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*Secretary General*

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
R.C. & M.G. SECTION  
APO 394

REF : 360/23/CA.

20 September 44

SUBJECT : Italian War Material.

TO : Regional Commissioners, Region I, Southern, IV, V, VI,  
VIII, IX, Liguria, Piemonte, XI and XII.  
S.C.A.Os. 5 & 8 Armies.

The following should be added to paragraph 2 (b) of my letter  
No. 360/11/CA of 10th August 1944,

" This does not however preclude the rights of Operational  
Commanders to make such use of the items mentioned as may  
be necessary for operational reasons. "

*M.S. Lush*  
M.S. LUSH,  
Brigadier,  
Executive Commissioner.

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Italian Minister of War .  
H.Q. A.A.I.  
Rome Area Command  
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Ref : 360/11/CA  
SUBJECT : Italian War Material etc.  
TO : Regional Commissioners, Region I - Ex 2 "C"  
Provincial Commissioner, Reggio Province  
S.C.s. Os 5 & 8 Armies.

10 August 1944

1. This constitutes a full authority for the Italian Armed Forces to collect all vehicles and other war material originally held on charge by them.

2. Attention is drawn to:

(a) AMHQ Circular 13 of 1 May 1944, which clearly states:

"Italian Material. All Italian material belonging to all arms and services of the Italian Ground Forces and in the possession of the Italians at the time of the armistice is considered as Italian material and, except as otherwise directed by this headquarters is reserved for the use of the Italian Army under the direction of the Army Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission."

(b) A.I.I. letter 2030/12/02 dated 1 July 1944 of which the following are extracts:

"Cases have occurred (particularly in R.C.E. and other newly occupied localities) where property, transport and materials belonging to the Italian Forces have been removed from them without proper authority and when the operational need for such action no longer existed."

"In future no buildings, real estate, transportation or other materials belonging to the Italian Armed Forces, or in the possession of effective units of the Italian Navy, Army or Air Force, will be occupied, requisitioned, seized or made use of without prior reference to this I.I.C."

"The Italian Commanders concerned have been authorised to place notices on their property indicating its ownership. These will be respected."

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"The Italian Commanders concerned have been authorized to place notices on their property indicating its ownership. These notices will be respected."

3. Every assistance should be given to the Italian Armed Forces in their efforts to maintain themselves by the salvaging and collecting into Depots of war material scattered throughout the country.

4. When ownership of any material is in dispute the matter will immediately be referred to this HQ for investigation and final decision.

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Home Area Command.  
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M.S. LUSH,  
Brigadier,  
Executive Commissioner.

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*Col. Maynard.*

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
R.C. & M.C. SECTION  
APO 324

Ref : 360/10/CA.

9th August 1944.

SUBJECT : Disposal of War Material.

TO : Regional Commissioners, Region I-IX & "Z"  
Provincial Commissioner, Foggia Province.  
S.C.A.Os 5 & 8 Armies.

1. Permission has, in certain cases, been granted by Regions, to civilians to collect material such as motor vehicles, etc., which have been abandoned at the roadside, or which have been partly destroyed in action or otherwise.

2. Your attention is drawn to AFHQ circular No. 13, dated 1 May 1944, relevant extracts of which are attached, which clearly states that all enemy material will only be disposed of on instructions of Captured Enemy Material Section, AFHQ.

3. All Italian material belonging to all arms and services of the Italian Ground Forces is reserved for use of the Italian Army.

4. The War Material Disposal Sub-Commission directs the disposal of war material and will be responsible for the granting of permits to move or recover such material not collected by the Armed Forces for operational purposes.

5. Particulars of all cases where permits have been granted by Regions or SCAOs Armies to individuals, giving permission to collect or move any material will be reported to this H.Q. so that a decision may be given as to the validity of any permit which may have been issued.

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*10/11/44*  
NORMAN E. WISKE  
Colonel,  
Deputy Executive  
Commissioner.

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Extracts from AFHQ Circular Number 13 dated 1 May, 1944.

The following prescribe the general procedure to be followed in the allocation and assignment of serviceable and repairable captured enemy material.

"All equipment, stores, supplies, previously belonging to all arms and services of the Ground Forces of the enemy.

The responsibility for the assignment of serviceable and repairable captured enemy material and the maintenance of necessary records pertaining to such material and supplies is placed upon a special staff - Sub-Section of the Quartermaster Section of AFHQ. The Section is known as the Captured Enemy Material Section - is an integrated section consisting of American and British Officers.

The Captured Enemy Material Section receives all demands for allocations of captured enemy material and processes such demands to G-3 (Org) for allocation instructions."

FILE UNDER NO. *471 - Arms & Ammunition*INDEX SHEET  
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ITALIANO plants at BAIA and  
FUSARO**Exchange of correspondence with FOWIT  
and AAI regarding Royal Navy's  
requirements*DOCUMENT FILED UNDER NO. ~~008. POLICY~~  
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Ref. CC/0/316.

22nd. May, 1944.

MEMORANDUM,

TO: Executive Commissioner,  
P.Q.S., A.C.C..

1. I understand from A.M.G. 5 Army that they have established a stock pile of some 800 tons at CALVI RISORTA on Route 6, about 10 Kilometres North of CAPUA.
2. This is now some way in rear of railhead and is proving an embarrassment to A.M.G. 5 Army. It was suggested that it might be taken over by either A.M.G. 8 Army or Region III.
3. I asked Group-Captain Benson if it would be useful to him and in his case also it is now too far to the rear and his stock piles are adequate.
4. I suggest, therefore, that Region III be told to take over this stock pile as it is situated within Region III's boundaries and ought to save them transportation in due course as I rather think they have no other stock pile North of the Volturno.
5. Please go into this and take any action necessary.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,  
Lieutenant-General,  
Chief Commissioner.

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MINISTRY OF GRACE AND JUSTICE  
GENERAL DIRECTION CRIMINAL AFFAIRS

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Salerno,

SUBJECT: Weapons and Ammunition seized in proceedings decided by Allied  
Military Courts

TO : ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
(Legal Subcommittee)  
SALERNO

At numerous R. Carabinieri stations, located in the territory restored to the Administration of the Italian Government, there are arms and ammunition which were seized during the period of Allied military administration by the Anglo-American police.

The relative proceedings, regarding violations of military regulations, were decided upon by the Allied Military Courts, which, however, did not pronounce themselves with regard to the items sequestered.

Therefore, the Allied Control Commission is requested to communicate if, in case it does not intend to retain for the Allied Courts jurisdiction over such arms and ammunition, it believes that provision could be made therefore by the Italian judicial authorities, according to Italian law, and especially under provision of Art. 240 C.P. and 622, and following C.P.P.

For the minister

/s/ Signature illegible

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FROM/rj

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Ref. CC/G/242.

28th. April, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Allied Force Headquarters.  
(ATTENTION: Chief of Staff)

1. Your unnumbered memorandum of 23rd. April, subject - Disposal of Italian War Materials.
2. I have communicated the reply of the S.A.C. to General Solodovnik in accordance with Paragraphs 3, 4, and 5 of your above quoted memorandum.
3. I have made it clear to Solodovnik that the S.A.C. does not propose to discuss the question with the Russian representatives in Algiers.

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NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,  
Lieutenant-General,  
Chief Commissioner.

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**SECRET**ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
Office of the Chief of Staff

23 April 1944

SUBJECT: Disposal of Italian War Materials.

TO : Allied Control Commission,  
(Attention: Chief Commissioner).

1. Attention is drawn to your Memorandum of 6 April 1944, Ref. CC/G/180, on the above subject, with the note of the Soviet Member of the Allied Control Commission enclosed, and to your further Memorandum of 13 April.

2. It has been decided upon consideration that the reply of the Supreme Allied Commander should be communicated by you direct to General Solodovnik. It is not considered appropriate to discuss the question either with M. Bogomolov or with General Vasiliev.

3. Although you refer in the second paragraph of your Memorandum of April 13th to "captured Italian Army war material" it is supposed that General Solodovnik was referring in both cases to the Italian war material of which the Italian Government were required to furnish lists to the Allied authorities under Article 11 of the Additional Conditions of Armistice. You should point out to General Solodovnik that the Article entitles the Allied Commander-in-Chief to make such use of this war material as he thinks fit so long as hostilities continue and that it is only the ultimate disposal of the material, or of what remains of it, which is left for final decision by the United Nations. There is, therefore, no need for the Commander-in-Chief to consult the Allied Control Commission before using the material, as suggested by General Solodovnik.

4. The provision in Article 38 to the effect that the Allied Commander-in-Chief shall be taken to include the Allied Control Commission and such other officers and representative as he may designate is construed at this Headquarters as contemplating that the Allied Commander-in-Chief will act through the Commission, or through such officers or representative, or directly, as he may find most convenient.

5. You may, however, inform General Solodovnik in case his Government should be interested, that the Supreme Allied Commander did in fact direct that all material in the hands of the Italian authorities at the time of the Armistice should be assigned to the Italian Army for its use, with the exception of some material found

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in Corsica which was made available to the French units located there for their use in maintaining the security of the island.

For the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theatre:

*J.A.H. Gammell*  
J.A.H. GAMMELL  
Lieutenant General  
Chief of Staff

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SECRETRef. CC/G/240

28th. April, 1944.

## MEMORANDUM:

TO: Major-General N.S. Solodovnik, USSR,  
Soviet Representative with A.C.C..

1. Reference the question of the disposal of captured Italian army war material.
2. I have now been instructed by the Supreme Allied Commander to communicate his reply direct to you.
3. The Supreme Allied Commander asks me to inform you as follows:
  - (a) Article 11 of the Additional Conditions of Armistice entitles the Allied Commander-in-Chief to make such use of this war material as he thinks fit so long as hostilities continue, and it is only the ultimate disposal of the material, or of what remains of it, which is left for final decision by the United Nations. There is, therefore, no need for the Commander-in-Chief to consult the Allied Control Commission before using the material.
  - (b) In accordance with Article 38 the Allied Commander-in-Chief will act through the Commission, or through such officers or representative, or directly as he may find most convenient.
  - (c) All material in the hands of the Italian authorities at the time of the Armistice was assigned by the Supreme Allied Commander to the Italian army for its use, with the exception of some material found in Corsica which was made available to the French units located there for their use in maintaining the security of the Island.

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NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,  
Lieutenant-General,  
Chief Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS,  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,  
APO 394

25 Apr 1945  
JH

Regional Control And Military Government Section.  
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Ref: 161/13/CA.

23rd April 1944.

SUBJECT: Italian Air Force Equipment.

TO : Air Officer Commanding,  
Air Forces Sub-Commission,  
Allied Control Commission,  
BARI.

I attach an instruction sent to Regional Commissioners on the subject raised in your AFSC/S.653/EQ dated 20th April. Will you tell Italian Air Force officers to refer any such matters to the Regional Commissioners who will give them all assistance.

MSL/JC.

MSL  
Brigadier,  
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Secretary General.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,  
APO 394

Regional Control and Military Government Section.  
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HQ ACC, APO 394  
Sec'y Gen.  
Rec'd 25 Apr 1945  
By *JD*

Ref: 161/42/4A.

23rd April 1944.

SUBJECT: Italian Air Force Equipment.

TO : Regional Commissioners,  
Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI.

1. I enclose copy of a letter from A.O.C., Air Forces Sub-Commission. You should appoint an officer or officers on your staff to assist Italian Air Force officers in this matter.

2. In the meantime I have asked the Air Vice Marshall to refer his officers to you. You should give them all assistance.

MSL/JG.

*M.S. Lavel*  
Brigadier,  
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Air Forces Sub-Commission.  
Secretary General.

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C O P Y.

FROM:- AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION,  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,  
BARI.

TO:- ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,  
HEADQUARTERS,  
NAFLES.

DATE:- 20th April 1944.

REF:- AFSC/S.643/BQ.

During my recent visit to Naples I stressed the importance of all equipment belonging to the Italian Air Force being retained so that it would be usefully employed in the I.A.F. operational effort. We have frequently received reports from Sicily, and to a lesser extent Sardinia, that in spite of orders issued, material is being requisitioned by the Allied Forces, and in some cases has been sold by local tender.

2. It is suggested that a great deal of time and correspondence could be saved, if an Officer of the Allied Control Commission could be appointed in each of these regions as the representative of the Air Forces Sub-Commission, and to whom the local I.A.F. Commanders could make their representations in any case of misappropriation of material which would be of use to the I.A.F. effort.

3. In my view it would not be necessary to appoint a special officer to carry out whole time duty in this matter, as he would be called upon on very rare occasions and I would suggest that the possibility should be examined of giving this duty to some Officer in addition to his present duties.

(Sgd) W.A.B. BOWEN-BUSCARLET,  
AIR VICE MARSHAL,  
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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20th. April, 1944.

MEMORANDUM,

TO: Headquarters, A.A.I.  
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1. I enclose a memorandum from Colonel Zellars, Chief of the War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission, on the subject of the SILVRIFICIO ITALIANO.
2. I agree in principle with his recommendations in his Para 3. and would be grateful if C.A.O. would let me have his decision or comments.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,  
Lieutenant-General,  
Chief Commissioner.

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*NF*  
18 April 1944

SG (Misc)

Subject, French Material Found in this Territory  
To, Director, War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission.

The Chief Commissioner would be glad to know whether  
there has been effected any classification of French material--  
railway stock, trucks, lorries, etc.--found in this territory.

ROBERT E. DOE  
Major, A.G.D.  
Secretary General

*IF*

*Ans rec'd 22 April  
(Acc/JMD/2/9/3)  
2:40 and sent to Brig Lush*

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also Capt. Stone

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13th. April, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Allied Force Headquarters.  
(ATTENTION: Chief of Staff)

Reference my No. CC/G/160 of 6th. April.

1. General Solodovnik spoke to me about this question yesterday.
2. He told me that he had had instructions from the Soviet Government to find out from the Allied Commander-in-Chief through me how it was that the Soviet Government were not consulted regarding the allocation of captured Italian army war material and what were the reasons for the decisions taken regarding the distribution of this war material.
3. I told him that I had nothing to add to my previous remarks which you will find in Para. 3. of my above quoted memorandum.
4. I told Solodovnik that as his request emanated from his Government I would pass it in due course to the Commander-in-Chief.
5. If you think fit to pursue this question I suggest that it were better handled at A.F.H.Q. between you and either Bogomolov or General Vasiliev.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE.  
Lieutenant-General  
Chief Commissioner.

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Ref. CC/G/180.

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also Capt. Stone

FRM/rj

6th. April, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Allied Force Headquarters.  
(ATTENTION Chief of Staff).

1. I have received a memorandum from General Solodovnik, U.S.S.R. representative with A.C.C., in which he complains that the disposal of Italian war materials has been made without the participation of the representatives of all Allied Nations represented in the A.C.C..
2. He has apparently reported this to the Soviet Government who have told him to request me to inform you that in their opinion;  
(i) All problems which according to the Armistice Terms should be examined by the United Nations should be decided with the participation of the Soviet representative on the A.C.C., and,  
(ii) That the Soviet representative on the A.C.C. should be given the reasons for the above mentioned distribution of Italian war materials.
3. I have informed General Solodovnik that the distribution of Italian war materials captured in this theatre was made by the Allied Commander-in-Chief and approved by Combined Chiefs of Staff. I have also told him that questions of this sort would best be handled between A.F.H.Q. and the Soviet representatives in Algiers. I have also asked him to let me know how the Soviet High Command have disposed of the Italian war materials captured by them on the Eastern front. I have also told him that I have passed on this communication to you.
4. If there is anything further you would like me to do in this matter will you please let me know. I enclose Solodovnik's memorandum in original and although I was able to translate and deal with it I have asked him to make future similar

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communications in English. I enclose also an English translation of the document provided later by Solodovnik which, however, he wishes regarded as an unofficial text.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,  
Lieutenant-General,  
Chief Commissioner.

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*also Capt. Stone*  
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To: Lieutenant-General Mason MacFARLANE,  
Chief Commissioner of A.C.C.

5th April, 1944.

In accordance with Your request I have an honour of  
sending You the approximate translation of my memorandum  
of 3rd. April.

The translation can be regarded nor official neither  
accurate, it only gives a general idea of the subject.

With respect -

*N.S. Solodovnik*  
N.S. SOLODOVNIK,  
Major General,  
Soviet Representative.

*Answered &  
action taken*

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According to War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission's brief summary of 17th. March Italian War Materials were disposed of by H.Q. of C.-in-C. and that a part of them was handed over to the Italian Government and to the Fighting French troops. Thus, the War Materials received their final assignment.

As a representative of the U.S.S.R. in the A.C.C. I came to know about it only then when the distribution of the Italian War Materials was completed. However, in conformity with 11th clause of the Armistice terms the disposal of the Italian War Materials requires "final decision of the United Nations". According to 38th clause of the same Armistice terms the term "United Nations" includes C.-in-C. and the A.C.C.

Thus, the final decision about the disposal of the Italian War Materials should have been done through the A.C.C. with the participation of the representatives of all United Nations represented in the A.C.C.

I consider the procedure applied in this case to be contradictory to the above mentioned clauses of the Armistice terms with Italy.

The Soviet Government commissioned me to ask you to inform C.-in-C. about it and to raise the question before him so that:

1. In the future all problems which according to the Armistice terms are to be examined by the United Nations should be decided with the participation of the Soviet Representative on the A.C.C., and

2. The Soviet Representative on the A.C.C. should be given the reasons of the above mentioned distribution of the Italian war materials.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

FNM/rj

4th. April, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Major-General N.S. Solodovnik, USSR.

I have received your memorandum of 3rd. April.

2. The decision regarding the allocation of Italian army war material was not made by the A.C.C.. Before replying specifically to your memorandum I would be glad if you would furnish me with a translation in English so as to avoid any possibility of my having misunderstood any portion of it.

3. As you have raised the question of captured Italian Army war material I would be interested to know how much of such material has been captured on the Eastern front by the Armies of the U.S.S.R. and how it has been disposed of.

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Solodovnik.  
he fixed everything  
up verbally and he  
is letting me  
know about  
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*Noel MacFarlane*  
NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,  
Lieutenant-General,  
Chief Commissioner.

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*Sergey Lyan*

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DISCOVERY OF ACOUSTIC UNITS.

18 MAR 1944

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The Chief Commissioner

The attached communication received from F.O.T.A.L.I. on the above subject is forwarded for your information.

*Shaw*

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Salerno.  
18th March 1944,

COMMODORE.  
Head of Naval Sub-Commission.

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DISCOVERY OF ACOUSTIC MINE UNITS.

(Minister of Marine's letter No. 148/T.S. of 26th February 1944.)

II.

No. T.A. 290/16.

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,  
(Copy to: Commander-in-Chief,  
Mediterranean Station.)



Forwarded in continuation of my T.A. 290/16 of  
21st February, 1944.

2. The Minister of Marine has now agreed to give  
me a list of positions of all storehouses etc., and a general  
indication of their contents, so that they may be examined by  
my technical experts.

3. It is thoroughly unsatisfactory that there is  
still undeclared and valuable war material concealed in  
Southern Italy.

*[Signature]*

TARANTO.  
7th March, 1944.

REAR-ADMIRAL.

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From .. Ministry of Marine . Cabinet .  
Date .. 26th February 1944 . No: 14E/P.S.  
To .. F.O.T.A.I.I.

ACOUSTIC APPARATUS FOR MINES.

Replying to your T.A.290/16 of 21st February.

1. I again confirm that the acoustic apparatus in question could not be considered either as "Naval device" or as "War material" since as already explained to British specialists, they did not possess characteristics to render them suitable for the objects for which they were intended, nor is it considered that any simple modification would transform them into efficient weapons.

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The interpretation and the examination of such inventories by the Commission of Control would certainly have required a long time, in contrast with the war-necessity of knowing that which had an immediate interest.

It was therefore basing on this conception, and interpreting the spirit and not the letter of the Armistice clauses, that there has also been supplied to the British specialists by Italian Officers information about apparatus not existing in the zone controlled by the United Nations, which were in the research or experimental stage, when it was thought that such apparatus or studies might fall into the hands of the Germans and be utilised by them.

3. In view of the system followed up till now in the request for information I have no way of ascertaining whether there is apparatus which may have escaped the notice of the British specialists, and in consequence I propose that Officers delegated by you should again visit all storehouses together with Italian specialist Officers, to check whether on the British side, information has been obtained about everything, unless you prefer that complete inventories of stores should be handed over to you, which I am quite ready to have done.

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*Navy Sub Com  
(Recd HQ)*  
Office of the Commander-in-Chief,  
Mediterranean,  
Algiers.

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No. MED. COM/70/1.

5th March, 1944. *S-618*

THE FLAG OFFICER,  
CENTRO ADRIATICO AND BRANCH,  
ITALY.

(Copy to:- Allied Control Commission).

DISCOVERY OF ACOUSTIC MINE UNITS.

With reference to your letter No. S.A. 290/16 of 21st February, 1944, it is requested that you will inform the Minister of Marine that Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean views with grave concern the circumstances in which certain acoustic mine units were not disclosed in accordance with the Armistice terms.

2. It is further requested that Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean may be informed when the assurance asked for in your letter to the Minister of Marine No. S.A. 290/16 dated 21st February 1944, paragraph 6, has been received.

J. G. DUNDAS,

for ADMIRAL.

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DISCOVERY OF ACOUSTIC MINE UNITS.

FROM .... PLAIN OFFICER TARANTO AND ADRIATIC.

DATE .... 21st February, 1944.

No.T.A.290/16.

TO .... COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN STATION.  
(Copy to: Allied Control Commission.)

The attached correspondence regarding the discovery of Acoustic mine Units at Taranto is forwarded for consideration in accordance with paragraph 5 of my letter No.T.A.290/16 dated 21st February, to the Minister of Marine.

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(SGD) R. MUGRIGOR  
REAR-ADMIRAL.

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FLAG OFFICER LIAISON, ITALY,  
ARMA COMBINATA HEADQUARTERS,  
TARANTO.

21st February, 1944.

No.T.A. 290/16.

MINISTER OF MARINE,  
MARISTAT, PALAZZO REBTA,  
TARANTO.

DISCOVERY OF ACOUSTIC MINE UNITS

I acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 132/P.B. of 16th February and note the reason stated for the omission of the acoustic apparatus for mines in the lists of available material previously furnished.

2. I find it impossible to agree that the alleged lack of efficiency of the apparatus justified its exclusion.
3. These units were manufactured in Northern Italy, and adequate stocks should be available to the Germans. With modifications, the inefficiency of the Italian design may well be overcome and the mine used with effect.
4. This acoustic apparatus cannot be considered as anything other than a "naval device" and "war material" and the failure whether from negligence, indifference to its potentialities or any other cause to declare it constitutes a breach of Articles 10 and 11 of the Armistice Terms.
5. The circumstances of the case are therefore being forwarded to the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean and the Allied Control Commission for their consideration.
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REAR-ADMIRAL.

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COPY OF TRANSLATION.

From: Ministry of Marine (Cabinet)  
 To: P.O.L.I.  
 Date: 16th February '44.  
 Letter No: 132/RS

Subject: ACOUSTIC APPARATUS FOR MINES.

I refer to your letter T.A. 290/16 of 11th instant.

1) As you are aware, from the date of the Armistice, all Italian Naval Workshops and stores have always been at the disposal of Allied Officers and specialists, who have been at liberty to take all the visits and checks they wished. All requests for documents and information made on these occasions have always been replied to in the fullest manner, without any reserve, including information with regard to new material in course of introduction, in service or in the experimental stage, thus complying with the letter and the spirit of the terms of the Armistice Agreement. Giving thereby a sincere collaboration, as called for by the subsequent condition of co-belligerency.

2) In regard to the specific case of the DL Acoustic apparatus for mines, I must state that as notified to Lieut. Commander Rosevere by the Director General of Naval Armaments Lt. General Matteini, on 10th February, these apparatus were abandoned because they proved inefficient when employed in actual practice.

As such they were not even included in the statement of available underwater weapons and apparatus forwarded to the Minister of Marine, a copy of which was handed to Sub. Lieut. Lloyd of the British Navy; nor were they included in the tabulated report of mines; which is the official list of such weapons, a copy of which has also been handed to the Allies.

The fact that the DL Apparatus did not figure in these official documents constitutes the most evident proof of there not being considered any longer as part of the weapons of the Italian Navy. Their omission which is now pointed out does not herefore constitute a violation of the armistice terms. Should the Italian Navy have wished to conceal the existence of such apparatus from the Allied Commission, it is evident that, in the five months that have elapsed they would have had plenty of time to destroy them or have them disappear.

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3) From the above, the basis of which can be verified by your experts in underwater weapons, it appears clear that:-

(a) the apparatus in question do not constitute in any way an efficient form of weapon against Germany, as otherwise the Italian Navy, in view of the state of war existing between Italy and Germany, would have proposed their immediate use;

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FLAG OFFICER LIAISON, ITALY,  
AREA COMBINED HEADQUARTERS,  
TARANTO.

11th February, 1944.

No.T.A. 290/15.

MINISTER OF MARINE,  
MARISTAT, PALAZZO RASTA,  
TARANTO.

DISCOVERY OF ACOUSTIC MINE UNITS.

I have to bring to your notice the recent discovery of a very serious breach of the Armistice Terms, Articles 10 and 11. The circumstances are as follows: -

On January 27th., Engineer Lieutenant Commander Rosevere, Royal Navy, on my staff was visiting the Mining Store at Calza Rossa near Martina Franca. In the course of his inspection he found 130 sealed boxes, one of which was removed for examination. The box was found to contain a complete new type Italian acoustic unit with batteries, microphone and switch. This discovery is of paramount importance in the furtherance of the war against Germany, and unquestionably the existence of these units should have been declared under the terms of the Articles quoted above. The omission to make such a declaration is too serious to be over-looked, particularly as it is probable the Germans have been using the hitherto unknown type of mine against us.

2. I request you will cause a full enquiry to be made into this flagrant breach of the Armistice Terms, and that meanwhile you will take immediate steps to ensure that no other information about naval devices (Article 10) has been withheld, and that the lists forwarded under Article 11 of the Armistice Terms are complete in every particular.

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DISCOVERY OF ACOUSTIC MINE UNITS. *NE*

FROM .... FLAG OFFICER TARANTO AND ADRIATIC.

DATE .... 21st February, 1944.

No. I.A. 290/16.

TO .... COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN STATION.  
(Copy to: Allied Control Commission.)  
Commodore Palmer.

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(SGD) R. MCGRIGOR

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AREA COMBINED HEADQUARTERS,  
TARANTO.

21st February, 1944.

No. T.A. 290/16.

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REAR-ADMIRAL.

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From: Ministry of Marine (Cabinet)  
To: F O L I  
date: 16th February '44.  
Letter No: 132/35

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FLAG OFFICER LIAISON, ITALY,  
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TARANTO.

11th February, 1944.

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MINISTER OF MARINE,  
MARISTAT, PALAZZO RECCA,  
TARANTO.

DISCOVERY OF ACOUSTIC MINE UNITS.

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REAR-ADMIRAL.

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11th. February, 1944.

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\_\_\_\_\_ With reference your 49856. Political repercussions would be deplorable. Sincerely hope you will not change present policy without consulting me further

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