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SD/1/2 Controlled Stores - Arms + Amm

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Opened Dec. 15, 1943 - Closed Feb 18, 1944

Dec. 1943 - Feb. 1944

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SUBJECT: Release of Arms (and Ammunition..

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.

Main H.Q. (MIA)

BRUILE (LECOE)

SD/1/2/16

18 Feb 44

Chief of Staff SMR

Copy to: Adv HQ Force 133  
(Ref 2/200/2 of 13 Feb)

1. It is understood that the arms and ammunition listed at Appendix "A" are available at the locations shown.
2. You are requested to issue orders for their release to Adv HQ Force 133.
3. Please inform this HQ when the necessary orders have been issued in order that collection may be arranged.

ABO

Brigadier. 339  
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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APPENDIX 'A'  
to SD/1/2/16  
dated Feb 44

Arms and Ammunition at TATANTO required by  
ADV HQ FORCE 153  
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| Serial | Nature                                                               | Location                        | Serviceable | Reqing<br>serve | TOTAL      |
|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|------------|
| (a)    | (b)                                                                  | (c)                             | (d)         | (e)             | (f)        |
| 1      | Rifles Greek 903/14 6.5                                              | CASERMO<br>M322ACAF0<br>TATANTO | 2,600       | 1,122           | 3,722      |
| 2      | Rifles Greek 903 6.5                                                 | "                               | 1,250       | =               | 1,250      |
| 3      | Rifles Austrian 88                                                   | "                               | =           | 1,278           | 1,278      |
| 4      | Rifles German 88                                                     | "                               | 420         | 1,705           | 2,125      |
| 5      | STREYER                                                              | "                               | 835         | =               | 835        |
| 6      | Carbines Greek 903/14                                                | "                               | 2,059       | 90              | 338145     |
| 7      | Ammunition suitable for<br>German & probably Austrian<br>8 mm Rifles | PONDHETIA<br>Hr TATANTO         | 19,000,000  |                 | 19,000,000 |

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Subject: Release of Arms & Amn.

Tel: 124, Ext 35.

ADV HQ FORCE 133,  
CMF.

Ref: Q/200/P

Feb 44.

MMIA  
HQ 2 District.

1. It is understood that arms as listed at Appx 'A' are available at the locations shown.
2. ADV HQ Adv Adm Ech have stated that release should be obtained through MMIA sources.
3. May release be given please?

*R.S. Redmond*  
R.S. REDMOND, Capt  
for Brig comd

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Appx 'A' to  
Q/200/P dated  
13 Feb 44.

Arms and Amn at TARANTO required by  
ADV HQ FORCE 133.

| Serial | Nature                                                          | Location                         | Serviceable | Rqg<br>Svcs | TOTAL      |
|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| (a)    | (b)                                                             | (c)                              | (d)         | (e)         | (f)        |
| 1      | Rifles Greek 903/14 6.5                                         | CASERIO<br>MEZZACAPPO<br>TARANTO | 2,600       | 1,122       | 3,722      |
| 2.     | Rifles Greek 903 6.5                                            | do.                              | 1,250       | -           | 1,250      |
| 3.     | Rifles Austrian 88                                              | do.                              | -           | 1,278       | 1,278      |
| 4.     | Rifles German 88                                                | do.                              | 420         | 1,705       | 2,125      |
| 5.     | STEYER                                                          | do.                              | 835         | -           | 835        |
| 6.     | Carbines Greek 903/14                                           | do.                              | 2,059       | 90          | 2,149      |
| 7.     | Amn suitable for German<br>and probably Austrian<br>8 mm Rifles | ROSDINELLA<br>Hr TARANTO         | 19,000,000  |             | 19,000,000 |

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MESSAGE FORM

From: N.M.I.A.

Date Time

18 2145A

To: FLAMEO rptd ACMT. REAR EIGHTH ARMY. MAIN EIGHTH ARMY

SD 251 (9) Your ORD4/17229 of 17 and Q17429 of 18 Feb (°)  
Under AFHQ AG400.93-1 GCP-AGM of 2 Dec Italian equipment on  
Mainland reserved for Italian Army (°) Items requested  
already in short supply and required for Combat formations  
(°) understand 9mm Parabellum (Sten) can be used instead

This msgn may be sent  
as written by any means  
except.....wireless

This msgn must be sent  
IN CIPHER if liable to  
Interception

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(Pads of 100.)

## MESSAGE FORM

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No. of Groups

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Serial No.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

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TO NDIAFROM FLAMBO 171150A

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

ORD 4/17229 require following urgently for special purpose @  
 9 M/H Beretta M34 1000 rds 9 M/H Beretta M38 auto carbine 100000  
 rds @ Understood to be at TARANTO under control direzione artiglieria  
 9 army corps

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY  
ANY MEANS EXCEPT

\* [ ] WIRELESS

THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER  
IF LIABLE TO INTERCEPTION OR TO FALL  
INTO ENEMY HANDS.

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| F         | 171150  | LRP    |        |            |          |        |        |            |          |        |        |

\*Originator may delete "except" and insert "including"

(1029). Wt. 32465/1989. 260M Pads 10/42. P.L. 51-3719.

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(Pads of 100.)

## MESSAGE FORM

*See This is being given*CALL  
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IN MMIAVMEGB (OP) QVRI QXX NR325/18

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*of man Parabellum (Sten)*

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TO MMIA INFO REAR EIGHTH ARMY MAIN EIGHTH ARMY  
ACMF (BY HAND) OS

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FROM FLAMBO

Originator's Number

Date  
18

In Reply to Number

Q17429 eighth army require following urgently @  
 For m34 beretta 9MM Pistol 1000 rounds for M38 beretta  
 9MM auto carbine 100000 (100000) rounds and 200 (200)  
 40 rounds magazines @ freedom authorise application  
 direct to you @ Request you signal rear eighth  
 army direct rptd this HQ whether these released and  
 where they can be collected

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ANY MEANS EXCEPT

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INTO ENEMY HANDS

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Date 18/2/44 At 23

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to  
ITALIAN ARMY.

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SUBJECT: Arms and Amn (r "GARIBALDI" Div

Re Allied Control Commission

Copy to: AFHQ Adv Adm Ech

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.  
Rear M.C. (AMIA)  
LEQUIRE (LSCOM)  
SD/1/2/19  
13 Feb 44

1. Following received from Stato Maggiore Regio Esercito.

"The HQ of the "GARIBALDI" Div operating in MONTENEGRO, in order to make the armament of the Div equal to those used by the German and Chetnik-Moslem tps, requested an urgent issue of automatic pistols. Enemy tps have one pistol for every five men.

Having no such type of arms, could you please obtain from the Allied Authority an issue of at least 200 pistols (automatic) with 4 to 5,000 rds for each."

2. Request your instructions.

*Van*  
Suggest you address this  
ABC request to Adv Hq Force 133

*I don't find anything with  
come of above*

Brigadier,  
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

*What the hell was an STEW  
Thompson Spigs*

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Having no such type of arms, could you please obtain from the Allied Govts. an issue of at least 200 pistols (automatic) with 4 to 5000 rounds for each.

MILITARY MISSION

Date \_\_\_\_\_

to

ITALIAN ARMY.

SD/1/2

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UR 99/lan, MINISTERO della GUERRA  
Direzione Generale di Sanità Militare

Alle Missioni Mil. Estere  
Brigantia

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO  
UFFICIO SERVIZI-Ser.ArtiglieriaN° 4/ 528 /Serv. di prot. P.M. 151 li. 10 / 2 / 1944O G G E T T O: Armamento divisione "Garibaldi".ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO  
-Sottocommissione Forze TerrestriLEQUILE

Il comando della divisione "Garibaldi", operante in Montenegro, per adeguare il proprio armamento a quello tedesco e delle bande cetrnico-musulmane, ha fatto urgente richiesta di pistole mitragliatrici, di cui le predette formazioni sono armate nella misura di una ogni cinque uomini.

Non disponendo di tale tipo di arma, si prega compiacersi voler ottenere dalle superiori autorità Alleate l'assegnazione di almeno 200 pistole mitragliatrici, con 4-5000 colpi per arma.

SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
(A. Mariotti)

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STATO MAGGIORE E. ESERCITO  
Ufficio Servizi - Sez. Artiglieria

N. 4/599/Serv. di prot.

F.M. 151, 12 febbraio 1944

OGGETTO: impiego di cartucce inglesi od americane col moschetto automatico "Beretta" mod. 38 - A.-

*Use of Br. or Am. Ammo on enemy. Rifle BERETTA Mod. 38 - A. -*  
ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO  
- Sottocommissione Forze Terrestri -

LEQUILE

Il 1° Raggruppamento Motorizzato ha fatto sapere di aver sparato alcune cartucce inglesi o americane col moschetto "Beretta".

Un ufficiale di questo S.M. parlò di questo ad ufficiali della Missione esponendo che:

- era necessario esaminare l'arma inglese o americana (forse lo STEN - GUN) mediante i verificatori e la falsa cartuccia del moschetto "Beretta" - Così ~~si~~ accertare che le due armi avessero lo stesso profilo interno -
- era necessario provare un certo numero di cartucce al tiro e fare alcune misurazioni su di esse -

Tutto ciò è di grande interesse perché, come è noto, il munizionamento Italiano per il moschetto "Beretta" è ormai scarso.

Questo S.M. ha interessato (foglio 4/419 del 31 genn. 1944) il Ministero della Guerra - Direz. Gen/le Art. - per la fabbricazione della cartucce.

E' risultato che:

- dovrebbe essere sgombrato lo stabilimento Pirotecnico di Capua, ora occupato dagli anglo-americani -
- dovrebbero essere recuperati macchinari e materie prime asportate dagli anglo-americani -
- dovrebbero essere riparati i predetti macchinari e i locali -
- dovrebbero essere richieste materie prime agli anglo-americani -

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- dovrebbero essere riparati i predetti macchinari e i locali -
- dovrebbero essere richieste materie prime agli anglo-americani -

Anche quando si ottenesse quanto sopra la produzione non avverrebbe in tempo utile.

<sup>perci-</sup>  
Si prega codesta Sottocommissione a voler aderire con cortese urgenza alle richieste fatte per poter risolvere al più presto la questione.

IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
( A. Mariotti )



*[Handwritten signature]*

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SUBJECT: Coastal Artillery

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.  
Rear H.Q. (MMIA)  
LEQUILLÉ (LESCHE)  
SD/1/2/14  
12 Feb 44

S M R E

1. Following received from N° 1 District quote:

"Disposal instructions are requested for the following Coast Defence Artillery:

|                                                      |            |          |
|------------------------------------------------------|------------|----------|
| (a) 3 x 152 mm<br>1 x 120 mm } C.D.                  | Augusta    | J.112494 |
| (b) 6 x 102 mm C.D./A.A.                             | Magnesi    | J.094408 |
| (c) 4 x 76/40 mm A.A.                                | Angel Fort | J.153323 |
| (d) 5 x 76/40 mm A.A.<br>2 x 40 mm Vickers Pom Pom } |            | J.155280 |
| (e) 3 x 90 mm A.A.                                   | Catania    | H.976795 |

These guns are not required by 133 Force.

Unless they are required by you elsewhere, it recommended that they be left in situ and handed over to SABAUDA Div for care and maintenance." unquote.

2. Request your recommendation.

ABC

*[Signature]*  
Brigadier,  
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.  
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Subject: Coast Artillery

1D/2006/0

8 Feb 44

H.Q.,  
M.M.I.A.  
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1. Disposal instructions are requested for the following Coast Defence Artillery:-

|     |                                               |       |            |          |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------|-------|------------|----------|
| (a) | 3 x 152 mm }<br>1 x 120 mm }                  | C.D.  | Augusta    | J.112494 |
| (b) | 6 x 102 mm                                    | CD/AA | Magnesi    | J.094408 |
| (c) | 4 x 76/40 mm                                  | AA.   | Angel Port | J.153323 |
| (d) | 5 x 76/40 mm }<br>2 x 40 mm Vickers Pom Pom } | AA    |            | J.155280 |
| (e) | 3 x 90 mm                                     | AA.   | Catania    | H.976795 |

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C.M.F.  
JPG/WO

*J. B. ...*  
Major General,  
Commanding,  
No. 1 District.

Copy to: C.E.M.E.C.  
H.Q. 55 Area  
H.G. 56 Area

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MY FORM C. 1018

## MESSAGE FORM

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TO SMRE

FROM MMIA

Originator's Number

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In Reply to Number

your to 4/4/56 of 3 FEB 01 0/224  
been instructed to collect the 12. Telephone from City  
det LILCO please arrange release

This Message may be sent AS WRITTEN by  
any means exceptThis Message must be sent IN CIPHER  
if liable to interception of vital info  
enemy handsOriginator's Instructions  
Degree of Priority

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Signature

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ARMY FORM C-1128

MESSAGE FORM

**CALL  
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Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Office Date \_\_\_\_\_

TO 573 COASTAL RESERVE Rpt DISTNO  
FROM D1111A

FROM *ALMA*

|                                                                                                                                                                                           |       |   |                    |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|---|--------------------|
| Ref Dist No 02485 of 7 Feb                                                                                                                                                                | 0/228 | 7 | In Reply to Number |
| <p>that the twelve telephones at Station General Staff are at 445 Bldg LECCE</p> <p>Instructions have been given to them to you</p> <p>You arrange collection earliest</p> <p>Request</p> |       |   |                    |

This Memoir may be sent AS ACHIEVING in  
any manner (Exempt)

This Message must be sent IN CLEAR  
if liable to interception or to fall into  
enemy hands.

Originator's Instructions  
Degree of Beliefs

## References

## Synonyms

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## MESSAGE FORM

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Serial No.

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TO (P) 573 COAST REST INFO MMIA  
FROM DISTWCO

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

02485 my 02460<sup>III</sup> of 5 feb @ 12 telescopes  
are available for collection at Marinarmi  
Taranto NOT repeat NOT at Lecce as advised  
by MMIA

This Message May Be Sent As:

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- Wireless

It is to be intercepted at  
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C70900  
T.O.H.

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**CONCLUSIONS**

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**SECURITY**

FROM - AFHQ, SIGNED CINC CITA INACT

TO - FATIMA REFD PLANS HQ ACHT MOLA

QUR-V

INCOMING

4 FEB 1944 3433

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LA

REF NR - 47125

FEB 4th

FEB 041044

Urgently required by Adv HQ Force 133 for special operational purposes are 1580 pistols none available from captured stocks. Request you ascertain from Italian Army authorities if this can be made available from equipment at present with Italian Army. Further requirements of Italian arms and ammunition likely to arise shortly for special operations. Captured stocks Bren Guns almost exhausted therefore request you discuss with Italian Army authorities possibility of provision from existing Italian stocks. No reply received our 43220 of 26 January expedite.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

- 1 - AF Files
- 1 - AFHQ
- 1 - AFHQ
- 1 - AFHQ

FOR ACTION FOR INFO

CJS

AFHQ

FATIMA

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**SECRET**

*Handwritten notes:*  
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The above is a copy of the original document. It is not to be used for anything other than the purpose for which it was intended. It is to be destroyed when the original document is destroyed.

REF NR - 57123

FEB 4th

FROM - AFM, BIRMINGHAM CINC CITE REACT

FEB 041044

TO - FASIMA FIVE PLANS HQ JCHT MOLA

Urgently required by Adv HQ Force 133 for special operational purposes are 1500 pistols none available from captured stocks. Request you ascertain from Italian army authorities if this can be made available from equipment at present with Italian army. Further requirements of Italian arms and ammunition likely to arise shortly for special operations. Captured stocks from Gens almost exhausted therefore request you discuss with Italian army authorities possibility of provision from existing Italian stocks. No reply received car 13220 of 26 January expedite.

DISTRIBUTION:

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1 - *[Signature]* for INFO

*[Signature]*

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*for INFO*

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English British MOST SECRET

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| ARMY FORM C 2128                                         |  |    |  | MESSAGE FORM |  |                                                                                           |  | Serial No.                |  |
|----------------------------------------------------------|--|----|--|--------------|--|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|---------------------------|--|
| ALL AND INSTRUCTIONS                                     |  | IN |  | OUT          |  | No. of Groups                                                                             |  | Office Date Stamp         |  |
| TO DISTWO Rpt FOTALI                                     |  |    |  |              |  | GR.                                                                                       |  | 108                       |  |
| FROM MPMA                                                |  |    |  |              |  |                                                                                           |  |                           |  |
| Ref our 0205 of 29 Jan not to FOTALI                     |  |    |  |              |  | 0/210                                                                                     |  | 4                         |  |
| how inform us that adding to 203 Fixed AA weapons having |  |    |  |              |  |                                                                                           |  |                           |  |
| moved the 12 telescopes were not delivered               |  |    |  |              |  |                                                                                           |  |                           |  |
| collection at the Artillery Detachment LILLE             |  |    |  |              |  |                                                                                           |  |                           |  |
| 02230 of 26 Jan refers                                   |  |    |  |              |  |                                                                                           |  |                           |  |
| This Message may be sent AS WRITTEN in any code          |  |    |  |              |  | This Message must be sent IN CIPHER if liable to interception or to fall into enemy hands |  | Originator's Instructions |  |
| Signature                                                |  |    |  |              |  | Degree of Priority                                                                        |  | Time of Origin            |  |
| Originator may delete "Except" and insert "including."   |  |    |  |              |  | IMPORTANT                                                                                 |  | 2200H                     |  |
| Station In                                               |  |    |  |              |  | Station Out                                                                               |  | TTL                       |  |
| Time In                                                  |  |    |  |              |  | Time Out                                                                                  |  | 322                       |  |
| Reader                                                   |  |    |  |              |  | Sender                                                                                    |  | T.O.R.                    |  |
| System Out                                               |  |    |  |              |  | System In                                                                                 |  |                           |  |
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| Reader                                                   |  |    |  |              |  | Sender                                                                                    |  |                           |  |
| System Out                                               |  |    |  |              |  | System In                                                                                 |  |                           |  |
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SUBJECT:- Anti-Aircraft Defences of BARI

Chief of Staff, S.M.R.E.

Military Mission  
to ITALIAN ARMY  
SD/1/2/13  
3/ Jan 44

1. Three Italian batteries of 77/28 AA guns have recently been placed under operational command of 25 AA Bde.
2. The Commander of 25 AA Bde states that the guns with which these Batteries are equipped are extremely old-fashioned (dated 1916) and quite unsuitable for modern AA defence. He asks if they could be replaced by more modern equipment. He suggests that if any modern mobile armament exists in the Field Divisions which could be loaned, it could be given back immediately if required for field operations.
3. Would you please enable me to reply to this request.

ABC

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Brig  
Comd

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Subject:- AA Defences of BARI  
- Italian Weapons

SECRET

HQ 2 District GMP  
2455/2 G

NDIA  
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29 Jan 44

1 25 AA Bde have recently had placed under operational comd three Italian btys of 77/28 AA guns.

2 Comd 25 AA Bde states the weapons with which these btys are provided are extremely oldfashioned (dated 1916), and quite unsuited and useless for modern AA defence.

3 Extract from letter from Comd 25 AA Bde reads:

" May I most strongly urge that these btys should be loaned some reasonably modern weapons from Italian sources with which we can, with encouragement, obtain good results from the Italian gun crews? It is not a question of taking Italian equipment from the Italians, but of finding some better equipment for the Italians themselves - equipment in which they could take a pride and with which they knew they were contributing usefully to the defence.

It may be that any modern mobile armament is earmarked for the Field Force. I would suggest that if it exists it be loaned to the Italian Units now under 25 AA Bde for deployment here on the understanding that it will be given back immediately it is really required for field operations."

4 You are therefore requested to arrange, if it is possible, the provision to these btys of as modern Italian weapons as possible.

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*E. J. Nant.*  
Major General,  
Commanding.

CHI/Fa

76/40 Binooculars

SD/1/2

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO  
Ufficio Servizi - Sezione Artiglieria

N°4/456/Serv.di prot.

P.M.151,11 7. febbraio 1944.-

OGGETTO: Cannocchiali puntaria da 76/40.-



ALLA M. M. I. A.

= LEQUILE

e, per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA  
Direzione Generale di Artiglieria

= P.M.107

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In riferimento al foglio SD/1/2/10 del 19 gennaio u.s.,  
si informa che questo S.M. avuto comunicazione dalla Regia  
Marina, in data 25 gennaio, che i 12 cannocchiali punteria da  
76/40 erano già pronti per il ritiro, disponeva per il pre-  
levamento e la conseguente consegna per il giorno 26 gennaio  
alla 203<sup>a</sup> Difesa Fissa contraerea di Bari.

Senonchè la consegna non si è potuta effettuare poichè  
detto reparto nel frattempo si era trasferito altrove.

Pertanto, i 12 cannocchiali di cui trattasi si trovano  
a disposizione di codesta Missione presso la Sezione Staccata  
di Artiglieria di Lecce.-



IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
( A. Mariotti )

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MILITARY MISSION

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
to  
ITALIAN ARMY.

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SUBJECT: AA Arty Equipment for SARDINIA

105 )  
Military Mission  
to ITALIAN ARMY  
SD/1/2/12  
Jan 44

Chief of Staff, S.M.R.E.

Reference your N° 4/115 dated 9 Jan.

We are informed by C.E.M.E.C. who control stocks of  
all equipment other than Allied, that no N° 13 or 14  
GAMMA Fire Controls are in existence in TUNISIA or SICILY.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
QM(C.E.M.E.C.)

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25 Jan 44

SUBJECT : Captured Enemy Material.

TO : Military Mission to Italian Army  
C. M. F.  
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1. Reference your SD/1/2/9, dated 14 January 1944, addressed to AFHQ Adv. Adm. Echelon and C.E.M. Sections letter FL/7, dated 17 January to you.

2. It is confirmed that no 14 Gamma or 13 Gamma fire controls were reported in Tunisia and Sicily.

MILITARY MISSION.

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
to  
ITALIAN ARMY.



W. E. DOWNER,  
Major,  
QM(C.E.M.E.C.).

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**MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA**  
DIREZIONE GENERALE ARTIGLIERIA

Divisione Armamento - Sez. 1<sup>a</sup>

2085/A-1 di prot.

Risposta al

P.M. 107 n. 30 / 1/1244.-

Carte annesse N.

OGGETTO : cessione pistole a pagamento.-

ALLA DIREZIONE ARTIGLIERIA di

TARANTO

e, per conoscenza:

ALL'UFFICIO DI COLLEGAMENTO

CON H.Q. N. 2 DISTRICT C M F

B A R I



ALLA M. M. I. A.

LECCE

Cedete a pagamento al H.Q. Twelfth Air Force U.S. Army A P C 650, N° 10 pistole automatiche "Beretta" mod. 34 con fondina, caricatore di riserva e relativo munizionamento.

Il versamento in Tesoreria del relativo importo dovrà essere fatto a cura di codesta Direzione (dispaccio n. 1605/A-1 del 28 c.m.).

Prelevamento a cura dell'ente ricevente.-

*Sale of pistols to HQ 12 U.S.A.F.*

d'ordine  
p. IL DIRETTORE CAPO DIVISIONE  
(Ten. Col. G. Trombettoni)

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ARMY FORM 2106 (Small)

# MESSAGE FORM

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(Subscribed)

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Originator

Date/Time of Origin

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For Action

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TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

GP

Originator's No.

205 Ref your 02230 of 26 Jan 0 Italian Gen Staff  
inform us that instruments have been issued

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN  
BY ANY MEANS {WIRELESS}

IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO  
FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MES-  
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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO Date 58/1/2  
Ufficio Servizi - Sezione Artiglieria to 102  
ITALIAN ARMY.

N°4/ 31/4 /Serv.di prot.

P.M.151,11 26 gennaio 1944.-

OGGETTO: Cessione pistole a pagamento.-

X ALL'UFFICIO DI COLLEGAMENTO CON H Q X  
N° 2 DISTRICT C M F = B A R I

e, per conoscenza :

→ ALLA M. M. I. A. = LEQUILE

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA  
Direzione Generale di Artiglieria = P.M.107

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Riferimento foglio n° 547 in data 21 corrente, si  
autorizza la cessione a pagamento al H Q Twelfth Air Force  
U.S. Army A P O 650, di n° 10 pistole automatiche "Beretta"  
mod.34 con fondina, caricatore di riserva e relativo muni-  
zionamento.

Si avverte però che altre richieste del genere non  
potrebbero essere accolte, data la ben nota scarsissima di-  
sponibilità di tali armi.

Il Ministero della Guerra è pregato compiacersi  
provvedere per la cessione.-

*Authorize sale of 10 Beretta with holster & magazine & ammo.  
to HQ 12 USAP. APO 650.*

*We beg to inform you that further  
request of same will not be forth. due  
to shortage of such arms.  
Min. of War will arrange insns.*



IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
( A. Mariotti )

*Signature of A. Mariotti*

*Sir, This is a sale with  
referral of price to  
CARE in Washington  
Suggest we do not discuss*

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Ufficio Servizi - Sezione Artiglieria  
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N°4/ *329* /Serv.di prot.

P.M.151, *1196* gennaio 1944.-

OGGETTO: Materiali di artiglieria di riserva per reparti operanti nella Campania.-

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA  
Direzione Generale di Artiglieria =P.M.107  
e, per conoscenza :  
→ ALLA M. M. I. A. =LEQUITE  
ALLO S.M.R.E. - Ufficio Trasporti- =S E D E  
AL COMANDO LI CORPO D'ARMATA =P.M.410  
AL COMANDO FF.AA.DELLA CAMPANIA =P.M.120  
AL COMANDO XXXI CORPO D'ARMATA =P.M.114  
AL COMANDO I RAGGRUPPAMENTO MOTORIZZ.=P.M.155  
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A parziale modifica del precedente foglio n° 4/233/Serv.  
in data 22 gennaio c.a., si prega codesto Ministero di voler  
disporre perchè i 2 pezzi da 100/22 a T.M. siano tratti da una  
delle batterie già appartenenti alla Divisione "Mantova" e che  
attualmente trovansi in Calabria.-

MILITARY MISSION.

IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
F/to: A. Mariotti

Date \_\_\_\_\_



to  
ITALIAN ARMY. P.C.C.  
IL COLONNELLO DI S.M.CAPO UFFICIO  
( A. Quercia )  
*[Signature]*

To Amend our 4/233/Serv of 22.1. <sup>97</sup> 312  
please arrange that the two 100/22  
a T.M guns be drawn from the Mantova  
div. presently in CALABRIA.  
*9.*

*Vi/ra*  
*Cuns for units fighting in CAMPANIA*

URGENTE - SEGRETO

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO

Ufficio Servizi - Sezione Artiglieria

*Off. 4/223/KW.*  
*SD/1297*  
*22.1.44*  
OGGETTO: Materiali di artiglieria di riserva per reparti operanti nella Campania.-

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

Direzione Generale di Artiglieria

e, per conoscenza :



ALLA M. M. I. A.

ALLC S.M.R.E. - Ufficio Trasporti-

AL COMANDO LI CORPO D'ARMATA

AL COMANDO FF.AA. DELLA CAMPANIA

(rif.s.telescritto 601 del 15 corrente)

AL COMANDO I RAGGRUPPAMENTO MOTORIZZ. =P.M.155

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Con riferimento al precedente foglio n°4/186/Serv.in data 14 gennaio o.a., si prega compiacersi disporre la spedizione dei seguenti materiali di artiglieria :

|                                |      |
|--------------------------------|------|
| - Pezzi da 47/32               | n° 2 |
| - Mitragliera Breda da 20 m/m. | 1    |
| - Pezzi da 75/18 a T.M.        | 2    |
| - Pezzi da 100/22 a T.M.       | 2    |

I 2 pezzi da 100/22, i quali con provvedimento a parte verranno reintegrati, sono da ritirare alla batteria giunta di recente dalla Calabria e destinata a formare il Gruppo assegnato alla Div. "Nembo" in approntamento.

I pezzi da 75/18 si prega trarli da quelli assegnati al LI <sup>211</sup> Corpo d'Armata con foglio n°773/Serv. del 28 dicembre u.s.-  
Gli altri materiali, sono da trarsi dalle esistenze di magazzino.

I materiali di artiglieria di cui sopra - stazione di scarico - Napoli - efficienti e completi di strumenti di puntamento e di caricamento, sono assegnati alla Direzione di Artiglieria di Napoli che li terrà in riserva.

Al Comando FF.AA. della Campania si informa che non si è disposto la sostituzione dei 4 cannoni da 105/28 abbisognevoli di grandi riparazioni, poichè risulta che la sostituzione è già avvenuta con materiali provenienti da ricupero.

Richiesta diretta all'Ufficio Trasporti di questo S.M. dei mezzi ferroviari, con l'indicazione delle stazioni di carico.

Si prega considerare urgente l'esecuzione di quanto innanzi

ALLA M. M. I. A.

ALLO S.M.R.E. - Ufficio Trasporti -

AL COMANDO LI CORPO D'ARMATA

AL COMANDO FF.AA. DELLA CAMPANIA

(rif. s. telexcritto 601 del 15 corrente)

AL COMANDO I RAGGRUPPAMENTO MOTORIZZ. =P.M.155

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Sarà gradito un cenno di conferma.-

IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
(F/to: A. Mariotti)



P.C.C.  
IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
(A. Quercia)

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C.E.M.E.C.  
o/e WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL SUB COMMISSION,  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

22 JAN 44.

ACC/WMD/5.

Request that the following Italian war materials be released  
to the above-named unit for technical examination.

One (1) each, Pistol, BERETTA, Automatic, Mod 34, 9mm.  
150 rounds, BERETTA, Pistol, ammunition, Mod 34, 9mm.

In the Field.  
22 JAN 44.

*Jack Bender Capt.*  
for Lt. Col.

MILITARY MISSION.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

to  
ITALIAN ARMY.

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*Not released  
Verbal reply given  
to Col Zillat.*

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SUBJECT: Release of AA Defence Equipment

Chief of Staff SENE

Military Mission  
to ITALIAN ARMY  
SD/1/2/20  
19 Jan 44

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1. I have been instructed to effect the release of the u/m stores to 203 Fixed Defences, BARI, ex Naval Arsenal, TARANTO.

12 Telescopes for 12 Italian 76/40 mm Naval pattern guns

2. Will you please pass this instruction to the correct branch of the services and make sure that the issue is made, with the least possible delay.

3. This is an operational and urgent requirement as the guns now only have improvised sights.

4. Please inform this Mission when the sights have been issued.

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CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIEL SECTION  
o/o G-4, AFHQ Adv. Adm. Echelon  
APO 400

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MILITARY MISSION.

Date 20 Jan 44  
to  
ITALIAN ARMY.

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SUBJECT: A.A. Equipment for Sardinia.

TO : Military Mission to Italian Army  
C.M.F.

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Ref your SD/1/2/9 dated 14 January 1944, paragraph 2.

1. It is extremely unlikely that any of the equipment to which you refer are available in Tunisia, as captured materiel in that theatre has been disposed of. The request has been forwarded to QM(CEMEC) AFHQ who have been asked to confirm direct to you.

2. As far as Sicily is concerned your attention is drawn to AFHQ letter AG 400-1 (Italy) COT-AGM Subject "Disposal of Italian Army" dated 2 January 1944 and AFHQ Cable 26453 dated 10 January under which captured Italian equipment in Sicily not required by OSS/SOE is to be notified to IMIA.

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*W. J. Buckley Jones*  
Major  
C.E.M. Section

Field  
17 Jan 44

Copy to: QM(CEMEC) with copy of IMIA Letter  
SD/1/2/9.

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File 94

N U E L L a O S T a per il prelevamento dei sottostati materiali  
necessari per la costituzione del 2° nucleo mobile dell'uf-  
ficio I Sezione Bonignore:

- 18 pistole mod.34 con due caricatori
- 400 cartucce per pistola mod.34.

Brindisi 18 gennaio 1944

MILITARY MISSION.

Date 19 Jan 44  
to  
ITALIAN ARMY.

No objection.  
A. C. Huthwaite Capt  
M.M.A.  
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N U L L A O S T A per il prelevamento dei sottoelati materiali  
necessari per la costituzione del 2° nucleo mobile dell'uf-  
ficio I sezione Benignore:

- 12 coperte da campeggio
- 18 federe per pagliericcio.

Brindisi 18 gennaio 1944

MILITARY MISSION.

Date 19 Jan 44  
to  
ITALIAN ARMY.

*A. R. Kuttarath* Capt  
M.M.A.  
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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020SECRETSubject: Captured Equipments.

~~1st~~ ~~Branch, 2 District.~~  
~~Director, P.M.B.~~ (2 copies - GRD/3025 of 10 Dec.  
refers.)  
M.M.I.A.

Headquarters,  
 500, A. O. D.  
 500/147.  
 18 Jan. 44.

Copy to: Director, 2 District.

Reference D.D.O.S. 2 District 06/1470 dated 21 Dec. 43.

1. Herewith copies of return for week-ending 15 Jan. 44.
2. The Model Nos. of the various type arms held by R.S.D. are not known.

Sir, These two returns belong to JADOS but they are  
 no use to him. Are  
 they any use to us?

(X)

RM/B

It. Col.  
 Chief Ordnance Officer.

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| QALDER | EQUIPMENT            | MAKE/ OR | TOTAL    | CONDITION |
|--------|----------------------|----------|----------|-----------|
|        | TYPE AND NATIONALITY | MODEL NO | QUANTITY |           |

ITALIAN ARMS

|          |                                  |               |   |          |
|----------|----------------------------------|---------------|---|----------|
| 20.00 mm | M.M.G. (with ship A.A. Mounting) | Breda Mod.'35 | 2 | Doubtful |
| 20.00 mm | M.M.G. (Field type)              | Breda Mod.'39 | 3 | "        |
| 20.00 mm | M.M.G. (Field type)              | Breda Mod.'38 | 1 | "        |

GERMAN ARMS

|          |        |               |   |   |
|----------|--------|---------------|---|---|
| 20.00 mm | M.M.G. | Ger-Mann Flak |   |   |
|          |        | '38           | 1 | " |

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U.S.D. 500 A.G. 1. CAPTURED WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENTS AS AT 1300 HRS 15 JANUARY, 1944

| CALIBRE             | EQUIPMENT                                                      | MADE/ OR<br>ISSUED, NO. | TOTAL<br>ISSUED. | CONDITION.    |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| <u>ITALIAN ARMS</u> |                                                                |                         |                  |               |
| 7.35 mm             | Rifles, long with bayonets                                     |                         | 1104             | Serviceable   |
| 7.35 mm             | Rifles, long without bayonets                                  |                         | 230              | "             |
| 7.35 mm             | Rifles, short with bayonets                                    |                         | 420              | "             |
| 7.35 mm             | Rifles, short without bayonets                                 |                         | 800              | "             |
| 6.50 mm             | Guns, n/o Broda, with spare barrel                             | Broda                   | 130              | "             |
| 6.50 mm             | Guns, n/o Broda, complete in chest with spare barrel and parts | "                       | 49               | "             |
| 8.00 mm             | Guns, n/o Broda with spare barrel                              | "                       | 138              | "             |
| 12.7 mm             | Guns, n/o Broda                                                | "                       | 1                | "             |
| 37.00 mm            | Guns, A.A.                                                     | "                       | 3                | "             |
| 20.00 mm            | Guns, A.A.                                                     | "                       | 5                | "             |
| 20.00 mm            | Barrels, spare                                                 | "                       | 12               | "             |
| 8.00 mm             | Stands, A.A.                                                   | "                       | 34               | "             |
| 8.00 mm             | Mountings, A.A.                                                | "                       | 162              | "             |
| 8.00 mm             | Tripods                                                        | "                       | 150              | "             |
|                     | Rangefinders                                                   | "                       | 8                | "             |
| 9.00 mm             | Barbines n/o Broda                                             |                         | 8                | Doubtful      |
| 9.00 mm             | Carbines n/o Broda                                             |                         | 8                | Serviceable   |
|                     | Dial Sights (various)                                          |                         | 1                | Unserviceable |
| 8.00 mm             | Chests containing Broda n/o (1) Barrel, spare (2) Tripod (1)   |                         | 34               | Doubtful      |
|                     | Mortars, complete                                              |                         | 12               | Serviceable   |
|                     | Mortar barrels                                                 |                         | 74               | "             |
|                     | Mortar Mountings                                               |                         | 6                | Repairable    |
|                     | Mortar Base Plates                                             |                         | 4                | "             |
|                     | Binoculars, pairs                                              |                         | 6                | Serviceable   |
|                     | Pistols, revolver (various)                                    |                         | 1                | Doubtful      |
|                     |                                                                |                         | 6                | Repairable    |
| <u>GERMAN ARMS</u>  |                                                                |                         |                  |               |
| H.K.                | Guns, A.A. (Spandau or Solothorn)                              |                         |                  |               |
| 8.00 mm             | Guns, n/o Spandau                                              |                         | 2                | Serviceable   |
| 8.00 mm             | Guns, n/o H.G. 42                                              |                         | 4                | "             |
|                     | Mountings, Tripod, H.G.                                        | H.K.                    | 6                | Repairable    |
| 8.00 mm             | Rifles, mauser                                                 |                         | 3                | "             |
|                     | Rangefinders                                                   |                         | 95               | "             |
| 9.00 mm             | Carbine n/g Schneidker                                         |                         | 4                | Doubtful      |
| 9.00 mm             | Carbine n/o H.K. 40                                            |                         | 8                | Serviceable   |
|                     |                                                                |                         | 1                | Unserviceable |

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SUBJECT:

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Military Mission to  
Italian Army.  
SD 1/2/8  
13 Jan 44.

MINISTRY OF WAR

Will you please release to the ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
the following revolver arm.

|                          |        |          |
|--------------------------|--------|----------|
| Pistol Revolver Berretta | 9 mm   | 400 rds. |
| " "                      | 7.65 " | 100 "    |
| " "                      | 6.35 " | 100 "    |

The above mentioned arm. is stored at TARANTO

TVS/.

Yar/r  
Brig.  
Comd.

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ADACY FORM 12136 (Small)

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For Action

SMRE (Reg. Artigliere)

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

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N°4/185/Serv.di prot.

P.M.151,11/15 gennaio 1944.-

OGGETTO: Assegnazione pistole mod.34.-



ALLA M. M. I. A.

= LEQUILE

e, per conoscenza:

AL COMANDO SUPREMO  
(rif.f°n.40078/B/CS del 12 corr.)

= P.M.151

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Si prega compiacersi ~~adesso~~ autorizzare l'assegnazione  
di n° 18 pistole mod.34 con 400 cartucce al 2° Nucleo "I"  
del Comando Supremo.-

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IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
( A. Mariotti )

*[Handwritten signature]*

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ARMY FORM 2216 (Rev. 11-60)

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For Action

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*MMIA ytd 2 Dist*

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500 A.O.D.  
500/11712 Jan. 44

\* 2 copies - 2 Dist.

1000 TIRTO (2 copies - 1002/3025 of 10 Dec. 43 refers)  
M.M.I.A. —Copy to: D.D.C.S. 2 District

Reference B.D.C.S. 2 District 08/1470 dated 21 Dec. 43.

1. Herewith copies of return for week-ending 8 Jan. 44.
2. The Model Nos. of the various types of arms held by R.S.D. are not known.

MILITARY MISSION.

Date January 14/58to  
ITALIAN ARMY.

RBD/FP

  
Lt. Col.  
Chief Ordnance Officer.

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*Circular*

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GASTAC'S STOCKS & EQUIPMENT AS AT 18:00 HRS. 8th JANUARY '44

| Calibre | Equipment<br>Type & Nationality            | Make &/or<br>Model No. | Quantity<br>Held | Condition |
|---------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|-----------|
| 20 mm   | German H.M.G.                              | Carlsson Flak '28      | 1                | Doubtful  |
| 20 mm   | Italian H.M.G.<br>(with ship A/A mounting) | Arado Mod '35          | 2                | "         |
| 20 mm   | Italian H.M.G.<br>(field type)             | " " '39                | 3                | "         |
| 20 mm   | Italian H.M.G.<br>(field type)             | " " '38                | 1                | "         |

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R.S.D. 900 A.O.D.

CAPTURED WEAPONS & EQUIPMENT AS AT 18:00 HRS. 5th JANUARY '44

| CALIBRE             | EQUIPMENT<br>TYPE & NATIONALITY                                     | MAKE &/OR<br>MODEL NO. | QUANTITY<br>ESTD | CONDITION     |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| <u>ITALIAN ARMS</u> |                                                                     |                        |                  |               |
| 7.35 mm             | Rifles, Long, with<br>Bayonets                                      |                        | 1484             | Serviceable   |
| 7.35 mm             | Rifles, Long, without<br>Bayonets                                   |                        | 230              | "             |
| 7.35 mm             | Rifles, Short, with<br>Bayonets                                     |                        | 420              | "             |
| 7.35 mm             | Rifles, Short, without<br>Bayonets                                  |                        | 800              | "             |
| 6.50 mm             | Guns, M/C Breda, with<br>Spare Barrel                               | Breda                  | 130              | "             |
| 6.50 mm             | Guns, M/C Breda, complete<br>in chest with spare<br>barrel and part | "                      | 49               | "             |
| 8.00mm              | Guns, M/C Breda, with<br>spare barrel                               | "                      | 138              | "             |
| 12.7 mm             | Guns, M/C Breda                                                     | "                      | 1                | "             |
| 37.00 mm            | Guns A.A.                                                           | "                      | 3                | "             |
| 20.00 mm            | Guns A.A.                                                           | "                      | 5                | "             |
| 20.00 mm            | Barrels spare                                                       | "                      | 12               | "             |
|                     | Stands A.A.                                                         | "                      | 34               | "             |
| 8.00 mm             | Mountings A.A.                                                      | "                      | 102              | "             |
| 8.00 mm             | Tripods                                                             | "                      | 150              | "             |
|                     | Rangefinders                                                        |                        | 6                | Doubtful      |
| 9.00 mm             | Carbines M/C Miroletta                                              |                        | 8                | Serviceable   |
| 9.00 mm             | " " "                                                               |                        | 1                | Unserviceable |
|                     | Dial Sights (Various)                                               |                        | 34               | Doubtful      |
| 8.00 mm             | Chests containing Breda<br>M/C (1) Barrels spare(2)<br>Tripod (1)   |                        | 12               | Serviceable   |
|                     | Writers (Complete)                                                  |                        | 72               | "             |
|                     | Writers, Barrels                                                    |                        | 6                | Repairable    |
|                     | Writers, Mountings.                                                 |                        | 4                | "             |
|                     | Writers, Base Plates                                                |                        | 6                | Serviceable   |
|                     | Binoculars, pairs                                                   |                        | 1                | Doubtful      |
|                     | Pistol Revolvers(Various)                                           |                        | 6                | Repairable    |
| <u>GERMAN ARMS</u>  |                                                                     |                        |                  |               |
| Not known           | Guns A.A. (Spendau or<br>Koltham)                                   |                        | 2                | Serviceable   |
| 8.80 mm             | Guns M/C Spendau                                                    |                        | 4                | "             |
| 8.00 mm             | Guns M/C M.C.42                                                     | not known              | 6                | Repairable    |
|                     | Mountings, Tripod M.C.                                              |                        | 3                | Repairable    |
| 8.00mm              | Rifle, Mauser                                                       |                        | 50               | "             |
|                     | Rangefinders                                                        |                        | 4                | Doubtful      |
| 9.00 mm             | Carbine M/C Schroeder                                               |                        | 3                | Serviceable   |
| 9.00 mm             | Carbine M/C. M.P.40                                                 |                        | 1                | Unserviceable |

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(W) For Information (INPI)

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Message Instructions

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Concur in release of telescopes for ~~coast~~ defence Bari @ C in C I and A. is asked to release them

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Originator: *QVR-1*

From: *FLAMBO*

To: *MTA*

(W) For INFORMATION (INFO)

DISTWO 15 ARMY GROUP

ORIGINATOR'S NO: *QAE 9351*

*004 16*

Ref Distwo 0 1923 of 12 Jan (.) Agree release 12 telescopes to 203 Fixed Defences

DISTRIBUTION  
13/14/03

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## MESSAGE FORM

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(1) MMIA

For Action

TO

(2) FOTALI (3) FLAMBO (4) GSD 15 ARMY GP (5) 203  
 FIXED DEFENCES (6) CS

(W) For Information (ENFO)

Originator's No.

0 1923

Request release arranged for 203 Fixed Defences ex Italian  
 Naval Arsenal TARANTO of 12 telescopes for 12 Italian 76/40 mm NAVAL  
 pattern guns employed coast defence BARI (.) operational requirement  
 as guns now only have improvised sights NOT efficient (.) FOTALI FLAMBO  
 15 Army Gp please signal concurrence if agreed direct to MMIA rptd 243  
 HQ

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SMRE

Subject: Rounds for automatic rifle "BERETTA" Cal. 9 <sup>SD/27</sup> <sup>Com-let</sup> <sup>86</sup>

Ref. to our 4/60/Secs of 10 inst please. Send together with the "MANTOVA" units which will be transferred to PUBLIE, all the ammo for above and sub. Beretta. Most 88/A existing in the stores in CALABRIA.

The ammo will be delivered to the Army. Attached <sup>see</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>LECCO</sup> <sup>MILITARY MISSION.</sup>

Please confirm.

Gen A. MARIOTTI

Date

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ITALIAN ARMY.

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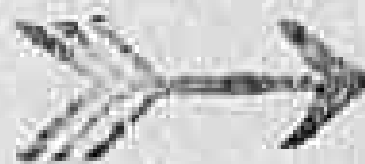
P.M.151,11 19 gennaio 1944.-

OGGETTO: Cartucce per moschetto automatico "Beretta" cal.9.-

AL COMANDO XXXI CORPO D'ARMATA

= P.M.114

e, per conoscenza :



ALLA M. M. I. A.

= LEQUILE

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA  
Direzione Generale di Artiglieria

= P.M.107

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Con riferimento al precedente foglio n° 4/60/Serv. in data 10 c.m. di questo S.M., si prega cotesto Comando di voler disporre **291** chè con i reparti della "Mantova" destinati a trasferirsi in Puglia siano inviate tutte le cartucce per moschetto automatico "Beretta" mod.38/A esistenti nei magazzini della Calabria.

Le cartucce sono da versare alla Sezione Staccata di Artiglieria di Lecce.

Sarà gradito cenno di conferma.--



IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
( A. Mariotti )

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020SUBJECT: = AA Arty Unit for SARDINIA

Military Mission

to ITALIAN ARMY

SD/1/2/9

14 Jan 44

AFHQ Adv Adm Ech

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1. The following is a translation of a letter received from the Italian General Staff

"There are in SARDINIA for AA def 22 btys of 90/53s and 13 btys of 76/40s, which, with the exception of 8 btys of 90/53s, are without modern means of fire control and therefore have only antiquated methods of ranging.

As it is probable that in SICILY and TUNISIA the Allies found up-to-date fire control equipment for these guns, we would ask you to look into the question of providing these btys with the missing equipment, namely:

- 14 GAMMA fire controls (with rangefinders) for 90/53 btys.
- 13 GAMMA fire controls for btys 76/40 used by the navy.

The allocation of this eqpt would make for closer collaboration with the Allied forces in the work of AA def."

2. Would you please inform me if this equipment is obtainable.

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ABC

Brig  
Comd

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SMRE to MMIA

9 Jan 44

11 JAN 1944

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There are in Sardegna for AA def 22 btys of 90/53s and 13 btys ~~76/40s~~ 76/40s, which, with the exception of 8 btys of 90/53s, are without modern means of fire control and therefore have only antiquated methods of ranging.

As it is probable that in Sicily and Tunisia the Allies found up-to-date ~~map~~ fire-control eqpt for these guns, we would ask you to look into the question of providing these btys with the missing eqpt, namely:

I4 Gamma fire controls ( with rangefinders ) for 90/53 btys

I3 Gamma fire controls for btys 76/40 used by the navy.

The allocation of this eqpt would make for closer collaboration with the Allied forces in the work of AA def.

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SUBJECT:- Arty East for SARDINIA

Allied Control Commission

Copy to: S M R E

11 JAN 1944

Military Mission  
to ITALIAN AR.  
SD/1/2/6  
16 Jan 44

SMRE No 4/115<sup>81</sup> Serv of 9 Jan and a translation are  
fwd herewith.

It is presumed that you will take action in this  
matter as it concerns SARDINIA.

ABC My understanding is that  
all stocks at Sicily & Tunisia  
are frozen for the present for  
O.S.E. Stone

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO  
Ufficio Servizi - Sezione Artiglieria  
.....

N°4/115 /Serv.di prot.

P.M.151,11 8 gennaio 1944.-

OGGETTO: Centrali di tiro per batterie c.a.-

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE ALLEATA PRESSO  
L'ESERCITO ITALIANO

e, per conoscenza:

AL COMANDO SUPREMO  
.....

LEQUILE  
POSTA MILITARE 151

In Sardegna sono dislocate in difesa contraerea 22 batterie da 90/53 e 13 da 76/40 le quali, ad eccezione di 8 batterie da 90/53, sono sprovviste di centrale di tiro moderna ed adattano perciò sistemi di puntamento antiquati.

Poichè è probabile che le Forze Alleate abbiano rinvenuto in Sicilia ed in Tunisia delle centrali moderne per le artiglierie già citate, questo S.M. prega di voler esaminare la possibilità di fornire le suddette batterie delle centrali mancanti, e precisamente di :

- 14 centrali Gamma (con stereotelemetro) per batterie da 90/53;
- 13 centrali Gamma per batterie da 76/40 in uso presso la R.M.-

L'assegnazione delle centrali richieste renderebbe possibile, nel campo della difesa c.a., una collaborazione più efficace di quella attuale con le Forze Alleate.-

IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
(A. Mariotti)

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~~FOR INFORMATION~~ ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

TO

(W) For Information (INF)

Message Instructions

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Originator's No.

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REF YOUR ACC/WMD/5 OF 2 JAN @  
MATERIAL AWAITING COLLECTION AT  
DEPOSITO MATERIALI DI ARTIGLIERIA  
BRINDISI @ AUTHORITY MINISTRY OF  
WAR 1077/A-1 OF 9 JAN

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*ALL*

*per la 1<sup>a</sup> Brig. Latta?*



*5/1/279*

**MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA**  
DIREZIONE GENERALE ARTIGLIERIA

Divisione Armamento - Sez. 1<sup>a</sup>

*N. 1078/A-41 prot.*

Risposta al

P.M. 107 " 9/1/1944.-

Carte annesso N.

**OGGETTO :** pistole "Beretta" mod. 34 per la M.M.I.A.

AL DEPOSITO MATERIALI DI ARTIGLIERIA = BRINDISI  
e, per conoscenza;

ALLA M.M.I.A.

(rif. fo n. S D/1/2/4 del 3 c.m. indiriz-  
zato allo S.M.R.E.)

= LEQUILE

ALLA DIREZIONE ARTIGLIERIA di

= TARANTO



*65*

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*make available for ACC*

Tenete a disposizione della Commissione

Alleata di controllo

*Automatic Beretta pistol*

- pistole automatiche "Beretta" mod. 34 .... n. 2
- cartucce per dette ..... " 300

Comunicare a questa Direzione Generale  
la data in cui detto materiale sarà ritirato.-

*Advise us of the date when above are  
collected.*

d'ordine

P. IL DIRETTORE CAPO DIVISIONE

(Ten. Col. A. Centi) *1945*

MILITARY MISSION.

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To

ITALIAN ARMY

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SUBJECT: = Arty Emt for SARDINIA

Allied Control Commission

Military Mission  
to ITALIAN ARMY  
SD/1/2/7  
11 Jan 44

It is regretted that SAIRE N° 4/115 Serv of 9 Jan  
was fwd to you in error.

Would you please return it.

ABC

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SUBJECT: Arty Bpt for SARDINIA

Allied Control Commission

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Military Mission  
to ITALIAN ARMY  
SD/1/2/6  
9 Jan 44

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SMRE to NMIA.

9 Jan 44

Ref 4/115 S

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As it is probable that in Sicily and Tunisia the Allies found up-to-date ~~xxxx~~ fire-control eqpt for these guns, we would ask you to look into the question of providing these btys with the missing eqpt, namely:

14 Gamma fire controls ( with rangefinders ) for 90/53 btys

13 Gamma fire controls for btys 76/40 used by the navy.

The allocation of this eqpt would make for closer collaboration with the Allied forces in the work of AA def. 28

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I3 Gamma fire controls for btys 76/40 used by the navy.

The allocation of this eqpt would make for closer collaboration with the Allied forces in the work of AA def. 25

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INFORMATION FLAMBO FABLE FOR SIMONS  
(FREEDOM) SIGNED GINC CITE FHCOT

Jan 061803A

Jan 062317A

FATIMA ADDSD

*under this*

*52. also under at 6-10*

Assume your 1836 of 5 Jan refers to our 20986 of 29 Dec last year.

If assumption is correct agree your recommendation. Policy states  
that Italian resources are reserved for Italians.

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FATIMA

Jan 051824A

FREEDOM RPT FLAMBO RPT FABLE FOR SIMONS

5065?

REFERENCE YOUR (FIVE ZERO SIX FIVE) BOTH WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION WILL HAVE TO COME  
FROM SARDINIA PD PAREN TO FREEDOM RPT FLAMBO RPT FABLE FOR SIMONS FROM FATIMA  
SIGNED JOYCE PAREN FLAMBO INFORMS THAT EQUIPMENT IS FOR USE BY UNITED STATES  
TROUPS AND NOT REPEAT NOT BY ITALIANS PD RECOMMEND AGAINST THIS DEPARTURE FROM  
POLICY STATED IN LETTER AG FOUR ZERO ZERO POINT NINE THREE DASH ONE SUBJECT CIN  
ITALIAN EQUIPMENT CMA DATED SECOND DECEMBER ONE NINE FOUR THREE PD PLEASE  
INSTRUCT

AUTHENTICATED:

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MAXWELL D. TAYLOR  
Brigadier General, USA

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Dec 300040A

FATIMA ADDSD INFO 15TH ARMY GROUP FOR MMIA FLAMBO FALCON 5 ARMY PBS

Thru Flambo (CABLE no. 5366 of 25 December) received 5th Army request for immediate shipment of 370 each Maschattos, automatics, Beretta 9mm and 110,000 rounds ammunition.

Understood that weapons are for use Italians with 5th Army. MMIA replied 9 in Italy (SD 31 of 25 December). Information here 4141 these weapons in hands troops Sardinia. Sufficient ammunition stocks reported in Apulia and Calabria.

Arrange to withdraw weapons from troops in Sardinia and dispatch to 5th Army. Falcon arrange shipment in accordance with instructions G-4 movements, and transportation and priorities to be assigned by 15th Army Group.

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SUBJECT: Ammunition for 1° Reparto Speciale Autonomo

S. M. A. E.

Military Mission  
to ITALIAN ARMY  
SD/1/2/5  
8 Jan 44

Reference our SD 56 dated 1 Jan of which a copy was sent to you for information.

1. The release of ammunition from SICILY has not been granted owing to stocks being available on the mainland. This is confirmed by your message 4 Sparrato 82 received by us yesterday.
2. The issue of 182,000 rounds 9 mm Beretta 38A amn is authorised for the 1° Reparto Speciale Autonomo from stocks in CALABRIA.
3. Please inform us when the ammunition has been delivered to the unit.

ABC

*G. P. G. Capt*  
Brig  
Comd

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FROM FLAMBO

TO 15 ARMY GP

MMIA - OS

GR30 BT

Q/7850 IN REPLY TO SD1830 OF 27  
DEC 43 . FREEDOM REFUSE RELEASE FROM SICILY .

SIMILAR AMMUNITION AVAILABLE IN EAST COAST  
DEPOTS . EIGHTH ARMY SHOULD INCLUDE IN NORMAL  
PACK DEMANDS =

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N°4/81/serv.di prot.

P.M.151,11 / gennaio 1944.-

OGGETTO: Richiesta pistole automatiche "Beretta".-

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA  
Direzione Generale di Artiglieria

=P.M.107

e, per conoscenza :

ALLA M. M. I. A.  
(rif.f°n.S D/1/2/4 del 3 e.m.)

=LEQUILE

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La Commissione Alleata di Controllo ha richiesto tramite M.M.I.A., per un esame tecnico, 2 pistole automatiche "Beretta" mod.34 calibro 9 con 300 cartucce. Poichè la Commissione desidera tale materiale a Brindisi, si prega disporre perchè il materiale stesso sia tenuto a disposizione degli Alleati dal Deposito Materiali di Artiglieria di Brindisi.-

ACC has requested through MMIA  
for technical purposes  
2 Beretta automatic  
pistols mod 34 calibre 9  
and 300 rds. As  
these are required by ACC  
at BRINDISI, please make  
them available to the Allies  
from the Arty Stores Depot at BRINDISI



IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
( A. Mariotti )

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FLAMBO CITE G-47156

JAN 050922A

FATIMA

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Cite FLAMFOR 76. Cite your 1713 of 2 January. Equipment requested for *275*  
use of US troops with Fifth Army for Special Operation. Not to be used by  
Italian troops. Fifth Army requests acquisition 250 Berettas from other  
sources leaving present requirement of 120 Berettas and 110,000 rounds 9mm  
GAMO.

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- 1 - MACIA - INFO
- 1 - Gen Taylor - INFO

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*required by us.*  
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cable SD from Dec of one Jan. Add SA flambo information MINA CMA  
DISTONE signed CINC CITE fhcct. Release BERITTA ammunition  
from SICILY not granted. Records in this headquarters show  
more than one million rounds on mainland. Suggest you  
obtain from this source.

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*Q. H. Sparate Br. Sparate Service Vtr.  
Confidential System Indication Calabria  
989800. Contingent (Bumtun) per present  
Automatic Beretta Nova Rifle*

*TRANSLATION - JPM 4/82 - SERVICES BR. ( ) CONFIRM EXISTENCE IN CALABRIA STORE  
OF 989800 ROUNDS FOR <sup>NEW</sup> AUTOMATIC BERETTA RIFLE.*

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Distribution No.

SD 64 Ref your 6110 dated 2 Jan @ Commission  
 Regulated @ Manual how reads @ SD 56 @ Ref FLAMP  
 @ 6002 of 30 Jan CITE FHGDQ @ Please Rebatch  
 to TERPOLI and Requal rec CTP

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SUBJECT: = Arms and 1

Chief of Staff  
S M R E

Military Mission  
to ITALIAN ARMY 65  
SD/1/2/4  
3 Jan 44 D.

Copy to: Allied Control<sup>64</sup> Commission  
(ref ACC/AMID/5 of 2 Jan)

1. The Allied Control Commission requests that the following be released for technical examination:

Two (2) each, Pistols, Beretta, Automatic, M-34, 9 mm.  
300 rds, Beretta, Pistol, Ammunition, M-34, 9 mm.

2. It is believed that these are available in BRINDISI area. Would you please state from where they could be collected?

ABC

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HEADQUARTERS A.C.C.  
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL SUB-COMMISSION.

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SY/1/2  
JAN 2 - 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR: W.M.I.A.

MS/100/2

Request that the following Italian war materials be released  
to Headquarters, A.C.C. for technical examination.

Two (2) each, Pistols, BERETTA, Automatic, M-34, 9 mm.

300 rds, BERETTA, Pistol, Ammunition, M-34, 9 mm.

Records of the headquarters show the above material to be available  
in vicinity of Brindisi.

For the Chief of Staff,

*J. F. Zellars*  
J. F. Zellars,  
Col. Inf.

Actg Chief, War Materials Disposal  
Sub-Commission,  
Allied Control Commission.

In the Field.

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C. E. M. E. C.  
c/o WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL SUB COMMISSION.  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

SUBJECT: Location of Stocks of Italian Material.

ACC/WMD/5.

TO : M.M.I.A.  
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AMM.

According to list supplied by XXXI Corpo d'Armata the following stocks are held in CALABRIA :-

" Cal  
9 Cartucce per Fuc mitra 28/A (sic)

VEROLETO ANTICO  
CICIA TAURO  
TAURIANOVA

8,000  
1,000,000  
180,000 "

Pack Saddlery.

The largest quantity, and, in fact, the only substantial quantity, we have seen is in :-

CASERMA PADINI  
Via Principe Amedeo  
TARANTO.

This depot is controlled by

Colonel Fusco  
Direzione di Artiglieria IX Corpo d'Armata  
Caserma Mezzacapo  
Via Amedeo Principe  
TARANTO.

MILITARY MISSION.

In the Field.  
4 JAN 43.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

to  
ITALIAN ARMY.

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G. \_\_\_\_\_  
A/Q. \_\_\_\_\_

*WAW/Smith*  
Lt. Col.

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PATINA

FLAME

S366 of 75

REFERENCE YOUR FIVE THREE SIX SIX OF TWO FIVE DECEMBER TO FREEDOM PLEASE INFORM  
 WHETHER THESE WEAPONS PASSED TO FLAME FROM PATINA SIGNED JOXOE PAREN ARE FOR USE  
 OF ITALIAN TROOPS WITH FIFTH ARMY

AUTHENTICATED:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR  
 Brigadier General, USA

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US CIPHER MESSAGE  
IN

POLIC NO. 66122  
29 DEC 43.

FROM: AFHQ  
TO: EADPDA,  
INFO: 15 ARMY GROUP FOR MELA, PLANNED,  
FALCON, 5TH ARMY, FBS.  
CITE NO: 20586

TOO: 12074/29  
FOR: 23191/29

INFO PLANNED (CITE NUMBER 5566 OF 25 DEC), ALSO RECEIVED 5TH ARMY REQUEST  
FOR IMMEDIATE SHIPMENT OF 370 MACHINIC, AUTOMATIC, SMETTA 2 M,  
AND 140, USED BOMBER DISPOSITION. UNDERSTOOD THAT WEAPONS ARE FOR USE  
REMAINING WITH 5TH ARMY. MELA REPLIED 9 IN ITALY (CD 31 OF 25 DEC).  
INFORMATION RECEIVED THAT THESE WEAPONS IN ARMY TROOPS IN SARDINIA.  
SPECIALIZED AMMUNITION STOCKS REPORTED IN AFRICA AND CALABRIA. ARRANGED  
TO SHIPMENT WEAPONS FROM TROOPS IN SARDINIA, AND DISPATCH TO 5TH ARMY.  
FALCON REQUEST SHIPMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS G-4, MOVEMENTS  
AND TRANSPORTATION AND PRIORITIES TO BE ASSIGNED BY 15 ARMY GROUP.

SOX. DISPOSITION.

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6/203)  
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ONE UNIT  
MELA

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December and all subsequent communications dealing with procurement of Italian  
weapons and information from Italian sources for use of equipment OSS/SOE for  
operations in Yugoslavia or Balkans. Status of captured repeat captured Italian  
equipment which has been placed at disposal of OSS/SOE Enclave remains unchanged.

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THE NECESSARY ORDERS TO ITALIAN FORCES IN SARDINIA DIRECTING THE TRANSFER OF THIS  
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FROM SARDINIA TO ROMAPOLI ITALY PD PARA PARA B PARA C FORCE NUMBER ONE THREE THREE  
TO TAKE OVER THE EQUIPMENT AT ROMAPOLI

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AUTHENTICATED:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR  
Brigadier General, USA

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SIGNED JERRY FABLE PLEASE INFORM COMMISSION IF THE ARMS INDICATED IN REFERENCE  
TELEGRAM REPRESENTS THE COMPLETE REVISED PROGRAM

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SUBJECT: Availability of Arms and Amn

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Military Mission  
to ITALIAN ARMY  
SD/1/2/2  
25 Dec 45

Allied Control Commission

Herewith for infm copies of signals received and  
sent today.

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*James H. Hays*  
*for*  
Brig  
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For Action

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TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

AFHC PBS FIFTH ARMY

Message Instructions

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(QQY) CITE 045356 secret CITE FLAMFOR 68. (P) FIFTH ARMY request immediate shipment by air 170 each MASCHETTOS AUTOMATIC MORTAR and 110,000 rounds 9 mm ammunition (P) to be used in secret urgent operations (P) if available in stocks under your control request immediate compliance (P) If not available suggest reference to AFHC (P) request reply earliest stating action taken

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repeat NOT available in ITALY where all are in hands of DAPINO COMBAT  
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SUBJECT: Arm and Weapons for YUGOSLAVIA Military Mission  
to ITALIAN ARMY  
SD/1/2/1  
24 Dec 43 37  
Allied Control Commission

I write to inform you that I am taking no action in the matter of transferring arms and ammunition to YUGOSLAVIA, pending clarification as to whether they are to come from SARDINIA only or from SARDINIA and the mainland of ITALY.

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*[Signature]*  
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Action directed in our 10893 of 7 December and 13285 of 13 December reference your 1469 of 15 December. Will be accomplished without delay. This action directed by CINC in conformity Directives Combined Chiefs of Staff who have said equipment will later be replaced with Allied equipment if necessary. Policy in respect Italian Army now under review will be dealt with separately.

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- 1 - Gen Taylor - ACTION

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APD 394

TO MMIA  
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MDT/hjp

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In reply refer to:  
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19 December 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Deputy President, Allied Control Commission  
SUBJECT: Withdrawal of Italian Arms for use by the Yugoslavs

1. By the note attached as Tab "A" the Allied Control Commission conveyed to the Italian High Command the directive of AFHQ to turn over considerable stocks of infantry weapons and ammunition to the Allied Authorities for transfer to the Yugoslavs. These supplies are to come from Italian sources in Italy and Sardinia except that a small stock is reserved for use by a division and a half of Italian combat troops.

2. Marshall Messe in a report attached as Tab "B" makes the following points:

- a. This withdrawal of weapons will leave almost all Italian units without 45mm and 81mm mortars.
  - b. Even by stripping all units of 20mm machine guns, it will be impossible to satisfy completely the requirement for this weapon.
  - c. Seven divisions will be without 47/32 AT Guns.
  - d. All non-divisional small units will be left without 8mm machine guns. 255
  - e. The ammunition reserved for the division and a half mentioned in par. 1 above is much below the 20 units of fire which AFHQ is reported to allot fighting units.
  - f. The withdrawal of weapons will adversely affect the morale of Italian troops.
  - g. The Italian Army will be unable to meet the requirements of the military program announced in P/109 AFHQ, and will be inadequate to meet present and future necessities for maintaining public order.
3. Investigation made by Allied agencies confirms the statement of Marshal Messe with regard to the availability of equipment; namely, the weapons and ammunition can be produced only by stripping the units in Italy and Sardinia.

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4. The collection of this materiel from widely separated points presents a considerable logistical problem. The detailed location of stocks will first have to be determined and provision made for transport to ports for movement to Yugoslav points of destination. The Italians will require considerable Allied assistance in providing motor transport. All water movement will have to be arranged by AFHQ.

5. Conclusions:

a. The withdrawal of this equipment will disrupt the divisional organization of the Italian Army (except for one and a half divisions) and eliminate its military usefulness except as guard duty and labor.

b. It creates a logistical problem of collection and transportation which will require a special staff organization under the direction of AFHQ.

c. The morale of the Italian Army and to an extent that of the nation will be adversely affected.

d. Italy will be left without an Army capable of assuring internal law and order during a period when famine and political outbreaks are to be expected. As a consequence, in many cases the unpleasant task of quelling disturbances will have to be assumed by Allied troops.

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MAXWELL D. TAYLOR  
Brigadier General, USA

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TAB A-31

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
APO 394

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In reply refer to:  
471

15 December 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR: His Excellency, Marshal Messe  
Chief of the Supreme General Staff

In reply to your note of 13 December (M-3748/OP), I am directed to inform Your Excellency that the following arms and ammunition are required at once by Allied Force Headquarters from Italian sources in Italy or Sardinia:

|                  |                                   |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 800 each         | 45mm Mortars                      |
| 300 each         | 81mm Mortars                      |
| 180 each         | 47/32 A/T Guns                    |
| 1,040 each       | 8mm Medium Machine Guns           |
| 210 each         | 20mm Breda AA/AT Guns             |
| 160,000 rounds   | 45mm Mortar Ammunition            |
| 60,000 rounds    | 81mm Mortar Ammunition            |
| 10,000 rounds    | 47/32 A/T Ammunition              |
| 4,720,000 rounds | 8mm Medium Machine Gun Ammunition |
| 230,000 rounds   | 20mm Breda AA/AT Gun Ammunition   |

In meeting the above requirements, the following stocks may be reserved for the Italian combat team now with the Fifth Army and one additional combat division, the use of which is being contemplated.

|                |                                   |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| 128 each       | 45mm Mortars                      |
| 96 each        | 81mm Mortars                      |
| 40 20 each     | 20mm Breda AA/AT Guns             |
| 150 72 each    | 8mm Medium Machine Guns           |
| 50 40 each     | 47/32 A/T Guns                    |
| 100,000 rounds | 45mm Mortar Ammunition            |
| 24,000 rounds  | 81mm Mortar Ammunition Light      |
| 8,000 rounds   | 81mm Mortar Ammunition Heavy      |
| 56,000 rounds  | 20mm Breda AA/AT Gun Ammunition   |
| 506,000 rounds | 8mm Medium Machine Gun Ammunition |
| 22,400 rounds  | 47/32 A/T Gun Ammunition          |

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I am aware of Your Excellency's views on the unfortunate effect of withdrawing equipment from the Italian Forces and have reported to Allied Force Headquarters your comments contained in the above cited note of 13 December.

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The Military Mission to the Italian Army has been requested to make the necessary arrangements with the Italian Army for the transfer of equipment in Italy. Colonel Simmons will perform a similar function for the Italian equipment in Sardinia.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR  
Brigadier General, USA

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SUPREME COMMAND

Operation Office

N. 3843/OP of prot.

APD 151, 17 December 1943

TO THE HEAD OF THE ALLIED CONTROL  
COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Requests of arms and ammunition by Allied Forces

I have already given orders to the SHRS for preparation and handing over of arms and ammunition as requested in your note No. 471, dated 15 December.

I wish however to let you know, quite frankly, that the order given by AFHQ represents for me a true and unexpected disappointment.

I returned from imprisonment with the strong purpose of devoting all my efforts to put the Italian Armed Forces back on an efficient footing, so as to be able to give the greatest collaboration to the Anglo-American forces for the accomplishment of common aim of sweeping the Germans out of the Peninsula.

In my note No. 3329/OP, dated 29 November, I presented the minimum needs in order to attain this purpose and I felt confident that AFHQ in its plan of co-belligerency would have given benevolent consideration to my proposals.

To comply with the present request will bring about not only the depletion of available supplies in the Peninsula and in Sardinia, but also will deprive almost all the units of their arms.

In the attached table (Encl. N. 1) are shown the figures pertaining to available supplies in Italy and Sardinia, as well as to the arms at present distributed among the units. 251

The table will show that once the requests of AFHQ are met and the supply of arms ordered by AFHQ for the 1st Motorized Unit and the "Legnano" Division has been guaranteed, the result will be as follows:

- Almost all the Units will remain without 45 mm and 81 mm. mortars;
- All units will be left without 20 mm machine guns; and for these it is not even possible completely to satisfy the request;
- Seven division will remain without 47/32 field piece;
- All small units which do not form part of organic divisions (viz: Coastal Defence Machine Gun Battalions, Coast Artillery Batteries, etc.) will be left without 8 mm machine guns.

Besides, it is necessary to point out that ammunition supplies which are to be received for the 1st Motorized Unit and the "Legnano" Division are much below the 20 fire units which AFHQ has rightly considered

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Besides, it is necessary to point out that ammunition supplies which are to be received for the 1st Motorized Unit and the "Legnano" Division are much below the 20 fire units which APHQ has rightly considered necessary for fighting units (see Encl. 2). It is to be noted that because of lack of production plants, the 20 fire units cannot possibly be brought up to strength.

It would be superfluous for me to explain to you, General, the naval repercussions of the execution of such an order on the troops and on the commanding officers, as well as the serious disappointment and painful impression on the Italian public when they learn of it, as they are bound to, aside from the serious loosening of practical efficiency which will result.

In case the situation which will be thus created should become definitive or have considerable duration, the consequences will be the impossibility on the part of the Italian Army, not only to comply even with the minimum program decided upon by the memorandum of ACC, dated 17 October, but also to provide for present and future necessities regarding public order.

THE MARSHAL OF ITALY - CHIEF OF GEN. STAFF  
(Giovanni Messe)

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AVAILABLE WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION -- REQUESTS FOR TRANSFER

| Weapons and<br>Ammunition<br>SUPPLY | Existing stocks<br>(Excluding Sicily) | Allotted<br>to Units | Total<br>Existing Stocks | To be retained<br>for the First<br>Motorized Grp<br>Laguna Div |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mortar, 4.2mm                       | 70                                    | 990                  | 1,060                    | 128                                                            |
| Mortar, 81mm                        | 4                                     | 408                  | 412                      | 56                                                             |
| Gun, 4.7mm                          | -                                     | 345                  | 345                      | 40                                                             |
| Machine Gun, 20mm                   | 13                                    | 204                  | 217                      | 20                                                             |
| Machine Gun, 8mm                    | 176                                   | 6,053                | 6,209                    | 72                                                             |
| Rounds, 4.2mm                       | 37,480                                | 875,000              | 912,400                  | 100,000                                                        |
| Rounds, 81mm                        | 264,000                               | 552,700              | 816,700                  | 104,000                                                        |
| Rounds, 4.7mm                       | -                                     | 252,530              | 252,530                  | 22,400                                                         |
| Rounds, 20mm                        | 132,000                               | 805,000              | 937,000                  | 56,000                                                         |
| Rounds, 8mm                         | 7,073,000                             | 22,369,800           | 29,442,800               | 506,000                                                        |

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ENCLOSURE NO. 1

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## AVAILABLE WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION — REQUESTS FOR TRANSFER

| Existing stocks<br>(including Sicily) | Allotted<br>to Units | Total<br>Existing Stocks | To be Retained<br>for the First<br>Motorized Grp &<br>Logans Div | To be handed over<br>According to Note<br>No. 471 of the AGC | Remainder to<br>be Allotted<br>to Units |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 79                                    | 990                  | 1,060                    | 128                                                              | 800                                                          | 132                                     |
| 4                                     | 408                  | 412                      | 56                                                               | 300                                                          | 16                                      |
| -                                     | 345                  | 345                      | 40                                                               | 180                                                          | 125                                     |
| 13                                    | 204                  | 217                      | 20                                                               | 210                                                          | -                                       |
| 176                                   | 6,033                | 6,209                    | 72                                                               | 1,040                                                        | 5,097                                   |
| 37,400                                | 875,000              | 912,400                  | 100,000                                                          | 160,000                                                      | 652,400                                 |
| 264,000                               | 552,700              | 816,700                  | 104,000                                                          | 60,000                                                       | 652,700                                 |
| -                                     | 252,530              | 252,530                  | 22,400                                                           | 10,000                                                       | 220,130                                 |
| 132,000                               | 805,000              | 937,000                  | 56,000                                                           | 230,000                                                      | 651,000                                 |
| 7,073,000                             | 22,369,800           | 29,442,800               | 506,000                                                          | 4,720,000                                                    | 24,216,800                              |

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CALCULATIONS FOR 20 FIRE UNITS FOR THE FIRST MOTORIZED GRO  
"LECHANO" DIVISION

| AMMUNITION | NO. OF WEAPONS | FIRE UNITS (EACH) | 20 FIRE UNITS |
|------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 45mm       | 128            | 200               | 512,000       |
| 81mm       | 96             | 200               | 384,000       |
| 47mm       | 40 50          | 250               | 200,000       |
| 20mm       | 20 40          | 1,000             | 400,000       |
| 8mm        | 72 150         | 2,000             | 2,880,000     |

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ENCLOSURE NO. 2

CALCULATIONS FOR 20 FIRE UNITS FOR THE FIRST MOTORIZED GROUP A:

"LECHANO" DIVISION

| WEAPONS | FIRE UNITS(EACH) | 20 FIRE UNITS | AVAILABILITY CONSIDERED IN NOTE<br>No. 471 OF THE ALLIED CONTROL<br>COMMISSION |          |
|---------|------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| 28      | 200              | 512,000       | 100,000                                                                        |          |
| 6       | 200              | 384,000       | 32,000                                                                         |          |
| 40 50   | 250              | 200,000       | 22,000                                                                         | 22,000   |
| 20 40   | 1,000            | 4,00,000      | 56,000                                                                         | 115,000  |
| 72 150  | 2,000            | 2,880,000     | 506,000                                                                        | 1012,000 |

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YOUR ONE ZERO EIGHT NINE THREE DECEMBER EIGHTH AND YOUR THREE TWO EIGHT FIVE  
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DECEMBER THIRTEENTH AND YOUR ONE FIVE NINE ONE FIVE DECEMBER EIGHTEENTH PAREN IN  
PROVINCES OF PUGLIA AND LUCANIA CIL BASED TO FREEDOM INFO ONE FIVE ARMY GROUP CMA  
FLAMBO CMA FABLE FOR SIMMONS FROM FATIMA SIGNED JOCKE PAREN THREE HUNDRED AND  
FORTY CMA FORTY FIVE MILLIMETER MORTARS SEMICIN ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY FOUR CMA  
EIGHTY ONE MILLIMETER MORTARS CMA AND EIGHTY FOUR THOUSAND ROUNDS AMMUNITION FOR  
SAME SEMICIN NINETEEN HUNDRED AND TWENTY NINE CMA EIGHT MILLIMETER MEDIUM MACHINE  
GUNS CMA AND APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN MILLION ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION FOR SAME SEMICIN  
FORTY TWO CMA TWENTY MILLIMETER AA DASH AT GUNS CMA AND ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY THOUSAND  
ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION FOR SAME SEMICIN SIXTY SEVEN CMA FORTY SEVEN DASH TWENTY  
TWO AT GUNS CMA AND SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION FOR SAME SEMICIN  
IN PROVINCE OF CALABRIA CIL ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY NINE CMA FORTY FIVE MILLIMETER  
MORTARS CMA AND THIRTY SEVEN THOUSAND ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION FOR SAME SEMICIN  
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IN OUR NUMBER ONE FIVE THREE SIX

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FABLE FOR BOMBERS

THIS MESSAGE CONTAINS OUR NUMBER ONE FIVE THREE FIVE PD TO FIELDNO GMA  
INFORMATION FIFTEEN ARMY GROUP GMA FLANDS GMA FABLE FOR BOMBERS FROM FATIMA  
SIGNED JOYCE FB IN SARDINIA GMA FIVE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN GMA FORTY FIVE  
 MILLIMETER MORTARS GMA AND SEVEN HUNDRED AND NINETY THOUSAND ROUNDS AMMUNITION  
 FOR SAME SERVICE TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTY FIVE GMA EIGHTY ONE MILLIMETER MORTARS  
 GMA AND THREE HUNDRED AND FORTY THOUSAND ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION FOR SAME SERVICE  
 TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY GMA FORTY SEVEN DASH THIRTY TWO AT GUNS GMA AND TWO  
 HUNDRED AND EIGHTY SEVEN THOUSAND ROUNDS AMMUNITION FOR SAME SERVICE ONE  
 HUNDRED AND FORTY ONE GMA TWENTY MILLIMETER AA DASH AT GUNS GMA AND FOUR  
 HUNDRED AND SIXTY FOUR THOUSAND ROUNDS AMMUNITION FOR SAME SERVICE THREE  
 THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND NINETY THREE GMA EIGHT MILLIMETER MEDIUM MACHINE  
 GUNS GMA AND TWENTY FOUR MILLION ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION FOR SAME PARA WITH  
 DAPING BRIGADE WITH FIFTH ARMY GMA THIRTY SIX GMA FORTY FIVE MILLIMETER MORTARS  
 GMA AND ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY TWO THOUSAND ROUNDS AMMUNITION FOR SAME SERVICE  
 TWELVE GMA EIGHTY ONE MILLIMETER MORTARS GMA AND FORTY EIGHT THOUSAND ROUNDS  
 AMMUNITION FOR SAME SERVICE FIFTY FOUR GMA EIGHT MILLIMETER MACHINE GUNS GMA  
 AND TWO AND ONE HALF MILLION ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION FOR SAME SERVICE EIGHT GMA  
 TWENTY MILLIMETER AA DASH AT GUNS GMA AND ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY ONE THOUSAND  
 ROUNDS AMMUNITION FOR SAME SERVICE SIXTY GMA FORTY SEVEN DASH THIRTY TWO

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KILLING AT GUSO CMA AND FORTY THREE THOUSAND BOMBS AMMUNITION FOR BARE  
PARA IN MOST CASES THE WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION ARE IN HANDS OF ITALIAN TROOP  
UNITS SCATTERED OVER SARDINIA AND SOUTHERN ITALY

AUTHENTICATED:

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WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL SUB COMMISSION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

A.P. 0394  
17 Dec. 1943

Memorandum for: The Chief of Staff, Allied Control Commission.

Subject : Compilation and analysis of certain classes of War Materials under consideration as of this date as indicated below.

1. SOURCES AND BASES OF COMPUTATIONS.

- On the Italian mainland, Campania not included, from report this date from the STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO - SEZ ARTIGL.
- In Sardinia, from report of December 6th 1943 furnished by Col Simmons of the Sardinian Allied Mission, and upon the report mentioned above.

2. MATERIALS.

a. 45 MM MORTAR, Total requirements : 800 each.

|                                 |                       |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| In Italy                        | In Sardinia           |
| 1-Raggruppamento --36           | With Troops -- 478    |
| With other troops --409         | In Magazines -- 39    |
| In Magazines --70               | Total Sardinia -- 517 |
| Total Italy --515               |                       |
| Total Italy and Sardinia : 1032 |                       |

b. 45 MM MORTAR AMMUNITION : Total Requirements : 160,000 rds.

|                                       |                           |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| In Italy                              | In Sardinia               |
| 1-Raggruppamento -- 142,000 rds       | With troops --124,000 rds |
| With other troops -- None             | In magazines --670,000 "  |
| In Magazines -- 37,400 "              | Total Sardinia 794,000 "  |
| Total Italy -- 179,400 "              |                           |
| Total Italy & Sardinia : 973,400 rds. |                           |

c. 81 MM MORTARS: Total Requirements : 300 each.

|          |             |
|----------|-------------|
| In Italy | In Sardinia |
|----------|-------------|

1-Raggruppamento -- 12

With troops

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Subject

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2. MATERIALS.

a. 45 MM MORTAR. Total requirements : 800 each.

| In Italy                        |       | In Sardinia    |        |
|---------------------------------|-------|----------------|--------|
| 1- Raggruppamento               | --36  | With Troops    | -- 478 |
| With other troops               | --409 | In Magazines   | -- 39  |
| In Magazines                    | --70  | Total Sardinia | -- 512 |
| Total Italy                     | --515 |                | 264    |
| Total Italy and Sardinia : 1032 |       |                |        |

b. 45 MM MORTAR AMMUNITION : Total Requirements : 160,000 rds.

| In Italy                              |                | In Sardinia    |               |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1- Raggruppamento                     | -- 142,000 rds | With troops    | --124,000 rds |
| With other troops                     | -- None        | In magazines   | --670,000 "   |
| In Magazines                          | -- 37,400 "    | Total Sardinia | 794,000 "     |
| Total Italy                           | -- 179,400 "   |                |               |
| Total Italy & Sardinia : 973,400 rds. |                |                |               |

c. 81 MM MORTARS: Total Requirements : 300 each.

| In Italy                          |       | In Sardinia    |        |
|-----------------------------------|-------|----------------|--------|
| 1- Raggruppamento                 | -- 12 | With troops    | -- 251 |
| With other troops                 | --203 | In Magazines   | -- 14  |
| In Magazines                      | -- 4  | Total Sardinia | -- 265 |
| Total Italy                       | --219 |                |        |
| Total Italy & Sardinia : 484 each |       |                |        |

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d. 81 MM MORTAR AMMUNITION: Total Requirements: 60,000 rds.

|                   |                             |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| In Italy          | In Sardinia                 |
| 1-Reggimento      |                             |
| With other troops | -- 48,000 rds               |
| In Magazines      | -- 202,700 "                |
| Total Italy       | -- 264,000 "                |
|                   | -- 514,700                  |
|                   | With Troops -- 51,000 rds.  |
|                   | In Magazines -- 289,000 "   |
|                   | Total Sardinia -- 340,000 " |

Total Italy and Sardinia : 854,700 rds.

e. 47/32 AT GUNS : Total Requirements : 180 each

|                   |                       |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| In Italy          | In Sardinia           |
| 1-Reggimento      |                       |
| With other troops | -- 16                 |
| In Magazines      | -- 104                |
| Total Italy       | -- None               |
|                   | -- 120                |
|                   | With troops -- 191    |
|                   | In Magazines -- 39    |
|                   | Total Sardinia -- 230 |

Total Italy and Sardinia : 350 each

f. 47/32 AT GUN AMMUNITION : Total Requirements : 10,000 rds.

|                   |                             |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| In Italy          | In Sardinia                 |
| 1-Reggimento      |                             |
| With other troops | -- 43,000 rds               |
| In Magazines      | -- 7,530 "                  |
| Total Italy       | -- None                     |
|                   | -- 50,530 "                 |
|                   | With troops -- 146,000 rds  |
|                   | In Magazines -- 142,900 "   |
|                   | Total Sardinia -- 287,000 " |

Total Italy and Sardinia : 337,530 rds.

g. 20 MM BRED A/AT GUNS. Total Requirements: 240 each

|                   |                       |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| In Italy          | In Sardinia           |
| 1-Reggimento      |                       |
| With other troops | -- 8                  |
| In Magazines      | -- 74                 |
| Total Italy       | -- 13                 |
|                   | -- 95                 |
|                   | With troops -- 67     |
|                   | In Magazines -- 74    |
|                   | Total Sardinia -- 141 |

Total Italy and Sardinia : 236 each

h. 20 MM BRED A/TK GUN AMMUNITION: Total Requirements: 230,000 rds.

In Italy

In Sardinia

With other troops -- 202,000 " In Magazines -- 289,000 "  
In Magazines -- 264,000 " Total Sardinia - 340,000 "  
Total Italy -- 514,700

Total Italy and Sardinia : 854,700 rds.

e. 47/32 AT GUNS : Total Requirements : 180 each

In Italy

In Sardinia

1-Raggruppamento -- 16 With troops -- 191  
With other troops -- 104 In Magazines -- 39  
In Magazines -- None Total Sardinia - 230  
Total Italy -- 120

Total Italy and Sardinia : 350 each

f. 47/32 AT GUN AMMUNITION : Total Requirements : 10,000 rds.

In Italy

In Sardinia

1-Raggruppamento -- 43,000 rds With troops -- 146,000 rds  
With other troops -- 7,530 " In Magazines -- 142,000 "  
In Magazines -- None Total Sardinia -- 287,000 "  
Total Italy -- 50,530 "

Total Italy and Sardinia : 337,530 rds.

g. 20 MM BRED A A/AT GUNS, Total Requirements: 210 each

In Italy

In Sardinia

1-Raggruppamento - 8 With troops -- 67  
With other troops - 74 In Magazines -- 74  
In Magazines - 13 Total Sardinia 141  
Total Italy - 95

Total Italy and Sardinia : 236 each

h. 20 MM BRED A A/TK GUN AMMUNITION: Total Requirements: 230,000 rds.

In Italy

In Sardinia

1-Raggruppamento -- 171,000 rds With troops -- 177,000 rds  
With other troops -- 118,000 rds In Magazines -- 255,000 "  
In Magazines -- 132,000 " Total Sardinia 464,100 "  
Total Italy -- 421,000 "

Total Italy and Sardinia : 885,100 rds.

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1. 8 MM MEDIUM MACHINE GUNS : Total Requirements : 10,000 each

| In Italy                   | In Sardinia            |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1-Reggimento -- 54         | With troops --         |
| With other troops --- 2891 | PIAT35 -- 530          |
| In Magazines -- 176        | Breda37 -- 2920        |
| Total Italy -- 3121        | Breda38 -- 220         |
|                            | In Magazines -- 23     |
|                            | Total Sardinia -- 3693 |

Total Italy and Sardinia 6814 each

2. 8 MM MEDIUM GUN AMMUNITION : Total requirements 4,720,000 rds.

| In Italy                       | In Sardinia                   |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1-Reggimento 2,523,800 rds     | With troops                   |
| With other troops 14,150,000 " | Breda 37 - 17,500,000 rds.    |
| In Magazines 7,037,000 "       | PIAT 35 - 2,700,000 "         |
| Total Italy 23,752,800 "       | In Magazines 3,800,000 "      |
|                                | Total Sardinia - 24,000,000 " |

Total Italy and Sardinia : 47,752,800 rds.

### 3. Analysis and Comment.

- Only a small quantity of the above material has been inspected by Allied Army personnel
- Figures presented above are believed to be sufficiently accurate to portray the present general status of the items in question.
- A majority of the weapons are in the hands of troops. The assembly, transport, and preparation for shipment presents a big problem.
- In practically all cases amounts of ammunition required is in magazines located in Sardinia. It will require some time and a reasonable amount of transportation to handle this ammunition.

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In Magazines -- 176  
Total Italy -- 3121  
In Magazines -- 220  
Total Sardinia -- 3693

Total Italy and Sardinia 6814 each

E. 8 MM MEDIUM GUN AMMUNITION : Total requirements 4,720,000 rds.

| In Italy                       | In Sardinia                                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 1-Reggimento 2,529,300 rds     |                                            |
| With other troops 14,150,000 " |                                            |
| In Magazines 7,037,000 "       | Arata 37 - 17,500,000 rds.                 |
| Total Italy 23,752,800 "       | Piat 35 - 2,700,000 "                      |
|                                | In Magazines 3,800,000 "                   |
|                                | Total Sardinia - 24,000,000 "              |
|                                | Total Italy and Sardinia : 47,752,800 rds. |

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STOCKS IN DEPOTS AND IN DISTRIBUTION TO TROOPS.

MATERIALS.

a. 45 MM MORTARS.

|                       | In INDIANIA<br>and EUGLIE | In CALABRIA       | In SARDINIA       | In DIAPINO<br>PONGALE. | TOTAL. |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|--------|
| In Magazine           | 39                        | 31                | -                 | -                      |        |
| In Distrib-<br>ution. | <u>301</u><br>340         | <u>108</u><br>139 | <u>945</u><br>545 | <u>36</u><br>36        | 1060   |

b. 45 MM MORTAR AMMUNITION.

|                       |                  |                    |                           |                           |         |
|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------|
| In Magazine           | -                | 37,400             | -                         | -                         |         |
| In Distrib-<br>ution. | <u>-</u><br>None | <u>-</u><br>37,400 | <u>733,000</u><br>733,000 | <u>142,000</u><br>142,000 | 912,400 |

c. 81 MM MORTARS.

|                       |                   |                 |                   |                 |     |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----|
| In Magazine           | 4                 | -               | -                 | -               |     |
| In Distrib-<br>ution. | <u>140</u><br>144 | <u>63</u><br>63 | <u>193</u><br>193 | <u>12</u><br>12 | 412 |

d. 81 MM MORTAR AMMUNITION.

|                       |                         |                           |                           |                         |         |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------|
| In Magazine           | 73,000                  | 191,000                   | -                         | -                       |         |
| In Distrib-<br>ution. | <u>11,700</u><br>84,700 | <u>191,000</u><br>382,000 | <u>302,000</u><br>302,000 | <u>48,000</u><br>48,000 | 814,700 |

e. 8 MM HEAVY MACHINE GUN.

|                       |                       |                       |                       |                 |       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-------|
| In Magazine           | 36                    | 138                   | -                     | -               |       |
| In Distrib-<br>ution. | <u>1,891</u><br>1,929 | <u>1,000</u><br>1,138 | <u>3,088</u><br>3,088 | <u>54</u><br>54 | 6,209 |

f. 8 MM H.M.G. AMMUNITION.

|                       |                                |                                |                               |                               |            |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| In Magazine           | 3,695,000                      | 3,380,000                      | -                             | -                             |            |
| In Distrib-<br>ution. | <u>7,250,000</u><br>10,945,000 | <u>6,900,000</u><br>10,280,000 | <u>5,690,000</u><br>5,690,000 | <u>2,529,800</u><br>2,529,800 | 29,444,800 |

g. 20 MM HEAVY MACHINE GUN.

|                       |                 |                 |                   |               |     |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|-----|
| In Magazine           | -               | 13              | -                 | -             |     |
| In Distrib-<br>ution. | <u>42</u><br>42 | <u>32</u><br>45 | <u>122</u><br>122 | <u>8</u><br>8 | 217 |

h. 20 MM H.M.G. AMMUNITION.

|                       |                     |                           |                           |                           |         |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------|
| In Magazine           | 120,000             | 12,000                    | -                         | -                         |         |
| In Distrib-<br>ution. | <u>-</u><br>120,000 | <u>118,000</u><br>130,000 | <u>516,000</u><br>516,000 | <u>171,000</u><br>171,000 | 827,000 |

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1. 47/32 121 GUNS

|                 | In LUCANIA<br>and PUGLIE | In CALABRIA     | In SARDEGNA       | In DIARIO<br>PUGLIE | TOTAL. |
|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------|
| In Magazines.   | -                        | -               | -                 | -                   | -      |
| In Distribution | <u>67</u><br>67          | <u>37</u><br>37 | <u>225</u><br>225 | <u>16</u><br>16     | 345    |

3. 47/32 121 GUN AMMUNITION.

|                  |                       |                  |                           |                         |         |
|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------|
| In Magazines     | -                     | -                | -                         | -                       | -       |
| In Distribution. | <u>7,530</u><br>7,530 | <u>-</u><br>NONE | <u>202,000</u><br>202,000 | <u>43,000</u><br>43,000 | 252,530 |

NOTE.

1. These figures are for the last stock check and are subject to subsequent alteration.
2. As the position of ammunition in Sardinia is not known for certain stocks in Magazines and Distribution have been combined, and entered under the "In Distribution" column.

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TRANSLATIONHEADQUARTERS  
MILITARY DISTRICT OF SARDINIAWEAPONS AT PRESENT FIELD IN SARDINIA

| ITEM                                       | ISSUED TO UNITS | SURPLUS<br>IN DEPOTS |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Pistol, automatic, Mod 34, cal 9           | 18,027          | 400                  |
| Pistol, automatic, various models          | 305             | 338                  |
| Pistol, revolver type, various models      | 4,826           | 231                  |
| Rifle, Mod 91, cal 6.5                     | 72,157          | 4,252                |
| Carbine, Mod 98, cal 6.5                   | 22,499          | 1,015                |
| Rifle, Mod 38, cal 6.5                     | 28,505          | 3,048                |
| Rifle, Mod 41, cal 6.5                     | 19,924          | 2,307                |
| Carbine, Mod 91, cal 6.5                   | 27,086          | 208                  |
| Carbine, Mod 91, cal 6.5 T.S.              | 10,795          | 247                  |
| Rifle, Mod 91/24 cal 6.5                   | 8,213           | 558                  |
| Rifle, Mod 38, cal 7.35                    | 1               | 1,692                |
| Carbine, Mod 38, cal 7.35                  | 654             | 865                  |
| Carbine, Mod 41, cal 6.5                   | 445             | -                    |
| Rifle, heavy, special, cal 7.92            | 14              | -                    |
| Carbine, automatic, Beretta, Mod 38/A      | 4,141           | -                    |
| Rifle, automatic, Breda, Mod 30            | 3,597           | 266                  |
| Rifle, automatic, Hotchkiss                | -               | 15                   |
| Rifle, automatic, C.S.R.G., cal 7.92       | -               | 20                   |
| Machine Gun, Fiat, 35, for carriage "L"    | 80              | -                    |
| Machine Gun, Fiat, 35                      | 451             | -                    |
| Machine Gun, Breda, 37                     | 2,918           | 3                    |
| Machine Gun, Breda, 38, tank               | 224             | 80                   |
| Machine Gun, Breda, p.i. 37                | 1               | -                    |
| Machine Gun, S. Iticane                    | 265             | -                    |
| Machine Gun, cal 7.35, for car "Somua"     | 32              | 3                    |
| Machine Gun, cal 13.2, for tank "L.35"     | 6               | -                    |
| Machine Gun, S.A.F.A.T., cal 12.6          | -               | -                    |
| Machine Gun, Schwarzlose                   | 2               | 40                   |
| Mortar, 45mm                               | 478             | -                    |
| Mortar, 81mm                               | 251             | -                    |
| Gun, automatic, Solothurn, 20mm            | 25              | 39                   |
| Cannon, automatic, Solothurn, 20mm, Mod 39 | 2               | 14                   |
| Gun, Carlukon, field, 20mm                 | 24              | 74                   |
| Gun, siege, Carlukon, 20mm                 | 16              | -                    |
| Gun, Hotchkiss, cal 25                     | 1               | -                    |
| Gun, Mod 35/39, 47/32mm                    | 191             | -                    |

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|-------------------------------------------------|--------|-------|
| Pistol, revolver type, various models           | 4,026  | 231   |
| Rifle, Mod 91, cal 6.5                          | 72,157 | 4,252 |
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| Rifle, heavy, special, cal 7.92                 | 14     | -     |
| Carbine, automatic, Beretta, Mod 38/A           | 4,141  | -     |
| Rifle, automatic, Breda, Mod 30                 | 3,597  | -     |
| Rifle, automatic, Hotchkiss                     | -      | 266   |
| Rifle, automatic, C.S.R.O., cal 7.92            | -      | 15    |
| Machine Gun, Fiat, 35, for carriage "L"         | 80     | 20    |
| Machine Gun, Fiat, 35                           | 451    | -     |
| Machine Gun, Breda, 37                          | 2,918  | 3     |
| Machine Gun, Breda, 38, tank                    | 224    | 80    |
| Machine Gun, Breda, p.i. 37                     | 1      | -     |
| Machine Gun, S. Etienne                         | 265    | -     |
| Machine Gun, cal 7.35, for car "Somua"          | 32     | 3     |
| Machine Gun, cal 13.2, for tank "L-35"          | 6      | -     |
| Machine Gun, S.A.F.A.T., cal 12.6               | -      | -     |
| Machine Gun, Schwarlose                         | 2      | 40    |
| Mortar, 45mm                                    | 478    | 39    |
| Mortar, 81mm                                    | 251    | 14    |
| Gun, automatic, Solothurn, 20mm                 | 25     | 74    |
| Cannon, automatic, Solothurn, 20mm, Mod 39      | 2      | -     |
| Gun, Oerlikon, field, 20mm                      | 24     | -     |
| Gun, siege, Oerlikon, 20mm                      | 16     | -     |
| Gun, Hotchkiss, cal 25                          | 1      | -     |
| Gun, Mod 35/39, 47/32mm                         | 191    | 39    |
| Carriage, revolving, for car "Somua", 47/35mm   | 32     | -     |
| Gun, tank, 47/32mm                              | 12     | -     |
| Carriage, revolving, for tank Mod L-5/42, 47/40 | 40     | -     |
| Gun, 47/50mm                                    | -      | 76    |
| Gun, 65/17mm                                    | 28     | -     |
| Gun, 65/13mm                                    | 28     | -     |
| Howitzer, 75/13mm                               | 32     | 4     |
| Howitzer, 75/13mm p. b.                         | -      | 20    |
| Carriage, revolving, 75/18mm. Semov.            | 69     | -     |

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(Weapons in Sardinia):

| ITEM                      | ISSUED TO UNITS | SURPLUS<br>IN DEPOTS |
|---------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Gun, Mod 06, 65/27mm      | 152             | 15                   |
| Gun, Mod 11 A.S., 65/27mm | 66              | 4                    |
| Gun, Mod 40, 75mm         | 9               | -                    |
| Gun, 75/34 Mod 97/38      | 24              | 19                   |
| Gun, Mod 34, 75/18mm      | -               | 36                   |
| Gun, 75/7.5mm             | -               | 37                   |
| Gun, 75/15mm, (76.2)      | 8               | -                    |
| Howitzer, 100/17mm A.S.   | 52              | 2                    |
| Howitzer, 100/17mm T.M.   | 2               | -                    |
| Howitzer, 100/22mm        | 52              | -                    |
| Howitzer, 105/14mm        | 16              | -                    |
| Gun, 105/27mm             | 4               | -                    |
| Gun, 105/28mm             | 28              | 4                    |
| Howitzer, 149/12mm        | 4               | -                    |
| Gun, 105/32mm             | 14              | -                    |
| Howitzer, 149/12 modif 14 | 48              | -                    |
| Howitzer, 149/12 Mod 18   | 20              | -                    |
| Howitzer, 149/13mm        | 25              | 2                    |
| Howitzer, 149/19mm        | 36              | 238                  |
| Gun, 149/35mm             | 20              | -                    |
| Gun, 152/45mm             | 8               | -                    |
| Gun, 152/37mm             | 12              | -                    |
| Gun, 155/14mm             | 12              | -                    |
| Gun, 155/25mm             | 2               | -                    |
| Gun, 155/36mm             | 4               | -                    |

• Light automatic weapons

• Medium or heavy automatic weapons

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|---------------------------|----|
| Howitzer, 105/14mm        | 16 |
| Gun, 105/27mm             | 4  |
| Gun, 105/28mm             | 28 |
| Howitzer, 149/12mm        | 4  |
| Gun, 105/32mm             | 14 |
| Howitzer, 149/12 modif 14 | 48 |
| Howitzer, 149/12 Mod 18   | 20 |
| Howitzer, 149/13mm        | 25 |
| Howitzer, 149/19mm        | 36 |
| Gun, 149/35mm             | 20 |
| Gun, 152/45mm             | 8  |
| Gun, 152/37mm             | 12 |
| Gun, 155/14mm             | 12 |
| Gun, 155/25mm             | 2  |
| Gun, 155/36mm             | 4  |

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• Light automatic weapons

•• Medium or heavy automatic weapons

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HEADQUARTERS  
MILITARY DISTRICT OF SARDINIA

AMMUNITION AT PRESENT HELD IN SARDINIA

| TYPE                                            | ISSUED<br>TO UNITS | SURPLUS<br>IN DEPOTS | SHORTAGES<br>IN UNITS |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Cartridges, Pistol, cal 10.35                   | 1,447,800          | ----                 | 989,925               |
| Cartridges, Pistol, various<br>models           |                    | ----                 | ----                  |
| Cartridges, Pistol, Mod 34,<br>cal 9            | 91,500             | 70,995               | ----                  |
| Cartridges, Weapons, cal 6.5,<br>Rifle, Mod 91  | 5,408,100          | ----                 | 4,015,039             |
| Musket, Mod 91                                  |                    |                      |                       |
| Breda, LMG, Mod 30                              | 19,931,392         |                      |                       |
| Cartridges, Rifle, cal 7.35                     | 70,740             | 23,160,359           | ----                  |
| Cartridges, Automatic rifle,<br>cal 7.35        |                    | 2,151,078            | ----                  |
| Cartridges, Automatic                           |                    | 2,719,940            | ----                  |
| Musket, cal 9                                   | 12,423,000         | ----                 |                       |
| Cartridges, Machine Gun,<br>Breda, cal 8mm      | 17,508,000         | ----                 | 8,748,653             |
| Cartridges, Machine Gun,<br>Fiat, M35, cal 8mm  | 2,706,000          | ----                 | 4,296,954             |
| Cartridges, Machine Gun,<br>St. Etienne         | 1,590,000          | 3,838,797            | ----                  |
| Cartridges, Machine Gun,<br>S.I.A.              | 1,164,000          | 2,008,052            | ----                  |
| Cartridges, Machine Gun,<br>Somus mod, cal 7.5  | 192,000            | 230,400              | ----                  |
| Cartridges, Machine Gun,<br>Cal 13.2            | 36,000             | 382,175              | 237                   |
| Hand Grenades                                   |                    | ----                 | 33,050                |
| Grenades, Mortar, 45 cal                        | 1,000,000          | 276,567              | ----                  |
| Grenades, Mortar, 81 cal                        | 124,280            | 670,127              | ----                  |
|                                                 | 51,204             | 289,508              | ----                  |
| Rounds, Rifle (special),<br>Solothurn, cal 20mm | 12,500             | 23,500               | ----                  |
| Rounds, 47/32mm (see attached<br>sheet)         | 146,160            | 141,233              | ----                  |
| Rounds, 47mm, "Somus"                           | 23,040             | 753                  | 5,769                 |
| Rounds, 47/40, HE & AP                          | 28,800             | ----                 | ----                  |
| Rounds, 47/50                                   | ----               | 12,670               | ----                  |
| Rounds, 65/17                                   | 8,400              | 113,275              | ----                  |
| Rounds, 75/19                                   | 8,160              | 113,132              | ----                  |
| Rounds, 75/27                                   |                    |                      |                       |

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HEADQUARTERS  
MILITARY DISTRICT OF SARDINIAAMMUNITION AT PRESENT HELD IN SARDINIA

| TYPE                                         | ISSUED<br>TO UNITS | SURPLUS<br>IN DEPOTS | SHORTAGES<br>IN UNITS |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Cartridges, Pistol, cal 10.35                | 1,447,800          | ----                 | 989,925               |
| Cartridges, Pistol, various models           | 91,500             | 70,995               | ----                  |
| Cartridges, Pistol, Mod 34, cal 9            | 5,408,100          | ----                 | 4,015,039             |
| Cartridges, Weapons, cal 6.5, Rifle, Mod 91  |                    |                      |                       |
| Musket, Mod 91                               |                    |                      |                       |
| Breda, LMG, Mod 30                           | 19,831,392         | 23,160,359           |                       |
| Cartridges, Rifle, cal 7.35                  | 70,740             | 2,151,078            |                       |
| Cartridges, Automatic rifle, cal 7.35        |                    |                      |                       |
| Cartridges, Automatic                        |                    | 2,719,940            |                       |
| Musket, cal 9                                | 12,423,000         | ----                 | 8,748,653             |
| Cartridges, Machine Gun, Breda, cal 8mm      | 17,508,000         | ----                 | 4,296,954             |
| Cartridges, Machine Gun, Fiat, MG5, cal 8mm  | 2,706,000          | 3,838,797            |                       |
| Cartridges, Machine Gun, St. Etienne         | 1,590,000          | 2,008,052            |                       |
| Cartridges, Machine Gun, S.I.A.              | 1,164,000          | 230,400              |                       |
| Cartridges, Machine Gun, Somua mod, cal 7.5  | 192,000            | 382,175              | 237                   |
| Cal 13.2                                     | 36,000             | ----                 | 33,050                |
| Hand Grenades                                | 1,000,000          | 276,567              |                       |
| Grenades, Mortar, 45 cal                     | 124,280            | 670,127              |                       |
| Grenades, Mortar, 81 cal                     | 51,204             | 289,508              |                       |
| Rounds, Rifle (special), Solothorn, cal 20mm | 12,500             | 23,500               |                       |
| Rounds, 47/32mm (see attached sheet)         | 146,160            | 141,233              |                       |
| Rounds, 47mm, "Somua"                        | 23,049             | 753                  |                       |
| Rounds, 47/40, HE & AP                       | 28,800             | ----                 | 5,769                 |
| Rounds, 47/50                                | ----               | 12,670               |                       |
| Rounds, 65/17                                | 8,400              | 113,275              |                       |
| Rounds, 75/13                                | 8,160              | 113,132              |                       |
| Rounds, 75/17                                | ----               | 9,750                |                       |

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|                                              |            |            |           |
|----------------------------------------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Breda, MG, Mod 30                            | 19,831,392 | 23,160,359 | -----     |
| Cartridges, Rifle, cal 7.35                  | 70,740     | 2,151,078  | -----     |
| Cartridges, Automatic rifle, cal 7.35        | -----      | 2,719,940  | -----     |
| Cartridges, Automatic                        | -----      | -----      | -----     |
| Musket, cal 9                                | 12,423,000 | -----      | 8,748,653 |
| Cartridges, Machine Gun, Breda, cal 8mm      | 17,508,000 | -----      | 4,296,954 |
| Cartridges, Machine Gun, Fiat, MG5, cal 8mm  | 2,706,000  | 3,838,797  | -----     |
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| Cartridges, Machine Gun, Cal 13.2            | 36,000     | -----      | 237       |
| Hand Grenades                                | 1,000,000  | 276,567    | 33,050    |
| Grenades, Mortar, 45 cal                     | 124,280    | 670,127    | -----     |
| Grenades, Mortar, 81 cal                     | 51,204     | 289,508    | -----     |
| Rounds, Rifle (special), Solothurn, cal 20mm | 12,500     | 23,500     | -----     |
| Rounds, 47/32mm (see attached sheet)         | 146,160    | 141,233    | -----     |
| Rounds, 47mm, "Somua"                        | 23,040     | 753        | 5,769     |
| Rounds, 47/40, HE & AP                       | 28,800     | -----      | -----     |
| Rounds, 47/50                                | -----      | 12,670     | -----     |
| Rounds, 65/17                                | 8,400      | 113,275    | -----     |
| Rounds, 75/13                                | 8,160      | 113,132    | -----     |
| Rounds, 75/17                                | -----      | 9,750      | -----     |
| Rounds, 75/18 Semov                          | 19,379     | -----      | -----     |
| Rounds, 75/27, Mod 11                        | 17,925     | 138,307    | -----     |
| Rounds, 75/27, Mod 06                        | 41,344     | 190,805    | -----     |
| Rounds, 75/27, 2 palette                     | -----      | 50,880     | -----     |
| Rounds, 75/Mod 40                            | 2,448      | 7,087      | -----     |
| Rounds, 75/13 Mod 34                         | -----      | 44,659     | -----     |
| Rounds, 75/34                                | 17,961     | -----      | -----     |
| Rounds, 76.2                                 | 2,176      | 3,459      | -----     |
| Rounds, 100/17                               | 23,490     | 173,088    | -----     |
| Rounds, 100/22                               | 14,144     | 78,170     | -----     |
| Rounds, 105/14                               | 3,552      | 17,104     | -----     |
| Rounds, 105/27                               | 888        | 4,603      | -----     |

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(Ammunition in Sardinia):

| TYPE                    | ISSUED<br>TO UNITS | SURPLUS<br>IN DEPOTS | SHORTAGES<br>IN UNITS |
|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Rounds, 105/Czech 1     | -----              | 1,982                | -----                 |
| Rounds, 105/28          | 6,216              | 38,446               | -----                 |
| Rounds, 105/32          | 3,108              | 12,605               | -----                 |
| Rounds, 149/12 Modif 14 | 7,696              | 3,872                | -----                 |
| Rounds, 149/12          | 2,960              | 13,918               | -----                 |
| Rounds, 149/13          | 3,700              | 23,706               | -----                 |
| Rounds, 149/19          | 5,328              | 7,723                | -----                 |
| Rounds, 149/35          | 1,400              | 11,320               | -----                 |
| Rounds, 152/37          | 600                | -----                | 600                   |
| Rounds, 152/45          | 400                | 6,459                | -----                 |
| Rounds, 155/14          | 600                | -----                | 600                   |
| Rounds, 155/25          | 100                | -----                | 100                   |
| Rounds, 155/36          | 200                | 3,645                | -----                 |

\* Light Automatic Weapons

\*\* Medium or heavy Automatic Weapons

\*\*\* Probably includes Revolver, Mod 85, as requested in cable 111855A

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|----------------|-----|-------|-------|-------|
| Rounds, 155/14 | 400 | 6,459 | ----- | 600   |
| Rounds, 155/25 | 600 | ----- | ----- | 100   |
| Rounds, 155/36 | 100 | ----- | ----- | ----- |
|                | 200 | 3,645 | ----- | ----- |

• Light Automatic Weapons

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In reply  
refer to: 471

20 December 1943

FROM: War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission.

TO : Military Mission to the Italian Army.

Reference attached letter No 3410/OP of 1 Dec 43. It is proposed  
to reply substantially as follows:-

All Beretta automatic carbines and the ammunition therefore in  
Sicily have been earmarked for Allied organisations and cannot now be  
made available for the Italian Army. It is suggested that the  
Commando Supremo examine the situation in Sardinia with a view to  
providing the material required from that source.

Will you please say if you concur.

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For the Deputy, Chief of Section:

*Roger B. Denby*  
ROGER B. DENBY  
1st Lt, AGD  
Adjutant General

1 Incl.  
Letter #3410/OP of 1 December 1943.

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FROM COMANDO SUPREMO  
Operation OfficeTO GENERAL CHIEF OF  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION1, Dec., 1943  
Nr. 3410/OPSUBJECT: Handing over of material

Through the Italian Liaison Mission attached to 15th Army Group H.Q.s the following requests have come:

- a) - Authorisation to choose from the Lecce reorganisation Camp 50 parachutists for the XIII Army Corps
- b) - Material for these 50 parachutists and for 30 more serving at present with the above mentioned A.C., amounting in total to:

|        |                                       |
|--------|---------------------------------------|
| 8      | PT 1 Radio Sets                       |
| 80     | 9 mm. "Beretta" automatic carbines    |
| 5000   | 40 round-clips for automatic carbines |
| 100    | clip pushers                          |
| 300000 | cartridges                            |
| 50     | "Beretta" 34 revolvers with holster   |
| 50     | spare clips                           |
| 3500   | cartridges for "Beretta" revolver     |
| 70     | pairs of rubber sole mountain shoes   |
| 70     | parachutist daggers                   |

The Comando Supremo is in condition to meet these requests, with the exception of the following not available material:

radio sets (PT 1)  
rubber sole mountain shoes

The automatic carbines and ammunition, might be found in Sicily.

Will the Commission let us know whether we shall be given the facilities for collecting 80 automatic carbines and 300,000 cartridges for automatic carbines, available in Sicily.

THE CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF

(Marshal Messe)

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MOST SECRET

IMPORTANT  
U.S. DEPT. OF DEFENSE - INFOLIO NO: 05308  
DECEMBER 14THFROM : SICRIS: C IN C, CIMA: PUGET.  
TO : MATMA.  
REID : 15TH ARMY GROUP FOR M M I A.  
ORIG. NO: 13797.TOD : 1414A/14  
TOR : 2228A/14

NO DECISION REACHED ON FORMATION OF ITALIAN DIVISION. DECISION HELD UP PENDING REPORTS ON STOCKS OF EQUIPMENT, CLOTHING, WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION WHICH WERE REQUESTED IN OUR CABLES 7968 OF 1ST DECEMBER, 11962 OF 10TH DECEMBER, 12673 OF 14TH DECEMBER NOT TO ALL. DESIRE YOU EXPEDITE ACTION.

REF. DISTRIBUTION.

REF. MISSION TO ITALIAN ARMY (BRINDISI) / ACTION - VIA E.L.S.

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| A/O G/L     | 2 |
| GEN. OFFICE | 1 |

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URGENT &amp; PERSONAL

SUBJECT: - War EquipmentMilitary Mission  
to ITALIAN ARMY  
SD/1/12  
16 Dec 43H.E. General BERARDI  
Chief of Staff S.M.R.E.Allied Control Commission) ref AFHQ 13797  
15 Army Group ) of 14 Dec

A signal has been received from ALGIERS to hasten reply to my letter 3/9/10 of 12 Dec to you. It emphasises that the information is required urgently in connection with study now being made of feasibility of employing operationally an Italian Mountain Division: on which decision has not yet been reached.

Would you please give first priority to the matter.

ABC

*Col. L. L. L.*  
Brig  
Comd

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Subject:- Applications for issue of Italian Weapons and Ammunition

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6 Base Area  
71 Sub Area  
91 Sub Area  
103 Sub Area  
151 Sub Area  
211 Sub Area  
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Lt. (your 1/25 of 8 Dec)  
Col 1/6 (Lt)  
1 (Lt) 400.93-1-202-1  
03 (of 2 Dec reason)  
Italian 10  
151 Special Forces

1. Application will not be made by area or sub-area to attached Italian Sections for issues of Italian weapons or ammunition.

2. In accordance with AFM instructions such are not reserve for Italian combat units and can only be made available to Allied units in very special circumstances.

3. If such a special case does exist application will be forwarded to this HQ, who will communicate with AFM, if it is considered the application does merit special consideration.

4. The above therefore covers para 3 of this AFM General Staff Instr No 2 (2051 dated 12 Nov 43.)

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General Staff.

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MESSAGE FORM  
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From MIA

T C O 16 1015 A.

To SMRE rptd Allied Control Commission.

SD 14 We confirm that in addition to information asked for in our 8/9/10 of 12 Dec the following is urgently required (°) total number of guns and rds of gun for 45 mm Mortar, 81 mm Mortar, 47/52 A/Tank Gun, 8 mm Medium Machine Gun and 20 mm Breda AA/AT Gun (°) Please show where situated and whether in depots or issued to formations (°) 1 Raggruppamento Motorizzato should be included

*[Signature]*

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*By hand of Capt. Mexico*

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- Mortai da 45.....N° 834 - Munizioni.....N° 786.000

- Mortai da 81....." 284 - Munizioni....." 176.000

Mortar State in Italian Mainland

*Per my report with this  
1 Feb 58*

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Balance For Yugoslavia 92

81 mm. Mortars. 204.

Bombs (proportion of  
by & L. unskated) 28,000.

45 mm. Mortars. 672.

Bombs 60,000.

19/32 A/Tk. guns. 140.

Ammunition.

8 mm. Mtd. M/Gs 968.

Ammunition 11,214,000.

20 mm. Breda AA/AT. 190.

Ammunition 174,000.

priority 228

Required for Apache Sp.O  
 Requies Air. in proportions  
 of 25% & 75% respectively.

|                       |              |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| <u>81 mm. Mortars</u> | 96.          |
| bombs for do.         | Qty. 8,000.  |
| "                     | Rk. 211,000. |

|                       |          |
|-----------------------|----------|
| <u>45 mm. Mortars</u> | 128.     |
| bombs for do.         | 100,000. |

|                        |         |
|------------------------|---------|
| <u>19/32 A/Tk guns</u> | 40.     |
| Ammun.                 | 22,400. |

|                        |          |
|------------------------|----------|
| <u>8 mm. Med. M/Gs</u> | 72.      |
| Ammun.                 | 506,000. |

|                           |         |
|---------------------------|---------|
| <u>20 mm. Breda AA/AT</u> | 20.     |
| Ammun.                    | 56,000. |

|      |           |          |
|------|-----------|----------|
|      | Available | Required |
| 45mm | 884       | 800      |
| 8mm  | 284       | 300      |

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REQUEST FOR AIR PASSAGE

TO: 4 (Mov & Tn), H.Q. 15 Army Group

4,720,000  
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Passenger's Name and Rank (BLOCK LETTERS) .....

Branch ..... Tel No. 4,214

From ..... To .....

Latest Departure Date necessary for accomplishment of Mission .....

Details of Duty ..... 2,30,000  
50,000

Priority (if any) ..... 174

Signature of Head of Branch or Service

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PATINA

Notify this headquarters where following stocks are available and issue instructions to custodian to turn it over on call from this headquarters. 800 each 45 MM Mortars, 300 each 81 MM Mortars, 160,000 45 MM Mortar ammunition, 60,000 rounds of 81 MM Mortar ammunition. Take necessary action immediately through Italian government to make available to AFHQ QMR forces operating in Yugoslavia from any Italian source in Sardinia or Italy the above articles. Paraphrased by CRYPTO FREEDOM.

(INFORMATION TO 8 ARMY. 5. PARLE FOR SIGNS. 15th ARMY GROUP FOR MILA RET MILA, NUMBER 2 DISTRICT, FLANDS AND PENINSULA BASE SECTION FOR ACTION TO ADVISE PATINA SIGNED CIRC CITE FICCT).

100,000 rounds 45 MM Mortar ammunition, 24,000 rounds 81 MM Mortar ammunition light, 128 each 45 MM Mortars, 8,000 rounds 81 MM Mortar ammunition heavy and 96 each 81 MM Mortar. Only restriction is that above is reserved for Italian Division which is being formed and Italian Motorized RCT which by 5 Army is being employed.

## DISTRIBUTION:

- 2 - AG
- 1 - Diary
- 1 - General Taylor - INFO
- 1 - Colonel Monfort - ACTION

SHE 10 Dec 1800hrs

asked to ascertain all above stocks in Italian mainland. Gen Taylor finding out about Sardinia

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In the last paragraph our 10893, dated 7 December, amounts listed are intended for use of one Italian Combat Division and one Motorized Regiment with 5th Army. An excess of these weapons and ammunition will be taken for Yugoslavian forces in this paragraph. Instructions for release of stocks for Yugoslavia will be issued by AFHQ.

Reference your 1336 of 8 December G-4; on last paragraph our cable 10893, 15th Army will release 25% GU stocks listed in last paragraph is for use of 1st Motorized Regiment with 5th Army; Italian Combat Division to receive remainder of stocks in last paragraph mentioned.

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To weapons and ammunition to be made available to forces in JUGOSLAVIA, our  
10893 dated 7 December, add the following: 180 each 47/32 A/T guns with 10,000  
rounds ammunition; 210 each 20 MM Breda AA/AT guns with 230000 rounds ammunition;  
1040 each medium machine guns 8 MM with 4,720,000 rounds ammunition. The following  
stocks are to be reserved for use of Italian Division being formed and Italian  
Motorized RCT with 5 Army: 40 each 47/32 A/T guns and 22400 rounds ammunition;  
72 each 8 MM medium machine guns and 506000 rounds; 20 each 20 MM Breda AA/AT  
guns and 56000 rounds. Acknowledge and take action as in our 10893. 15 Army  
Group to release 25% of amounts reserved above as necessary for Italian Motorized  
RCT with 5 Army.

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AUTHENTICATED:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR  
Brigadier General, USA

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In reply refer to:  
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15 December 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR: His Excellency, Marshal Messe  
Chief of the Supreme General Staff

In reply to your note of 13 December (N-3748/GP), I am directed to inform Your Excellency that the following arms and ammunition are required at once by Allied Force Headquarters from Italian sources in Italy or Sardinia:

|                  |                                   |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 800 each         | 45mm Mortars                      |
| 900 each         | 81mm Mortars                      |
| 180 each         | 47/32 A/T Guns                    |
| 1,040 each       | 8mm Medium Machine Guns           |
| 210 each         | 20mm Breda AA/AT Guns             |
| 160,000 rounds   | 45mm Mortar Ammunition            |
| 60,000 rounds    | 81mm Mortar Ammunition            |
| 10,000 rounds    | 47/32 A/T Ammunition              |
| 4,720,000 rounds | 8mm Medium Machine Gun Ammunition |
| 230,000 rounds   | 20mm Breda AA/AT Gun Ammunition   |

In meeting the above requirements, the following stocks may be reserved for the Italian combat team now with the Fifth Army and one additional combat division, the use of which is being contemplated.

|                |                                   |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| 128 each       | 45mm Mortars                      |
| 96 each        | 81mm Mortars                      |
| 20 each        | 20mm Breda AA/AT Guns             |
| 72 each        | 8mm Medium Machine Guns           |
| 40 each        | 47/32 A/T Guns                    |
| 100,000 rounds | 45mm Mortar Ammunition            |
| 24,000 rounds  | 81mm Mortar Ammunition Light      |
| 8,000 rounds   | 81mm Mortar Ammunition Heavy      |
| 56,000 rounds  | 20mm Breda AA/AT Gun Ammunition   |
| 506,000 rounds | 8mm Medium Machine Gun Ammunition |
| 22,400 rounds  | 47/32 A/T Gun Ammunition          |

I am aware of Your Excellency's views on the unfortunate effect of withdrawing equipment from the Italian Forces and have reported to Allied Force Headquarters your comments contained in the above cited note of 13 December.

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The Military Mission to the Italian Army has been requested to make the necessary arrangements with the Italian Army for the transfer of equipment in Italy. Colonel Simmons will perform a similar function for the Italian equipment in Sardinia.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR  
Brigadier General, USA

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| MESSAGE FORM                                                                                        |     |                       |  |                     |  |                      |  |                    |  | Serial No. 148    |    |
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| FROM                                                                                                |     | 15 ARMY GROUP         |  | 03678               |  | 10                   |  |                    |  |                   |    |
| MOST SECRET                                                                                         |     | Following received    |  | From FREEDOM signed |  | C in C               |  |                    |  |                   |    |
| CIC FBCT                                                                                            |     | addressed             |  | FILPOT for          |  | action 15 ARMY GROUP |  | for MMIA           |  |                   |    |
| FIFTH ARMY                                                                                          |     | EIGHTH ARMY           |  | FLAMBO              |  | FABLE for            |  | SIMMONDS           |  |                   |    |
| 2 DISTRICT                                                                                          |     | for info.             |  | NP 11778-60         |  |                      |  |                    |  |                   |    |
| in the                                                                                              |     | last para             |  | our 16893           |  | dated 7th DEC        |  | ammunition         |  |                   |    |
| listed are                                                                                          |     | intended for use of   |  | ONE ITALIAN COMBAT  |  | DIV and              |  | these              |  |                   |    |
| ONE MOTORIZED REGT                                                                                  |     | with FIFTH            |  | ARMY                |  | in excess of         |  |                    |  |                   |    |
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| <p>weapons and - ( six groups missing )</p> <p>forces in this para @ instructions for release of stocks</p> <p>for YUGO-SLAVIA will be issued by AFHQ re your 1336 of</p> <p>8th DEC - Four in (last para and cable 10 ? - ? )</p> <p>Fifth Army will release 25% rpt 25% of stocks asked in</p> <p>last para is for use of FIRST MOTORIZED REGT with.</p> |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                      |
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| FIFTH ARMY © ITALIAN COMBAT DIV TO receive                        |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                                                                            |                   |
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| T.H.I. 219                                                        |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | T.O.R. 101338A                                                                             |                   |
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*In excess of these weapons and ammunition will be taken for Yugo-Slavian forces in this para. Instructions for release of stocks for Yugo-Slavian will be issued by AFHQ. Ref your 1336 of 28th Dec. G-Form in last para of our cable 108931 5 Army will release 25% of stocks listed in last para. is.*

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ARMY 2100 (Parts of 100)

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for use of First motorized Regt with 5 Army  
Italian combat DIV to receive  
remainder of stocks in last para mentioned

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