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WAR MATERIAL DISPOSAL
SEPT. - DEC. 1945

199.

Notes

Ref 198 & 190's note - spoke at Lamphell
who will let us have her letter.

LB 10/12

FIVE 10/12.

203

SP. Please see 201 & 202 for action on 198

SP 12/12/45

FIVE CH 10/12

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187.

P/CSD

186 - attachments 1 we were are being handled by you & Ex. Com.

185 for info in reply to our 112.

BS. 24/11.

Ex Comm.

Ref 186 - attached in files are inventories of ECM, Dumps requested by telephone

GB

24/11

P/C

For Ex Comm meeting

R. ex. well indicated should be informed

Note. 189 includes as App A of minutes of Ex. meeting of 27/11

GB.

contents of p. 189.

BS 26/11

188, 189, 190

191.

Suggest

188-190 for info. - ~~that~~ would like to see 190; they are not on distribution. We might pass this file up to them. W.F.D. 3/c complying with 190 para 7, & 188.

BS. 28/11

192

HCLA

File passed to you to see file 190: see also min. 191. Please return file at earliest.

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BS 28/11

Office Ex. Comm.

PA

For Ex Cons meeting

R. Es. well interested should be informed

Note. 189 included
as App A of minutes
of Ex. meeting of 27/11
CSB

contents of 189.

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~~189~~ CSB 29/11

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with 190 para 7, & 188.
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MMIA.

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File passed to you to see Feb 190: see
also min. 191. Please return file at
earliest.

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Office Ex. Comm.

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Enc. Comm.

190 rem. copy enclosed thank you

MMIA.

MMIA.

30/11.

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Please see 197, 195 & 196 on CEM Policy.

SPH 1/12/11

11/23/10.

c 80 - Vol. 162-163 for info.
Para 5 sets forth action required by AC
c.c. already has copy of this
Encl 25/10

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C 30- Feb. 164 for info.

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C 50 Tol. 165 for info

End 2010

170.

Seen by W. S. LUSH
J. S. " 2/11

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Ex com- tel. 172 for info

Ernest 11/11

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V.P. E. can. Sec.

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C 30- Tol. 164 for info.

Encl

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C 50 Tol. 165 for info

Encl

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Seen by [unclear] 8. 11. 31

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Ex Com- Tol. 172 for info

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Encl 11

V.P. Enclosed.

Will you comment for meat V.P. enclosure

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181

[unclear] 181

175- 180 for info.

[unclear] 11.

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[unclear] 183

192 for info.

[unclear] 14/11.

134
Ex-Comm.
CSO- Folio 132 is action taken by E.S. - as re.
quested by ~~Ex-Comm.~~ at min. (131)

Emid 2819

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CSO- Ref. Folio 135. Communication to Leguria
indicated

Emid 2819

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Capt. White.

Yes pl. ~~was~~ ~~what~~ ~~be~~ Put up other for negotiation.

28/9

SEE FOR 128.

Ex-Comm.

CSO Folios 130-138 for info

Emid 8/10

9/10

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Seen by Ex-Comm. ~~Ref. Folio 135~~

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Capt. White

CSO- Pj. folio 135. Communication to Leguria indicated

Emu 28/9

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Capt. white.

Yes for. ~~was~~ sheet. be Put up after for signature.

28/9.

SEE FOKO 128.

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Ex. Com

CSO folios 130-138 for info

Emu 8/10

9/10.

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Seen by Ex. Com. ~~Platib~~ 7. land.

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Capt. white

Ex. Com. can seen 8.150-143.

Pl. now check P. 143-148 with W.H.A.

11/10.

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Ref. folio 116 and
C50. Ee has requested to follow up Milan by
phone. Word left at Grande Hotel for Col. Poletti
to come to see Ee Com tomorrow

Encl 25/9

118.

Ee X. Com.

Ref. P 116 we are getting 2 a copy of
the letter of 6 Sept. In the meantime
you may wish to leave this file as
Col. Poletti is seeing you this morning
about this Rodi of Crater.

Encl 26/9.

119

Ee X. Com.

C50 - Folio 119 is reply from the SIC Milan,
Ref. min. 118.

Encl 26/9. Encl 26/9

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121

V.P. Ee Com. Sec.

Col Poletti confirms this report. Will you
take the matter up with Land Forces Sub Com

K-X-Com.

Ref. P 116 we are getting a copy of the letter of 6 Sept. In the meantime you may wish to leave this file as Col. Poletti is seeing you this morning about this order of transfer.

Final
26/9.

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K-X-Com.

C50 - Zulis 119 is reply from the 81C Milan.

Ref. min. 118.

Final
26/9. Encl 26/9

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V.P. Ecan. Sec.

Col Poletti confirms this report. Will you take the matter up with Land Forces Sub Com & give orders that ^{the factors} be handed over to the appropriate Italian Army authorities.

178/26/9.

123

C50, Executive Commission:

Instructions to Regional Commissioners, Lombardie, incorporated in signal 6153, minute No. 123, opposite. For Brigadier D. R. Anderson Esq.

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News as per 106. - This seems to be a matter which needs immediate clarification. Below to Comm. will make decision.

CAP
5/49

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Capt Amador.

LaCune will not wish to take
a decision without the views and
input of her R.C. Fund
but Diane Norman is a lead
copy of 106 to R.C. but -
copy to Air Force S/C

SEE FILE 109

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(113)

Reference is made to files 106 & min 107 & 108. At folio
117 is D.R.C.'s reply. It appears from this letter that a decision
has been made on para 6 of file 106 by the R.C. However
attention is called to sub para 2 of para 2 of folio 117
re possible unemployment.

(b6)

Examine with HSP Louis to follow
 action without the Bureau and
 report ~~the~~ of her R.C. Fund
 with where Bureau is a lead
 copy of 106 to R.C. with
 copy to Air Force S/C — See page 109

29 7/9.

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(113) Repressa is sent to files 106 & min 107 & 108. At folio
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 has been made on para 6 of files 106 by rd R.C. Bureau
 attention is called to sub para 2 of para 2 of files 112
 re possible unemployment.

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Capn White.

Will you please now reply to
 106. in terms of 112.
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIALS BRANCH

WAD/83/95

20 December 1945

DEC 21 1945

SUBJECT: C.E.M. Disposal.

TO : Centro Mills,
Via Principe Amedeo 24,
TORINO

1. Receipt of your letter 0005 dated 6 December 45 is acknowledged.
2. Higher Authority has ruled that all Captured Enemy Material and Scrap which is surplus to Allied requirements, is to be released to the Italian Government.
3. We know of no A.M.C. Agency which is offering War Material by auction and assure you that all Captured Enemy Materials are being disposed of through Italian Government channels.
4. We advise you therefore to make your application for materials to U.R.M.I.T. in Milan, who are the official Italian Government Agency dealing with the subject in the North.

/s/ J. A. CAMPBELL

J. A. CAMPBELL,
Lieut.-Colonel,
Director,
C.E.M. Branch.

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Copy to:-
Executive Commissioner-
Economic Section-
C.E.M. Branch - Milan Office.

FOR NO

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NO YES

CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIALS BRANCH

31 DEC 1945

(MAY H)

Sent
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

9001
// December 1945

WAD/74/880

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DEC 12 1945

SUBJECT: Personnel for Ministry of Transport.

TO : Minister UGO LAIALFA,
Italian Ministry of Transport,
ROME.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter No 2866/AG.03 dated 1 December 45 addressed to the Chief Commissioner.

2. It is regretted that owing to the shortage of officers, and the fact that Lt. H.D. Phillips has other duties as well as those connected with car wrecks, he cannot be spared to your Ministry.

3. In order to assist you on the take-over of files etc. it has been found possible to release to you at once one of the three Italian assistants working with Lt. Phillips. Sgt. Aldo Franco PERRIN who has been longest with the WAD Sub-Commission and who has worked continually on the subject of car wrecks can be made available to report to you at any time provided two days notice is given to the C.E.M. Branch.

4. The entire subject of outstanding vehicle contracts was discussed with Engineer Valerio of the Ministry of Transport by the Director of the CEM Branch and agreement was reached as to the best action to be taken, it was further agreed that this HQ. would give every assistance in cases which were not of a straightforward nature, our letter WAD/74/846 dated 5 December 1945 to Eng. Valerio, copy attached refers.

(Signed)
CHARLES W. WALTON

Colonel

for Chief, Supply Group

HARLAN CLEVELAND,
Acting Vice-President,
Economic Section.

201
Encl.- Letter WAD/74/846.

Copy to:
Chief Commissioner.
Executive Commissioner. ✓
File.

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see M.203

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(M.A.H.)
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIALS BRANCH

C O P Y

WMD/74/246

5 December 1945

SUBJECT: Vehicles Contracts.

TO : A.R.A.R.
Att. Ing. VALERIO.

1. Reference conversation Lt. Col. CAMPBELL - Ing. VALERIO on the subject of vehicles the contracts of which still require completion.
2. We enclose herewith complete list of such vehicles and request you to proceed with the necessary action to complete the contracts with the present repairers.
3. It is agreed that we will assist in any case where you find it impossible to finalise a particular case.
4. Is it your wish for us to notify registered owners that the contracts will be completed by your agency? If so please advise us any further information which you would like us to notify the registered owners on your behalf.

/s/ Major Wilson

for J.A. CAMPBELL
Lieut.-Colonel,
Director
C.E.M. BRANCH.

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Tel. 489034, Ext. 380

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Industry and Utilities Sub-Commission

Ref: 078/11/PBU

11 December 1945

Subject: Request for Equipment.

DEC 11 1945

To : Ing. Mario Volpe, Via Bertoloni, No. 26A.

CA

1. Reference your letter dated 13 November 1945 addressed to Admiral Stone.

2. As such matters would eventually be referred to us, we have been asked to reply to your communication now. It is pointed out that all surplus property and all other materials destined for civilian uses are issued in accordance with a standard procedure and there are no reasons apparent for modifying this established practice in your case. It is suggested that you apply in normal channels.

E. J. Ristedt

E. J. RISTEDT,
Colonel G.S.

G.C. to: Chief Commissioner
Exe. Commissioner
Recn. Sect. CEO
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Translation

The Ministry of Transports

2866/ AG.03

1 December 1945

DEC 7 1945

ADMIRAL STONE
CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF THE ALLIED COMMISSION

This Ministry has been informed verbally that before long the War Material Disposal sub-commission will hand over to the Italian Government all the files regarding the regularization of car wrecks rebuilt by Italian private persons, with the authorization of the above mentioned sub-commission.

As this will mean settling relations with several hundred people concerned, according to the procedure and regulations fixed by the Commission, even if it is under the responsibility of this Ministry, it is a matter of great interest for the Italian Government that the files should go on being handled by the people who, up to now, handled them ably and disinterestedly.

I therefore beg you, my dear Admiral to allow the personnel attached to this sub-commission, Mrs. Pessina, Aldo Franco, Valetti Giacinto, and Berardinelli Fernando, to be transferred to the dependence of this Ministry, which already informed the Ministry of Treasury about this request.

However, the settlement of the cases with the above mentioned personnel could only take place under the orders of Lieutenant Hubert Davies Phillips, who has been handling such cases ever since the Commission was formed, and knows better than anybody else what criterions are to be followed and whether it is advisable to choose one system rather than another, and can give to the Italian Government the benefit of his experience and valuable advice.

For the above mentioned reasons, I ask you to allow Lt. Phillips to work with this Ministry, which feels that thus only, it can solve the very numerous and often intricate problems regarding salvage, which, till now, had been handled by the War Material Disposal sub-commission.

Believe me,

a. Ugo la Malfa

cc comment: EC Personal.
In principle - don't you
think we should agree?
J. E. X. S.
4/2

o/o

see M199.

E.C. DIST - 7 Dec.

Action: Ec. Sec. (3)

J. E. X. S. : C.C.

E.C.

Est. Sec.

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(MAJ H)

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WHD/30/250

29 November 1945

NOV 30 1945

SUBJECT : C.E.M. Policy.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission (M.M.I.A.)

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Reference your Q.007 dated 21 Nov 45.

1. All vehicles and CEM handed over by 2 District to AC, which includes material of ex Italian Military origin, will immediately be notified to M.M.I.A. for necessary action.
2. Release of Italian Army equipment is subject to agreement at all times by M.M.I.A. and will not be released without that agreement. Until releases are made by the Army Commands concerned UNMIT have no control over dumps, but in certain cases vehicles in factories or workshops are held by UNMIT for safe custody until 2 District gives the necessary release.
3. This Branch will give every possible assistance to Land Forces Sub-Commission in ensuring that all Italian Army Equipment and Vehicles are made available to them at the earliest possible moment.

J. H. Campbell
 J. H. CAMPBELL, Lt-Col.
 Lieut. Colonel,
 Director,
 C.E.M. Branch.

Copy to : Executive Commissioner.
 AC. CEM Branch, Milan Office.

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 Captured Enemy Materials Branch

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIALS BRANCH

WMD/30/251

29 November 1945

NOV 30 1945

SUBJECT: C.E.M. Policy.

TO : Allied Commission,
Milan Office,
Captured Enemy Materials Branch.

1. We enclose herewith copy of letter Q.007 dated 21 Nov. 45 received from Land Forces Sub-Commission (M.M.I.A.).

2. You are requested to contact U.R.M.I.T. or A.R.A.R. immediately and agree with them that there are no further instances of obstructing the Armed Forces in the collection of Material which has been released by the Allied Army Commands to the Services.

ITALIAN

J. A. Campbell
J. A. CAMPBELL,
Lieut.-Colonel,
Director,
C.E.M. Branch.

Copy to: Executive Commissioner,
Land Forces Sub-Commission (M.M.I.A.)
(your Q.007 dtd 21 Nov. 45 refers).

See M. 197

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CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIALS BRANCH

J. A. Campbell
(MAJ II)
11/12/45

Dispatch

Remarks:

attached letter summarizes discussion on CEM
& salvage disposal in Pantellaria and Lampedusa, this
afternoon between LT/Col McAllum & Major Wilson.

LT/Col McAllum stated he now had all the information
he required on this subject.

[Signature]

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See M.197

[Signature]
(MAN H)

Sent
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIALS BRANCH

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WMD/9a/5

29 November 45

SUBJECT: CEM and Salvage in Pantelleria and Lampedusa. NOV 29 1945

TO : Liaison Officer
Allied Commission
PALERMO

1. Reference conversation Lt.Col.W.J. Mc ALLUM-Major
TREVOR WILSON of todays date.

2. CEM and Scrap in above islands will be disposed of
as follows:

- (a) Material of Italian Military origin.
If not required for Allied military purposes,
this will be listed and the list forwarded to
Land Forces S/C (MMIA) for disposal instructions.
- (b) Material of Italian Naval or Air Force origin.
If not required for Allied purposes, will be
listed and the list forwarded to Naval or Air
Force S/C for disposal instructions.
- (c) All other CEM and Scrap will be reported to this
Branch and release instructions will then be
forwarded to you.

3. No objection is raised to the transference of scrap
from one island to the other.

4. Salvaging by the Italian Navy in harbours of either
island must not take place at present as this matter has been
referred to AFM by Navy S/C and a reply awaited. It is under-
stood that a special group is to be sent to examine wrecks etc
and that the personnel for it are being screened.

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CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIALS BRANCH

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

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Copy to: Executive Commissioner,
Land Forces S/C (MMIA) - Navy S/C (Att:Lt.Comdr.Davies) -
Air Forces S/C.

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WMD/74/797

26 November 45

NOV 27 1945

SUBJECT: CEM of Russian origin.TO : The Representative of the Union of Soviet
Socialist Republics to the Allied Commission
for Italy
HQ. A.C.

1. We have received the following report from our Milan Office with reference to your request for details of all CEM of Russian origin.

2. "No Captured Enemy Material of Russian origin has been reported by AMG Regional HQ. Report from HQ No. 2 District to GHQ CMF of other United Nations as on 15 Nov 45, in accordance with para 12 (a) 1 of Directive AG 386.3 Q (AE)-O dated 2 Oct 45 gives a NIL return of Russian origin".

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

Copy to Executive Commissioner.
" " Economic Section Supply Group.

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(11/15/45)

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Allied Force Headquarters

Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

Subject: Disposal of CEM (Pharmaceutical
Plants and Stocks) at MERANO.

AFHQ/5076/C(AE)

22 Nov 45

Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission to Italy

NOV 26 1945

1. There is at MERANO a medical installation comprising a manufacturing plant and a supply and repair depot. The installation was established by the Germans and is still being run by the German staff. Besides the present production there are large stocks of pharmaceutical material and equipment on hand.

2. Though much of the material is of German origin, some undoubtedly is of Italian origin and was removed by the Germans from Florence. Based on this the Italian Army, through MIA, are requesting that certain material and equipment of Italian origin in the depot be returned to them.

3. The question of the disposal of the installation and its contents have been under discussion and it has been agreed that basically the principles laid down in this Headquarters AG 386.3 C(AE)-O dated 2 Oct 45 will govern its disposal.

4. To allow the claim of the Italian Army would prevent further output from the plants and, in view of the importance of its continuity, this is considered undesirable.

5. It has, therefore, been decided that, when certain demands made by Allied medical authorities including SEP requirements for CEF till the end of 1946, have been met, the remaining stocks and equipment will be declared surplus and will be handed over to the Italian Ministry of Industry and Commerce for disposal. It is pointed out, however, that the bids made by the Allied Medical authorities are of considerable magnitude, and some months must, of necessity, elapse before these demands can be fully satisfied.

6. The claim of the Italian Army will not be considered separately and no other disposal will be entertained. It is considered that the installation, surplus stocks, and further output will not provide surpluses to the Italian Government's requirements for Italy. It will be for the Italian Government to decide the disposal of the installation, stocks and output as between the Italian Army and the civil economy, but in view of the importance of not disturbing output it is suggested that the Italian Government should bear in mind the advisability of ensuring the continuance of the installation as a whole.

7. Please, therefore, in conjunction with HQ 2 District, make adequate arrangements with the Italian Government for the installation and stocks to be taken over when declared surplus to Allied requirements.

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7. Please, therefore, in conjunction with Hq. 2 District, make adequate arrangements with the Italian Government for the installation and stocks to be taken over when declared surplus to Allied requirements. Maximum output will be continued throughout. When the take-over is complete the German Staff and British supervisors will be withdrawn and, therefore, the Italian Government should make preparations accordingly.

/s/ A.C. DUFF, Major General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

Cox To: Medical
NET/rec 6-5
In. No 2 District, CMF

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ACTION - Econ Section (3)
INFO - Chief Commissioner
" - EV Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

Ref.: 5.13/ES

24 November 1945

NOV 24 1945

MEMORANDUM :

SUBJECT : Present Status of URMIT (Ufficio Recupero Materiali Impianti Tedeschi)
TO : Executive Commissioner

1. This organization was formed by Commissioner Tremelloni of the Institute for Industrial Reconstruction (I.R.I.) under the Central Economic Commission of the Committee for National Liberation of North Italy (CINAI) on 17 May 1945 and its functions were confirmed by Col. Poletti, Regional Commissioner of Lombardia Region, in Regional Order No. 5 of 15 June 1945, which provided that all persons holding materials, machinery, or other property, except War materials, belonging to the German Army or organization depending thereon, should declare the same to URMIT which was to act as custodian and dispose of the same in accordance with AIG instructions. Its activity was extended to other Regions of the North with permission of this Headquarters (letter of Economic Section 8 Aug., ref. 5.13/ES). Under date of 7 Aug. a letter was sent to AFH asking for approval for URMIT to act as custodian of such materials as had already been taken over subject to military demands, which was agreed.

2. At present URMIT is being absorbed by the ARAR (Azienda Ricupero Alienazione Residuati) an organization which will replace the Italian State Railways as receiver for Captured Enemy Materials and will operate directly under the Ministry of Transport. The head of ARAR is Ing. Valerio.

3. All materials formerly the property of the Italian Armed Forces are passed to MIA before being released to URMIT (ARAR) by AC or No. 2 District. Dumps are surveyed jointly by representatives of Captured Enemy Material Branch and ARAR and are released to the latter on approval from CEM Branch after No. 2 District has removed such materials as are required for Allied Military Use.

Charles W. Walton
CHARLES W. WALTON
Colonel, AC
Chief, Supply Group

See M. 191

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Subject:- C.E.M. Policy.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME.

Q.007

21 November, 1945.

To:- A.C.
for War Material Disposal Sub Commission.

NOV 24 1945

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1. Further to this H.Q. letter Q.154 of 8 Nov 45, assurance is sought that the recovery of Italian Army property from C.E.M. will not be obstructed by the activities of U.R.M.I.T.

2. This organisation under reference 666/32 of 5 Nov 45, wrote to the Military Territorial H.Q. at Turin objecting in strong terms to the recovery by the Army of 23 motor vehicles for which A.F.H.Q. release had been obtained. It is further alleged that U.R.M.I.T. is threatening the firm of Ditta Garavini with a view to obstructing the removal of the balance of the 23 vehicles not yet collected.

U.R.M.I.T. has also obstructed the removal of 10 motor vehicles from the firm of Penin Farina for which A.F.H.Q. release had been obtained. The incidents have been reported by M.M.I.A. I.U. to your representative at H.Q. A.M.C. Piedmonte and Milan.

3. Such action is directly contrary to A.F.H.Q. orders and to the Policy Directive issued by the Deputy Executive Commissioner under his AC/M/WD/1 dated 8 Nov 45.

4. In accordance with 2 District Adm. Instruction No. 35 of 23 October, M.M.I.A. will be notified of stocks of Italian Military stores by H.Q. 2 District and will arrange collection. Owing, however, to the number and size of the dumps, it may be that Italian Army material will be included in stores handed over to War Material Disposal Sub Comm.

You are requested to issue specific instructions that when any dump is taken over from 2 District, an M.M.I.A. or War Ministry representative will be present and that the disposal of Italian Army material will be subject to agreement with M.M.I.A.

There is an M.M.I.A. Liaison Unit attached to each Territorial Headquarters, and no difficulty should be experienced in obtaining the services of a suitable representative.

W.P. daly.

Colonel.
For Major General.
M.M.I.A.

See 1195-196

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Copy to:
Executive Commissioner.
No. 1 B.I.U. Turin.

RAC/fem

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CC MISSION

MILAN OFFICE

APO 394

U.S. ARMY

WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL SUB-COMMISSION
CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIAL SECTION

BOLZANO

JCH/SM

15 November 1945

SUBJECT: Inventories of CEM Depots under AC Control.

TO: Col. MILLER - EC, Bolzano Province

NOV 23 1945

Reference: CEM/Bz/3042

1. As per your request by telephone conversation on 15th of November 1945, I am enclosing inventories of 40 CEM Dumps No. 1 & No. 2, up to and including 15th of October 1945.

2. In addition to the inventories, you will find a list of all CEM dumps in the Provinces of Bolzano, Trento and Belluno. The dumps are listed separately and directly across location of dump, is listed the Material found in the dump upon our first check-up in July and August.

3. It is impossible to determine the accuracy at present of material in these Depots, due to the fact that CEM Group No. 1 of No. 2 Eleventh HQ Division, have been transporting material of these particular Depots since we handed over a list of these dumps for their information.

4. It is understood of course that the inventories are only accurate up to date they were made, due to the fact that there has been several releases to AFHQ, HQ No. 2 District and to 60 Sub-Area troops. In every case, we have requisitions and tally-outs against for all material which has been released.

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Executive Commissioner.

John S. Harding
JOHN S. HARDING
1945 Lt. 5107
ALCOM CEM 3042

16 November 1945

SUBJECT: Inventories of CEM Depots under AG Control.

TO: Col. MILLER - PC, Bolzano Province

NOV 23 1945

Reference: CEM/Dz/3042

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John B. T. Gardiner

JOHN B. T. GARDINER
1st Lt. 5107
ALCOA CEM BOLZANO

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Executive Commissioner.

I hope this is what you want, if not,

will you kindly let me know Ep. Micean.

17. Nov. 45.

(Miss S. (S. 10))

JOHN B. T. GARDINER
1st Lt. 5107
ALCOA CEM BOLZANO

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Rome, 19 November 1945

NOV 23 1945

My dear Admiral,

I received your letter N. RS/5.08, dated 14th inst., and I greatly appreciate the kind information you sent me about the request made by the Congregation of the 'Fratelli delle Scuole Cristiane'.

Many thanks for your kind interest about this matter. Believe me,

yours sincerely,

a. A. Infante

(Generale Adolfo Infante)

Rear Admiral Milery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
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Mrs S.
(initials)

WMD/3c/230

20 November 1945

NOV 20 1945

SUBJECT: Captured Enemy Material of Russian Origin

TO : Representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the Allied Commission for Italy.

Reference your letters No. 109/A/45 dated 10 October 1945, addressed to the Vice Presidents of the Economic and Civil Affairs Sections.

1. The only item of Russian origin in the South of Italy which has been reported to the Allied Commission is the Russian truck, engine 413296, chassis 404340, which was impounded by the Russian authorities in August 1945 and is at present at the Russian Embassy in Rome; this vehicle has already been reported both to AFHQ and your Embassy.

2. As regards the North of Italy, a letter was written to our Northern HQ in Milan as per WMD/74/736 dated 14 November 1945, copy attached, asking for a list of Captured Enemy Material of Russian origin. On 15 November 1945 the Northern HQ was asked to submit the list, if possible, by 18 November 1945. This list will be transmitted to the Russian authorities in Allied Commission immediately it is to hand.

F. H. McLEOD

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Enclosure:

/ copy of WMD/74/736 dated 14 November 45.

cc : CEM Branch

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFO 394
CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIALS BRANCH

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14 November 1945

SUBJECT: G.E.M. of U.S.S.R. origin.

TO : Allied Commission
Miles Office
Captured Enemy Materials Branch.

1. We have received a request from the Soviet Union, enquiring the nature and quantity of captured enemy materials of U.S.S.R. origin at present on our books.

2. Please supply us with a list showing in the case of vehicles

- (a) Make
- (b) Type
- (c) Engine No
- (d) Chassis No
- (e) Location

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

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ADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

Ref.: ES/5.08

14 November 1945

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My dear General Infante:

Your letter of 27 October 1945 and the appeal of the Religious Congregation of the Brothers of the Christian Schools have been carefully examined.

I can fully appreciate the needs of this organization as stated in the letter of the Superior, and I sympathize with these people in regard to the supplies and equipment which they desire to obtain.

However, my understanding is that under existing laws and regulations governing disposal of surplus property, it is not possible to transfer such materials to a private organization until the material has first been offered to the Italian Government. This arrangement has been made to conform with the suggestions of your Government.

It might be advisable, therefore, for this organization to present its case to the Supply Section of the Italian State Railways, which is the official surplus property purchasing agent for the Italian Government.

[s] Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

General Adolfo Infante,
Primo Aiutante di Campo Generale
di S.A.R. il Luogotenente del Regno,
Palazzo Quirinale.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

Tel: 550

9 November 45

Ref: ES/120

NOV 10 1945

SUBJECT: Vice Presidents Meeting 8 November 45 - Minutes

TO : Brig. Gen. A. L. Hamblen
Assistant Chief of Staff
G-5 Hq. AFHQ
APO 512 U. S. Army (Local)

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The attached entry from the minutes of the Vice Presidents meeting of 8 November 1945 constitutes the action on your letter of 24 October 1945 on the subject of disposal of captured enemy material.

163 FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:


HARLAN CLEVELAND
Acting Vice President

Incl: 1 (m/s)

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(CAPT DRAYBROOK)

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DISPOSAL OF CAPTURED ENEMY EQUIPMENT

Mr. Cleveland reported that General Hamblen had objected to a statement in the minutes of the Vice Presidents Meeting of 10 October 1945 to the effect all captured enemy equipment would go to the Italian Government. ^{If} ~~he~~ ^{was} considered ~~it~~ appropriate to change the minutes to reflect the fact that only captured enemy material "surplus to the needs of the United Nations" would be disposed of to the Italian Government. (AFHQ's letter CAO/214/6 of 24 October refers.) This change was approved by the Chief Commissioner.

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8 November 1945

NOV 9 1945

SUBJECT: Captured Enemy Materials - General Policy.

TO : Regional Commissioner, HQ ANZ Liguria Region
 " " " " Piemonte Region
 " " " " Lombardia Region
 " " " " Venetia Region
 Alcon Liaison, Bologna

See folio 188

1. On 12 October 1945 two copies of a revised AFHQ Directive on the subject of disposal of captured enemy material were forwarded to you for your information and guidance by the War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission.

2. Reports have been received from the Land Forces Sub-Commission that ANZ Officers in the field do not appear to be familiar with this Directive or do not appear to understand it. Specifically, the following points may require clarification:

(a) Responsibility for the Control and Disposal of Captured Enemy Material.

All captured enemy material must be reported to the appropriate District Commander for disposal instructions.

(b) Definitions.

All material, regardless whether it is actually in dumps or has been seized by civilians or others following Germany's surrender goes under the heading of captured material.

(c) Policies.

Under no circumstances may authority be granted to official or private individuals to retain property except as directed by the controlling authority.

Recaptured war material of Italian origin is claimed by the Italian Army and under no circumstances will be disposed of by War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission. It will normally be released to M.M.I.A. by the District Commander, the only exception being such items as are retained by him for military purposes including maintenance of P.O.W.

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- (4) All vehicles of Italian military origin are to be returned to the Italian Army, unless retained for Allied military purposes. You have already been informed of the transfer arrangements whereby military vehicles reported by you as now in the hands of civilians are to be replaced by the Ministry of Transport. No further release of military vehicles of Italian origin to civilians may be made.

NORMAN W. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive Commissioner

Copy to: Land Forces S/C (MMA)

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Subject:- Captured Enemy Material - General Policy.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME.

Q.007

8 November, 1945.

My dear

Fiske

Reference our conversation this morning on the above subject:-

On the 12 Oct last, Major Drew (for Director War Material Disposal Sub Commission) issued to your Regional Commissioners, etc. an A.F.H.Q. Directive on the above subject. My Q/5 of 8 Oct to you stated that I considered it advisable that you should issue a more detailed explanation of the A.F.H.Q. Directive, underlining certain points, so as to make it quite clear to your people what was the full intention of A.F.H.Q.

This morning you told me that you would be glad to have a suggested draft of what you should send out now, to amplify the A.F.H.Q. Directive. I attach such a draft herewith, and would be most grateful if you would issue it over your signature, so that it will really carry weight, as compared with the issue over the signature of a junior officer. May I have a copy of what you send out please?

Yours

Sincerely

Langley Browning

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To:-

H.Q. Allied Commission (for Col. Fiske)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
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WMD/3a/203

7 November 1945.

SUBJECT: Recovery of Italian Army Property

NOV 8 1945

TO : Headquarters Allied Commission
Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA)

1. Reference is made to your memo Q/5 dated 8 October 1945 reference above subject, and the inclosed interpretation of existing instructions re the disposal of Captured Enemy Material.

2. It is agreed that the addressees of the AFHQ directive No. AG 386. 3 Q(AE)-0 dated 2 October 1945, namely COC No. 2 and 3 Districts, PBS and XIII Corps, have disposal jurisdiction. The additional commentaries on the AFHQ instructions dated 2 October 1945 are agreed as a basis for present and future action, except that the last sentence in your comment on para 9 g (3) is not clear.

3. War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission and AMG officers are in possession of all directives concerning disposal of vehicles and are fully conversant with the fact that MMIA is the deciding factor in determining origin of any vehicle under dispute.

4. Great care is taken by officers engaged on vehicle inspections to segregate vehicles of Italian military origin from civilian, and MMIA is notified of any vehicles awaiting its disposal instructions.

5. I do not deem it necessary or desirable to publish further instructions to AG/AMG officers, as suggested in your para 5 (b).

6. I should appreciate information from you as to specific violations of existing directives, in order that steps may be taken towards rectification.

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1st Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

cc: HQ, AG, Milan Office (WMD)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

24 October 1945

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SUBJECT: Disposal of Captured Enemy Material.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

Reference Minutes, Vice Presidents' Meeting 10 October,
Allied Commission, file: CO 551/34.

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1. AFHQ letter AG 386.3 Q(AE)-0 of 2 October 1945, addressed to major commands, sets out the policy for the disposal of all captured enemy material in this theater.

2. The allocation, use and ultimate disposal of enemy material is the responsibility of the commanders of the various Base Sections, Corps and Districts in the theater.

3. Surplus enemy material in its present form having a value in the civil rehabilitation of a country and captured material of a civil character which is surplus to known military requirements will be made available for disposal to the government of the country concerned. In Italy (less Venezia Giulia) this will be to the agency designated by the Italian Government, at present the Ministry of Transportation, through the Allied Commission to Italy.

4. Statement in paragraph 3 of reference minutes to the effect that all captured enemy equipment will go to the Italian Government is, therefore, in error.

A. L. HAMLEN,
Brigadier General GSC,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

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Copy to Lt. Col. Mc CLEARY, C.S.O. to E.C.
Economic Section

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

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EXTRACT FROM V. P. MEETING OF 10 OCT 453. Disposal of Captured Enemy Equipment

The Chief Commissioner reported that a new directive had been received from AFHQ on the disposal of captured enemy equipment, under which all such equipment will go to the Italian Government. Complete records of all transfers are to be kept, possibly as a basis for any future reimbursement that may be decided on. The War Materials Disposal S/C has been directed not to dispose of any more material until the new directive has been completely studied.

4. Disposal of U. S. Salvage and Waste

Colonel Walton stated that at the request of U. S. authorities, copy of which he was directed to forward to the CC, the AG is handling disposal of U. S. salvage and waste with the Italian Government. The Chief Commissioner observed that the British Ministry of Supply deals directly with the Italian Government and expressed surprise that U. S. equipment should be disposed of by an Allied Agency.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 386.3 Q(AE)-0

27 October 1945

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SUBJECT: Disposal of Captured Enemy Material in the Mediterranean
Theater (To Include ITALY, AUSTRIA, GREECE and MIDDLE EAST)TO: Commanding Generals
Peninsular Base Section, APO 782
Army Air Force Service Command, MTO, APO 528
General Officers Commanding
Middle East
British Troops in AUSTRIA
XIII Corps
Land Forces, GREECE
Number 2 District
Number 3 District1. Reference is made to letters, this headquarters, AG 386.3/163
SUP-0, dated 23 September 1945; AG 386.3 Q(AE)-0, dated 2 October 1945;
and letter, Headquarters MTOUSA, AG 400.93/156 D-0, dated 13 October 1945.2. The LMAB has relieved this theater of the responsibility of meet-
ing the United States requirements for War Memorials and Trophies.3. Accordingly, Appendix "B" of letter, this headquarters, AG 386.3/
163 SUP-0, dated 23 September 1945; pages 7 - 9, inclusive, of Appendix
"A" to letter, this headquarters, AG 386.3 Q(AE)-0, dated 2 October 1945;
and pages 7 - 9, inclusive, of Appendix "A" to letter, Headquarters MTOUSA,
AG 400.93/156 D-0, dated 13 October 1945, are rescinded.4. Items which have been "frozen" under the following authorities
pending receipt of consignment instructions from LMAB will now be dis-
posed of in accordance with existing policies:Commanding General,
Peninsular Base Section - AG 400.93/156 D-0, dated 19
October 1945.Headquarters,
Number 2 District - GHQ/5052/Q(AE), dated 18 October 45.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

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M. FRANCES AMAN
1st Lt., AGC
Asst Adjutant GeneralDISTRIBUTION:
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Letter, AFHC, AG 386.3 C(AF)-0
dated 27 October 1945 (Cont'd)



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Economic Section Distribution:

ACTION: War Materials Disposal

INFO: Chief Commissioner

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Rome, 27 October 1945

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Dear Admiral Stone,

the Religious Congregation of the 'Brothers of the Christian schools', whose seat is in Rome, - Via Aurelia, n. 202, asked for the support of H.R.H. the Lieutenant General of the kingdom to obtain the allocation of surplus war material.

The Prince who protects the said Congregation wants me to ask you very kindly to examine this request.

To this end, I forward you, my dear Admiral, the enclosed request from Mr. Francesco TRANQUILLI, Superior General of the congregation, and thanking you, I remain,

Yours very truly,

S. A. Infante

(General Adolfo Infante)

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission

Rome

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APC 394

Office of the Chief Commissioner

Ref: WMD/3B/175

29 October, 1945.

SUBJECT: Disposal of Captured Enemy Material in ITALY.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters.
Attn: Chief Administrative Officer.

1. Action is being taken on your CAO/214/6 of 20 Oct 45 but the Italian Government, in the person of the Prime Minister himself, has raised a point of great importance which is referred to in para 6, i.e., the guarding of the material.
2. The Prime Minister recognizes the immense value to the Italian Government of this material. He also recognizes that the police forces of the country are inadequate for the task before them and that in computing the strength of the interim army the Minister of War did not take into account the added responsibility of guarding the depots and dumps of captured enemy material. I think that the Minister acted reasonably in this.
3. As you know, in previous communications the Prime Minister has asked for an overall increase in the strength of the CC.RR from 65,000 to 75,000. It has not yet been possible for this figure to be accepted. He now does make this specific request that the strength of the CC.RR shall be increased temporarily at any rate, by 4,000 men in order that this most valuable material can be guarded and that the responsibility of the Italian Government can be properly implemented. He proposes to effect the increase by deferring the discharge of time expired CC.RR up to the number proposed for a period of 4 - 6 months, during which time he hopes to dispose of the material.
4. I think that the Prime Minister's request is eminently reasonable. We cannot expect the Italian Government to fulfil their responsibilities in keeping law and order and in guarding this immense amount of material if we do not allow them to maintain the force which they consider necessary. In this matter I fully concur with the Prime Minister that the extra CC.RR are necessary and that unless he receives them, either law and order will suffer or the material will not be properly guarded, the economy of Italy will suffer and additional materials will be demanded from the Allies.
5. I therefore strongly recommend that without prejudice to consideration for the overall increase of the CC.RR from 65,000 to 75,000, the subject of a further communication, immediate permission be granted to the Italian Government to maintain with the colours the 4,000 CC.RR requested. Only in this way can the terms of your directive be properly implemented.

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Copy to: GOC No. 2 District
 GOC No. 3 District
 CG, PBS
 G-4, AFHQ
 G-5, AFHQ
 Q(AE), AFHQ
 GOC, XIII Corps

GOC, Land Forces S/C
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ELBERT W. STONE
 Rear Admiral, USNR
 Chief Commissioner

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ROUTINE

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Please refer to MTOUSA cable C-29165 dated 17 October concerning pickup of Ordnance material by Italian Govt. 20000 tires are now awaiting pickup at CASERTA and 20000 at LEGHORN. An additional 65000 are to be made available with 42000 already authorized. Request immediate action by Italian Govt.

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The president of the Council of Ministers

Admiral Stone
 Chief Commissioner - A.G.
 Dear Admiral,

Rome, 20 October 1945

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during the meeting which took place yesterday evening between the Ministers members of the Interministerial Committee for Reconstruction, and the Representatives of the P.B.S. and W.M.D. A/G, about the handing over of wreckages of all kind by the American Government to the Italian Government, the P.B.S. officials stated that the payment of such material should have to be made in ready money, Italian lire.

This in accordance with orders issued by Washington. Now, this particular financial regulation is in contrast with what has been established for the handing over of the American surplus and property taken from the Germans, so that we might think it to have been issued previously to the regulation on the payment of surplus material and former German property, and therefore consider it as no longer valid.

As it is well known, for the two latter kind of material, a form of settlement has been devised, by means of a simple debiting to the Italian Government; financial agreements between both governments concerned with the payment are postponed to a later date. Such a system is doubtless more in accordance with the relations agreed upon by both government, and their relative interests of their economic policy.

In fact, leaving aside all other considerations, it is to be feared that if the Italian Government is obliged to make immediate payments in ready money, this may lead to inflation, which the Italian Government has been trying to curb also in accordance with the suggestion from the American Government.

On the other hand, the Italian Government cannot give up such wreckages, not only because they represent goods which may be a considerable asset for the economic rehabilitation of the country, if properly put on the market, but also because the renunciation of the Italian Government would imply the carrying on of speculating manoeuvres by private persons, which have already been bitterly criticized by public opinion and by the press, when direct negotiations took place between the Commands of local depots and private concerns.

At Foggia, material from various airfields were handed over to a private concern which is supposed to have made considerable profit by selling it back to other speculators, and the Italian Government greatly desires that such things shouldn't happen again.

Therefore, in the name of the Italian Government, I beg for your personal intervention with the American Government, to have orders issued as soon as possible to P.B.S. for the handing over of wreckages with a system of debiting instead of that of immediate payment in ready money; as I have already told you, such a system is already being used for the handing over of surplus material and such goods as were German property.

Believe me,

B.U. 3/11

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RECEIVED: 20 OCT 1945

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Truly yours,

S. Ferruccio Parri

P. (CAPT. WHITE)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
S.A.O. Office

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~~Oct 23 1945~~

CAD/214/6

OCT 24 1945

SUBJECT: Disposal of Captured Enemy Material in ITALY

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission to ITALY.

1. Recently the Combined Chiefs of Staff authorized the disposal of all captured enemy material in the Mediterranean Theatre. This authority has been implemented by the publication of this HQ letter AG 386.3 Q(AE)-O dated 2 October 1945.

2. The policy established for disposal of material in ITALY is as follows:

(a) All captured enemy material surplus to the needs of the United Nations and being of value, in its present form, to the rehabilitation of the economy of ITALY will be made available by the Allied Commands to the Italian Government for such purpose.

(b) All captured enemy material surplus to the needs of the United Nations and being of no value, in its present form, to the rehabilitation of the country will be rendered of no further military value, reduced to scrap by the Allied Commands and, if still surplus, disposed of as scrap to the Italian Government through:

(i) the OAHIC in the case of US material

(ii) the representative in ITALY of the Ministry of Supply in the case of British material.

3. The objects of this policy are twofold, namely:-

(a) To relieve Allied Commands of the responsibility of guarding and maintaining large dumps of enemy material, thus effecting a large economy in our already overstrained manpower resources.

(b) To make available immediately to the Italian Government, large quantities of material which it is realized are urgently required in the re-establishment of the internal economy of ITALY.

4. In accordance with the policy laid down by CCS in FAW 487, namely to turn over control of Italian affairs progressively to the Italian Government, the Italian Government will be entirely responsible for receiving and disposing of the captured enemy material offered to it. Once such material has been declared surplus to Allied military requirements and accepted by the Italian Government, no Allied military or civilian agency or personnel should be involved in deciding how it is to be distributed; nor will they entertain requests for such material from private individuals or firms, who will be referred to whatever agency the Italian Government makes responsible for dealing with such requests.

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5. It is therefore requested that you will ask the Italian Government to:

(a) draw up their own policy and procedure for receiving, guarding and disposing of the materials to be offered to them,

(b) nominate to this HQ their duly authorized agencies with whom the Allied Commands, GANIC and the Ministry of Supply representative should deal. These agencies should be able to take physical custody of the material as soon as possible and to accept full responsibility for it once it has passed from Allied control.

(c) announce publicly the names of the agencies so designated, the method by which they propose to dispose of the material and the correct procedure to be followed by private individuals and firms who wish to enquire about captured material.

(d) accept full responsibility for settling disputes as between varying claimants.

6. Owing to the need for economizing in the Allied manpower at present employed in guarding and maintaining the material, and to enable Allied formations to begin release of the material to the duly authorized Italian agencies as soon as possible, it is requested that the attention of the Italian Government be drawn to the need for prompt action under paragraph 5 above. This is to their own interest, as the material is of considerable value to them.

(s) A. C. DUFF,

Major-General,

Chief Administrative Officer.

20 Oct 45
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COPY TO: GOC No. 2 District
GOC No. 3 District
CG, PBS
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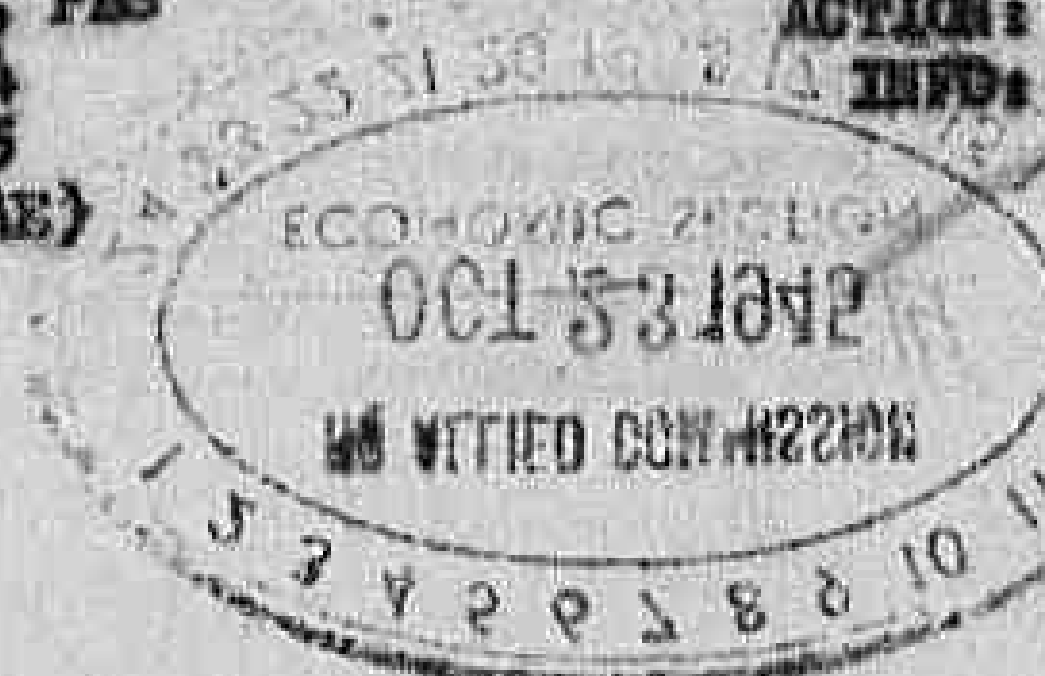
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

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22 October 1945

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(s) L. W. STEARNS
Major, AGH
SQ to CC

1 Incl - Ltr CAO/21A/6, 20 Oct 45, from
CAO, AFHQ to CC, AG, subject:
"Disposal of Captured Enemy
Material in ITALY"

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23 OCT 1945 (2)

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HEADQUARTERS
LIGURIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

10 October 1945

Ref: Lig/HQ/135

SUBJECT: Captured Enemy Materials - Genoa.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394, Attention:
Executive Commissioner, ¹³⁸

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5. I asked the Provincial Commissioner to try to smooth out any differences between General Frattini and the Prefect, which has been done. I ordered the Provincial Commissioner to instruct the Prefect to limit the activities of the Comitato to the collection of merely non-military material. I asked the Provincial Commissioner to hold a conference on which were representatives of 60 Sub Area, the W.M.D. Officer of Liguria Region, The British Naval Port Officer, General Frattini and Colonel Almici of the Italian Army, the Vice-

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*Added by
13 Oct 45*

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Prefect of Genoa, and the President of the Comitato Ricuperi.
At this meeting, decisions were taken as to the responsibility
for the various articles and materials which had been collected
by the Comitato into eight large warehouses here in Genoa. That
is how the matter stands at present.

J. G. Selby

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Colonel

Regional Commissioner

c.c.-W.M.D. S/C, Milan.

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12th October, 1945

Your telegram 1000A of October 9th is not the correct procedure. If the GOC requires a personal interview with any officer at HQ the telegram should be addressed to Alena and not personally to the officer concerned. It is for the Chief Commissioner to decide (a) whether he can accede to the G.O.C's request (b) whether he will send Lt Col Campbell or another. Have you been unable with the help of the AG group in Milan to iron out the controversy? I should like a report on the whole matter.

Yours

M. S. LUSH

Lt Col the Hon R.A.B. Hamilton,
 A.C. Liaison Officer,
 2 District

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Major General,

lines, grenades, detectors and initiators, explosives, small arms ammunition and ammunition of 20 mm calibre or below. Until destroyed, enemy material of this nature will continue to be a guard responsibility of the Allied Command in whose area it is located.

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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 authorised ceilings. The channel of transaction 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.M.I.A.)

7. The disposal of Chemical Warfare Toxic ammunition and of vehicles and other equipment will be the subject of separate instructions.

Copy to:- All M.M.I.A. L.Os,
Public Safety Sub Commission A.C.
WD & IFW Sub Commission A.C.
Industry Sub Commission A.C.
H.Q. A.C. (6)
AFHQ (10) - Reference AG.386.3 Q(AE)-0 of 2 October 1945.

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LT COL HAMILTON ALCON LO 2 DISTRICT

ALCON REBE RED SUB COM ATTENTION LT COL CASTELL INFO: GOC 2 DIST

OCT 12 1945

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GOC 2 DISTRICT requests personal interview with you earliest. Subject of interview refusal of certain officers of your sub commission to allow removal of stores from northern dumps urgently required by army. GOC states further over 100 dumps of various materials ready for disposal by AS

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ACTION : AND

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FROM SEC (2)
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VMD to speak urgently

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M. J. P.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 9006/154/EC

12 October 1945

SUBJECT: Recovery of Italian Army Property

TO : Economic Section

1. The Executive Commissioner wishes your comments on the attached letter from MMIA (Ref. Q/5 of 8 October 45).

2. Your attention is directed to para 5(b) of said letter.

If you agree that such a letter is indicated, please prepare a draft.

P. M. WHITE

Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

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Noted

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ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Salvage and Captured
Enemy Material.
TO : Executive Commissioner

FILE No. WMD/3/188.

10 October 1945

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Reference your 9006/EC dated 8 October 45.

Attached is copy translation of President of
Council of Minister's letter N.381#10255 dated 4 October
45.

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1 copy to Dulles
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John Bates. May

J.A. CAMPBELL
Lt. Col.
Director

War Materials Disposal
Sub Commission

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The President of The Council
of Ministers

Rome, 4 October 1945

No 381/10255

Dear Colonel,

I send you a copy of the letter I sent on 23 September:

"Reference my letter dated 18th August, and your conversation with Minister Ruini, the Undersecretary Rossi, and representatives of the Government and U.R.M.I.T., I inform you that the Italian Government agrees with your proposals regarding the assignment of all English and American salvage war material at disposal of your Office.

- 1.- The Italian Government will accept from the Allied Authorities all material captured from the Germans, and all salvage material.
- 2.- Every arrangement considered necessary for the release of the above mentioned material will be taken by the Supply Office of the FF.SS. (State Railway Co.).
- 3.- In the Northern Regions complete power to act has been given to U.R.M.I.T. by the Italian Government to provide for the above mentioned arrangements in agreement with the FF.SS. (State Railway Co.).
- 4.- The State Railway Co. has been given the power to coordinate the activities between the northern and the other regions.

I am very grateful to you for the friendly agreement reached regarding this problem, so important for the renewal of the National economy, and for the definite assurance you gave to Minister Ruini and Undersecretary Rossi, that commencing 15th October, all the releases pertaining to your Sub Commission will be handed only to the Italian Government through the Above mentioned Bodies, and that starting with to-day until the end of this month no action will be taken regarding releases to private concerns and individuals."

With very kind regards,
/s/ FERRUCCIO PARLI.

Lieut.-Colonel J.A.CAMPBELL,
WMD Sub Commission
HQ. Allied Commission.

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Major General L. BROWNING, CB., CBE., C. (150)
H.Q., M.M.I.A.,
ROME.

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October, '45.

H.Q., A.C. (for Chief Commissioner).

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1. I have been much disturbed over the "clash" that has been in force for some time now between M.M.I.A. (in contradistinction to "Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.") and AC/AMG over the matter of recovery of Italian Army property and captured enemy material.

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5. (a) You have of course issued orders yourself on this matter, BUT the delinquencies continue.

(b) I feel the time has come to ask you to issue a very strongly worded order to all AC/ANG officials:-

See 11/15/1

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(CARL WURTZ)

5. (b) contd.

- (i) Insisting again that A.F.H.Q. orders are to be carried out in the spirit as well as the letter.
- (ii) Enjoining them to ensure compliance on the part of Italian Civil Government officials also.
- (iii) Ensuring that all your officers understand the full import and implications of the relative A.F.H.Q. orders.
- (c) To assist you as regards para 5(b)(iii) I attach relevant extracts from A.F.H.Q. orders, together with comments on what is implied and the intention of A.F.H.Q. in each case.

(d) It seems to me that unless some such order is issued by you we will continue to waste time and effort and prolong bickering, which cannot but be to the grave disadvantage of all concerned.

L. Browning

Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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EXTRACTS FROM AFHQ LETTER

FILE AG 386.3/163 LOG-0

SUBJECT: DISPOSITION OF CAPTURED ENEMY

MATERIAL IN ITALY DATED 22 JUNE 1945

AS AMENDED BY LETTER AG 386.3 Q (AE)-0 DATED

2 OCTOBER, 1945.

1. PAR 2. "RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CONTROL 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 ultimate disposal of enemy material is a responsibility of command, which will be exercised by you in accordance with the provisions of this directive."

(Comment - The Command referred to in Par 2b above is the District Commander at the present time as addressee and not AC/AMG.).

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b. Disposal Authority is the military authority in whom is vested the power to dispose of enemy material."

(Comment - Disposal authority is either AFHQ or an Allied Commander as specified throughout the letter, not AC/AMG officials.).

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PAR 6b "Allied Ground Forces, Staff and Service Responsibilities for Control and Disposition of Enemy Material."

The responsibility for the control, safeguarding or disposition of all enemy Ground Forces war material is placed upon the Commanding Generals of all major commands in their respective areas. This responsibility will be exercised through the normal Allied Staff and Technical service channels appropriate to the type of material concerned. It is desired that arrangements made by each command be such that continuity of control can be maintained when changes of territorial command occur."

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Italian Ground Force or origin, which is to be returned to the Italian Army authorities, will be the Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (MMIA). Receipt for material so handed over will be taken by the issuing Allied Services and forwarded to this headquarters through normal service channels. All remaining recaptured Italian War material not required for maintenance as above, will be reported to AFHQ and disposal instructions awaited, except that in the case of Naval and Air Force material, when the instructions of the Navy or Air Force Sub Commission of the Allied Commission, acting on behalf of the Allied Naval and Air Force Commanders, may be accepted."

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certificate for each vehicle retained by civilians under AMG/AC permits. However, no Italian Army vehicles, other than those shown on the original lists to be supplied by AMG/AC, are subject to the compromise. It must be made clear that AMG/AC must return to the Italian Army all Italian Army vehicles (other than those shown on the original AC/AMG lists) which come into their possession. This also applies to all vehicles which are classified as captured enemy material, as none of these are subject to the compromise.).

PAR 2. b. "Captured Civilian Material."

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2. The AFHQ letters cited above were published as a result of a conference held in Florence during the early part of June, attended by representatives of AFHQ, Districts, Armies, AMG, AC, MMIA, and others. Each and every word of the instructions was thoroughly discussed during the conference and the interpretation of the instruction was made clear

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2. The AFHQ letters cited above were published as a result of a conference held in Florence during the early part of June, attended by representatives of AFHQ, Districts, Armies, AMG, AC, MMIA, and others. Each and every word of the instructions was thoroughly discussed during the conference and the interpretation of the instruction was made clear by the AFHQ representatives in order to avoid any argument in the future. It will be noted that in no instance does the instruction authorize any action on the part of AC/AMG in regard to this property until it has been turned over to AC/AMG in accordance with the various paragraphs quoted. No place in the instruction can mention be found of the War Materials Disposal Sub Commission, and it follows that the War Materials Disposal Sub Commission begins to exercise control of any of this property only after it has been turned over to AC/AMG by the military commanders.

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3. The various controlling instructions, including AFHQ Circ No. 13 of 1 May 1944, AAI letter 2030/12/Q2 of 1 July 1944 and AFHQ Circ No. 29 of 9 December 1944 specifically provide that no materials, supplies or stores will be removed from any Italian military depots, factories or other Italian military installations, without the express written authority of one of the Service Sub-Commissions. Therefore, any action taken subsequent to the publication of these orders and prior to the AFHQ letter cited in Par 1 above is patently unauthorized and such action cannot be excused on the premise that AC/AMG officers were not thoroughly advised as to the proper procedure in these matters. Also ALCOM published very specific orders in compliance with all of the directives cited in this paragraph, and these orders of ALCOM have not been complied with by AC/AMG officials.

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ROUTINE

From: VENEZIA

To: ALLIED COMMAND ROME

OCT - 9 1945

UNCLASSIFIED.

MAYORS of VENEZIA Region alarmed by continuous theft of war salvage material.
ask for an urgent action in order that said material be allocated to the communes

signed: POMPI, Mayor of VENEZIA

Brought up at Ex-Com. meeting
WMA to take action & report. Follow up

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LIST

ACTION : WED SC

INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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B.f. at Ex Comm meeting

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief Commissioner

8 October 1945

TKR: 9006/1000
MEMORANDUM TO: Executive Commissioner

On page 2 of the AC Weekly Bulletin of 6 October, the statement is made, "On 28 September, an agreement with the Allies on the handing over to the Italian Government of surplus war material was approved." I have seen this report in other publications as well.

Will you undertake to get me a translation of this agreement, please.

EWS

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

WMDfor immediate action.

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Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Chief Commissioner.

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Disposal of C.E.M.

Lt Col Campbell attended a meeting at
AFHQ 10 days ago (before he left for England)

at which the draft of this new directive was 138
discussed. ^{Since} ~~At~~ that meeting the terms of the

new directive have been closely followed & material

has been handed back to Italian Govt. only, not
to private contractors. The Italian Govt. is, I regret,

to say, unprepared to take the stuff over!

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 386.3 Q(AE)-0

2 October 1945

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SUBJECT: Disposal of Captured Enemy Material in the Mediterranean Theater
(To include ITALY, AUSTRIA, GREECE and MIDDLE EAST)TO: Commanding General
Peninsular Base Section, APO 782
Land Forces Greece
General Officers Commanding
XIII Corps
GHQ, Middle East
Number 2 District
Number 3 District
Headquarters British Troops in Austria

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Original file1. OBJECT OF THIS DIRECTIVE

The object of this directive is to indicate the method of disposal of, and policies and conditions controlling the disposal of the remaining captured and/or surrendered enemy war material in the Mediterranean Theater. The following letters from this headquarters, as amended, are hereby rescinded:

AG 386 3/163 LOG-0, dated 22 June 1945, subject: "Disposition of Captured Enemy Material in ITALY".

AG 386.3/143 GCT-0, dated 9 April 1945, subject: "Allocation and Disposal of Enemy Material in GREECE".

AG 386.3/219 GCT-0, dated 3 August 1945, subject: "Disposition of Captured Enemy Material in AUSTRIA".

2. RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CONTROL AND DISPOSAL OF ENEMY MATERIAL

a. The control of all enemy material in this theater is vested in the Supreme Allied Commander.

b. The allocation, use and ultimate disposal of enemy material is a responsibility of command, which will be exercised by you in accordance with the provisions of this directive.

3. OWNERSHIP

The property of all enemy material in this theater is vested in the Supreme Allied Commander.

(C. W. White)

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4. LOCATION

The majority of enemy material available for disposition is located in ITALY and AUSTRIA. Therefore this directive has been prepared with full reference to disposal in these two countries. Where the policy varies for other countries within the theater, notes have been added indicating the different procedure to be applied.

5. 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 the air, which 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 Governments, German authorities, or Governments or authorities of any states allied to, or associated with, GERMANY.

b. Disposal Authority is the military authority in whom is vested the power to dispose of enemy material.

6. PRINCIPLES TO BE APPLIEDa. Allied Naval, Ground and Air Force Responsibilities -

Enemy Naval, and Air Force material will be controlled and disposed of by the Allied Naval and Air Forces respectively. Enemy Ground Forces material will be controlled and disposed of 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, in the appropriate cases, must be prepared to assist Allied Naval and Air Force Commanders in the control and disposition of material 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 Control and Disposition of Enemy Material -

The responsibility for the control, safeguarding or disposition of all enemy Ground Forces war material is placed upon the Commanding Generals of all major commands in their respective areas. This responsibility will be exercised through the normal Allied Staff and Technical service channels appropriate to the type of material concerned. It is desired that arrangements made by each command be such that continuity of control can be maintained when changes of territorial command occur.

7. CONTROLLING AUTHORITIES AT AFHQ - The control of enemy material will be exercised by AFHQ through normal command and technical channels appropriate to the material concerned.

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8. POLICIES

a. Retention of material by units or individuals - Retention by units or individuals of such material unless properly authorized in accordance with this instruction, 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 in the accomplishment of their assigned mission (including essential civil requirements) or for the maintenance of enemy forces.

c. Recaptured material of Italian Military Origin - Recaptured material of Italian origin which is not required for military purposes, including maintenance of POW, will be turned over immediately to the Italian military authorities, ~~for maintenance of the Italian Forces within the authorized ceilings.~~ The channel of transaction in material of Italian Ground Force or origin, which is to be returned to the Italian Army authorities, will be the Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (MMIA). Receipt for material so handed over will be taken by the issuing Allied Services and forwarded to this headquarters through normal service channels. All remaining recaptured Italian War material, not required for maintenance as above, will be reported to AFHQ and disposal instructions awaited, except that in the case of Naval and Air Force material, when the instructions of the Navy or Air Force Sub Commission of the Allied Commission, acting on behalf of the Allied Naval and Air Force Commanders, may be accepted.

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d. War material of United States, British or other United NationOrigin

- (1) It will be the policy for material of United States 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.
- (2) War materials which can be readily identified as having been acquired during the war in any way by the Germans, from any United Nations, will be restored, providing however, that material susceptible only of warlike use shall be restored only when it can be identified as having been captured from the armed forces of any United Nation.
- (3) Any enemy material, apparently previously belonging to any of the United Nations as defined above will be segregated and reported to this headquarters. Particular attention is requested in this theater to material of Russian, Czechoslovak or French origin.

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e. Enemy material required by the London Munitions Assignment Board
There still exists outstanding requirements of the London Munitions Assignment Board to meet global demands for enemy material. A list of these requirements is contained in this headquarters letter AG 386.3/163 SUP-O of 23 September 1945, as amended. A copy of the required items is attached at Appendix "A" for reference. Reports of availabilities of this material will be made in accordance with the letter under reference.

f. Enemy material required for research - A search list of enemy material required for research in U.K. and U.S. has been supplied to major commands and items on this list are still required by Technical Intelligence. This material when found, is regarded as Category 1.

g. German Naval Equipment - All material appertaining to ships and vessels of the German Navy (including armament, ammunition and supplies) which must be handed over to the power receiving the ships and vessels, will be safeguarded and reported through naval channels.

h. War Factories and War Factory Production - The policies contained in letter, this headquarters, file AG 388.3/087 GEG-O dated 2 August 1945, subject: "Policy on Italian Munitions Production" will apply.

i. Remaining Surplus Material - All enemy material surplus to the requirements contained in a and g above will be disposed of in the manner indicated in the following sections of this letter.

With the exception of vehicles - see paragraph 9 g below - if material is surplus within any one particular command, it will be assumed to be surplus to theater requirements, unless notification received to the contrary, and will be disposed of as indicated.

9. METHODS OF DISPOSAL

a. Enemy material suitable for use in the civil rehabilitation of the country - In order that the maximum use may be made of surplus enemy material in its present form, all such material having a value in the civil rehabilitation of a country will be made available immediately for disposal to the government of that country as follows:

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- (1) In ITALY (less Venezia Giulia) - To the Ministry of Transportation through the Allied Commission to ITALY.
 - (2) In VENEZIA GIULIA - To Allied Military Government XIII Corps.
 - (3) In AUSTRIA - To British Troops in Austria (Military Government Staff) and later to Allied Commission to Austria when responsibility for civil supply passes to them from Military Government Staff.

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- (4) In other countries - To the respective Governments through the Allied Military agency in that country.

b. Captured Civilian Material

Captured material which is apparently of a civil character and surplus to known military requirements will be disposed of as in a above. The Governments or Allied Military Government of the country will be responsible for investigating and settling claims to ownership.

c. Enemy material unsuitable for civil use (excluding ammunition)

All enemy material surplus to known requirements and having no value in its present form, in the civil rehabilitation of the country will be disposed of by being rendered innocuous, reduced to scrap and disposed of by the normal Allied Salvage organization. As far as possible, and in order to reduce transportation commitments, the material will be reduced to scrap in situ. Salvage organizations will arrange for the disposition of the material through normal channels to the Government or Allied Military Government concerned, from the location where the material is reduced to scrap. It will be the responsibility of the command concerned to ensure that all enemy material is rendered of no further military value, in its existing form, before it is made available for disposal as scrap.

d. Chemical Warfare Equipment and Toxic Material

(1) All defensive chemical warfare equipment which may have a value in the civil rehabilitation of the country will be disposed of as in 9a above. All other defensive chemical warfare equipment will be reduced to scrap.

(2) All chemical warfare ammunition will be destroyed by dumping at sea. Dumping will take place at least 20 miles from the shore, in at least 250 fathoms of water and away from shipping routes, fishing grounds and submarine cables. The provisions of AFHQ Operation Memorandum Number 77 and of AFHQ Administrative Memoranda Numbers 14, 15 and 33 will be adhered to in connection with all movement of toxic material.

(3) Any PHOSGENE or DIPHOSGENE (Valuable materials for dyestuffs manufacture) in bulk will be released to the Government or Allied Military Government of the country in which it is found, for use only by reputable concerns whose plant can be subjected to suitable control, or such materials will be dumped at sea under conditions laid down in paragraph (2).

(4) Any other bulk toxic material will be treated as in paragraph (2) unless its transportation is considered dangerous, in which case it will be rendered innocuous by methods approved by the chemical warfare advisers.

(5) Further instructions will be issued by Chemical Warfare Staffs.

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e. Ammunition

- (1) All enemy mines, grenades, detonators and initiators, explosives, small arms ammunition and ammunition of 20 mm caliber or below and surplus to known military requirements will be destroyed by dumping in the sea, or lakes or by being exploded. Dumping will take place only in water of 50 fathoms depth or more. Until destroyed, as indicated, enemy material of this nature will continue to be a guard responsibility of the command in whose area it is located. In the destruction of this material German personnel, under Allied supervision, may be utilized and if necessary, German technical units may be formed for the purpose.
- (2) The location and quantities of all enemy ammunition, larger than 20 mm caliber, will be made known to the Government or Allied Military Government of the country concerned by the Command in whose area the material is located, through the Allied Commission or similar Allied agency. The Government or Allied Military Government of the country 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 Allied agency will be responsible for ensuring that the resultant products from the breaking down process, are not employed in the production of further armaments by the Governments of the countries. When the location and quantity of ammunition larger than 20 mm caliber has been made known to the Government or Allied Military Government of the country concerned, that organization will then 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 this effect.

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(B) ~~Nothing in these instructions is to be regarded in any way as restricting the authority of addressees to dispose of ammunition, in any quantity, or in any manner considered suitable, which is in a dangerous condition, or constitutes a hazard to civil or military security.~~

f. Animals - Any enemy animals surplus to known military requirements will be reported to this headquarters and disposal instructions awaited.

g. Vehicles

- (1) All captured enemy vehicles will be used to the fullest possible extent in order to save Allied transport. Whenever practicable, however, such vehicles will not be issued without workshop inspection, and never without WD numbers and full registration.

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- (2) The issue of enemy vehicles to existing Allied Units will be permitted only in cases where such units have deficiencies in their T.E.'s (W.E.'s), except within the powers delegated to commands to issue vehicles in excess of T.E. (W.E.).
- (3) Vehicles of Italian military origin, if surplus to Allied requirements, will be returned to the appropriate Italian Army authorities through the Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (MMIA) under the terms of paragraph 8 c above. All other captured Italian vehicles, if surplus to requirements, will be returned to the Italian Government, through Allied Commission, under the terms of paragraph 9 a (1) above. Italian military vehicles can usually be identified by two stars to be found on the engine. If doubt arises as to whether a vehicle of Italian make is a civilian or military vehicle, such vehicle will be turned over to MMIA who will determine the ownership and subsequent allocation in conjunction with Allied Commission. Every effort will be made to hand over ALL vehicles of Italian make to the appropriate Italian authorities at the earliest possible date. Every effort will be made to hand over to MMIA all stocks of spare parts including tires for Italian military vehicles which are marked with two stars, or are otherwise identifiable as having been the property of the Italian Ministry of War. Stocks of spares for Italian civilian vehicles will be handed over similarly to Allied Commission, or in doubtful cases, to the MMIA. Sufficient spares may be retained for such Italian vehicles as are held against deficiencies in unit establishments. Responsibility for repair of vehicles, proper registration, and provision of drivers for all vehicles handed over to them will be that of Allied Commission or MMIA as the case may be. ← SPH
- (4) Vehicles of other United Nation origin will be disposed of as in paragraph 8 d above.
- (5) All other vehicles if surplus to the requirements of any particular command (including in Military Government areas requirements for civil relief to the extent needed to prevent disease and unrest) will be reported as surplus to this headquarters and disposal instructions awaited. If vehicles are surplus to theater requirements they will be disposed of as in paragraph 9 a above.
- (6) All non runners, unless earmarked for any other particular purpose, will be made available to and handed over immediately to the Government or Allied Military Government of the country under the terms of 9 a above for repair by the civil organization of that country. ← SPH

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10. DISPOSAL OF MATERIAL IN MIDDLE EAST AND GREECE

Arrangements for the disposal of surplus enemy material in MIDDLE EAST and GREECE will be made to suit the locally existing conditions of those countries provided the policies established in paragraph 8 above are complied with at all times.

11. RECORDS

In order that any financial adjustments may be completed at a subsequent date records of all issues and receipts and material reduced to scrap will be maintained. Salvage organizations will record quantities and nature of scrap disposed of through normal salvage disposal channels. Copies of all records of transactions will be forwarded to Q(AE)AFHQ, through service channels, for maintenance, of the records.

12. REPORTS

a. Addressees will render reports, as called for by this directive as at 15th each month (commencing with 15 October 1945) to reach this headquarters by the 28th of the same month. No other monthly reports other than those shown below are required:

- (1) Material of other United Nation origin giving description of type, quantity, serviceability and location.
- (2) Requirements of London Munitions Assignment Board in accordance with paragraph 8 c above.
- (3) Material of Italian origin and surplus to command requirements as defined in paragraph 8 c above.
- (4) Vehicles surplus to the requirements of the command in accordance with 9 g (5) above.

Reports will give:

Numbers
Type etc
Classification of serviceability.

12 In the case that this directive is contrary to, or at variance with, other directives in this theater covering the same subject, this directive will govern.

BY COMMAND OF THE ACTING SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

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C. W. Christenberry
C. W. CHRISTENBERRY
Colonel, AGC
Adjutant General

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APPENDIX "A"

SERIAL NUMBER

ITEM

MUNITIONFOR HEAVY INFANTRY WEAPONS

13/3/43

8cm Indicating

FOR SMOKE MORTARS

13/4/23

20cm HE 40

13/4/24

20cm Smoke

13/4/28

38cm HE

13/4/29

38cm Smoke

FOR ROCKET PROJECTORS

13/13/31

21cm Rocket smoke
 Rockets signalling
 Candles signalling

MINES

14/2/3

Tellermines 35 (Steel)

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Fappmine

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Fotmine A.P. A200

IGNITERS & FUZE MATERIAL

14/5/5

Igniters ZDZ 29

14/5/12

Tilt igniter for Tellermine
 Ki.Z.434

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Igniter Buck (Chemical crush)

14/5/30

Igniter smoke grenade (No.BZ38)

14/5/41

Igniter S-Mine Electric
 (E.S.Mi.Z40)

MISCELLANEOUS

Adapters 'Y' for 'S' mines

REMARKS4/TK ROCKET PROJECTORS

1/6/1 - 2

8.8cm R Pz B43 or 54 (Bazooka) (To be supplied with 160 x
 8.8cm Pz Gr 4312 Rockets)

ROCKET PROJECTORS & LAUNCHING EQUIPMENT

83/6 Rocket launcher 8.8cm R.W.43
 (Puppchen or 2 whld. Bazooka)
 83/10 15cm Do. Gerat (Airborne)
 83/11 15cm Neb.Whl
 83/16 21cm Neb.Whl
 83/22 28/32cm Werfergerat

MORTARS

3/1/26 8cm Short Mortar 42

SMOKE MORTARS

3/2/1 10cm Smoke Mortar 35
 3/2/2 10cm Smoke Mortar 40

SPIGOT MORTARS

3/3/1 20cm Spigot Mortar
 3/3/5 38cm Spigot Mortar

BINOCULARS

7 Power and above
 DF6 x 24
 DF6 x 30
 Scissors Periscope Binoculars
 xll.

SURVEYING INSTRUMENTS

Theodolites Kine

HEIGHT & RANGEFINDER SETS

27/1/1 - 26 Height Finder Sets (1 of each type)

TELESCOPES & PERISCOPES

Observing Telescopes Stereoscopic
 (Sf.142G1 Zeiss)

MISCELLANEOUS SURVEYING EQUIPMENT

Watches GS

atches Stop 1/5th
atches Stop 1/10th

VEHICLES

SEMI-TRACKED UNARMED VEHICLES

21/4/11 Vehicle 8 ton Medium Semi-tracked
21/4/16 SD.KFA 9 ZQ KW 18 ton

WHEELED UNARMED VEHICLES

Fork lift trucks 2,000 lbs.
Fork lift trucks 3,500 lbs. (Pneumatic tyres)
Fork lift trucks 4,000 lbs.
Fork lift trucks 6,000 lbs. (Solid tyres)
Trucks tractor
Mobile workshops
Mobile aircraft workshops

SIGNALS

TELEPRINTER & V.F. TELEGRAPH EQUIPMENT

23/5/10 Siemens Teleprinter T38 or T38A
Transmitter Distributor LS 38/50 Bd
Non-typing perforator EL 35/50 Bd
Transmitter 'X' T SEND 1d
Teleprinter cipher machine and auto ancillaries T52
Teleprinter Blatt-S chreiber Lo.15

PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT

Camera lenses 13" 16" 20" 23" (1 of each)

ENGINEER STORES

ASSAULT & MOTOR BOATS

28/4/20 Motor boat 100 h.p. w/accessories
28/4/21 Motor boat 250 h.p. w/accessories

ELECTRIC MACHINERY

Air compressors portable (various)

PLANT & MACHINERY

Converting plant 6KV equipment in the range 100-400
KV for 200v. output
Cranes mobile lorry mtd.; 5 ton capacity
Cranes mobile lorry mtd.; 10 ton capacity
Cranes mobile revolving, up to 5 tons

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Crawler cranes w/long jibs up to 25 tons
Electric cranes 250 tons
Electric cranes 100 tons
Wide gauge portal travelling cranes 50 tons
Wide gauge portal travelling cranes 30 tons
Wide gauge portal travelling cranes 20 tons
Wide gauge portal travelling cranes 10 tons
Smaller types portal travelling cranes
Standard gauge steam cranes

MECHANICAL & ELECTRICAL

Mobile distilling plants - Min. 15 ton per day
Auto and semi-auto welding sets

MISCELLANEOUS

Traction type secondary cells approx 500/1,000 amp. hour
capacity
SAE type spanners
Socket wrenches
Torsion wrenches
Distribution boards asstd. light and power
Feeder pillars, various types
Jacks, screw and hydraulic for heavy lifts up to 50 tons
Portable steam boilers

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Drawing boards 32" x 42 or 25" x 16 or nearest
Machines, sewing, treadle or hand operated. Domestic
or light industrial type suitable for tailoring or
dressmaking (Treadle type preferred).

MEDICAL

Incubators
Hot air ovens
Small autoclaves
Microscopes, research, binocular
Laboratory balances
Colorimeters (c/w sets standard plates)
Refrigerators (oil or electric)

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Dark ground lamp outfits
 oving states for microscopes
 Dark ground condensers and stops
 Centrifuges (hand or electric)
 Wasserman baths and racks
 Electric stills

Graduated Laboratory Glassware

Pipettes
 Burettes
 Measuring flasks
 Measuring cylinders
 Haemocytometer and other small pipettes
 Haemocytometers (complete outfits)
 Field laboratory panniers or outfits
 Cystoscopes (combination catheterising and operating)
 Microscopes w/mechanical stages
 Binocular microscopes
 Endoscopic outfits
 Sigmoidoscopes
 Portable electro-cardiographs
 Post mortem outfits
 Electric physiotherapy apparatus
 Diagnostic sets
 Eucaine
 Metren
 Rivanol
 Rivanolletten
 Neostibosan
 Eudon
 Menthol crystal
 Camolon
 Glass bottles w/ground glass stoppers, clear or coloured,
 all sizes from 1 oz. to 4 lb. and Winchester quarts
 Lamp electric, microscopic, for dark ground illumination
 Centrifuge, hand, w/100 tubes per centrifuge
 Centrifuge, D.C./A.C. electric 200 volts
 Autoclave, Chamberlands No. 3
 Apparatus, Blood sugar, Macleans
 Apparatus distilling all glass, capacity 1 litre complete
 Bottles Media, screw cap, sizes 20 oz., 6 oz., 2 oz. 1 oz.
 Flasks, flat bottomed, all sizes
 Flasks, round bottomed, all sizes
 Repters, all sizes
 Freezing microtome c/w accessories
 Slide microtome c/w accessories
 Camera-Leica Model 111, fitted with 50 mm F: 2
 summer lenses and Micro-fiso attachment with
 synchronised cable releases for shutter

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Siemens "Pantix" P.40 Shockproof Rotating Anode Tube in
Tubo Shield P complete with Stator, 5 metres Shockproof
Cables, blower, blower tubing, Anode transformer, Delay
Relay, Starter switch, Tube holder with spigot, inter-
mediary fitting and 3 cones and one spare Pantix P.40
Insert X-ray tube per set
Siemens Illuminated Adjustable Diaphragm for attachment
to Tubo Shield P
Trolley, operation
Engine, travelling foot, duplex wrist spring for
Heater, water storage, electric, 3 gallon, c/w element
and thermostat, for alternating current
Balance, chemical, complete
Dishes, Petri, pair, 3 1/2"
Inspissator, 25 tube size, for use over primus stove

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21/1/1 Mod. A, Light tank (Krupp manufacture) w/turret and two MGs

21/1/2 Mod. B, Light tank (Krupp manufacture) w/turret and two MGs

21/1/91 Commander's tank, based on Mod. B Krupp Light tank Chassis (Pz.Kpfw.I) - 1 MG

21/1/3 S.P. Anti-tank Gun (Czech) mounted on Mod. B Krupp Light tank chassis (Pz.Kpfw.I)

21/1/11 Mods. A, B, C, Light tank w/turret mounted 2cm KwK30 and one 7.92mm MG 34

21/1/12 Mods. D, E, Light tank w/turret-mounted 2cm KwK30 and one 7.92mm MG34

21/1/15 "Lynx" Armoured Recon. Vehicle (Pz.Kpfw.II type chassis)

21/1/14 Flamethrowing Light tank w/2 independent flamethrowers and one MG

21/1/13 Mods. F, G, J, Light tank w/turret-mounted 2cm KwK30 and one 7.92mm MG 34

21/1/17 S.P. 7.5cm Pak 40/2 mounted on light chassis (Pz.Kpfw.II) (Marten II)

21/1/18 S.P. 7.62cm Russian Pak mounted on light tank chassis (Mod. Pz.Kpfw II A-C and F)

21/1/21 S.P. 15cm Heavy Infantry Howitzer 35 mounted on Light tank chassis (Pz.Kpfw.II)

21/1/16 S.P. 10.5cm Light howitzer "Wasp" mounted on light tank chassis (Pz.Kpfw.II)

21/1/111 S.P. 7.5cm Pak 40/1 mounted on French Lorraine chassis (Marten I)

21/1/112 S.P. 15cm Medium howitzer mounted on French Lorraine chassis (Tracteur Blinde)

21/1/151 Czech light tank with 3.7cm gun in turret and two light MGs

21/1/152 S.P. A. Tk Gun (7.5cm Pak 40/3) mounted on Pz.Kpfw 38(t) (Czech Origin) (Marten III)

21/1/153 S.P. Heavy infantry howitzer mounted on Pz.Kpfw 38(t) (Czech origin)

21/1/154 S.P. A.Tk gun (7.62cm 36(r)) Russian gun mounted on Czech chassis w/one MG

21/1/31 Medium tank, Mods. A, B, C, D, E; armed with 3.7cm KwK and 3 MGs

21/1/32 Medium tank, Mods. F, G, H; armed with 5cm KwK L/42 and 2 MGs

21/1/33 Medium tank, Mods. J, K; armed with 5cm KwK 39, L/60 and 2 MGs

21/1/34 Medium tank, Mods. L, M, N, O; armed with 5cm (long) KwK 39 and 2 MG 34 or 7.5cm KwK and 2 MG 34

21/1/36 S.P. Assault gun 7.5cm (short) mounted on PzKpfw III chassis, Mods. A-E

21/1/37 S.P. Assault gun 7.5cm (long) gun mounted on PzKpfw III chassis, Mods. A-E

21/1/38 S.P. Assault gun 7.5cm (long) mounted on PzKpfw III chassis

21/1/39 S.P. Assault howitzer 42, 10.5cm, L/28, mounted on PzKpfw III chassis

21/1/51 Medium tank, Mods. A-E, with 7.5cm KwK, L/24, turret mounted and 2 MG 34

21/1/52 Medium tank, Mods. Fl, F2, G; with 7.5cm KwK40 (L/43) turret mounted and 2 MG 34

21/1/53 Medium tank, Mods. H and K, with 7.5cm KwK40, L/48, turret mounted and 2 MG 34

21/1/54 S.P. Assault gun 40, L/48, 7.5cm, on Panzer Jagor IV chassis

21/1/63 PzKpfw IV chassis, mounting 3.7cm Flak 43

21/1/56 7.5cm Assault gun 42, L/70, on Panzer Jager IV

21/1/60 S.P. 15cm Heavy Infantry Howitzer 43, mounted on PzKpfw IV chassis (Grizzly Bear)

21/1/57 S.P. A.Tk. gun "Rhinceros" 8.8cm Pak 431, mounted on PzKpfw IV chassis

21/1/58 S.P. Heavy field howitzer, 15cm, 18/1, mounted on PzKpfw IV chassis (Bumble Bee)

21/1/71 Heavy tank "Panther", with 7.5cm PwK 42, one MG 34

21/1/81 Heavy tank "Tiger" E, with 8.8cm KwK 36, L/56 and 2 MG 34

21/1/73	S.P. 8.8cm Pak 43/3, L/71, on "Panther" chassis
21/1/82	Heavy tank "Tiger B" or "Royal Tiger", mounting 8.8cm KwK43 and 2 MG34
21/1/83	S.P. A.Tk. gun "Elephant" (formerly "Ferdinand") mounting 8.8cm Pak 43/2, and one MG 34 on special heavy chassis
21/1/84	S.P. gun 12.8cm Pak 44 L/55
5/8/11	Gun howitzer 21cm
3/3/1	20cm Spigot mortar
5/7/147	17cm Medium gun on howitzer carriage
5/2/32	15cm Heavy infantry gun 33
5/7/66	15cm Medium gun 16
5/7/67	15cm Medium gun 18
5/7/68	15cm Medium gun 39
5/7/58	15cm Medium howitzer 18
3/1/44	12cm Mortar 42
5/4/67	12.8cm AA gun 40
5/7/3	10cm Medium Gun 18
5/6/92	10.5cm Field Gun/Howitzer 18
5/6/95	10.5cm Field Gun/Howitzer 18 w/muzzle brake
5/5/40	10.5cm Mountain howitzer 40
5/4/63	10.5cm AA gun 38
5/4/64	10.5cm AA gun 39
5/2/24	10.5cm Light gun (Recoilless Airborne)
3/2/1	10cm Mortar 35
3/2/2	10cm Mortar 40
5/2/27	10.5cm Light gun 42 (Recoilless Airborne)
5/2/28	10.5cm Light gun 42/1 (Recoilless Airborne)
5/4/52	8.8cm AA gun 18
5/4/53	8.8cm AA gun 36
5/4/54	8.8cm AA gun 37
5/4/56	8.8cm AA gun 41
5/1/51	8.8cm A.Tk gun 43
5/1/52	8.8cm A.Tk gun 43/41 (71 calibre long)
3/1/25	8cm Heavy mortar 34
3/1/26	8cm Short mortar 42
5/1/49	7.62cm A.Tk gun 39 (Russian gun modified)
5/1/48	7.62cm A.Tk gun 36 (Russian gun modified)
5/6/47	7.62cm Field gun (Russian gun modified)
5/1/43	7.5cm A.Tk gun 40
5/5/9	7.5cm Mountain gun 36
5/2/11	7.5cm Light gun 40 (Recoilless Airborne)
5/6/7	7.5cm Field gun 18
5/1/45	7.5cm A.Tk gun 97/38 (converted French piece)
5/2/9	7.5cm Light infantry gun 18
5/5/12	7.5cm Mountain gun Mod. 15 (Skoda)
5/2/10	7.5cm Infantry gun 37
5/1/44	7.5cm A.Tk gun '1 (Tapered bore)
5/1/9	5cm Light mortar 36
5/4/29	5cm AA gun 41
5/1/37	5cm A.Tk gun 38
5/1/33	4.7cm A.Tk gun (Czech - Mod. 36)
5/1/17	4.2/2.8cm Light A.Tk gun 41 (Tapered bore)
5/4/22	4cm AA gun 23 (Tapered bore)
5/4/14	3.7cm AA gun 18
5/4/15	3.7cm AA gun 36
5/1/6	3.7cm A.Tk gun

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8.1 "Bazooka" 43
8.8cm Rocket Launcher 54 (Tank Scarer)
28/32cm Rocket projector 41
15 cm Rocket projector 41
8.8cm Rocket gun 43

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COPYCOPYa. Insert new sub-paragraph (3) Italian Ammunition.

- " (1) The location and quantities of all ammunition of Italian origin situated in Italy will be made known to the Italian Government or, in the case of the provinces of Udine and Venezia Giulia, to the Allied Military Government concerned.
- (2) The Italian Government or the Allied Military Government concerned will make immediate arrangements to take over the ammunition and will be totally responsible for its safe custody until its final disposal. The Italian Government concerned will assume the responsibility, within a time limit to be set by mutual agreement with the competent Allied Military Commander, for safeguarding such ammunition.
- (3) In the interest of Internal security the Italian Government or the Allied Military Government concerned will be instructed to concentrate for particular guarding all ammunition of 20mm calibre and below including mines, grenades, etc. They will further instructed to place special guards on ammunition of a dangerous nature until its disposal. Commanders will satisfy themselves, when handing over, that such arrangements are in fact in hand. Such handover will only be at their discretion having regard to any operational directives to the contrary and to the maintenance of internal security.
- (4) The Italian Government, or Allied Military Government concerned, will make necessary arrangements, and be totally responsible for the disposal of all ammunition of Italian origin whether by destruction, dumping or breaking down into component parts for use in the civil rehabilitation of the country. Products resulting from the breaking down processes will not be employed in the production of further armaments except as permitted by the Allied authorities. The Italian Government when making disposal will have regard to the requirements of to future Italian forces.
- (5) The Italian Government, or the Allied Military Government concerned, will be made finally responsible for the disposal of dangerous ammunition. However, present facilities for disposal afforded by the Allies will be continued as long as possible.
- (6) Ammunition of Italian origin, located elsewhere than in Italy, will be disposed of as for captured ammunition of enemy origin.

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Subject: Italian Army Vehicles and Property

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)
Rome
Q/5/10

October 1945

To : Chief Commissioner, ALCOM

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1. Under date of 28 September, the Minister for War reports that a civilian firm, known as the Ufficio Ricupero Materiali Italo Tedeschi, located in Milan has been authorized by AMG for the purpose of salvaging all vehicles and material in that area, and especially removing vehicles from the salvage depot of RHO in Milan.
2. The Minister for War contends that this firm is taking possession of vehicles and other property of the Italian War Ministry and converting such vehicles and property to its own use, thereby depriving the Italian Government of Italian State property.
3. This appears to be an organization similar to the organization organized in Genoa for the same purpose as referred to in our letter Q/5/10 of 27 September 1945, subject: "Captured Enemy Material in Genoa".
4. Inasmuch as the Minister for War alleges that this organization has been set up by AMG and is therefore beyond the control of the Italian Government, it is requested that the matter be investigated, and the organization directed not to handle any captured enemy material which is reserved for the Italian Army by AFHQ letter AG 386.3/163 LOG-O of 22 June 1945, subject: "Disposition of Captured Enemy material in Italy".

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cc: AFHQ
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MMIA LO, Milan

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

(CAPT WHITE)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 413/59/20

1 October 1945

SUBJECT: Captured Enemy Materials, Genoa

TO : Regional Commissioner, Liguria

1. May we have a report on the matter raised in Land Forces Sub-Commission Ref: 4/5/10 of 28 September, copy attached.

2. If the facts are as alleged by the Italian army, please see that enemy property is placed under control as provided in AFHQ instructions, as requested in para 3 of the attached.

E. M. WHITE

✓ Brigadier
to Executive Commissioner

Copy to:
Land Forces Sub-Commission

Encl: Ltr from Land Forces S/C 4/5/10 dtd 27 Sept. 45.

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195Subject: Captured Enemy Material in GenoaLand Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)
Rome
Q/5/10

27 September 1945

To : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission SEP 28 1945

1. It has been reported by the Italian Army that the Prefect of Genoa has organized a concern called the "Comitato Recuperi" which is searching for, selecting and disposing of by sale all types of captured enemy material including British and US property. In addition, the Prefect is alleged to be collecting and selling ammunition, both German and Allied, to private firms, which action is in direct contravention of AFHQ instructions on disposal of ammunition which provide that no ammunition will be placed in the hands of private firms or individuals.
2. The Italian Army officials further allege that the Prefect has been informed by them of the proper method of handling this material, but that he is openly hostile, and bases his actions on alleged approval of his actions by AMG officials in the area.
3. It is therefore requested that you instruct the Regional Commissioner, Liguria to authorize General Frattini, Commanding the 2d Territorial Headquarters of the Italian Army to check the records of this "Comitato Recuperi" working under the Prefect of Genoa, in order to clear up the situation and place Allied and captured enemy property under control as provided in AFHQ instructions.


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

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cc: AFHQ (3)
MMIA LO, Milan
MMIA LO, Genoa

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REGIONAL COMMISSIONER LOMBARDIA REGION AMG

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27 Sept. 1945

IMPORTANT

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SUBJECT IS COMO CLOTHING FACTORY PD

PARA TO REGIONAL COMMISSIONER LOMBARDIA REGION AMG FROM H. LOCHI
CITE AGRO PARIA

PARA ONE PD THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THE ITALIAN ARMY FOR THE
CLOTHING OF ITS PERSONNEL ARE INADEQUATE PD PARA TWO PD THE FACTORY
UNDER REFERENCE CONTAINS MACHINERY SUITABLE FOR THE ARMY'S PURPOSE
AND IS ALLEGED BY THE ARMY TO HAVE BELONGED TO THEM PD PARA THREE PD
YOU WILL TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS THROUGH MAJOR BIRD OUR REPRESENTATIVE
OF MIKE MIKE ITEM ABLE AT MILAN OR IN HIS ABSENCE HIS DEPUTY OUR TO
HAND OVER THE COMO CLOTHING FACTORY TO THE TWENTY THIRD RECOVERY
COMMISSION PD PARA FOUR PD THE STOCKS AND CONTENTS OF THE FACTORY ARE
TO BE FORWARDED FORTHWITH AND ISSUED ONLY UNDER AUTHORITY FROM MIKE
MIKE ITEM ABLE PD PARA FIVE PD ANY QUESTION OF COMPENSATION WILL
BE REFERRED TO THE ITALIAN MINISTRY OF WAR FOR THEM TO SETTLE PD
PARA SIX PD YOU WILL REPORT ACTION ON THIS MATTER WITH COPY TO
MIKE MIKE ITEM ABLE

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ECONOMIC SECTION

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D.L. ANDERSON, Brig.
Depty Vice-Pres.Copy to: 5038
Executive Commissioner
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CWO, USA
Assistant AdjutantPA *Emm**124*
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ALLIED COMMISSION
OFFICE OF REPRESENTATIVE OF CHIEF COMMISSIONER
INDUSTRY SUB-COMMISSION
MILAN

20 SEP 1945

Tel. 632141-Ext. 69

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Ref: AG/504/ININD

24 Sept 45

SUBJECT: Como Clothing Factory

TO : H.Q., Allied Commission
(Attn. Economic Section)

1. Your ES/5.12 of 11 September 45 refers.

2. The information given by the Italian War Ministry to the Land Forces Sub-Commission appears to be substantially inaccurate. Information obtained from Lt. Col. J.S. Arnold, Provincial Commissioner AMG Como is given below under the headings of relevant paragraphs of Land Forces Sub-Commission letter.

3. Para 3-a. The machinery (sewing machines) was originally owned by the workers in Como and hired with the workers by the Italian Army. After the formation of the G.N.R. the machinery was brought (or requisitioned) by the G.N.R. It was not brought north from Florence.

Para 3-b. The uniforms and materials were brought in from various depots in North and Central Italy by the G.N.R. as the battle line moved north.

Para 3-c. No Italian Army uniforms have been issued from the factory. Approximately 5000 second hand OORR uniforms have been issued as well as 2000 new trousers and 600 new jackets (all C.C.R.R. uniform). Authority for issue was from H.Q., C.W. R.R. in Milan approved by Public Safety Officer AMG Como.

Para 3-d. About 3000 suits for displaced persons have been made up from some inferior brown cloth purchased by the G.N.R. from Ditta Biancoli of Biella. This was done on order from the Prefect of Como Province, the manufacture has ceased and no suits have been issued from the factory.

Para 3-e. It is denied that representatives of the Italian Army have ever been refused admittance to the factory by AMG.

Para 3-g. This statement is also denied. The Provincial Commissioner originally pointed out the existence of the factory, which he believed to be Italian Army Property, to Col. Fogosi and Ten. Col. Mazzucchetti of 3 Comando Territoriale of the Italian Army. He informed them

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that on receipt of proper credentials and authority he would turn the factory over to them and repeatedly urged them to obtain the necessary authority. This was never done and no official attempt to take over has ever been made. An unsupported verbal request for possession was turned down.

Para 3-h. The management of the factory submitted a budget for 3 months working to the Provincial Finance Officer and a credit of 32 million lire was opened for them at the Banca d'Italia. Approximately 15 million was used in the first three months and the remainder is now being used. The credit was granted through the normal channels in order to maintain some 550 people in employment and is balanced by the stocks of cloth and clothing held and by the issues already made to the CC.RR. The Provincial Finance Officer subsequently reported the factory as being a War Ministry concern but it is not known who asked the War Ministry to pay 32 million lire, or why.

Para 4-d. The only action taken by AMG has been protective to maintain employment in the area and to prevent either a general distribution of clothing by the Civil Authorities or such looting as has occurred in other clothing depots in the North. A take over by the Italian Army is still awaited.

4. Land Force Sub-Commission letter is returned herewith.

/s/ E.R. MACDERMOT, Major R.E.
Industry Sub-Commission
Northern Headquarters

Copy to: AMG - Como
(Attn: Lt. Col. J.S. Arnold)

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Letter dated 6 September 45
Ref: Q/15

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
PRODUCTION DIVISION

25 SEP 1945

Ref: ES/5.12

11 September 1945

SUBJECT: Como Clothing Factory

TO : Industry Sub-Commission
Office of the Deputy Executive Commissioner
Milan
Attn: Colonel GlendinningPASSED TO
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1. Reference enclosed letter 9/15 dated 6 September 1945, Brigadier Anderson has instructed me to forward it to you in order that you may render a report on it.

2. Will you please take action and return the original letter with your findings?

For the Deputy Vice-President:

D. A. CLARK
Major, R.E.

Enclosure

cc:
Executive Commissioner
M.M.I.A.

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Ec Sec requested to send follow up signal - on order of EC requested to call Col. Glendinning

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Subject: Como Clothing Factory

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AG (MMIA)
Rome
Q/15

September 1945

To : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission

1. According to the War Ministry there is a clothing factory at Como, with history as follows:

a. Organized by the Republican Government after 8 September 1943 to manufacture uniforms for the Republican Army. Later passed under control of Fascist militia, then under the GNR.

b. On date of Liberation was taken over by CVL under "Colonel" Daddis, and produced uniforms for the CVL Partisans.

c. On 18 May (by letter signed Major Francis for Colonel Polatti) the Como AMG Provincial Commissioner took over, confirming Daddis as manager until 7 June, and then appointed De Luca Piero as manager.

d. Toward the end of June, the Town Major of Como named a Business Committee of Liberation from factory personnel. On 6 August the Prefect named a Board of Directors.

2. The factory is located at Via del Popolo 4, has about 200 sewing machines, employs about 550 people, and has six additional large depots in the vicinity in which are located large stocks of Italian Army clothing and equipment, tires and cloth.

3. The Italian War Ministry states:

a. The machinery and equipment, which was removed by the Germans from the Italian Army factory at Florence, is identified as Italian Army property.

b. The clothing, equipment, cloth and other materials in the factory, are a part of the loot of the Germans, and are positively identified as property of the War Ministry, having been taken to Como from Central Italy after the armistice.

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c. 5,000 new Italian Army uniforms, found in the factory, have been given to the police of CC.SR by AMG, Milan. (We have no confirmation of this from Public Safety Sub Comm.)

d. The factory is now manufacturing clothing for internees from Germany on authority of AMG, Milan.

e. The representatives of the Italian Army have been denied admittance by AMG officers.

f. The buildings are not the property of the War Ministry.

g. Repeated efforts by the Italian Army Recovery Commission to secure the return of the machinery, clothing, equipment, etc, from AMG, Como have been blocked with a statement that ALCON in Milan will not authorize the return to the Italian Army.

h. That AMG has asked the War Ministry to pay the sum of 32 million lire which has been spent in the factory under AMG control. This, the War Ministry refuses to do, contending that it would be paying for its own materials and then not getting the products.

4. It is clear that:

a. This is a highly important and urgent matter affecting the Italian Army and the liability of the Allied Governments for its support, considering the quantities of materials involved and the extensive operations represented by 32 million lire.

b. The machinery, clothing, cloth, equipment, etc, is property of the War Ministry, for the Republican Government had only such assets as it stole from the Italian Government.

c. That, since the property belongs to the War Ministry (as admitted by the AMG demand for the War Ministry to pay for the operations) the taking over of the plant, and its continued operation, by AMG, and the refusal of AMG to return it to the Italian Army is not in accordance with Par 3c of AFHQ letter, file AG 308.3/163 LOG-0 of 22 June 1945, subject "Disposition of Captured Enemy Material in Italy", which specifically provides: "Recaptured material of Italian military origin.....will be turned over immediately to the Italian military authorities.....".

d. The AFHQ instructions cited, in no instance authorizes AMG to take over, block, operate, give away, dispose of, or exercise control over "Recaptured material of Italian military origin", nor does it authorize military commanders to use it for

other than military purposes, including maintenance of POW, but on the contrary is of such language as to admit of no doubt as to the intent of AFHQ, which is to get Italian Army property (including captured material of military origin) back to the Italian military authorities.

5. It is therefore requested that instructions be issued forthwith to the proper AC/ANG officials that this factory, including the machinery and materials, be delivered to the control of the Italian War Ministry, and that MMIA be informed so that the War Ministry can take over control without delay in order to safeguard the machinery and property.

CLAYTON P. KEMP, Colonel
for Major General
Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)

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cc: Q/AE, AFHQ
GOC, Two District
Colonel Finks, AFHQ
MMIA LO, Milan

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 9006/115/30

24 September 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Air Force Depot - Novara

TO : Air Forces Sub-Commission

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1. Your Ref: AFSC/655/3/29 of 4 Sept.
2. AMG Piemonte Region advises that CANSA has been given instructions as per para 6 above reference.
3. AMG Novara reports that it has no knowledge of the instructions referred to in your para 4.

✓ E. H. WHITE
Chief Staff Officer
to Executive Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS
PIEMONTE REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

Office of the Deputy Regional Commissioner.

15th September 45.

REFERENCE: PR/DRC/091.3

SEP 19 1945

SUBJECT : Italian Air Force Depot - Novara.

TO : Executive Commissioner,
H.Q. Allied Commission.

1. Reference your 9006/109/EC dated 7 Sep 45.
2. The following report has been received from P.C.
Novara.

" (1) A careful investigation has been made into the report from the Air Force Sub-Commission dated 4 Sep 45 under Ref AFSC/655/3/EQ, with the following results:-

Ref Para 4. Nothing is known here of the AMG Novara instructions referred to, neither are C.A.N.S.A. able to produce anything in support of the statement made by the Italian Air Ministry.

Ref Para 5. No comment.

Ref Para 6. C.A.N.S.A. have now been given the instructions referred to.

- (2) It is pointed out that the handing over of the I.A.F. Engine Depot will throw 500 part-time workers out of employment. "

19 SEP 1945

W. TURNER-COLES.
Lt-Col.
Deputy Regional Commissioner.

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Ref: 9006/111/EC

18 September 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Air Forces Depot -- Novara

TO : Regional Commissioner, Piemonte Region

1. Reference is made to our letter No. 9006/109/EC of 7 September enclosing a memorandum from the Air Forces Subcommittee ref. AFSC 655/3/EC of 4 September regarding the above subject.

2. Your attention was particularly drawn to paragraphs 4, 5, and 6 and your views were requested together with report regarding this matter. As this matter is urgent your early reply will be appreciated.

R. W. KEMSLEY

Brigadier
Executive CommissionerREL
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Ref: 9006/110/KC.

Tel: 755

8 September 1945.

SUBJECT: Camo Clothing Factory.

TO : Economic Section.

Letter Q/15 dated 6 Sep 45 from Land Forces Sub-Commission
is passed to you herewith for action.

M. PROBY

Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

Incl:
as above

Copy to: Land Forces Sub-Commission - (who are requested to
take up this matter with
Room 500 direct)

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Ref: 9006/109/EO

7 September 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Air Force Depot -- Novara

TO : Regional Commissioner, Piemonte Region

1. Enclosed is a memorandum from the Air Forces Subcommittee ref. AFSC/655/3/EQ of 4 September, addressed to Executive Commissioner, with reference to Italian Air Force depot at Novara.

2. Particular attention is drawn to paragraphs 4, 5, and 6 and it would be appreciated if this office could be advised of your views and supplied with a report regarding this matter. As this is urgent, an early reply would be appreciated.

A. E. ARNOLDY.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.1 Incl:
as above

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 Air Forces Sub-Commission,
 Allied Commission, ROME.

To: Executive Commissioner,
 Headquarters, Allied Commission.

Date: 4th September, 1945.

Ref: AFSC/655/3/EQ.

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ITALIAN AIR FORCE DEPOT - NOVARA

1. The Italian Air Ministry has reported to this Sub-Commission the circumstances of a dispute which has arisen between that Ministry and a civilian firm C.A.N.S.A. over the possession of machinery, aero-engines and spares in the former I.A.F. Engine Depot at NOVARA near MILAN.
2. It appears that during the period of the German occupation the C.A.N.S.A. firm of CAMERI was engaged on engine overhauls and salvage of engine parts for the Germans and had been authorised by the latter to occupy the premises of the former 5th Central Engine Depot of the Italian Air Force at NOVARA and to take over all machinery, engines and accessories therein. It is further stated, and admitted by C.A.N.S.A., that a considerable part of the machinery and spares were subsequently dispersed by C.A.N.S.A. supposedly to prevent their requisition by the Germans.
3. Upon the liberation of Northern Italy title to captured material of Italian Military origin passed to Italian Military authorities under the terms of A.F.H.Q. directive AG 386.3/163/LOC-0 dated 22 Jun 45 para 9c and Headquarters M.A.A.F. authorised this Sub-Commission to take over ex-Italian Air Force material for subsequent release, at our discretion, to the Italian Air Ministry for maintenance of ground troops and authorised flying programmes. Title to ex-Italian Air Force premises is claimed under the provisions of AAI Circular 2030/12/Q2 dated 1st July 44, which is still in force, and this Sub-Commission was authorised by A.F.H.Q. to post notices on such premises reserving them on behalf of the I.A.F. in accordance with that circular.
4. Despite the specific authorities quoted in the preceding paragraph the Italian Air Ministry states that A.M.G. NOVARA has confirmed the C.A.N.S.A. firm's right to occupation of the premises of the 5th Central Engine Depot and has also confirmed the firm's right to retain possession of machinery, material and spares taken over during the German occupation. The authorities for this are quoted as being A.M.G. NOVARA instructions No.4 and No.33 of 3rd May, 1945.
5. It is the view of this Sub-Commission that, if the Italian Air Ministry's statement is correct, A.M.G. NOVARA acted improperly in authorising the C.A.N.S.A. firm to remain in occupation of I.A.F. premises without reference to this Sub-Commission and further that they exceeded their authority in disposing of material which is undoubtedly captured enemy war material within the meaning of the A.F.H.Q. directive referred to at para 3 above.

6. If this view is concurred in it is requested that instructions may be issued to the C.A.N.S.A. firm through A.M.G. NOVARA that

- a) The Italian Air Ministry's right to possession of their former premises and ex-I.A.F. material therein is to be acknowledged and that arrangements are to be made for vacation of the premises. The Italian Air Ministry has, however, signified its willingness to permit C.A.N.S.A. to remain in occupation of part of these premises until

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 - b) Material and machinery dispersed by the firm during their period of occupation is immediately to be restored and a satisfactory account given of major discrepancies.
7. Your views on the matter would be appreciated.

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