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Italian Ammunition

Mar. - July 1945

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ILO

Please expedite Comando Territoriale's reply, to

Folio 10.

18 Jul 45

*[Handwritten signature]*  
MIRLO

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MIRLO

I will zing Comandante Rome on the afternoon

*[Handwritten signature]*  
For CILLO

19 Jul 45

MIRLO

We spoke to Comandante Rome twice, on June 11 and 12. The first letter did not arrive. "Officers Fertig", confirmed this morning that Brigadier d'Antighera will immediately arrange for receipt of those munitions.

20 Jul. 45

*[Handwritten signature]*

ord.

Please see 10 and minute

1-5 above

*[Handwritten signature]* 23392

19 Jul 45

MNIRLO

We took to Cavalier Rome wire, on June 11 Jul - The first letter did not arrive. "Officer Fertig", confirmed this morning that because of anti-aircraft will immediately arrange for receipt of those assumptions.

20 Jul. 45

Fingert  
7/15

Messing  
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ord.

Please see to 10 and minute  
1-5 above

~~V. K. Humphreys~~ 2392

MNIRLO.

Notes that order is being taken.  
Lacks for evidence.

C. C. Hillen  
7/15 (am) &

20 July 45



140

Ref to 10.

Is this (para 3) the work of our friends the mine-rastrellators? If so, could you approach them with this proposal and let me know the results obtained please.

~~R. W. ...~~  
W. ...

27 June 1945

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2876 - This matter has been taken up with some Forestal military HQ. As soon as I get an answer, I shall let you know.

~~W. ...~~

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140

Ref above mins and to 10. Can you please make hurry up noises at COMIER

10 Jul 45

2891  
~~R. W. ...~~  
W. ...

1/7 J

MMIA 3705

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Subject:- Disposal of Abandoned Amn

3 District  
Baseball Ext 117  
OS4/4002

11 Nov 45

MMIA LO
24 NOV 1945
File 22
HQ 3 District

1. It is expected that in the near future, certain natures of abandoned amn within 3 District will be made available to Italian Civil Authorities for production of Salvage from their component parts.

2. Principles to be applied as regards disposal of these natures will be as follows :-

- (a) Inspection by District IOO of abandoned dumps reported by AD'SOS/DAD'SOS of Areas, and destruction of amn constituting a danger to Military or Civil Authority.
- (b) Certain sensitive natures will be automatically destroyed by the IOO.
- (c) As soon as potentially dangerous amn has been cleared, a stock check will be made of those natures which will be made available to Italian Civil Authorities.
- (d) The location, nature and quantity of available amn will then be reported by ADOS this HQ to the Italian Government through Allied Commission MMIA. The Italian Government will then become totally responsible for the amn and will make the necessary arrangements with civilian firms for breaking down into component parts.

3. It should be noted that this HQ will be responsible for :-

- (a) Inspection of dumps and destruction of potentially dangerous amn.
- (b) Determination of the natures to be made available to Civil Authorities.
- (c) Notifying the Government of amn available for breaking down, stating location, natures and quantity.
- (d) Maintenance of records.

4. AD'SOS/DAD'SOS of Areas will be informed of all relevant details for the assistance of Area MMIA Liaison Officers if so required. It should be noted however that all responsibility for the amn ceases from the time that the Italian Government has been notified as in para. 2(d) above.

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- (b) Certain sensitive natures will be automatically destroyed by the IOO.
- (c) As soon as potentially dangerous arm has been cleared, a stock check will be made of those natures which will be made available to Italian Civil Authorities.
- (d) The location, nature and quantity of available arm will then be reported by ADOS this HQ to the Italian Government through Allied Commission MIA. The Italian Government will then become totally responsible for the arm and will make the necessary arrangements with civilian firms for breaking down into component parts.
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5. It will now be necessary to re-inspect and stock-check all abandoned dumps immediately prior to handing available natures to Civil Authorities in order that the provisions of para 2 above may be fulfilled. It is expected that the following locations will be among the first to be cleared according to this procedure, although it is unlikely that all the arm will be suitable for transfer :-

54 Area

ORTONA - Approx 350 tons (by OS4/4018/1 of 2 Nov 45 refers).

56 Area

(a) SAFRI - Approx 120 tons (by OS4/4002(66) of 19 Apr 45 addressed to HQ 94 Sub Area refers).

(b) OGILARA - Approx 8 tons.

(c)...../

(c) FONTANA LIRI - Approx 60 tons (ry OS4/1018/1 of 2 Nov 45 refers).  
(Note that clearance of additional 60 tons of Italian and German arm is the responsibility of the Italian Army). NY

(d) SALERNO - Approx 3 tons (80 tons in Quarry Salerno - Avellino Road not to be made available for transfer at present). NY

61 Area  
TERNI - Tonnage unknown (Your OS/20/3 of 19 Oct 45 refers). NY

RAC  
ROME - Tonnage unknown (Your OS/400/2 of 23 Oct 45 refers). NY

W/jrp

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Capt for Lt Col  
ADOS  
(W.W. HESELTINE)

DISTRIBUTION:-

- ADOS RAAC
- ADOS 56 Area
- DADOS 52 Area
- DADOS 54 Area
- DADOS 61 Area
- OO 211 Sub Area

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DOS GHO (For SICO) (Your DOS/64/5(4) of 16 Oct 45 refers). NY

- 'G' 3 District
  - 'A' 3 District
  - 'Q' 3 District
  - AMLA LO 3 District
  - Salvage 3 District
  - ILO 3 District
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ROME - Tonnage unknown (Your OS/400/2 of 23 Oct 45 refers). <sup>11</sup>

*W. W. Heselgrave*

Capt for Lt Col  
ADOS  
(W.W. HESELGRAVE)

H/jrp

DISTRIBUTION:-

- ADOS PAC
- ADOS 56 Area
- DADOS 52 Area
- DADOS 54 Area
- DADOS 61 Area
- OO 211 Sub Area

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DOS GHO (for SIOO) (Your DOS/64/5(4) of 16 Oct 45 refers).  
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- 'Q' 3 District
- 'A' 3 District
- 'Q' 3 District
- MILO 3 District
- Salvege 3 District
- ILO 3 District

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Subject:- Inspection Team for Its an Toxic Ammunition and Chemical Warfare Stores.

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Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.  
M. E. I. A.,  
ROME.  
9/23/8

October, 1945.

MMIA LO  
12 OCT 1945  
HQ 3 District.

To:-

Ministry of War.

NT.

1. Further to this headquarters letter of 11 September 1945, file and subject as above.
2. AFHQ have informed the various Allied headquarters in Italy that your nominated representative, Major Joseph Garufi, will shortly begin his inspection tour of North Italy to assist the local Allied headquarters in the location and identification of Chemical Warfare Stores.
3. It is desired that Major Garufi begin his tour not later than 15 October 1945. For this purpose you will make available from the War Ministry Admin. Transport Coy. a vehicle which is in condition to assure the uninterrupted completion of the service. If possible, the driver of the vehicle should have a knowledge of English.
4. It is desired that Major Garufi be accompanied by a civilian technician of Rome Artillery Directorate, Mr. Alfredo Alessio.
5. It is emphasized that the purpose of Major Garufi's trip is to locate and classify stocks of chemical warfare ammunition and war gasses, and not defensive chemical warfare equipment.
6. Major Garufi should report as soon as possible to the MMIA LO Milan, (through Territorial Command H.O. Milan) who will place him in contact with the interested staff section of H.Q. No. 2 District. H.O. No. 2 District will arrange the necessary liaison and indicate to Major Garufi the programme desired within their command.
7. For the purposes of this journey, Major Garufi may visit installations from Florence North. Upon the completion of this tour, should it be found necessary to inspect installations south of Florence, the necessary arrangements will be made by this Headquarters.
8. Major Garufi is authorized only to catalogue such stocks of gasses as he may find. Disposal instructions will be issued by AFHQ through this Headquarters upon completion of the inventory and inspection.

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W. P. ...  
Major General,  
M. M. I. A.

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*for*

*M. M. I. A. Colonel*

Major General,  
M. M. I. A.

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Copy to:-

- M.M.I.A. L.O. Milan.
- M.M.I.A. L.O. Turin.
- M.M.I.A. L.O. Genoa
- M.M.I.A. L.O. Bologna
- M.M.I.A. L.O. Florence.

- M.M.I.A. L.O. Leghorn
- M.M.I.A. L.O. Disthree -
- M.M.I.A. L.O. Mestre
- M.M.I.A. L.O. Udine.

GHQ (CAF) - your ESI/929/2 of 3 Oct 45 (refer).

*NT*

JJW/fem

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C O P I A

OGGETTO : munizioni italiane.-

MMIA LO
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File <u>22</u>
HQ e District

ALL'UFFICIALE DI COLLEGAMENTO  
 Land Forces Sub. Comm. A.C. (MMIA)  
 3° Distretto  
 Rif. 3 DLO/22 : 10 agosto 1945

All'Ufficiale di collegamento MMIA di Napoli

- 1°) Risulta che alla fermata ferroviaria di Roccasecca sono giacenti circa 30 tonni. di munizioni italiane di varia specie, che una volta costituivano il carico di un treno di munizioni deragliato.
- 2°) Il 3° Distretto richiede che lo spazio sia sgomberato e prossima scadenza.
- 3°) Siete invitato a prendere accordi con il Comando Militare territoriale di Napoli (10) per la pronta raccolta di queste munizioni.
- 4°) L'ufficiale incaricato di questo lavoro prenderà contatto col Ten. SPENCE del 603° REG. artiglieria incaricato della guardia ai treni a Roccasecca o col QMS Caton, ufficio movimento RTO a Roccasecca.

Firmato Magg.  
 Ufficio collegamento MMIA del 3° Distretto

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA  
 DIRET. GEN. ARTIGL. E MOTORIZZ.  
 Ufficio Ricuperi

N. 37528 /URA di prot. Roma, 29 SET. 1945



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Firmato Magg.  
Ufficio collegamento ITALIA del 3° Distretto

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA  
DIR. GEN. ARTIGL. E MOTORIZZ.  
Ufficio Ricuperi

N. 37528/URA di prot. Roma, 29 SET. 1945

AL COMANDO ARTIGLIERIA DEL C.M.T. ROMA

e, per conoscenza

ALL'UFFICIALE DI COLLEGAMENTO  
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (ITALIA)  
3° Distretto

..... perchè, per competenza di territorio, previ gli 2387 ai  
stabiliti al comma 4°) della lettera su riportata, sia provveduto con  
sollecitudine al ritiro del munizionamento di cui sopra giacente nel  
la stazione di Roccasecca.  
Assicurare ad operazione effettuata.

IL COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO  
(A. Conte)



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MMIA LO  
7 - SEP 1945  
File 22  
HQ 3 District

Subject: Vehicles Release.

ST/1405  
5 Sept 45

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA)  
ROME  
Tel: Rome 489081 Ext 526

To :- S.M.R.E., Ufficio Automobiliamo.

1. Please release the following armoured fighting vehicles from 2 E.V.P. Naples to 227 Div as they are required by San Marco Regt located at Trani :
  - 1. L/35 ( Two 8mm MGs )
  - 4. M/14 S.P. { one 8mm AAMG }  
                  { one 75mm Guns }
2. 227 Div will arrange with 10 Terr HQ Naples for their transportation to Bari.

*for Luigi Batt*

for Lt. Col. ADST.,  
Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (M.M.I.A. )

JMG/ag

Copy to : MMIA LO, 3 District ( Ref 3 DLO/22 of 1 Sept 45 ) F0410 35  
          " " BARI.

Internal : 2/2.

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Subject: Tanks for SAR MARCO REGT.

Liaison Office,  
Land Forces, Sub Comm,  
A.C. (MIA) 3 District,  
Ref. 3DIO/22.

1 Sep 45.

To: HQ. MIA,  
227 Div  
9 Terr. HQ.  
10 Terr. HQ. NAPLES

*see file 7.*

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Further to 3DIO/22 of 23 Aug (not to all),

The following efficient armoured fighting vehicles, available at 2 TVE, NAPLES are required by SAR MARCO REGT, located at TRAMI, for use in their internal security role:-

one L/35 (two 50m MGs)

four M/14 SF (one 50m AABM, one 75mm *28*)

2. HQ. MIA are requested to arrange release of these vehs to SAR MARCO REGT. (2/5/45 of 16 Aug 45, not to all, refers).

3. When released, 227 Div will arrange with 10 Terr. HQ. NAPLES for their transportation to TRAMI. Sids for suitable rail space should be made through Italian channels to HQ. MIA, who are requested to afford them due priority.

4. 227 Div will arrange, as necessary, with 9 and 10 Terr. HQs for the maintenance of these vehs and supply of ammunition.

*Wmsor*  
MIA 103 District.  
2385

*35*

To: HQ, MWIA,  
227 Div  
9 Terr. HQ,  
10 Terr. HQ, NAPLES

*31*  
*see file 7.*  
*85*

Further to 2DLO/22 of 23 Aug (not to all),

The following efficient armed fighting vehicles, available at 2 VVR, NAPLES are required by SAN MARCO regt, located at TRASSI, for use in their internal security role:-

one L/35 (two San VEs)

four M/14 SP (one San AMG, one T5mm *28*)

2. HQ, MWIA are requested to arrange release of these vechs to SAN MARCO regt. (Q/5/8 of 16 Aug 45, not to all, refers).

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Copy to:-

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ILO

54 AFSS

MWIA DO 54 AFSS

GPN/aga

*Winstan*  
MIA 10 J District.  
2385



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COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI NAPOLI  
Ufficio servizi

N°2/6131/SERV.di prot.

P.M. 3400, il 31 Agosto 1945

OGGETTO : Carri armati per il Reggimento San Marco.

→ All'Ufficio di Collegamento della  
M.M.I.A. con il 3° Distretto

N A P O L I

per conoscenza :

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA  
Dir. Gen. Art. e Motorizzazione

P.M. 3400

ALLO S.M.R.E. = Ufficio servizi - sez. Auto

P.M. 3400

ALLA DIREZIONE RIPARAZIONI AUTOMOBILI/CHE N A P O L I

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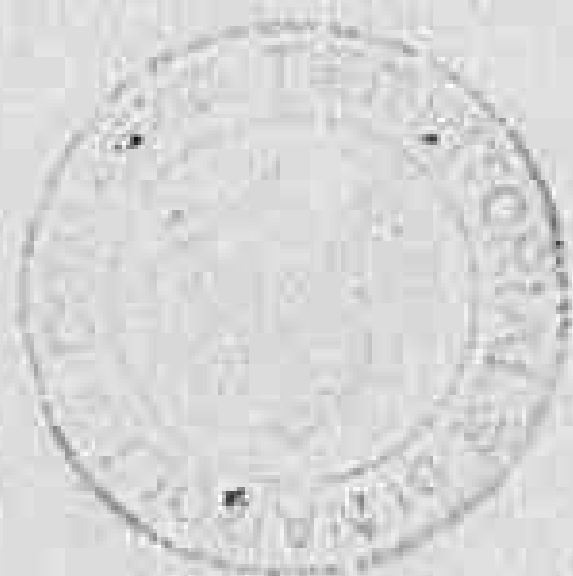
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Risposta foglio 3/DIO/22 in data 23 agosto 1945 (che si  
allega in copia per gli Enti cui la presente è diretta per conoscenza).

Si trasmette, in allegato, uno specchio esemplificativo e  
comprensivo delle notizie richieste in merito ai 22 carri armati, at-  
tualmente disponibili presso il 2° Parco Veicoli Efficienti.

d'ordine

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
-Colonnello Aldo Bonelli-



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SPECCHIO DIMOSTRATIVO DEI CARRI ARMATI ANCORA DISPONIBILI PRESSO IL 2° PARCO VEICOLI EFFI

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<u>Numero disponibile</u>	<u>tipo</u>	<u>Armamento (numero e tipo armi montate)</u>	<u>Stato di effic</u>
4	L/35	with two 8mm MGs con 2 mitragliatrici calibro 8	two in need di cui 2 abbis riparazione
15	SP M/14 semov.	with one 8mm MG (AA) and one 75mm gun con 1 mitragliatrice calibro 8 (Contraerea) ed un cannone da 75/18	four in di cui 4 abbis riparazione
3	M/14	with three 8mm MGs, one AA and one 47mm gun con 3 mitragliatrici calibro 8 e una contraerea ed un cannone da 47/32	two in need di cui 2 abbis riparazione

CARRI ARMATI ANCORA DISPONIBILI PRESSO IL 2° PARCO VEICOLI EFFICIENTI

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Armamento (numero e tipo armi montate)

Stato di efficienza

*with two 8 mm MGs*  
con 2 mitragliatrici calibro 8

*two in need of repair*  
di cui 2 abbisognavoli di  
riparazione

SP  
semov. *with one 8 mm MG (AA) and one 75 mm*  
con 1 mitragliatrice calibro 8 (Con=  
traerea) ed un cannone da 75/18

*four in need of repair*  
di cui 4 abbisognavoli di  
riparazione

*with three 8 mm MGs, one AA and*  
con 3 mitragliatrici calibro 8 e *one 47 mm*  
*one* contraerea ed un cannone da 47/32

*two in need of repair*  
di cui 2 abbisognavoli di  
riparazione

1-Baseball

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Subject:- Bomb Disposal.

Liaison Office,  
Land Forces, Sub Comd  
A.C. (MIA) 3 District.

Ref. 1010/22.

31 Aug 45.

To:- 10 Terr. HQ, NAPLES.

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Further to 1010/22 of 23 Aug. I have since discussed this matter with SOCS, HQ, MIA. He considers that it would be most unwise for you to attempt to deal with these bombs without consulting the British B.E. officer referred to in para 4 of 1010/22 of 23 Aug.

W. M. M. M. Maj.  
MIA LO 3 District.

Copy to:-  
56 Area  
Town Major, NOLA  
Town Major, CASORIA  
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MIA LO NAPLES

OPH/aga

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*Cross*

MMIA LO  
25 AUG 1945  
No. 22  
HQ 3 District.

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Subject: De-control of Arm.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.  
Q/23/7

23 Aug 45

To: MMIA LO 3 District

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Thank you for your excellent letter 3DLO/22 of 15 Aug and your point is fully appreciated.

There is considerable high level discussion on transfer of various responsibilities to the Italian Government and this question will be covered by whatever general decision is made.

*F. J. Noakes*

F. J. NOAKES Col.  
DQMG. MMIA.

FJN/hh

2381

Tel-Baseball 2

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Subject:- Tanks for SAN MARCO Regt.

*see fol. 35  
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Liaison Office,  
Land Forces, Sub Comm;  
A.C. (MMIA) 3 District.  
Ref. IDIC/22

23 Aug 45.

To:- 10 Terr.HQ. (Repair Base)

HQ.MMIA inform me that according to their records there are 22 Italian tanks in 2 BVP NAPLES and that they are prepared to release some of these, if considered suitable, to the SAN MARCO regt, TRANI.

2. Would you therefore please forward me the following particulars regarding these tanks.

- (a) numbers available
- (b) types
- (c) armament (i.e. number and type of weapons mounted)
- (d) state of efficiency of each

3. Please forward your reply NOT later than 1 Sept.

*[Signature]* Maj.  
MMIA LO 3 District.

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Copy to:-

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HQ.MMIA  
MMIA LO NAPLES  
227 DIV.

GPH/agn

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Tel-Baseball 2

Subject:- Bomb Disposal.

Liaison Office,  
Land Forces, Sub Comm;  
A.C. (NMI) 3 District.  
Ref. 3MNO/22.

23 Aug 45.

To:- 10 Terr.Hq. (NAPLES).

*مرفوع*

I am informed by 56 Area that the following unexploded enemy bombs require disposal:-

- (a) Some Butterfly-bombs in the hedge opposite the British Garrison Engineers Office, CASORIA. Full particulars as to location etc should be obtained from Town Major CASORIA.
  - (b) Two 500 lb bombs on road NAPLES - AVELLINO under the bridge which carries the railway CASORIO - NAPLES. Full particulars should be obtained from Town Major NOIA.
2. As this work is now an ITI-III commitment, will you please make the necessary arrangements.
  3. It is understood that the butterfly-bombs require particularly cautious and expert handling.
  4. A British Bomb Disposal officer will be available at the Chief Engineer's office 3 District to give advice, should you require it. If you do, please inform me, stating the name and telephone number of the officer handling this work, and I will arrange the necessary contact.

23 Aug 45.  
*Handwritten scribble*

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*Handwritten signature*  
MIA LG 3 District.

COPY to:-  
 56 Area  
 Town Major, NOLA  
 Town Major, CASORIA  
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 MIA LG NAPLES

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G21/asm



Tel-Baseball 2

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Subject:- Italian Arm.

Liaison Office,  
Land Forces, Sub Comm;  
A.C. (MMIA) 3 District.

Ref. 3DLO/22.

23 Aug 45.

To:- MMIA LO NAPLES.

Ref 3DLO/22 of 10 Aug, please see  
Q(K) R/45 of 23 Aug 45, copy attached.

Crusell Maj.  
MMIA LO 3 District.

Copy to:-  
56 Area  
Movements NAPLES

GPH/agn

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Subject:- Dangerous Amn at Roccasecca Station.

HQ Movements,  
Naples,  
CMF.

To :- MMIA LO 3 District. ✓

Q(M)R/45.

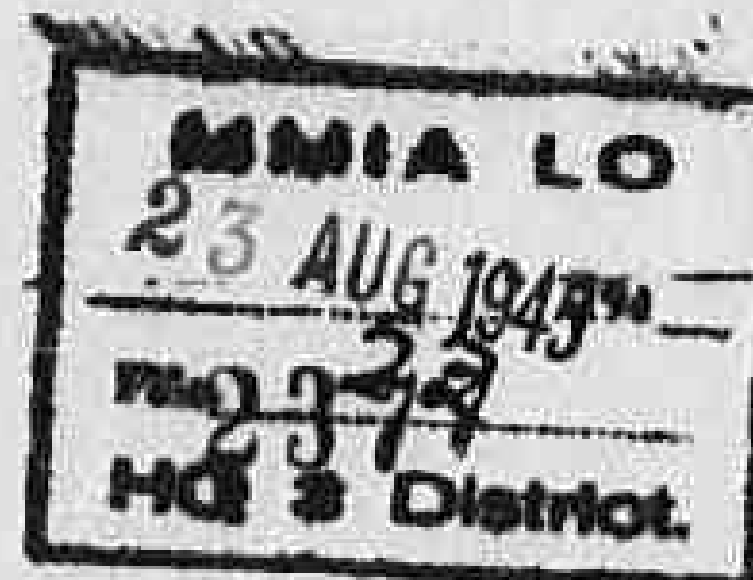
23 Aug 45.

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1. Reference HQ 56 Area letter 13/8/1(G) dated 11 Aug 45.
  2. RTO Roccasecca reports Italians started work removing this ammunition about 7 days ago and removed about 2 tons. Since that date, work has ceased. Can the work be expedited please.

NC/RSH.

Copy to : HQ 56 Area

*A. Blague.*  
(N. CLAGUE).  
Capt.  
for Lt. Col.  
AQM(M).



Subject:- A.F.Vs. for Garibaldi Regiment.

Land Forces Sub Commission  
(M. H. I. A.)

9/5/8

16 August, 1945.

MMIA LO  
18 AUG 1945 194  
A File 22  
HQ 3 District

To:-

M.H.I.A. I.C.  
c/o 3 District.

*see for 35*

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1. 3 District, in their letter 70/8/CSI dated 11 Aug 45 to A.F.H.Q. (C-3 Org) have requested for the provision of the following vehicles to the Garibaldi Infantry Regiment in order that it can operate efficiently in an internal security role:-

- (a) 4 heavy armoured cars; any type available provided the main armament is a gun (as opposed to a machine gun) for dealing with buildings used as strong points.
- (b) 1 light armoured car or scout car for the C.C.

2. Our records show that, over and above the 140 tanks transferred to the CC.MR. (see our letter 9/5/8 of 9 July, attached) that there are still 22 such vehicles available at No. 2 M.V.P. Naples.

3. You should contact 3 District and investigate whether any of these vehicles are suitable for the purpose requested. If so, you should make preparatory arrangements direct with 3 District for their transfer, and inform this H.Q. of the number of vehicles required so that the necessary release order can be given.

*for Delham*  
R.A. CURTIS Lt. Col.  
for Major General.  
M. H. I. A.

Copies:-

3 District.  
S.T.  
P.E.M.E.

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28A-

Subject:- Internal Security Forces - Armoured Fighting Vehicles.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.) RCMF.  
2/5/8  
2 July 45

To:-

Ministry of War.

MMIA LO  
18 Aug 1945  
File 22  
HQ 3 District.

1. It is proposed to transfer to mount Carabinieri Regiments a 140 vehicles as detailed below:-

<u>Place</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
CENOA	12	To replace British Vehicles.
TURIN	12	ditto
MILAN	12	ditto
PADUA	12	ditto
BOLOGNA	12	-----
VENEZIA	12	-----
CHIESA	12	-----
BARI	12	-----
PALERMO	12	-----
ROME	20	Includes 8 as general reserve.
NAPLES	12	-----

2. You are required to consider with the Commanding General Carabinieri the necessary steps to be taken to provide for the transfer of these vehicles to the Carabinieri including the provision of ammunition, personnel, etc. If it is decided to transfer any trained tank drivers from the Italian Army, particulars should be forwarded to the Headquarters.

3. It is suggested that representatives of the units concerned shall visit Naples at an early date with a view to obtaining first hand information concerning the vehicles earmarked for them. It will be for you to decide on the detailed allocation by types to the respective mobile units. As soon as possible you should initiate a rail movement bid for the vehicles to the addresses enumerated above in whatever order or priority is decided upon.

R.A. CURTIS Lt. Col.  
for Major General.  
M. M. I. A.

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Copies to:- A.C. for Public Safety Sub Commission.  
S. & T.  
R.E.M.E.  
Q(AE)  
A Branch  
MMIA LO NAPLES



Subject: Equipment for GARIBALDI Regt.

RESTRICTED

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3 District  
70/2/GSI  
18 AUG 45

Q (AE)

MIALO  
Italian LO

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Ref 3 District 70/2/GSI of 11 Aug <sup>NT.</sup>

1. AFHQ have approved release of twelve mine detectors to the GARIBALDI Regt under authority ESD/81/3 of 15 Aug, but have not approved remaining requests.
2. In view of relief of GARIBALDI Regt by SAN MARCO Regt now just commencing, request you arrange issue of mine detectors to latter Regt on arrival of its HQ in BARI about 9 Sep 45.

MIALO  
18 AUG 45  
Fu. 22  
HQ 3 DISTRICT

(DA GREEN) Maj  
for Lt Col  
GS 2374

DAG/PJW

Tel-Baseball 2

Subject:- Decontrol of Amn.

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*37*

Liaison Office,  
Land Forces, Sub Comm;  
A.C. (MMIA) 3 District.

Ref. 3DLO/22.

15 Aug. 45.

To:- HQ. MMIA.

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Ref your Q 519 of 11 Aug., para 2 of my 3DLO/484 of 9 Aug was meant to indicate that I am prepared to take the word of the Italian authorities in this area that SAA demands for Gd.Bns are genuine requirements either for replenishment or practice. It was fully considered.

2. I understand that it is the policy of MMIA to pass a large measure of the control they at present exercise over the Italian army and its material to the Italian authorities, and I have viewed it as part of my function to submit to you cases where I judge this may safely be done in the expectation of sympathetic consideration. Please inform me if I am wrong.

3. SAA for Gd.Bns presents a strong case for decontrol for the following reasons:-

- (a) The amn compared to the number of weapons now in use is, I believe, in good supply, and considerable further stocks have recently been turned over from Allied sources.
- (b) The allies have no requirement for this amn.
- (c) It is in the interests of the Italians to husband their stocks carefully.
- (d) It is equally in their interests to see that the Gd Bns have adequate practice shoots, particularly now that they are coming under Italian op command.
- (e) It is strongly against their interests to allow the amn to fall into unauthorised hands.
- (f) Even if the demands were NOT justified, it would be extremely difficult for the MMIA to detect this.

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15 Aug. 45.

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4. To resubmit my proposal more fully:-

- (a) SAA demands for Gd Bns should be placed through normal Italian channels to Adm.Div(or Terr.Hq. According to op comd.)
- (b) Adm.Div after assuring themselves that they squared with replenishment and requisite practice requirements would present them to TERR.HQ; who would meet them from any available stocks or if not available in their depots forward them to War Ministry to be met from elsewhere.

Decontrol of Amn(continued).

5. (a) My observation of work at MMIA liaison offices leads me to believe that there is too much attempt to screen small individual indents and applications resulting from MMIA adm.instrs often of considerable age.
- (b) The result is:-
- (1) Such applications are either rubber stamped or arbitrarily cut or disallowed.
- (ii) In either case the business to which they refer is unduly delayed.
- (iii) More important matters are either overlooked or allowed to drift into muddle.
- (c) These conditions will be aggravated as MMIA IOs and their clerical staff are cut down.
6. Incidentally, to avoid misunderstanding, Gd.Bns are ITI-ITI units, NOT as implied in your Q 519 of 11 of Aug. BR-ITI.

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Wmolt Maj.  
MMIA IO 3 District.

GPH/agn

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14 AUG 1945

*lv* (25)

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MMIA LO  
14 AUG 1945  
File 22  
HQ 3 District

FROM MEDY V LROF NR 9200

QVE 3

FROM MMIA 13 1645B

TO MINISTRY OF WAR, PENSOUTH

INFO: RATD CMF

DISTHREE FOR MMIA LO ✓

GR 34 BT

Q 522 UNCLASSIFIED (.) FOR MMIA LO PENSOUTH (.) ESSENTIAL THAT  
COLLECTION OF 105 MM SP GUN FROM HQ RATD CMA EBOLI CMA BE EXPEDITED  
(.) OUR 9/25/S OF 25 MAY REFERS (.) REPORT COMPLETION

BT 13 1645B

SENT NR 9200 DI 131800B B1 K

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*[Handwritten signature]*

Tel-Baseball 2

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Subject:- Italian SF Gun.

Liaison Office,  
Land Forces, Sub Comm;  
A.C. (MMIA) 3 District.  
Ref. 3DLO/22.

11 Aug. 45.

To:- HQ. MMIA.

17  
Ref RAD/477 of 7 Aug, copy attached.

1. Will you please instruct War Ministry (Arty Directorate) to take the necessary action.

2. AFHQ letter 5030/Q(AE) of 23 May refers.

NT

W. M. R. Maj.  
MMIA LO 3 District.

Copies to:-

MMIA LO NAPLES  
DME  
RATD

2370

GPH/agn

*C. W. M. S.*

MMI  
13 AUG 1945  
File 22  
HQ

RESTRICTED

3 District  
Ext 8  
70/2/GSI

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*see folio 28  
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// Aug 45

SUBJECT: Equipment for GARIBALDI Regt.

AFHQ (G-3 Org)

AFHQ (G-3 Ops)

MMIA

Q (AE)

MMIA LO

ITALIAN LO

1. In view of the allotment of the GARIBALDI Inf Regt to be replaced by the SAN MARCO Regt for internal security duties in the EARL and TARANTO areas, it is considered that the following equipment should be provided for the Regt if it is to operate efficiently in an internal security role:-

- (a) 12 mine detectors; to be used for searching for buried arms and amm.
- (b) 4 heavy armoured cars; any type available would be suitable provided the main armament is a gun (as opposed to a machine gun) for dealing with buildings used as strong points.
- (c) 1 light armoured car or scout car; for the CO.

*J. P. Watson*  
(J.P. WATSON) 2369 Col.  
for Maj Gen.  
Comd.

MEMO V LROF NR 8393 (ROUTINE)

FROM M.M.I.A. 111445B

TO DISTHREE

GR - DT

12 AUG 1945

*see folio 20*

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MMIA LO  
13 AUG 1945  
File 422  
HQ 3 Distric.

Q 513 (.) UNCLASSIFIED (.) FOR MMIA LO (.) YOUR 3DLO/484 NOT RPT  
NOT AGREED (.) AUTHORITY TO ISSUE WEAPONS AND AMMO TO BR- ITI-UNITS  
WILL BE GIVEN ONLY TO COMPLETE TO VE HOLDINGS (.) AMMO  
REPLACEMENT AGAINST PRACTISE EXPENDITURE REQUIRES MMIA LO AGREEMENT  
THAT EXPENDITURE WAS REASONABLE AND GENUINE TRAINING (.) YOUR  
SECOND PARA APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN SENT WITHOUT DUE ~~C~~  
CONSIDERATION

BT

SENT NR 8393 (DML) 1620

TIC PSE KKK

AR

RD 93 1517 KJGAR

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Subject:- Dangerous amn at ROCCASECCA Station.  
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13/8/1(G)  
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MMIA Liaison Offr,  
3 District.

MMIA LO  
13 AUG 1945  
File 22  
HQ 3 District

Ref conversations Holt - Disley.

1. HQ Movements, NAPLES state that there are approx 80 - 100 tons of dangerous amn at ROCCASECCA Station.
2. It is ~~regretted~~ reported by ADOS this HQ, that as it is Italian amn, the SIOO has stated that its removal is an Italian Military affair,
3. Will you please press the Italian unit whose responsibility it will be to remove the amn, to clear the area as expeditiously as possible.
4. Contact should be made with either OC Det 603 Regt RA (Train Guard) or QMS Cater, who is the Mov rep at ROCCASECCA.
5. This station is used extensively as a feeding halt for personnel on trains passing North and South and although the area in which the amn is lying is wired off and sign posted, it is considered to be too near to be regarded as safe.

*su 20*

*John D. ...*  
Brigadier.  
Commander 56 Area.

Field.  
11 Aug 45.  
TMD/HAL

Copy to:- HQ Movements NAPLES (Your Q(M)R/45 dated 7 Aug 45 ref 2267)  
" " "A"  
" " "Q"

Tel-Baseball 2

(20)

Subject:- Italian Amn.

*see folio 30a*

Liaison Office,  
Land Forces, Sub Comd,  
A.C. (MIA) 3 District.  
Ref. 10LO/22.

10 August 45.

To:- MIA LO NAPLES.

It is reported that there are approx 80 tons of miscellaneous Italian Amn at ROCCASECCA railway halt, which once formed the load of a derailed amn train.

- 2. 3 District require to have this area cleared at an early date.
- 3. You are therefore requested to arrange with LO Terr. MIA NAPLES for the prompt collection of this amn.
- 4. Officer in charge of this work should contact Lt. Spence, 503 Regt. RA in charge of train guard at ROCCASECCA or QMS Caten Movements RTO at ROCCASECCA halt.

*C. M. M. A. K.* Maj.  
MIA LO 3 District.

Copies to:-

- Q
- Ord
- ILO
- 56 Area
- MIA

GPH/agn

*See also 2366*

3DLO/22

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MMIA LO 3 DISTRICT

9 7735 B

HQ MMIA

*see folios 22  
26.*

3DLO/484(.) RESTRICTED(.) Ref Q/23/7 of 7 Aug (.) FIRST(.) Suggest  
Gd Bns be authorised draw up SAA direct from local Arty Directorate  
without intervention MMIA LO(.) reasons(.) in good supply and essential  
for their work(.) SECOND(.) I support all amn demands Gd Bns this area

*Substantive*

2365

SUBJECT: Collection of Arms.

*L.O. 3 DIST.*  
*Major G. P. Hall (18)*  
 LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION  
 A.C. (M. M. I. A.)  
 R O M P  
 Q 23  
 10 August 1945.  
*for*

MMIA LO  
 11 JUL 1945  
 File 22  
 HQ 3 District.

TO : Ministry of War.

1. The purpose of these instructions is to provide for the procedure to be employed for the collection of arms and ammunition from ex-Partisan Bands or individuals after AMG Administered Territories are released to the control of the Italian Government.
2. The Italian Government will issue orders that all arms and ammunition will be turned in to Italian Army Depots. The turning in of the arms and ammunition will be coordinated through the local Prefects, or special Offices to be established for the purpose of handling Partisan affairs.
3. All arms and ammunition turned in to Italian Army Depots will be reported by the Depot in regular periodic inventories, with notation to the effect that the arms were received from civilians or ex-Partisans.
4. All arms and ammunition of other than Italian Origin (U.S., British, German, etc) will be reported on a special bi-monthly report to this Hq., either direct or through MMIA LO channels. This report will show the following information:

Country of Origin  
 Type and Model  
 Caliber  
 Quantity

Upon receipt of the above reports, MMIA will issue the necessary disposal instructions regarding this non-Italian material.

5. A copy of the orders issued by you to carry out the instructions in para. 3 & 4 above will be forwarded to this office.

*Wm V. Fordyce*  
 WRA V. FORDYCE, Captain 9267



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IVF/ag

*Ira V. Fordyce*  
IRA V. FORDYCE, Captain **2364**  
for Major General  
Land Forces Sub Commission

Copies to: AC for Local Government Sub Com. (Your 52/1/PAT of 4 Aug. refers).

ALL MMIA LOs.

FORM C2136 (Small)

### MESSAGE FORM

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**CONFIRMATION**

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For Action: MMIA

*see fol 24*

(a) For Information (INFO)

Message No: RAD/477 (.) RESTRICTED (.) REF LHM/113/2/112 DATED 26 MAY 45 (.)  
PLEASE EXPEDITE COLLECTION OF 105 MM ITALIAN S P GUN  
FROM THIS DEPOT

10 JUL 1945

MMIA LO  
5161 TOR 20  
JUL 1945  
HQ 3 District 236

MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN  
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MMIA L/O
29 AUG 1945
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File 22
HQ 3 District

*see folio 19.*

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION,  
A. C. (M. M. I. A.)  
R O M E  
Q/23/7  
7 August 1945

18

SUBJECT: Ammunition for Guard Bns

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Reference is made to SMRE letters 4/1975/Serv of 12 July 45, 4/1978/Sert of 14 July 45, and 4/2052/Serv undated.

2. The proper channel for requests for ammunition for Italian units under command of Allied formations is through the appropriate MMIA L/O. Therefore, request for 501 Guard Bn, 504 Guard Bn and 514 Guard Bn should pass through MMIA L/O Distthree.

*Ira V. Fordyce*  
IRA V. FORDYCE, Capt.,  
For Major General  
M. M. I. A.

JJW/ac

Copy to: MMIA L/O, s/o 3 District

2362

SUBJECT:- Policy on Italian Munitions Production

SECRET

*Wm* (15)

3 District  
BAGDAD 15/2nd 10752  
522 0

7 AUG 45

MMIA LO  
- 7 AUG 1945  
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File 22  
HQ 3 District.

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MIAO

The attached copy of AFHQ letter AG 306.3/007 GEN-0 of 2 AUG 45,  
is forwarded.

*J. Bradford.*  
(G.M. BRADFORD) 3/Genl  
for Col  
IA A GEN

307/10



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**SECRET**

RAS/fah

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
APO 512

AP583  
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: SECRET :  
: BY AUTH SAC MT :  
: Initials RS :  
: Date 2 August 1945 :  
:.....:  
2 August 1945 **ISA**

AG 388.3/087 GEG-0

SUBJECT: Policy on Italian Munitions Production.

TO: Chief Commissioner  
Allied Commission  
APO 394

**MMIA LO**  
1 Aug 1945  
File 22  
**HQ 3 District**

1. As directed by the Combined Chiefs of Staff in TAM 638 dated 21 July 1945, AFHQ letter file and subject as above dated 11 February 1945 is rescinded and the following substituted therefor as an interim policy pending the negotiation of a peace treaty when this policy will be reviewed.
2. Pending receipt of a policy directive from Combined Chiefs of Staff, the following interim policy will govern the disposition of Italian industries required for production or repair of arms, munitions or other implements of war. This policy is applicable to all such plants, tools, equipment, facilities and production in such plants, whether State owned or privately owned.
3. NO armaments, munitions or implements of war will be produced except as directed by the US and British armed forces.
4. The Allied Commission will:
  - a. Encourage the maximum utilization of all arms and munitions plants, tools and equipment essential to the Allied military effort.
  - b. Encourage the manufacture of equipment and material directed by the Allies as being necessary for the maintenance of the interim Italian Army.
  - c. Impound all tools and equipment which can produce only prohibited war-like stores, pending decision of possible use in the Allied military effort.
  - d. Incur operation of industries required for production or repair of arms, munitions or other implements of war only to the extent required by the Allied armed forces and Merchant Marine services. The output of Italian arms or munitions plant will NOT be furnished to the Italian Navy without the prior consent of the Commander in Chief, MEDITERRANEAN.

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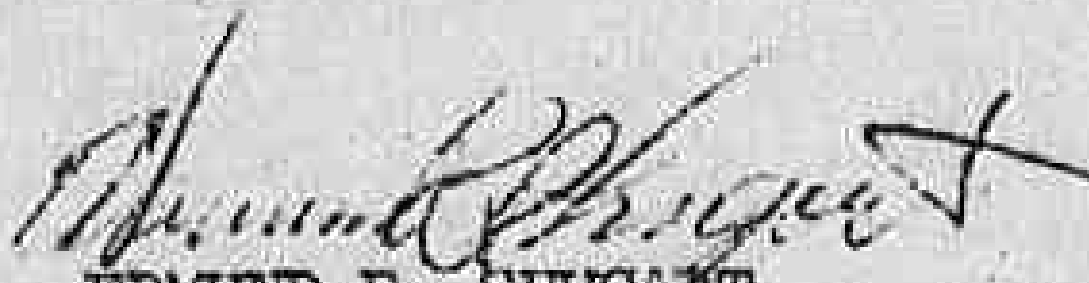
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Ltr AFHQ, APO 512, file AG 388.3/087 GEG-0, dtd 2 August 45, (Cont'd).

o. Make a survey of Italian war-like stores in arsenals, factories, depots, dumps, and in the hands of the Italian armed forces.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

  
EDMUND R. SHUGART  
Colonel, AGD  
Asst Adjutant General

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  - 1 - CinC Mod
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*WMS*  
SUBJECT : Bomb Disposal.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)

C/97

4 Aug 45

TO : MMIA LO 13 CORPS.  
MMIA LO 1 DISTRICT.  
MMIA LO 3 DISTRICT.

MMIA LO NW ITALY

MMIA LO  
- 7 AUG 1945  
File *22*  
HQ 3 District

1. AFHQ have recently placed the responsibility for Bomb Disposal in Italy on to the Ministry of War. The latter have no organisation for this purpose other than the present authorised Artillery units in the ITI-III category, and it is WCE intended to increase this ceiling.
2. It has been agreed that, apart from the loan of technical Bomb Disposal pamphlets to the Ministry of War, British Bomb Disposal officers will be available to give advice to Italian Territorial Artillery Directorates. These officers will, after 20 Aug, be available at the Chief Engineers branches of 13 Corps and 1 and 3 Districts.
3. You are requested to give the Italian authorities assistance (should it be asked for) in putting them in touch with the British officers referred to above.

*A. M. G. [Signature]*  
Major General,  
MMIA,  
*for [Signature]*

Copies to: MMIA LO NAPLES  
~~MMIA LO NW ITALY~~

Internal : A  
          Q  
          RE



Disposal in Italy on to the Ministry of War. The latter have no organisation for this purpose other than the present authorised Artillery units in the IPI-ITI category, and it is NOT intended to increase this ceiling.

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*A. W. G. ...*  
Major General,  
IMIA.

Copies to: IMIA IO NAPLES  
~~...~~

Internal : A  
Q  
RE

2360

GS 384 - 51

of 3 Jul

to AC [com to Rome]

You will request IF LGM

to whom responsibility for

D&D



MI (A)  
25 JUL 1945  
File 22  
HQ

LO 3 Dist

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION,  
A. C. (M. M. I. A.)  
R O M E  
Q/23/14  
23 July 1945

SUBJECT: Disposal of Ammunition


TO : MMA L/O's

1. Reference AFHQ letter AC386,3/163 LOG-O of 22 June 1945, subject, "Disposition of Captured Enemy Material in Italy" and further to this Headquarters letter Q/95 of 7 July 1945, subject "Ammunition Dumps."
2. The responsibility of the Italian Army for the destruction of German and Italian ammunition should not be overestimated. Reliance on the Italian Army, short in technicians, technical equipment and transportation facilities, to accomplish the destruction of more than small quantities of ammunition may have disastrous results in terms of property damaged and lives lost.
3. The Italian Army is authorized by Allied Force Headquarters to accomplish the destruction only of "small quantities of loose ammunition in unguarded dumps which constitute a hazard to life or property." As a general rule, the phrase "small quantities" of ammunition should be interpreted to mean such quantities of ammunition as would have been abandoned by individual soldiers or units of squad size. Battery and Company ammunition supply dumps may usually be presumed to fall within the "small dumps" category for which the Armies are responsible through the use of German technical demolition units. All such "small dumps" should be immediately reported to the pertinent Army Headquarters for destruction. Liaison Officers must not accept responsibility for the destruction of such small dumps on behalf of the Italian Army.

*[Signature]*  
JOHN J. [Name], 1st Lt.  
Per Colonel, [Name]  
M. M. I. A.

- Copy to: MMA L/O, NY Italy c/o 2 Dist.
- " " c/o 60 Sub Area
  - " " Fifth Army
  - " " Rear 5th Army
  - " " c/o 151 Sub Area
  - " " 1 District
  - " " 5th Army for Fox
  - " " c/o Liaison Sec. PBS APO 762
  - " " c/o Florence City Cmd. APO 782
  - " Q/13
  - " "Q"2
  - " Arty Records
  - Public Safety Sub Commission, A. C.
  - MP & IFW Sub Commission, A. C.
  - Q/20/A file
  - Q/95 file

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### MESSAGE FORM

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MMIA ~~ROME~~  
(W) For Information (INFO)

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HN LUS (C) RESTRICTED (C) REF SPOKE WARD - THRU PP SUBJECT ITALIAN AMN BARI AND CALABRIA FOR TN NORTH (C) OKD DISTHREE STATE OWING LACK BRIT FOODS INSPECTION BY ITALIAN EQUIVALENT WILL SUFFICE														
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Subject:- Amn Disposal - PIGNATARO

27 JUN 1945

MMIA LO
STAL MAP 48 194
File 22
HQ 3 District.

3 District  
Baseball Ext 117  
OS4/4002 (126)

27 June 45

MMIA 3 District

1. The u/m amn has been located in the main street of PIGNATARO INTERAMNA, Map Ref 8215 SHEET 17 ITALY 1 - 200,000 (approx 5 miles from CASSINO) :-

Shell, Rocket assisted L.I. Gr 21 cm Fsd AZ 23NA	-	166
Shell 75 mm (German) Fzd Var - Various fused	-	100 (Approx)
Bombs 81 mm HE (Italian) w/o Fuzes	-	200

2. Local civilians report further quantities of German amn in neighbouring fields.

3. It is already noted that large quantities of German amn are being stacked beside ROUTE 6 north of CASSINO by Italian squads clearing the CASSINO area. It is thought that PIGNATARO could be included conveniently in the main clearances.

4. Accordingly, please say if you can arrange disposal of stocks outlined at Para 1 above.

*Amn 57-0 (10)*

*Will D. Margerison*  
2356 Col  
EDOS  
(N.D. MARGERISON)

MMIA LO  
15 MAY 1945  
File 22  
HQ 3 District.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION,  
A. C. (M. M. I. A.)  
R O M E  
Q/23/4  
14 May 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Ammunition  
for British CD Btrys.

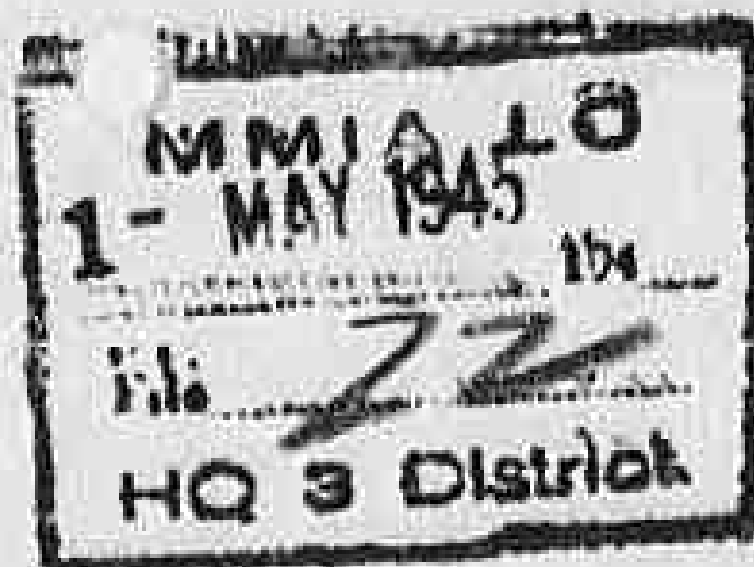
TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Reference our Q/23/4 of 27 April 45, subject as above.
2. All releases of ammunition for 203 Fixed Defences R. A. are hereby cancelled.

*John J. Ward*  
JOHN J. WARD, 1st Lt.  
For Major General  
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: MMIA L/O, Sardinia  
MMIA L/O, 3 District  
MMIA L/O, Naples

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION,  
A. C. (M. M. I. A.)  
R O M E  
Q/23/4  
27 April 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Ammunition  
for British GD Bgy's.

TO : A.P.H.Q.  
(Att: Ordnance (British))

1. Reference your DOS/45/2(4) of 17 April 1945, subject as above.
2. Hereby released to 203 Fixed Defences, RA, are 1000 rounds of 90/53 ammunition from stocks in Sardinia. These 1000 rounds are additional to the 1000 listed in our Q/23/4 of 9 April 1945, subject as above.
3. It is understood that the JCO from 3 District will examine available stocks in Sardinia and arrange for shipment of suitable rounds to mainland.

  
F. A. COLE, Major  
For Major General  
M. M. I. A.

J.W/ac

Copy to: MMIA L/O Sardinia  
Ministry of War  
HQ 3 District  
CO 203 Fixed Defences, R.A.  
MMIA L/O, 3 District

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SUBJECT: Release of Arms

MMIA LO  
13 APR 1945  
File 22  
HQ 3 District

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LIAISON OFFICER  
LAND FORCES SUB COMM. A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)  
NAPLES  
G/4

12 April 1945

Commanding General,  
Comando Territoriale Napoli

Copy to: Direzione di Artiglieria,  
Comando Territoriale Napoli  
MMIA LO 3 District  
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (M.M.I.A.)  
(reference conversation WARD - CLARK)

1. MMIA has authorized the release of 1,000 Moschetti, Mod. 38, Cal. 7.35 to 3 District for training at Reviscanina Camp.
2. Please prepare these and inform MMIA LO 3 District where they may be collected.

*George D. Smith Jr.*  
GEORGE D. SMITH JR.  
Lt. Col. Infantry  
Senior Liaison Officer

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FJAC/nl

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*Seen Rules 4*  
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FENSOUTH for MMIA LO

HN/327 (.) RESTRICTED (.) arrange collection from DIREZION  
ARTIGLIERIA NAPOLI of 1000 MOSCHETTI MOD 38 CAL 7.35 for trg  
purposes your BRD (.) no dummy am available (.) report  
completion detail (.) MMIA sig Q/166 of 11 is authy

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*Tommy Ray*

IMPORTANT

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MEDY V LROF NR 1307 - PRIORITY -

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FROM MMIA 111830B

TO DISTHREE FOR MMIA LO

INFO DISTHREE - MMIA L O PENSOUTH

TR 27

/166 RESTRICTED

REBY RELEASED TO 803 BASE REINFORCEMENT DEPOT ARE 1000  
MOSCHETTI MOD 38 CAL [REDACTED] 7.35 FROM NAPLES ARTY  
DIRECTORATE (.) YOUR HN 138 OF 7 APRIL REFERS

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BT 111830B

SENT NR 1307 1// 2214B HTH VA AR K

RD 1307 2214B AMORT BBBB

MMIA LO  
12 APR 1975  
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MEDY V LROF NR 1307 - PRIORITY -

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FROM MMIA 111830B

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INFO DISTHREE - MMIA LO PENSOUTH

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MMIA LO DISTHREE

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MMIA

*Two  
Moschetti  
File 22  
old series*

HN/318 (.) RESTRICTED (.) ref your AQ 23 of 26 jan para 1b (.)  
ONE (.) 1000 MOSCHETTI model 38 or 40 (.) 5000 rds dummy amm (.)  
TWO (.) trg BR-ITI rfts 803 BRD (.) THREE (.) 803 BRD (.) FOUR (.)  
RAVISCANINA (.) GOC DISTHREE pressing for urgent consignment

*B. K. ...*

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MMIA LO  
3 APR 1945  
File 22  
HQ 3 District.

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EDOG DISTURB

DOS (ODD 4) APHQ

MMIA LO - BY HAND  
ODD 16 BAD

OSA/4002 (.) RESTRICTED (.) YOUR FX 50613 OF 27 (.) ARE DESPATCHED  
14 BAD TODAY (.) CONDITION OF AMN AND PACKAGES FULLY SERVICABLE (.) MIXED  
CONSIGNMENT AP AND APPO (.) CONVERSATION STEEL - MARGERISON REFERS

*Handwritten:* 1-11-44

*Handwritten signature:* Alice Margerison  
MAYN

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EDDY V LANE NR 37  
QV 2 - 4  
FRQ AFHQ 271507A  
TO MMIA

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MMIA LO  
28 MAR 1945  
File 22  
HQ 3 District.

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INFO MMIA LO  
DISTHREE  
COO 16 BAD

*Handwritten:* MMIA Naples  
Dialist

GR 90 BT  
RESTRICTED FX 50613

FIRST (.) FOR MMIA (.) 12000 ROUNDS 47/32 ITALIAN A/TK AMN  
RELEASED TO COO 16 BAD FROM ITALIAN DEPOTS IN NAPLES  
TERRITORIAL COMMAND (.) SIGNED SIGNED CITE FHQBQ (.)  
REQUEST YOU ISSUE NECESSARY INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORM  
DISTHREE OF LOCATION THIS AMN (.)

SECOND (.) FOR DISTHREE (.) ON RECEIPT ABOVE INFORMATION ARRANGE  
5 PER CENT INSPECTION BY 100 AND IF 5 PER CENT SHOWS FAULTS 100  
PER CENT INSPECTION (.) CONCENTRATE 12000 SERVICEABLE ROUNDS  
16 BAD WHERE DAMAGED PACKAGES WILL BE REPAIRED IF  
NECESSARY (.) REPORT COMPLETION THIS HQ WHEN FURTHER  
ORDERS WILL BE ISSUED

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BT 271507A

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VIA DISTRESS

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File 22  
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HN/255 (.) ref your AQ/23 of 26 Jan (.) nil return

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