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STATUS OF W.D. TRUCKS  
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INTER OFFICE MEMO  
OFFICE OF G-4 (B)

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29 January 1946.

SUBJECT : 'B' Vehicle Census.

TO : Director, Transportation Sub-Commission.

1. Query has been raised by G.H.Q. C.M.F. that vehicles on attached list, held on charge to A.C. Italy, have never been declared on census returns.
2. It is requested you investigate the circumstances under which these vehicles were issued and state why they have never been reported to this Branch.
3. Forward your comments to this Branch as soon as possible, please

D.C. MOYLE  
Major, R.A.  
G-4(B) HQ.A.C.

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TO :- OFFICE of G - 4 ( B )

1 FEBRUARY 1946

As Major MOYLE during his attachement to this Division was responsible for Maintenance & Vehicle returns of British Vehicles perhaps he can reply to the query raised in Para 2 above .

GORDON S. FRANKLIN  
Chief  
Roads Division

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TO :- Chief Roads Division, Transportation Sub-Commission. ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~

The vehicles referred to are not amongst those for the maintenance of which Roads Division were responsible during my era with Transportation Sub-Commission, those have been accounted for and subsequently sold to the Italian Government.

The vehicles shown on attached list are obviously vehicles issued for special purposes other than civil supply such as (a) to the Truck Group (b) Railways or (c) Ports and Warehouses, though I have no recollection of the vehicles being drawn, by whom or for what purpose.



D.C. MOYLE  
Major, R.A.  
A/G-4 (B)

TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

TYPE	V.D. No.	DATE	REMARKS
Lorry 3 ton 4 x 4 G.S.	1307301	25 May 45	Issued from 416 RVP to AFHQ for GS Tn Sub-Commission
"	1307909	30 May 45	
"	1311693	"	
"	4519093	25 May 45	
"	4519391	30 May 45	
"	4522568	"	
"	4615895	25 May 45	
"	4714406	25 May 45	
"	4718902	30 May 45	
"	4718907	25 May 45	
Truck 15 Cwt. 4 x 2 G.S.	4730701	"	
Lorry 3 Ton 4 x 4 G.S.	4817068	30 May 45	
"	5319980	25 May 45	
"	5375047	"	
"	553585	7 Mar 45	Issued by 416 RVP to GS Tn Sub-Commission.
"	1267865	15 Mar 45	Issued by 409 RVP to GS Tn Sub-Commission
"	4249971	7 Mar 45	Issued by 416 RVP to GS Tn Sub-Commission
"	4251092	"	"
"	4518143	15 Mar 45	Issued by 409 RVP to GS AFHQ for Tn Sub-Commission.
"	4540943	7 Mar 45	Issued by 16 RVP to GS Tn Sub-Commission.
"	4616913	15 Mar 45	Issued by 409 RVP to GS AFHQ Tn Sub-Commission.
"	4621014	7 Mar 45	Issued by 416 RVP to GS AFHQ Tn Sub-Commission.
"	4623593	15 Mar 45	Issued by 409 RVP to GS AFHQ Tn Sub-Commission.
"	4718821	15 Mar 45	Issued from 409 RVP to GS AFHQ for Tn Sub-Commission.
"	4963385	7 Mar 45	Issued from 416 RVP to GS Tn Sub-Commission.
"	4966925	"	"
"	4971255	"	"
"	5173811	"	"
"	5175162	"	"
"	5312416	"	"



Rome 1 October 1945

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To : Allied Sub-Commission  
War Material Disposal, Rome.

In re SAVIGLIANO, Mario for himself and on behalf of his brother Giuseppe residing in Alba, Cuneo, Italy.

In addition to, the previous memo as to recovery of the autobus Lancia Pentaiocta chassis N°3790, HP 42, engine N°672 E, provisional license N°1603 A.C. Reg. IV, original license N°CN 4599, the following findings of fact and arguments on which your attention is respectfully invited, are submitted herein.

It is felt by the complainant that contention as to ownership of the vehicle involved would be of no moment. The party which at present is operating the autobus in question has not claimed or does it claim any right whatsoever on it, other than that of those rights relating to a trusteeship. As a matter of fact all particulars concerning the main parts of the vehicle have been checked by Italian Public Security officials and they have appeared to be exactly the ones pertaining to the autobus which was lost in Rome in the early days of June 1944, belonging to the undersigned complainant. Furthermore it has been settled that the technical features do not conflict with those furnished by A.M.G. Lazio-Umbria Region to the Royal Prefettura of Rome, Motor Cars Branch, in its letter 2 February 1945 N°3525/31/4. 6750

Therefore the question of ownership should not deserve any further attention or consideration by the learned Officers of the Sub-Commission.

The details of the finding of the vehicle are as yet ignored but apparently it proceeded from a Motor Wreck Salvage and was allegedly reconstructed by an Italian firm, the same which subsequently succeeded in obtaining authority from the Allied Military Govern-

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ment to operate the bus on a trustee's capacity.

The original trustee was one COLOGNESE, Pietro a representative of the corporation known as "Società Commercio Oli Minerali ed Affini" or briefly "S.C.O.M.A." seated in Rome, Via Giangiacomo Forro 8 and whose business is committed to the cares of Dr. Garelli, Alberto, Via Agostino De Pretis 45 A. Incidentally it may be stated if the information gathered is not groundless, that Dr. Garelli played a big role in the Fascist Party as Federal Secretary of Vicenza (northern Italy).

However, the vehicle not at all heavily damaged as the defendants allege, was repaired by and trusted to SCOMA. The status of the vehicle was made clear when A.M.C. created a trusteeship and the Italian Public Automobile Register was accordingly notified.

Unwarranted changes were arbitrarily made in the original agreements by the S.C.O.M.A. without notifying the Allied Authorities, rather, without seeking the Allied Authorities' consent. In fact the vehicle was turned over to the Compagnia Generale Trasporti seated in Rome, Via Po N°33 and it seems that the original trustee, Mr. Colognese, or, at least, the representative of the original trustee was very well welcomed as a partner in the Compagnia Generale Trasporti to which he contributed the vehicle as his personal property, regardless of the prohibiting rules and principles constantly annexed to any trusteeship.

But another change was on schedule. The Compagnia Generale Trasporti rented the bus to another firm named "A.V.A.I." seated in Via Castro Pretorio for a 385.000= lire monthly rent! So at present who is operating the vehicle? The "A.V.A.I."!

There cannot be any doubt that the relations between the Allied Authorities and Mr. Colognese (the latter on behalf of S.C.O.M.A.), have been profoundly altered, the changes resulting in reiterated breaches of the agreement to which Colognese and S.C.O.M.A. could be held if a law suit should be instituted. The War Material Disposal may not be interested in following the complainant's legal com-



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ments and remarks; nevertheless the complainant prays that the foregoing facts as to the sequence of passages from one concern to another be borne in mind and considered in all their weight in determining the tremendous profits made out of the vehicle by the improvised different trustees.

The main question to solve and settle is the one relating to alleged liabilities on the part of the undersigned complainant towards the party which received in trust the property involved.

The undersigned feels that the party with which he should discuss the matter before the Sub-Commission, War Material Disposal, cannot be any individual or society other than S.C.O.M.A. on the grounds that such firm was granted the property involved in trust and was not supposed to dispose of same as if it were a personal asset. Nevertheless, if for the purpose of coming promptly to a settlement, the substitution of the original trustee will not be waived, the complainant must pray the Sub-Commission to give its full consideration to the fact that only one person or firm and not the long chain of persons and concerns could eventually seek compensation from him.

The S.C.O.M.A. however represented, must furnish clear and sufficient evidence to show the expenditures incurred in connection with repairs of the vehicle and operation of same.

a. Repairs and expenses thereof.

The trustee alleges that he had to reconstruct the vehicle which was nothing else but a wreck. The complainant cannot concur in on such allegation for this very good reason: the engine with all its accessories and the chassis with all its parts are precisely the same that the vehicle had when it last was operated by its owner. Evidently the repairs did not go beyond a rather short extent and therefore the expenses borne cannot, under the circumstances, total to a considerable amount. However the complainant's is prepared to examine the evidence which will be adduced.

b. Profits arising out of operation of vehicle.

Attached hereto is a statement made by four witnesses who on 27 Sept. 1945 attended a conversation with Mr. Musiani, Roberto, driver, who has



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been manning the autobus since 24 March 1945. The amount of income the several concerns have enjoyed out of the operation of the vehicle since last March amounts to a fortune. The grand total being about 2.200.000= lire for only six months activity, it is not hard to hold that such income has widely covered all the expenses for repairs and operation of the vehicle including wages, salaries, office and general expenditures. Yet it is believed that a tremendous dividend is still surviving for all the persons connected in their way, with the operation of the vehicle.

The undersigned does not like to advertise what he performed during the Nazi-Fascist occupation of Northern Italy. He was a partisan and as such did "his bit" . It cost him the loss of all his property and a hardship ensued. In the meantime other people like Colognese, Garelli and Giordano, who - unless the undersigned has not been thoroughly well informed - were having an extremely good chance of realizing unprecedented profits, instead of answering the heavy charges for the activity performed during and for the Fascist Regime.

That justice which the Allies have been fighting for demands that the vehicle in question be without delay, returned to its legitimate owner.

*Savigliano Mario*  
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14 June 1945

SUBJECT : Status of Trucks.

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

The attached list showing the breakdown of trucks by make and type as at the 11th June 1945, is forwarded for information, as requested.

1 Incl.:-  
as above stated.

*W. J. Carnes*  
JAMES J. CARNES,  
Colonel, Infantry,  
Commanding,  
MAINTENANCE GROUP.

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PRESENT STATUS OF TRUCKS

1st Bn. A.	1 C & R 36 Jeeps 377 GMC	3/4 ton (Property of Coy "TH") 1/4 ton (4 Jeeps property Co. T) 2 1/2 ton
2nd Bn. A.	56 Jeeps 403 Fords 2 GMC	1/2 ton 1 1/2 ton 2 1/2 ton (wrecker)
3rd Bn. A.	45 Jeeps 39 Dodge 367 Fords 2 GMC	1/2 ton 1 1/2 ton 1 1/2 ton 2 1/2 ton (wrecker)
221 Coy B.	6 Jeeps 140 Fords	1/2 ton 1 1/2 ton
222 Coy B.	146 Fords 6 Jeeps	1 1/2 ton 1/2 ton
223 Coy B.	6 Jeeps 140 Fords	1/2 ton 1 1/2 ton
211 Hq. Trans. Col.	4 Jeeps 2 Fords	1/2 ton 1 1/2 ton
212 Hq. Trans. Col.	4 Jeeps 2 Fords	1/2 ton 1 1/2 ton
225 B. It. Coy.	6 Jeeps 140 Fords	1/2 ton 1 1/2 ton
226 B. It. Coy.	6 Jeeps 75 Fords	1/2 ton 1 1/2 ton
Hq. Condt.	25 Jeeps 7 Dodge 3 Fords 1 GMC	1/2 ton 1 1/2 ton (4 busses) 1 1/2 ton 2 1/2 ton (wrecker)
S.O. Trn. Oper. Group	4 Jeeps	1/2 ton
A.T.A.G.	1 Jeep 1 Dodge 7 Fords	1/2 ton (temporary) 1 1/2 ton 1 1/2 ton
Motor Maint. School	2 Dodges 7 Fords	1 1/2 ton and 1 Dodge 1 1/2 ton (chassis) 1 1/2 ton and 2 Fords 1 1/2 ton (chassis)
Base Depot Via Prenestina	5 Dodges 39 Fords 85 Chevrolets 2 GMC 3 Int.	1 1/2 ton 1 1/2 ton 1 1/2 ton 2 1/2 ton 1 1/2 ton

Via Sannio	31 Jeeps	1/2 ton
	21 Dodges	1 1/2 ton
	35 Fords	1 1/2 ton
	48 Chevrolets	1 1/2 ton
	22 GMC	2 1/2 ton (9 1st EN. Veh. Wrecks)
Via Portonaccio	3 Dodges	1 1/2 ton
Civitavecchia	70 GMC	2 1/2 ton.

SUMMARY OF TRUCKS ISSUED

C & R	3/4 ton	1 (Property of Coy "T")
JEEPS	1/2 ton	236 (4 Property of Coy "T")
GMC	2 1/2 ton	476
FORDS	1 1/2 ton	1469
DODGE	1 1/2 ton	79
FARGOS	1 1/2 ton	39
CHEVROLETS	1 1/2 ton	133
INT	1 1/2 ton	3
TOTAL		2436

NOTE :- This list does not include the trucks issued to 227, 228, 229, and 250 Italian Transport Companies (formerly 1000, 1001, 1002, and 1004 G.T. Companies) since these trucks were not issued by this Group, and their status is unknown.



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INTER OFFICE MEMO

TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION  
Roads Division

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Tel. 378

Ref: AG/37/1/Tn5

16 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Status of War Department Trucks to be Transferred to Italian Government.

TO : Director, Transportation Sub-Commission.

1. 1st Truck Battalion (American) now located at 15th Army Group contains 377 vehicles. The 1002 and 1004 Truck Battalions (British) are located with the 15th Army Group containing 264 vehicles. However, of these 264 vehicles, 51 have been BLR'd. In the Marche Region there are 168 vehicles operating in Truck Pools; in the Abruzzi Region 84 and in the Southern Region 394.

2. Captain Richardson, accompanied by 2 Italian representatives authorized to receipt for property, will leave Monday morning, 18 June 1945, for Campobasso where they will start immediately on the work of transferring that Pool and in their respective turns, all other Truck Pools to the Italian Government. Arrangements will be made just as soon as possible to transfer those trucks numbering 641 which are at present occupied in the 15th Army Group. It is hoped that the transfer of the vehicles in all the Truck Pools will be completed within 2 weeks.

3. As of 13 June 1945, the books of I.N.T. in Sicily were closed and all property and the operation of same was turned over to the Italian Government. Formal transfer will take place on 25 June 1945.

4. Of the 2,000 vehicles arriving from the United States, 200 have been delivered to the Italian Government to date and more are being delivered each day. A check on delivery progress will be sent each week.

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G. G. GROSS Jr.  
Chief



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