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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. Section
APO 394

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Ref/207/10/GA.

7 August 1944.

SUBJECT: War Materials.

TO : Army Sub-Commission.

1. Col. Campbell wishes the matter of disposing of abandoned vehicles to be cleared up as soon as possible and to this end has submitted to me the attached draft.
2. You will remember that AMG Eighth Army asked your permission a few weeks ago to strip abandoned Italian Army vehicles in areas in which no salvage squads were operating. You gave your agreement and AMG Eighth Army were so informed.
3. Accordingly I have inserted an addition to para.1 of the attached draft. Would you please say whether you agree to this, and if so return the draft direct to War Material Disposal Sub-Commission.

NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to: War Material Disposal Sub-Commission.

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ATTN: MR. T. J. O'NEILL
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20 June 1944

TO: Mr. T. J. O'NEILL
FROM: Mr. T. J. O'NEILL

1. Information has been received of a large stock of Class
A-1, Class 1, in the hands of the
Government of the United States. It is not known whether this stock
relates to the same stock previously reported as available
for the Government. Will you please advise the necessary disposition,
detached from the stock, for some use available.

2. Any stock located should be located for disposal by the
Government.

R. S. Austin
for Mr. T. J. O'NEILL

Very truly yours,
R. S. Austin
for Mr. T. J. O'NEILL

TO : A.J.C. - HQ Region IV

SUBJECT : Clean Carboys.

1. Information has been received of a large stock of glass carboys at Terradina. It is not known whether this report refers to the same stocks previous by reported as available at Coats. Will you please make the necessary enquiry, determining also if wider buckets for same are available.

2. Any stocks located should be blocked for disposal by this Sub-Commission.

R. S. Austin
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Colonel, Director
Industry & Commerce Division.

Copy to: E.C. & H.O. Sect.

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13 April 1944

SUBJECT: Captured Enemy Materiel Sections.

TO : Commander-in-Chief, Allied Armies in Italy, APO 777.

1. The Captured Enemy Materiel Sections now attached to Number 1 District, Island Base Section, and War Materials Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission will be withdrawn not later than 25 April 1944, and thereafter any duties in connection with Captured Enemy Materiel will be carried out under arrangements to be made by the headquarters concerned.

2. The majority of the personnel from the CEM Sections mentioned in paragraph 1 above will be attached to Allied Force Headquarters, Headquarters, Allied Armies in Italy, and Allied Control Commission, for duties other than those in connection with Captured Enemy Materiel on the understanding that they will be made available again for Captured Enemy Materiel duties if required. The remainder of the personnel will be attached to existing CEM Sections at Allied Force Headquarters, and Headquarters, Allied Armies in Italy or posted (assigned) to other employment. Orders covering disposal of personnel are being issued separately.

3. The position will be reviewed during the month of June 1944. In the meantime the British personnel attached, subject to recall, to Allied Force Headquarters, Headquarters, Allied Armies in Italy and Allied Control Commission, will remain in the strength of the Battlefield Clearance Section WE XII/HOI/I and the American personnel, attached, subject to recall, will remain assigned as at present to be attached as outlined above.

4. The CEM Sections at Allied Force Headquarters and Headquarters, Allied Armies in Italy will continue to operate as before.

By command of General WILSON:

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G-4 AFHQ
QM (CEMEC) CG SOS NATOUSA

T.J.BEE,
1st Lt, AGD
Asst Adjutant General.

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APPENDIX NO. 3 TO
INTELLIGENCE INSTRUCTIONS
NO. 32

HEADQUARTERS
11 APR 1944
A. C. C.

CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIAL

1. VALUE OF CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIAL.

1. Reference is made to the first (unnumbered) Addendum to Intelligence Instruction No. 32 dated 7 May 1943, above subject. Recent experience proves that the following pertinent points should again be stressed to all units and formations:

a. Captured enemy materiel (CEM) is the property of the Allied Forces and not that of the individual or organization into whose hands it may fall. Certain trophies are permitted, but the unlawful retention of captured enemy materiel is an offense comparable with stealing and of a very definite hindrance to the war effort.

b. In many cases it has been the information gathered from the technical examination of enemy materiel which has resulted in the adoption of the protective and counter measures found necessary. The speed with which such measures can be taken varies directly with the promptness with which such materiel is received and is therefore primarily dependent upon action being taken by Unit Intelligence Officers immediately upon capture.

c. CEM has not only given troops the opportunity to familiarize themselves with enemy equipment prior to meeting it in battle but has also proven itself invaluable in the hands of friendly irregular troops.

II. PROCEDURE.

1. a. A.T.N.G. Circular No. 65 dated 5 September 1943 outlines the procedure for the allocation and assignment of CEM for all purposes with the exception of items which are required strictly for technical intelligence purposes in U.S. and U.K. However, the requirements of technical intelligence take absolute priority over all other demands. All new types of equipment or items appearing in any way unusual will therefore be reported immediately through G-2 (Intelligence channels) to the intelligence officer of the next higher formation who will, in turn, report through normal intelligence channels to H.Q. Technical intelligence North Africa and Central Mediterranean. Such reports should be accompanied, wherever possible, by photographs. The vaccination and dissemination of technical intelligence requirements will take priority

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II. PROCEDURE.

1. a. A.F.H.Q. Circular No. 63 dated 3 September 1943 outlines the procedure for the allocation and assignment of CEM for all purposes with the exception of items which are required strictly for technical intelligence purposes in U.S. and U.K. However, the requirements of technical intelligence take absolute priority over all other demands. All new types of equipment or items appearing in any way unusual will therefore be reported immediately through G-2 (Intelligence channels) to the intelligence officer of the next higher formation who will, in turn, report through normal intelligence channels to H.Q. Technical Intelligence North Africa and Central Mediterranean. Such reports should be accompanied, wherever possible, by photographs. The evacuation and safe guarding of technical intelligence requirements will take priority over all other CEM.

b. The G.I. (CEMCO) is the agency vested with the authority to issue disposal instructions, based on G-3 allocations. Furthermore, in no circumstances will CEM of any description whatsoever be removed from the theatre, either by units or individuals, military or civilian, without specific authorization issued by AFHQ. The responsibility for compliance with such procedure is outlined in para 1d of AFHQ Circular No. 63 of 3 September 1943, which is quoted verbatim:

"1d. The instructions contained herein are not to be interpreted in any way as relieving Commanding Generals

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of arms and arms of their responsibility for collecting, sorting, classifying, safeguarding, evacuating, etc., captured enemy materiel and supplies in accordance with existing instructions to specified parks, dumps, etc."

By Command of General HILSON:

J. H. GILBERT,
Lieutenant General,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

Kurt Shurt
K. W. D. STUBBS,
Major General, G.S.,
... C. of S., G-2.

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R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

WDW/mrd
13 February 1944

Ref/207/17/CA

SUBJECT: Captured Enemy Material

TO : M.G.S., A.F.H.Q. (Att: Col. Maxwell)

Ref. : M.G.S. - 386.3

1. Reference is made to your letter of 17 January 1944.
2. Attached is copy of report submitted by R.C.A.C.,
Region I.
3. The three files covered by AFHQ Staff Minute sheets;

Captured Enemy Material 14 December 1943
Sale of Captured Enemy Material - 23 Dec. 1943
Captured Enemy Material - 31 Dec. 1943

are returned herewith.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel Cavalry
Deputy Executive Commissioner

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SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
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File : RTO 386.3
Subject : Captured Enemy Material
To : Deputy Chief of Staff ACC HQ.

4 February 1944
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11 FEB 1944
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1. Reference is made to your letter of 24 January 1944.
2. In accordance with paragraph 2, A.F.H.Q. Circular No. 63 has again been brought to the attention of all concerned.
3. Regarding erroneous actions previously taken and in accordance with the Chief Quartermasters basis of settlement the following actions have been taken:
 - a. Action has been initiated to recover and deliver to CEMEC the two German tractors sold at Cerda.
 - b. Sale of work shops at Valledolmo is allowed to stand. The money for this item was paid to Allied Military Govt. as attested by AMG receipt No. 3079 dated 21-10-43 in the amount of 154,764 lire.
 - c. Italian motor lorry in question has been recovered by AMG.
 - d. SCAO, Palermo Province has been directed to recover any part of the wire not already in use.
4. The authorization issued to Capt. Consolato was given at the express wish of I.B.S. Officers from I.B.S. asked Region I HQ to do everything it could to facilitate the work of the Italian delegation throughout the Communes of Sicily. At the time the authorization was

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written, neither I.B.S. nor this HQ. had any knowledge, obviously, that the delegation had been ordered withdrawn. It should be clear, certainly, that this HQ acted on the suggestion of I.B.S., that the credentials of the delegation were in order, and that neither organization would have lent its support to forbidden activities of the delegation if it were known that Colonel De Carli's functions had ceased to have official sanction. There would have been no point to such action.

Charles Poletti

CHARLES POLETTI Lt.Colonel
Regional Civil Affairs
Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

24 January 1944

SUBJECT: Captured Enemy Materiel

TO : R.C.A.O. Region I

1. Reference is made to all past correspondence on this subject.

2. In view of the misunderstandings in the past on this subject, it is most important that established methods for dealing with captured enemy materiel be known to all AMG and AGO personnel in order that unauthorized sales or other activities will not take place. To avoid errors in the future, AFHQ Circular No. 63, copy of which is enclosed, entitled, "Instructions for Allocation and Assignment of Captured Enemy Materiel," will again be brought effectively to the notice of all concerned.

3. In dealing with erroneous action already taken, the Chief Quartermaster is willing to have a settlement on the following basis:

German materiel to be recovered and delivered to GEMEC.

Sale of workshops equipment at Valledomo - let the sale stand.

Sale of Italian motor lorry - let the transaction stand, if Headquarters AMG finds that course desirable.

Barbed wire sold to San Vincenzo Varuni - recover and deliver to GEMEC if practicable; if the wire is already in use, let the transaction stand.

You will accordingly take action on that basis of settlement, and submit a complete report to this Headquarters.

4. It appears that the price paid for the workshop at Valledomo was received by the Commune of Valledomo, on the theory that the Commune owned the property. Action should be taken to recover and hold for the use of the Allied Nations any money improperly received by the Commune.

5. Attached is a copy of an authorization to Capt. Consolato to deal with the salvage of Italian materiel. Apparently this officer was a part of the Italian delegation under Colonel De Carli which was ordered withdrawn from Sicily in the middle of December. It is requested that an explanation

be furnished as to why this authorization was given in view of the fact that it ignores the functions of G2550 and also purports to give standing to an officer whose activities in Sicily were forbidden.

6. There is transmitted herewith a file covered by A.F.H.Q. Staff minute sheets, "Sale of Captured Enemy Material, 23 December 1943", which pertains to the items mentioned in paragraph 3 hereof except the sale of the work shop equipment at Valledomo with which transaction Major Dwyer is familiar as well as Major Wilson, Supply Officer, Palermo Province.

7. It is requested that this Headquarters be notified as soon as possible of the action taken under this directive, and that the enclosed papers be returned.

Encls.

CHARLES H. DUNFORD
Colonel, G.S.C.
Deputy Chief of Staff
A.F.H.Q., III.

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APC 394

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A U T H O R I Z A T I O N

.....Capitano...Rizzo. Console..... is a member of the Delegazione Temporanea d'Intendenza Regio Esercito Italiano which has been appointed by the Italian Supreme Command in consultation with A.F.H.Q. The delegation is authorized to deal with all civil and military authority either Italian or Allied, and its main function is the salvage of all material which belonged to the Italian Army. This includes property in the hands of civilians, and civil authorities, and all abandoned material, including arms and ammunition, explosives, cars, trucks, mules, horses, carts, etc.

All Administrative or legal matters will be cleared by the Delegation direct with the persons concerned, in accordance with the Italian law always provided that this does not contravene any A.M.G. order on the subject.

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