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GERMAN EQUIPMENT
SEPT. 1944 - APR. 1946

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TO : Acting Chief Commissioner

1. The file was seen by me on 4 April. I was holding for further action.
2. The matter is being approached from a different angle i.e., State /
Hirings has been asked for their opinion. An ~~order~~ is expected from them
next week.

Charles W. Walton
CHARLES W. WALTON
Colonel, A.C.
Acting Vice-President
12/4. H.S. 12/4

SR.

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Thank you. D.V. 12/4

April 13, 1946

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83.

Chief Commissioner.

1. I have enquired into your memo at Folio 79.
2. Major WHITE was an officer (B) in Captured Enemy Materials. He has been released since the alleged interview.
3. The requisitions for blankets were signed by an officer of the C.E.M. Branch of APHQ (No.2 District) and not by a member of C.E.M. Branch, Allied Commission. The general authority to release is an Allied Commission authority issued as a result of the (I submit - wrong) ruling by APHQ that these blankets were booty.
4. I have fought this battle to the end and have lost. I do not think there is much advantage to be gained by re-opening the subject. I too have had a great deal of Italian pressure brought to bear on me.

MSL/JG.

94.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

APR 1 1944

F.C.

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*Thank you for
msl*

85.

Col. Walton letter.

MS/44.

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Exc. Thank you
2/4/46

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Col. Walton to me.

MS/44.

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There is no indication that my ^{initial} estimate
of 10 days ago has been carried out
there they?

MS/44.

C. L. O. /

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Wouter van Smaal
Dag Rozendal

to engineer
a infant to cure
concerns

the representative by a Page White in
DEN (see p. 10) material (Blankets?)

the name of the A. C. } bacteria (Gram +)

from the Lanafici Rivetti in Ber-
mo.

- (1) Who is Day White
- (2) What authority has
- (3) When did he
- (4) For what purpose did he

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from the Lanafici Rivetti in Bello.

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11/8/1913

3450

From Sec
to CEM

73.

Pistons longer put in the wrong way for
blankets at Biddle. Can you enable me to
reply

74.

Executive Commissioner.

Reference: Minute 73. Please refer to A.P.M. signal 42583 dated
11 September, 1945, and also A.P.M. signal 47180 dated 5 October, 1945
copies of which are attached.

A.P.M. have clearly stated that these blankets
are Captured Enemy Material, and disposal instructions have been given
by them. Also attached is copy of letter from our Milan Office,
AC. M/CEM/305/132 dated 20 December, 1945. It appears from this that
the work of the manufacturers cannot be taken too seriously. It is
clear from A.P.M. signal 47180 that claims to ownership will be subsequently
settled by Q (43).

20 February, 1946.

14.45

J.A. CAMPBELL,
Lieut-Colonel,
Director,
CEM Branch.

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Reference Minute 70. Please refer to A.P.H. signal PX 42603 dated 11 September, 1945, and also APMQ signal PX 47180 dated 5 October, 1945 copies of which are attached.

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20 February, 1946.

JH.O

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J.A. CAMPBELL,
Lieut-Colonel,
Director,
CEM Branch.

W.H.C.

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Chief Commission 61

Telegram in reference to P 57 submitted

on line agreed verbally.

MS (1212)

Ex. Com.

63. ~~Be sent~~ Chief Commission ^{an} would perhaps like to see
to them ~~in~~ ^{50 12/10.}

~~File~~ 18/10

64 No action here required 55 (12/10)

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65 Please see 66 to info 68 10/11

68

D/Ex. Com.

You have already seen P. 66 and
was free to be discussed with C.C.
Did C.C. wish to take further action?

14/11/7

~~File~~ 10/11

True 18/10

64

No action has occurred 18/10/10

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Please see 66 to who

to 10/11

68

D/Ex'com

You have already seen P 66 on

was five or 2 links discovered with C.C.

Did C.C. wish to take further action?

14/11/7

BF 20/11/10

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Ex'com

P 66 for info

True 20/11

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Specious. MS 2/12/11

True 2/12/11

11/12/10

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LMB S/C

Please see 50. Do you agree that the blankets in question are governed by the instructions quoted in para 2 (b)?

27 Aug 45

M. P. By Sanland

52.

Executive Commissioner.

Ref. Min. 51. The blankets are not, in my opinion, governed by para. 2(b). They were blocked in the first instance because they were considered German property. Further investigation showed that the firm holding the blankets received payment for the raw material from the Germans. The Germans were aware of the existence of these blankets etc., and it is understood that issues which have been made, were made in accordance with para 9(b) of the AFHQ letter quoted at folio 50.

Dr. Campbell
Lt. Col.
WMD Sub-Com.

29 Aug 45.

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bst

Please see memo 37. WMO/SPW have been informed accordingly. However please note folio 35 para 5 - Maj. S.C. Baston is attached to Turin which is in Piemonte Region. WMO/SPW informed us that copy was sent to Piemonte Region but typographical error was cause of confusion from DSI.

bst
24/7/45

Noted

24/7/45

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S/Cano ROBT

Reference of folio 40. I examined this carbon copy today from CC's office. On checking with Chief Clerk, WMO & ILOW SC I ascertained they have the original and are coordinating the action thereon. You may wish to follow up.

21 Aug 45.

BU 24/8 MP.

bst

3057

1/11/45 President,
Economic Committee.

12.

I should be grateful if you would study the minutes of the Conference at Page 11 in order to ensure that you are quite satisfied with the decisions taken particularly in regard to captured transport, finished war materials and civil materials. This is a case where in my opinion civil necessity should have the same priority as military necessity and we must be careful to see that this priority is kept.

MRL
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

14. June 45

10: Executive Commissioner

I have studied the minutes of the conference held 4 June 45, at page 12 and am quite satisfied with the decisions on the subjects referred to in minute 22.

25 June 45

[Signature]
Brigadier General, USA
Acting Vice President
Economic Section

[Signature]
Noted by [Signature] 26/6

36

[Handwritten note:] For info please note files 35 attending & officers of Reg 100 in connection with deployment of war materials in the front.
[Signature] 25/6/45

The Executive Commissioner

I have studied the minutes of the conference held 4 June 46, at 10:00 AM and am quite satisfied with the decisions on the sub items referred to in Minute 36.

25 June 46

[Signature]
 L. D. BOLLING
 Brigadier General, USA
 Acting Vice President
 Economic Section

Noted by OLC
 26/6

36

[Signature] To mgs, please note files 35 attending & approve they are in connection with disposition of our interests in the world.

[Signature]

37

Capt Brundage

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36 noted: but why is humanity (which should be LOYALTY) anyway) included and President excluded in the distribution?

24/6

18.

Mr. Pecker

I took 17 off the float.
 Message Centre sent copy
 these important messages
 to us. For record, Brig
 Anderson was instructed
 by A. today to send John
 up to 17 emphasizing last
 2 para re Stealing and
 emergency. E 4/6

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Capt. Arnold

Latika to C50 re 18 above and
 pointed out that violation of an outgoing
 original is original's responsibility, in the case
 of 14, Gen Sec. C50 would like you

Moulson was instructed
by CC today to send photos
up to 17 comprising last
2 pages re Stealing and
complicity. E 4/6

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CARL ARNOLD

Letter to C-50 re 18 above and
pointed out that distinction of an OUTGOING
original is originality in itself, in the case
of 14, C-50 Sec. C-50 would like you
to bring attention to copy to me to bring
attention of C-50 Sec.

4 June 45

[Signature]
10/14/45

2d

C.O. You & the Comm may be interested in seeing files 20.

[Signature]
9/6/45

C.O. Should files 13 & 14 be sent to you? 2d
as per letter to you & be given to you. 9/6/45 11/6

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

Ref. : ES/5.12
SUBJECT : Blankets at Biella
TO : Lanificio Rivetti S.A.
Via Vittorio Emanuele, No. 10
Biella (Italia)

15 April 1946

APR 16 1946

1. Reference your letter of 12 March 1946 to Admiral Stone.
2. It has been ascertained by this Headquarters that you should file claim for the blankets, removed by the Allied Military Authorities, with the No. 84 Claims & hirings, 22 Corso Matteotti, Milan. That is the proper Military organization to investigate your claim.

(Signed)
W. W. WALTON
Major, A.C.
Acting Vice President
CHARLES W. WALTON
Colonel, A.C.
Acting Vice-President

cc.: GEN Branch
Executive Commissioner
No 2 Claim Commission & Hiring Directorate
AFOS - 551 - GEN
Atten. Capt. Clarke

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CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIALS BRANCH
MILAN OFFICE

at
HQ. LOMBARDIA LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

AC.M/CEM/30.B/1205

20 March 1946

SUBJECT : CEM and Blankets at Rivetti, Biella.

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3. The blankets were required by the Military Authorities and by AMT and AC. for Hospitals and Police etc. for the prevention of disease and unrest.



St. Michael - Carli

D.S. SPRACHAN-AUDAS
Major Gordons

For O.I/c. CEM Milan Office
HQ. Allied Commission

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HQ. Allied Commission

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DSSA/Cr.

See attached Memo

on re. Hancock

Milano, 20 March 5

MEMO:

BLANKETS

Lanificio Rivetti and other blanket mills:

1. Blankets were declared by Rivetti under terms of Regional Order No. 5 A.A.C.
2. Germany Army ordered blankets but did not supply either raw material or pay any deposit, according to manufacturers' statements.
3. C.E.M. Oftr. Piemonte, Maj. B. G. Baston, visited mills and classified the blankets as C.E.M. on basis of ARHQ Directive As 386.3 3(A3) of 2nd October 1945 and previous directive of 15 June 1944.
4. Baston's classification was supported by C.E.M. Milan and approved by C.E.M. Rome.
5. No. 2 District drew large quantities as well as A.A.C. for Hospitals and Police in furtherance of disease and arrest policy. Released authorization by C.E.M. Oftr. then C/c Milan Office (Major L.S. Drew).
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

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20 March 1946.

MEMORANDUM TO: Executive Commissioner,

Herewith the papers on the Stella blankets.

I am prepared to reopen this question with AFHQ but I do object to the alleged type of treatment being given to anyone by Major White and should be grateful if you would go into this matter.

My own reaction is that there must be some fire where there is so much smoke.

Wiley W. Stone

WILEY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

13. -- Major White may be (Major) I. V. A. White, formerly Director of the Milan Office of the Commerce S/C.

As return encls.

See in 80-83-85 3311
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LANIFICI RIVETTI A.

STABILIMENTO DI BIELLA & VIGLIANO BIELLESE
AMMINISTRAZIONE IN BIELLA

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BIELLA ITALIA

STABILIMENTO DI BIELLA & VIGLIANO BIELLESE
AMMINISTRAZIONE IN BIELLA

INTERVIEW WITH MAJOR WHITE
OF THE ALLIED MILITARY
COMMISSION

Milan 14 February 1946

He received me very coldly. He became still colder when heard what I came for.

He told me he was fully informed about the case concerning the blankets in the Biella district, having personally discussed the matter with General Grey in several meetings.

To my questions he replied definitely that the Superior Allied Authorities (Admiral Stone) had confirmed the war provision of the Allied Military Forces according to which all the goods ordered by the Germans are considered war booty.

So the matter was settled. In every respect the blankets taken are legally war booty.

Nothing else could be done about it with the Allies.

When I observed that it wasn't right that only the wool manufacturers, and of these only the Piemont ones, have to support so heavy a loss, the Major lost control of himself and addressed me furiously, almost insultingly.

He said:

"We have taken 200,000 blankets because we needed them; and we could have taken 400,000 or 500,000 and even the whole damn 800,000!"

We could have taken even all the goods for civilian use if it was necessary. Just as we could have taken - and certainly not unduly - everything we found in your factories!

I am tired of this nonsense!

You Biella manufacturers are simply disgusting!

You are the most selfish category I ever met!

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You should be ashamed! You co-operated with the Germans more than was necessary and many of you entertained the Nazis, while the American soldiers died by the thousands to free your Country!

I have seen your soldiers in the trenches and in the snow, without shoes, without blankets, with their uniforms of rotten cloth, because you have always speculated and manufactured rotten stuff!

P.T.O.

LANIFICI RIVETTI A.

SEDE IN MILANO

STABILIMENTI IN BIELLA E VIGLIANO BIELLESE
AMMINISTRAZIONE IN BIELLA

V. P. L. E. MILANO ITALIA
S. P. L. E. BIELLA ITALIA

UNIQUE MARKER - UNIQUE MARKER
UNIQUE MARKER - UNIQUE MARKER

BIELLA ITALIA

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After this he went on with expressions of a political nature, absolutely improper, always using a very caustic language. (It is better to say nothing about it).

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Ref: 413/78/EC.

7 March 1946.

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I have made exhaustive enquiries into the subject
of your memorandum of 15th February. I fear it has been
ruled without doubt that the blankets were booty.

Signor Alfredo Pizzoni,
Presidenza,
Credito Italiano,
MILANO.

MS LUSH

HEI/JC.

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CEM BRANCH - ALLIED COMMISSION
at
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOMBARDIA REGION
APO 394
Office of the Economic Commission for North Italy

AC-1/CEM/305/132

20 Dec. 1945

SUBJECT: Blankets

TO : Economic Section A.C. H.Q.
for attention CEM Branch

Enclosed please find translation of a letter
dated 7 Dec from Cerruti & Perolo.

For your information we have received in this
office a total of 5 such letters from Blanket manufacturers,
all practically word for word, and obviously the result
of collaboration.

No action has been taken by this Office.

It has been made abundantly clear on many occa-
sions both to ARAG/URMIP and the Assoc. Laniera that the
blankets are in fact CEM.

I.S. DREW
Major R.A.
CEM Branch
for the Economic Commis-
sioner

Enc translation
by

See M. 74

COPY

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM : A.F.H.Q. (SIGNED SIGNED CITE PHQAE

DATE/TIME

TO : DISTRO

110000B

INFO : MIA

REF : F442583

RESTRICTED

UNDERSHOOT QUANTITY APPROXIMATELY 500000 BLANKETS AT VERCELLI
(.) STATUS THESE BLANKETS IS THAT OF CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIAL (.)
SHOULD BE DISPOSED OF IN ACCORDANCE FOLLOWING PRIORITIES FIRST
SURRENDERED ARMY PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS SECOND MIA THIRD AG (.)
SUGGEST QUANTITY 300000 PROZEN FOR SURRENDERED ARMY PERSONNEL
TO COVER FORESEEN REQUIREMENTS COMING WINTER (.)

COPY

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FX 47180
OCT 041245A

G/41
OCT 050900
PRIORITY

Q(AM) OMF (AFHQ)

DISTWO INFO ALCON HQ BTA FOR AMG MMIA ACABRIT VIENNA

RESTRICTED.

Subject is blankets at BIELLA factory VINCENZI.

1. Theatre shortage of blankets makes it essential that all available be used immediately irrespective of varying claims to ownership.

2. All blankets at BIELLA factory VINCENZI will be disposed in accordance with our FX 42583 of 11th September except that 100,000 blankets from those allocated under two for MMIA will be sent forthwith to Allied Military Government officer VILLACH AMBRIA to assist relief displaced persons.

3. The varying claims to ownership must through necessity be settled subsequently.

4. The detailed arrangements for movement will be arranged mutually between DISTWO and AMG BTA. Please inform this Headquarters when transfer complete.

5. Priority for disposal now as follows:

- A. 200000 for surrendered enemy personnel
- B. 100000 for AMG VILLACH
- C. MMIA
- D. AC

INFO-ACTION
INFO

DIST

DISPER SC
CHIEF COMMISSIONER
ECON SEC 2
COMB BRG
FILE 2
FLOAT

MC/NOTE:

MMIA received copy direct.

CREDITO ITALIANO
PRESIDENZA

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my dear Buzzard,
Excuse me if I include
a memorandum about
the primary Biller
Blankety, which will
perhaps urge you to
dispute the matter
with Pappa -

Please accept my thanks
and believe me yours
very faithfully, Fred [unclear]

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MEMORANDUM

During May 1944 the Germans ordered formally and peremptorily to the Italian woolen manufacturers to make one million blankets to cover their needs.

The delivery was to be effected within a very short period against payment.

Before completion of the order the Germans didn't make any payment on account, nor did they supply any raw material.

It was found necessary to have a plan prepared by the Associazione Isidiera for the allotment amongst the various manufacturers according to the material at their disposal and of that which they could obtain from Italian government sources entrusted by law with the task of collecting the various kinds of textile fibers.

The Italian manufacturers at a grave personal risk tried in every possible way to wreck the plan of the Germans and succeeded in delivering the greatest part of the blankets (over 800,000) which were saved.

The blankets were earmarked for distribution to the civilian population in accordance with the instructions of the Italian government. It was then that the Allied Command decided to take them over considering such blankets as war prize.

This procedure however doesn't appear justified considering that the goods were exclusively Italian property and saved from the Germans at great risks. In fact had the Italian manufacturers complied with the German order they would have received payment thereof avoiding serious troubles.

Now in spite of their patriotic deeds, in line with the Allied action, the abovementioned industrialists are considered collaborators of the Germans while their properties, defined German property, in as such confiscated.

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The fairness of Allied Justice cannot persist in the application of a war law which does not concern those Italians who acted according to the instructions of the Allied military missions operating in enemy ^{occupied} territory.

It is therefore hoped that the Allied Command, after ^{approval} refusal of all documentary evidence submitted by the Italian woollen manufacturers, will declare that the goods in question are not to be considered as prize of war and treated accordingly, that is to say that the said blankets are Italian property requisitioned by the Allies for which refund is provided in conformity with the law.

Rome; February 13, 1946.

Pietro Longhi

EX 51875
NOV 5/1534A

C 2912
NOV 5/1800A

AFHQ

NOV 10 1945

ACTION : ALCOM

INFO: MMIA

RESTRICTED.

Q(AE) CMP. Subject is blankets at BEREA. Your 7098 of 13 October refers.

1. Under definition contained in para 5 of your AG 386.3 Q (AE)-O dated 2 October blankets are unquestionably captured material. As such they are to be used firstly to satisfy the military requirements of SACMED. These requirements include equipment of surrendered personnel maintenance of displaced persons and equipping of Italian Army.

2. There is a global shortage of blankets and this theatre in particular has large deficiency. Essential therefore all possible blankets employed to meet military requirements.

3. For above reasons intend distribution indicated in our EX 47180 of 4 Oct shall stand.

4. MMIA indicate that all remaining balance of 200/000, are urgently required by them for equipping Italian Army during coming winter. Considered very necessary that new Italian Army be equipped as well as possible to help in building up morale if army is to be of value in its intended internal security role. If however MMIA after investigation are able relinquish claim to part of their allocation that part could be made available to Italian Government.

5. Para 5 of EX 47180 established a priority. Action of MMIA in requesting allocation remaining balance to them not considered contrary to policy therefore Para 5 your signal refers.

*Ans Sample
are being taken*

See M 673682970
PA

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CONTINUATION PAGE 2

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6. Your para 2 refers.

A All salvaged blankets already in use.

B UNRRA unable supply blankets for considerable time. DP's requirement immediate and must be accepted military commitment.

C If AMG AUSTRIA obtain blankets from other sources these already on route to AUSTRIA can be replaced.

7. For MEDIA. Your Q 643 of 16 refers. Co-ord with CAO GSD G-4 (A)

62.

DIST

Action : WMD SC (2)

Info : Chief Comm
Econ Sec (2)
Land Forces SC
File (2)
Plout

3981

413
INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 643

Message Centre No: G/1294

Date/Time of Origin: OCT 16 NPT

Date Time Rec'd: OCT 17 1530A

FROM: MMIA

Precedence: ROUTINE

TO: AFHQ COPY TO HQ ALCOM

OCT 18 1945

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Ref ALCOM signal 708 subject BIELLA blankets.

1. Basis of MMIA request for remainder of blankets not allocated by you to PCW and AUSTRIA is that Italian Army claims all raw material for all blankets was stolen from Italian Army depots by Germans therefore completed blankets not desired by AFHQ should be returned to Italian Army.

2. Factory owners admit some 165,000 blankets paid for by Germans. Of these some 22,000 have already been disposed of by AG/AMG.

3. Balance of 519,000 factory owner claims not paid for but admits raw material furnished by Germans.

4. CC RR have been furnished with either new U S comforters or regular Italian Army blankets according to scale.

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13 OCTOBER 1945

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REFERENCE QUEN PAREN ABLE EARLY PAREN CHARLIE MIKE FOX SIGNAL FOX XRAY
FOUR SEVEN ONE EIGHT ZERO OF OCTOBER FIFTH PD

PAREN TO AFHQ FOR CHIEF OF STAFF AND GEORGE FIVE FOR INFO FROM HQ ALCOM

SIGNED BY
BETH-AGENCY, PAREN

PARA ONE PD WHILE NOT WISHING TO APPEAR PAROCHIAL NOR EMBARK ON FURTHER
ARGUMENTS ON THE TITLE TO THE BLANKETS I MUST BRING THE FOLLOWING TO YOUR
NOTICE PD

PARA ABLE PD ITALY NO LESS THAN THE REST OF EUROPE HAS TO FACE A WINTER
SHORT OF FUEL PD CLOTHING CMA INCLUDING BLANKETS CMA ARE CRITICALLY IN
SHORT SUPPLY PD

PARA BAKER PD IT IS ALLIED POLICY AND ONE WHICH ITALIAN GOVERNMENT OPENLY
SUPPORT THAT THE COUNTRY SHOULD EQUIP ITSELF SO FAR AS IS POSSIBLE FROM ITS
OWN RESOURCES PD

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GERMANS WERE MANUFACTURED FROM ITALIAN WOOL BY ITALIAN WORKMEN IN AN ITALIAN
FACTORY PD NOT HAVING BEEN PAID FOR PRODUCTION BY THE GERMANS CMA THE

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13 OCTOBER 1945

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FOUR SEVEN ONE EIGHT ZERO OF OCTOBER FIFTH PD

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~~CATER-ACROSS~~ PAREN

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ITALIAN FACTORY OWNER REGARDS THEM AS ITALIAN PROPERTY PD
PARA DOG PD THE DISPOSAL OF MORE THAN HALF THESE NEW BLANKETS PAREN ONE
PAREN TO GERMAN SURRENDERED PERSONNEL PAREN TWO PAREN TO DISPLACED PERSONS
IN AUSTRIA OF WHOM ONLY A SMALL FRACTION ARE PROBABLY ITALIAN SEEMS TO ME
POLITICALLY UNWISE PD IT WILL CAUSE JUSTIFIABLE RESENTMENT AMONG THE ITALIAN
GOVERNMENT WHO WILL SOON BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DISEASE AND UNREST IN THE NORTH AND
TO THE ITALIAN PEOPLE WHO WILL SUFFER FROM THOSE EVILS PD
PARA EASY PD FROM THE CIVILIANS POINT OF VIEW THE MATTER IS MADE WORSE BY
INFORMATION GIVEN TO ME BY MELIA THAT THEY HAVE ASKED DISTWO TO ALLOT TO THE
ITALIAN ARMY THE REMAINING TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND PD THE ITALIAN CIVILIAN
WILL THEREFORE OBTAIN NONE PD PAREN INCIDENTALLY THIS ACTION TAKEN WITHOUT
CONSULTATION WITH ME APPEARS CONTRARY TO POLICY LAID DOWN IN PARA FIVE OF
YOUR TELEGRAM PAREN PD
PARA TWO PD I WOULD URGE IMMEDIATE RECONSIDERATION OF THIS ALLOCATION
REMEMBERING ^{THE ORIGIN OF} THIS MATERIAL PD
PARA ABLE PD THE GCHQ HAVE HAD TO RELY HITHERTO ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY ON
SALVAGED BLANKETS PD CANNOT GERMAN SURRENDERED PERSONNEL NOW BE FURNISHED

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FROM THAT SOURCE QUERY

PARA BAKER PD UNRRA IS OPERATING WITH DISPLACED PERSONS IN AUSTRIA BUT NOT
IN NORTH ITALY PD CAN THEY NOT PROVIDE BLANKETS QUERY

PARA CHARLIE PD CAN THE BLANKETS ALREADY EN ROUTE FOR AUSTRIA BE REPLACED IN
DUE COURSE WHEN AND AUSTRIA HAVE OBTAINED FURTHER SUPPLIES FROM OTHER SOURCES PD
PARA DOG PD MAY A DEFINITE ALLOCATION OF THE BALANCE REMAINING AFTER FIVE ABLE
AND BAKER HAVE BEEN DISPOSED OF BE MADE AS BETWEEN FIVE CHARLIE AND DOG OF YOUR
TELEGRAM IN ORDER THAT THE ITALIAN CIVILIAN POPULATION MAY HAVE SOME SHARE OF
A WINDFALL IN THE LIBERATION OF WHICH A SMALL NUMBER AT ANY RATE AS PARTIGIANI
TOOK A NOT UNIMPORTANT PART PD

c.c. Keen SEC (2)
C.A. SEC
(FOR DFR SEC)
LAND Forces SEC (M.A)

Executive Commissioner

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/s/ F.H. McCune

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From: (X) (X) (X) (X) (X) (X)

TO: DISTAC INFO ALCON, HQ BTA, FOR AGO, BETA, ACQUISIT VIENNA

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Subject is blankets at BIELLA factory VERONA.

1. The acute shortage of blankets makes it essential that all available be used immediately irrespective of varying claims to ownership.
2. All blankets at BIELLA factory VERONA will be disposed in accordance with our EX 42882 of 11th September except that 100000 blankets from those allocated under two for BIELLA will be sent forthwith to Allied Military Government officer VILLACH AUSTRIA to assist relief displaced persons.
3. The varying claims to ownership must through necessity be settled subsequently.
4. The detailed arrangements for movement will be arranged mutually between DISTAC and AGO BTA. Please inform this Headquarters when transfer complete.
5. Priority for disposal now as follows:
 - A. 200000 for surrendered enemy personnel
 - B. 100000 for AGO VILLACH
 - C. BIELLA
 - D. AG

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R/C Note: BIELLA received copy direct.

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Land Forces Commission A.C.
M.E.

11/2/4

11 October 1945

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To:-

Ministry of War.

1. This Headquarters letter 9/95 of 7 July 1945, subject "Ammunition Pumps" is hereby cancelled and the instructions contained in this letter are substituted therefor.
2. Allied Forces Headquarters has directed the destruction, by exploding in situ or immersion in water of 50 fathoms depth or more, of all enemy mines, grenades, detonators and initiators, explosives, small arm ammunition and ammunition of 20 mm calibre or below. Until destroyed, enemy material of this nature will continue to be a great responsibility of the Allied Command in whose area it is located.
3. The location and quantities of all enemy ammunition, larger than 20 mm calibre will be made known to the Italian Government by the Allied Command in whose area the material is located, through the Allied Commission. The Italian Government will then become totally responsible for the ammunition and will make the necessary arrangements with civilian firms for the breaking down of the ammunition into its component parts. The Italian Government will give assurance that the resultant raw material will not be used for the production of further armaments. When the Italian Government has been advised of the location and quantity of dumps of ammunition larger than 20 mm calibre, the Italian Government will be responsible for the safeguarding of the ammunition until its final disposal. Allied responsibility for safeguarding such ammunition will cease from the time that satisfactory arrangements have been made to that effect.
4. The Italian Army may continue to destroy small quantities of loose ammunition of whatever calibre which constitute a hazard to life or property.
5. These instructions do not apply to the Venezia-Giulia region where the local Allied Military Government will continue to be responsible for the safeguarding and disposal of ammunition in the area under its command.
6. Recaptured ammunition of Italian origin which is not required for military purposes by the Allied Command in whose area it is located will be turned over immediately to the Italian military authorities for maintenance of the Italian Forces within the authorized ceiling. The channel of transmission in material of Italian Ground Force origin which is to be returned to the Italian Army authorities will be the Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C. (M.H.I.A.).
7. The disposal of Chemical Warfare Toxic ammunition and of vehicles and other equipment will be the subject of separate instructions.

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COPY to:-
 All M.N.I.A. L.Os.
 Public Safety Sub Commission A.C.
 MID & IFV Sub Commission A.C.
 Industry Sub Commission A.C.
 R.O. A.C. (6)
 Army (10) - Reference AG.386.3 Q(AE)-0 of 2 October 1945.

10 P. 1000
Major General,
E. H. I. A.
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ROUTINE

From: SIGNED ALEXANDER CITY PHONE
TO: ALL MAT ADDRESSES INFO A/COP HOME

SEP 13 1945

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This is MAT 306.

May we have a reply to MAT 362 in view of pending transfers of war booty to Italian Government.

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Ref: 413/20

13 September 1945

SUBJECT: Blankets in Biella Factory, Vercelli

TO : VP, Economic Section

I am directed to forward the enclosed letter Q/12/1 dated 13 September 45 and accompanying papers from Land Forces Subcommittee to the Chief Commissioner for early report.

P. R. RUSSELL

Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

1 Incl:
as above

Copy to: Land Forces S/c

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Tel: 735

Ref: 43/53/80.

31 August 1945.

SUBJECT: Blankets in Biella Factory, Vercelli.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission (LOCA). 50

1. Reference your 4/12/1 dated 23 August 45.
2. It is understood that further investigation into this matter showed that the raw materials for the blankets in question were paid for by the Germans, and that they are therefore considered to fall under para 9 (b) of AFM, letter AG 386.3/163/ LOG-O dated 22 June 45.
3. You are requested to state whether you hold any evidence to the contrary.

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M. PROBY

✓ Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: War Material Disposal Sub-Commission.

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10/10/45

Subject: Blankets in Biella Factory, Vercelli

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AG (MMA)
Rome
8/18/45

23 August 1945

To : Headquarters ALCOM for Chief Commissioner

1. Inviting attention to four attached copies of letters with reference to 519,076 blankets in the Biella Factory, Vercelli (Turin), which are undoubtedly "captured enemy material" as defined in Par 3a of AFHQ letter file AG 386.3/163 LOG-8, Subject: "Disposition of Captured Enemy Material in Italy", dated 22 June 1945, which letter evidently supersedes any AC/AMG proclamations or orders (as mentioned in Incl 1) which are contrary therewith.

2. The above cited AFHQ letter provides:

a. In Par 4b, the responsibility for safeguarding and control of "captured enemy material" rests with the District Commander.

b. In Par 9a, that recaptured material of Italian military origin, not required for military purposes including maintenance of POW will be turned over immediately to the Italian military authorities or reported to AFHQ and disposal instructions awaited. (This is to be done by the District Commander in this case.)

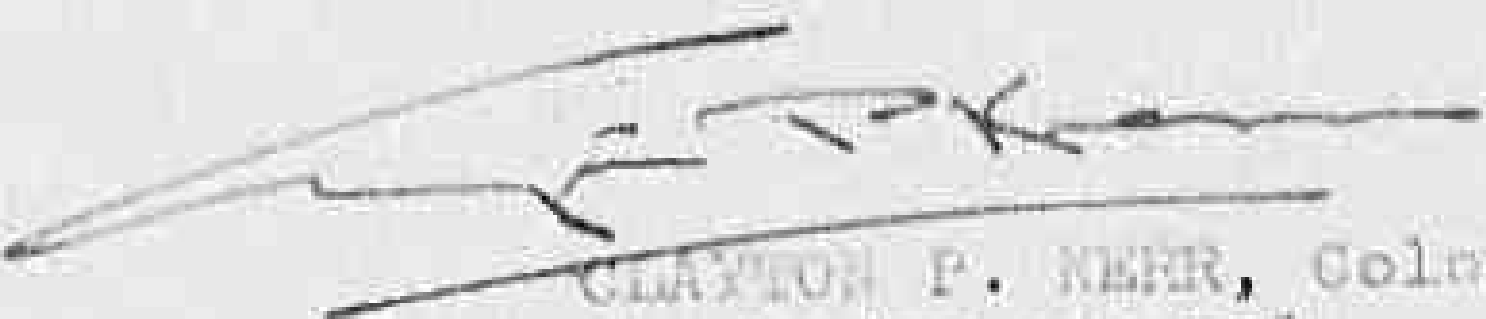
c. In Par 9k, that captured material, not required for military purposes, which is apparently of civilian character and Italian origin, will be turned over to AC or AMG.

3. a. In the cited AFHQ letter no authority can be found for the seizing, blocking, allocation or disposal by AC/AMG of any "captured enemy material" except that turned over under Par 9k, cited above. It must therefore be presumed that the blocking by AC/AMG of this material (which is "captured enemy material" of "Italian military origin", see Incl 3) is without authority, and unwarranted.

b. The cited AFHQ letter is clear in connection with "captured materials of Italian military origin".

c. The MMIA LO on the spot requested the AC/AMG authorities not to dispose of any of this material until the question of ownership had been fully determined. Notwithstanding, information has been received that AC/AMG officers are disposing of a part of this material to civilians or civilian agencies, prior to any determination by the proper authority (District Commander or AFHQ).

4. It is therefore requested that instructions be issued forthwith to the AC/AMG officers concerned to (1) have all material disposed of by them returned to the factory, and (2) to remove the so-called "block" on this material, in order that the provisions of the cited AFHQ letter can be carried out.


CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel
For Major General
Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)

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4 Incls:

- Incl 1 - Ltr, Commerce Officer, 17 Jul 45
- Incl 2 - Ltr, Milan Office, ALCOM, 20 Jul 45
- Incl 3 - Ltr, Regional Commerce Officer, 20 Jul 45
- Incl 4 - Ltr, Regional Commerce Officer, 24 Jul 45

cc: AFHQ for Q/AS
AFHQ for QM
GOC, 2 District
LO - NW Italy
LO - Turin

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Réf: VEC/COM/6

8th July 1945

Ref: Yours PR/CO/4 dated July 13th on
Subject: BLANKETS in Biella.

To REGIONAL COMMISSIONER
COMMERCE DIVISION
Att: Lt.Col. Reiter

1. As reported in the monthly Report for July, a copy of which was sent to your office, it was stated that 519 076 Blankets were available in Biella district, presumed to belong to the German Army or the ex-Republican Government. The number in stock

in warehouses is	352 935
in factories is	166 141
	519 076

The weight per blanket is 1,750 kg and the total weight of the 519076 blankets is 908 383 kgs.

2. As stated in our report we do not know the actual ownership or to whom they have assigned. This point was raised at the Meeting at Milan of Commerce Officers on July 10th in which Lt.Col.Reiter was present. The question was put by Capt.Turner to Lt.Col.Crump as to what was to happen to all this confiscated material and special reference was made about the very complicated method of dealing with the waste as mentioned in this R.O. Report for July. Lt.Col.Crump's reply was that according to proclamation N° 5, of which Lt.Col.Reiter was given a copy, new Italian organization URMIT (Unione Ricupero Materiali Impianti Tedeschi) was being formed which deals with and takes care of all ex Italian Republican property and they alone would be responsible for ascertaining the actual ownership of the various quantities, to whom these various quantities are assigned and the checking of all records in the factories.

3. Capt.Turner also pointed out to Lt.Col.Crump at this Meeting that 12 000 Blankets and 500 Pullovers had been loaned to the hospitals to prevent disease and unrest. Lt.Col.Crump's reply was that, if they prevented disease and unrest, it was quite a proper and right procedure, but it should be pointed out to the hospitals in question that the Blankets were on loan and if any were lost, they will have to be accounted for by payment to this new Italian organization URMIT.

4. Lt.Col.Reiter rang up Biella on July 17th requesting that all ex Republican and German property in the form of Blankets etc must be blocked pending the arrival of representatives of the WAR DISPOSAL SUBCOMMISSION.

Enclosed please find list of Blankets and Pullovers already withdrawn.

For Provincial Commissioner
J.R.B.Turner
Capt.R.A.Commerce Officer

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PMR/cd

Turin, 18 July 1945

Ref: PR/CO/40

SUBJECT : Blankets

TO : Regional Welfare Officer, Lt. Col. Charles J. Birt.

1. Reference your Memo, no date, RP/W/364.
2. Talked to Capt. McDonald of M.M.I.A. who informs that the 500,000 blankets in Vercelli, are of property of the Italian Army and are supposed to be picked up by them.
3. The Captain states that any officer desiring M.M.I.A. property will request their Sub Commission (Your case PR A W at HQ AC, Rome) to make their request from Land Forces Sub Commission for release. This release will be honored locally.

(Signed)

by order: F.M. REITER
Lt. Colonel, CWS.,
Regional Commerce Officer

Copy to:

Land Forces Sub Commission - Hq AC.
Commerce Sub Commission - Hq AC.
M.M.I.A. c/o HQ 151 Sub Area.
Provincial Commerce Officer, Vercelli

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PLAN OFFICE - ALLIED COMMISSION
APC 394
COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION

LVRW/PZ

Ref. AG/5065/Commerce
Tel. 12622
Ext. 007

20 July 1945

Subject: Blankets

TO : H.Q. - A.M.G. - Piedmont Region
Commerce Division, Lt.Col. Reiter

1. Reference your PR/CO/40 of 13 July addressed to Provincial Commissioner, Vercelli; subject 500,000 blankets available in that area.
2. It is requested that further instruction be forwarded to this office on this matter particularly as to why and how MMIA became interested in this matter.
3. Further it must be pointed out that if this stock proves to be in existence the blankets should be distributed in accordance with the "Plan for the Control of the Manufacture and Sale of Industrial Products of Northern Italy" set forth in the Chief Commissioner's letter 1.00 ES of 9 July 1945. In other words the appropriate committee of the North Italy Industrial Council.

By the order of the Deputy Executive Commissioner

L. V. R. WHITE
Director, Milan Office
Commerce Sub-Commission

FVR/mm

Turin 20 July 1945

PR/CO/32

SUBJECT: Salvage of Italian Army Blankets

TO : Commerce Sub-Commission, Hq-AC

1. Attached is copy of memo from Capt. Turner, Commerce Officer of Vercelli Province, Piedmont Region, forwarded to Hq-AC for disposition by either War Disposal S/C or Land Forces S/C, so that Capt. Turner can release these blankets to the proper people for proper payment and credit.

2. It appears that these blankets, as well as a large quantity of yarns not reported in Capt. Turner's letter are available to either of these two agencies, but if they were captured by our troops as enemy property our governments should get credit with the execution of Receiving Reports signed for our Supply Accountant by the receiving bodies.

3. Memo. AG 386.3/163 LOG-C dated 22 June 1945 is conflicting in that this property must be reported to AFHQ through the War Disposal S/C although par. 9 C permits release directly to MMIA for Italian Army maintenance.

4. It is recommended that these materials be released to MMIA at once and that the local Italian Military Officer be instructed to sign the proper Receiving Reports therefor. We can then remove the block and free the material for use.

5. Please consider this matter urgent so that repeated requests for release of these blankets to hospitals, etc., can be properly taken care of by channeling through MMIA or as ordered by Hq-AC.

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6. Piedmonts Region has not instituted an U R M I T organization as these materials are under control of Army Salvage, and that the Armies have objected to AMG handling salvage. It is understood that it is planned to turn this salvage over to AMG soon; at which time, salvage organizations under the Italian government "Ricuperi" organization can be instituted under direction of Hq-AC.

For the Regional Commissioner.

/s/ F. M. Reiter
F. M. REITER, CWS
Regional Commerce Officer.

Incl. Memo. as per par. 1.

Copy to:
Commerce Officer, Vercelli
War Disposal S/C, Hq-AC
Land Forces S/C (MMIA), Hq-AC

GIACENZE AI MAGAZZINI GENERALE

Farsetti e maglia	N°	8.032
CAMICIE MILITARI	"	4.007
Coperte da campo	"	151.421
Filato vario	Kg.	3.561-
Borse tattiche	n°	1.700
Pullover	"	500

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Turin, 24 July 1945

PR/CO/40

SUBJECT: Blankets at Biella - M.M.I.A.
TO: Milan Office - Allied Commission
Commerce Sub-Commission
(Attention: Mr. L.V.R. WHITE)

1. Reference: your letter AC/5065/Commerce dated 20 July and our PR/CO/40 dated 13 July.
2. Attached is copy of memo from M.M.I.A. Liaison Officer, Turin, indicating that M.M.I.A. has priority ownership of these materials, unless they can be declared as captured enemy material in which case they would come under the War Material Disposal Sub-Commission.
3. Therefore the distribution of these items will not be placed in the hands of the appropriate Committee of the Northern Italy Council until after release by M.M.I.A. and the War Material Disposal Sub-Commission.
4. We are maintaining the block on these materials awaiting final solution from HQ-AC.

FRED M. REITER
Lt. Colonel, CWS
Regional Commerce Officer

Incl: Copy memo M.M.I.A.

Copy to:

M.M.I.A.-L.O. Turin (151 Area)
Commerce Sub-Commission - HQ-AC
Provincial Commerce Officer, Vercelli

NOTE

The enclosure sent with original letter was a copy of my TUR/11/Q dated 20 Jul 45 to HQ AMG Piedmont, copy to you

Capt
Liaison Officer

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AG 386.3/097 (AR)-0

2 August 1945

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SUBJECT: Captured Enemy Equipment

TO: Chief Commissioner
 Allied Commission
 PO 734

1. Attached as Appendix "A" is a press notice published in "IL GIORNALE DELLA VENEZIA" 3 July 1945 and "CORRIERE PADOVANO" 3 July 1945 by the Prefettura. At Appendix "B" is a copy of an order published in the "CORRIERE PADOVANO" on 9 June 1945 by the Corporation for Industrial Rebuilding, MILAN. Many such conflicting orders are in existence.

2. It has also been brought to the notice of this headquarters that Territorial Recovery Missions acting on behalf of the Italian Government with authority of MMIA, Navy Sub-Commission, and Air Force Sub-Commission, are offering rewards for materials handed in.

3. It is requested that orders be issued at the earliest moment to ensure that

a. A standard procedure is followed by civilians, in reporting and handing in all captured enemy equipment.

b. All contrary instructions are cancelled.

c. No rewards are offered but penalties imposed for non compliance.

d. Material so recovered will be reported to this headquarters through normal channels.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

R. A. STUCKY
 Captain, AGD

R. A. STUCKY
 Captain, AGD
 Asst Adjutant General

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 As stated

copies furnished

CEM Section No. 1 Dist, CEM Section No. 2 Dist, CEM Section, BT
 Army Sub-Commission (MMIA), Fifth Army, PBS

(See memo)

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ROUTINE

SIGNED ALEXANDER CIDE PHGEG
ALL MAT ADDRESSED INFO HQ ALCON

AUG 7 1945

THIS IS MAT 862

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Instruction is requested on financial treatment of war booty. Large quantities of war booty have been taken from Germans in north ITALY. Much of this consists of war materials and civilian supplies of Italian origin purchased or requisitioned by Germans for transfer to GERMANY. Also stocks of German materials and materials from other countries. Must be appreciated that not always be possible to determine origin. Much of this booty not required by armed forces and not identified as being of Allied origin is being released to Italian Government against receipts which are collected and retained by AC. In view of original Italian ownership in many cases and other political considerations, and ITALY'S inability to pay in foreign exchange, recommended that no charge be made.

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EXECUTIVE COMMISSION

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR SUB COMMISSION

WD/24/44

26 June 1945

JUN 27 1945

SUBJECT: Attachment of WD Sub-Commission technical officers to Regional Headquarters.

REFERENCE:

1. As a result of the surrender of the German Armed Forces in N. ITALY large quantities of enemy war material have been uncovered. The responsibility for categorizing and disposing of such material rests with the Commanders of the Division in the field, who should take the necessary action as laid down in (a) AMHQ AC 306.5/163 LOGC.O dated 22 Apr 45 (b) AMHQ AC 306.55/156 R.C. dated 31 May 45. Copies of the above directives are shown at Appendices A and B.

2. However, once surrendered enemy war material has been classified and dispositions made into the various categories, the balance of captured enemy war material will then be recovered and in many instances be disposed of to the Italian Government and various other agencies in Italy.

3. Two tasks are being carried out by the Allied Commission:-

- (a) recovery and disposal of salvaged enemy war materials in conjunction with British and American Army Salvage Units.
- (b) Disposal of all army salvage not required by the Allied armies.

4. To assist Regions and Provinces in carrying out these tasks it is intended to attach Technical Officers from the War Material Sub-Commission to Regional Hqs. These officers will work directly under the orders of the Regional Commanding Officer, but will have direct approach to the Director of WD Sub-Commission, in all technical matters concerning captured enemy war materials.

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5. The following officers will therefore be attached to Regional Headquarters -

Major E. B. HERRMAN (WDG3) to Regional HQ GENOVA

large quantities of enemy war materiel have been uncovered. The responsibility for categorizing and disposing of such materiel rests with the Commanders of the Divisions in the field, who should take the necessary action as laid down in (a) LHM 40 386.5/163 LHM 50 dated 22 Mar 45 (b) LHM/SA 204-00.93/156 D.C. dated 31 Mar 45. Copies of the above directives are shown at Appendices A and B.

2. However, since surrendered enemy war materiel has been classified and dispositions made into the various categories, the balance of captured enemy war materiel will then be recovered and in many instances be disposed of to the Italian Government and various other agencies in Italy.

3. Two tasks are being carried out by the Allied Commission:-

- (a) recovery and disposal of salvaged enemy war materiel in co-
junction with British and American Army Salvage Units.
- (b) Disposal of all enemy salvage not required by the Allied armies.

4. To assist Regions and Provinces in carrying out these tasks it is intended to attach Technical Officers from the War Materiel Sub-Commission to Regional HQs. These officers will work directly under the orders of the Regional Commissioners, but will have direct access to the Director of WD Sub-Commission, in all technical matters concerning captured enemy war materiel.

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5. The following officers will therefore be attached to Regional Headquarters -

Major B. R. HETTER (DADOS) to Regional HQ CENOVA

Major L. DREW (GSO II Tech RA) to Regional HQ PAVIA

Major D. C. BARTON (DAME) to Regional HQ TURIN

Capt. R. E. HALL (Staff Capt RME) to Regional HQ BOLOGNA

Regional HQ will make the necessary arrangements for accommodation, transport etc. War Materiel Disposal Sub-Commission will arrange movement of these officers to the various Regional HQs and will signal end of these officers.

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APPENDIX VII

HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

AG 400.93/156 D-0

31 May 1945

SUBJECT: Captured and surrendered Enemy Material Policy,
AFHQ-MTOUSA

TO: Commanding General
Fifth Army
APO 464

1. Captured and surrendered enemy material is considered in the same category by AFHQ-MTOUSA.

2. The established AFHQ-MTOUSA policies are clear and may be broadly summarized regarding enemy materials which are not required to be destroyed as dangerous. Subject only to prior fulfillment of intelligence and research requirements, the Army Commander is authorized and expected to make the maximum use of all enemy material falling into his hands to accomplish his mission. All other requirements are lower in priority than those of the Army Commander, who is, in respect to dealing with captured enemy material. Material excess to Fifth Army needs will be disposed of as instructed by this headquarters. The policies for disposal of CEM as mentioned above are applicable to Fifth Army in the following manner:

a. Subject only to the prior satisfaction of intelligence and research, Fifth Army requirements come first for the use of captured enemy materials to meet any emergency, to fill T/E shortages, for the accomplishment of all assigned missions including essential civil requirements and the support of surrendered enemy forces.

b. Such captured enemy material as is excess to Fifth Army requirements will be reported to and disposed of as directed by this headquarters.

c. Peculiarly Italian Army items for maintenance will be returned to the Italian Government through IMA or in questionable cases reported to this headquarters for disposition. Italian Military items are not to be scrapped nor destroyed unless dangerous to the public and military security or declined by Italian Government. Italian arms and ammunition will be safeguarded and reported to this headquarters for disposal.

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- d. Particularly British items will be returned to the British services normally responsible for the class material concerned.
- e. General and special policy directives issued concerning certain items of GEM are as follows:
 - a. General Policy Directives:

(1) AFHQ letter, file 386.3/163, dated 22 April 1945, subject: "Disposition of Captured Enemy Material in Italy."

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Ltr HQ MTOUSA, AG 400.93/156
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- (2) MTOUSA letter, file AG 400.93/156, dated
1 May 1945, subject: "Disposition of Captured
Enemy Material in Italy".

b. Special and Specific Policy Directives:

- (1) Animals, MTOUSA Cable FX 70813 and FX 78181.

- (2) Ammunition, MTOUSA Cable FX 80705.

- (3) Materials required by various services MTOUSA
Cables FX 77014, FX 73170, FX 80412.

- (4) Materials required by AFHQ, AFHQ letter, subject:
"Disposition of Captured Enemy Material in Italy",
file AG 386.3/187, dated 28 April 1945.

- (5) Use of enemy motor transport, AFHQ Cable FX 75707
also AFHQ letter file AG 386.3/111 001-0, dated
27 February 1945, subject: "Captured Enemy Vehicles".

- (6) Release of items requested by BEE, approved in 2d
indorsement from this headquarters to Fifth Army,
file AG 400.93/752 D-0, dated 23 May 1945.

- (7) General instructions, AFHQ Cable G-6968.

4. Information here indicates that captured and surrendered
machinery in the Brenner Pass vicinity is being tagged for ships-
ent without the knowledge and clearance of Commanding General,
Fifth Army. No transfers within or evacuations from Fifth Army
territory of enemy material will be effected without prior
clearance with and satisfaction of Fifth Army Headquarters on
regarding authority for movement. It is pointed out that military
requirements of the Supreme Allied Command must be met before
conservation is given to civilian economy. Demands of Allied
Commission for industrial equipment of Italy for German ordnance
must be screened by Fifth Army and referred to this headquarters
for approval of allocation.

5. The division and allocation of captured enemy material
to units and organizations other than those under Fifth Army are
to be made only as authorized by this headquarters. Local div-
ision with the British is not permitted.

subject: "Disposition of Captured Enemy Materiel in Italy", file AG 386, 3/11/45, dated 23 April 1945.

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(6) Release of items requested by BZF, approved in 2d Indorsement from this headquarters to Fifth Army, file AG 406, 33/762 D.C., dated 28 May 1945.

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6. Policy matters discussed herein cover subjects on which most recent inquiries have been made. Any particular matters not specifically covered herein or by foregoing references will be furnished upon request.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MONAGHAN:

(Signed) C.W. CHRISTENSEN
Colonel, AGD
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1. POLICY AND METHOD FOR COLLECTING CAPTURED MATERIAL
INTO MAIN DUMPS

(a) Allied agreed that in connection with District it was necessary to nominate as early as possible the number of locations as MAIN DUMPS to save guards, facilitate control and minimize movement and that in such dumps material would be segregated by 'wariness'.

Action Allies to report locations of main dumps and types of material held to AFHQ/STOWA as of 15 July 45.

(b) It was stated that in connection with enemy dumps secured by rail some confusion had occurred as to whether the dumps were Engineer or I.S.H. dumps.

Action MRS recommendations for MAIN DUMPS per I.S.H. material in Army areas will be agreed by Allies before they are established. The decision as to whether material is I.S.H. material or not will remain with Allies.

2. ASSUMPTION

(a) The Chairman stated that C-in-C Mediterranean required assumption to be made in the future which means that it had to be allowed to the too to find sufficient water.

Action AFHQ (G Staff) are working for relaxation.

(b) It was reported that Rebel agents to Allied and civilian personnel had already happened and more were likely to occur in the handling of foreign ammunition.

Action (i) AFHQ will advise the external directive on the issue of Amendment 1a, Section I to ensure that operations in connection with foreign ammunition are not carried out by Allied personnel.

(ii) Allies, Districts and Base Section will publish orders drawing attention to the dangerous character of enemy ammunition and prohibit the unauthorized entry of Allied personnel into dumps and ensure that operations other than necessary supervision are not performed by Allied personnel.

(iii) AFHQ and Ad will cause the attention of civilians to be drawn to the dangerous character of ammunition, by advertisements, school talks etc.

2. AMMUNITION

(A) The Chairman stated that C-in-C Mediterranean required ammunition to be dumped in 250 Fatima Hills' report that it had to be mailed to the too to find sufficient mater.

Action AFHQ (79 Maint) are asking for relaxation.

(b) It was reported that fatal accidents to allied and civilian personnel had already happened and were more likely to occur in the handling of foreign ammunition.

Action (1) AFHQ will amend the external directive on the lines of Appendix 'A' Section I to ensure that operations in connection with foreign ammunition are not carried out by allied personnel.

(11) Advice, Directorate and Base Section will publish orders drawing attention to the dangerous character of enemy ammunition and prohibit the unauthorized entry of allied personnel into dumps and ensure that operations other than necessary supervision are not performed by allied personnel.

(111) AFHQ and AG will ensure the attention of civilians to be drawn to the dangerous character of ammunition, by advertisements, school talks etc.

(c) It was agreed that it would not be possible to guard all the dumps of foreign ammunition in Italy.

Action AFHQ will amend external directive on lines of Appendix 'A' Section I, which will allow for the destruction of small quantities under local authority and the gradual elimination of all dumps of 500 tons and under by enemy personnel under allied supervision.

3. MATERIAL CONTROLLED BY PARTISANS

FIFTH ARMY anticipated no trouble in recovering material in the hands of partisans. As the arms were surrendered they were put in C.P.M. dumps. In FIFTH ARMY area in Italy the situation was still obscure. It was desired to continue the process of withdrawal by suitable arrangement. In 1 DISTRICT one partisan group had given up everything but 23 Partisan 340 had refused to give up vehicles and motor-carts.

It was stated that in MILAN a system of registering vehicles in the

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hands of partisans without calling them in had been established and was working well.

Samina agreed that no further instructions were needed at this stage from AFHQ/MEOWSA.

Action EIGHTH ARMY to forward to AFHQ/MEOWSA a staff study on the position at 20 JUN to reach AFHQ by 1 JUL.

USE AND REGISTRATION OF CAPTURED TRANSPORT

(a) It was agreed that there was no necessity to vary the policy contained in the external directive L.O.

(1) Captured vehicles may be used to fill deficiencies in S/E's (M.E.A.).

(11) All remaining vans should be forward into Italy and car companies.

(b) The AFHQ/MEOWSA policy as to the employment of captured transport is still

FIRST Maintenance of supply forces.

SECOND Support of AG.

(c) The general AFHQ/MEOWSA policy is to return all vehicles of Italian make to AG or MEOWSA as soon as possible, but in view of the withdrawal of all German and British units for PAF and the American vehicle rehabilitation programme, it is necessary at present to allow vehicles of Italian make to continue to be held against T.E. (S.E.) deficiencies.

(d) (1) EIGHTH ARMY have German already and are continuing to form Tank Companies, which are assigned to Army Transportation who allocate them to POW maintenance or AG as required.

(11) EIGHTH ARMY have formed 14 Cpt PUs in AUSVELA for similar work.

(111) AG stated that they had not yet received any vehicles it was pointed out that the movement of POW, Displaced Persons etc in Army areas will preclude the handing-over of vehicles to AG until the handover of the

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- (11) All available vehicles should be turned into trucks and car competition.
- (b) The ASHQ/MICUSA policy is to the employment of captured transport is still

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Second Support of AC.

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(b) (1) P.W. can have done already and are continuing to form Truck Companies, which are assigned to Army Transportation who allocate them to P.W. maintenance or AMI as required.

(11) MICUSA has issued 11 P.W. Pls in Australia for similar work.

(11) (1) It is stated that they had not yet received any vehicles it was pointed out that the movement of P.W. P.W., including P.W. etc. in any area will include the handing-over of vehicles to AC until the beginning of July.

(b) It was noted that Italian and British would endeavour to repair with German personnel, all German vehicles handed-over to AC, but that no effort would be made to repair Italian vehicles handed-over to AMI or AC, who will be responsible for collecting and providing drivers for all vehicles handed-over to the.

(c) 1 DISTRICT said they were forming a Captured Vehicle and Repair Park to be operated by five German War Cops at DEWYLA and that they expected to receive there some 1000 vehicles, mostly from Fifth Army.

(d) (1) It was agreed that the process of registering captured vehicles as required by the military directive was in an unsatisfactory condition and that the proper registration of all items of VE numbers to all vehicles is an essential preliminary to the preservation of reliable statistics as a basis for allocation.

(11) It was agreed that a census of captured vehicles must be taken and that 15 JPR would be the date of the first census.

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(141) IBS have put in to 15 Army Gp their demands for vehicles and Districts have been asked to state their requirements. 15 Army Gp. are of the opinion that, as soon as the census figures are available, the responsibility for the allocation of captured transport in ITALY should pass from 15 Army Gp to ARMY/MOSCOW.

(b) It was reported that the only substantial stock of vehicle spares was at BOLSAING under control of 21st Army. It was agreed that these spares should be inventoried and then sent to ARMY/MOSCOW control. In the meantime EIGHTH ARMY, Districts and Base Section will place requisitions on 21st Army for such spares as are actually required to put vehicles on the road.

(c) AC would they were short of submissions and were advised to place their demands on ARMY/MOSCOW at once.

Action

(1) ARMY/MOSCOW will vary the external directive on the lines of Appendix 'A' Sections 2 and 3 to cover points raised in (a), (c) and (d)(14).

(14) AC in respect of (c) and (d).

(14) ARMY, Districts and Base Section in respect of (b)(1) and (d)(14) and (h) without waiting for further instructions.

5. FINISHED WAR MATERIAL IN WAR FACTORIES

(a) It is an AC responsibility to survey war material in war factories.

(b) AC said that the production of arms and weapons in ITALY (except for allied requirements) had ceased, but that vehicles were being produced by FIAT's.

FIFTH ARMY said that some types of pre-fabricated building were still being produced against German contracts.

Action

AC will continue the survey of war-like stores in factories and advise ARMY as at the 15th of each month of the progress of the survey. First report to be as of 15 JUN 45.

6. AVAILABILITY OF CAPTURED MATERIAL FOR MAINTENANCE OF P.O.W.

(a) EIGHTH ARMY reported considerable quantities of material useful for P.O.W. maintenance in AUSTRIA, but they pointed out that 5 Corps had 300,000 P.O.W. to support and that as the inventories were not complete it was impossible to assess yet whether any of this material would be

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- (b) 1 DISTRICT have placed on FIFTH ARMY a demand for one month's maintenance for their P.O.W. This will be met by FIFTH ARMY as far as it is possible.
- (c) It was agreed that inventories of all material suitable for maintenance and firm requirements were necessary to enable the available material to be allocated by AFHQ/AFHQSA.

- Action
- (1) Liaison, Districts and Base Section to report inventories to AFHQ/AFHQSA as of 15 JUN. (see minute 9) and also raise firm demands through normal channels.
In meantime, as an emergency measure, 1 DISTRICT should continue to demand maintenance items from FIFTH ARMY through EIGHTH ARMY, who will pass to FIFTH ARMY a list of items which cannot be supplied from EIGHTH ARMY resources.
 - (11) AFHQ/AFHQSA to alter para 7 of directive to require reports of inventories as well as excesses. (See Appendix 'A' Section 2 of those minutes).
 - (111) AFHQ/AFHQSA to study machinery required to make allocations into vehicles.

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7. UNIT'S PERSONNEL ADVISORY WITH SUBSTANTIAL CASE OVER
FROM ADVISORY.

- (a) It was agreed that no further instructions were required from AFHQ/MEOWSA as regards the roles of guards and liaison.
- (b) After further study Districts will inform AFHQ of their requirements in personnel (staff and technical) to enable them to meet their liabilities for enemy material.
- (c) AFHQ emphasized that the bulk of the work in connection with enemy material must be done by E.O.W. in organized units under the minimum of skilled supervision. German transport and equipment must be used to the maximum extent.

Action (1) Districts in respect of (b)

- (11) Action, Districts and Base Section in respect of (c).

8. ARRANGEMENTS FOR HAND-OVER FROM
AXLES TO DISTRICTS.

It was agreed that Districts would visit Action to study the situation on the ground and arrange the hand-over.

It was considered that no further instructions from AFHQ/MEOWSA on this subject were necessary.

Action Districts in conjunction with Action.

9. FIRST DATE FOR ACTION.

It was agreed that the first inventories in final form would be necessary would be reported on or 15 JUL to AFHQ/MEOWSA by 26 JUL and that special efforts would be made to include the principal items needed for maintenance. The first determination of equipment to be of 15 JUL.

Action (1) Action, Districts and Base Section without waiting for further instructions. (See Appendix 'A' Section 2 of these minutes).

10. M.E.S. STOKES BEING USED FOR RAILWAY PURPOSES.

See minute 1(b).

- Action (1) Districts in respect of (b).
 (2) Amies, Districts and Base Section in respect of (c).
 5. ARRANGING THE EXCESSIVE FOR HAND-OVER FROM AMIES TO DISTRICTS.

It was agreed that, Districts would visit Amies to study the situation on the ground and arrange the take-over.

It was considered that no further instructions from AFHQ/STONIA on this subject were necessary.

Action Districts in conjunction with Amies.

9. FIRST DATA FOR REVIEW.

It was agreed that the first inventories in these areas where necessary would be reported by 15 JUL to AFHQ/STONIA by 28 JUL and that special efforts would be made to include the individual items needed for maintenance. The first determination of resources to be of 15 JUL.

Action (1) Amies, Districts and Base Section without mission for further instructions. (See Appendix 'A' Section 4 of these minutes).

10. M.S.S. STORES BEING USED FOR NON-RATIFY PURPOSES.

See minute 1(b).

Action (1) AFHQ will establish regular liaison with Dist. Fifth Army.

(2) FIFTH ARMY will turn-over to MHS all material in cargo or elsewhere which is found to be I.S.S. material.

11. CAPTURED CIVILIAN MATERIAL.

Difficulties have arisen in the disposal of captured civilian material. It was agreed that Appendix 'C' to these minutes, if issued as an order, would work from the point of view of the Districts, Base Section and A.C. AFHQ/STONIA said that further study was necessary at AFHQ before instructions could be issued.

Action AFHQ/STONIA will issue instructions after further staff study (See Appendix 'A' Section 4 of these minutes).

12. OTHER MATTER.(a) ARMY/MECCA explanation that :-

(1) Italian weapons and ammunition could not be handed back to the Italians without ARMY authority, but that Italian military material needed for Italian reinforcements could be handed back through MECCA.

(11) Material of Russian origin must be suggested and reported to ARMY.

(111) Category 3 list has been extended to include the following German T-tanks :-

SA. 222	11	Zgrw	3-ton
SA. 222	7	Zgrw	8-ton
SA. 222	9	Zgrw	10-ton.

(111) The disposal of every munition and equipment is a matter which will take time. It is essential that sufficient German technical personnel be retained in Italy to carry out this task. Early information as to numbers of technical personnel is required.

Action

(1) Districts are being Section to make recommendations on numbers required to ARMY/MECCA when they have taken over in Italy, by which time disposal policies will be firm.

(11) G-1(4) and G-1(5) ARMY to note this requirement for technical P.O.W.

(11) No general authority for the destruction of unwanted or any material can be given at present.

(11) The question of handing-over unwanted German equipment to the Italian Army is a responsible responsibility of allied interest or as agents of the allied command with whose responsibility would remain, was discussed. It was agreed that the bulk of such unwanted material would be combat equipment. The external directive permits only Italian material necessary for maintenance to be retained as the Italian Army is already in possession of sufficient weapons to equip the small post-war army of 150,000 - 200,000 plus 65,000 Carabinieri at present contemplated. Any proposal to hand-over German weapons to the Italian Army in any capacity except as units under command of allied formations should be referred to G.O.S. But even if this content is forthcoming it is very doubtful if the Italian Army with its internal security and demobilization liabilities is in any position to do the work, whereas German P.O.W. are

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Action (1) Directorate has been directed to make recommendations on numbers required for AFHQ/GenHQ, when they have taken over in Italy, by which time disposal policies will be firm.

(2) G-1(A) and G-1(B) AFHQ to note this requirement for technical E.O.S.

(v) No general authority for the destruction of unwanted enemy material can be given at present.

(b) The question of making-over unwanted German equipment to the Italian Army as responsible representative of allied interest or as agents of the Allied Command with whom responsibility would remain, was discussed. It was agreed that the bulk of such unwanted material would be Soviet equipment. The technical expertise permits only Italian material necessary for maintenance to be returned as the Italian Army is already in possession of sufficient weapons to equip the small post-war army of 150,000 - 200,000 plus 55,000 Carabinieri at present contemplated. Any proposal to hand-over German weapons to the Italian Army in any capacity except as guards under command of Allied formations should be referred to G.C.S. But even if this consent is forthcoming it is very doubtful if the Italian Army with its internal security and demobilization liabilities is in any position to do the work, whereas German P.O.W. are available in unlimited numbers.

(c) Gen. DISTRICT said the site for his P.O.W. Concentration area was wholly unsuitable for occupation in the winter.

Action G-1(A) and (B), G-2, G-4(A) and (B) and G-5 AFHQ to note.

(d) AFHQ/GenHQ undertake :-

(1) To issue an instruction authorizing the return of military material of French origin to the French Military authorities. (See Appendix 1, Section 5 of these minutes).

(2) To clear the position as regards the dumping of unwanted ammunition in lakes.

Action G(Maint) AFHQ are asked to clear this point.

(e) EIGHTH ARMY said they were not clear as to whether under para 9(c)

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of the external directive they had to turn-over Italian military maintenance to the Italians or whether they could retain such items as coats, shirts etc. useful and urgently required for maintenance of P.O.W.

Action AFHQ/MOUSA, undertook to clarify the position in the directive (See Appendix 'A' Section 4 of these minutes).

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EXHIBIT 'A' to minutes of Conference
held at HQ 15 AG on 4 JAN 45

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The following proposed amendments to this Headquarters Letter
A.O. 386.3/163 L-20-0 of 22 APR 45 will be examined by AFHQ/SECURITY.

SECTION 1

The following will be substituted for para 9(c) of this Headquarters
Letter referenced as 386.3/163 L-20-0 of 22 APR 45.

AMMUNITION

- (i) Attention is drawn to current instructions on the handling of
enemy ammunition.
- (ii) Ammunition of German manufacture if in Category 3 and in original
containers will be controlled in a centralized depot under
arrangements to be made by AFHQ. German transport and
personnel will be used for this purpose under Allied supervision.
- (iii) Small quantities of loose ammunition in unopened drums which
constitute a hazard to life or property will, under arrangements
to be made by AFHQ, be reported by German officials to the Italian
Ministry of War. AFHQ will authorize the destruction by the
Italian Ministry of War without reference to this Headquarters,
of all such small quantities of German or Italian ammunition.
Explosives will, if not available in the dumps, be demanded by
AFHQ from Armies, Districts, or Sub-Sections.
- (iv) Small drums of German and Italian ammunition (other than that
in Category 3 in original containers) of 500 tons or less will
be destroyed by the most suitable means by German personnel under
Allied supervision. German technical units may be formed for
this purpose. If ammunitions the drums will be recovered and
so returned through Allied Army Salvage organizations.
- (v) Letter Dumps of German and Italian ammunition in excess of 500
tons will be placed under guard, their contents reported and
disposed instructions issued.
- (vi) Nothing in these instructions is to be regarded in any way as
restricting the authority of individuals to destroy ammunition
in any quantity which is in a dangerous condition or constitutes
a hazard to internal security, utilizing German personnel, under
Allied supervision, for the work.

containing will be destroyed if in October 3 and in original
 documents will be destroyed in a few allowed parts under
 circumstances to be made by destruction. (German language and)
 personnel will be used for this purpose under allied supervision.

(iii)

Small quantities of items submitted in unguarded dumps which
 constitute a threat to life or property will, under circumstances
 to be made by WAC, be reported by Correspondent to the Italian
 Ministry of War. WAC will supervise the destruction by the
 Italian Ministry of War without reference to this headquarters.
 of all such small quantities of German or Italian munitions.
 Explosives will, if not available in the dumps, be destroyed by
 WAC from India, Districts, or Main Section.

(iv)

Small Dumps of German and Italian ammunition (other than that
 in category 1 in original equipment) of 500 tons or less will
 be destroyed by the most suitable means by German personnel under
 allied supervision. German technical units may be formed for
 this purpose. If available the dumps will be inspected and
 be returned through allied Army Salvage organizations.

(v)

Larger Dumps of German and Italian ammunition in excess of 500
 tons will be placed under guard, their contents reported and
 disposal instructions issued.

(vi)

Nothing in these instructions is to be required in any way as
 restricting the authority of addresses to destroy munitions
 in any quantity which is in a dangerous condition or constitutes
 a hazard to internal security, utilizing German personnel, under
 allied supervision, for the work.

SECTION 2

A.G. Letter 386.3/165 20-0 of 22 APR 45 will be amended as follows :-
 Delete sub-para (a) and (b) of para 7 and substitute the following :-

(a) addresses will report as of the 15th of each month
 (commencing with 15 MAY 45) to reach AFHQ by the 25th of the same
 month all verifiable captured enemy material in dumps. Initially
 such reports will be in broad form and special efforts will be made
 to ensure the fullest possible reports on material which is
 significant for maintenance of P.O.W. or allied troops including
 re-deployment operations. In addition to the inventories called
 for above, addresses will as of the 15th of each month designate
 such material as is in excess of their requirements. The first
 report of excesses will be as of 15 JUL 45.

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(b) No special reports are required in connection with material which is not retrievable. It should be furnished in person (where necessary) and turned over to allied military salvage organizations.

(c) As of the 15th of each month (commencing with 15 JUN 45) to reach AFHQ by the 28th of the same month, addressees will report the following information in respect of all captured German purpose (E) vehicles showing vehicles of Italian make separately.

- (i) Numbers and types organized into car/truck companies, held by units within establishments, or otherwise.
- (ii) Numbers and types handed over to other agencies.
- (iii) Numbers and types awaiting issue.
- (iv) Numbers and types awaiting repair.

SECTION 3

The following amendments will be made to this memorandum AG letter 386.3/163 500-0 of 22 APR 45.

Para 9(a) (4)

Line two: Delete 'enemy' after 'truck companies' and insert 'of vehicles of German make'.

Line four: for 'enemy' substitute 'make'.

Para 9(f)

Add the following :-

(5) Italian army vehicles captured after the cessation with Italy will be dealt with in accord with AFHQ Circular No. 5 and returned to the appropriate Italian authorities through MIA. All other captured Italian vehicles whether requisitioned or not will be turned over to A.C. Italian vehicles are defined as vehicles of Italian make. Italian military vehicles are usually identified by the R + E on the dashboard or instrument panel. If doubt arises as to whether a vehicle of Italian make is a civilian or military vehicle, such vehicles will be turned over to MIA who will determine the ownership and subsequent allocation in accordance with E.O. Receipts for all vehicles

SECTION 1

The following amendments will be made to this Headquarters letter 386.3/163 LOC-3 of 22 APR 45.

Para 2(1) (1)

Line two: Delete 'same' after 'such occasion' and insert 'of vehicles of German make'.

Line four: for 'same' substitute 'or it'.

Para 2(1)

Add the following :-

(3) Italian Army vehicles captured after the armistice with Italy will be dealt with in accordance with A.M. Circular No. 5 and referred to the appropriate Italian authorities through COMA. All other say 'and it is' vehicles whether requisitioned or not will be turned over to A.C. Italian vehicles are listed as vehicles of Italian make. Italian military vehicles are usually identified by the R & B on the dashboard or instrument panel. If doubt arises as to whether a vehicle of Italian make is a civilian or military vehicle, such vehicles will be turned over to COMA who will determine the ownership and subsequent allocation in accordance with A.C. Receipts for all vehicles handed over to A.C. or COMA will be obtained. As the retention of vehicles of Italian make against deficiencies in unit establishments is, at present, authorized, the ultimate transfer to A.C. or COMA of such vehicles may be postponed until further orders are issued by this Headquarters. Every effort will be made to hand over COMA all stocks of spare parts including tyres for Italian military vehicles which are marked with R & B or are otherwise identifiable as having been the property of the Italian Ministry of War. Stocks of spares for Italian civilian vehicles will all clearly be handed over to A.C. or in doubtful cases to COMA. Sufficient spares may be retained for such Italian vehicles as are held against deficiencies in unit establishments. COMA will not normally be responsible for retaining vehicles of Italian make before they are handed over to A.C. or COMA. The responsibility for ensuring the proper registration of, and the provision of drivers for all vehicles handed over to them will be that of A.C. or COMA as the case may be.

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SECTION 4

AMHQ AG letter 156.3/16, 101-0 dated 22 APR 45 will be amended as follows by the addition of a new sub-para 9 (1) :-

"(1) Captured Civilian Material

- (1) Captured material, which is not required for military purposes including maintenance of P.O.F., which is apparently of a civil character and of Italian origin will be turned over to A.C. as well as appropriate, who will investigate ownership and authorize its return to its owner under such financial arrangements as may be appropriate. Material of this character, the ownership of which cannot be determined, will be disposed of by sale or otherwise as AC may determine. Proceeds of sale will be credited to the Anglo-American Relief/Revolving Europe account.
- (2) Captured German civil material which is not required by the controlling service at this HQ will be turned over to AC for disposal as above.
- (3) Captured civil material, which is of neither German or Italian origin will be reported to this headquarters and disposed instructions issued."

SECTION 5

The following will be added to para 9 of this headquarters letter AC 156.3/163 101-0 of 22 APR 45.

New sub-para 9(1)

"(1) Re-captured material of French origin

It will be the policy to return to the French authorities all material which was formerly the property of the French Government. Pending further instructions all material that is apparently of French ownership will be segregated and reported to this headquarters."

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22 April 1945

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Subject : Disposition of Captured Enemy Material in Italy.

To : Commanding General, 15th Army Group, APO 777
Commanding General, Fifth Army, APO 464
Headquarters, Eighth Army
Commanding General, Peninsular Base Section, APO 782
General Officer Commanding, Number 1 District.
General Officer Commanding, Number 2 District.
General Officer Commanding, Number 3 District.

1. OBJECT OF THIS DIRECTIVE. The object of this directive is to indicate the manner of dealing with captured and/or surrendered enemy war material in Italy.

- a. during the present period.
- b. in the event of a surrender or sudden yielding of territory.

The provisions of this directive supersede previous instructions on this subject contained in AFHQ Circular Number 13, dated 1 May 1944, which is being rescinded.

2. RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CONTROL ALLOCATION AND DISPOSAL OF ENEMY MATERIAL.

a. THE CONTROL OF ALL ENEMY MATERIAL IN THIS THEATRE is vested in the Supreme Allied Commander.

b. The allocation, use and disposal of enemy material (either captured in the course of operations or as a result of enemy disarmament following a surrender) is a responsibility of command, which will be exercised in accordance with the provisions of this directive.

3. DEFINITIONS.

a. Captured or Surrendered Enemy War Material (hereafter referred to as enemy material) includes any material of whatever nature and wherever situated, intended for war on land, at sea, or in air, or which is, or may be, or has been at any time in use by, or intended for use by the armed forces, civil defence or other formations or organizations under the control or influence of the German Government, German authorities, or Governments or authorities of any states now allied to or associated with Germany.

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b. Withdrawal Authority is the military authority in whom power to authorize withdrawals is vested.

4. PRINCIPLES TO BE APPLIED

a. Allied Naval, Ground and Air Forces Responsibilities. Enemy Naval and Air Forces material will be dealt with and the necessary reports and returns made by Allied Naval and Air Forces respectively, subject to such convenient adjustments as may be necessary to deal with cases where the enemy Naval and Air Services do not correspond in their scope with the Allied Naval and Air Services. Enemy Ground Forces material will be dealt with by the Allied Ground Forces and co-ordination, where necessary, between the Allied Naval, Ground and Air Forces will be effected by the Ground Forces Commanders. The latter/the appropriate cases, must be prepared to assist Allied Naval and Air Forces Commanders in the location and guarding of materials peculiar to the enemy Naval and Air Forces. Common user items will normally be the responsibility of the Allied Ground Forces.

b. Allied Ground Forces Staff and Service Responsibilities for safeguarding and control. The responsibility for the taking over (or the collection where necessary) and the safeguarding of all enemy Ground Forces war material is placed upon the Commanding Generals of Fifth and Eighth Armies, Headquarters I and 2 Districts, and Commanding General Peninsular Base Section in their respective areas. This responsibility will be exercised through the normal Allied staff and technical service channels appropriate to type of material concerned. It is desired that the arrangements made by Armies be such that continuity of management can be maintained when Headquarters of I and 2 Districts and Peninsular Base Section take over the Army areas in Northern Italy.

5. CONTROLLING AUTHORITIES AT AFHQ. The control of enemy material will be exercised by AFHQ through normal Command and technical channels appropriate to material concerned.

6. CLASSIFICATION AND WITHDRAWAL.

a. Enemy Ground Forces war material will be classified into categories by the authorities designated below. Notes amplifying classification and withdrawal are the Appendix "A" to this directive.

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	CLASSIFICATION AND WITHDRAWAL AUTHORITY
1. Material required for intelligence purposes and technical resupply.		AFHQ
2. Material required by the Supreme Allied Commander for use within his sphere of responsibility.		Ground Forces Commanders
3. Material required for use in operations against any nations still remaining at war with the Allies.		AFHQ
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2 b. Any war material not placed in categories 1-5 above will be known as uncategorized material, for which AFHQ will be the withdrawal authority.

c. The powers of classification and withdrawal will under no circumstances be delegated to Italian commanders.

7. REPORTS

a. Addresses will report as of the 15th of each month to reach AFHQ by the 28th of the same month all serviceable material which is in excess of their needs or has not been otherwise reported (i.e. under paragraphs 1.3 and 4 of Appendix "A"). Such reports will be in broad terms. If more detailed information is required by AFHQ about certain classes of material, further instructions will be issued.

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b. No special reports are required in connection with material which is not repairable. It should be rendered innocuous (where necessary) and turned over to salvage organizations.

8. PRIORITIES FOR TAKING OVER AND COLLECTION

a. Material will be taken over (or collected where necessary) in the following order :

- (1) Category 1
- (2) " 2
- (3) " 3
- (4) Other categories and uncategorised material as convenient unless otherwise ordered by AFHQ.
- (5) Unserviceable material and scrap.

b. The order in which material in category 2 is to be taken over or collected will normally be as follows :

- (1) Vehicles which are serviceable or a source of spares.
- (2) Food, clothing and coal.
- (3) Animals.
- (4) Petrol, oil, lubricants (incl. containers therefor).
- (5) Signal stores.
- (6) Medical, dental, and veterinary stores, equipments and drugs.
- (7) Technical railway stores and equipment.
- (8) Docks and inland water transport, stores and equipment.
- (10) All other serviceable and repairable Ground Forces material.

9. POLICIES.

a. Retention of material by units or individuals. Retention by units or individuals of such material unless properly authorised in accordance with this instructions and other pertinent directives is forbidden.

b. Use of material by Allied Commanders. Authority is granted for the maximum use to be made of enemy material required for the support of Allied Forces (including essential civil requirements) or for maintenance of enemy forces.

c. Recaptured material of Italian Military Origin. Recaptured material of Italian Military origin may be turned over immediately to the Italian Military Authorities for Italian maintenance. Such material may also be used by Italian troops for support of operations. The channel of transaction in material of Italian origin which is to be returned to the Italian Military authorities will be MIA. Receipt for material so handed over will be taken by the issuing Allied Services and forwarded to AFHQ through normal channels. All remaining recaptured Italian war material will be reported to AFHQ and disposed in accordance with instructions.

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d. War Material of US or British Origin. It will be the policy for material of US or British origin recovered from the enemy by recapture or surrender to be turned over to the American or British services normally responsible for the class of material concerned.

e. War Factories and War Factory Production. Separate instructions will be issued on this subject.

f. Ammunition. Attention is drawn to current instructions on the handling or enemy ammunition.

g. Animals.

(1) It is expected that a large proportion of enemy-held animals will disappear before Allied control becomes effective. The remainder will be classified and where possible Mallein-tested and Preston-branded from numbers allotted to Animals by AFHQ.

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(2) Animals required for maintenance of surrendered German forces will remain under German Army care and supervision.

(3) Animals in categories 2 and 3 will be moved as soon as possible into Allied animal collecting centers. Separate instructions will be issued on this subject.

(4) The remainder will be handed over on temporary loan to civil authorities by AMG who will obtain receipts.

h. War Material alienated by the enemy. Any alienation of war material by the enemy, out of the ordinary course of army administration (for example material which have been sold to civilians in anticipation of surrender) entered into within three (3) month before the date of surrender (or date to be fixed by the Supreme Allied Commander) shall be provisionally will be regarded as avoidables, and, if required, the material so alienated will be summarily recovered.

i. Repairs to Enemy Material. Except on instructions from AMG, no attempt will be made to repair enemy material other than that categorised as I and 2 but category 3 material will be preserved to the extent of being put in grease and under cover where appropriate. With the exception of category I, enemy material will be modified as required for abnormal uses.

j. Passenger and Load-carrying Vehicles.

(1) To allow for the maintenance of enemy forces and in order to save Allied transport, ~~enemy~~ cars and truck companies, by types, will be formed when surrender takes place. Whenever practicable, however, ~~enemy~~ vehicles will not be issued without workshop inspection and never without WD numbers and full registration.

(2) The issue of enemy vehicles to existing Allied Units will be permitted only in cases where such units have deficiencies in their T3s (W3s).

k. Salvage (Scrap.) Unrepairable enemy ground forces war material for which there is no other use, will be regarded as salvage (scrap) and will be dealt with in accordance with existing procedures.

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APPENDIX "A" to Ltr AFHQ
A.G. 386.3/163 LOG-C dtd
22 April 1945.

NOTES ON CLASSIFICATION AND WITHDRAWAL OF EVERY
WAR MATERIAL

1. Category 1 Material. AFHQ will be responsible for indicating to addressees (by means of a list or through Liaison Officers) what material is to be placed in category 1 and where it is to be consigned. Material thus placed in category 1 is not available for any purpose, AFHQ is responsible for maintaining records or all material withdrawn under their authority.
2. Category 2 Material. Addressees, subject only to limitation in 1 above, will place any material which they need or are likely to need in Category 2. They will maintain simple records of all Category 2 material which they authorize to be withdrawn (e.g. copies of documents authorising depots to make issue). Addressees will not prepare consolidated returns of material thus used until ordered by AFHQ.
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5. CATEGORY 5 MATERIAL.

a. Material which must be destroyed for any reason e.g. perished foodstuffs, dangerous ammunition, will be placed in Category 5 by the addressees and destroyed. Simple records in broad terms of material which has been thus destroyed should be maintained by the addressees (e.g. a copy of the authorization to destroy the material). No returns of such destructions are required from the addressees until ordered by AFHQ.

b. All stocks of Toxic Gases will be placed in Category 5 and if practicable segregated under normal safety precautions. The approximate tonnages by types of fillings and locations will be reported to AFHQ, who will then give disposal instructions. Isolated stocks of less than 100 tons may be destroyed by any suitable means if such destruction will help to reduce guarding, transportation, or any other problem.

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Para 1. From my observation hundreds of load and passenger carrying vehicles of German and Italian makes are being collected in the area north of TRIESTE among other places.

Para 2. Other German transport is believed to be moving Germans to concentration areas. Every effort should be made to obtain release to AICOM for Italian use before they are dispersed cannibalized or looted.

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Ref: 413/RC

2 June 1945.

SUBJECT: German logs in Venetian Region.

TO : ✓Vice President,
Venetian Section (2).

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1. Reference by signal No. 1082 of 2 June, there is at BOLZANO a German officer who was responsible for the preparation of records of the movement of machinery and materials from their places of origin to Germany, Austria and to dumps in the provinces of BOZENO, TRENTO and TRIESTE. This German is giving every cooperation to the Industry officer at BOLZANO Province and the following information has now been handed over and is being translated:

- (a) The location of 23 dumps believed to contain finished goods and at present under guard by American troops, who, as you will see from my signal, are likely to be saved. Information available includes the complete contents of each dump and its original owner. Examples of their contents are:

2167 motor tyres
2973 cycle tyres
wireless sets
automobile spares
20000 electric light bulbs
electric motors.

- (b) A map is available giving the location of factories, mainly underground, established by the Germans in what they called the "Alpine zone". These are believed to contain no less than 4,000 machine tools and details of ownership are being produced. It is not known if these are guarded.

- (c) On rail in the area North of BOLZANO are 1683 railway waggons, 60 of which are filled with consumer goods and 1079 contain raw materials. The truck numbers and details of their contents are known but the exact location of the waggons is unknown. Some, no doubt, are on portions of track isolated by bombing, others are in process of moving from siding to siding and all, no doubt, are being looted by the local inhabitants as they are not guarded. They should be concentrated in groups and arrangements made to guard them until disposal instructions can be obtained.

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- (d) There is also available a map showing the principle industries in the area and what is being produced.

2. You may already be aware of some of the foregoing but I understand the more detailed information has only become available in the last two or three days. Full details are with Lieut. Colonel FILL at BULZANO Province HQ who is collecting all the information from the German officer.

3. Every endeavour should be made without delay to locate, if this has not already been done, other Germans responsible for the remaining Northern Provinces in order to extract from them similar information and to take precautions against looting.



Brigadier.
Executive Commissioner.

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Copy to: Chief Commissioner
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AND 5 Army
EC Venetia Region

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FOR ACTION INFO GEORGE DASH FIVE SECTION

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1 June 1945

ROUTINE

4 JUN 1945

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SUBJECT IS ACTION TO BE TAKEN ON ITALIAN GOODS IN GERMAN HANDS PD
PARA ONE FOR ACTION INFO GEORGE DASH FIVE SECTION FROM HQ ALCON
SITE ALCOA PARK

PARA ONE PD DECISION IS REQUIRED AS TO ACTION TO BE TAKEN ON LARGE
STACKS OF MACHINERY AND AUTOMOBILE TIRES AND CLOTHING OF ALL TYPES
AND SHOPS AND ALL OF ITALIAN ORIGIN WHICH HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED
IN THE BOLZANO AREA IN GERMAN HANDS PD EVIDENCE EXISTS THAT THE
MACHINERY HAS BEEN PURCHASED BY THE GERMANS FROM THE ITALIANS IN LINE
AND FOUR THOUSAND MACHINES ARE INVOLVED PD THE CLOTHING STORES
MAY HAVE BEEN PURCHASED OR IN PART LOOTED PD

PARA TWO PD IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT FIFTEEN ARMY GROUP BE INSTRUCTED
TO REMOVE ALL MATERIALS TO SECURE WAREHOUSES AND INVENTORY THEM AND
AND SEAL THE WAREHOUSES PENDING INVESTIGATION AS TO ITALIAN TITLE
TO THEM PD PHYSICAL ASPECT OF PROBLEM IS BEYOND MEANS OF ALCON
AND MUST BE TACKLED BY THE ARMY PD STRALING OF ARTICLES IS TAKING
PLACE DUE TO INADEQUACY OF GUARDS PD THEREFORE MATTER IS URGENT

ECONOMIC SECTION

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D.L. ANDERSON, Brig.
Deputy Vice-Pres.

NICHOLAS PIGNARINO
CWO, USA
Assistant Adjutant

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ROUTINE

From: LOMBARDIA REGION FROM LASH AND FIEKE
To: ALLIED COMMISSION PERSONAL FOR ADMIRAL STONE

JUN 3 1945

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1. We are disturbed at news of replacement of SS United States Division by Italian VOLUNTEER Division. Latter although welcomed townspeople will be resented by large rural Tyrolean population. Suggest matter be discussed at high level with object of maintaining SS Division in Tyrolean area for present. See also my cable No reference 1082.

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ACTION: SO to Chief Commissioner 2
INFO: Executive Commissioner 2
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Chapman 10/2/45

RECEIVED
JUN 3 1945

Spoke with Col Fieke, who
believes SS Div has already
been replaced by Volksgen.
No action till return of Fieke
who has seen SA...

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Ex. Comm. (15)

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JUNE 031400
ROUTINE

FROM: BARBARIA REGION FROM LUSH AND PINKE
TO: ALLIED COMMISSION FOR ADMIRAL STONE.



JUN 3 1945

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1. There is in area centred on BOLZANO Province a vast amount of Italian material both industrial plant and consumable goods removed from all over ITALY and stored here by Germans. This is now rapidly disappearing. The problems facing us are fourfold (A) guarding the dumps, (b) making inventories, (c) deciding distribution, (d) effecting distribution.

3. Question of guarding is a local problem which demands presence of Allied troops. We understand that 88 DIV is about to be replaced by VOLUNTERA Italian Division. This will mean more rapid disappearance of such material.

4. The other 3 problems demand in our opinion the immediate despatch of a large permanent and competent Italian Mission with Allied components, self supporting as regards clerical assistance and transport preferably this should be installed by GRONCHI. This mission would effect full inventory in conjunction with German experts now here and would then proceed with problems. (c) and (d) Provincial Commissioner would arrange accommodation up to 50 but the work should be taken out of his hands and placed fully on to the Mission. 5 ARMY would welcome immediate visit GRONCHI.

5. The problem is urgent and most important for the future economy of ITALY.

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ACTION - SO TO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
INFO - EX COMMISSIONER 2
FILE

Antonia White

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MAY 24 1945
PRIORITY

ARMY 5 ARMY FOR HOME CITY JUN 7 1945.
HQ ARMY 5 R AND SUB COM

JUN 2 1945

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BULLAND Area has large amounts valuable loot including whole
disassembled factories evacuated from south. Request 3 Industrial
Officers be sent to BULLAND to work under initials PC while German
personnel involved are still in area. Enough work for 2 to 3 weeks.
Please treat as urgent.

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ACTION - INDUSTRY S/O 2
INFO - A/THREAT
CHIEF COMMISSIONER
ECOR SEC
FILE 2
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Ref attached. All kept already. ✓

Ref attached.
Industries of the area already sent 2 from
to Belgians and to take care of them. Another
2 from from Austria sent as being 3854
List of factories and individuals of known
value
Over section to take

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MAY 311700Z
URGENT

FROM: 15 ARMY GROUP

TO: AFHQ, 3 ARMY, 8 ARMY, AIR FORCE, INTERO, PRC, AFHQ, AFHQ
INFO: AFHQ, 3 ARMY (W. Inar)

JUN 1 1945

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Ref AFHQ PT 84800 dated 30 May. Agreed conference on captured enemy material takes place this Hq Admin Group on 4 June. Time of conference is agreed to 1430 hrs. Agreed 1700.

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Action - WND & ITH
Land Forces 2
Info - Chief Commissioner
Exec Commissioner
CA Sec
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FROM AFHQ SIGNED BACHED CITE FHQAS

To: 15 ARMY GROUP, 5 ARMY, 6 ARMY, DISTONE, DASTVO, PBS, ALCOM
MMIA, CE MTOVSH

MAY 31 1945

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Part 1. Addressees will each send rep to 15 ARMY Gp for conference 8:00 hours Monday 4 June with AFHQ/MTOVSH subject captured enemy material. Date to be confirmed to all addressees by 15 ARMY Gp as to time and place.

Agenda:

1. Policy and methods collection into main dumps.
2. Treatment of ammunition.
3. Policy on material now in hands of partisans.
4. Use and registration captured tpt.
5. Finished material in war factories.
6. Availability of captured supplies for maintenance POW.
7. Units / personnel required when districts take over from armies;
8. Arrangements for transfer responsibilities from armies to districts.

Part 2. Problem should be studied on assumption that PBS existing boundaries will be not changed and that so-called PBS corridor may be taken over by DISTONE.

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Action: TND SPOV

" Land Forces 2

Info: Chief Commissioner

Ex Commissioner

CA Sec

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APC 24

Maison Division
Office of Chief of Staff

Tel: 478001

12 November 1944

Ref: 413/11/008

SUBJECT: Permit to Salvage German Equipment

To: 1. A.F.H.Q.
(M (GSCS))

Reference is made to AGO.93/247 Sup-o of 27 October 1944, in which it was requested that M (GSCS) should be notified concerning the details of 5 abandoned German Motor Vehicles and their location.

1. The British Legation to the Holy See replies that Engineer ULINIA states that these cars were lying abandoned on the BRVINO-PICHILLI road about 6 Kilometres from the former place.

2. Engineer ULINIA adds that he presumes the cars have already been retrieved by the competent authorities, or if not that they have certainly been partly damaged.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Brigadier
Chief of Staff

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*Rec'd
11 Nov*
BRITISH LEGATION
TO THE HOLY SEE
67 VIA S. NICOLÒ DA TOLENTINO
ROME (R)

14 Via del Parlamento,
Rome.

10th November, 1944.

19/158/44

Dear Banbury,

Your letter 413/9/002 of the 31st October.

I have taken up the matter of the five German motor-cars with Ingegnere Uliacini, who has now replied to me that these cars were lying abandoned on the Orvieto-Ficulle road about six kilometres from the former place.

Ingegnere Uliacini adds, however, that he presumes the cars have already been retrieved by the competent authorities, or if not that they have certainly been partly damaged.

Yours sincerely,

Maclean

Captain The Earl of Banbury,
Headquarters,
Allied Control Commission.

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RECOMMENDATION
JAMES COMMISSION
Mexican Division
Office of Chief of Staff
APO 34

Ref: 413/9/300

31 October 1944

SUBJECT: Details to Salvage German Equipment

TO: Mr. Harry Osborne
British Legation in the City
4, 111 St. James's
Place.

✓

1. Reference your 12/12/44 of 21 September 1944.
2. The request for the use of captured vehicles and equipment made by Brigadier Francisco Uliache has been disapproved.
3. At the present time it is considered that the operational requirements of this type of material is of paramount importance, and it is requested, therefore, that Brigadier Uliache shall notify this office of the details of the five German motor vehicles mentioned in the first paragraph of his letter, together with their present location.
4. I would be most grateful if you could take this matter up with Brigadier Uliache, and inform this office of his reply.

For the Chief Commissioner

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Ranfark
Brigadier
Chief of Staff

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 400.93/047 SUP-C

27 October 1944

SUBJECT: Permit to Salvage German Equipment.

30 OCT Recd

TO : Chief Commissioner, The Allied Commission
FOR: Liaison Division

1. Reference is made to your 413/6/COS, dated 14 October 1944, subject as above.
2. The request for the use of captured vehicles and equipment for restoration of private property is disapproved.
3. At the present time it is considered that the operational requirements for this type of materiel is of the paramount importance.
4. It is requested that QM(CEMS), this headquarters, be notified concerning the details of the five (5) German motor vehicles mentioned in the first paragraph of Doctor Engineer FRANCESCO ULISCIA's letter, together with their present location.

By command of General WILSON:

HEADQUARTERS
28 OCT 1944
A. C. C.

[Signature]
ALBERT W. KARR,
Captain, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Liaison Division
Office of the Chief of Staff
ARJ 304.

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Ref: 413/6/COE

14 October 1944

Subject: Permit to Salvage German Equipment.

To : HQ, AAI.
Captured Enemy Materials Section.

17 OCT Recd

1. Attached is a translation of a request passed to this office by the British Minister to the Holy See.
2. The British Minister asks that the request may be favourably considered as the recovered vehicles would be used in the work of restoration of the facadea Sanctuary at Loreto, the property of the Holy See.
3. Will you please inform this office whether the request can be granted.

For the Chief Commissioner:

LORD RANFURNEY,
Captain.

LS/ac.

Lat Ind.

CEMS, HQ, AAI, 247.

16 Oct., 44.

To:- CM(CEMS), AAI.

204/PL/2.

Attached correspondence is forwarded for action in respect of para. 3 above.

W. M. ...

For the Chief Commissioner:

LR/ac.

LORD RAMFORTH,
Captain.

1st Ind.

CEMS, HQ, LAT. CPT.

To:- QM(CEMS), APMQ.

15 Oct., 44.

300/PL/2.

Attached correspondence is forwarded for action in respect of para.
3 above.

Copy to:- HQ, ADC.

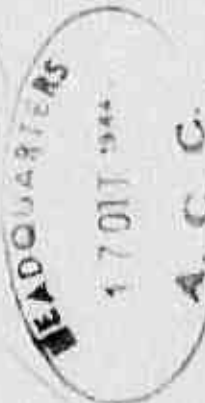
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Major,
D.E.M. Section.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Liaison Division
Office of Chief of Staff
APO JMA

Ref: 113/a/003

14 October 1944

SUBJECT: Permit to Salvage German Equipment

TO: 1. HQ, A.C.C.
Captured Enemy Materials Section

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3. Will you please inform this office whether the request can be granted.

For the Chief Commissioner:



LORD HANFURLT,
Captain

LR/ac



ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTER OFFICE MEMO

From: WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL & ITALIAN PW SUB. COMM.

SUBJECT: Permit to salvage German equipment. FILE No. WMD/30/1/10

TO: Lt. Col. Brown - Liaison Division. Oct. 9 1944

Reference to letter dated 22/9/44 - we haven't the authority to give permits to salvage German equipment - this is handled by C.E.M.S. of A.A.I. under direction of Major Jones, and all Italian equipment belongs to the Italian Government - according to higher command instructions.

Therefore we are not able to grant the request.

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Jack D. Bender
JACK D. BENDER
Capt., Infantry
WMD 370

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ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

Date 22 Sep 44

Subject

FROM	TO	FROM	TO
Chief Staff Officer		Patriots Branch	
Secretary General		Security Branch	
Archivist		Establishments Branch	
Admin Section		Director	
Interior		Executive Officer (A)	
Public Safety		Executive Officer (B)	
Public Health		Col (A)	
Property Control		Col (B)	
Legal		Col (A)	
Education		Col (B)	
Monuments & Fine Arts		V.Q. Court	
Economic Section		Adjutant	
Agriculture		Message Center	
Commerce		Orders & Bulletins	
Finance		27th Regt	
Food		Political Section	
Industry		Navy	
Labour		Army	
Mining Division		Air	
Public Works & Utilities		Communications	
Requisition Division		Civil Control Group	
Shipping		W.M.D. & P.O.D.	
Transportation		Public Relations Branch	
R.C. & M.A. Section		U.N.R.R.A.	
P.A. to Executive Commissioner			
Civil Affairs Branch			
Information Division			
Liaison Division			
I. & D.P. S.C.			
Italian Refugee Branch			

Signature

Remarks & Recommendation

Information

Approval/Disposal

Appropriate Action

Investigation & Report

Dispatch

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May be if you think it minor they are kth,
about, it should be passed to Rega 11

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C. H. Hays

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Liaison Division
APO 594

22 September 1944

MEMO:

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TO : War Materials Sub-Com, AOC

1. Inclosed will find a communication, with inclosure, from Sir D'Arcy Osborne British Legation to the Holy See which is self explanatory.
2. Will your office please notify the Liaison Division if this request can be granted, so that we may inform Sir D'Arcy of the action taken.

EB/ac

Enoch Brown
ENOCH BROWN,
Lt Col, AUS

copy to:
Sir D'Arcy Osborne

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22 Sept. 44.
File 51

19/12/44.

LIAISON DEPARTMENT

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

HEADQUARTERS

21 SEP 1944

A. C. C.

in a communication addressed to the Commanding General, Rome Allied Area Command, on August 12th last, I forwarded an application from the Secretariat of State for Ingennere Francesco Uliscia and certain other persons to proceed with material from Rome to Loreto in order to initiate the restoration of the famous Sanctuary there, the property of the Holy See, which has been damaged as a result of the war. Permission was in due course given for Signor Uliscia to make the journey to Loreto and back.

I now enclose translation of a petition from Ingennere Uliscia which has been handed to me by a high official of the Secretariat of State with a recommendation that it be favourably considered. As the object of Signor Uliscia's proposal is to enable him to expedite the work of which he is in charge at Loreto, I shall be grateful if his request may be granted and if he may be authorized without delay to take possession of the spare parts etc. of which he is in need.

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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British Legation to the Holy See,
Vatican City.

September 21st, 1944.

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Transmittal

Rome, 20th September 1944:

The Undersigned Engineer Francesco Uliacini requests that he may be allowed to recover five motor vehicles abandoned by the Germans in the place of an equal number lost through hostile action or taken away by the Germans.

With this end in view he states as follows:

On September 9th 1943, when the Armistice with the Allies was declared, he was at work on the aqueduct of Anzio (workshop "Campoleone") when the German troops, entering the said workshop, took possession alike of a huge quantity of material and machinery and of the following motor-vehicles:

Lancia	number plate	77485	Motor No.	134/301145
Fiat	"	77478	"	100542

This was regularly reported to the competent authorities (as is shown by documents in the writer's possession).

Later on, when the Allies disembarked at Anzio, the aforesaid workshop at Campoleone became a battlefield and three other motor-vehicles which had been brought along from other workshops were repeatedly hit by projectiles, essential parts of them being thus rendered useless.

These motor-vehicles are:

Fiat	number plate	79440	Motor No.	10877
Fiat	"	77477	Motor No.	3741
Seat	"	Lecce	352 Motor No.	3193

It is further placed on record that the Germans, in their flight, abandoned in the aforesaid workshop at Campoleone a motor-van SPA without wheels, with many parts of the motor lacking but replaceable.

This workshop has furthermore been made use of as a workshop by an American detachment which has left, as unserviceable, some tyres, two of which may be repairable.

The Undersigned begs that he may be authorised to recover parts of the abandoned German mechanised appliances ("macchine") (of course, all those which are in order to be able

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