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MONTHLY REPORTS, CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIALS
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2. Ex. Commission

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CARTERED ENTRY MATERIALS SUB DIVISION

CARTERED ENTRY MATERIALS SUB DIVISION FORM NO. 1 NOVEMBER 1946.

1. Organization & Administration.

No major change, except one extra Typist is now employed in the General Office to deal with increased correspondence. A British C.O. is now employed as a file clerk, and the entire filing system is being reorganized and indexed for record purposes.

All C.O.s. Records are now concentrated in this office and are as follows :-

C.O.s.	Records	W.G. Room
"	"	Plan Office
"	"	Account Office
"	"	Plan Office
"	"	General Office

2. Non-Record Activities.

Col. M. G. P. accompanied by Major North and Capt. Warren are now carrying out a C.O.s. tour of duty in the North, the principle matters they are dealing with are :-

- (a) C.O.s. Activities in requisitioned property around Lake Garda.
- (b) C.O.s. Investigations at Parma.
- (c) C.O.s. Vehicle questions connected with A.G. G. 94inc.
- (d) C.O.s. stored in the Lombard warehouses at Bolzano.

3. Release.

The number of releases made this month to the Italian Government through A.G.A.R. is 21.

The total number of outstanding acceptances from A.G.A.R. is 90. A.G.A.R. has been warned that acceptances must be sent in more quickly, and recently there has been a marked improvement in this respect.

4. Solange Eobts.

These are now being paid into the Ministry of Treasury. This office when required supplies copies of original vouchers or other information required to effect the payments.

5. Removal of D. controlled material.

A.G.A.R. has now ruled that this is an internal problem for the Italian Government to settle themselves, and that the only way to settle this is by the Italian Government.

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These are now being paid into the Ministry of Treasury. This office when required supplies copies of original vouchers or other information required to effect the payments.

F. *Increased & Decentralized industries.* 61030

A.M.H.C. has now ruled that this is an internal problem for the Italian Government to handle themselves, and that the only C.E.M. responsibility is that C.E.M. Sub Division must obtain from the Italian Government an overall receipt in exchange for the original receipts obtained individually from the firms concerned.

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CAPTURED GERMAN MATERIALS SUB DIVISION

C.P.M. Sub Division A.C. Monthly Report for the month of Oct 45
Organization & Administration

1. On the 26th November, Colonel G.W. Miller, A.C., assumed the directorship of this branch from Lieut. Col. Green
2. Northern Office
The Northern Office has been closed. Major T.I. Loworth and Major W.J. Warren have returned to this Headquarters. All files correspondence and documents from Milan and Bologna are now in Rome.
3. Releases
The number of the releases made this month to the Italian Government through A.C.A.A. is 20.
The total number of outstanding acceptances from A.C.A.A. is 1909
4. Warpage Debts
The Italian Ministry of the Treasury has been requested to to arrange further collection of certain sums due to them in respect of warpage. Warpage, as opposed of at Italian Governments request to to various firms, and with which the Italian Government has already been engaged in similar.
5. Decentralized Industries
Data of decentralized industries have been prepared and submitted to A.C.A.A. for decisions on policy.
6. Removed Industries
A report is being prepared for submission to A.C.A.A. asking for a policy in regard to removed industries.

S.W. Miller
Colonel
CE. Sub Division

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C.E.M. BRANCH MONTHLY REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 1946.

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1. Organization & Administration.

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Lt. Col. A.A. CAMPBELL was replaced by Lt. Col. F.G. GREEN who has taken over the Acting Directorship of this Branch.

Major ROWORTH & Capt. WARREN are working as Liaison Officers in Northern Italy carrying out the A/Director's Policy in Bolzano and Milan.

Major STRACHAN-AUDAS returned from leave in U.K. to await repatriation on the Python Scheme and is temporarily employed as Executive Staff Officer to the A/Director.

2. Releases.

The total number of releases made this month to the Italian Government through A.R.R.R. is 47.

The total number of outstanding receipts from A.R.R. is 134.

3. Northern Italy.

The CEM Liaison Officers in the North, (Major Roworth & Capt. Warren), are working in Bolzano and Milan arranging for the final disposal to the Italian Government of Residues of Dumps of Materials, and vehicles still outstanding. It is not estimated that the amount of outstanding material is very large.

4. Solvents.

The collection of outstanding Solvent Debts from Italian Firms is proceeding. It is hoped that A.R.R.R. will be able to complete this collection on behalf of C.E.M. Branch, as the Branch was insufficient staff to carry out this task.

5. Fixed Assets.

The British Embassy is endeavoring to arrange with the Italian Government to designate an organization to act on their behalf for the taking over of all British Fixed Assets in Italy.

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6. A.F.H.Q. Directive No. 2.7.1.

During the month AFHQ have issued two directives to Army formations, dealing with CEM.

The first deals with CEM material held by units surplus to unit requirements which they are now instructed to hand over to Italian Government forthwith.

The second deals with dumps of materials which are in the custody of Army formations; in regard to these the order directs that all material required for Army purposes is to be withdrawn forthwith from such dumps, the remainder of the property in the dumps being inventoried with the object of passing this over immediately to the Italian authorities.

From the above it will be seen that the work of liquidating C.E.M. in the hands of the Allies is being expedited and in a few weeks should have made noticeable progress.

M.G. GREEN,
Lieut-Colonel,
Acting Director
CEM Branch.

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CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIALS BRANCH

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MONTHLY REPORT FOR CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIALS BRANCH FOR JUNE 1946.

1. In June a large value in C.E Material was handed over to the Italian Government. The number of release made were fewer than in the previous month (79 as against 95) but the quantitative amount and currency value were considerably greater. Information is to hand that there will be large quantities of valuable C.E. tele - phone equipment turned over to the Branch during July.

2. There is still much material and many vehicles to be disposed of in the Bolzano Area, none of which was released to the Branch by 2 District. It is essential to get this area cleared up quickly, and for this reason it has been decided to send a special officer to Bolzano early in July with a view to listing and handing over to the Italian Government the readily accessible bulk, including many scattered Ammunition dumps. It is intended that an A.R.A.R. representative shall accompany the officer chosen for this task and that handover shall be done from day to day as dumps etc. are visited and a signature obtained for each handover. It is realized that it will be impossible to hand over in a very short space of time all the C.E. Material in the Area, and the intention is to hand over the bulk. The disposition of material not handed over will be left to ARAR who will furnish a list monthly of any and all materials collected.

The procedure adhered to hitherto has been for District to list and release to C.E.M. Branch for hand over to the Italian Government all material and vehicles in the area not required for military purposes, but that method is inevitably a slow one, and if the hand over of material has to be hastened these direct release by A.C. to ARAR is undoubtedly the answer, this particularly applies to the Bolzano area where there has been such an enormous mass of material to be disposed of, and which in many instances is only discovered from day to day.

3. The administration side of A.R.A.R. is improving, proof of this being the accelerated manner in which signed acceptance notes

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are being returned to the Branch. This is no doubt largely owing to the fact that the Italian elections are over and that there are now more personnel available for general duties, plus a better realization on the part of A.R.A.R. of the importance of quick clearance and rapid turnover of materials to industry.

4. Total releases for the month numbered 79. Releases in the North were of a very general nature and in the South were made up of such material as follows:

- 613 Assorted Vehicles.
- 130 Assorted Road Making Machines.
- 50 tons of Light Ferrous Metal.
- 28 kms of Telephone and high tensionable.
- 500 Industrial Gas Cylinders.
- 700 Wooden telegraph poles.

The above articles alone representing a very considerable cash value.

5. It is understood that the Executive Commissioner intends that R.U.E. files and files pertaining to R.U.E. should be handed over to Archives Branch, Allied Commission early in July 1946. These files deal with matters of enormous financial, economical and political importance both to the Allies and Italy, and in view of the fact that their contents are largely of a C.E.M. nature, their passing to another Branch unversed in the disposal of captured enemy material is regretted.

*These files
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to Archives
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6. C.E.M. Staff at this H.Q. and in the field has been cut to the barest minimum commensurate with efficient working, and until final closing down of the Branch it is not considered that any further reductions can be made if the work of the Branch has to continue without great delays and the lengthening of the closing date.

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CAPTUREDEnemy MATERIALS BRANCH

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MONTHLY REPORT FOR CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIALS BRANCH FOR MAY 1946.

1. The following report will show that while most of the G.E.M. has been released and handed over to the Italian Government there still remains the outstanding question of certain quantities of G.E.M. still in use with units and installations for which an alternative method of hand over will have to be made if the CEM Branch of Allied Commission ceases to function.

2. Releases of material to the Italian Government have shown a decided drop during the month, and from advance information obtained from J District and A.F.H.Q. it is expected that releases for the next two months will be more or less steady at the present figure. A total of 115 releases were made to AECI and 90 signed and completed release notes returned back.

On comparing the figures of April and May it is interesting to note that releases in the North have dropped from 269 to 50 whereas there has been an increase in the South from 24 in April to 37 in May. A large proportion of the material now being released is that which has been held by units and installations which are now gradually being closed down.

3. A considerable amount of time has been wasted owing to lack of essential information from District and Units regarding exact location of the various Depots, this lack of information has also impeded AECI in taking over.

A.F.H.Q. and J District have been approached on this matter and it is anticipated that greater care will be taken in future.

4. Against the releases made in the South there were 896 assorted vehicles, most of which can be described as hulks. They comprised trucks, buses, cars, trailers and motor cycles. 92 camp vehicles of various types were released in the North.

5. G.E.M. Summary.

(a) The large dumps of Varese, Monza and Taliedo are in order of breakdown at the Factory of Rivalta Scrivia (Anelotti & Co). An inspection of the above factory will be carried out by this Branch during next week, to control operations.

(b) 10 lorries have been handed over recently by AECI to U.I.P.A.R. (Unione Lavoratori Industriali Esplosivi Residenti) for carrying out transportation of ammunition from the dump to the factories. These lorries are now being overhauled and a program as to their employment will be submitted by U.I.P.A.R. to this Branch shortly.

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6. A.M.E. Files.

All files, material and staff were moved from Bolzano to Rome on the 11 May 46. Files have now been set up in the new location and work on them is continuing under the same direction.

It would appear that the three main points at issue to be taken from the files are: (a) the amount of credits (both financial and in materials) sent to Italian industrialists and others by Germany; (b) information regarding the move of industrial machinery from the factories in Italy to German factories in Austria and Germany. Until a further ruling is given regarding the use to which files will be put the work on the files will consist of extracting information set out under the two paragraphs (a) and (b).

7. Bolzano.

The C.I.O. Bolzano has advised the Branch that there are some hundreds of GI Vehicles in circulation in the area, a large proportion of which are being used by the Italian Army without any authority.

The Branch Director proposes to go into this matter early in June with a view to having the vehicles listed and handed over to ARAR for normal disposal.

8. Subsistence Park Peltre, Merano.

The Subsistence Park was released by 2 District to GI Branch in February 46 and handed over to ARAR between the 10-20 February 46. A portion of the Park was retained by 2 District. 2 District have now left the area without giving disposal instructions for the remaining part. 3 District have now taken over from 2 District in the North and they have been asked to take release as soon as possible otherwise it is feared that pilfering on a large scale will greatly reduce the value of the material to be handed over to ARAR.

9. GI Timber.

Lists of GI Timber in the North have been compiled and submitted to 3 District for release, but up to date release orders have not yet been received.

Lists of GI material at autocatalytic plant, Castellbelle have also been compiled and sent to 3 District and release orders are now awaited.

10. Administration.

A further reduction of 2 male executive and 2 female administrative assistants has been made in the North, making the total now employed 3 male and 6 female civilians.

11. Officers.

There are now only 2 officers employed in GI Branch to cover the whole of the North and considering the material still being released and passing through the office and also the problems still existing in the Bolzano area their time is very fully occupied.

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12. It would appear that some type of Branch or department would have to remain with one of the service missions or the Military Command until such time as all Military Administration in this country closes down.

For the Policy

J.A. CAMPBELL
Lieut.-Colonel,
Director
G-2 Branch

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Captured Enemy Materials Branch

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MONTHLY REPORT OF CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIALS BRANCH FOR APRIL 1946

1. The work of the CEM Branch during April showed little signs of diminishing and the remaining staff were taxed to a considerable extent to find sufficient hours to keep up to date. While the officers remained the same at HQ, the following officers were released from work in the field and while the Bolzano Office closed w.e.f. 30 April the releases made from the Milan office were greater than during the previous month:

STAFF CHANGES

Capt. F.S. BOOTH (Milan) Returned to UK for release.
Capt. A. PRIER (Milan) Returned to UK for release.
Lt. DORRIS (Bolzano) *Posted to Spandonia Garrison*
Lt. HARRIS (Bolzano) *Discharged from the Army*
Lt. WATSON (Milan) " " " "

2. It would appear that if the Branch is to consider carrying out the functions which have been part of the work during the month the HQ strength will have to be increased. There is no doubt that there will continue to be considerable numbers of releases to be made from military commands to the Italian Government and it is not possible for a forecast to be made without further information from the Military Districts and Areas concerned - this information has been requested.

3. The fact that for most that work of this Branch should be completed by end of May has proved wrong. This no doubt is due to the fact that 2 Districts did not close down on the date originally estimated, another fact is that a considerable quantity of material which has ceased to be required for military purposes owing to the disbandment of units etc. is being passed to CEM Branch for onward transmission to the Italian Government. From information received from 5 Districts it would appear that there will still be a considerable number of releases made after the end of next month and on releases alone it can now be visualized that actual handovers will not be completed until the end of June or even that in July.

4. In this connection it might appear advisable to transfer the HQ of the CEM Branch to G-5, AFHQ, or at least turn over its functions to that Section if it is essential that the branch, from the Allied Commission point of view, should be abolished.

5. During the month of April the total number of releases showed an increase on those of the previous month and numbered 293. This was naturally quite unexpected; altogether 438 acceptances were received from

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b. The following, among others, were handed over to the FBI:

Canale, Trento.....	87	vehicles.
Castell, Bolzano.....	89	vehicles.
Merano.....	9	vehicles.
Pordenone, Udine.....	2	vehicles.
Prealpe.....	17	vehicles.
Tortolero, Genoa.....	47	vehicles.
More, Trento.....	67	vehicles.
Caldanazzo, Trento.....	10	vehicles.

Old vehicle hulls are still being located and reported throughout the country in the North and in accordance with 2 District instructions have been disposed of for cash and a sum of 1,752.000 lire put into the life account.

7. On instructions from 2 Dec 1945 the CBM Officers in London on region disposed of a considerable amount of meat-fish prior to 30 Dec 45 which resulted in the receipt of £,204,145 lire. The necessary FF/16 Folios and Vouchers have been passed to AF for this amount.

8. The Italian Government has now commenced breaking down ammunition in accordance with AMIQ directive AG 386.3 Q(23)-0 dated 2 Oct 45 and amendment AG 386.3 Q(213)-0 dated 6 Feb 46. Ten dumps have now been cleared and the contents issued to factories for breaking down.

9. Work on the RUK records continues and over and above the classification of the records, information showing the destination of Italian POWs and the amount sent out of Italy by the Germans was listed and tabulated. Arrangements were made to log a number of RUK parcels and now the RUK parcels are being tabulated. The situation of the RUK parcels and the amount sent out of Italy is being reviewed. The situation of the RUK parcels and the amount sent out of Italy is being reviewed. The situation of the RUK parcels and the amount sent out of Italy is being reviewed.

10. Two RAK files were examined for information concerning orders made by the German Command on Factories in Biella for blankets. It is hoped that this information may help to elucidate the questions outstanding, regarding the Biella blankets.

11. More information received from 3 District and Air HQ there is still a good quantity of GMI to be released for handover to the Italian Government.

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APO 594

Captured Enemy Materials Branch

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MONTHLY REPORT FOR CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIALS BRANCH FOR MARCH 1946.

1. As a result of the tremendous amount of work put in during the month of February in preparing documents and inventories, the handover to the Italian Government of CMI Depot No. 1 Bolzano and CMI Depot (No. 1) in 2 Bolzano was carried out with remarkable smoothness. These depots were of such a size and value that the Director and the Executive Officer of CMI Branch were present at the handover. Handover commenced on the 14th March and was completed on the 15th. Inventories and documents were in perfect order and this vast amount of material, all in good condition, well packed and boxed and spot check disclosed no discrepancies between inventories and stocks. The Chief Representative of AFAR, Dott. De Benedetti, was accompanied by a large staff and a press reporter.

2. The materials handed over from No. 1 Camp Bolzano represent millions of pounds sterling. They consisted of enormous quantities of electrical equipment, engineering material, carpentry equipment, vehicle spare parts of all kinds, engine bolting, plumbing equipment, raw material (metals), building material, bootmakers equipment, marine material, newspaper and other paper, vehicle tyres (scrap), cycle tyres and miscellaneous equipment of all kinds. Dott. Di Benedetti and his Italian staff expressed the opinion that, without having seen the depot, it was impossible to believe the magnitude of the material. The two depots at Bolzano contained mainly textiles of practically every kind; bales of art silks, wools, cotton and large quantities of finished garments and carpets. There were also many hundreds of thousands of silver in the form of tea and coffee services, cutlery, cable cutlery, silver trays etc. The value in dollars of the material would be considerable, and the clothing value of some importance to Italy.

3. On completion of the handover, all the officials concerned met in the CMI office at Bolzano where handover documents were signed by the Director CMI Branch, representing Allied Commission and Dott. Di Benedetti, Director AFAR, representing the Italian Government. Dott. De Benedetti was most enthusiastic at the way the handover had been done and stated that the material was, at this time, of great value to Italy. At the end of their appreciation, the official Government Agency, AFAR (Agency for Alienation Residuals) took the usual course of signing a letter of appreciation to the Director, copy of which

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4. After a period of considerable importation was the CIA involved operationally under the Military Assistance Act. Some 12,500 tons carrying vehicles, equipment and other supplies were allocated to this branch (under Allocation memo AFHQ 5645/42273 (213) dated 14 March 1946), and the released fully transferred to the Italian government.

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Roma, 23 Marzo 1945.

J.A. Campbell,
Lieut Colonel,
C21 Branch,
R.O.M.A.

With the present we want to thank you for the perfect correctness with which you have consigned to us the depots up in the Bolzano area.

We have much appreciated the order with which the material has been classified giving us therefore a great help in taking charge of it.

We hope to proceed also in future in the same manner to our mutual satisfaction.

/s/ Giuseppe De Benedetti,
A.R.A.R.

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United States Army Materials Branch

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MONTHLY REPORT FOR CAPTURED ITALIAN MATERIALS BRANCH FOR FEBRUARY 1946

1. During the month under review the work of handing over all types of CIM to the Italian Government continued.
2. The two main handovers were the Pharmaceutical Plant and Stores and Building at Merano and the Automobile Spare Parts Depot at Livorno.
3. The Pharmaceutical Plant covered 360 acres and included the release of such material as:
 - (a) 3000/3500 tons of raw material (for the manufacture of drugs).
 - (b) Medical instruments and hospital equipment of all types.
 - (c) Manufactured drugs including very large quantities of vitamin tablets, Cocaine, Morphine, Caffeine and Opium (valued at many millions of dollars).
- The handover of the Depot and stores commenced 18 February and was completed by noon 20 February. Present at the handover were the DEMS District, the Director of CIM Branch and Ing. Valerio, Director of ARAR.
4. The Livorno Dump containing 6500 tons of truck and car spare parts for all makes of Italian vehicles (mostly new) was handed over to ARAR on 19 February.
5. Other releases and handovers during February included:
 - (a) 92 Ammunition Dumps, consisting of thousands of tons of all types of ammunition;
 - (b) 88 small dumps and depots of consumer goods etc;
 - (c) 23 Vehicle Parks containing 2000 passenger and load carrying vehicles, of which 80% were mostly salvage and scrap.
6. A considerable quantity of Vehicle hulks was disposed of to individuals already in possession, payment of 1,611,947 Lire, being made to APA.

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7. The investigation regarding the number of CEM vehicles held by the Ufficio Autotrasporti, and which have still to be released by AFHQ prior to handover to ARAR, was continued and final lists were received from each of the four provinces, Lombardia, Piemonte, Liguria and Venezia. The lists were consolidated showing that over 12,000 captured vehicles were held by different bodies in the Ufficio Autotrasporti. These lists are being delivered to AFHQ for examination and authority to release, and it is hoped to complete the handover to the Ministry of Transport early in March. The Italian Government requested that the Autotrasporti vehicles be handed over direct to the Ministry of Transport and not through ARAR.

8. Instructions as to disposal and handling of the RDX records and files has been requested. The view was taken by the American and British Embassies that it would be beneficial if the files were micro-filmed. No. 5 Micro-Film Unit left Rome for Bolzano on 7 February and after a consultation between Lt. Col. Campbell, CEM Branch and Lt. Col. Harris, CEM Section, AFHQ, at Bolzano it was decided to commence filming and a start was made on 21 February. A total of 7176 negatives were despatched to the Air Ministry, London, covering the period up to 26 February.

9. It has to be noted that the handling of CEM ammunition released to the Italian Government is not very satisfactory. Although 150 dumps have been handed over, in no case has any breaking down process commenced. Lack of transport is given as the reason, but some attempt could be made, and there is now certain idle transport in the Autotrasporti which could be used.

10. ARAR continue to be dilatory in the forwarding of completed release notes and the President has been requested to issue the necessary instructions to all concerned to see that release notes are completed and signed and returned when the handover is made.

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February 1946

MONTHLY REPORT OF CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIALS BRANCH FOR JANUARY 1946.

1. The director of this Branch, Lt. Col. J.J. CAMPBELL, made a complete tour of the North including Liguria and inspected the dumps at Bolzano and Merano including that of pharmaceutical items prior to the hand-over to the Italian Government.
2. The future of Rak (Rüstung and Kriegsproduktion) files was one of the major items concerning the director. Inspection of the files was made and a full report called for. The report is now to hand and copies are available in this Branch.
3. Great difficulty is still being experienced in getting A2.2 to deal with releases made to them by CEM Branch. Much time is spent in attempting to make A2.2 understand that a quick turnover of them to the industrialists of the country is essential for the early recovery of economic life.
4. Undisposed Garap. Sales from this source during the month totalled 456,000 Lire, this being the results of sale of 14 vehicles, bulks, and made under authority of No.2 District letter 1269/2 dated 5 October 1945.
5. Availability Lt. Col. BARKES, G(AS), G-5 Section, AFHQ, who was in the North during Col. CAMPBELL's visit emphasized the fact that the responsibility for collecting and making inventories of CEM is a military commitment.
6. Inventories. An inventory dated 20 January 1946 was made for the purpose of handing over No. 1 Dump, Bolzano. Inventory was sent to No. 1 District, who found it necessary to extract many items for military purposes. This has delayed the early handover of the dump to the Italian Government. Now that a ruling has been given that the taking of inventories is a military commitment further hold-ups for such a reason should cease.

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- 7. Liguria Region. Activities during the month are as follows:-
Munition dumps 22
Storage vehicle dumps 1
Miscellaneous releases 63
- 8. Payments received for unauthorized sales. L. 908,762.80
Paid PF/RS and vouchers checked and agreed.
- 9. Turin and Genoa Offices. Main work here has been in setting up of ARS in Liguria Region in liaison with GSI unit.
- 10. Liaison. Liaison with ARS has been satisfactory and contacts have been made between all Allied units dealing with GSI and ARS.
- 11. Unexploded dump. It is put on record that this dump was handed over to GSI Branch during the month and that the dump was in very bad condition, quantities of valuable material having been left uncovered at the mercy of the weather. The GSI Branch put a representative in charge of the dump and arranged for the necessary guards. In agreement with 2 District - GSI group was recalled to GSI to inspect the dump and make a general inventory.
- 12. Dumps handed over to ARS. In addition to the dumps handed over in following are the most important.

Bassano, Bionico, Logio, Schio, Montebelluna, Ponte di Piave.
In the latter dump only were found a number of running and repairable road vehicles. These have already been referred to ARS.
- 13. It is hoped to close the Turin and Genoa offices of this branch by the end of February which will allow us to concentrate in more important area of Bologna.

[Signature]
J.M. CARTER
Lieut.-Colonel,
Director
GSI Branch

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14 January 1946

MONTHLY REPORT OF CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIALS BRANCH FOR DECEMBER 45

1. The Milan Division of the CEM Branch made over 90 releases of Dumps and Civilian Material during December.
 - (a) A further release of 47 Ammunition Dumps was made.
 - (b) Prompt action by AMR has not been taken and few release notes have as yet been returned by the Italian Government, and in many instances the big releases have not even been inspected. Action has been taken with ARAR to hasten return of release note receipts. The latter is also being referred to the Italian Government.
2. German Credits. The work in connection with the collection of German Credits held by Italian Industrial and commercial concerns was re-instituted on receipt of ARHQ instructions. Actual collections will be made during the month of January.
3. Return of Industrial Plant to Italian Government. The question of the return of industrial plant moved to the Bolzano area continues to be studied with a view to making a complete hand-over to the Italian Government in order that they can release the elements and settle all claims without this Branch being called in to take any part.
4. Turnover. Serious efforts are being made by this Branch to effect a rapid turnover of dumps and material to the Italian Government. This is being achieved but it is regretted that the Italian Government is making no effort to pass on the released material to industry in any appreciable quantity.

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December 1945

MONTHLY REPORT OF CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIALS BRANCH FOR NOVEMBER 1945.

1. The setting up of A.R.M.R. (a Department within one of the Italian Ministries) to specialise in the handling of all CEM released to the Italian Government is a definite step forward.
2. Release of some 4,000 load carrying vehicles (of Italian origin) was made to A.R.M.R. during the month.
3. On the 1st November 1945 a directive was issued altering the A.R.M. Sub Commission to C.E.M. Branch of Supply Group, Economic Section.
4. A decision was made by AFHQ that the blankets in B.I.I. were C.E.M. and would be issued in accordance with AFHQ releases. The blankets concerned are 800,000.
5. The C.E.M. Division in Bolzano handled over 95 releases of material during November 1945.
6. Investigations by the Division in Bolzano on questions concerning material removed from Italian Factories continue. Over 770 pieces of machinery and 890 tons of material was returned to Italian industry for safekeeping and safe keeping pending decision as to ultimate disposal.
7. Investigations into German Credits on Manufacturers Books disclosed a sum of Lire 2,750,000,000. This important work continues although the question of collection has been suspended for the present.
8. The closest contact has been kept with Milan Office and reports show that much work remains to be done especially on the RUK documents if considerable sums, which would otherwise have to be spent by the Allied Nations on re-establishment of Italian Economy etc, have to be saved.

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WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL SUB COMMISSION

Ref: ADM/10

3 November 1945

MONTHLY REPORT OF WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL SUB COMMISSION FOR OCTOBER 1945.

1. SALVAGE.

The following issues were made during the month,

<u>Miscellaneous Scrap:</u>	550 tons
<u>Press and Copper:</u>	150 tons

The smallness of these totals is explained by the fact that the AMHQ Directive A-386.3 Q(AE)-0 of 2 October 1945, which instructs Salvage Depots to deal direct with Italian Ministry of Transportation, is now in effect.

2. This Sub-Commission now holds complete lists and details of all Italian vehicles, held in Parks throughout ITALY. These Parks are in the process of being handed over to the Italian Government as soon as they are able to organise Guards.

3. VEHICLES.

This Sub-Commission has ceased its former policy of entering into contracts with Italian Civilians to rebuild wrecked vehicles for operating with ENAC but is completing contracts already made. These vehicles are re-valued, and after allowance is made for cost of reconditioning, the balance is paid to AFA a/c No. 1 in Bank of Italy. 170 such valuations were made during October 1945.

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WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL SUB COMMISSION

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MONTHLY REPORT OF WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL SUB COMMISSION FOR SEPTEMBER 1945.

1. TIRES.
20,070 were issued from British Salvage and 5,000 from American Salvage.
Note: Of the issues from British Salvage, 10,000 were assigned for new trucks now leaving assembly lines in Northern Italy.
2. COPPER AND COPPER.
3,741 tons were issued under the Copper Sulphate programme. A further 3,500 tons are awaiting disposition.
3. GENERAL SALVAGE.
Approximately 25,500 tons were issued, 90% of which was from American sources.
4. CAPTURED GERMAN MATERIAL.
A total of 1,401 German and Italian gas cylinders were handed over from American Engineer depots for Italian oxygen cylinders. A quantity of captured Italian equipment, mainly vehicle spares, were shipped from Middle East for the Italian Government.
5. VEHICLES.
The routine inspections of vehicles, spare parts and tyres were made, including 73 wrecked vehicles, valued for first valuation, and deposited into the Bank of Italy.
Deposits were accepted for 103 German tyres and the total amount received by Bank of Italy was 2,780,400 lire.
6. COMMENTS.
The Director of the Sub Commission attended a Conference at AFHQ on Friday 20th September 1945, on "Disposal of Captured Enemy Material."
A new Directive is being issued immediately. This Directive takes care of release of captured civilian material to the Italian Government through War Materials Disposal Sub Commission.

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