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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Public Safety Division
Fire & Civil Defence Sub-Division

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3 December, 1943.

MSG/14603/PS

SUBJECT : Confiscated Fire Arms.

TO : Chief, Public Safety Division.

1. As requested, an examination of the confiscated fire arms held at Carabinieri HQ, Palermo was carried out. Herewith report.
2. Approximately 1,100 pistols and revolvers of different types and calibres were examined.
3. Twenty-five per cent are old duelling pistols.
4. Twenty-five to thirty per cent are permanently damaged.
5. Twenty-five per cent could be made serviceable after minor repairs.
6. The remainder, with the exception of sixteen, are serviceable, but of non-standard calibre.
7. The above-mentioned sixteen are of make and calibre as follows:

	<u>MAKE.</u>	<u>No.</u>
(i) Cal. 38	Howard.	10628
(ii) Cal. 38	H. & A.	4945
(iii) Cal. 38	U.S. Rev. Co.	2440
(iv) Cal. 38	Iver Johnson	48292
(v) Cal. 38	F. & W.	47932
(vi) Cal. 38	H. & R.	Mag. No. 12,
(vii) Cal. 38	Iver Johnson	2560
(viii) Cal. 38	S. & W.	--
(ix) Cal. 38	H. & A.	3997
(x) Cal. 38	Eibah (Spanish)	--
(xi) Cal. 38	Orbea (Spanish)	249573
(xii) Cal. 32	Italian	--
(xiii) Cal. 32	Italian	--
(xiv) Cal. 32	C.H.	E. 3571
(xv) Cal. 32	Lepage (French)	--
(xvi) Cal. 32	French	17323

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8. Major Hefford, Supt. Civil Police, Region I, has stated that these pistols will not be released without authority from A.F.H.Q.

K.C. Shepherd Major

K.C. SHEPHERD,
Major,
A/Supt. Fire & C.D.

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Chief, Public Safety Division, HQ. AMG.

PGK/ab
3 December, 1943.

TO : Vice Chief of Staff.

1. Inviting attention to basic communication and awaiting further instructions.

Paul G. Kirk

PAUL G. KIRK
Colonel, Infantry,
Chief, Public Safety
Division.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Public Safety Division

MSG/14603/PS

18 November, 1943

SUBJECT : Confiscated Firearms

TO : Chief Public Safety Division, REGION I.

1. The Chief of Staff, AMGOT, directs that a report be submitted to this office with the least practicable delay, showing the number of presently available pistols or revolvers confiscated within the Region, their state of serviceability, and whether ammunition is available therefor, and in what quantities.
2. An initial report of those now in your custody is desired forthwith. Subsequent reports will be forwarded as soon as received from the Provinces, if the information sought is not now at hand.
3. Compliance with this communication is urgent.

PAUL G. KIRK,
Colonel, Infantry,
Chief Public Safety.

Copies to:- Chief of Staff
R.C.A.O., REGION I.

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22 November 1943.

To : Col. P.G. KIRK, Chief Public Safety Division, Headquarters
Allied Military Government.

- (1) Initial report forwarded for your information. Complete information
will be forwarded as soon as available.

BY ORDER of Lt. Col. Charles Poletti, RGAO.

RUSSELL A. SNOOK
Chief
Public Safety Division.

ARE/14603/PS 2nd Ind.
Chief, Public Safety Division, HQ. AMG.

RM/ab
24 November, 1943.

TO : Chief of Staff, AMG.

Forwarded reference request contained in this office letter
ARE/14603/PS dated 18 November, 1943. The services of a small arms inspector
will be sought to check the weapons on hand as to serviceability, and continued
effort ~~written~~ made to obtain ammunition adapted to use in those considered
serviceable.

PAUL G. KIRK
Colonel, Infantry,
Chief, Public Safety Division.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
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SUBJECT : Confiscated Firearms.

TO : Chief, Public Safety Division, No. 1 Region.

1. With reference to memorandum dated 18th November, 1943 from Colonel Paul G. Kirk, reference AHC/14603/PS approximately 14 days will be required to obtain the answer to paragraph 1 of the memorandum.

2. As regards paragraph 2, there are 1155 pistols and revolvers of different types and calibres at present at these Headquarters.

3. It is anticipated that about 350 of this number are or can be made serviceable, but it should be emphasised that the majority of the weapons are not up to date models.

4. There is no ammunition capable of being used in these revolvers.

B.J. HENFORD
Major,
Supt. Civil Police Section.

Major Hefford,

Thanks for your report re
small arms. CofS is interested
in pursuing matter further at
once, & as I am asking Major
Shepherd to look over weapons with
view to making segregationis
as to serviceability or other dis-
position.

J. G. Kirk Col. Inf
C.P.S.

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AG 400.93-1 GGT-ACM

18 December 1943

SUBJECT: Enemy Arms and Ammunition

TO : All Concerned

Paragraph 2, letter this headquarters, file and subject as above, dated 8 November 1943, is amended to read as follows:

" 2. All enemy arms and ammunition, except those peculiar to the Air Force, held in NORTH AFRICA by individuals or units without authority from this headquarters will be handed in to the nearest Ordnance depot within fourteen (14) days of the date of this letter. Items peculiar to the Air Force will be dealt with in accordance with the directives issued by Mediterranean Air Command. "

By command of General EISENHOWER:

[Signature]
F. J. DAVIS,
Brigadier General, USA,
Adjutant General.

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AG 400.93-1 GCT-ACM

2 December 1943

SUBJECT: Italian Equipment

TO : All Concerned

1. Pending the revision of Circular Number 63, this headquarters, cs, subject: "Instructions for Allocation and Assignment of Captured Enemy Materiel", this directive is published to clarify the situation regarding utilization of Italian Materiel vs Captured Italian Materiel.

2. Definitions:

a. Captured Italian Materiel. All Italian materiel in our possession prior to the Armistice, including Italian materiel captured in SICILY, LAMPEDUSA, PANTELLERIA, and NORTH AFRICA.

b. Italian Materiel. All materiel in the hands of the Italians at the time of the Armistice. This includes all materiel in ITALY, SARDINIA and CORSICA.

3. The term materiel, for the purpose of this directive, is defined as all equipment, stores and supplies of all arms and services, and is divided as follows:

- a. Arms, guns, ammunition and accessories
- b. All other equipment, stores and supplies

4. The following policy will govern the use of Italian Materiel and Captured Italian Materiel:

a. Captured Italian Materiel will be disposed of in accordance with Circular Number 63, this headquarters, cs, except that SOE/OSS Enclave has been given authority to use any equipment required from captured stocks in NORTH AFRICA, SICILY, PANTELLERIA and LAMPEDUSA.

b. All Italian Materiel will be reserved for the use of Italian units until estimate of number of Italian units, combat, service and administrative, required to augment Allied Forces; the status of their equipment; and available stocks is ascertained. This materiel will not be used for other purposes until surpluses clearly exist.

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5. In accordance with the policy set forth in P/109 of 3 October 1943, subject: "Employment of Italian Forces", G-3, this headquarters, will deal with any requests for and questions on materiel under paragraph 3 a. above, and G-4, this headquarters, will deal with all requests for and questions on materiel under paragraph 3 b., above.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

E. C. Boehnke
E. C. BOEHNKE,
Colonel, A.G.D.,
Acting Adjutant General.

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8 November 1943.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

SUBJECT: Enemy Arms and Ammunition.

TO : All Concerned.

1. Enemy arms and ammunition are urgently required for training and operational purposes outside this theatre.
2. All enemy arms and ammunition held in NORTH AFRICA by individuals or units without authority from this headquarters will be handed in to the nearest Ordnance Depot within fourteen (14) days of the date of this letter. Instructions governing the retention of captured enemy material trophies by American personnel are contained in Section V, Circular Number 13, HQ ICGUSA, etc.

3. A report will be submitted by all Ordnance Depots direct to OMC (OSAC) Benghazi, this HQ department, stating the numbers and types of arms and ammunition received up to 30 November 1943.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

/s/ T. J. Davis
/t/ T. J. DAVIS,
Brigadier General, USA,
Adjutant General.

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Section 1, Circular Order 100, Hq NATOUSA, etc.

3. A report will be submitted by all Ordnance Depots direct to QM(CR&EC) March, this department, etc. stating the numbers and types of arms and ammunition received as of 30 November 1943.

By command of General Eisenhower:

/s/ T. J. Davis
T. J. DAVIS,
Brigadier General, USA,
Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED RESEARCH DEPARTMENT, APO 512,
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On All Office re Command.

1. The attention of all Officers is directed to the above. Failure to comply promptly with paragraph 2 thereof will be a serious offense.

2. Detachment Commanders at all times and British Headquarters will ensure compliance by all members of their command.

3. The following is quoted from Section V, Circular No. 83, Hq NATOUSA dated 22 September 1943 for the information of American Officers and British Major:

"V - REPORTING OF CAPTURED MATERIAL TROPHIES BY MILITARY PERSONNEL

Reference War Department Memorandum Number W570-1-43, 12 July 1943, which was issued and given distribution "P" on 16 August 1943, the following instructions will govern the reporting of captured material trophies by military personnel in the future:

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5. Military personnel are not permitted to retain, ship, mail, sell or give away any of the following:

Airplane or Balloon Instruments or Control
 Instruments
 Empty Brads or Copper Shells (weighing less than two pounds)
 Explosives
 Fire Control Instruments and Accessories
 Mine Mines removed from captured equipment
 Optical Instruments and Accessories
 Pyrotechnics
 Articles whose combined length and girth is more than five feet,
 or of a weight in excess of twenty pounds.

For the convenience of Officers of this Headquarters, B-1 will receive receipt and make the proper delivery to the Ordnance Depot.

By Command of Brigadier General MONTGOMERY:

L. W. STAGGS
 L. W. STAGGS,
 Capt. and
 Actg. Asst. Adj. Gen.

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