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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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Ref : T-10

SUBJECT : Disposal of Maintenance Equipment
of Units Truck Operating Group. 14 July 1945.

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

Reference your AC/27/B/81/Tn5 dated 1 July 45.

1. Copies of the above letter were forwarded to G(AE) and to Ord "A".
2. Herewith, for early information, is the G-4(A) reply to those parts of the subject letter which affected them:

"Ref para. 2.

(a) Tools and Equipment on loan to 2675th Reg AC (Cvnd) for use by the Truck Operating Group may be transferred by 2675th Regt to the Truck Maintenance Group.

(1) A complete listing of all equipment on loan to AC/AMG from U.S. sources is now being processed in view to:-

(a) Continue the loan for an additional 90 days.

(i) U.S. Services determine availability as excess property.

(ii) A.C. determines whether or not the equipment is desired transferred to the Italian Government under Category "B" through ANLC.

(iii) Approval of War Department is secured on declaration for surplus of equipment recommendation for transfer.

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Ref para 6.

(a) No additional information on the arrival date of the tools is available at this time. You will be informed promptly as soon as further information is received."

3. The Q(AE) reply to those points in your letter which affect that Staff Section, will be notified to you immediately they are received by this Section.

For Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

F. G. Jeffery

F.G. JEFFERY, Capt, R.E.,
Economics and Supply.

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

Tel. 886324
Ext. 6

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July 10, 1945

Ref.: AC/MG/216/1

Subject: Disbandment Directive.

To: Regional Commissioner Venezia Region
for att.: Regional Transportation Officer.

1. Reference is the AFHQ letter GI(BH)1088/AI(Ser.2505) dated June 23rd, ordering the disbanding of the British Cadre, 228 Tpt. Coy., on July 1, 1945.
2. It is not known whether this order has been implemented and in fact the British Cadre withdrawn.
3. The withdrawal of the British Cadre presents a number of difficulties, which are as follows:
 - a) The vehicles held by the Company are technically held by the British Cadre, this being the factor which enables replacements and repairs to be done by RASC or REME and makes the vehicles a British Army responsibility.
 - b) It is not possible for an officer or unit of the Italian Army to hold on charge British vehicles and equipment.
 - c) British Army will not accept responsibility for repairs to Italian vehicles.
 - d) It is anticipated that the ultimate disposal of these vehicles will be:
 - (i) Tank vehicles to the Italian Government for civilian and relief work.
 - (ii) Domestic vehicles, i.e.: cars, 15 Cots., etc. reverting to British services.
4. It was intended by A.C. to disband this Company before the British Cadre was removed, and this is being done before the Transport Companies are under direct control of this HQ. This policy has been considerably complicated by the order of AFHQ to disband the Cadre of the 228 Coy., on the 1st July.

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5. If the Cadre has not been disbanded, it is suggested that the following action should be taken by the O.C. British Cadre. If, however, the Cadre is no longer in existence, it is suggested that you endeavour to carry this out:
 - (1) Order the assembly of a "Board of Survey" to consist of one Officer, a senior workshop W.O. or W.C.O., representatives of the Italian O.C. who should consist of at least one Regular Officer and one workshop Officer.

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- (ii) The Board should check all vehicles and equipment and record it in detail in different schedules, each schedule forming a separate appendix to the proceedings. The appendices should be divided as follows:
- a) Tank vehicles, showing class, if complete for tools and equipment. If V.O.R., the reason V.O.R., W.D. No., Chassis No. and Engine No.
 - b) All other vehicles (e.g.: cars, 15 Cuts., water trucks, etc.) as in a).
 - c) All motorcycles
 - d) All L.F.D. equipment
 - e) Any other British W.D. equipment, i.e. equipment not issued to the Italian Army, but held on British charge and drawn from British sources.
 - f) Office equipment, under the general description as in e) above.
6. It should be clearly stated in writing to the Italian O.C. that he is responsible for the safe custody and guarding of these properties as set out and that the ultimate disposal will be on British Military Authority orders.
7. It is appreciated that this entails a considerable amount of work, but it is felt that under the present circumstances it is the only satisfactory way of being able to account for the vehicles and equipment for the period covering the disbanding of the Cadre and the reversion of the Company to AG control.
8. An additional copy of this letter is attached and should the British Cadre still exist, will you please pass this copy to the O.C.

James J. Barnes
 Col. J. BARNES
 Inf.
 Commanding
 Truck Operating Group. 6186

CC.: Transportation sub-Commission, A.C.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

File
9/1/45
WD
WGP/ls *91*

Ref: AG/27 B/91/TN.5

8 July 1945

SUBJECT: Equipment on loan to Maintenance and
Truck Operating Groups, Allied Commission.

TO : G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters,
APO 512.

Reference para 2 of our AG/27 B/81/TN.5 of
1 July 1945.

1. Attached is list of maintenance equipment now held
by Truck Maintenance Group, AG, on loan from P.B.S.

2. In accordance with G-4 (A) agreement at conference,
your Headquarters, 23 June 1945, we request that G-4(A)
authorize the transfer of listed equipment to the Truck
Maintenance Group for eventual sale to the Italian Government.

3. The assignment, effective 15 July 1945, of full
maintenance and supply responsibilities to AG/AMG for indige-
nous vehicles of AG, AMG, and Allied relief, agencies and
missions, except the ARG, makes it imperative that said
equipment transfer be effected without delay.

For the Chief Commissioner:

WD 6164
GEORGE G. GROSS, Jr.
Chief,
Roads Division.

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HEADQUARTERS
MAINTENANCE GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

2 July 1945

Subject: Tool Sets Second Echelon.

To : To Col. Carnes.

1. Tool Sets on hand in this unit as of 2 July 1945.

48 ea.	Tool Set, Unit Equip., Second Echelon, Set No.1 (incompl.)
24 ea.	Tool Set, " " " " Set No.2 (incompl.)
23 ea.	Tool Set, " " " " Set No.5 (incompl.)
24 ea.	Tool Set, " " " " Set No.7
16 ea.	Tool Set, Body Mechanics (Incomplete)
183 ea.	Tool Set, Motor Vehicle Mechanics (Incomplete)
24 ea.	Tool Set, Welders (Incomplete).

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LORENZO R. HOLMES
Lt. Col. QMG
Supply Officer

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

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Ref: AC/27B/90/Tn5

July 1945.

SUBJECT: Italian Transport Companies, A.C.

TO : G-5, Allied Forces Headquarters.

1. At the present time there are 4 Transport Coys, A.C. attached to the 15th Army Group.

2. These 4 Coys were originally known as the 1000, 1001, 1002 and 1004 General Transport Coys, but they have now been renumbered as the 227, 228, 229 and 230 Transport Coys, A.C.

3. Originally, these Coys fell into 2 categories:

(a) General Transport Coys on loan to A.C.
i.e.: 227 and 228

(b) Coys handed over to A.C.
i.e.: 229 and 230

Under the A.F.H.Q. letter AG/337/177 GDS-O, dated 13 May, all 4 Coys now appear to be included in the Truck Operating Group. Will you please confirm that 227 and 228 Coys are handed over to A.C. and that on disbandment on 1 August 1945, or later, the trucks may be transferred to civilian truck pools for subsequent sale to the Italian Government.

4. All these Coys should have a strength of 132 task vehicles, plus 8 domestic load carriers and in the beginning the maintenance of these Coys was the responsibility of the Army, as was the replacement of any vehicles which were deemed to be beyond repair. No instructions have been received altering this policy.

5. The latest figures show that these Coys are very much below their proper strength in vehicles: 6162

The 227 Tpt. Coy is deficient of 23 vehicles, in addition to which 40 of the remaining 117 are off the road. There is little doubt that some of these 40 vehicles will be deemed to be beyond economical repair.

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The 229 Tpt. Coy is deficient of 2 vehicles, in addition to which 55 of the remaining 136 are off the road.

The 230 Tpt. Coy is deficient of 23 vehicles, in addition to which 41 of the remaining 112 are off the road.

6. Information regarding the 229 Tpt. Coy is not yet to hand, but it is understood that it is in a somewhat similar position.

7. It is understood that replacements for B.L.R. trucks are not being issued to Coys at present. It is recommended that the 4 Coys are brought up to their correct vehicle strength and that the trucks should be actual runners before the Coys revert from 15 Army Group to A.C. control. Please state whether this will be done or not.

For the Chief Commissioner:

MERRYET H. TAYLOR
DIRECTOR

cc:
Economic Section
✓ Hq. Truck Operating Group

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

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Tel. 886324
Ext. 8

July 2nd, 1945

Ref.: AG/MC/200/13 *7276*

Subject: Transport Companies, A.C.

To: Economic Section, Allied Commission.
G. S. H. H. H.

1. At the present time there are four Transport Companies, A.C. attached to the 15th Army Group.
2. These four Companies were originally known as the 1000, 1001, 1002 and 1004 General Transport Companies, but they have now been re-numbered as the 227, 228, 229 and 230 Transport Companies, A.C.

3. Originally, these Companies fell into two categories:

- a) General Transport Companies on loan to A.C.
i.e.: 227 and 228
- b) Companies belonging to A.C.
i.e.: 229 and 230.

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Under the AFHQ letter AG/537/177 GDS=O, dated May 13th, all four Companies should now appear to belong to A.C.

4. All these companies should have a strength of 132 task vehicles, plus 8 domestic load carriers and in the beginning the maintenance of these Companies was the responsibility of the Army, as was the replacement of any vehicles which were deemed to be beyond repair. No instructions have been received altering this policy.

5. The latest figures show that these Companies are very much below their proper strength in vehicles: **6160**

The 227 Tpt. Coy. is deficient of 33 vehicles, in addition to which 40 of the remaining 117 are off the road. There is little doubt that some of these 40 vehicles will be deemed to be beyond economical repair.

The 229 Tpt. Coy. is deficient of 3 vehicles, in addition to which 65 of the remaining 138 are off the road.

The 230 Tpt. Coy. is deficient of 28 vehicles, in addition to which 41 of the remaining 112 are off the road.

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6. Information regarding the 328 Tpt. Coy. is not yet to hand, but it is understood that it is in a somewhat similar position.
7. It is, therefore, recommended that the 15th Army Group be asked to see that all these Companies are brought up to their correct vehicle strength, and that the vehicles should be actual runners before these Companies are handed back to A.C.

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

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HEADQUARTERS
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June 30, 1945

Ref.: AC/MG/304/5

Subject: Status of Vehicles

To: Transportation Sub-Commission.

1. Enclosed is a copy of a letter which we have received from the CRASC controlling the Transport Companies at present attached to the 15th Army Group.
2. The 239 Tpt. Co. was originally the 1002 General Tpt. Co., and is one of the companies that was allocated to A.C. as part of the 250 vehicles being made available from the British side.
3. It will be appreciated that the points raised in the CRASC's letter are pertinent ones. If the present state of affairs continues for any length of time, it will mean that when this company is handed back to A.C., it will be short of a considerable number of vehicles.
4. At the moment, we have no actual information, but it may be presumed that the 230 Tpt. Co., which is in the same category as the 229 is in a similar condition.
5. May we be informed as to how you wish us to proceed in this matter.

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

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SUBJECT: Position = Italian Coys.

HQ.CRASC."C" General Transport Column.

15th June 1945

Ref. R/3/16

Hq.Truck Operating Group,
Allied Commission (I.A.P.)
A.P.O. 394

For the attention of Lt. Col. J. H. Bordass.

I have to report the following position with regard to the repairs to vehicles of the Italian Companies under command.

1. 239 Italian Transport Company have, at present, 6 vehicles in R.E.M.E. Workshops for repairs, and a further 13 waiting to be called in.

2. R.E.M.E. Workshops are very slow in acceptance of these vehicles which, as you are aware, are all Class V. and more likely to be B.L.R'd than to have much work put into them to keep them on the road.

3. The vehicle availability of the Companies is adversely affected by this position and replacements are very slow in coming through.

I shall be grateful if you will let me know as soon as possible:

- (a) If it can be arranged for the Workshops now set up in MILAN to accept some repair work from these Companies.
- (b) The general policy with regard to the repair of vehicles which have originally come from Army sources.
- (c) Will replacement of evacuated vehicles come through Army or Allied Commission channels. In this connection I would like to point out that D.D.S.T. British Increment, 5 Army, is already doing his utmost to secure replacement from rather meagre army sources.

(sgd) T.C. BAYNE Lieut.Col.
CRASC "C" General Transport Column

COPY to: D.D.S.T. British Increment S&T, 5 ARMY.

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AFHQ ATTENTION G-5

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2 July 1945

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PARAM TO AFHQ ATTENTION GEORGE FIVE FROM HEADQUARTERS TRUCK OPERATING GROUP

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PARA ONE ALL FOUR COMPANIES HAVE SOME NO VEHICLES OTHER THAN TASK VEHICLES ON THEIR STRENGTH PD AS IT IS THE POLICY TO TURN OVER THE LOAD CARRIERS TO THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT MAY SOME INSTRUCTIONS BE ISSUED AS TO WHAT PROCEDURE SHOULD BE ADOPTED WITH THE NONE LOAD CARRYING VEHICLES PD THESE VEHICLES INCLUDE WATER CARRIERS MOTOR CYCLES ONE FIVE HUNDREDWEIGHTS AND CARS PD

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TRUCK OPERATING GROUP H.Q., A.C.

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NICHOLAS FIORENTINO
CWO USA
Adj. Asst.

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION H.Q., A.C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

1 JULY 1945

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1- AQ/27 B/81/Tm5

SUBJECT :- Disposal of Maintenance Equipment
of Units in the Truck Operating Group

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

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 2. G-4 (A) stated that they were prepared to hand over to A.O. (Truck Maintenance Group) all maintenance and repair equipment, on loan from P.B.2. to 1,2,3 Truck Bns, which was needed by the Truck Maintenance Group. The Truck Maintenance Group is preparing a list of equipment which it is desirous to retain for submission to G-4(A) as agreed at the meeting.
- Meanwhile sufficient equipment for 1st. Ech. Maintenance, is being handed over to Truck Pools, to which the vehicles are being assigned ex 2 Truck Bn. Disbandment of 2 Truck Bn commences 2 July.

3. G. (AS) undertook to release the Truck Maintenance Group equipment for 461-466-5. A.D's based on scale 6050/7 and S.B.L. 308/1 (authority A.S.D/922.5(B)1 dated 23 April 45). 22L, 222, 223 and 226 I.T.Coy's A.C. are now collecting a limited quantity of equipment for 461, 452, 465 and 466 I.A.D's. It is not known what equipment has been received by 223 and 224 I.T.Coy's at TAMI for 463/4 S.B.L's. Will you please ask G. (AE) to discontinue issue of equipment to the 6 I.A.D's in view of disbandment, and to release earliest the balance not yet issued to the Truck Maintenance Group, who will collect on advice of outstanding items and issuing depots. This equipment is urgently needed for maintenance in Truck Pools.

1 JULY 1945

SUBJECT: 1- 10/27 B/81/105

1- Disposal of Maintenance Equipment
of Units in the Truck Operating Group
1- G-4-5. A.P.H.G.

TO

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

2 JULY 1945

REF 566

REF 1- AG/27 B/21/TH5

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These L.A.D's were formed on 15 May under authority A.F.H.Q. letter G-1 (BR) 1006/A.1 (Ser 2320) of 25 May, with equipment on Basic Equipment list 6058/7 and S.E.I. 300/1.

5. It is requested that you will urge Q (AE) to notify this Sub-Commission of formal approval to hand-over to the Truck Maintenance Group all L.A.D. equipment mentioned in paras 3 and 4 above and to turn over to the Italian Government with the New Truck Pools at a later date.
6. Will you please let us know whether G-4 have any further information re-arrival data in Italy of the tools mentioned in para. 5 of A.F.H.Q. letter AG 537/177 G.B.S.-Q dated 13 May 45.

For the Chief Commissioner

MERRITT H. TAYLOR
Director

Copy to 1- Land Forces Sub-Comm/ (M.A.I.L.)
Economic Section
H.Q. Truck Operating Group
Transportation Sub-Commission

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

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Tel. 806324
Ext. 8

19 May 1945

Ref. AM/TB/145/1

SUBJECT : Functions of Transport Coys A.C.

TO : G-6 A.F.H.Q.

1. Reference your T-10 dated 16 May 1945.

2. The position at the present time is as follows:

(a) 222 Transport Coy is very nearly ready to move out of Trani and commence operations. 223 Coy is drawing its vehicles from Rome Saturday and Sunday 19 and 20 May. Vehicles are available for 224 whenever they are ready to draw some. This Headquarters understands, however, that only a small number of the personnel required for the British Cadres for 225 and 224 Transport Coys have arrived at Trani and amongst this personnel there are no officers.

(b) This Headquarters is ready to start forming 225 and 226 Transport Coys at Civitavecchia as soon as the British Cadres report. At the present time 1 MSN, 1 MSS, 1 Cpl. 2 L/Opls and 3 ORs, have arrived at Civitavecchia, but no officers.

(c) M.M.I.A. will make the Italian personnel available as soon as the British Cadres have arrived.

3. The 211 and 212 Transport Columns A.C. are not yet formed. One British Cadre has just arrived at Trani, but the Italian personnel have not yet been made available, although it is understood that 1 Italian Lt.Col. and 3 Majors will be reporting in the next day or two.

Copy to:-

Transportation Sub-Commission H.Q., A.C.
Economic Section H.Q., A.C.
Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA) H.Q., A.C.

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JAMES J. CANNES,
Colonel, Infantry,
Commanding,
MOTOR TRANSPORT GROUP.
Absent on Duty.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

16 May 1945

Ref. T-10

SUBJECT: Function of Transport Coys AC
TO : HQ Motor Transport Group AC

Ref your AG/TR/145/1 dated 2 May (received here 15 May).

1. AFHQ Message No FX 69220 dated 2 May 45 to 3 District, Rome Allied Area Command and MMIA (copy to Allied Commission for information) directed

- (a) 3 District to complete ^{formation} of 222, 223 and 224 Transport Coys and 462, 463 and 464 Light Aid Detachment at TR/NI with all speed
- (b) 225 and 226 Italian Transport Coys (Allied Commission) to be formed under supervision of RAAC at CIVITAVECCHIA and to be trained under ALCOM arrangements: each coy to consist of
- (i) HQ MT Coy - WE/III/116/2
 - (ii) 4 Transport Platoons - WE/III/117/2
 - (iii) 2 Relief Driver Increments - WE/III/121/2
 - (iv) 1 Light Aid Detachment - WE/GM/875/1
- (c) MMIA to make trainers available for both 225 and 226 Coys at CIVITAVECCHIA soonest, by direct arrangements with ALCOM.

2. AFHQ message FX-69794 dated 3 May to 3 District (copy to ALCOM and MMIA for information) and HQ Commanders 211 and 212 Transport Columns AC to move to CIVITAVECCHIA on 7 May together with their respective BRITISH cadres.

3. Please confirm that moves to CIVITAVECCHIA as outlined above have taken place.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:



V. P. Cron-Johnson

H. P. CROOM-JOHNSON
Lt. Colonel

Economics & Supply Division

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Copy to: MMIA
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MOTOR TRANSPORT GROUP
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Ext. 8

13 May 1945

Ref. AC/TB/102/1

SUBJECT : A.C. Transport Coys - Personnel.

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

1. Reference your AC/20/31/Tn5 dated 7th May 1945, with enclosure
- M.M.I.A. letter A 110/1 dated 5th May.

2. If the W.E. of a Transport Coy is based on the A. ES. as given
in the original formation order i.e. W. Es. 111/116/2, 111/117/2, 111/121/2,
without any amendments and this Headquarters has not seen notice of any such
amendments, then the W.E. authorises a total of 9 Officers and 340 O. RS.

3. 221 Transport Coy A.C. has moved to Leghorn NOT Florence.

4. 72 Italian personnel for the L.A.D.s have arrived in Rome and
are undergoing training. Even if all these personnel prove satisfactory, it
will leave a deficiency of 32 to complete the six L.A.D.s.

5. The Drivers' Training facilities, which this H.Q. has at Civita-
vecchia, are infinitely superior to those at Trani and all the drivers for
225 and 226 Transport Coys can be trained there. This training, however,
cannot be started nor can the Italian personnel be accepted until the British
Cadres have been made available. A.F.H.Q. have been informed of the position
by R.A.A.C. and have promised to hasten the formation of the British Cadres.

James J. Carnes
JAMES J. CARNES, 6150
Colonel, Infantry,
Commanding,
MOTOR TRANSPORT GROUP.
Account in duty.

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HEADQUARTERS
MOTOR TRANSPORT GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION (I.A.P.)
APO 384

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Tel. 833124
Ext. 8

2 May 1945

Ref. AC/TB/145/1

SUBJECT : Formation of Transport Coys A.C.

TO : G-5 A.F.H.Q.
(thru: Economic Section H.Q., A.C.)

1. The position regarding the Transport Coys A.C. is as follows:
 - (a) 238 Task Vehicles (1½ ton Fords) drawn by DISTHREE.
 - (b) 140 of the 238 Task vehicles allocated to 221 Transport Coy.
 - (c) 98 vehicles allocated to 222 Transport Coy. It is understood that 4 of these vehicles were involved in accidents en route from Capua to Trani and have been evacuated.
 - (d) 221 Transport Coy leaves Trani 1st May en route to location in Leghorn.
 - (e) The Italian personnel for the 461 LAD, who have been trained in the A.C. Mechanics School Rome, will be picked up by 221 Transport Coy en route.
 - (f) One LAD (mechanical equipment only) is being made available for 221 Transport Coy within the next ten days. In the meantime Coy will be dependent on Vehicle tool kits and what military or civilian assistance can be obtained in Leghorn.
2. It is recommended that the completion of the formation of 222 Transport Coy and the formation and training of 223, 224, 225 and 226 Transport Coys A.C. should be transferred from Trani to Civitavecchia. This recommendation is based on the assumption that if it is agreed to, the British Cadres and the CRASC Transport Column organisations will be established at Civitavecchia and that Unit G 1098 equipment will be made available at the same time as the Italian Military personnel report.
3. The reasons for putting forward this recommendation are as follows:
 - (a) The formation of the Q.H. Truck Battalions has progressed so favourably that there is ample room at the A.C. camp at Civitavecchia to accommodate the Transport Coys, together with the supervising staff.

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(b) The Drivers' training ground at Civitavecchia is so large that a great number of drivers can be trained at one time with little danger of accidents.

(c) The new vehicles are being assembled in Rome, with the result that the drawing of vehicles will be very much simplified, considerable mileage will be saved (i.e. 45 miles as against 284) and incidents such as set out in GMP report (copy attached, Appendix A) will be avoided.

(d) Any vehicles which are unfortunately damaged can be brought into the A.C. assembly plant immediately for repair.

(e) The Coys when ready will be considerably nearer to their operational locations.

1 Incl. 1
Appendix A, as per para
3 (c) above.

Copy to:-
Land Forces Sub-Commission (M.E.I.A.)
Transportation Sub-Commission H.Q. A.C.

Chubbey, May
JAMES J. CAHILL,
Colonel, Infantry,
Commanding,
MOTOR TRANSPORT GROUP.

C O P Y

APPENDIX A
to ltr. dt. 2.5.1945. to G-5 A.F.H.Q.

MILITARY POLICE REPORT

Officer Commanding,
103 Coy GMP (TO).

Sir,

I have to report that on 15th April 45 I was on Road Patrol BENTEGARIE and CAPUA, Route 7.

Between BENEVENTO and MONTESARCHIO about approx 1100 hrs I saw a convoy which was moving on this part of Route 7 in the direction of ARIANO and made the following observations:-

The convoy was Serial No. 64/MA/33. 30-cwt FORD Trucks (New) being ferried from a Vehicle Park in the CAPUA AREA to CAMPO AFFLUENZA, TRANI. the drivers were Italian Military of 12 Coy., CAMPO AFFLUENZA, TRANI.

- (1) No Convoy Discipline.
- (2) Vehicles halting in towns.
- (3) Speeding and Dangerous Driving by a number of the Vehicles.
- (4) No apparent Head or Tail of Convoy.
- (5) Vehicles double-banking other vehicles of the Convoy.

Field. GMP.
15 April 45.

Signed. No. 187024 P.B. WILSON L/OPL.
103 Coy GMP (TO).

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SUBJECT: - Formation of New Units - Italian Army

HEADQUARTERS, COMMANDER 211 & 212 ITALIAN TRANSPORT COLUMNS, AD.

0700
TN.5/cy 30
SECRET 7278
ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS
CR/1416/C-1(PR) (Ser. 2109)
28 Apr 45.

1. (a) The above mentioned Units will be formed on W.E. III/115/2 with effect from 25 Apr 45 under the supervision of Hq No.3 District at TRAMI.
(b) Copies of the W.E. will be distributed automatically by Hq No.3 District. Additional copies, if required, may be obtained from No.10 Publications Depot. Indents should state that these copies are in addition to those received from Hq No.3 District.
(c) Implementation of W.E. III/115/2 in respect of these Units will be implemented only to the extent shown in Appx 'A' to this letter.
(d) Serial numbers 93637 & 93638 respectively, have been allotted to these Units.

2. PERSONNEL
Personnel will be provided under arrangements to be made by Land Forces Sub Commission AD (MILA).

3. CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT & TRANSPORT
Indents for the following will be submitted in accordance with instructions to be issued by Hq No.3 District:-
(i) Replacements of clothing, necessaries and personal equipment to scale.
(ii) Unit equipment to scale A.F.C.1098-245/1 (Restricted Implementation)
(iii) Anti-gas stores in accordance with AFHQ Operation Memorandum No.48.
(iv) Transport to scale (to be provided from 10 sources).

4. STATIONERY
Demands, based on two months' estimated requirements, will be submitted as indicated below:-

- (i) Army Forms, Books and Stationery (indent form A.F.L.1393) to No.24 Stationery Depot.
- (ii) Publications (indent form A.F.L.1394) to No.10 Publications Depot (indents to be endorsed "Initial Demand").
- (iii) Office Machinery (indent form A.F.L.1392) to AFHQ, AFHQ.

5. POSTAL
Units will use the Costa Militare number of the Italian Adm HQ of the formation of which they form a part.

6. COMPLETION
Hq No.3 District will report to G.1.(B), AFHQ, copy to G.3(Off-2) Foreign, AFHQ, when formations are complete.

7. ACK

W.D. Danks, Lt Col

Field Marshal,
Supreme Allied Commander,
Mediterranean Theatre.

DISTRIBUTION:-
The Under Secretary of State,
The War Office (S.D.2.)
CC 15 Army Group
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HQ Eighth Army
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G.3 (Org.2) (Manpower) (2)
G.3 (Org.2) (CREAT) (3)
+++ G.3 (Org.2) (Foreign) (3)
G.5 (Maint) (7)

(d) Serial numbers 93637 & 93638 respectively, have been allotted to these units.

2. PERSONNEL

Personnel will be provided under arrangements to be made by Land Forces Sub Commission IS (MIA).

3. CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT & TRANSPORT

Indents for the following will be submitted in accordance with instructions to be issued by HQ No.3 District:-

- (i) Replacements of clothing, necessities and personal equipment to scale.
- (ii) Unit equipment to scale A.F.C.109B-249/1 (Restricted Implementation)
- (iii) Anti-gas stores in accordance with AFHQ Operation Memorandum No.48.
- (iv) Transport to scale (to be provided from AG sources).

4. STATIONERY

Demands, based on two months' estimated requirements, will be submitted as indicated below:-

- (i) Army Forms, Books and Stationery (indent form A.F.L.1393) to No.21 Stationery Depot.
- (ii) Publications (indent form A.F.L.1394) to No.10 Publications Depot (indents to be endorsed "Initial Demand").
- (iii) Office Machinery (indent form A.F.L.1392) to AFSS, AFHQ.

5. POSTAL

Units will use the Poste Militare number of the Italian Adm HQ of the formation of which they form a part.

6. COMPLETION

HQ No.3 District will report to G.1.(B), AFHQ, copy to G.3(Ort.A) Foreign AFHQ, when formations are complete.

7. ACK

AD Desk, W M

DISTRIBUTION:-

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- HQ No.2 District 3
- HQ No.3 District 10 x
- GHQ 2nd Echelon 6
- GHQ 2nd Echelon (STATS) 3
- HQ Land Forces Sub Commission (AMIL) 3
- HQ Allied Commission
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- No.10 Publications Depot, RASC
- No.8 Command Pay Office
- No.21 Stationery Depot
- Signalmaster, CASERTA
- * Incl copy for new units and distribution as necessary.

Field Marshal,
Supreme Allied Commander,
Mediterranean Theatre.

- G.1.(B) A.9/10 (10)
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- G.5 {Org.2} (ORRAF)
- +++ G.3 {Org./A} (Foreign) (3)
- G.5 {Maint.} (3)
- G.5 {A.E.} (3)
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- Ord. (Pr)
- R.E.M.E.
- F.A.
- D.I.I.C.
- A.D.P.S.S.
- D.D.A.F.S.
- Historical Sec
- War Diary
- M & D (2)

+++ ASD/922.8(B)1 of 24 Apr 45 refers.

APPENDIX 'A' TO CR/1116/G-1(ER)(Ser. 2109) of 28 Apr 45.

Extent of implementation of W.E. III/115/2 in respect of HQ Commanders, 211 and 212 Italian Transport Columns, AC (Each).

(i) PERSONNEL

Lieut Col	1
Major	1
Captains	2
Total Officers	<u>4</u>
Clerks:- Staff Sergeant	1
Sergeant	1
Corporal	1
Privates	<u>3</u>
Drivers for duty as:-	
Drivers of vehicles	2
Batmen	2
Batmen Drivers	2
M/Cyclists (incl 1 L/Cpl)	<u>5</u>
Total Oks	<u>17</u>
Total All Ranks	<u>21</u>
Attached Cooks (Privates)	2
Total HQ Commander, Italian Tpt Coln, AC	<u>23</u>

(ii) TRANSPORT

Motor cycles, Solo	4
Car, 4 str, 4x2	1✓
Cars, Light Utility, 4x2	2✓
Trucks, 3 ton, 4x2, GS	1

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

OF/ep
PHONE: 489081

Ref: AC/27B/24/Tn5

28 April 1945

SUBJECT: Employment of 221 G.T. Coy.

TO : HQ M.T. Group
(Att: Lt. Col. Bordass)

1. Reference conversation (Lt. Col. Farnyough - Lt. Col. Bordass)
2 April 1945.

2. It is intended that 2 platoons of 221 G.T. Coy shall be located in Livorno to deal with haulage between railhead and AMG warehouses. The remaining 2 platoons will be located in Florence for distribution of supplies from railhead.

3. If the question of priority arises, priority No. 1 is warehouse work in Livorno and priority No. 2, rail clearance - Florence. With the withdrawal of the 5th Army commitment in this area, Toscana Region is now responsible for both the above movements and will allot trucks in accordance with the above priority.

By Command of Rear Admiral STONE:


G. FARNYOUGH
Lt. Colonel, RA

cc:

Movements Div.
Toscana Region (Att: Chief Transportation Officer)

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

JHB/eg.

Tel. 886324
Ext. 8

23 April 1945

Ref. AG/TB/145/1

SUBJECT : Formation of Transport Coys A.C.
TO : H.Q. DISTANCE
(Through Economic Section H.Q., A.C.)

1. 220 x 1 1/2 Ford trucks have been collected by you for the purposes of forming 221 Transport Coy A.C. and training personnel for the 222, 223, 224, 225 and 226 Coys.

2. It is understood that of those 220 vehicles, 120 have been allocated to the 221 Coy, leaving 100 for training purposes. The 221 Coy should have 132 task vehicles and will you please inform us as to whether the additional 12 vehicles can be supplied out of the remaining 100, without interfering with the training programme. If not arrangements could be made for this Headquarters to supply the 12 vehicles required by the Coy as it moves up to its new location.

3. Originally 240 vehicles were to be available and the position regarding the balance of 20 is as follows:

18 in No. 9 Vehicle Park, Capua, one of which is not roadworthy.

2 in R.E.M.E., Naples not completely assembled owing to missing parts.

4. It is proposed to bring these 20 vehicles to Rome where all vehicles are now being assembled.

5. It is put forward for your consideration that as the remaining Coys (222, 223, 224, 225 and 226) are trained and formed, they should be moved forward to your camp at Ravascania, from which location it will be much easier to draw the vehicles from Rome.

6. If this Headquarters is informed as to when each Coy is in location at Ravascania, arrangements can be made immediately for the drawing of the task vehicles.

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7. The vehicles having been drawn by a Coy. it could be given a short time in which to form up complete in Ravascania and from there move direct to its operational area.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER :

Copy to:-
Land Forces Sub-Commission,
(H.M.I.A.C.)
Executive Officer of the A.C.
Transportation Sub-Commission,
H.Q., A.C.

Chichester May
JAMES J. GARNES,
Colonel, Infantry,
Commanding,
MOTOR TRANSPORT GROUP.

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SECRET

SUBJECT:- Formation of New Units - RASC

ARMED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

CR/1155/G-1(ER)(Ser. 2041)
19 Apr 45.

BRITISH CADRES. RASC. 221 & 222 ITALIAN TRANSPORT COMPANIES. AC

1. (a) The above mentioned Cadres will be formed on W.E. CM/317/1 (XII/456/1) with effect from 16 Apr 45 under the supervision of HQ No.3 District at TPAMI.
- (b) Implementation of W.E. CM/317/1 in respect of these Cadres will be effected only to the extent shown in appendix 'A' to this letter.
- (c) Copies of the W.E. will be distributed automatically by HQ No.3 District. Additional copies, if required, may be obtained from No.10 Publications Depot. Indents should state that these copies are in addition to those received from HQ No.3 District.
- (d) Serial Nos. 95111 & 95112 respectively have been allotted to these Cadres.

2. PERSONNEL

Postings will be effected as follows:-

- | | | |
|------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| (i) Officers | - by G.I.(B), AFHQ. | } in conjunction with DST., AFHQ. |
| (ii) Other Ranks | - by DAG CMQ 2nd Echelon | |

3. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

(a) Indents for the following will be submitted in accordance with instructions to be issued by HQ No.3 District:-

- (i) Replacements of clothing and necessities to scale.
- (ii) U it and Personal Equipment in accordance with the A.F. G.1098 scales enumerated in sub-para (b) below. Copies of these scales will be issued automatically to the supervisory authority by Q(AB), AFHQ.
- (iii) Anti-gas stores in accordance with AFHQ Operation Memorandum No.48.
- (iv) Technical Equipment in accordance with Part I of CM. A.F. G.1098-58/1, to be published by Q(AE), AFHQ (see CRQ. 160/45).

(b) Scales - Unit Equipment:-

Nos. 15/1 44/1 47/1 51/1 53/1 54/1 72/1 453/1

Personal Equipment

Nos. 10/2 II/1 12/1 13/1 203/1.

4. STATIONERY

Demands, based on two months' estimated requirements, will be submitted as indicated below:-

- (i) Army Forms, Books & Stationery (indent form A.F.L.1393)
- (ii) Publications (indent form A.F.L.1394) - to No.10 Publications Depot (indents to be endorsed 'Initial Demand').

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Publications Depot. Indents should state that they are to those received from HQ No. 3 District.

(a) Serial Nos. 951111 & 951112 respectively have been allotted to these Cadres.

2. PERSONNEL

Postings will be effected as follows:-

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| (i) <u>Officers</u> | - by G.L.(E), AFHQ. | } in conjunction with
DST., AFHQ. |
| (ii) <u>Other Ranks</u> | - by D/C GHQ 2nd Echelon | |

3. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

(a) Indents for the following will be submitted in accordance with instructions to be issued by HQ No. 3 District:-

- (i) Replacements of clothing and necessaries to scale.
- (ii) Unit and Personal Equipment in accordance with the A.F. G.1098 scales enumerated in sub-para (b) below. Copies of these scales will be issued automatically to the supervisory authority by Q(AE), AFHQ.
- (iii) Anti-ras stores in accordance with AFHQ Operation Memorandum No. 48.
- (iv) Technical Equipment in accordance with Part I of CM A.F. G.1098-55/1, to be published by Q(AE), AFHQ (see CRO. 180/45).

(b) Scales - Unit Equipment:-

Nos. 15/1 44/1 47/1 51/1 53/1 54/1 72/1 433/1

Personal Equipment

Nos. 10/2 11/1 12/1 13/1 203/1.

4. STATIONERY

Demands, based on two months' estimated requirements, will be submitted as indicated below:-

- (i) Army Forms, Books & Stationery (indent form A.F.L.1393) **67 20**
No. 21 Stationery Depot.
- (ii) Publications (indent form A.F.L.1394) - to No. 10 Publications Depot (indents to be endorsed 'Initial Demand').
- (iii) Office Machinery (indent form A.F.L.1392) - to AFPS, AFHQ.

5. PAY

Application for the allotment of Imprest Numbers will be made to the nearest Area or Pd Cashier.

6. POSTAL

Postal address will be:- Br Cadre, RASC,
----- Italian Tpt Coy, AG,
CMF.

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7. COMPLETION

- (a) HQ No.3 District will report to G.1.(B), AFHQ, copy to DST., AFHQ, when formations are complete, with copy to GHQ 2nd Echelon certifying that casualties have been rendered to them showing all personnel "t.o.s.". (b) If deficiencies of personnel still exist on 10 May 45, a statement will be rendered showing all such deficiencies by ranks and trades.

8. ACK

W.D. S. 18/45

Field-Marshal,
Supreme Allied Commander,
Mediterranean Theatre.

DISTRIBUTION:-

The Under Secretary of State,
The War Office (S.D.2)
CG 15 Army Group
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HQ No.3 District
GHQ 2nd Echelon
GHQ 2nd Echelon (STAFS)
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Land Forces Sub Commission,
Allied Commission (MIA)
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F.A.
D.P.I.C.
A.D.P.S.S.
D.D.A.P.S.
Historical Sec
War Diary (2)
M & D

* Incl copies for units concerned and distribution as necessary.

+++ WSD/117 of 18 Apr 45 refers

EXTENT OF IMPLEMENTATION OF W.E. CM/317/1 IN RESPECT OF
BRITISH CADRES, 221 & 222 ITALIAN TRANSPORT COMPANIES, A.C.

(i) Personnel

Headquarters

Major
Captain (Administration)
Subaltern (Administration)

Total Officers

Company Quartermaster-Sergeant
Sergeant (Administration)
Corporal (Administration)
Sergeant Drivers
Corporal Drivers
Driver Mechanic (Privates)
Driver Batmen (Privates)
Privates (General Duties)
Cook (Private)

Total Other Ranks

Total Headquarters

Workshop Section

Mechanist Sergeant Major
Vehicle Mechanic (Corporal)
Electrician (Corporal)
Storeman (Technical MT) (Lance Corporal)

Total Workshop Section

Total British Cadre, RASC for an
Italian Transport Company, AC

(a) May be employed Italian Civilians

(b) One for each Tpt Pl for supervision of
Vehicle Maintenance.

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HEADQUARTERS
MOTOR TRANSPORT GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION
(IAP)
APO 394

Tel. 890122
Ext. 139

JHB/eg.

Ref. AC/TB/102/1

26 March 1945.

SUBJECT : Formation of Workshop platoons for General Transport Coys
(Italian)

TO : G-5 A.F.H.Q.

Reference is A.F.H.Q. G-3 Divisions letter ASD/922.1(8) dated 17 March 1945 and appendices to same.

1. Appendix B page 7 states in respect of the Workshop Platoons for 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, and 226 Transport Coys AC that "personnel to be trained by Allied Commission: technical equipment and vehs to be provided under arrangement Allied Commission."

2. A Motor School has been established by this Headquarters and will be available to all personnel in the Motor Transport Group. It must be understood, however, that the curriculum of this school is designed to teach what has been termed "preventive Maintenance" and an elementary fitters' course but does not, at this time, cover complete training in the use of machinery usually associated with RASC Workshop Platoons.

3. Furthermore although a certain amount of technical equipment and one or two vehicles are available at the School for instructional purposes AC are in no position to supply such equipment or technical vehicles to the workshop Platoons.

4. It is presumed that the Workshop Platoons will be mobilised by the same authority responsible for the formation, of the Transport Coys A.C. and that this H.Q. will be notified when to expect the first group of personnel for technical training.

5. The course which runs concurrently consists of one month's training in engine, chassis and operational subjects and the first course will commence 1st April 1945. Personnel should arrive by the 26th of the preceding month and should be limited in the first instance to 30 students.

S E C R E T

6. It would be of great assistance if this Headquarters could be notified as to when the first group of trainees will be reporting and the total number who will have to pass through the School.

JAMES J. CARNES.
Colonel, Infantry.
Commanding,
MOTOR TRANSPORT GROUP.

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SUBJECT : Formation of Italian General Transport Coys
for Allied Commission

3 District
Ext 5
754/G

All Concerned

1 March 45

1. Orders are to be issued shortly by AFHQ for the formation of one or more Italian Army general transport coys (TRI-ITI) for employment with Allied Commission.
2. Approximately 200 drivers for the first of these companies are to be found from trainees at present under instruction at Trani Camp. Their course ends approximately 6 March. The majority of these drivers are drafts from recently disbanded Sacke Companies. They are BR-ITIS. Approximately 3 officers from these men's previous units are still with them. They are at present administered direct by the Trani Camp Staff.
3. It is understood that vehicles for the equipment of this company are not likely to be available for approximately a month after 6 March.
4. It is necessary to find employment for these trainee drivers during this interval with a view to continuing their training, but without delaying the formation of the unit. This will be effected as follows.

Action by

Camp Trani

Supply &
Transport.

MIA Liaison
Officer, Bari.

- (a) They will be divided into four groups which will form the nuclei of the platoons of the company to be formed.
- (b) These groups will be attached for training to four British General Transport Companies in Eastern Italy to be nominated by Supply & Transport, 3 District who will issue the necessary instructions in conjunction with MIA Liaison Officer Bari (Major Bird, telephone Bari 11458).
- (c) They will be attached for administration to suitable Italian Army Units under arrangements to be made by 230 Division. 230 Division will ensure that at least one Italian officer is attached to each group, and that the senior Italian officer with each group is made responsible for the satisfactory administration of the group and for effective liaison with the British Companies. 230 Division will arrange the attachment of IGOs for the purposes of discipline, and interpreters as necessary.

- (d) Movements from Trani to the company locations will be arranged by 6(SD) 3 District Eastern Detachment in conjunction with MIA Liaison Officer Bari.

- (e) 230 Div. will arrange accommodation, and will ensure that the groups are issued with tentage and accommodation stores before leaving TRANI Camp. Any difficulties will be reported forthwith to 3 District (Eastern Detachment), copy to the Area/Sub Area concerned.

- (f) The drivers will be employed by the receiving companies in such a way as to give them the maximum training value during the period of attachment, i.e. as drivers not as general duty men. It is realized that formal instruction may not be possible.

230 Division

G(SD) 3
District
Eastern Detachment

230 Division.
G 3 District,
Eastern
Detachment.

approximately 3 months after the start of the war. It is necessary to find employment for these trainee drivers during this interval with a view to continuing their training, but without delaying the formation of the unit. This will be effected as follows.

- (a) They will be divided into four groups which will form the nuclei of the platoons of the company to be formed
- (b) These groups will be attached for training to four British General Transport Companies in Eastern Italy to be nominated by Supply & Transport, 3 District who will issue the necessary instructions in conjunction with MIA Liaison Officer Bari (Major Bird, telephone Bari 11450)
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- (d) Movement from Trani to the company locations will be arranged by G(SD) 3 District Eastern Detachment in conjunction with MIA Liaison Officer Bari.
- (e) 230 Div. will arrange accommodation, and will ensure that the groups are issued with tentage and accommodation stores before leaving TRAM Camp. Any difficulties will be reported forthwith to G 3 District (Eastern Detachment), copy to the Area/Sub Area concerned.
- (f) The drivers will be employed by the receiving companies in such a way as to give them the maximum training value during the period of attachment, i.e. as drivers not as general dutyman. It is realised that formal instruction may not be possible, but practical instruction in maintenance and employment as spare drivers should be included.

5. Administrative personnel and reinforcements posted to make the Italian General Transport Companies up to strength will be held and equipped at Trani Camp, where the whole Company will be concentrated as seen as vehicles become available.

Orders for concentration will be issued by G(SD) this Headquarters.

Action by : A : TRAM Camp

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HEADQUARTERS
APRUZZI-MARCHE REGION.

IN 8/4R/27

To:- Executive Officer.

Date:- 13 Feb 46.

Ref:- TM/CR.

Subject:- G.T. Companies.

1. 1002 G.T. Company has been functioning since the end of December last in the movement of surplus grain from Macerata, Ascoli Piceno and Teramo Provinces to the deficiency Provinces of Aquila, Chieti and Pescara.
2. Detachments have been accommodated at Macerata, Ascoli Piceno and Teramo, with headquarters and workshops at Aquila, and more recently at Guillanova.
3. A telephone message was received from Major Milnes, G.C., 1002 G.T. Company late yesterday afternoon to the effect that two platoons of another G.T. Company - 1000 - had arrived at Macerata with instructions from the Transportation Sub-Commission to take over from 1002 Company detachments stationed there.
4. Arrangements have been made, therefore, with Major Milnes, subject to approval, that the following procedure shall now operate:-

Macerata.	2 Platoons of 1000 Coy.	60 Vehicles.
Ascoli Piceno.	2 Platoons of 1002 Coy.	60 "
Teramo.	2 Platoons of 1002 Coy.	60 "
		180 "
5. One of the platoons working from Teramo may be accommodated at Guillanova, if there is insufficient space at Teramo. From an operational point of view either location is equally suitable.
6. As a result of this new alignment the movement of grain will be considerably expedited and the needs of Aquila, Chieti and Pescara Provinces more quickly fulfilled, allowing an immediate opportunity of increasing rail shipments to the south from Orte.
7. It is pointed out that no official advice of the expected arrival of the two platoons of 1000 Company was received until today, when the attached signal reached this Headquarters.

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T.P. MORTARTY,
Major, R.E.

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Transportation.

Food Sub-Commission.

~~Transportation Sub-Commission.~~ **ROME**

P.C. Aquila Province.

P.C. Ascoli-Ricci, Macerata Provinces.

P.C. Teramo, Chieti, Pescara Provinces.

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File.

1002 G.T. Company.

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It is felt that the basic problem should receive equal consideration for Italian Army Personnel.

The following points are brought to your attention for consideration in this respect:-

1) The fact that the Italian bread ration is drawn daily. Whenever a number of personnel depart from camp, bread is taken from those remaining, in order to feed those departing for the period of their absence, which is normally more than one day. Thus those remaining in camp are deprived of a portion of their ration. Furthermore, those leaving camp do not receive their full entitlement since an attempt is made to strike a balance most favourable to both sides. Thus an acute overall shortage exists on the days when this is done.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

JHB/bm

AFC 394

23 November 1944

Memo to Col. Adams

Subject: General Transport Companies
(Italian).

1. You are aware that at the present time we have attached to us three G.T. Coys (Italian) namely 1000 G.T. Coy, 1001 G.T. Coy and 1004 G.T. Coy. Further it is anticipated that in the very near future a fourth Company will be allocated to us by AFHQ.

2. In addition to the G.T. Coys mentioned we, ourselves, are endeavouring to form a G.M. Truck Battalion, consisting of 8 G.M. Truck Coys.

3. All these units referred to above are manned by Italian military personnel and the object of having these Companies is in order to be able to cope with the hauling of civil supplies by road. This necessitates vehicles belonging to these companies being out on the road for many hours at a time.

4. The present scheme in force for supplying rations to Italian military personnel is most unsatisfactory when it concerns either G.T. Coys or G.M. Truck Coys. No provision has been made for rations which allow a field ration to be prepared. Consequently when a group of trucks go off on duty if they are away from their own Hqs. for any period of time they are unable to carry their own rations and even if they did they would not be in a position to prepare them for eating.

5. Appendix V to MIA Administration Instructions No. 12 of 12 Oct. 44 lays down the ration scale for the Italian army. This ration scale is as follows:-

Flour	12 ozs
Dried vegetables	2 ozs
Meat, canned, or	
fish preserved	3 ozs
Cheese	1 oz
Sugar	1 oz
Macaroni	3 ozs
Rice	1 oz
Vegetables de-	
hydrated	1 oz
Catsup or tomato	
Pasta	1 oz

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Oatsup or tomato paste	2 oz
Coffee	1 oz

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In addition to this ration the Italian Government should supply:

4 ozs	fruit
3 ozs	fresh vegetables
1 oz	olive oil

1 oz nuts
1 oz salt
1 litre wine

It will be seen that in addition to there being no provision made for a haversack or field ration the ration scale itself is not one which in my opinion is adequate for men doing a really hard job of work and ~~doing~~ many hours per day under present conditions can be called hard work.

6. Not only AC but the Armies themselves need these Companies to be able to do a really efficient job otherwise the delivery of foodstuffs will become very serious.

7. When these Companies are working with the Armies there is no doubt that rules and regulations are forgotten and the drivers are supplied with ordinary Allied rations. Although this gets over the difficulty at the time it creates worse difficulties when these Companies are brought back to work under AC and the men come back onto the ration scale mentioned in para 5 above.

8. This matter has been taken up with MIA by the Commander of the 1st Truck Battalion but he received little satisfaction. He was told that the Italian army was a beaten army and therefore only entitled to poverty rations.

9. In my opinion there are only two courses open to us
(i) If we are to be dependent upon transport companies manned by Italians then we must be given the facilities to feed these men in a reasonable manner.
(ii) If these facilities are not to be granted to us then we cannot be held responsible for the failure of these companies to carry out their duties efficiently.

10. Finally it would appear that it is only due to the ability of the various Company Commanders to "scrounge" rations for their units that enables these Companies to carry on reasonably well. In my opinion this is an uncalled for and lamentable state of affairs.

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J. H. Boardman
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Lt. Col. R.A.S.C.
Road-3 section - Tn.S/C.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

R/27

22 November 1944

Ref. T-10

SUBJECT: 1004 G.T. Coy (Italian)

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

Reference AC/TN/R/27 of 20 November.

1. This will return the attached letter to Col. Adams, Transportation Sub-Commission.

2. The question was referred informally to Lt. Col. Hunt, C(Maint), in the absence of Brig. Shaw. It was referred to S & T which will take the necessary action to correct the difficulties in the company administration.

3. If results are not satisfactory within a week or 10 days, please advise.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

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

Incl: Letter from AG,
subject and reference
as above

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

AC/TN/W/27

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Nov. 20, 1944

SUBJECT: 1004 G.I. Coy (Italian).

TO : Col. Adams, Director Transportation Sub-Comm.

1. Major Eardley, who is in charge of the grain movement in Macerata area, came to see me yesterday and he stated that 1004 G.I. Coy was not working very satisfactorily.

2. He informed me that instructions given to the Commanding Officer of this Coy were never carried out in a prompt and reliable manner.

3. Although this Coy should have 120 load carriers and in fact they have 142 load carriers  this latter number includes their own domestic transport, Major Eardley was informed by the C.O. of the Company that the availability for next week would only be 30 load carriers. It is appreciated that these vehicles are probably Class III and IV, but having regard to the fact that the Company has but recently been allocated to us, the figure 90 would appear to be an abnormally low one.

4. Major Eardley gave me the impression that, although he was somewhat loath to definitely say that the C.O. of the Coy was not capable of handling his unit, that is the case. I can fully understand that to run a unit operated by Italian Military personnel requires an officer of considerable character.

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Lt. Col. R.A.S.C.
Operations.

HEADQUARTERS REGION VIII
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

File Ref: EVIII/35/55/1/1.

Date: 11 Nov. '44.

SUBJECT: Army Transport for Region.
TO : Regional Commissioner.

1. During the recent conferences that I had in Rome with Transportation Sub-Commission, it was agreed by Lt.Col. Bordass and concurred in by Col. Carnes that the two platoons (about 50 trucks) of the British 1000 G.T.Coy. will be re-assigned to 5 Army AMG for hauling wheat and fuel into Firenze and when 5 Army AMG moves forward these two platoons will remain under Toscana Region control. Also it was so agreed that when the next American Truck Company (about 50 American trucks) is ready for operation it will be assigned to Toscana Region replacing one of the above two platoons of the 1000 G.T.Coy. thereby giving Region an additional 25 trucks. The order dealing with the 1000 G.T.Coy. was expected to be ready by yesterday.

2. I was informed that the two truck companies 1024-25 (about 100 American trucks) now at Livorno were being assigned to 5 Army AMG replacing the 1000 G.T.Coy. (Br) now with 5 Army AMG. The 1000 G.T.Coy. is being moved to Livorno. Under above agreement only 2 platoons of the 1000 G.T.Coy. will be moved to Livorno until the one platoon is replaced in this Region by a company of American trucks.

3. It was also agreed that all surplus trucks of the 1000 G.T.Coy. at Livorno could be secured by this Region for use in the Region such as hauling from Grosseto Province, North. I am to contact the O.C. of 1000 G.T.Coy. next week when the above exchange has been completed.

GEORGE B. SCOTTS, 6128
Major AUS.,
Regional Transportation Officer.

GES/EO.

Copy to: Transportation Sub-Commission (Roads),
Lt. Col. Bordass.

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Copy to: Transportation Sub-Commission (Roads),
 (att. Lt. Col. Bordash).

Provincial Commissioner, Province of Firenze.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

Office of the Chief of Staff
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Ext. 300

1st November 1944.

Ref/4810/71/COS.

SUBJECT: Supply Problem - 5th Army Area.

TO : D.C.C.S. Economic Section.

1. As a result of reading a series of depressing sitreps from AME 5th Army, C.O.S. directed me to write the attached letter Annex A.
2. A reply to this has been received by signal, Annex B.
3. Would you please reply direct to D.C.C.A.O. saying whether you can agree to the proposals in their signal, with a copy to me.

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Chief Staff Officer
To the Chief of Staff.

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Copy to D.C.C.A.O.

ANNEX 'A'

Chief Staff Officer.

Food 5 Army Area.

151/236/008

DCCAO, HQ A.A.I.

24th October 1944

1. Reports from 5 Army AMG for the last 6 weeks and more have all stressed the extreme shortage of food. This point has also been raised at various conferences in Siena and suggestions to form new transport companies are being put into effect. This does not, however, seem to stop the continuous burden of their lamentation which is always to the effect that there is "a serious grain shortage".

2. Would you please find out and let me know what the exact trouble is. Is it that there is food in the stock piles and depots on the lines of communication and no transport to get it forward or is there no food at all?

3. Finally the Chief of Staff wishes for constructive suggestions to be put forward in your reply if the situation in your opinion requires improvement.

Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff. 612

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ANNEX 'B'

ALLIED COMMISSION INCOMING MESSAGE 9621

TO: HQ ALLIED COMMISSION FOR LUSH

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FROM: CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION HQ AAI

CAS/34

ROUTINE

OCT 311345

RESTRICTED. Ref 151/23/COS dated 24 Oct. Enquiry made. Plentiful food supply except sugar olive oil and tinned meats. All is question of transport particularly for grain GROSSETO and SIENA Areas to forward areas. Unless grain can be brought forward 5 Army will have to eat down flour stockpiles at LECCHORI and FLORENCE which they wish to keep as operational reserve. Problem is 5 Army has daily commitment 594 tons all told and has only lift of 250 tons with 1000 Coy plus what they can occasionally get from 1024 and 1025. 2 further Q Companies urgently required. Interim recommendations 1024 and 1025 be placed immediately under operational control AMG 5 Army to carry out present ACC commitment and help AMG lift. This would maximise economy in use until US LT COL arrives. LT COL OLISZEWSKI should be ordered forward to establish Headquarters near 5 Army AMG and take command and operational control in liaison with 5 Army 1024 and 1025 and 1000 Coys and others arriving. Responsible senior executive authority coordinating lift of all companies in close touch 5 Army and ACC LECCHORI essential.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

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10/R/27

Nov. 7, 1944

SUBJECT: Re-Allocation of 1000 Gen. Transportation Coy (Italian)

TO : AMG 5th Army (for attention Lt. Col. Toscani)

1. Reference verbal arrangements made between Lt. Col. Toscani - Lt. Col. Bordess on Sunday 5th Nov. the following moves will take place forthwith:

a) H.Q. and 2 Platoons 1000 Gen. Tpt. Coy (Italian) will move to Leghorn, and will operate according to demands submitted by the Warehousing Officer in Leghorn (Capt. Boyd).
b) Remaining 2 Platoons 1000 Gen. Tpt. Coy will remain in Florence and operate according to demands submitted by Lt. Col. Toscani.

c) 2nd and 3rd Q.M. Truck Coys are attached to AMG 5th Army and will operate under instructions received from Lt. Col. Toscani. They will move to locations laid down by AMG 5th Army.

2. AMG 5th Army will be responsible for both the grain and charcoal haul from Siena to Florence.

3. Should the Warehousing Officer at Leghorn not require all the transport available as in para 1 (a), the remainder will be free for use by Toscana Region, who should submit their requests for transport to the O.C. 1000 Gen. Tpt. Coy.

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Colonel, G.I.,
Director In. Sub-Comm.

Copies to:

R.C. Toscana Region (for Major Sowers)

O.C. 1000 Gen. Tpt. Coy (Italian)

O.C. No. 1 Q.M. Truck Bn.

Civil Affairs Section III (for Capt. Jinsworth).

Officer in charge Warehousing Leghorn (Capt. Boyd)

Provincial Commissioner Leghorn.

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