.T. Coy	70	(b) LEGHORN
15	19 "	" " "	70	(b) " "
16	17 "	222 I.T. Coy	70	(b) FLORENCE
17	21 "	" " "	70	(b) " "
18	15 July	223 I.T. Coy	150	(c) PADOVA
19	15 "	224 " "	150	(c) GENOA

- Notes: (a) Provisional only. actual location to be notified
- (b) Unless notified to the contrary, trucks will be handed over at existing locations.
- (c) Provisional only. actual locations awaited from Regions.
3. Name of officers who will sign for trucks are:

1. Reference your letter AC/MG/201/1 dated 23 June 1945.
2. Information requested in your para. 2 is set out hereunder.

Serial	Date	Present Unit	No. of Trucks	Delivery Location
1	1 July	226 I.T. Coy	50	No. 1 TK. Pool, FOGGIA
2	"	"	50	SUDEST " , BARI
3	"	"	40	221 I.T. Coy Park, LIVORNO
4	"	225 I.T. Coy	140	52 Viale Oriani, BOLOGNA
5	"	9 Q.M. Coy	20	No. 3 TK. Pool, CHIETI
6	"	9 " "	30	POLLENZA
7	3 July	10 " "	50	OSIMO
8	5 "	11 " "	50	OSIMO
9	7 "	12 " "	50	(a) ANCONA
10	9 "	13 " "	50	(a) ANCONA
11	11 "	14 " "	50	No. 6 TK. Pool, MACERATA
12	13 "	15 " "	50	(a) ANCONA
13	15 "	16 " "	30	POLLENZA
14	15 "	221 I.T. Coy	70	(b) LEGHORN
15	19 "	" " "	70	" "
16	17 "	222 I.T. Coy	70	(b) FLORENCE
17	21 "	" " "	70	" "
18	15 July	223 I.T. Coy	150	(c) PADOVA
19	15 "	224 " "	150	(c) GENOA

Notes: (a) Provisional only. Actual location to be notified
(b) Unless notified to the contrary, trucks will be handed over at existing locations.
(c) Provisional only. Actual locations awaited from Regions.

3. Names of officers who will sign for trucks are:

- Serial 1. Capt. J.S. Billingham, T.O. FOGGIA
2. Major C.W.G. Taylor, Sen. T.O. BARI
3,14-17. Lt. Col. J.N.N. Gilles, T.O. FLORENCE
4. Maj. G.B. Sowers, Sen. T.O. BOLOGNA
5. Capt. F.R. Price, T.O. CHIETI
6-13. Lt. L.E. Clark T.O. MACERATA
18. Col. J.S. Mosger, Sen. T.O. PADOVA
19. Maj. H.B. James, Sen. T.O. GENOA

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Due to a conference of A.C. T.O.'s at this H.Q. on 2 July, some of the above officers may appoint deputies to sign for them. Names shown against serials 18 and 19 are subject to alteration when Regions reply to our signal 560 dated 25 June. Please arrange that copies of the tally-out sheets to be signed by receiving officers, are given to these officers and to this Sub-Commission.

4. Reference para. 3 of your letter, receiving officers cannot be responsible for returning Italian drivers to replacement camps. This is entirely a responsibility of the unit holding the drivers e.g. Truck Operating Group. It would be impracticable to use civilian drivers, newly engaged, to carry a large number of Italian soldiers to depots. It is suggested that you send additional trucks with each convoy to transport the drivers to depots under command the officer i/c each convoy.

5. Regarding para. 5 of your letter, Col. Carnes today stated his intention of asking Economic Section to arrange a conference to discuss the functions of the Truck Maintenance Group.

By Command of Rear Admiral STONE:

G. G. CROSS JR.
Chief,
Roads Division

CC: Regional Commissioner
EMILIA Region
LIGURIA "
VENETIA "
Lt. Col. Giles, Sen. T.O. A.C. FLORENCE
Maj. Taylor, Sen. T.O. A.C. BARI
Capt. Billinghamurst T.O. A.C. FOGGLI
Capt. Bent, Sen. T.O. A.C. ANCONA
Capt. Price, T.O. A.C. CHIETI
Lt. Clark, T.O. A.C. MACERATA
Transportation S/C (5)

SUBJECT : Turnover of 2nd Bn. M.T. Group Vehicles to Italian Government.
 TO : Lt. L.E. CLARK, Marche Region.

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1. Between the dates ~~xxxxx~~ 1 - 15 July 1945 you will arrange for the handing over of three hundred and eighty (380) 1 1/2 Ton ~~xxxxx~~ vehicles from the 2nd Bn. M.T. Group, ALGOM, to the Italian Government. This is to include ~~such tools and spare parts as the Co-ordinating Officer, M.T. Group, ALGOM may designate to be turned over with the vehicles.~~ *tools*

2. These vehicles will be distributed as follows:

Ancona Province : 250.
 Macerata Province : 130.
~~Ascoli Province :~~

3. The Italian Government will receipt for all vehicles mentioned in par. 1 on a USAGO SHIPPING TICKET. The Shipping Ticket will record the ~~W~~ Number - Chassis Number - Motor Number of each vehicle. All vehicles will be turned over irregardless of serviceability or state of cannibalization. ~~xxxxxx~~ Tires on these vehicles ~~or in storage~~ will be listed on a separate Shipping Ticket by size and Serial Number.

4. The ~~xxxxxx~~ *Inspettorato di Motorizzazione* (ANCONA) ~~will on his representative~~ will be authorized to accept these vehicles and to sign the Shipping Tickets.

5. You will remain ~~xxxx~~ attached to Ital. Govt. Terr. and will act as ~~xxxx~~ *liaison* officer/ ^{from this office} to the Italian Government.

6. ~~xxxxxx~~ Your duties will be as follows:

a. Render ~~such~~ technical advice ~~as you deem necessary~~ for the organization and operation of these vehicles into existing or newly organized Truck Pools.

b. Render technical advice on matters pertaining to Maintenance of ~~xx~~ vehicles.

c. Assist ~~ix~~ and insist that the Italian Government gain a maximum lift from these vehicles.

d. Keep this office informed by Weekly Reports (beginning 8 July 1945) as to the progress the Italian Government is making in organizing and operating these vehicles, into Truck Pools.

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7. The Enlisted Men and Other Ranks assigned to you at this time may be utilized as you best see fit.

8. Your headquarters may be maintained at Ascoli-Piceno, ~~if you so desire.~~

TO : Mr. J.E. GALT, Kansas Region.
SUBJECT : Turnover of 2nd M.T. Group Vehicles to Italian Government.

1. Between the dates July 1 - 15 July 1945 you will arrange for the handing over of three hundred and sixty (360) 1st M.T. Group vehicles from the 2nd M.T. Group, ALGER, to the Italian Government. This is to include each vehicle and spare parts and the following items: 1st M.T. Group, ALGER, 1st M.T. Group, ALGER, 1st M.T. Group, ALGER.

See

10/6/45

Movements
(Roads)

- 2. These vehicles will be distributed as follows:
Algeria Province :
Marseille Province :
Nice Province :

3. The Italian Government will receipt for the vehicles mentioned in par. 1 on a USAGS SHIPING TICKET. The shipping ticket will record the 1st M.T. Group - 360 vehicles - 1st M.T. Group of each vehicle. All vehicles will be turned over immediately of serviceability or state of cannibalization. A separate list of all these vehicles will be filed on a separate Shipping Ticket by date and Serial Number.

4. The Italian Government will be authorized to accept these vehicles and to sign the Shipping Ticket.

5. You will remain responsible for the 1st M.T. Group and will not be relieved of this responsibility until the Italian Government has received the vehicles.

6. Your duties will be as follows:
a. Maintain and control the records of these vehicles for the organization and operation of these vehicles.
b. Maintain and control the records of these vehicles for the organization and operation of these vehicles.

7. Maintain and control the records of these vehicles for the organization and operation of these vehicles.

8. Assist in and insure that the Italian Government gain a maximum lift from these vehicles.

9. Keep this office informed by Weekly Reports (beginning 1 July 1945) as to the progress the Italian Government is making in organizing and operating these vehicles. Info. (see 10/6/45)

10. The Shipping Ticket and other forms required by you at any time may be utilized as you best see fit.

11. Your headquarters may be maintained at Algiers-Region.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

OF/op

26 June 1945.

Ref: AC/12/99/Tn5

SUBJECT: Allocation of P.O.L. for A.C. Trucks.

TO : Petroleum Section, A.F.H.Q.
R.A.A.C. Rome.

1. Reference is made to our letters 545/2/Tn1 dated 23 June 1945, and AC/348/Tn5 dated 21 June 1945, also to telephone conversation (Col. Eyles - Lt. Col. Fernyhough) on 25 June 1945.

2. In accordance with your request further details are given hereunder of the various categories of trucks for which an allocation of petrol is desired. To simplify explanation the trucks concerned are divided into the following groups:

- Group A - Italian Govt. Territory
- B - AMG Territory
- C - Territory under 15 Army Group control.

3. Provisional dates when the trucks will go into service in A.C. Truck Pools together with locations, for each group are as follows:

(a) Group A.

(i) Trucks formerly in A.C. Military Units drawing Military petrol

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>No. of Trucks</u>	<u>Type</u>
1 July	ANCONA Province	250	1 1/2 ton
	MACERATA "	130	"
	CHIESI "	20	"
	LEGNORNI "	40	"
	TOTAL	440	
15 July	FLORENCE Province	140	
	LEGNORNI "	140	
	TOTAL	280	
	<u>TOTAL GROUP A (1)</u>	<u>720</u>	5920

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(ii) Additional trucks allotted to existing Truck Pools.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>No. of Trucks</u>	<u>Type</u>
1 July	BARI Province	50	1½ ton
	FOGGIA "	50	"
	Total	<u>100</u>	

These trucks will replace B.L.R. trucks and will be used for grain amassment and port clearance.

(iii) Trucks allotted to I.S.R.

1600 x 1½ ton and 260 x 10 ton trucks are being handed over to I.S.R. at the rate of 200 per week. 300 have already been delivered.

(iv) Total Group A (i) and (ii)	-- 820 trucks
" " A (iii)	-- 1860 "

(b) Group B.

140 x 1½ ton trucks now in A.C. Military units in EMILIA Region and drawing military petrol will go into service in the provinces of FORLI, RAVENNA and FERRARA commencing 1 July.

(c) Group C. *150 LIBRIA + 150 VENEZIA.
1300.*

On or after 1 August 1946, ~~1500~~ x 3 ton trucks now in A.C. Military units in territory in the North under 15 Army Group control, will be organized in A.M.G. Truck Pools. These trucks are at present drawing Military petrol.

Locations of the new Truck Pools and numbers of trucks in each have not yet been decided. It is anticipated that this information will be notified to you by the middle of July, together with dated when P.O.L. allotments by you will be required.

4. It is expected that trucks in Group A (i) and (ii) will be handed over to the Italian Govt. by the end of July. Groups B and C trucks will not be turned over until the areas in which they are operating are transferred to Italian Government Territory.

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5. It is requested that P.O.L. may be made available on dates and at locations shown in para. 2(a) above, for all trucks in Group A (i) and (ii) and Group B. The 400 trucks in MACERATA and CHIETI areas are working 12 hours a day, 7 days a week and averaging 100 to 120 miles per day on priority haulage of grain, A.M.G. food or refugees. Will you please therefore allot 8 barrels of petrol per month to these trucks.

6. Regarding P.O.L. for the 1860 trucks in Group A (iii) copy of letters A/248/2107/45083/3 dated 26 June from the I.S.R. is attached for your information. This letter gives a monthly programme of P.O.L. requirements showing locations and successive increases of trucks in service up to October, 1945. The demand is based on 400 gallons or $11\frac{1}{2}$ barrels per truck per month, which is equivalent to 110 miles per day @ 8.5 m.p.g. This scale is felt to be far in excess of requirements.

It is requested that you will allot P.O.L. to I.S.R. according to your normal scale based on the locations and numbers of trucks in service each month.

For the Director:

G. FERNYHOUGH
Lt. Colonel, R.A.

cc:
Commerce S/C
Movements Div. (Roads)
H.Q. Truck Operating Group

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CONFIDENTIAL

AC Motor Transport Operation and Maintenance Groups

1. G-5 G-1(A) 21 Jun Reference AG letter 537/177 (28-0 dated
G-1(B) 1945 15 May.
G(Maint)
G-4(A)

Copy to
Each

1. So far AG have NOT been able to complete formation of the Maintenance Group owing to the inability of AFHQ to produce the additional supervisory personnel necessary and requested by them under para 7 of the a/mentioned letter.

2. In addition, it is felt that the proposed withdrawal of all military personnel (both ITALIAN and supervisory) under para 5 of the a/mentioned letter may throw a grave strain on AG at a moment when it is trying to ensure a smooth transfer of transport organizations to the ITALIAN Government.

3. It is proposed to hold a conference at 1400 hours Saturday, 23 June, in Colonel BUTTERWORTH's room, Economics & Supply Division, G-5 (Archway B) at which Lt Col PERCY ROUGH of the Transportation Sub-Commission AG will submit AG's proposals for dealing with these difficulties.

4. Branches addressed are asked to send representatives.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

H. P. Croom-Johnson

H. P. CROOM-JOHNSON, Lt. Col.
Economics & Supply Division.

Copy to:

AG, Transportation Sub-Commission.

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22 JUN 1945

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HEADQUARTERS
TRUCK OPERATING GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394

JHE/jmo.
June 23, 1945

Tel. 386324
Ref.: AG/MS/801/1

Subject: Transfer of trucks in Military Units to
Civilian Pools.

To: Transportation sub-Commission.

1. Reference is your letter AG/348/TH 5, dated June 21.
2. Before this Headquarters is in a condition to carry out the transfer of the trucks set out in your letter, the following information will have to be supplied:
 - a) The names of the persons who will sign for the trucks when they are delivered to the various places mentioned.
 - b) Will the Regional Transportation Officers notify us as to when they are prepared to take delivery and where the trucks will report?
3. Reference para 6 of your letter. It will be appreciated that it will be necessary for the persons receiving the trucks referred to in that paragraph, to arrange transport for the Italian drivers who will be required to report back to some Italian military replacement camp.
4. In reply to para 7, the only maintenance equipment which can be made available is the vehicles' tool kits which are on the vehicles themselves. Any other maintenance equipment is the property of the 3875 Reg. or the British Ordnance.
5. Attention is also directed to para 8 of AFHQ's letter AG/537/177 GDSec, dated May 13. This paragraph states that the maintenance supervisory personnel will be withdrawn 1/3 on July 1; 1/3 on July 15 and 1/3 on August 1. Will you please inform this Headquarters as to the persons who will sign for all materials and stores at present the responsibility of the Maintenance Group, as the handing over of these materials and stores will take at least one month to accomplish.

James J. Cairnes.
James J. Cairnes
Col. Inf. 5913
Commanding
Truck Operating Group.

For distribution: see over.

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Road Division, In S/C
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HEADQUARTERS
MAINTENANCE GROUP
ALLIED TRANSPORTATION (IAP)
Box 394

OWAP/eg.

Tel. 886524
Ext. 8

21 June 1945

Ref. AG/KG/202/7

SUBJECT : Provision of Service for Vehicles Supplied.

TO : Navy Sub-Commission H.Q., A.C.

1. Your letter N30/2661 dated 15 June 1945, subject as above, has been passed by the Transportation Sub-Commission to this Group for action.

2. Para 4 of the Commander-in-Chief's letter referred to by you is not strictly accurate. The 10 Italian Transport Companies referred to are purely operating Companies and in no way handle Maintenance and repairs except in so far as performing 1st and 2nd echelon maintenance on their own vehicles.

3. 3rd and 4th Echelon Maintenance Shops have been and are being set up in various centers of Italy. These have been authorized by A.F.K.Q. who stated the object would be to take care of all A.C. vehicles and the vehicles of all Allied relief Agencies and missions. These vehicles are American vehicles and it is regretted that the facilities given to us would not enable us to maintain Italian vehicles.

Copy to:-
Transportation Sub-Commission H.Q., A.C.
(Attn.: Mr. Gross).

Childs, ally
JAMES J. OARIES,
Colonel, Infantry,
Commanding,
MAINTENANCE GROUP.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

21 June 1945

Ref. T-10

SUBJECT: Organization of Truck Transport and Maintenance
Groups (AC).TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394
(Attn: Economic Section)Reference your AC/27/34/In.5 dated 8 June '45 and
telephone conversations 19 and 20 June (Col. WALTON - Lt. Col.
GROOM-JOHNSON).1. The proposals in your letter are being examined and
you will be advised further in due course.2. It is pointed out, however, that the cessation of
hostilities and the demands of other theatres make it all the
more important that AC transport should be placed on a completely
civilian basis as soon as possible, since no matter how urgent
the needs of AC ~~are~~ (which are fully appreciated here) the necessary
military personnel ~~are~~ unlikely to be available. It is suggested
that steps should be taken now to start the training of civilian
replacement drivers for the Italian military personnel of the AC
Truck Group to be withdrawn on 1 August.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

*H. P. Groom-Johnson*H. P. GROOM-JOHNSON
Lt. Colonel
Economics & Supply Division

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

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Tel: 220

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18 June 1945

SUBJECT: GT & QM Companies Obtaining
Captured German Vehicles

TO : Motor Transport Group
Road Division, Tn. S/C

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1. Lt.Col. Harris, Acting Chief of Staff, G-5, 15th Army Group, visited Rome 16 and 17 June and stated that captured German vehicles are being formed into GT & QM Companies and that some disposition of these GT & QM Companies would have to be made, probably at the commencement of Phase II, or the Allied Commission would assume responsibility of these units, if not in Phase II, we certainly would in Phase III. It is suggested that GT & QM Companies formed of German captured vehicles be turned over to Motor Transport Group for operation and Transportation Sub-Commission have lift control in a later phase of operations. Please coordinate this with Lt.Col. Harris and prepare a definite plan and submit it to me.

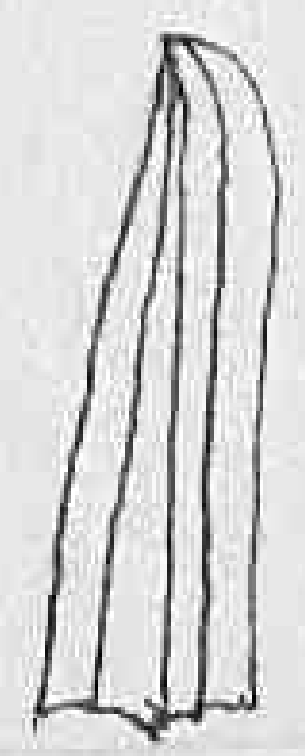


Merritt H. Taylor
MERRITT H. TAYLOR,
Director.



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INTER OFFICE MEMO

AG/27/52/RS.3

25 June 1945

SUBJECT : Organization of Truck Transport and Maintenance Group A.C.

TO : Director Transportation Sub-Commission.

1. In accordance with your instructions I attended a meeting at AFHQ on 21 June with Capt. H.G. Peterson to argue our case as set out in Brig. Gen. McKinley's letter 544/13/Tnl dated 22 June. '45.

The following branches of AFHQ were represented: G-1(H), G-1(A), G-3(ORG), G-4(A), G-5, C(AS) and Q(Asint).

2. The letter was well received. The following decisions were taken:-

(a) Disbandment

All present approved the proposals. Para 2(c) will be referred to 15 Army Group to determine whether G.M. and I.T. Coys in Army Areas can be disbanded.

(b) Personnel

(i) G-3 ORG, G-4(A) and C(AS) will support demand for additional 24 Officers and 70 EM/OR's for Truck Maintenance Group. G-1(A) and G-1(H) were reluctant to say that Allied supervisory personnel released by disbandment could be transferred to the Truck Maintenance Group due to trades involved and re-deployment requirements. Both agreed that A.F.H.Q. were under an obligation to provide additional personnel and would consider how the demand could be met.

(ii) G-1(A) suggested that we should approach M.A.I.A. to allot Italian soldiers, trained in store-keeping work, now being released to M.A.I.A. by A.F.H.Q. for demobilization. These men would be well qualified for employment in the Truck Maintenance Group and training to take over duties of Allied personnel. 5940

(c) Spare Parts

(i) G-4(A) stated that parts for the first 1700 trucks were due in Italy by the end of July. No dates were available for

1. In accordance with your instructions I attended a meeting at AFHQ on 21 June with Capt. W.S. Peterson to argue our case as set out in Brig. Gen. McKinley's letter 544/13/Tnl dated 22 June, '45.

The following branches of AFHQ were represented: G-1(B), G-2(A), G-3(ORG), G-4(A), G-5, G(AG) and G(Maint).

2. The letter was well received. The following decisions were taken:-

(a) Disbandment

All present approved the proposals. Para 2(c) will be referred to 15 Army Group to determine whether G.M. and I.T. Coy's in Army Areas can be disbanded.

(b) Personnel

(i) G-3 ORG, G-4(A) and G(AG) will support demand for additional 24 Officers and 70 LM/CM's for Truck Maintenance Group. G-1(A) and G-1(B) were reluctant to say that Allied supervisory personnel released by disbandment could be transferred to the Truck Maintenance Group due to trades involved and re-deployment requirements. Both agreed that A.F.H.Q. were under an obligation to provide additional personnel and would consider how the demand could be met.

(ii) G-1(A) suggested that we should approach A.A.I.A. to allot Italian soldiers, trained in store-keeping work, now being released to A.A.I.A. by A.F.H.Q. for demobilisation. These men would be well qualified for employment in the Truck Maintenance Group and training to take over duties of Allied personnel.

(c) Spare Parts

(i) G-4(A) stated that parts for the first 1700 trucks were due in Italy by the end of July. No dates were available for the remainder.

(ii) Spares for 550 G.M.C.'s are limited to 60 days supply released in E.O.S. 293 (ORG).

Indents for additional needs to be put into G-4(A).

(iii) Parts for 550(Br) trucks will be supplied on LCO day scale by C(AE) when sale to Italian Govt occurs. As soon as Chile Truck Maintenance Group will indent on 2 Ord (Br) as now done by G-4(B) A.O.

(d) Tools

(1) G-4(A) and C(AE) agreed to turn over to A.O. all 1 and 2 inch maintenance equipment now on loan to 1,2 and 3 Truck Battalions and I.T. Coys. I.A.B. equipment not yet supplied to 221 & 226 I.T. Coys will be made available to the Truck Maintenance Group in bulk and C(AE) will notify when and where collection may be arranged. This equipment is to be used in the new Truck Pools and later sold to Italian Government.

(ii) G-4(A) were unable to say when the 3,4 and 5 inch repair equipment requisitioned for the 3700 trucks would arrive in Italy. Meanwhile civilian contractors should be let in installations strategically located to deal with Truck Pools and civilian equipment employed.

(e) Maintenance Responsibility

G-4(A) stated that Ord(A) intended to discontinue maintenance and repair of all AC/AGS vehicles and those of other relief organizations except A.O. with effect from 15 July. RMA will probably act similarly on the Br. side. The Truck Maintenance Group is expected to assume responsibility from that date. The arrangement of civilian contractors on a wide spread scale is a matter of urgency.

3. G-5 agreed to produce a staff study embodying A.O.'s requests for presentation and decision at high level. The meeting was informed that A.O. required decisions at the earliest possible moment in view of the imminent disbandment of Coys and assumption of maintenance responsibility by the Truck Maintenance Group. All present agreed to act with maximum speed.

G. BERRYNGTON,
Lt. Colonel, A.O.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

22 June 1945.

Ref. 544/15/TN 1

SUBJECT : Organization of Truck Transport and Maintenance
Groups, AC

TO : G-3, AFHQ

1. Reference is made to letter your Headquarters, file:
AG 327/177 GDSO of 13 May 1945, C. Com., A/C and to letter
AG/27/4/TN.5, 8 June 1945 to G-3 (no reply).

2. In order to comply with para. 8 of directive referred
to above, it is now proposed:

- a) to discontinue activation of two GT companies and
release the personnel now; on July 1st to disband
3 GM companies and release the personnel.
- b) on July 15th to disband 2 GT companies operating
in Italian Government territory and release the
personnel.
- c) on August 1st or at such later date as might be
considered necessary by competent military author-
ity, to disband truck companies operating in AMG
territory, consisting of 16 GM companies and 4
GT companies and release the personnel.

3. It is proposed that Allied supervisory personnel
released under 2(a), above, be transferred to the Maintenance
Group. This group may then be activated as it could not have
been earlier because of the inability of A/C to obtain person-
nel through its application to AFHQ, pursuant to para. 7 of
the 13 May directive.

4. The turn-over to the Italians of the Maintenance
Group and particularly of the receipt, storage and distribution
of parts represents a problem even graver than the turn-over
of the operating responsibility. A large and expensive quantity
of parts is scheduled to arrive for the handling of which Allied

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supervision and control appears indispensable at least until the following conditions have been met:

- a) allied supervisory and training personnel have been made available and have had time to train and establish Italian personnel to take over the management.
 - b) the parts must be in hand.
 - c) the maintenance of all AC/AMS and relief organization vehicles, which are dependent upon the parts, must be insured.
5. a) May the plan in paras. 2 and 3 above be approved by AFHQ?
- b) May a stay of at least 90 days be granted in the holding of the Allied supervisory personnel in the Maintenance Group?

For the Chief Commissioner:

E. B. MCKINLEY
Brigadier General, U.S.A.
Acting Vice President

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

Tel: 378

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AG/348/TN 5

SUBJECT: Transfer of Trucks in Truck
Operating Group to Civilian
Truck Pools.

21 June 1945

TO : Truck Operating Group

1. Conforming with AMHQ directive AG537/177 GUS-O, whereby all Allied supervisory personnel will be withdrawn by 1 August 1945, the 225 Coy Truck Operating Group will deliver their trucks to Emilia Region reporting to Regional Transportation Officer there. It will be the responsibility of that officer to group these trucks into truck pools in provinces not under 15th Army Group control, in such locations as to haul the lift of Emilia Region most advantageously.

2. The trucks of the 226 Coy will be divided as follows: 50 to Bari, 50 to Foggia, and the balance to Leghorn. These trucks will be used to increase the lift capacity of the truck pools in each of the truck pools.

3. The 2nd Truck Battalion will be disbanded and all trucks will report to the AG Senior Transportation Officer at Ancona where they will be used to augment the lift of Truck Pools 6, 7, and 8 in Ancona, Osimo, and Macerata.

4. All these Truck Pools will use civilian drivers, mechanics, and office personnel, replacing the Italian military units. Allied personnel will be used for supervision only.

5. This transfer will be effected by 1 July 1945, and Regional Transportation Officers will be notified from this Headquarters to be prepared to accept these trucks.

6. On 15 July 1945, 221st, 222nd, 223rd, and 224th Coys will be disbanded. The trucks from these Coys will be delivered as follows: 140 to Leghorn, 140 to Florence, 150 to Venezia Region, and 150 to Genoa. These trucks will also be formed into AG Truck Pools, their location to be decided by the respective Regional Transportation Officer.

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7. Will the Truck Operating Group please specify what scale maintenance equipment can be provided with each of these groups of trucks?

Merritt H. Taylor
 MERRITT H. TAYLOR,
 Director.

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 Road Division, Tn. S/C
 Movements Division, Tn. S/C
 Deputy Director, Tn. S/C

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

Tel: 220

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544/13/TN 1

SUBJECT: Organization of Truck Transport and Maintenance Groups, Allied Commission, in Compliance with Directive 13 May 1945 in Connection with Disbandment Thereof.

20 June 1945

TO : G-5, AFHQ

1. Reference is made to letter your Headquarters, file: AG 537/177 GSEC of 13 May 1945 to Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission.

2. In order to comply with para. 8 of directive referred to above, it is proposed

a) to discontinue activation of two OT companies and release the personnel now; on July 1st to disband 8 OM companies and release the personnel.

b) on July 15th to disband 4 OT companies operating in Italian Government territory and release the personnel.

c) on August 1st or at such later date as might be considered necessary by competent military authority, to disband truck companies operating in AMG territory, consisting of 16 OM companies and 4 OT companies and release the personnel.

3. It is proposed that Allied supervisory personnel released ~~as set out in 2 (a)~~ be transferred to Maintenance Group in order that this group may be activated which has been impossible up to the present time due to lack of Allied supervisory personnel.

4. May this plan be approved by AFHQ?

E.B. MCKINLEY,
Brigadier General, U.S.A.
Acting Vice President,

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*2 only operating 22/2
223/224 found, but not
operational. To be used
as jumping units
for long trucks to
T. P. locations*

225/226

*2/3/4 Bus.
24-25
2-5 Camps*

*16 OM
6 OM*

July!
225/226 = 280 miles

200 Bologna to Milan

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Foggia

Bari

GENOA

2 Truck Run = 384 miles

Run in ANCONA - OSIMO - MACERATA

in AC TP's 6, 7 & 8

15 July

140

221 TP LIVORNO

140 miles

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TP P. FLORENCE - 140

223 - 140 miles

200 VENEZIA

224

100 GENOA

Run to CECCHIA

223 to go CECCHIA with one of 224 then disband

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This is LAC 1209. Ref LAC airgram 108.

Original 550 US vehicles have now been operating for 1 year, as a result of which approximately 200 of them are beyond repair or have been salvaged without replacement. Transport Group AC is accordingly well below operating strength demanded by civil commitment in north ITALY.

2. 200 trucks 2½ ton, 6 x 6 cargo, (Class B) have been sent to ALCON from US theatre stocks to enable them to meet this commitment.

3. Request authority to sell 200 US WD 2½ ton trucks to Italian Government in accord with CAL 1325. Replacement is not required.

4. This list is included in LAC 1207, para 1 A (2).

5. Vehicles beyond repair from the original 550 ex British stocks have already been replaced.

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ECONOMIC SECTION

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12 June 1945

SUBJECT : Developments in Executive Commissioner's Meeting
Held 12 June 1945.

TO : Supply Division
Transportation Sub-Commission

The following items developed this morning in the Executive Commissioner's meeting:

1. Land Forces Sub-Commission (SMIA) desires a copy of Transportation Sub-Commission's letter of 8 June 1945, Reference AC/27/34/Tn.5, Subject - Organization of Truck Transport and Maintenance Groups (AC).

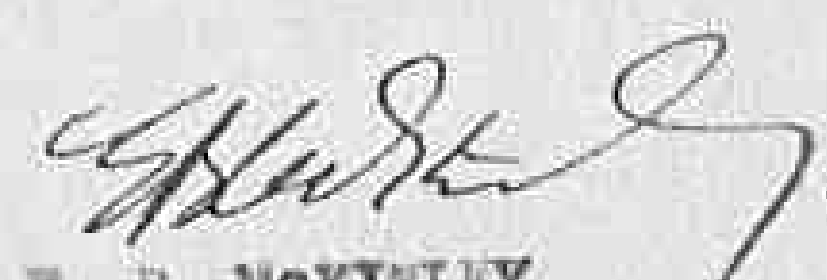
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2. The view was expressed that there is probably a great deal of abuse in carrying out existing AFHQ policy regarding salvaging and repairing German captured motor equipment. The Executive Commissioner is of the opinion that the military forces are performing extensive and wasteful cannibalization in order to meet their requirements which are ahead of AC's requirements. He requests information as to whether any abuses exist in carrying out existing policy concerning German captured motor equipment.

3. Colonel Campbell, WMD & IPW, stated that arrangements could be made for Italian repair of "non-runners" in captured German motor equipment. Will you coordinate this with him and see what action is to be taken.

4. The Executive Commissioner directed that a letter be written to Colonel Fiske in Milan requesting him to prevent the abuses suggested above in connection with the repair of captured German motor equipment.

Please keep me informed as to what action is taken in connection with these items.


F. B. MCKINLEY
Brigadier General, U.S.A.
Acting Vice President

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

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Ref: AC/157/55/Tn5

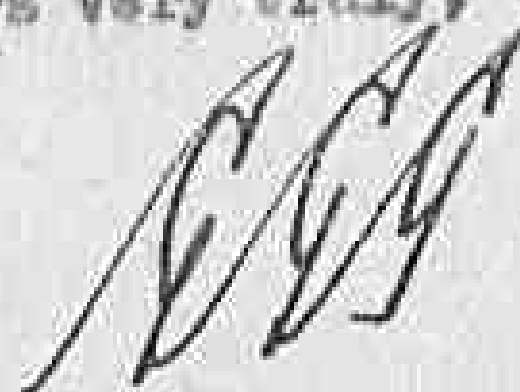
12 June 1945.

My dear Mr. Minister:

Attached is letter from Colonel Carnes which is self-explanatory.

If you are in agreement with continuing this school for the purpose of training drivers, will you please communicate with this office at once. It is thought that inasmuch as I.S.R. is taking over some 3,000 trucks the driver school for the purpose of training drivers to operate these trucks might be needed.

Yours very truly,



G. G. GROSS Jr.
Chief, Roads Division.

H.E. Francesco Gerabona
Minister of Transport
Piazza della Croce Rossa
Rome

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HEADQUARTERS
MAINTENANCE GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION (I.A.P.)
APO 394

JHB/eg.

Tel. 886324
Ext. 8

8 June, 1945

Ref. AC/MG/207/1

SUBJECT : Motor Mechanics School - ²¹~~38~~, Via Pintorecchio.
TO : Transportation Sub-Commission H.Q., A.C.

1. This Headquarters has promoted a school for motor mechanics where Italian military personnel are trained in the maintenance of Allied vehicles.
2. The course is one lasting four weeks, but if at the end of the course any personnel have shown outstanding ability, they are given a further four weeks of more intensive instruction.
3. Having regard to the instructions which have been received from A.F.H.Q. concerning the turn over of these military units to civilians, it is not intended to continue with this school after the 15th July; this date being the end of the course starting on the 18th June.
4. It would appear that it will be necessary for any Italian governmental agency taking over trucks to have personnel with adequate mechanical knowledge of American and British type vehicles. Under these circumstances, the Italian governmental agency concerned may consider continuing the activity of this school. This should present very little difficulty as most of the instructors are civilians.
5. Perhaps you would bring this to the notice of the persons concerned and let us have your decision as soon as possible.

James J. Carnes
JAMES J. CARNES,
Colonel, Infantry,
Commanding,
MAINTENANCE GROUP.

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MAINTENANCE GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION
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Tel. 886324
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June 8th, 1945

Ref.: AC/MG/307/1

Oggetto: Scuola per meccanici = 21, Via Pintorecchio.

Destinatario: Transportation Sub-Commission AC.

1. Questo Comando ha istituito una scuola per meccanici dove personale italiano viene istruito nella manutenzione di veicoli alleati.
2. Il corso è della durata di quattro settimane, ma se alla fine di questo periodo qualche membro del personale ha dato prova di particolare abilità, esso può usufruire di un altro corso di quattro settimane di istruzione più particolareggiata.
3. Per quanto concerne le istruzioni ricevute dall'A.F. H.Q., riguardanti la consegna di queste unità militari a civili, questa scuola cesserà di funzionare al 15 luglio p.v.; questo rappresenta la fine del corso iniziato al 18 giugno.
4. Da quanto sopra, sembrerebbe necessario che l'ente italiana che prenderebbe in consegna dei camion, avesse a sua disposizione del personale con una nozione meccanica adeguata per quanto riguarda veicoli di tipo americano e britannico. In vista di questo, l'ente italiana potrebbe considerare opportuna la continuazione di questa scuola. Questo rappresenterebbe poche difficoltà, dato che la maggior parte degli istruttori sono civili.
5. Vi saremo grati di voler cortesemente comunicare quanto sopra a chi di dovere, facendoci avere la Vostra decisione in merito al più presto.

James J. Carnes
James J. CARNES
Col. Inf.
Commanding
Maintenance Group.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

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Ref: AC/27/34/Tr.5

8 June 1945

SUBJECT: Organization of Truck Transport and Maintenance Groups (AC).

TO : ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS, APO 512.

1. Reference your AG 537/177 GDS-O of 13 May 1945, subject as above.

2. Having conferred with the Allied Commission agencies affected by your organizational directive and with the Ministries of the Italian Government involved in the general transfer of property and responsibility the following recommendations are submitted for your approval.

A. We propose that the withdrawal of Italian and Allied Military personnel from the Truck Transport and Maintenance Groups (AC) be deferred for three (3) months from 1 June 1945. Prior to 1st August 1945 AC will make definite recommendations as to the dates by which the graduated withdrawals can be properly effected. This delay is necessary because,

a. We are now in the process of transferring to the Italian Government

- (i) 1300 vehicles in Sicily
- (ii) 1100 truck pool vehicles at various points in southern and central Italy.
- (iii) 2000 imported vehicles at the rate of 200 per week. (This is the maximum acceptance rate for this group and may be decreased later at their request).

It is felt that this transfer schedule is the maximum receiving capacity of the Italian Government and to

force additional vehicular transfers would produce extreme confusion and paralyze the transport operations of many of the vehicles involved. We are finding that despite sufficient advance notifications of impending transfers, the Italian Government is by no means prepared to assume properly the maintenance and operational responsibilities of even the vehicles listed above.

b. As of 1st August 1945 (the date set in your directive for the completion of the personnel withdrawal) the transfer schedule leaves AC with the operational responsibility for some 2000 vehicles, all of which are engaged in essential food hauls. The disbanding, as per your program, would force vehicles off the road and disrupt hauling activities. Furthermore, to remove the cadres on July 1st, 15th and 31st, as directed, would completely disorganize the companies involved and throw the trucks into the black market.

c. Phase I of operations in the north is still continuing and 1088 trucks are now under the control of 15th Army Group. These constitute over one half (1/2) of the vehicles to be transferred which are not scheduled under a. We feel it would be extremely difficult to release either the vehicles or the operating personnel under these circumstances.

d. It is the opinion of this Headquarters that so long as Allied vehicles (i.e. AC, AMG, relief agencies and missions) are operating in this theatre, proper maintenance and disposition of spare parts can only be accomplished by the retention of adequate Allied supervisory personnel.

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e. Noting, in para 5 of basic communication, the forecasted delay of 60 days in the arrival of spares and tools, it is pointed out that under the conditions of your directive, the bulk of this material will arrive after the elimination of the Maintenance Group which was established specifically for organizing and controlling the activities relative to spare parts and maintenance equipment. Furthermore, none of the additional 24 officers and 49 EM/OR's required to complete the Maintenance Group have been supplied and the Group is handicapped in establishing the required maintenance organizations by the shortage of personnel.

B. Therefore it is requested that the Allied Commission be authorized to propose a schedule for personnel release, as per our para A, based upon the success of the Italians in assimilating the vehicles indicated in A a.

For the Chief Commissioner.

A.G. ANTOLINI
Acting Vice President
Economic Section.

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INTER OFFICE MEMO

30 May 1945

Tel. 478700

Ref. W/3/983/Tn.6.

SUBJECT : Motor Transport
TO : Movements Division, Road Branch.

1. Pursuant to letter of 24 May 1945, ref W/3/955/TN 6 this office, and instructions by Col. Sieff to further investigate a meeting was held at Depot 12L50, Leghorn, on 25 May 1945, at which were present the following:

Maj. Pepper	ALCOM Tn. Gp.
Maj. Hitchens	221 G.T. Co.
Capt. Ramsey	Officer in Charge Depot 12L50
Maj. Klein	Warehouse Branch.

2. It was agreed by all that the difficulty in securing adequate and sufficient transportation is due to the poor discipline of the Italian drivers. It was pointed out that improvement in discipline is difficult because of the lack of motorcycles and jeeps, as well as personnel, to control truck movements.
3. It was also pointed out that such disciplinary action as is taken is usually insufficient or of such inconsequential nature as to deter further misconduct, either by the recipient of the disciplinary action or by other Italian soldiers.
4. It is recommended that this entire matter be investigated by proper authority. Maj. Hitchens is most desirous of cooperating in any way possible.
5. It was agreed that certain checks would be instituted, both by the warehouses and by the truck unit, and that specific reports would be made regularly to the truck unit, who agree to attempt severe disciplinary action in hopes of bettering the situation.

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ROBERT H. KLEIN
Major Med. Adm. C.
Port & Whse Div.

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Copy to :-
AICOM Leghorn Depots
(Attn. Capt. AC. Ramsey)

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

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2 June 1945

EXT : 566
REF : AC/27/Tn5
SUBJECT : Q.M. & G.T. Coys
TO : Regional Commissioner
TOSCANA Region
(Atts: Chief Transportation Officer)

1. Reference your letter R.VIII/35/72/9 dated 25 May 45 and conversation (Lt.Cols Fernyhough and Giles) of 21 May .
2. Lt.Col.Fernyhough visited Capt. Ramsay at LEGHORN on 31 May to ascertain details of the inefficient operation and lack of discipline of 19 Q.M. Coy and 221 G.T.Coy.
As a result the unsatisfactory situation existing has been notified to H.Q.M.T. Group, who are taking active steps to remedy the position . Additional control Jeeps are being sent out, regular Italian Army Officers will replace reserve Officers as O's.C. Coys in some cases and a Field Punishment Camp is to be established at CIVITAVECCHIA to deal with " bad cases " . It is also hoped to replace as many " bad types " and illiterates among the drivers as re-inforcements permit . With these measures it is expected that efficiency and discipline will improve .
3. 222 G.T.Coy moved to FLORENCE 1 June to replace 17 Q.M. Coy moving up to MODENA . One PL of 222 Coy is being sent to the Refugees Camp FORLI and will move immediately under orders issued by H.Q.M.T.Group to-day.
Please inform O.C. 222 Coy that the O.C. Pl detached to FORLI will take orders for lifts from Col.Oldfield, Com'd E.Group,D.P. and R Refugee H.Q.,EMILIA Region at 8

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BOLOGNA . The remaining 3 Pls are at your disposal for the performance of any hauls you wish to allot to them .

For the CHIEF

G. FERNYHOUGH
Lt. Col. R.A.

Copy to : H.Q.M.T. Group
MOVTS DIV/ (ROADS)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 1 JUNE 1945

Q and QT COMPANIES

PRESENT: Transportation Sub-Commission:

Colonel M. E. Thomas, Deputy Director (in the chair)
Mr. G. G. Gross, Ch' of, Road Division
Lt. Col. G. Ferryhough, Road Division
Lt. Col. C. E. Christensen, Movements Division

SMIA:

Captain S. P. Archer

Truck Operating Group:

Colonel James J. Carnes, CO
Lt. Col. J. H. Borlase

1. Reference was made to the unsatisfactory working of the new Q and QT Companies. A number of instances were referred to and it was generally agreed that the operations left a great deal of room for improvement. The main root of the trouble lies in the lack of discipline among the Italian personnel, officers and soldiers. The following recommendations are tabled:

a. Some 20 Italian officers who are unsatisfactory should be changed; these 20 officers are mostly reserve officers, and regular officers should be used in their place. Colonel Ceili, the CO of the Second Truck Battalion, has this in hand with the Italian War Office. It was agreed that Colonel Carnes should supply the names of the officers to be changed to Colonel Kerr, SMIA, who should be requested to see that there is no delay in making the changes.

b. Of the 2,500 USITIS and the 2,000 BRITIS, a large number are most unsatisfactory. Some cannot read nor write, and consequently it is difficult to give them instructions as to what they should do; some are of a worthless type whom no amount of punishment can improve. It is decided that Transportation Sub-Commission should press SMIA for replacements of a number of these men and also for replacements of those who had deserted, sick or been sent to prison for long periods.

c. One of the difficulties is that the punishments now given are not sufficient. Loss of pay can soon be made up in the black market, and a

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spell in prison merely provides a rest from hard work. Colonel Carnes has in hand with MIA the question of establishing a proper field personnel center at Civitavecchia where offenders could be sent and given stiff disciplinary treatment. It is felt that news of this treatment would soon get around and have a deterrent effect on the others. Colonel Carnes will follow up with MIA the question of securing 6 officers and a number of soldiers to man this center.

d. Another difficulty is the shortage of control vehicles to check up on unauthorized journeys. It is agreed that Colonel Carnes should send up to the G and GT Companies jeeps and motorcycles as they become available, keeping in Rome a reserve of some 20 vehicles. Some of these vehicles would be subject to recall for use in the north in accordance with requests made by Road Division, Transportation Sub-Commission. RM/ORs would be taken out of the companies to man these vehicles and act as military policeman.



M. B. THOMAS, Colonel
Deputy Director

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

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28 May 1945

79/29/Tn 3

SUBJECT: Employment of MT

TO : Road Division, Transportation S/C

1. Reference this Division's letter AC/79/26/Tn 3 dated 24 May 1945.
2. The movement of stores in the Ancona area and the loading and unloading of railway wagons are unsatisfactory.
3. Programs which it was anticipated would be accomplished for the MT available have fallen behind. Captain Bent, Transportation S/C representative at Ancona, informed this Division that part of the reason for the non-carrying out of programs is due to the lack of discipline of the new units in this area and the general inefficient working of the QM companies. For example, Captain Bent states that drivers frequently disappear for hours on journeys which previous experience has shown can be accomplished in two hours. This bears out the information passed through the Port and Warehouse Division regarding the operation of the AC MT in Leghorn. This is again borne out by the report of the Chief Transportation Officer, Toscana Region, who states that, whereas the 17 QM Company in Florence carries out its work excellently, the 19 QM Company in Leghorn is extremely inefficient.
4. In addition, the Commanding Officer of the Motor Transport Group, at recent discussions, stated that large numbers of personnel from the units attached to 15th Army Group are deserting.
5. It is quite obvious that we shall not be able to carry out our road commitments if we cannot rely on these units, composed of supposedly disciplined officers and other ranks. May this Division be informed of what action it is proposed to take to insure that the programs accepted by the Road Division will be met.

~~For the Director:~~

M. J. SIEFF

M. J. SIEFF, Colonel

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cc: Hqs. Motor Transport Group, AC (IAP)

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INTER OFFICE MEMO

Tel. 478700

24 May 1945

Ref. W/3/955/Tn 6

SUBJECT : Motor Transport

TO : Movements Division, Road Branch

1. It was reported today by phone from Capt. A.C. Ramsey, Officer in Charge, ALCOM Leghorn Depots, that there is great difficulty in maintaining the outloading program from the warehouses to railhead and to shipside because of the lack of discipline of the Italian drivers assigned to 221 G.T.Co. and 19 Q.M.Co.

2. Capt. Ramsey reports it is impossible to schedule outloading as there is no assurance that the number of vehicles requested will report at the proper times and places.

3. He further states that although he knows from previous experience that vehicles should make a turn around in a certain specified time, it is impossible to anticipate the turn around on the vehicles of these two companies because the drivers apparently go about their own business rather than return promptly for additional loads.

4. Inasmuch as the outloading program at this time is heavy and is likely to so continue, it is requested that necessary remedial action be taken.

Copy to :
ALCOM Leghorn Depots
(Attn. Capt. A.C. Ramsey)

ROBERT H. KLEIN
Major Med. Adm. C.
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IN. S/C (Action)

AG 537/177 GDS-O

13 May 1945

SUBJECT: Organization of Truck Transport and Maintenance Groups (I.C)

TO: Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
APO 394

File 27 mlt

1. Reference is made to letter, your headquarters, file 540/20/Tn 1 of 17 February 1945 to IC/S, G-5, AFHQ. The plan as submitted is not approved, and the following plan is substituted.

2. Due to changed circumstances and the fact that Northern Italy has been liberated, emphasis must now be placed on civilianizing the management and personnel of truck operations and maintenance as rapidly as possible.

3. Truck Operating Group.

① The organization of a Truck Operating Group is approved. This group will consist of 3 Battalions, each of 8 Quartermaster Truck Companies, and 2 General Transport Columns, each of 5 General Transport Companies and 5 Light Aid Detachments. Standard United States and British TO-TE/TE will apply to these units, except in the case of LIDs for British GT Companies. These units will accomplish only 1st and 2d echelon (US), and 1st Line (Br) maintenance on their assigned vehicles. A Headquarters Truck Group, reporting directly to Allied Commission, will be organized, with the necessary United States and British Officer and EM/OR personnel, to control operations and required maintenance. Italian Medical personnel will be attached to care for the Italian military personnel in the Group. Diagram of the organization of the Truck Operating Group, Allied Commission, is attached at Appendix "A".

4. Maintenance Group.

② A Maintenance Group Headquarters, responsible directly to Allied Commission, is approved. This headquarters will contain the necessary United States and British Officer and EM/OR personnel to control maintenance and depot organizations. The formation of spare parts depots and sub-depots is approved. These depots will utilize a minimum of Allied supervisory personnel and a maximum of civilians. Higher echelons of maintenance on Truck Group Vehicles and all maintenance of other vehicles under control of IC/AG, and all Allied relief agencies and missions will be accomplished through contract with competent civilian management in static installations. These installations should be strategically located at centers of vehicle density and consist of: (a) maintenance shops for 3d and 4th echelon repairs; and (b) base maintenance shops for 5th echelon (US), 4th echelon (Br) repairs. One base shop should be established in South Central Italy and another in the North. Central spare parts base depots should be established in similar locations to the base maintenance shops.

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These depots will supply parts to sub-depots located on the premises of maintenance shop contractors. Diagram of the approved organization of the Maintenance Group, Allied Commission, is attached at Appendix "B".

5. Spare Parts and Tools.

Spare parts and tools from Allied resources will be continued as a military responsibility for stockage and safeguarding until released for civilian control, on authority of CC/S and this headquarters. Both spare parts and tools in any appreciable quantity will be delayed in arrival for an anticipated 60 days. In the meantime, it will be necessary to use every expedient to maintain vehicles in best possible operating condition with the means available from local resources and stocks received from military resources in the theater.

6. Provision of Italian Military Personnel in Initial Stages.

Italian personnel for the Truck Operating Group and the Truck Maintenance Group will be drawn from the following resources:

US-ITI - Presently on loan from PBS.
BR-ITI - As furnished with GT Columns, GT Coys, and L/Ds.
ITI-ITI - As presently on hand from Allied Commission allocations, and a medical detachment to be provided by MHA.

7. Provision of Allied Military Personnel in Initial Stages.

United States and British supervisory personnel will be furnished, insofar as practicable, from the T/O strength of Allied Commission, and such personnel as are presently assigned or attached for such duty from other sources. Requirements for any further number of supervisory personnel will be submitted by Allied Commission to this headquarters for approval and allocation. Any such requirement must be kept to a minimum and fully justified, within this approved organization.

8. Withdrawal of Italian and Allied Military Personnel.

All Allied and Italian military personnel operating under the military responsibility will be withdrawn on a phased program, in accordance with the established policy of returning control to the Italian Government. This will be accomplished by turning over the operation and maintenance of vehicles to Italian Government civilian agencies as rapidly as they can assume the responsibility. Supervisory personnel now, or hereafter allowed, for temporary duty from other than Allied Commission T/O strength will be withdrawn: 1/3, 1 July; 1/3, 15 July; and 1/3, 1 August 1945. All US-ITI and BR-ITI personnel will be withdrawn by 1 August 1945.

9. Housekeeping Equipment.

a. Such housekeeping equipment as has not been already approved and made available will be drawn as far as possible from Italian military resources.

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b. Any requirement for equipment necessary, over and above present authorization and Italian military availabilities, will be submitted by Headquarters, Allied Commission to this headquarters for approval and allocation of supply responsibility.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

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Incl 1 - Appendix "A" (in dup)
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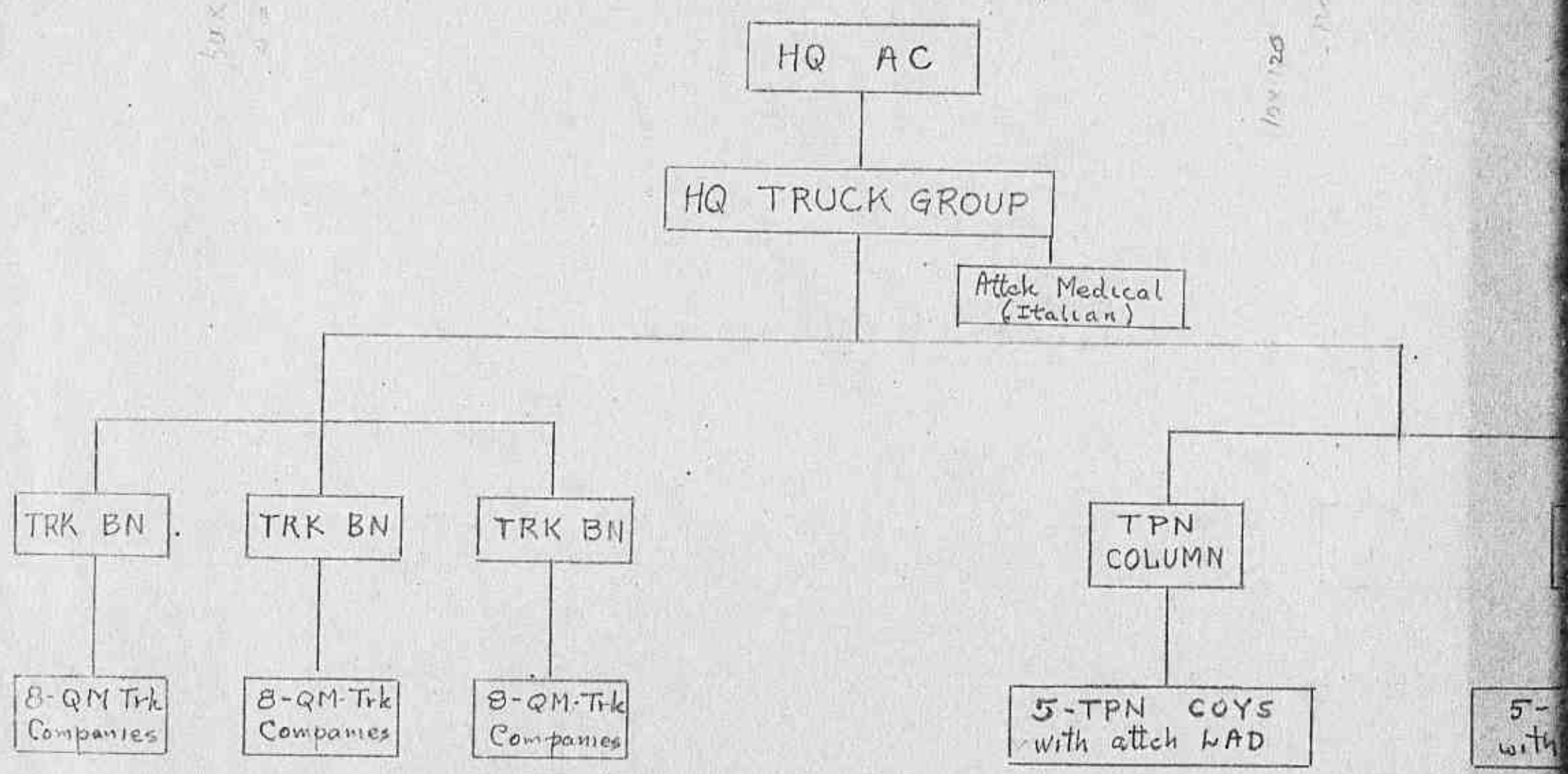
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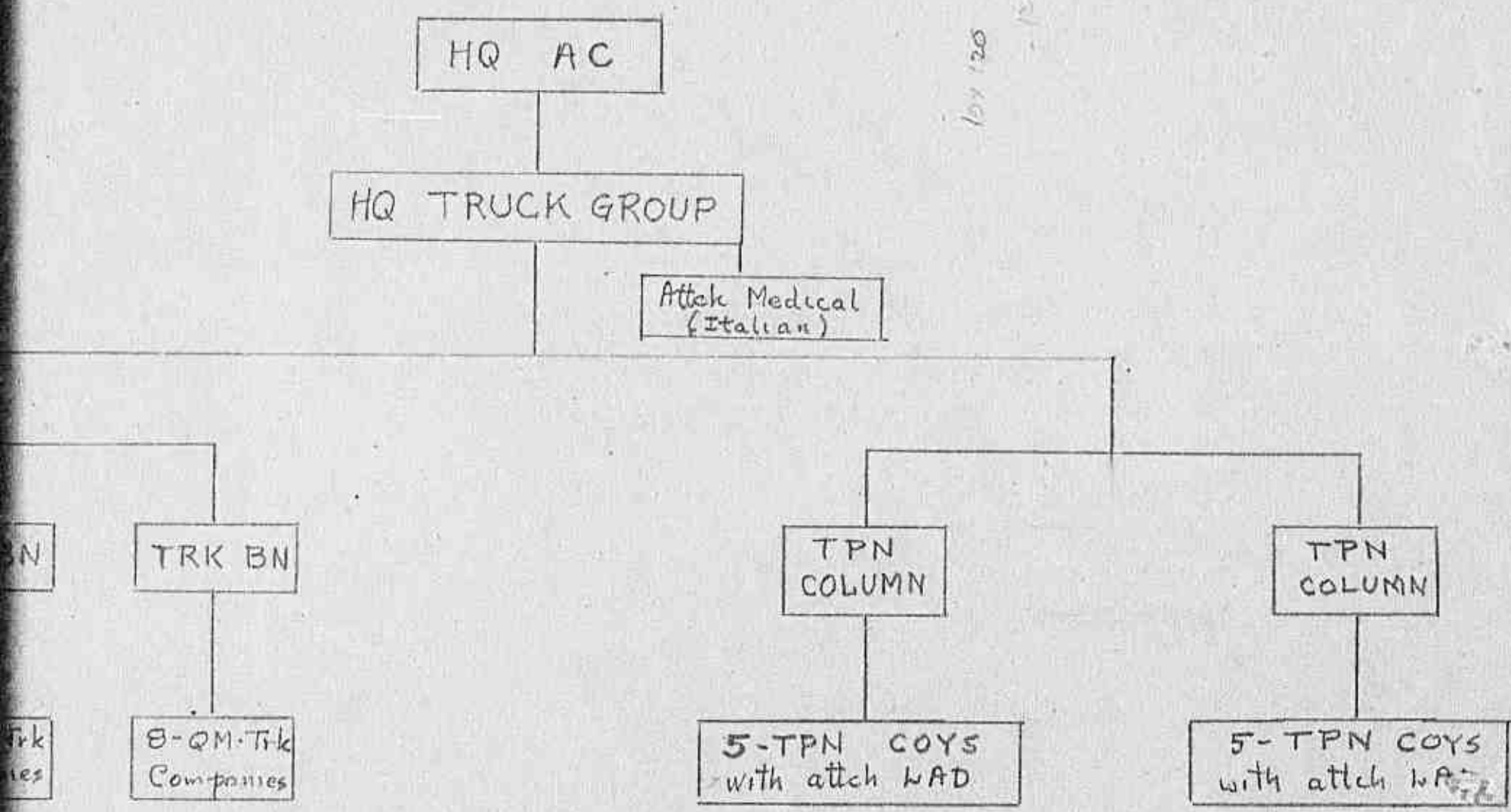
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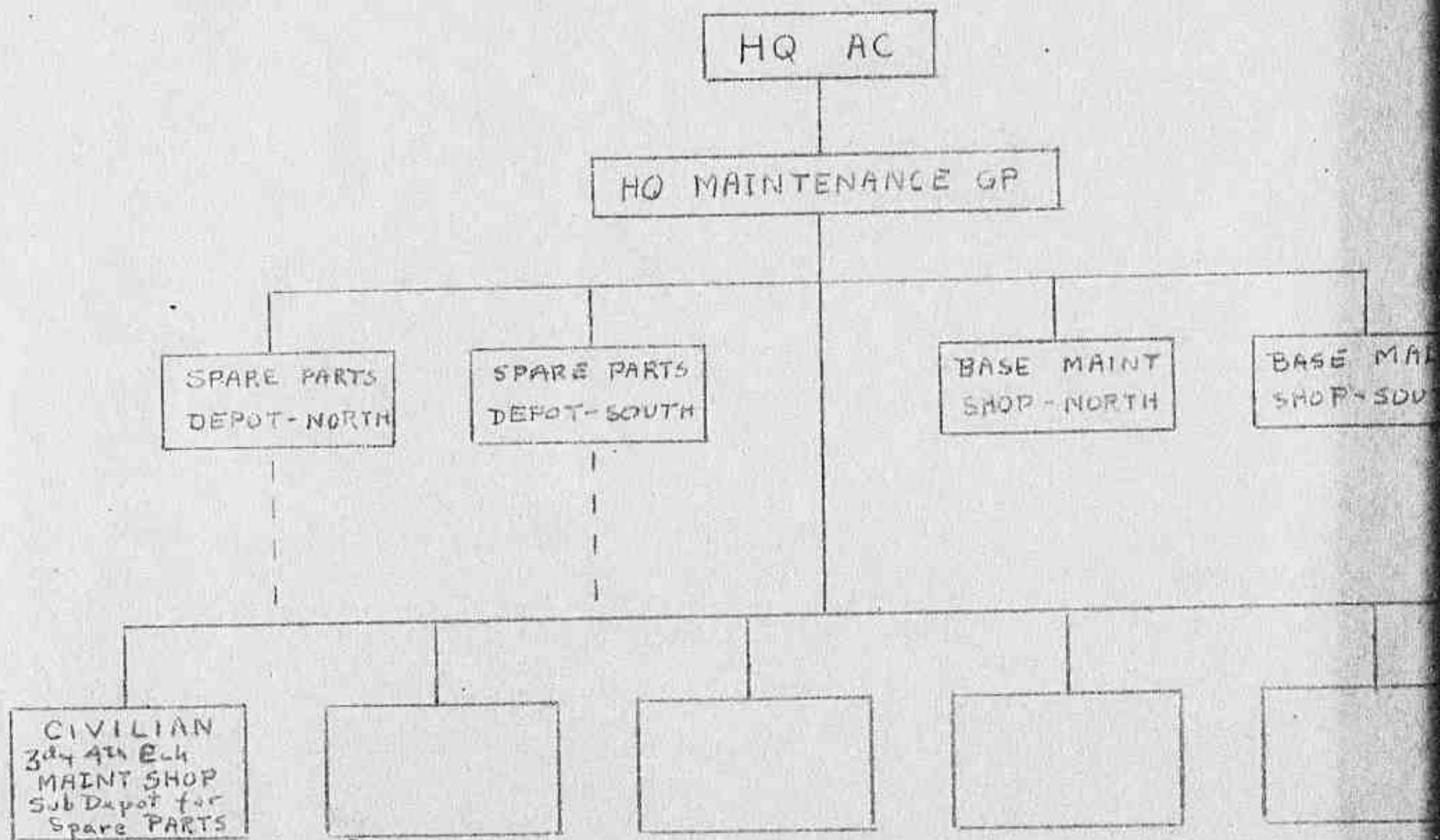


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Appendix A

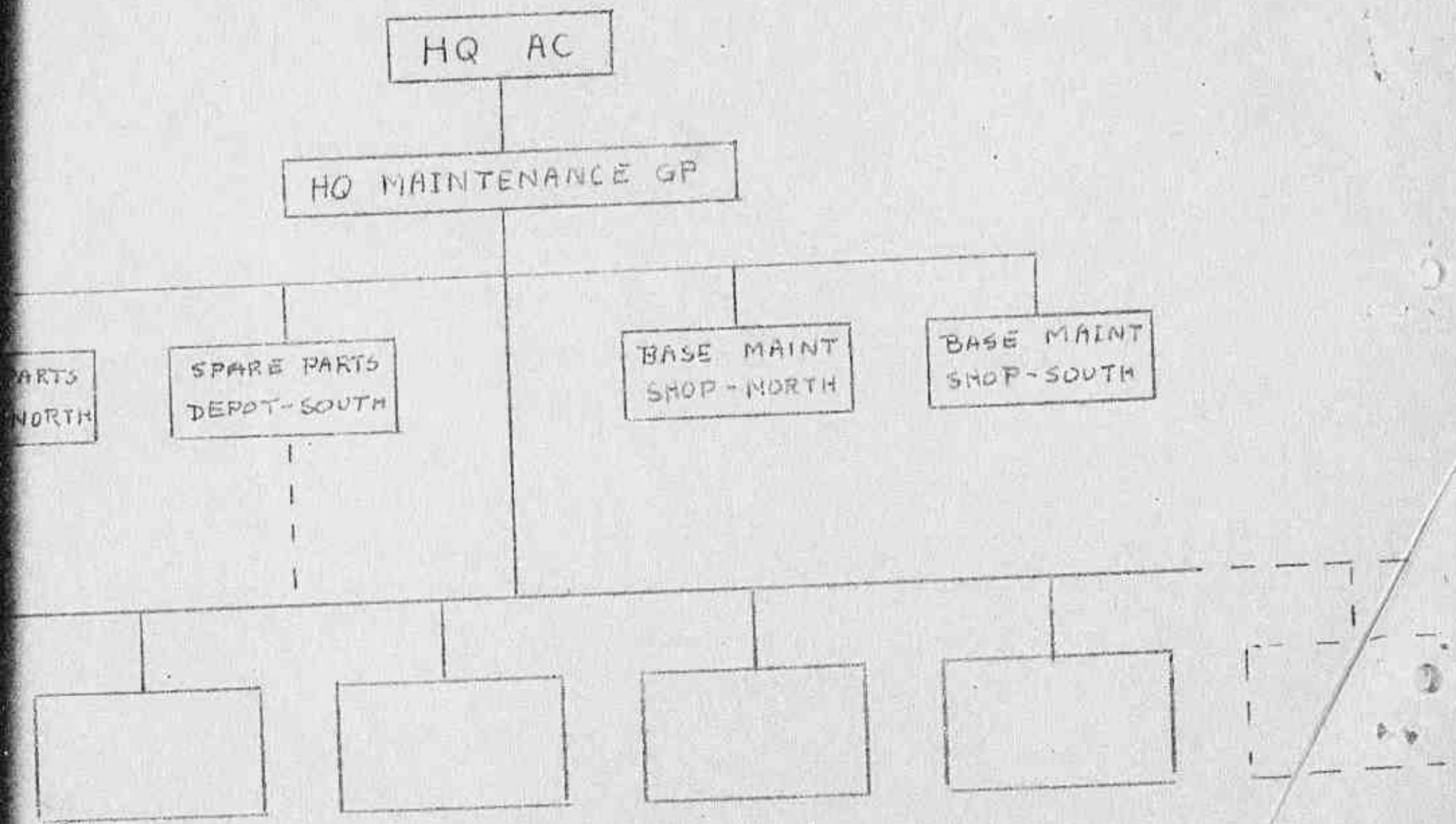
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Appendix B

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

Our Ref :- AC/27/Tn.5.

7 May 1945

SUBJECT :- Activation of M.T.

TO :- Movements Division
Transportation Sub-Commission

1. Reference your AC/79/15/Tn.3. dated 4 May '45.
2. Following particulars are submitted for your information:-

<u>Units being formed</u>	<u>Training at</u>	<u>Total number of vehicles</u>	<u>Estimated number of vehicles excluding Vs. O.R.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Date of activation</u>
<u>3 S.M. Truck Bn</u>	<u>Civitavecchia</u>	400	320	1.1/2 Tonnage	31 May 45
222 I.T. Truck Coy	Trani	196	120	"	15 Apr. 45
223 " " Coy	"	196	120	"	15 Apr. 45
224 " " "	"	196	120	"	15 May 45
225 " " " <u>Civitavecchia</u>		196	120	"	15 May 45
226 " " "	"	196	120	"	15 June 45

✓ Including Motor cycles

3. It is suggested that six weeks be added to the dates of activation of the five I no definite information can be given on this point as yet.

For the Chief.

ltd
C. FERNYHOUGH
Lt. Col. R.A.

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APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

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7 May 1945

of M.T.

Division
Transportation Sub-Commission

our AC/79/15/Tn.3. dated 4 May '45.

Particulars are submitted for your information:-

	<u>Total number of vehicles</u>	<u>Estimated number of vehicles excluding Vs. G.R.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Date of activation</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Trucks	400	320	1 1/2 Tonners	31 May 45	17th & 19th Coys already forged and working at Florence & Leghorn respec- tively
✓	196	120	"	15 Apr. 45	Not yet activated
✓	196	120	"	15 Apr. 45	" " "
✓	196	120	"	15 May. 45	
Trucks	196	120	"	15 May. 45	
✓	196	120	"	5 June 45	

for cycles

that six weeks be added to the dates of activation of the five I.T. Truck Coys but
can be given on this point as yet.

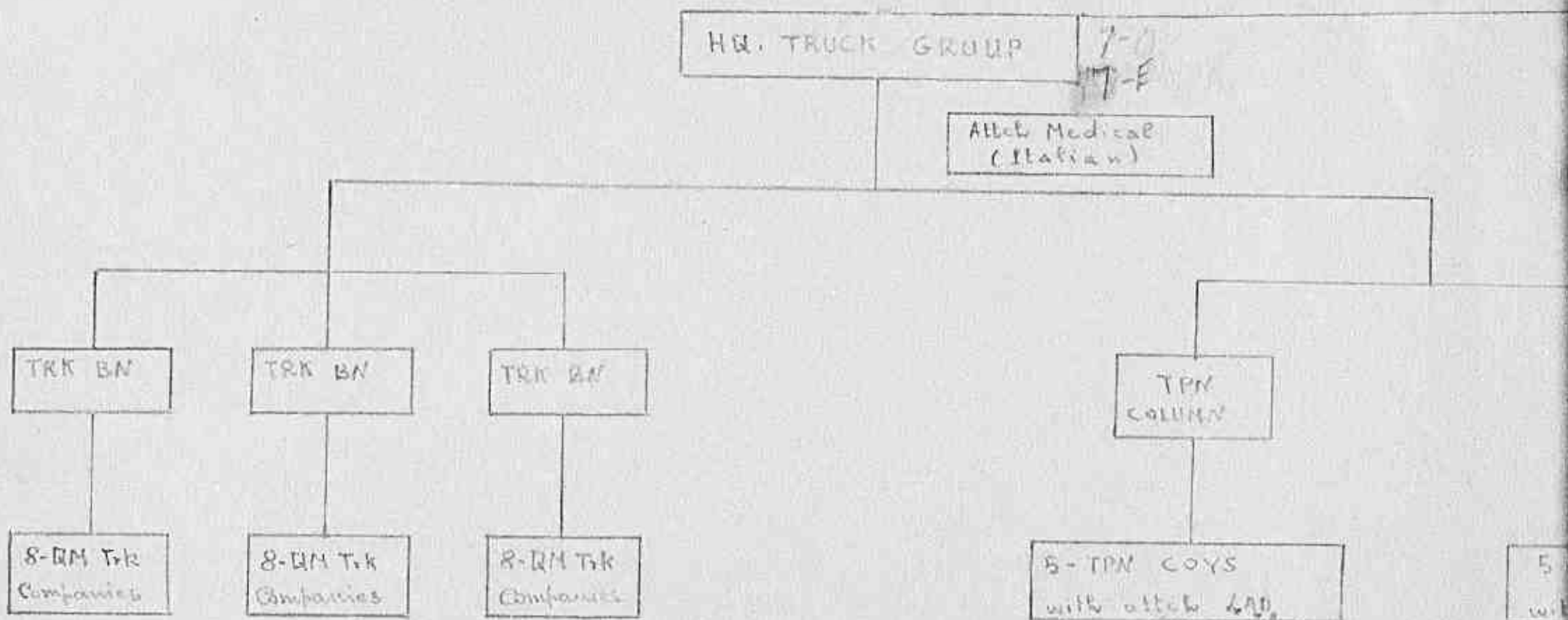
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Total personnel Needed.

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SPARE PARTS
DEPOT - NORTH

SPARE PARTS
DEPOT - SOUTH

TPM
COLUMN

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COYS
with atch. LAD

5 - TPM COYS
with atch. LAD

~~CIVILIAN
3d & 4th Ech
MAIN SHOP
Sub Depot for
SPARE PARTS~~

3d & 4th Ech Shps. (N)
Turin VOIVE 5-0
Genova 15
Bologna
Padua

3d & 4th Ech Shps. (N)
BARI
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ANCONA
Floren

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SPARE PARTS
DEPT - SOUTH

BASE PAINT
SHOP - NORTH

BASE MAINT
SHOP - SOUTH
RIVER

d + 4th Ech. step. (N)

3rd & 4th Ech Steps (5)

sub Depots (N)

sub-Depots (5)

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TABLE 1

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Figure 9.11: A plot of $\log_{10}(\text{variance})$ versus $\log_{10}(\text{mean})$ for the data in Figure 9.10. The data points are approximately as follows:

$\log_{10}(\text{mean})$	$\log_{10}(\text{variance})$
0.0	0.0
0.1	0.1
0.2	0.2
0.3	0.3
0.4	0.4
0.5	0.5
0.6	0.6
0.7	0.7
0.8	0.8
0.9	0.9
1.0	1.0
1.1	1.1
1.2	1.2
1.3	1.3
1.4	1.4
1.5	1.5
1.6	1.6
1.7	1.7
1.8	1.8
1.9	1.9
2.0	2.0
2.1	2.1
2.2	2.2
2.3	2.3
2.4	2.4
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2.9	2.9
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6.6	6.6
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6.8	6.8
6.9	6.9
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7.2	7.2
7.3	7.3
7.4	7.4
7.5	7.5
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7.9	7.9
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8.9	8.9
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Appendix B

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