

Maserati's records indicate that just five of these A6-1500GT 3C models were delivered new. The chassis numbers recorded by Maserati are *086*, *087*, *088*, *089* and *090*. Over the years, many of the cars produced before and after the "3C" variant were eventually given similar updates to their engines. This usually consisted solely of the improved head, carburetors and intake manifold.

The horsepower on the purposely-built "GT 3C" engines was now claimed by Maserati to be 100, but was more than likely something in the order of 90. No matter what figure is believed this was in any case a least a 30% increase in engine output!

The engines that were retrofitted with just the revised head, carburetors and intake manifold saw only a small improvement in engine output. The benefit was probably minimal, raising the quoted horsepower from 65 to not more than 70-75.

INDIVIDUAL HISTORY FOR CHASSIS *086*

Chassis / Engine Number *086* was completed in the late Summer of 1949 and as noted it was the first of the five cars completed with the improved, higher output competition engines. Maserati's records indicate that it was initially painted grey. This car was given its first official road test by Factory Test Driver, Sig. Guerrino Bertocchi on August 8th, 1949. A copy of the original road test provides a wealth of detailed information on the exact nature of this unique Competition A6-1500GT 3C.

After completion of testing and tuning by the Maserati Factory Race Department, the car was sold new on the 14th of September 1949 and formally invoiced to Signorina Isabella Quarantotti Ippolito of Positano, Italy the next day on September 15th, 1949. Signorina Ippolito was just 27 years old when she purchased her new Maserati Sports Car. Delivery however did not take place either immediately or in Positano or even Italy for that matter.

A copy of the original sales document from Maserati provides the following detailed information. This car was purchased for 3,080,000 Italian Lire. The car was identified as a Tipo A6 with chassis / engine number 086 and it was described as a "two seat Berlinetta."

The same document indicates that while Sig. Isabella Quarantotti Ippolito resided at; Via Roma 35, Positano (Salerno) Italy, delivery did not take place until December 19th, 1949 and did so in Paris, France. Specifically, Maserati and Signorina Ippolito agreed that delivery would take place at; Presso Garage Boissiere – 39 Rue Boissiere, Paris 16.

Signorina Quarantotti led a very interesting life. She was born in 1921 in Chieti, Italy and passed away at the age of 84 on February 18th, 2005. Signorina Quarantotti was a direct descendent of the House of Savoy whose Royal Germanic and Gallic Families dated directly back to King Rudolf of Burgundy in 1038AD. She considered Positano, Napoli, Capri and the Amalfi Coast her home, however she spent much of her time residing in Paris at the Hotel Baltimore on Rue Kleber in the 16th district.

Today the hotel is called, Hotel Sofitel Baltimore and it is still located at 88 Bis Avenue Kleber, 75116 Paris, France (Phone +01 44 34 54 54)

(http://www.accorhotels.com/accorhotels/fichehotel/gb/sof/2789/fiche_hotel.shtml) The Hotel Baltimore is located in Paris's most elegant, 16th district, near the Champs-Élysées, the Arc de