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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission
APO 394

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9 August 1944

Subject: Tires.

To : D.W., A.A.I..
Att: Lt. Col. Holloway.-

1. Reference conversation, Lt. Col. Thompson
with Lt. Col. Holloway, 25 July 1944.

2. Attached hereto is letter from ACC. Regional
Engineer Officer, Region VII outlining the tire problem
on roads in Calabria.

3. Your assistance in having tires provided
for this urgent work will be appreciated.

V.S. THOMPSON
Lt. Col. R.C.E.
Chief, Public Wks; Div.

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HEADQUARTERS REGION VII

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

File Ref:

Date: 31 July, 1944

SUBJECT: Request for tires.

TO:

Director Public Works & Utilities Sub-Commission
(AH. Lt.Col.Thompson) Hq.ACC., Apo 394.

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Priority II	7 Rogliano - Tiriolo	53 kilometers	Seal coat
Priority IV	3 Reggio - Castrovillari	262	" Patch only, no seal coat
Serial No. 5	Castrovillari-Lagonegro	43	" Gravel maintenance
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3. The XXXI Army Corps furnished originally 15 trucks to the civil road organization for the purpose of maintaining the 659 Kilometers of road. During the month of June three of these trucks were recalled by the XXXI Army Corps and have not been returned. Of the remaining 12 trucks, one is in repair, one is completely wrecked the result of an accident caused by a tire blowing out on a mountain road, four are completely out of operation due to worn out tires, and six are at present in operation. The tires on these six trucks are so worn that it is actually dangerous to operate them on mountain roads.

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4. I have conferred with the Liaison Office to XXXI Army Corps Sub-Commission, ACC. at Catanzaro and with M.W.I.A. Army Sub-Commission Hq.ACC. in an effort to obtain more trucks or tires for the present trucks.

Liaison officer XXXI Army Corps has instructed me that there is an acute shortage of tires in the Army Corps and that approximately 40 army trucks were out of operation in this area due to tires. He also stated that until such time as the number of vehicles sent to Bari for a special mission (of which 3 were taken from the civilian road organization) were returned that there was no possibility of furnishing any replacement trucks. He did however promise that if I was able to obtain tires he could furnish a total of 15 trucks in operating condition for the maintenance of the roads and if in an extreme emergency any of the trucks must be recalled the tires would remain in our possession.

I have conferred with Lt.Col.Howard Army Sub-Commission M.W.I.A. Hq.ACC who, instructed me that the present policy was not to authorize any Allied tires for use on Italian Army vehicles and that no tires could be available from that source.

The possibility of requisitioning civilian trucks for this job has been investigated and it is found that the status of these trucks are much worse than army trucks.

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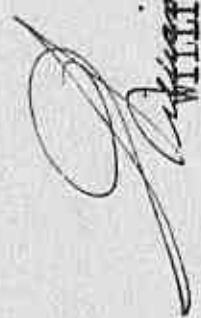
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It is not desirable to employ allied military vehicles in the region in as much as there is no heavy maintenance available and spare and replacement parts must come from sources outside of the ~~the southern region~~ ^{and} ~~also it means the use of imported~~ military equipment where local equipment with allied tires would suffice. It is desirable to employ the Italian military vehicle as they are supplied with military drivers and responsibility and maintenance are done by the Italian Army Corps who have facilities for this work.

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In order to carry on with the work assigned, I request that ninety (90) 7.50 X 20 tires and tubes and five boxes of tire patch be assigned to me for use on military highways.



WILLIAM F. CHAMBERLIN

Major F.A.

Regional Engineer

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- (2) Director P.W.U. Sub-Commission
(Att. Lt. Col. Thompson)
- (1) Hq. No. 2 District
- (1) File -

HEADQUARTERS REGION VII

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission

File Ref:

SUBJECT: Maintenance of Military Vehicles and Equipment

TO:

for Reconstruction of Military Highways

Director Public Works and Utilities Subcommittee

Hq. A.C.C. A.P.O. 394

HEADQUARTERS
Date: 23 June 1945

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3. The vehicles which the Italian XXXI Army Corps supply are lent with driver whose job entails the maintenance of the trucks. 2d & higher echelon maintenance are done likewise by the XXXI Army Corps and are the direct responsibility of the platoon commander from whom these trucks were taken. The present Allied vehicles which are assigned to this region for general utility and which I may be able to obtain from time to time but which will not be assigned to Public Works are under control of the transportation officer of the region. He has prepared appropriate maintenance shops for these vehicles.

Under these circumstances it seems impractical to set up the maintenance section under the Genio Civile unless we can be assured of the assignment of Allied vehicles to the Public Utility section of this region.

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Under these circumstances it seems impractical to set up the maintenance section under the Genio Civile unless we can be assured of the assignment of Allied vehicles to the Public Utility section of this region. I have therefore told the Genio Civile to delay this project and not to initiate such an organization until you could assure me that vehicles and equipment were forthcoming.

*I know of no W.D. Trucks
for Ref VII but think that
the Genio Civile should look
after any transport it has.*

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William Chamberlin
WILLIAM CHAMBERLIN 5677
Major, F.A.
Public Works Officer

At Col. Thompson
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