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INDENTS - VEHICLES
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APPROVED BY

CHARLES W. WALTON
Colonel
Chief, Supply Division

Stock No.	NOMENCLATURE	Unit	Required 194	Rec'd 194	Due In	Required	Remarks
	TRUCKS - Any type of 1 to ea 3 ton capacity.		_____	_____	_____	150	
XX	////////////////////LAST ITEM//////////////////// DELIVERY: Collection upon notification to be made by Civil Affairs Section by Transportation S/C. RECOMMENDATIONS: That this indent be filled either from war- weary Allied vehicles in theatre stock or captured enemy material. BASIS: 1. At present there are 2000 people engaged on mine clearing in Italy, but they are seriously handicapped by having no transport. 2. The scheme is being run by the Italian Ministry of War and covers the whole of Italy and without transport the scheme cannot be extended. Difficulties are being experien- ced even now in keeping the scheme operating through lack of transport. It is considered that the scheme should be exten- ded to cover 10,000 persons and for this number of persons it is estimated that 400 vehicles will eventually be required. Immediate need is for 150. 3. It is pointed out that there have been many civilian casualties on mine fields and many have been injured. In ad- dition much agricultural ground is laying unfurrowed owing to						

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	the mine fields. Many roads, railways and beaches are still mined and without transport it is impossible to do as much as it should be done during the coming six months. Schools are set up in new areas and recruits are being enrolled but when it is realized that clearing parties should not consist of more than 20/30 personnel on any one mine field, - it is realized that a considerable amount of transport is necessary. h. No trucks requisitioned by nor allocated to A.C. are considered available for this purpose. RATING: I //////////////////END OF REQUISITION//////////////////					

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

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Ref. 217/9/Tn.2

13 May 1945

SUBJECT: Motor vehicles Requisitions.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters - G-5.

1. Reference Para 1 of yours, agreed with two exceptions: (1) LAC Airgram 96, included in our "A" category requests, covers 35 4 x 4 1/4 Ton and 200 motorcycles and (2) this division stipulates non-agreement with cut of AC-ORD-82-45 to 1000 3 Ton vehicles.

2. Reference Para 2 of yours, all British and American vehicles in AC WD truck pools and MT group are on loan from theatre stocks.

NOTE: No information on WE/TE of military units is available to this Sub-Commission.

For the Chief Commissioner

CRB
CHARLIE RYAN
Planning Staff
Transportation Sub-Commission

Copies to:
Transportation Sub-Commission
(Attn. Capt. Peterson)

Economic Section, Requisition Branch 1219
(Attn. Lt. Col. Quartier)

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From : AFHQ Signed Sacmed cite FHGEG

TO : HQ Alcom Rome

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Pars 1. Reference IAC Airgram 95, your requisitions AC-137-45 and AC-ORD-82-45 and letter AC/301/2/Tn.5 dated 26 April. Please confirm that above mentioned requests complete your requests for imported vehicles for 1945.

2. Reference your AC/416/Tn.5 dated 19 April 3rd enclosure.

A. Are 352 British and 234 American vehicles in AC WD truck pools on loan from theatre stocks. If not give details.

B. How many of 572 British and 421 American vehicles in transport group are on loan from theatre stocks? How many on WE/TE of military units?

3. Reply requested by 1800 hours 12 May for submission Washington.

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Action. Requisition Branch
Info a/President
Chief Commissioner
Ec. Section
Tn.SC. (2)
MT Group
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ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Cable attached

FILE No. AC/201/3/Tn.5

TO : Requisition Branch E/S

11 May 1945

1. Ref. para 1.- LAC Airgram 56 is not mentioned and is included in our A category requests.
2. Ref. para 2.- All British and American vehicles in AC WD truck pools and M.T.Group are on loan from theatre stocks.
3. Suggest contacting Mr. Ryan, who has filed B category requests, for additional info in re cable para 1.

WALTER C. PETERSON ¹²¹⁷

Sgt. C.A.C.

Roads Division

Posted up Feb - 1945

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 204
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

ROP/7s

26 April 1945

Ref: AC/3017/11.5

SUBJECT: Request for loan of 200 U.S. trucks to the Allied Commission.

TO : G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 832.

1. To request that 200 additional War Department trucks (75 for GMC preferably) be placed on loan to AC from theatre stocks with six months scaling of spares to accompany.

2. It has been reported that there is a supply of such vehicles available which are no longer capable of military operations.

3. Justification -

a. Of the original 500 vehicles loaned to AC by the U.S. Army only 475 remain on hand. Of the latter number, the 1st Truck Bn of the Motor Transport Group (which holds 100 of these) reports that 21 are non-runners and an additional 62 in no condition to fulfill any operational commitments.

b. The Allied Commission has been called upon to supply transport for the forward areas and the only other vehicles available other than those mentioned in a., are the 11 ton civilian type trucks now being imported. It is impossible to operate in forward areas with these vehicles since no spare parts are on hand and civilian maintenance facilities are not available.

c. Contingent upon approval of this request AC will utilize the 200 trucks required to bring the 1st Trucking Bn. to reasonable operational strength and supplement their forward area hauls. The spare parts and maintenance problems could thus be adequately handled by U.S. Army depots and maintenance units in the areas of operation.

4. To request that action on this be expedited as our forward area load commitments may be met by vehicles which can be satisfactorily operated and maintained.

For the Chief Commissioner.

M. B. Thomas 12 5
U.S. THOMAS, Colonel
Deputy Director.

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ROUTING AND WORK SHEET

SUBJECT: Requisitioning of Civilian Vehicles by Allied Authorities.

1 26/3/45 G-4 (A) The attached is forwarded to you as a matter pertaining to your section. Tptn S/C

Roads Div.
Tpt. Sub-Comm.

1 27/3/45 Roads Div. Returned: Subject vehicle were not Tpt. S/C requi. by A.C. Office of G-4 A G-4 (A)
Civ/Resn/Veh/Sec.

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Referring to attached correspondence, the vehicle concerned was not requisitioned by AC. It was obviously appropriated by a British Army Officer. This being so, it is felt that its return is a matter for you. Roads Div.

G. FERNYHOUGH
Lt. Colonel R.A.
Roads Division

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION
Requisition Branch

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Ref: ES-400/167-RE

19 March '45

SUBJECT: Control Vehicles - Reqn. AC-ORD-137-45.

TO : AFHQ, G-5 Section, Economic & Supply Division.
Attn: Col. Butterworth.

1. Reference is made to your ltr T-11 of 17 Feb '45 relative control vehicles for 1,000 load carrying vehicles on reqn AC-ORD-82-45.
2. Requisition AC-ORD-137-45, supplementing reqn. AC-ORD-82-45, for 90 control vehicles is hereby submitted for processing by your headquarters.

For the CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

R.
HARLAN CLEVELAND
Executive Director
Economic Section

cc: Transportation S/C.

APPROVED

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F. W. TOOHY,
Major, R. A.
Chief, Requisition Branch
Supply & Resources Division

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AFHQ, S-5 Section

AC-ORD-157-45

19 March 45

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Vehicle or Vehicles, Transportation Subcommand, Allied Commission.

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S. E. TOWN
Major, U.S.A.
Chief, Requisition Branch
Supply & Maintenance Division

A. C. ANTELM
Acting Vice President
Command Section

Reqs Vehicle - 1 1/2 ton Jeep or T3
Type
Complete with spare of spare
parts for six (6) months.

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===== LAST ITEM =====

REMARKS: Ship conjunctively with Reqs. AC-ORD-88-45.

REMARKS:

1. Vehicles requested on this requisition are to be considered supplemental to those requisitioned for Northeast Italy on Requisition No. AC-ORD-88-45

2. Vehicles indicated on this requisition are to be used for control of the 1,000 load carrying vehicles asked on AC-ORD-88-45 and supplementary trucks, civilian and U.S., which will be utilized in the Northeast Italy supply services.

3. These are requested on the basis that load carrying vehicles will be organized as follows:

a. 2 British General Transport Columns of 3 G.T. Companies each

b. 2 American Truck Battalions of 6 Truck Companies each.

The load carrying vehicles are to be organized into equivalents of U.S. S.M. Truck Companies and British General Transport Companies.

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===== END OF REQUISITION =====

*Mr. Gross
for information*

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APB 304
Transportation Sub-Commission

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5 Feb. 1945

REFERENCE : AC/ 301/ 1/ TW 5

SUBJECT : APPLICATIONS FOR TIRES AND TUBES

TO : REGIONAL COMMISSIONER, ABRUZZI-MARCHE REGION
(Attn. Transportation Officer)

1. We are returning to you a group of applications for tires and tubes submitted by the Ancona Provincial Supply Officer.
2. All individual tire and tube applications should be sent to the Regional Transportation Officer who processes them and presents a consolidated requisition to this Headquarters.
3. Please inform the various supply officers that only consolidated regional orders are acted upon here.

H. P.
MERRITT H. TAYLOR
DIRECTOR

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

Ref. AG/E/75/Tn/5

2 Mar. 1945

SUBJECT: Civil Transport requirements

TO : G-5 Section, AFHQ, APO 512
(Attn. Col. J.B. Butterworth)

1. In re your communication of 17 Feb. 1945, requesting statement concerning control vehicles for the 1000 trucks on Reg. AG-ORD-82-45:

a. A supplemental requisition for 90 control vehicles for the above mentioned trucks has been placed with our Requisition Division.

For the Chief Commissioner:

HARLAN CLEVELAND
Executive Director
Econ. Section

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Item

1	<u>Trucks</u> - 3 ton capacity	Ea	372
2	<u>Trucks</u> - 1½ " " "	"	185
3	<u>Trucks</u> - 10 " " "	"	47
4	<u>Trailers</u> - 1 ton capacity	"	100

SPARE PARTS - Six months supply is required for the following listed vehicles (This is a breakdown, by type, of the items above):

Trucks - 2½	ton GMC-	60	(3 ton capacity)
" 2½	" FORDS-	81	(3 " ")
" 2½	" DODGES-	161	(3 " ")
" 3	" AUSTIN-	3	(
" 3	" BEDFORDS-	39	
" 2½	" CHEVROLET-	28	(3 ton capacity)
Trailers- 1	" (Standard U.S. 1 ton cargo trailer)-	100	

NOTES: (a) Six months supply of spare parts has been previously requested for the 1½ ton vehicles contained in this requisition.

(b) The 10 ton trucks are confiscated, captured vehicles now operating as US WD Property.

DELIVERY:

See justification, para 1.

JUSTIFICATION: Items requested in this requisition are covering essential transportation requirements in Southern, Abruzzi-Marche and Toscana Regions.

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A. Nature of requirements - The vehicles are necessary for conveyance of essential supplies that come within the scope of the disease and unrest formula.

B. Basis of Requisition -

1. The items included in this requisition are Allied

Military vehicles now operating on loan to AC as essential supply carriers. They are Civil Supply vehicles controlled by the Regional Commissioners through Regional Pools.

2. It is desired to transfer these vehicles to the Italian Government when the Allied officers are withdrawn from the areas concerned, as withdrawal of the vehicles would result in a collapse of the supply services.
3. AGWAR telegram of 8 February, 1945, Ref W 34123, to AFHQ directs dealing with the transfer by requisition through the established channels. (Copy of telegram attached)
4. Upon approval of this requisition, the vehicles and spare parts will be transferred to the Italian Government in the same manner as other civil affairs items have been made available to them.
5. Until this transfer is accomplished it is impossible to withdraw truck pool officers from the regions being returned to the control of the Italian Government.
6. The efficient operation of these trucks is assured by the control exercised over them by Ente Nazionale Autotrasporti Cose. ENAC is the Italian Governmental organization, operating without profit, which controls all truck movements in the areas returned to the Italian Government. The directors of ENAC cooperate closely with and receive operational advice from the Allied Commission.
7. present locations of the vehicles constituting this requisition by quantity, type, capacity and nationality follow:

T R U C K S

<u>Location</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Nationality</u>
Southern Region	53	Chevrolet	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ton	US
	60	G.M.C.	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	US
	14	Fiat	10 "	US
	72	Fords	3 "	UK
	121	Dodge	3 "	UK
	3	Austins	3 "	UK
	38	Bedfords	3 "	UK
	21	Chevrolet	3 "	UK

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<u>Location</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Nationality</u>
Abruzzi-Marche	132	Chevrolet	1 1/2 ton	US
	33	Fiat	10 "	US
	21	Dodge	3 "	UK
Toscana	9	Fords	3 "	UK
	19	Dodges	3 "	UK
	1	Bedford	3 "	UK
	7	Chevrolet	3 "	UK
Total Trucks	604			

TRAILERS

<u>Location</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Nationality</u>
Southern Region	69	1 ton	US
Abruzzi-Marche	31	1 "	US

Total Trailers	100
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Total Vehicles requisitioned - 704

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Paraphrase of AOWAR telegram to AFHO, Ref: W 34123 dated 8th February 1945

Recommendations contained in para 5 of FX 17652 of 30 January that military vehicles should be sold to the Italian Government are not favourably considered and such vehicles should be disposed of to the Italian Government in the same manner as other civil affairs items are made available to that Government. After submitting requirements in established manner, prior approval of items, quantities and types, must be obtained from CCAC. Col a telegram 26 and TAM 156 also refer.

1.

TRUCKS - 3 ton capacity	ea	None	None	372
TRUCKS - 1 1/2 ton capacity	ea	None	None	185
TRUCKS - 10 ton capacity	ea	None	None	47
TRAILERS-1 ton capacity	ea	None	None	100

SPARE PARTS - Six months supply is required for the following listed vehicles. This is a breakdown, by type, of the items above.)

Trucks-2 1/2 ton GMC - 60	(3 ton capacity)
" " FORDS- 84	"
" " DODGES-161	"
" 3 ton AUSTIN-3	
" " BEDFORDS-39	
" 2 1/2 ton CHEVROLET-28	(3 ton capacity)

NOTES - (a) Six months supply of spare parts has been previously requested for the 1 1/2 ton vehicles contained in this requisition.

(b) The 10 ton trucks are confiscated, captured vehicles now operating as US WD property.

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J U S T I F I C A T I O N - Items requested in this requisition are partially covering transportation requirements in Southern, Abruzzi-Marche and Toscana Regions.

A. Nature of requirement - The vehicles are necessary for conveyance of essential supplies that come within the scope of the disease and unrest formula.

B. Basic for Requisition.

1. The items included in this requisition are in fact Allied Military vehicles now operating as essential supply carriers.
2. Upon approval of this requisition it is proposed to transfer these vehicles and spare parts to the Italian Government in the same manner as other civil affairs items have been made available to them; i.e., a charge against the Italian Government according to procedure laid down in TAN 228.
3. Until this transfer is accomplished it is impossible to withdraw truck pool officers from King's Italy in accordance with the latest policy directive.
4. AGWAR telegram of 8, February, 1945 Ref. W 34123 to AFHQ directs dealing with the transfer in this manner subsequent to reporting unfavorably in re the proposal that these military vehicles be "sold" directly to the Italian Government.
5. Present locations of vehicles constituting this requisition by quantity, type, capacity and nationality follows:

3.

TRUCKS

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	72	Fords	- 3 ton	UK
	121	Dodge	- 3 ton	UK
	3	Austins	- 3 ton	UK
	36	Bedfords	- 3 ton	UK
	21	Chevrolet	- 3 ton	UK
<u>Abruzzi-Marche</u>	132	Chevrolet	- 1 1/2 ton	US
	33	Flat	- 10 ton	US
	21	Dodge	- 3 ton	UK
<u>Toscana</u>	9	Fords	- 3 ton	UK
	19	Dodges	- 3 ton	UK
	1	Bedford	- 3 ton	UK
	7	Chevrolet	- 3 ton	UK

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Totals Trucks - 604

TRAILERS

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Total Vehicles Requisitioned - 704

END OF REQUISITION

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TRUCKS - 10 ton capacity	ea	None	None	47
TRAILERS - 1 ton capacity	ea	None	None	100

SPARE PARTS - Six months supply is required for the following listed vehicles. This is a breakdown, by type, of the items above.)

Trucks - 2 1/2 ton GMC - 60	(3 ton capacity)
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" " DODGES - 161	"
" 2 ton AUSTIN - 3	
" " BEDFORDS - 39	
" 2 1/2 ton CHEVROLET - 28	(3 ton capacity)

NOTES - (a) Six months supply of spare parts has been previously requested for the 1 1/2 ton vehicles contained in this requisition.

(b) The 10 ton trucks are confiscated, captured vehicles now operating as US WD property.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

GM:el

Ref: HB-400/167

February 1945

SUBJECT: Trucks - Reqn. AC-ORD-82-45.

TO : Transportation Subcommittee, Allied Commission.
Attn: Capt. Peterson.

1. The attached Requisition AC-ORD-82-45 of 13 February '45 has been screened by this Branch and forwarded to AFHQ for approval.

2. You will be advised of all future action taken in the procurement and shipment of items listed on this requisition.

F. W. TOOEY
Major, R. A.
Chief, Requisition Branch
Supply & Resources Division

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AFHQ, G-5 Section

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AC-ORD-32-45

13 February '45

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Venice or Trieste - Transportation Subcommittee, Allied Commission.

[Signature]
 F. W. TERRY
 Major, R. A.
 Chief, Requisition Branch
 Supply & Resources Division

[Signature]
 L. D. DENSMORE
 Colonel, F. A.
 Acting Vice President
 Economic Section

TRUCKS - 5 ton capacity
 complete w/boss, tarpaulins
 and spare parts to scale.

on None None 1,000

BUSES - Heavy duty trucks of
 maximum capacity available are
 requested. Dodge 2 1/2 ton 6
 wheel drive are preferred.

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JUSTIFICATION:

Items requested in this requisition are for covering transportation requirements for Northeast Italy as defined in Appendixes.

A. Nature of requirements - The vehicles are necessary for conveyance of essential supplies in Northeast Italy that come within the scope of the disease and unrest formula.

B. Basis for estimate of requirements.

1. Population -

a. The population is approximately 6,100,000. This figure includes 993,660 in VENETIA GIULIA sub-region.

2. Ports -

a. VENICE

b. TRIESTE (doubtful)

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It is expected that the latter port will be used exclusively by 8th Army for military purposes and only limited facilities made available for AG/AMC supply purposes. Essential supplies for Austria and Yugoslavia will also be passed through Trieste, Fiume and Suiak. It is therefore estimated that 3/6 of the essential requirements for this region will pass through VENICE and 1/6 through TRIESTE.

3. Railways -

- a. BOLOGNA-TRENTINO line. It is anticipated this will be used exclusively for military traffic.
- b. VENICE-TRIESTE line. A non priority repair line.
- c. OTHERS. For an indefinite period following occupation all other lines in the Region are expected to be unusable.

4. Civil Transport (Motor) -

- a. Estimated civilian transport available in this Region approximately 10% of total tonnage required.

5. Estimated tonnage of Civil Supplies Required.

Monthly (tons)

Flour.....	21,000
Sugar.....	800
Salt.....	1,200
Dry Veg.....	2,000
M. & V.....	800
Milk.....	450
Soap.....	500
Med Supplies.....	241
	<u>27,101</u>

6. Traffic Statistics

- a. Area - 3435 sq. miles.
- b. Population Concentration - mainly along coastal areas and in the valley. 1498
- c. Main Roads - Considerable distances must be covered between VENICE and TRIESTE and the distributing centers, i.e. the provincial capitals.

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- d. Table of distances and populations in re provincial capitals and supply ports.

PROVINCIAL CAPITAL

<u>EX VENICE</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Dist. in Kms.</u>
Venice.....	676,537	
Belluno.....	222,897	107
Padua.....	678,335	37
Novigo.....	337,787	79
Cremona.....	580,395	29
Udine.....	759,190	130
Verona.....	601,314	120
Vicenza.....	581,913	70
Trento.....	395,257	153
Bolzano.....	276,776	213

EX TRIESTE

Trieste.....	370,864	-
+ Carnaro.....	109,081	77
Gorizia.....	205,795	44
+ Istria.....	307,983	120

- + It may be possible to supply direct to these provinces by sea via Piuma and Pola.

7. Special Truck Pools not available for general transport assignments.

- a. Port Clearance Pool.
- b. Redistribution Pools attached to Provincial depots.

8. Truck Requirements.

- a. Port Clearance 120
1. Venice.....100
 2. Trieste..... 20
- b. Haulage to Provincial warehouses and redistribution throughout the province. 1,204 117

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- c. 15 per cent additional vehicles to replace those off road for maintenance
- | | |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Total 3 ton Trucks..... | 198 |
| | <u>1,518</u> |

The above figures are computed as follows:

Monthly supply tonnage.....	27,101
Number of lifts necessary.....	3

1. Port to Regional Warehouse.
2. Reg. Warehouse to Province.
3. Provincial Warehouse to Distribution centers.

Total monthly tonnage.....	81,303
Total daily handling tonnage.....	2,710
Daily tonnage per lift.....	903
Trucks needed for first lift.....	120
Trucks needed for second and third lifts	
1,800 tons x 100 (length of haul). Daily	
ton mi-	180,000
1,800,000 x 2 (to include return haul)	1,200
3 tons (capacity) x 100 (mi per day)	

Estimated maintenance replacements -
15 per cent

Total 3 ton trucks	198
	<u>1,518</u>

These figures assume the following:

- a. Trucks supplied are in condition to operate with 3 ton loads over all types of roads.
 - b. That the vehicles can be loaded and unloaded and average 100 miles per day.
 - c. That the vehicles will carry fuel in excess of regional requirements to operate the supply trucks themselves.
 - d. That incidental and miscellaneous supplies i.e. tobacco, clothing etc, can be accommodated in conjunction with the food tonnage.
9. Remarks - The 1,000 trucks requisitioned will not fulfill the transport requirements for Northeast Italy.

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However it is expected that the deficiency will be made up by the utilization of civilian vehicles and the release of AC/AM trucks from long occupied and more stabilized regions.

FINAL TOTAL 3 ton trucks..... 1,000

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VENEZIA REGION

Allocation of Motor Lorries for conveyance of Essential Food Supplies in Venezia Region.

A. CONSIDERATIONS

1. The population of the Region is approximately 6,100,000, including 993,650 in the Sub-Region of VENEZIA GIULIA.
2. Ports available for importing food supplies into the Region are:-
 - a. VENICE
 - b. TRIESTE (doubtful)

The latter port will, it is understood, be used almost exclusively by 8th Army for military purposes in the advance northwards. It is therefore questionable if any (although possibly limited) facilities will be available for importing AC/AMC supplies through this port. Essential food and other supplies for AUSTRIA and YUGO-SLAVIA will also be passed through TRIESTE and in a lesser degree, FUME and SUSAK. It may therefore be assumed that 5/6 of the food requirements for the Region will pass through the port of VENICE and the remaining 1/6 through TRIESTE.

3. Railways. The railway BOLOGNA - BRENNER will, it is expected be opened for military traffic as soon as possible. The line VENICE - TRIESTE is a non priority repair line. It is anticipated that other rail lines on the Region will be unusable for an indefinite period after occupation and the line BOLOGNA-BRENNER will be used exclusively for military traffic.

4. Food Requirements. (Estimated)

	700 tons per day	10500 tons for 15 days
Flour	1st issue	400 tons
Sugar	"	500 "
Salt	"	1000 "
Dry Veg.	"	400 "
M and V	"	230 "
Milk	"	300 "
Soap	"	

5. Medical Supplies (Estimated)

VENICE 241 tons per month

6. Estimated number of civilian cars available in the Region is approximately 10% of the total tonnage needed.

7. The area of the Region is 3415 square miles and although the coastal area is approximately 10% of the total tonnage needed.

b. TRIESTE (doubtful)

The latter port will, it is understood, be used almost exclusively by 6th Army for military purposes in the advance northwards. It is therefore questionable if any (although possibly limited) facilities will be available for importing AC/AMF supplies through this port. Essential food and other supplies for AUSTRIA and YUGO-SLAVIA will also be passed through TRIESTE and in a lesser degree, FIUME and SUSAK. It may therefore be assumed that 5/6 of the food requirements for the Region will pass through the port of VENICE and the remaining 1/6 through TRIESTE.

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4. Food Requirements. (Estimated)

	700 tons per day	¹⁰⁵⁰⁰ 28500 tons for 15 days
Flour	1st issue	400 tons
Sugar	" "	15 days supply
Salt	" "	600 "
Dry Veg.	" "	1000 "
M and V	" "	400 "
Milk	" "	230 "
Soap	" "	300 "

5. Medical Supplies (Estimated)

VENICE 241 tons per month

6. Estimated number of civilian cars available in the Region is approximately 10% of the total tonnage needed.

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The following table shows the distance by road and the population to be supplied:-

PROVINCIAL CAPITAL	POPULATION	DISTANCE IN KM.
Ex Venice		
Venice	676,597	---
Belluno	822,897	107
Padua	678,355	37
Rovigo	237,767	79
Treviso	590,395	29
Udine	759,190	130
Verona	601,514	120
Vicenza	551,913	70

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PROVINCIAL CAPITAL	POPULATION	DISTANCE IN KM
Trento	395,257	153
Bolzano	276,776	213

Ex Trieste

Trieste	---
Carnaro *	77
Corizia	44
Istria *	120

* It may be possible to import direct to these provinces by sea, i.e. Fiume and Pola.

8. A permanent pool of lorries will have to be maintained at each port to facilitate the unloading of ships immediately upon their arrival and these, except in exceptional cases, will not be available for other transport duties but will have to be held for movement of supplies from ship to warehouse.

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6. Number of times to be handled:-

- a. Port to Regional Warehouse.
- b. Regional Warehouse to Provincial Warehouse.
- c. Provincial Warehouse to Distribution Centres.

7. This, in effect, means the handling of the following each month:-

VENICE 67755

TRIESTE 13551

Total 81303.

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8. Small pools of trucks must be maintained at the ports on call to facilitate the immediate unloading of ships handling approximately 800 tons daily:-

VENICE 100

TRIESTE 20
Total 120

9. This leaves a balance of approximately 55000 tons to be moved throughout the Region during the month. It is felt that this can be done in an adequate manner with an additional 1000 3 ton trucks, plus the 10% civilian vehicles expected to be found locally in the Region.

10. Requirements for this Region therefore are:-

1120 trucks of 3 ton capacity
or the equivalent in tonnage of smaller trucks. Dodge 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ ton 6 wheel drive preferred and should be figured on a 3 ton basis.

Note: Above figure does not include trucks out of service.

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