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REFERENCE : AG/425/TN 5

SUBJECT : Monthly report-maintenance

TO : Chief, Roads Division

Herewith June monthly report of activities of the maintenance Section.

MAINTENANCE

- a. The transfer of INT (Sicily) from AG to the Italian Government was made effective on 13 June 45.
- b. In addition, during the month Truck Pools in Poggia and Caspobasso were transferred and arrangements are proceeding for the turn over of Pools in Aquila, Ascoli, Macerata, Ancona e Perugia.
- c. The recall of more than 100 Italian military vehicles from their civilian operators and their transfer to the Italian military authorities has been put in hand and is nearing completion.


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Maintenance Section

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Transportation Sub-Commission

Tel : 566

Ref: AC/22/51/TN.5

SUBJECT : Report on Tour of North Italy
20 - 31 May 1945.

TO :

Introduction.

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(b) 22 Q.M. Coy., now assigned at FLORENCE is existing, but will shortly join 3 Truck Bn. It is planned to move 222 G.T. Coy to FLORENCE when formation is complete during the first week in June. The 240 ton lift provided will be adequate to deal with all essential haulage.

(Action - Road Div)

6. A.M.G. Truck Pool Siena

36 Trucks are now distributed in SIENA, LUCCA, MASSA and FLORENCE with H.Q. and workshops at SIENA. Civilian trucks can now meet SIENA Transport needs. R.T.C. proposes to move the Pool to LUCCA and to employ all vehicles on movement of supplies from LETHORN warehouses to APUNIA and LUCCA Provinces.

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7. Leghorn - 31 May

(a) Transport Requirements. Commitments vary from day to day according to the rail and shipping programmes. The majority of haulage is warehouse to ship side for GENOA, and Warehouse-rail for TOSCANA Region. Ship loading is now held up due to port situation at GENOA. Average daily tonnage to be moved amounts to 300, including inter Depot hauls. In addition 250 tons A.M.G. supplies need to be moved to MASS.

(b) 221 G.T. Coy is entirely employed in the above haulage and is more than adequate to compete if operating efficiently. It is frequently necessary to use the whole Coy in ship loading due to limited time available for completion.

Capt. Ramsay stated that he was unable to obtain the full ton mileage potential from the Coy due to inefficient operation and bad discipline of drivers. Daily programmes are seldom completed due to delays en route, trucks reporting late, unauthorised diversions by drivers, failure to report to correct loading and unloading points and complete "disappearance" of trucks for long periods. Pilferage of parts of loads is also occurring.

Disciplinary action is taken in serious cases but the Italian Officers seem to lack control and are afraid to take severe action due to the possibility of desertion. The situation has improved recently as a result of the despatch of trucks in sections with an N.O.O. i/c but motorcycles are urgently needed for Road supervision. O.C. Coy has visited M.T. Group to discuss disciplinary measures in general.

(c) 19 Q.M. Coy has provided limited assistance, but is now under notice to move to join 3 Truck Bn. with 5th Army.

(ACTION Roads Div. M.T. Group)

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(a) Supplies for Genoa. Owing to delay in opening GENOA Port and recent storms it is planned to move 243 t.p.d. to GENOA by road. Civilian trucks from GENOA are now hauling 60 t.p.d. in the absence of Military Transport which should be supplied by 92 Division (U.S.)

(INFO See GENOA, para 9)

H. 4. LIGURIA REGION - GENOA - 22 May

Officers Contacted - Brig. CAER - Regional Commissioner
 Major JAMES - R.T.O.
 " SIRLEY - Food Division
 " WILSON - Industry Division.

8. Passenger Transport.

Trams and trolley-buses functioning fully. Adequate electricity supply available. No permits for buses yet issued. Private Cars limited to essential needs and A.M.G. permits in use.

9. Civil Supply Situation.

(a) Food requirements based on the 200 grams ration, is 217 t.p.d. Original plan provided for 376 t.p.d. plus 50 tons pet. The existence of local supplies and efficient civilian organization has assisted in meeting minimum needs.

(b) At the outset the serious situation was solved by the haulage of 1500 tons of food ex PLACENZA by civilian trucks with Patriots' petrol. Owing to the failure of 92 Division to allot 'tpd.' to move food by road from LECORNO movement by L.C.F. to the beach was the only supply channel for the first 15 days. From 10-21 May a total of 1082 tons was unloaded on the beach. Due to the storm on 21/22 May sea transport was stopped and supplies moved by civilian trucks from LECORNO.

(c) L. SPEZIA had a 15 day reserve and supplies have been kept up by short hauls from the TORRE DEL LAGO stockpile and LIVORNO. IMPERL and SAVON. are supplied from GENOA by civilian trucks.

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10. Truck Situation.

(a) The speedy organization of Civilian Truck Pools enabled distribution of supplies to commence within 48 hrs of A.M.G. entry. 4700 tons were moved up to 21 May in GENOA and 1100 tons in SAVON.

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(b) Good progress has been made in the registration of civilian trucks. Up to 21 May 2742 trucks were registered in GENOA, with a list of some 6500 tons, and 472 in SAVONA, of which 143 are over 2 Tons. Figures for IMPERIA and LA SPEZIA not available. Number of trucks available is thought to be adequate for the distribution of supplies within the Region.

(c) R.M.C.I. was re-organized and is now working efficiently in issuing temporary circulation permits. Control of trucks is generally satisfactory. A.M.S. work tickets are in use throughout the Region and private haulage is negligible, except by C.I.N. trucks.

(d) G.C.42 Tariff is applied and has been received well by truckers except for minor complaints. The U.D.T. Tariff dated 15 May 45, is however to be introduced in view of Mr. Antolini's directions at the MILAN Conference on 16 May. The R.T.O. considers the change unwarranted.

(e) ... When GENOA port is in full operation and able to accept 6000 t.p.d., R.T.O. will require at least one G.T. Coy to port clearance and haulage to R.H. for MILAN & TURIN. Civilian Trucks are considered unsuitable for the work. It will be for 15 Army Group to meet this commitment through 92 Division while Phase I continues.

11. F.O.I.

(a) Obtained at the outset from Patriots, due to failure of Army supplies. 92 Division provided 7 days supply on 11 May. L.C.T.'s were moving in a limited supply up to 22 May for C.I.P.

(b) Petrol Section allotted petrol and Gasoil for 2nd fortnight of May as follows:- (Figures in Litres)

	PETROL	GASOIL
GENOA	104,385	65,180
IMPERIA	21,263	19,315
LA SPEZIA	22,450	18,571
SAVONA	42,496	24,134

Above allocation is for all purposes to be broken down for user groups as per A.F.H.Q. percentages.

The P.O.I. situation was considered satisfactory in the circumstances.

(c) No Methane stocks or production exist in the Region.

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12. Spare Parts and Tyres.

(a) The "freezing" Proclamation was published on entry and a survey of stocks of tyres and parts is being made. Stocks are thought to be very limited. Results of the survey will be reported to Commerce Sub-Commission.

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(b) When GENO port is in full operation and able to accept 5000 t.p.d., R.T.O. will require at least one G.T. Coy to port clearance and haulage to R.H. for MILN & TURIN. Civilian Trucks are considered unsuitable for the work. It will be for 15 Army Group to meet this commitment through 92 Division while Phase I continues.

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(b) Patrol Section allotted petrol and Gasoil for 2 nd. fortnight of May as follows:- (Figures in Litres)

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GENO.	104,385	65,180
INTERLA	21,263	19,315
L. SPEZZA	23,450	18,571
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(b) No manufacture of vehicles, parts or tyres is in operation. The N.I.T.E. firm, which repairs and rebuilds batteries, has small stocks of plate metal and parts, but ceased production in March. Majority of machines were removed to BERLIN. The firms is now in liquidation, but Industry Division are taking steps to re-activate.

(ACTION - Roads Div. Planning Staff).

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13. Administration.

(a) R.T.O. urgently needs 2 T.O.'s for LEPREL and SAVONA Provinces. Organization and control of Truck Pools is at present suffering due to lack of Officer Supervision.

The R.R.O., a lawyer has no experience of M.T. and is ineffective. Replacement is desired.

(ACTION - Admin.Div.)

(b) T.O.'s are handicapped by lack of reliable Cars. 5 Jeeps are needed as basis of 1 per Province and 1 for H.Q. T.O.'s.

(ACTION - Roads Div.)

H.Q. PIEMONTE REGION - TURIN - 23 MayOfficers contacted

Major SAUNDERS, R.T.O.

" REID, Industry Div.

" SCOTT, Food Division.

14. Passenger Transport.

Tramways and trolley buses in full operation, but no bus services started to date. Circulation of private cars controlled by R.C.I. and official permits issued to essential users only. Number of cars were observed without windshield labels.

15. Civil Supply Situation.

(a) Total Regional Food needs are 300 t.p.d. based on 150 gr. ration. The situation is generally satisfactory due to grain stocks in provinces which are being distributed locally. 7 days stock of flour was on hand in Turin at date of visit. Shortage of fats, sugar and salt exists.

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(ACTION - Roads Div.)

H.A. PIMENTE REGION - TURIN - 23 May

Officers contacted

Major SUMMERS, R.T.O.
REID, Industry Div.
" SCOTT, Food Division.

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16. Truck Situation.

(a) U.D.T., the civilian truck organized, formed in November 43 with H.A. in MILAN and branches in each province, has been converted into the U... at TORINO for the organization of Truck Pools. The TURIN Office is well organized and efficient. Formation of Truck Pools and registration of trucks is proceeding, but progress in the provinces is slower than in TURIN due to lack of T.O's to drive and supervise.

(b) According to R...C.I. figures, total of 2445 trucks are available in TURIN Province, of which 30% are over 2 Tons capacity. To date 1519 of 1 Ton and over had been registered and are operating with circulation permits and work tickets. Details of truck availability in the provinces were not available. An appreciable number of trucks run on wood, methane and coal fuel.

(c) R.T.O. anticipates that civilian truck availability will be adequate to meet local needs when vehicles in the hands of the Patriots are turned in to R...C. Steps are being taken to effect this. The R.T.O. will report any deficiency to be made up from R...C. resources when the position is stabilised.

(d) The U.D.T. tariff in use before liberation is being employed.

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17. P.O.L.

(a) Up to 23 May no P.O.L. was delivered by 5th Army and civilian trucks were run on stocks found locally. 300 t.p.d. were expected to arrive daily from ANCONA by truck to CODOGNO and thence by rail to TURIN.

No notification of Pet. Sec. allotment had been received.

(ACTION - Roads Div.)

(b) No stocks of production of methane are available.

18. Car and Truck Manufacture.

(a) The FIAT works normally employing 200,000, are producing 3 cars and trucks per day. Production is limited due to political trouble among employees and lack of coal, of which requirements are 10,000 tons per month.

(b) LANCIA need 500 Tons coal per month to start production. If coal is supplied, electric battery trucks will be manufactured, but not before July.

(c) Industry Division has applied for coal allotment and suggest main supply should be through SAVONA port when opened, thence by rope line to SAN GIUSEPPE di CAIRO for rail to TURIN.

Stated that 7000 t.p.d. coal or 3000 t.p.d. oil can be handled through this channel under normal conditions.

(INFO - Planning Staff)

19. Spare Parts and Tyres.

(a) MICHELIN started producing 50 tyres a day for Fiat 636 trucks and cars on 22 May. Sufficient material is held for 3000 tyres and production can be stepped up to 750 per day if additional materials are supplied.

All tyres produced are blocked by Industry Division for release to FIAT for new trucks and for essential civilian cars.

(ACTION - Roads Div.)
(Planning Staff)

(b) Both FIAT and LANCIA possess good stocks which have being blocked by Industry Division. Fiat parts are being released for manufacture of new trucks. Industry and Commerce Divisions are obtaining details of stocks for submission to Sub-Commission's and decision on distribution.

(ACTION - Roads Division)
(Planning Staff)

(c) No batteries are manufactured in TURIN.

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20 Administration.

(a) Owing to posting of Capt. TREBENICK to U.K., employment of Lt. R. ROBE as adjutant and non arrival of T.O's on T.D. in the South, R.T.O. is short of 5 T.O's. Present situation is 3 Officers for 7 Provinces which is delaying formation of Provincial Pools.

In addition R.T.O. wishes to use Lt. STRAND, now i/o TURIN U..., as rail Movts Officer.

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(b) All WE/TE cars are said to be "war weary". Cars have been requisitioned to fill TE but the Pool is not yet up to strength. If full number of T.O's needed are posted 7 Jeeps will be required for their use.

(ACTION - Roads Div).

R.Q. LOREARDIA REGION - MILAN - 25 May 1945.

Officers contacted :- Lt. Col. FILLICIAID, R.T.O.

Capt. PIPER, T.O.

Lt. ARANOFF, Commerce Div.

Major JUSTIN, Industry Div.

21. Passenger Transport.

Trams and trolley buses operating normally. No control of civilian cars appeared to exist due to large stocks of German petrol available and the great number of vehicles in hands of Patriots.

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22. Civil Supplies Situation.

(a) 500 T.p.d. needed in MILAN for 150 gms ration and 1000 t.p.d. for 500 gr. ration. Other provinces mainly self supporting, due to local stocks, except for shortage of fats, sugar and milk.

(b) Up to 29 May C.S.O. 5 army delivered 500 t.p.d. to CREMONA R.H. for rail to MILAN. In addition civilian trucks were lifting 400 t.p.d. through same channels to enable rations to be increased to 800 gms.

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(b) All W2/13 cars are said to be "war weary". Cars have been requisitioned to fill T3 but the Pool is not yet up to strength. If full number of T.O's needed are posted 7 Jeeps will be required for their use.

(ACTION - Roads Div).

H.Q. LOMBARDIA REGION - MILAN - 25 May 1945.

Officers contacted :- Lt. Col. FRIZZARDI, R.T.O.

Capt. PIERI, T.C.

Lt. ARANOFF, Commerce Div.

Major JUSIN, Industry Div.

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23. Truck Situation.

(a) The following RACI figures show the number of trucks over 2 Tons in circulation on 30 April 45 with breakdown into types of fuel:-

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<u>FUEL</u>	<u>NO. TRUCKS</u>	<u>CAP. QTY (TONS)</u>
PETROL	185	540
GASOIL	275	956
WOOD G.S	200	654
CARBON G.S	262	904
METHANE	294	850
ELECTRIC	38	576
TOTALS	1314	4280

(b) To date approx. 500 trucks with a lift of 1500 tons have been registered and are in operation under U... di MILANO. A large number of captured vehicles and civilian trucks are in the hands of the Patriots. In addition civilians are thought to be hiding enemy trucks.

The Regional Commissioner, in agreement with the G.I.N. Commander, is publishing an order requiring Patriots to hand over to A.M.G. all vehicles equipment, parts and tyres held. R.T.O. estimates that if the order is complied with, sufficient vehicles will be available for internal distribution, but A.C. Military t.p.t. will be needed for long hauls from FORLI-CESSE, until rail link is through.

(c) U.D.T., previous trucking organization, was taken over, organized as U... di MILANO and is functioning well. Branches started in provinces but progress slow due to shortage of T.O.'s for supervision.

Temporary circulating permits issued in MILAN and all registered trucks controlled with trip tickets in operation.

Of 1500 tons lift available 400 is employed on FORLI-CESSE haul and 1100 on distribution from R.H. and other essential local haulage.

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24. P.O.L.

(a) 10 Days supply delivered by IV Coys are entry. O.I.P. functioning and organizing distribution.

(b) On 15 May Commerce Division released for MILAN 114000 litres petrol and 40,000 litres gasoil found in local A.G.I.P. stocks, of which 50% was allotted to U... For period 15-31 May Pet.Sec. allotment was 100,000 litres gasoil for the whole Region, partly from local stocks and part imported. Again 50% went to U.A. Gasoil allocation is short of requirements, but Commerce Division are taking up with Pet.Sec.

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Of 1500 tons left available 400 is employed on FOPLI-CREMONA haul and 1100 on distribution from R.F. and other essential local haulage.

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(c) 20,000 Cu.metres of methane per day are now produced from wells in the LODI, PIACENZA and PARMA areas and delivered to MILAN by pipeline. Potential production is 40,000 cu. metres per day for MILAN and 10,000 for REGGIO-PARMA area. Full production not in use due to shortage of cylinders.

According to C.O.M.C.S., the distribution agency in LOBARDIA, 2610 vehicles normally run on methane in LOBARDIA and consume 620,000 cu.metres per month.

(ACTION - Roads Div.)

25. Share Parts & Tyres.

(a) R.T.O. has issued two orders freezing parts and tyres for issue to U... trucks on a coupon basis. Good stocks of parts are thought to exist.

(b) Pirelli plant is producing 1000 tyres in May and possess materials for an unknown additional quantity. Stocks held by Pirelli amount to some 8000 - 9000 tyres of various sizes, but mainly for trucks. Some 1384 large size tyres for use on heavy trucks are available.

Commerce Division have a complete list of stocks by sizes and after meeting local demands from U..., propose to declare any surplus to Commerce S/C for release to the South.

Production by the Michelin plant is negligible.

(ACTION - Roads Div).
(Planning Staff).

26. Administration.

(a) R.T.O. is very short of T.O's on the figure of 12 agreed by the Deputy Director. 11 Officers were provided of which 2 have been transferred to other duties as unsuitable for transport work, a third is R.T.O. while Lt.Col. Fitzgerald and Captain Piper are in H.Q. Office, leaving 6 Officers as Provincial T.O's to run 10 provinces. Two new Officers without transport experience are attached from Army units, at least 4 additional experienced officers are urgently needed for general transport duties in the provinces and supervision of Truck Pools.

(ACTION - Admin.Div).

(b) Due to shortage of VET/TE cars, 11 Jeeps are needed for the use of T.O's.

(ACTION - Roads Div).

H.Q. VENEZUELA REGION - R.DOV. - 24 May 1945.

Officers contacted: - Brig. DUNLOP, R.C.
Col. WOODGER, R.T.O.
Capt. NEWBY, Novts. Officer
Maj. MOORE, P.O.L. Officer
Capt. JAMESON, Prov. T.O.

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(ACTION - Roads Div).

R.Q. VENTURA REGION - R.DOV. - 24 May 1945.

Officers contacted: - Brig. DUNLOP, R.Q.
Col. WOODGER, R.I.O.
Capt. WENDY, Movts. Officer
Maj. MCCOY, P.O.L. Officer
Capt. JEFFERSON, Prov. T.O.

27. Passenger Transport.

Normal tram and trolley bus services operating in R.DOV. and other provincial centres. No bus services running as yet.

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28. Civil Supply Situation.

(a) For the first 10 days after liberation 8th Army moved 400 t.p.d. to

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PADOVA for distribution to provinces. On the move forward of the army to the Austrian border no further assistance was given and the Region was left to compete with all food movements with 3 Pls of 1001 G.I. Coy.

The 90 trucks available are quite inadequate to compete with the various movements of civil supplies involved and civilian trucks cannot do more than local distribution.

(b) Planned food movements and other transport commitments are:-

(i) 12,000 tons grain ex ROVIGO to PADOVA, TREVISO and UDINE to be moved by 31 July.

(ii) 2,000 tons M.M.G. food and 50 tons soap ex FORLI and CESINA by 30 June.

(iii) 2,000 tons flour ex FORLI to PADOVA by 31 July.

(iv) Movement of 5,000 refugees ex TREVISO to PADOVA and 25,000 UDINE to BOLOGNA.

It would take 4-5 months to complete the above haulage, excluding refugees, with the 90 trucks available and inadequate supplies for the Region would be imported. An additional lift of at least 500 tons is essential to complete programme to date. At present the trucks are fully employed in moving grain from ROVIGO to PADOVA, TREVISO and UDINE and back loading refugees ex TREVISO to PADOVA.

(c) The R.C. is most concerned at the serious lack of trucks. He has approached 8th Army for help without result. As 15 Army Group is still responsible for Venetian Region in Phase I, we sent an immediate signal by wireless to G-5 explaining the grave situation and requesting allotment of M.C. Military Transport to assist. The position was later explained to Lt. Col. Harris G-5, 15 Army Group and a further signal was dispatched on return to Rome urging action.

(ACTION - Movts. Div.
Roads Div.)

29. Truck Situation.

(a) The organization of civilian Truck Pools is proceeding slowly in all provinces, but progress is handicapped by lack of provincial T.O's. In some cases T.O's are responsible for 2 or 3 provinces which prevents adequate control and supervision.

(b) No figures of trucks registered were to hand, but estimated numbers available over 1 ton in 5 provinces are: VERONA 2,300, VERONA 250, TREVISO 150 and ROVIGO 50. No details yet received.

as moved by 31 July.

(ii) 2,000 tons M.G. food and 50 tons soap ex FORLI and CREMA by 30 June.

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(L.OTIO) - Kovts.Div.

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Circulating permits are being issued, work tickets are in use and steps are being taken to institute firm control. The U.D.M. tariff is now applied as in MILAN and TURIN.

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(c) No captured enemy vehicles have yet been handed over to A.M.G. by armies and R.C. was uncertain to whom to apply. It is estimated that some 700 trucks are in the hands of Patriots in the Region. The R.C. is taking steps with C.L.M. to effect the handover of all civilian and enemy vehicles to A.M.G. without delay.

(ACTION - Roads Div.)

30. P.O.L.

(a) At the outset 8th Army allotted 10,000 gallons for civilian trucks, of which 6,500 gallons have been used and 1,500 kept in reserve. German stocks have been used to supplement and the overall supply was adequate to date.

(b) A pet. Sec. allotment for June was expected daily. A Pet. Sec. representative has been posted to the Region but had not yet arrived. C.I.F. has started to function and to control distribution.

(c) The number of methane trucks in the Region was not known. The methane/light from the ROVIGO producing area to PADOVA and FERRARA was repaired by 8th Army but is carrying pet. and delivering 500 t.p.d. at PADOVA. Methane trucks are at present collecting gas in cylinders direct from ROVIGO.

(ACTION - Roads Div.)

31. Tyres and Spare Parts.

No information re stocks was obtainable. It is believed that limited stocks of LANCIA and FIAT parts exist in PADOVA and VENEZIA. Proclamations have been published relating to the declaration and "freezing" of all stocks, but results were not known.

(ACTION - Roads Div.
Planning Staff).

32. Administration.

(a) A shortage of T.O.'s is again apparent. Of the 9 Officers allotted to the R.T.O. Capt. NEWBY was Movts. Officer at H.Q. Capt. BOWES is Port Officer at VENICE, Capt. HINDS-PAGE is T.M.O., 5 officers are distributed over 9 provinces and one is retained at H.Q. for TRIESTE.

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(ACTION - Roads Div.)

31. Tires and Spare Parts.

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Five additional Officers are urgently needed. Four to provide one T.O. to each province and one to replace Capt. NEWBY, now returning to U.K.

(ACTION - Admin. Division)

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(b) Number of cars is below WL/TE and additional vehicles are needed immediately by T.O's. If officers are posted as set out above R.T.O. requests provision of 11 Jeeps to equip all T.O.S. with reliable vehicles.

33. L.of C. Locations.

1 Dist. was expected to move in to P.DOV. on 1 June, 210 Sub area is at P.DOV. and 66 area in VINCE.

5th Army Transportation Section - 29 May 1945.

Officer contacted - Lt.Col.KREML, i/c Transport.

34. Employment of A.C.Military Transport.

Visit was made to ascertain how A.C. Military Transport was being employed and whether any trucks could be spared for VINCE. Lt.Col.KREML stated that up to 29 May 5th Army plan for Movt. of civil supplies was as follows:

- a) Total of 450 t.p.d. needed for MILN and TURIN on 150 gr. ration.
- b) A.C. 3rd and 9th Corps hauling this tonnage from FORLI and GSENA. to CREMONA R.H. for railing to MILN and TURIN.
- c) Army tpt moving supplies to stockpile MOBILE, plus any A.C. tpt not committed in (a).
- d) When stockpile reaches 3000 tons, A.C. trucks will haul 1000 t.p.d. MOBILE to CREMONA to bring rations up to the 500 gr. figure, while Army tpt continues to maintain stockpile at 6000 tons.

Lt. Col.KREML undertook to consider the release of A.C. tpt for transfer to VINCE. and to inform 15 Army Group of the decision.

(ACTION - Roads Div).

A.C. MILITARY REGION - BOLOGNA - 30 MAY 1945.

Officers contacted - Lt.Col. HARTLEY - Executive Officer.
Lt.Col. CRUMP - Supplies Officer,
Major SOWERS - R.T.O.

35. Passenger Transport.

Tram services running normally in BOLOGNA. Circulation of private cars controlled by A.M.G. through RA.CI.

36. Civil Supplies Situation.

5th Army Transportation Section - 29 May 1945.

Officer contacted - Lt. Col. KRAML, i/c Transport.

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- a) Total of 450 t.p.d. needed for MILAN and TURIN on 150 gr. ration.
- b) A.C. 3000 lbs. and 3000 lbs. Coys hauling this tonnage from FORLI and CUSINA to CREMONA R.H. for railings to MILAN and TURIN.
- c) Army tpt moving supplies to stockpile MODENA, plus any A.C. tpt not committed in (a).
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(ACTION - Roads Div).

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36. Civil Supplies Situation.

The situation generally was found to be fairly good due to local stocks and Army assistance in moving food into the Region from CUSINA and FORLI.

The following commitments now require to be met:

- a) 1000 Tons grain to be moved from R.VENET into warehouses in other provinces.
- b) 1000 Tons fruit from R.VENET to R.H.
- c) 4000 Tons salt from R.VENET to MODENA for butter and cheese making.
- d) 300 tons per month A.M.G. supplies from FORLI and CUSINA into Region.

37. Additional Transport Commitments.

Transport is also urgently needed for haulage of the following:

- a) Estimated 15,000 tons hemp from various locations North of the PO to warehouses in the Region and to R.H. for the South. This demand is urgent.
- b) Distribution of charcoal.
- c) 30 trucks per day for W.B. to be used for road repa and bridge rebuilding.

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39. Truck Situation.

(a) Civilian transport is wholly employed on the distribution of supplies and local grain haulage. No trucks are available to meet the commitments in parcs 36 and 37. A lift equivalent to two G.T. Coys is urgently needed to complete. A 15 Army Group is still responsible for overall provision of transport during Phase I in 5 Provinces of ELLA. G-5 were urged to put an adequate lift at the disposal of the R.T.O. on our arrival in FLORENCE 30 May.

No. 11.C. Military Transport is at present available for ELLA, but it is hoped to allot 225 Italian Tpt. Coy when operational about 20 June. If other commitments permit, a second Coy will be assigned later, since Romp control requires a whole Coy for at least 6 weeks. Opening of the rail link to BOLOGNA from GEMM. on 1 June will improve the overall position.

(b) U. Truck Pools have been organized in all provinces, registration of trucks is well advanced and control is being exercised by issue of trip tickets and allotment of P.O.L. according to mileage.

G.O. 42 Tariff is applied pending instructions from 15 Army Group re the introduction of the U.D.T. tariff.

(c) Truck registration in Bologna provinces total 350 over 2 tons and 1025 under 2 tons, with lifts of 1750 and 620 tons respectively. Estimated that BOLOGNA has some 2000 trucks of all sizes of which 25% are over 2 tons. Many trucks are still in the hands of G.I.M. No captured enemy vehicles have been handed over by 5 Army.

(ACTION - Roads Div.)

39. P.O.L.

(a) 15 Army Group allotted 84,000 gallons of petrol for one month commencing 24 May for all Regional needs. Requirements for trucks is said to be 2000 galls per day. Petrol Section representative has visited the Region and expects to be able to allot supplies up to pre-war requirements.

G.I.P. is functioning and handling distribution.

(b) According to R...G.I. figures 70% of trucks run on methano pre-war. At present 1800 cu.m. per day are obtained from the pipe-head at FERRARA for BOLOGNA trucks. The ROVICO wells produce 7000 cu.m. per day for the FERRARA pipehead, but the additional supply needed in BOLOGNA cannot be drawn due to shortage of cylinders. Provinces of PLACENZA, REGGIO, PARMA, and MODENA are drawing an adequate volume of gas direct from wells in the REGGIO-PLACENZA producing area.

(ACTION - Roads Div.) 2722

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(ACTION - Roads Div.) 2722

40. Spare Parts & Tyres.

No manufacture of parts or tyres is carried on in the Region stocks are thought to be very limited, but investigation of holdings and release control are proceeding.

(ACTION - Roads Div).
Planning Staff)

41. Administration.

(a) R.T.O. is deficient of one Officer as provincial T.O. and has applied for a rail Officer to be assigned when the lines from FLORENCE and ROMA to BOLOGNA are operating fully. Request is made for Capt. BLAIR ex TOSCANI when that Region is closed down.

(ACTION - Admin. Div.)

(b) 5 Jeeps are needed for T.O.'s in view of WE/NE vehicle shortage and lack of reliable requisitioned cars.

(ACTION - Roads Div).

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G-5 15 ARMY GROUP - FLORENCE - 30 MAY

Officer contacted - Lt. Col. HARRIS. (attached from A.C.).

42. Transportation Commitments.

The urgent needs of VENTURA and MULLA were stressed for immediate action and the overall situation found in other Regions was discussed. The responsibility of 15 Army Group in meeting all transport commitments relating to civil supplies was emphasized and the inability of HQ. A.C. to produce any additional try to assist was explained.

Inquiry was made as to when armies will commence to handover captured enemy transport to A.M.G. as directed by AFHQ but no information could be given. Lt. Col. HARRIS agreed to investigate and report progress to this H.Q.

(ACTION - Roads Div.)

PART II RAIL SHIPPING AND PORTS

CINOA : 22 May 45.

43. Shipping.

Visited HQ Port Commandant and in his absence spoke D.J.M. (M). Due to gale which sprang up during evening of 21 May and still continued during following day the mine clearance of Port was stopped. Therefore it was estimated that situation given in Signal Gen. 103/64 dated 19 May would put back for about 7 days. Port clearance now estimated.

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(INFO)

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(INFO)

44. Railways.

Line open to ALESSANDRIA. Elec. traction.
Capacity 3 Trains per day each carrying 300 tons freight. Lines open from ALESSANDRIA to TURIN and MILAN. Steam traction.
It was expected that line from GENOA to V.DC would be open by 20 June.
Local suburban electric trams running in GENOA area.
Railways seriously in need of Coal.

(ACTION - Movts. Div.)

45. Docks Clearance.

Whilst existing civil RT is sufficient for present needs the Regional In.Off. considers that when port capacity reaches 6,000 tons per day he will require additional M.T. with a lift of 500 tons. He has not been given any firm program as yet.

(ACTION - Roads Div.).

TURIN 23 May. 1945.

46. Railways.

Lines are open to ☐ provinces except CUNEO, but no traffic had been

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moving by rail to date. Tr. Off. appreciated that in the future rail would become the most important form of transport and desired a movements officer (with knowledge of rail) be allotted to him. It was his present intention to pass any rail enquiries to Maj. Talbot at MILAN.

(ACTION - Admin. Div.)

MILAN : 24 May 1945.

47. Railways.

AC Tr. S/C (Adv. Echelon). Maj. Talbot.

Maj. Talbot is maintaining a close liaison with 2 (R) North West Italy. A copy of his report (Ref 157/A/Tn.2) of 24 May reporting activities from his arrival 10 May until 24 May is attached. He has no car. His request for transport was passed to Lt. Col. H. J. M. S. at H. 15 Army Group 30 May. 45.

48. Movements North West Italy.

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(ACTION - Movts. Div.)

VENETIAN REGION

49. Capt. Newby who had been acting as Mov. and Rail Officer has received orders to report to HQ A.C. on route for U.K. (Release Group 1 and compassionate grounds). He had a certain amount of rail information but it appeared that he was not sufficiently in close touch with Mov. at VENICE.

50. Contacted Port Commandant VENICE and Col. Farley who informed me that Lt. Col. Baker (Mov. Rail Branch) was in VENICE. Met Lt. Col. Baker who stated he had completed a report on VENETIAN Region which would embody Rail-Road and Shipping. He had also visited EMILIA Region and got the rail position there. 2/31 It was agreed that, as he was visiting FORLÌ-CESENA and ANCONA, he would investigate the road situation there and that we should return via BOLOGNA and

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(INFO)

EMILI REGION.

R.T.C. - Major Sowers.

51. Had an enquiry for the return of 200 Patriots per day from BOLOGNA to AUSTRIAN border. Each man was walking 2 horses down to BOLOGNA. Asked him if he had contacted local Mov. to ascertain possibility of returning them on 8 Army tpt moving North. He admitted that he had not done so. Undertook to submit to Lt. Col. Harris 15 Army Group who would be requested to ask 8 Army for permission.

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15 ARMY GROUP.52.

Lt. Col. Harris. (attached from A.C.)

(a). Gave him the enquiry from MILIT. Region for returning 200 men per day to AUSTRIAN Border. Said he would take up with 3 ARMY.

(b) Suggested that he issued a directive to all Regional Transportation Officers giving them channels.

(INFO)

SUMMARY MOVEMENTS.

53. The peculiar situation which now obtains where Army are in command but yet Regional Commissioners are functioning leaves some doubt in the minds of Regional M. Officers and it is considered advisable that some instructions be issued setting down the various responsibilities and making it perfectly clear to them.

(a) What their responsibilities are.

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(c) To whom they must apply for assistance.

It is recommended that the instructions inform them of the desirability of their maintaining close liaison with the nearest Army Movements.

It would be preferable that an Army Mov. Officer be detailed to each Region if that could be arranged.

(ACTION - MOVTS. DIV.
Roads Div.)

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G. [Signature]
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C. N. CHRISTENSEN,
Lt. Colonel.

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ROADS DIVISION

4 June 1945

REFERENCE: AG/425/TN 5

SUBJECT : Monthly Report -- Month ending May 45.

TO : Chief, Roads Division

1. The activities of this Section were confined chiefly to matters pertaining to the transfer of the vehicles of the AG operated INF (Sicily) and Truck Pools to the Italian Government.
2. In connection with the former one Officer from this Section together with a Finance Officer and members of the Italian Government are proceeding to Sicily on the 11 June 45 to complete the transfer.
3. Every effort has been made to make serviceable all the Truck Pool W.D. vehicles preparatory to their transfer. Special releases of major assemblies, tyres, tubes and other parts of all kinds have been obtained, as a result of which many vehicles previously unserviceable are now road-worthy and fit for transfer.
4. A general improvement in the supply of tyres, tubes and vehicle accessories to AG has been noticed during the past month; due, no doubt, to the decrease in Army requirements.


D.G. MOYLE Major, R.A.
Maintenance Section

HMD/2a

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APC 394

Transportation Sub-Commission

10 May 1945

REFERENCE : AC/425/TN 5

SUBJECT : Internal Monthly Report (Maint)

TO : Director, Roads Division

Herewith this Section Internal Monthly Report for month ending 30 April 45.

MAINTENANCE

- a) Practically all work performed by this Section during the past month was routine, due to one officer being hospitalized for a month, making it necessary for the other officer to remain at H.Q.
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H.M.
H.M. DOWNER
Major Ord. Dept.

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Subject: Monthly Report, No 1 Truckpool A.C., Poggia Zone
 To : HQ. Allied Commission,
 Transportation Sub Commission, (2)
 A.F.O. 384 U.S. ARMY

April 22nd, 1945

I. List of vehicles:

a.b.c.) As monthly Census dated 15.4.45.

d) DEAD LINE VEHICLES.

V.D. No.	Make	Reason
5607058	Dodge 3ton	New Engine rad.
5605974	-do-	-do-
5177253	-do-	-do-
5605965	-do-	-do-
525619	Bedford 3ton	-do-
4883959	-do-	-do-
4830888	Chevrolet 1,5ton	Complete overhaul due to accident.
4830787	-do-	-do-
5388317	Fiat 10ton	New injector pump complete require

Dead line vehicles have been reduced from 15 to 9 during the past months as it has been possible to obtain considerable salvage spares. All other vehicles are potential runners. In addition to above dead line vehicles there are 4 Dodges and three Bedfords badly in need of spares indented for and any one of which is likely to become dead line at any moment.

e) B.L.R. Vehicles disposed of and awaiting replacements: 31

2. P.O.L. allocated and consumed:

	Allocated	Consumed
Petrol		88,371 litres
Diesel		6,520 "
Oil		3,641 "
Grease		51 KGS.

3. Tyres received since last report:

Size	Tyres	Tubes
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I. List of vehicles:

a.b.c.) As monthly Census dated 15.4.45.

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DEAD LINE VEHICLES.

<u>N.D. No</u>	<u>Make</u>	<u>Reason</u>
5607058	Dodge 3ton	New Engine reqd.
5605974	-do-	-do-
5177253	-do-	-do-
5605965	-do-	-do-
525619	Bedford 3ton	-do-
4883959	-do-	-do-
4830888	Chevrolet 1,5ton	Complete overhaul due to accident.
4830787	-do-	-do-
5388317	Pist 10ton	New injector pump complete require

Dead line vehicles have been reduced from 15 to 9 during the past months as it has been possible to obtain considerable salvage spares. All other vehicles are potential runners. In addition to above dead line vehicles there are 4 Dodges and three Bedfords badly in need of spares indented for and any one of which is likely to become dead line at any moment.

e) B.L.R. Vehicles disposed of and awaiting replacements: 31

2. P.O.L. allocated and consumed:

	<u>Allocated</u>	<u>Consumed</u>
Petrol		89,377 litres
Diesel		" 6,820
Oil		" 3,641
Grease		51 KGS.

3. Tyres received since last report:

<u>Size</u>	<u>Tyres</u>	<u> Tubes</u>
10,50 x 16	60	15
7,50 x 20	25	8
11,00 x 24	12	12

4. Wages scales paid during the month.

	<u>Max Daily</u>	<u>Average Weekly</u>
Driver 3 ton lorry	115)	844
Driver Mechanics Diesel	155)	
Mechanics	135	776

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5. Accidents during the month

a) Fatal	1	NIL
b) Minor	2	

6. Financial Statement.

	<u>DEBIT</u>	<u>CREDIT</u>
Payments	9,548.982	Cash 21.3.45 6,800.858
Bills due out	366.534	Receipts 6,624.015
Balance being		Bills due in 6,066.497
profit for month.	9,659.828	Cash in hand 13,974
	19,575.344	19,575.344
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7. The two E.M.'s have been recalled.

8. Workshops Administration and Control. - M.T. Spares Stores receipt and issue, Tyres and Tubes Store receipts and issue, A.B.412 and A.B.406, Daily Workshops State and Daily M.T. Spares Inspection Report are now all in operation and as result workshops control is almost 100%.9. Repairs. Spares. - The following major repairs have been carried out during the month with the help of spares received from G.4 and American Ordnance and collected from salvages:-

Reconditioned engines fitted	13
Complete engine overhauls	5
Reconditioned cyl. heads fitted	5
Complete electrical overhauls	12
Brake system overhauls	6
Back axle overhauls	1

The tyre situation is now almost normal but batteries, wire for rewinding armatures and new motors are still urgently required.

10. The executives of the pool, of E.N.A.C. and of Consorzio Agrario are now co-operating well with each other and transport is operating in full accord with efficiency. Decree 15/1/45.

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9.548.882
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10. The executives of the pool, of E.N.A.C. and of Consorzio Agrario are now co-operating well with each other and transport is operating in full accord with Lieutenantcy Decree Law No 188.
11. Co-operative. - The workers co-operative is now operating and fruiting eggs and vegetables are being sold at below Foggia market prices.

12. AGENCIES:-

Saà Severo :

Manager: LEPORE Raffaele
No of trucks: 10

This Agency continues efficiently.

Manfredonia:

Manager : DI GIROLAMO Mario (appointed)
No of trucks : 5

The ex Manager was reduced to driver for insufficient supervision

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of the drivers, which resulted in too many vehicles entering workshops for repairs. This Agency is being watched carefully. Di Girolamo was the Accountant for Manfredonia and he now carried out both functions in view of small number of trucks under his control.

Cerignola:

Manager: LARICCHIA Salvatore (appointed 11.4.45)

No of trucks: 5

The change in management at Cerignola was made for the same reason as at Manfredonia. The new man was brought in from Candela where he was too well known and from where unproven reports of dishonesty had been received. Operation appears to be efficient to date.

Candela:

Manager: LAPALORCIA Alfonso (appointed 9.4.45)

No of trucks: 5

Candela Agency has continued to operate efficiently. Lapaloria replaces Laricchia who was transferred to Cerignola.

Lucera:

Manager: HERTACCIONI Raffaele (appointed 20.4.45)

No of trucks: 7

The ex Manager has been discharged for accepting money for preferential treatment in the allocation of trucks. The new man was highly recommended by A.C. Foggia Zone. The Lucera Agency continues to be efficiently operated.

J. S. Billingham Ltd.
J.S. BILLINGHURST, Capt. R.A.S.C.
Transportation (Truck Pool) Officer
A.C. Foggia

INTER OFFICE MEMO

Ext : 566

Ref : 40/109/1/IN:5

2 April 1949

SUBJECT : Truck Status Returns.

TO : Movement Division
(Att: Roads Branch)

1. Attached hereto is Truck Status Returns effective 1 April '45 together with a statement showing E.C. trucks held in 40/420 Truck Pools by capacities. I.E.C. vehicles in Sicily are excluded from the latter due to impending transfer to the Italian Government.

2. The Truck Status Returns is further broken down as follows:

Category	Trucks Serviceable	P/L	Total	Lift Available	(Tons)
40/420 Truck Pools	945	317	1762	3172	
A.T. Group J.O.	579	221	800	1737	
E.N.A.C.	4543			12359	
Civilian Truck Pools (Official Transport)	1348			4478	
	7415			28746	

3. The following points arise in the Truck Status Return

(a) Until the 10 Day Truck Status Returns from the Field are to hand the figure of U/3 trucks is not available. The U/L figure relates to vehicles off the road for large repairs, parts or tyres.

(b) No accurate data of E.N.A.C. trucks U/S or

UN/SS

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1. Attached hereto is Truck Status Returns effective 1 April '45 together with a statement showing A.D. trucks held in AG/AMG Truck Pools by capacities. I.M.Z. vehicles in Sicily are excluded from the latter due to impending transfer to the Italian Government.

2. The Truck Status Returns is further broken down as follows:

Category	Trucks Serviceable	D/L	Total	Lift Available	(Tons)
AG/AMG Truck Pools	545	317	1762	3178	
M.T. Group A.O.	579	221	800	1737	
E.N.A.O.	4543			19359	
Civilian Truck Pools (Ufficio Trasporti)	1348			4470	
	7415			28746	

3. The following points arise in the Truck Status Return

(a) Until the 10 Day Truck Status Returns from the field are to hand the figure of D/S trucks is not available. The D/L figure relates to vehicles off the road for large repairs, parts or tyres.

(b) No accurate data of E.N.A.O. trucks U/D or D/L is available, except in their booklet for 1 day which is out of date. There 10 Day Returns, when received will give the required information.

(c) Capacity of trucks in A.O. Truck Pools in Southern Region is averaged at 3 tons in the absence of accurate data.

(d) Figures for civilian trucks in A.D. Region are only approximate, pending receipt of the 10 Day Returns.

(e) The D/L figure for 1 Truck Bn includes trucks in U.S. Bld and locally deadline for repairs, parts and maintenance.

(f) The R.T. Group have not yet supplied any details of truck availability in C.I. Coys although repeated requests have been made. 10 Day Returns for the 4 Coys are however expected in a day or two. The figures given in the summary are purely an estimate, based on information from Capt. Bent.

4. A further return will be sent to you on receipt of the first 10 Day Returns and three after every 10 days.


O. FLEMYNGHAM
Lt Col. R.A.
Roads Division

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N.D. TRUCKS HELD IN AC/ANG TRUCK POOLS
BY CAPACITIES

1 APR 11 1945

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SOUTHERN									
U.T.C. Naples	7	56	68					8	131
No.1 Foggia	29		44						81
No.2 Campobasso	8		32						40
SUDEST-Bari			40						40
" Taranto			14						14
S.I.T.A. Matera			16						16
" Potenza			30						30
Catanzaro	2		12						14
Total	46	56	256					8	366
ABRUZZI-MARCHES									
No.3 Chieti	23								23
Teramo	10								10
Pescara	13							6	19
No.4 Aquila								34	39
No.5 Ascoli	34								34
No.6 Macerata	14		11						20
No.7 Ancona	30		10					2	34
No.8 Pesaro	8							2	23
Total	132		21				10	44	207
2725									
TOSCANA									
Sienna			36						36
GRAND TOTAL	178	56	313				10	52	609

10 DAY TRUCK STATUS RETURN

REGION & UNIT	W.D.					CIVILIAN-OVER 2 TONS					TO No. Ave
	No. Avail.	No. U/S	No. D/L	Total Held	Lift Avail. (Tons)	No. Avail.	No. U/S	No. D/L	Total Held	Lift Avail. (tons)	
(e)	(b)	(c)		(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)		(h)	(i)	(j)
SICILY:											
I.N.T.	475		678	1153	1640	370				1647	
E.N.A.C.											
TOTAL											
SARDINIA:						280		85	365	851	
E.N.A.C.											
SOUTHERN:											
Truck Pools											
(A.C.) & E.N.A.C.						1044				4195	
(c)											
Naples)											
Avellino)											
Benevento) U.T.C.	98		33	131	294						
Salerno)											
Campobasso)	32		8	40	95						
Foggia)	66		15	81	198						
(c) Taranto	12		2	14	36						
Bari (Sud Est)	30		10	40	90	249				1217	
Potenza (Site)	14		16	30	42						
Matera (Site)	7		9	16	21						
(c) Catanzaro	11		3	14	33	186				560	
Total	270		95	366	810	1479				5273	

10 DAY TRUCK STATUS RETURN

1 April 1945.

W.D.				CIVILIAN-OVER 2 TONS					TOTAL - W.D. & CIVILIAN				
No.	No.	Total	Lift	No.	No.	No.	Total	Lift	No.	No.	No.	Total	Lift
/S	D/L	Held	Avail.	Avail.	U/S	D/L	Held	Avail.	Avail	U/S	D/L	held	Avail.
			(Tons)					(tons)					(Tons)
(c)		(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)		(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)		(l)	(m)
		678	1193	1540									
				370				1647					
									845				3287
				280		85	365	851	280		85	365	851
				1044				4156					
		33	131	294									
		8	40	96									
		15	81	198									
		3	14	36									
		10	40	90	249			1217					
		16	30	42									
		9	16	21									
		3	14	33	186			860					
		96	366	810	1479			5273	1749				7083

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)
LAZIO-UMBRIA:										
Ufficio Trasp.										
Terni						112			500	
Perugia						112			500	
E.M.A.C.						2400			10530	
TOTAL						2624			11530	1749
ABRUZZI-MARCHE:										
Truck Pools & Ch										
No.3 Chieti	21		13	42	30	10	40	120		
" Pescara	15		15	82	20	8	20	84		
" Teramo	10		10	20	20	10	40	112		
No.4 Aquila	27	12	39	250	14	7	21	51		
No.5 Ascoli	30		30	60	40	50	90	120		
No.6 Macerata	24		24	60	40	20	60	170		
No.7 Ancona	11		30	84		No data				
No.8 Pesaro	18		21	33						
TOTAL	176	12	207	650	176	119	190	660	350	
TOSCANA:										
Tr.Pool Siena	18	12	30	54						
(Florence)	2			0	322		127	440	580	
(Grosseto)					63		15	100	370	
(Livorno)	4			12	55		63	100	210	
(Lucca)					92		11	100	250	
U.T. (Pisa)					25		12	47	110	
(Pistoia)					66		10	76	120	
(Siena)					111		17	140	400	
(Arezzo)					50		15	55	110	
TOTAL	24	12	36	73	786		300	1100	2450	808
EMILIA:										
U.T. (Forlì)					134		15	140	360	
(Ravenna)					39		133	170	60	
TOTAL					173		148	320	420	173

(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)
		113			500				
		114			500				
		2400			10536				
		2629			11536	1745			708
23	42	30		10	40	120			
15	63			5	25	84			
10	20	28		12	40	112			
30	250	14			21	51			
14	60	40		52	83	120			
25	60	40		26	64	177			
24	88		Bo	into					
20	53		"	"					
207	650	175		1-5	85	680	327	1146	490
									1310
30	54								
0	6	332		127	440	880			
		63		55	108	370			
0	12	55		53	108	210			
		22		11	103	250			
		25		22	47	110			
		66		10	76	120			
		111		27	540	400			
		50		15	65	110			
36	72	784		300	1105	2650	808	332	1140
									2522
		134		15	14	360			
		39		103	177	60			
		173		148	33	480	173	148	321
									420

1. TRUCK BN.: (a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)
1. Coy										
2. "										
3. "										
4. "										
5. "										
6. "										
7. "										
8. "									319	
TOTAL	219	101	320	437						
G-T COYS.										
1000	90	30	120	270						
1001	90	30	120	270						
1002	90	30	120	270						
1004	90	30	120	270					360	
TOTAL	360	120	480	1080						
GRAND TOTAL :	1524	1038	2562	4909	5891				23837	7415

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 304
Transportation Sub-Commission

5 April 1945

REFERENCE : AC//25/ DAIRY/ TO 5

SUBJECT : INTERNAL MONTHLY REPORT (Joint)

TO : DIRECTOR, ROADS DIVISION

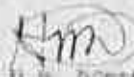
Herewith this Section Internal Monthly Report for month ending 31 March 1945.

MAINTENANCE

a) Fifty two (52) 3 ton British vehicles, which are fifty percent replacement for one hundred and four (104) Old vehicles were inspected at the AOC YRP and except for 40. These vehicles were allocated to Abruzzi-Marche Region to assist in the critical civil supply situation existing in that area.

b) Eleven (11) 30 Cwt Chevrolets have also been allocated to the above mentioned Region. These vehicles are part of the original one hundred (100) 30 Cwt Chevrolets which were assigned to AC of which one hundred and eighty five (185) were drawn up. The remaining four (4) vehicles are being traced by AFRO.

c) A report is being submitted, which was requested by AFRO in regards to Allied Commissions over all maintenance and repair plan for higher school maintenance.


H.B. DWYER
Major Ord. Dept. (H)
Vehicle Maintenance Branch

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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APO 394

TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

2 March 1945

REFERENCE : AC/ 25/ MAINT/ TN 5

SUBJECT : INTERNAL MONTHLY REPORT (MAINT)

TO : DIRECTOR, ROADS DIVISION

Herewith this Section Internal Report for month ending 28 Feb. 45 .

MAINTENANCE

a) Activities of this Section were largely confined to inspection of vehicles, Truck Pool Organization, etc. Visits were paid to the Supergarage at this Headquarters, Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission's Garage at Cinescitta, Garages and Truck Pools in Toscana and Emilia Regions. Some improvement is shown in the general standard of maintenance and, so far as the British vehicles are concerned, the establishment of the central spare parts Store under G4 (D) this Headquarters has been a contributory factor.

The 10-day system of maintenance as set out in this Headquarters Vehicles Maintenance Instruction No. 1, is not however being strictly followed in all cases and here the standard of maintenance as a result was found to be unsatisfactory.

b) A decision is still awaited from AFHQ as to whether AC is to undertake the performance of its own higher echelon vehicle repairs or whether the existing affiliation to the Arules is to continue.


D.C. DOYLE Major R.A.

Vehicle Maintenance Section

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 384
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

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31 January 1945

REFERENCE : ~~ACFE~~ / 25/ MAINT / TN 5.

SUBJECT : INTERNAL MONTHLY REPORT (MAINT)

TO : MAJOR PEPPER

MAINTENANCE

1. Reports indicate that the 10 day system of preventative maintenance is proving successful. This is so particularly in the Truck Battalion. A favourable report on the subject of Maintenance has been received this month from the A.F.H.Q. Inspection Team in respect of Abruzzi- Marche vehicles.
2. Efforts to make use of Civilian firms for higher echelons of Maintenance have not yet proved successful. The capabilities of one such firm in Naples were tested during the month but many difficulties were found such as non-availability of tools, inadequate equipment etc. Subject to the approval of higher authority it has however been decided to establish a H.Q. higher echelon maintenance shop, with its attendant H.Q. spares departments, in Rome at the factory of A.T.A.C. (a former City omnibus and tramway repair factory) and it is hoped by this means, at least to some extent, to break away from the Army from the point of view of higher echelon repairs and thus avoid the D.L.R. of vehicles for which replacements are so difficult to obtain.
3. Application has been made and received favourably by higher authority for the dispatch of officers and civilians to the middle east to investigate the possibility of obtaining tyres and tubes from that area.

[Signature]
D.C. ROYLE Major R.A.
Vehicle Maintenance Section

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*Review this Section's Internal Report
for month ending 28 Feb 45.*

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APR 1944
TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMISSION

WHD/ab:

REFERENCE : AG/TH/AN/3

SUBJECT : INTERNAL MONTHLY REPORT (Main Section)

TO : MAJOR PEPPER

1.) Under Establishment Memorandum No. 31 dated 11/28/44, responsibility for operation of Headquarters domestic vehicles and garages has been placed with the Headquarters Transportation Officer. As a result a new system of operation and dispatch involving a change over from the assignment system of vehicles to the pooling system of all vehicles with a view to the conservation of use of transport has been put into effect.

It is too early at this stage to determine the advantages or otherwise of this system over the old system.

2.) The tyre and tube position is still very critical. Practically every motor has vehicles off the road for want of tyres and tubes and although the immediate outlook is not favorable every effort is being made to improve the position.

3.) This office is now studying all possibilities of setting up Higher Echelon workshops under civilian control in order that the Higher Echelon Maintenance of A.C. Transport may be divorced from the Army.

Wm Downer
W. J. DOWNER Capt. 3rd.
Reference Officer,
Roads Division.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 304
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

File 11

REFERENCE : AG/TU/25/RAINT.

SUBJECT : INTERNAL MONTHLY REPORT (RAINT.SEC)

TO : CAPT. PEPPE.

MAINTENANCE.

Some confusion appears to have occurred over the interpretation of Establishment Memo No 22 with the result that it is now in process of being republished.

During the month, returns have been received from Regions with information concerning location of Vehicles, Present Holdings, and Additional requirements of Maintenance Personnel, Equipment, Garages etc. These returns are now being consolidated and every endeavour will be made to meet the requests still outstanding.

The tyre and tube position is still critical and some vehicles in almost every Region are off the road for want of only tyres and tubes. It is at this time more than ever important that those in charge of transport, exercise a careful supervision of those responsible for complying with the regulations published to preserve the life of tyres.

The Spare Parts Sections for U.D. Vehicles under the respective G's 4 have now commenced to function and though the position of spares is still not satisfactory, an increasing number is coming to hand and a useful store has already been built up. This has been largely due to the efforts of a British and American Ordnance Officer who have been attached to this Sub-Commission from A.F.H.O. who are working in an advisory capacity, and who have made effective liaisons with Ordnance Services.

A directive setting out the methods of indenting for, and obtaining these parts is now in course of preparation and will shortly be published.

D.C. Doyle

Captain D.C. DOYLE R.A.
Maintenance Officer
Roads Division

30 November 1944

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
 APP. 304
 TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

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REFERENCE : AG/78/4/43
 SUBJECT : INTERNAL MONTHLY REPORT (General, Sect.)
 TO : CITE, DEWER

1.) Maintenance instructions have been published setting out a standard system of maintenance to be applied to all vehicles. These instructions have been distributed to all Regions and the system is now being put into effect.

2.) A combined Maintenance team consisting of two British and American Officers from A.F.M. are now in the process of making a study of all existing garages and garage facilities.

When completion of this study program will be set up and the necessary equipment requisitioned to maintain all vehicles, the Allied Commission to all Schedules of Maintenance.

3.) The respective G-4's have taken over the responsibilities of supplying spares for all U.S. vehicles. A warehouse is now being set up to receive and distribute spares. Civilian spares are still under Capt. Day's control and all request for same will be made on Capt. Day.

H.M. Downer

Capt. Gd. Dept.
 Maintenance Officer.

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