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G/98 Operational Equipment
Opened Jan 26, 1945. Closed Jan 26, 1946
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Subject: Manufacture of Ammunition for CC.M.

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Lead Service Sub Commission A.C.
(M. E. Y. A.)
RUE.
L.OG.

26 January, 1945.

To: War Ministry.

Reference is made to your 50605/M dated 18 Jan 45.

1. Arrangements are being made for the release from Allied stocks of 8,000,000 rounds of 9 mm ammunition (Parabellum).

2. Approval is given for the manufacture of the following maximum quantity of small arm ammunition:

9 mm Pistol	8,000,000
7.65 mm	500,000
10.35 mm	1,400,000
6.35 mm	100,000

The above represents the estimated minimum requirement of ammunition for CC.M., including Royal Finance Guard and Police Forces.

3. You are required to notify this H.Q. the firms with which contracts for manufacture will be placed and to notify the precautionary measures which will be taken to ensure that the output of such manufacturing concerns is exclusively under the control of the War Ministry.

4. Bearing in mind that in all probability the Italian arms at present held by units of the Interim Italian Army will be replaced by Allied weapons, and thus become available as a reserve for the CC.M., it may be found possible, as a measure of economy, to reduce the amount of ammunition to be manufactured below the figures given above which will at present constitute the maximum. You are requested to give an assurance to this effect.

5. As regards your request to acquire 20,000 9 mm Automatic Carbinos and 80,000 .9 mm automatic pistols of new manufacture, further details are required as to the necessity for this, bearing in mind the total holdings of Italian weapons and the policy outlined in the preceding paragraph. A review of the weapon tables of the CC.M. is now being undertaken, and it is considered that manufacture should not be authorized until a more accurate estimate can be given of the weapons required and stocks available.

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Lt. Col. QUARLES Lt. Col.

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Adelbert

R. A. DUNNIES Lt. Col.
for Major General,
M. H. I. A.

COPY FOR 6224 (REFERENCE YEAR 1957/58/3 dated 25 Jan 46)

Ad. for Executive Coordinator (reference your 5012/143/10
Ray, J. C. A. C. dated 22 May 45)

Interval: ✓

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DATE: 2/2/12

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Subject : Policy : Equipment, ITALIAN Army.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC (RMIA)

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To : List 'B'

15 Jan 46

1. For your information, verbal notification has been received from GHQ that it is agreed that the ITALIAN Army, less CCRR, shall be equipped throughout with BRITISH weapons.
2. The necessary weapons, with certain deficiencies, notably in pistols and 2" Mortars, are available in this theatre.
3. Subject to confirmation by Chiefs of Staffs Committee, WASHINGTON, it is hoped that bulk transfer to the ITALIAN Govt may begin by mid FEB.
4. CCRR will be equipped substantially with weapons of ITALIAN pattern.
5. Policy as to vehicles is not yet firm. BRITISH vehs less 5,800 load and passenger carriers are available. Negotiations are in progress between GHQ and MTOUSA.
6. None of this information will at present be passed to the ITALIANS.

ARCS/ljb

Asst. Comdant
for Brigadier GS. *65*

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CCAA Ray (6 Bole.)

Holdings as at 5 Dec 45

Automatic Carbine	Budo.	6.5 mm	767.
"	"	Benetta .8 mm	17
"	Righter	9 mm	189
Musket	1891/1892		8689.
Revolvers.			669
Pistol's automatic Benetta			3063

Ray

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Pistols automatic Beretta

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MESSAGE FORM

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FROM : M.M.I.A.

TO : 11 ILL

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SD 3122.

REF YOUR C/21 OF 12TH (.) ACTION NOT ALLIED RESPONSIBILITY (.)

TERRITORIAL COMMANDER SHOULD APPLY ITALIAN CHANNELS TO WAR MINISTRY (.)

WILL CHECK THIS END ON ITALIAN ACTION TAKEN (.)

RECEIVED IMMEDIATE

AUTHENTICATION W. K. L.

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM : 11 BLU

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TO : MMIA ROME (RAAC PASS)

SECRET

REF : G/21

OP PRIORITY

LARGE SCALE BANDIT RAIDS ON CC.RR STATIONS CONTINUING (.)
ESSENTIAL THAT THE FOLLOWING BE MADE AVAILABLE AS EARLY AS
POSSIBLE ARMoured CARS PREFERABLY ALLIED (.) LIGHT MACHINE
GUNS (.) RADIO SETS FOR SMALL STATIONS (.) VEHICLES EQUIPPED WITH
RADIO (.) ALSO 3,000 CC.RR REINFORCEMENTS (.)
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'G' DISTRIBUTION:

ACTION : G/98

INFO : G/92

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14 Jan 46

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM : AFHQ from G(SD)/CMF.
TO : TROOPERS
INFO : MMIA
REF : FX 58511

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REF FX 57370 OF 28 DEC AND CONVERSATION LT COL KIRKNESS
(LM5) - MAJOR HOLMES (.) MAY EARLY REPLY NOW BE GIVEN

SD DISTRIBUTION :
ACTION : G/98
INFO : SD/109
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I get the message copied
HUNTER and
get out early - do for only verbal on GSO II and

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SUBJECT: CGMR: Equipment: Vehicles.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (PHEA)

6/98

14 Jan 46

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

This HQ has been notified by AFHQ that Armoured Cars, of more modern design than the STAGHOUNDS already held by CGMR Mobile Bns, are likely to be made available shortly both for training the necessary crews, and for operational equipment of CGMR Mobile Bns.

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Internal: 6(Trg)
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Approved
for
Major General,
H. H. I. A.

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Subject : OC.HR Issue of Hand Grenades.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E.

Q.008 ----- 9 Jan. 1946.

To : War Ministry.

Reference your 224853 dated 30 Nov 45.

1. The restraints imposed in this H.Q. letter Q/23 dated 15 Jul 45 are no longer operative.

2. The issue of hand grenades is at your discretion, subject to such policy as may be laid down by the Italian Government. In this connection your attention is drawn to the letter of 12 Oct 44 addressed to the Secretary of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers by Civil Affairs Section of the Allied Commission (a copy of which accompanied your letter under reply).

L. Browning
Major General.
M.M.I.A.

Copy to : A.C. (for Civil Affairs Section).
A.C. (for Public Safety Sub Commission).
"G" Branch.

Col. GS
GSO I (D) →
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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM : G(SD) CMF

TO : TROOPERS MMLA

REF : FX 57370

G (SD) Govd. Advice
 was in we are hoping
 to get some more armed
cars early.
 G (Trs) to prepare for them WP

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SECRET

SUBJECT IS ARMoured CARS FOR ITALIAN CARABINIERI (.)

1 (.) OUR PREVIOUS SIGNAL HAS STRESSED IMPORTANCE
 STRENGTHENING CC RR TO ASSIST IN MAINTAINING CIVIL SECURITY
 IN VIEW FREQUENT INCIDENTS OF DISORDER PARTICULARLY IN
 NORTHERN ITALY (.)

2 (.) CONSIDERATION BEING GIVEN TO RE-EQUIPMENT OF ITALIAN
 ARMY GENERALLY BUT DO NOT CONSIDER/ADVISABLE TO DELAY ISSUE
 MINIMUM QUANTITIES MORE IMPORTANT ITEMS TO CC RR AND HAVE
 RECENTLY ISSUED ITALIAN SMALL ARMS AND ITEMS SHOWN OUR
 F56008 OF 17TH AND F56204 OF 13TH (.)

3 (.) PROVISIONALLY ESTIMATED REQUIREMENTS FOR ARMoured CARS
 IS 24 FOR CC RR TRAINING ESTABLISHMENT AND 12 PER MOBILIZATION
 BATTALLION TOTAL 168 OF WHICH 47 STAGHOUNDS ALREADY HELD (.)
 PENDING FIRM RECOMMENDATION CONSIDER RELEASE OF BALANCE
 ESSENTIAL AS INTERIM MEASURE AND RECOMMEND ISSUE FURTHER
 STAGHOUNDS (.)

4 (.) REQUEST YOUR APPROVAL TO ASSUME STAGHOUNDS AS BASIC
 VEHICLE FOR FUTURE EQUIPMENT OF ITALIAN UNITS AS LARGEST THEATRE
 ARMoured CAR SURPLUS IS IN THIS TYPE AND CC RR ALREADY HAD
 EXPERIENCE THESE VEHICLES (.) ALSO REQUEST AUTHORITY ISSUE
 BALANCE VEHICLES SHOWN PARA 3 ABOVE

G DISTRIBUTION :

ACTION : G/98
 INFO : SD/109
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TRANSLATION.

From: E. of S.
To: M.M.I.A.

to be assigned to 6/5/8.
Sardinia to Sicily
Topic E. of S. to Sicily
Subject: Assignment of armoured cars.

Ref: 6/10394/Sent
Date: 2/19/45

SD/47

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Bearing in mind the present delicate situation on the island, Palermo Military Territorial Command, has requested, the assignment of 15 medium armoured cars as a reinforcement to the vehicles they already have. Said armoured cars are available at the 14th Repair Unit, Sardinia.

This S.M. thinks that it would be advisable to adhere to the request and beg M.M.I.A., if they do not object, to order the necessary instructions for the transport of the said materials from Sardinia to Sicily.

R. BERRERA, C1
A

Public Safety
in agreement

(Sgd) Gen. Giorgi Liuzzi

Said equipment would be within authorized scale

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AL/In

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
Ufficio Servizi -- Sezione Automobilistica
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N.6/10394 /Serv. di prot.-

O G G E T T O: Assegnazione carri armati.-

Roma - P.M.3800,14 2 Ottobre 1945

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. - M.M.I.A.
per conoscenza:
AL CABINETTO
ALLA DIREZIONE GENERALE ARTIGLIERIA E MOTORIZZAZIONE
AL COMANDO GENERALE DELL'ARMA DEI CC.RR.

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Il Comando Militare Territoriale di Palermo, tenuto conto dell'attuale delicata situazione dell'Isola, ha richiesto, in rinforzo ai mezzi di cui già dispone, l'assegnazione di 15 carri armati medi, disponibili ed efficienti presso il 14° Reparto Riparazioni della Sardegna.

Questo S.M. è del parere di aderire alla richiesta e prega codesta I.F.S.C., qualora nulla osti, voler impartire le disposizioni di competenza per il trasporto della Sardegna in Sicilia del materiale di cui trattasi.-



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Data 2/10
Time 16.30

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DATE: 1/2/10

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C/Ref
SUBJECT : Equipment - deficiencies

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
(H.M.I.A.)
ROMS
9/160
1. November 1945

TO : Ministry of War

For info (58/351)

Ref: is made to this HQ. signal SD 2904 16 July 1945, relevant extract from which is given below:

- Seventh - Equipment and vehicles of both 3rd Maro and Carabinieri Rgt's are to be charged against the Italian Govt and instructions for the hand over will be issued through Italian channels.
- Eighth - Min of War will therefore arrange: proper hand over of personal arms and all unit equipment both British and Italian.

It is now reported that vehicles, stores and equipment as listed on attached appendices were retained by the 3rd Maro Regt.

You are requested to inform this HQ. what action is being taken to recover these items and to make good the resulting deficiencies which are suffered by the Carabinieri Regiment.

Atkinson.

R.A. CARTERS Lt. Col.
for Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(H.M.I.A.)

Copy to:
Navy Sub Comm. - 53 MIL - MIA - 0.

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R. A. Curties

R. A. CURTIES Lt. Col.
for Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. S. I. A.)

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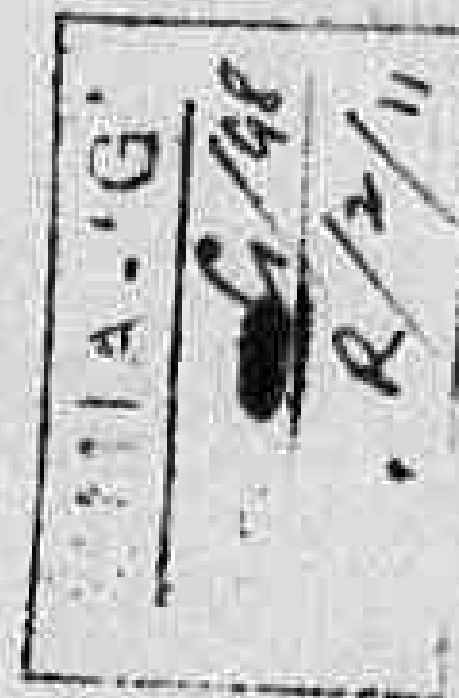
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ELenco DEI VEICOLI GIA' IN CARICO AL REG. MARIA "S. MARCO" NON TRASFERITI
AL RACCOMANDO "GARIBOLDI"

1. L'autocarro Bedford 3 ton. C.S. targa L. 5951948, inviato dal Btg. Carlo in servizio a Torino non e' ancora rientrato al Regt. "Garibaldi".
2. L'autocarro Austin 3 ton. C.S. dello stesso Btg., in servizio presso il Deposito del Regt. S. Marco in S. Rosa (Roma), non e' a tutt'oggi rientrato al Regt. "Garibaldi".
3. L'autocarro Chevrolet 15 CV C.S. targa L. 1630530 in carico alla Cp. Mortal, di cui al foglio 9969 in data 25 agosto di recente quando non si trova ne' alle officine ne' presso gli accertamenti del reparto.
4. Per il Carrier Lloyd T. 253984, in carico alla Cp. Camorini, intestato al 30/6/45, non e' stata data alcuna consegna al reparto.
5. Il Brum Carrier T. 50547 che delle situazioni figura in carico alla Cp. Mortal di codesto Regt., non risulta passata in carico a nessuno dei reparti del Regt. "Garibaldi".
6. Per la motocicletta B.S.A. C. 4347852 rubata, in carico al Btg. battile, non e' stato trasmesso alcun verbale per ottenere lo scarico.
7. Nessun documento amministrativo e' stato rilasciato per i seguenti mezzi che compaiono in loro attuale posizione:

- Bedford 3. ton C.S.	L. 4913443 del Btg. "Orade"
- Chevrolet 15 CV C.S.	L. 1640528 " " " "
- " " " C.S.	L. 1640567 " " " " " " " "
- Ford 15 CV C.S.	L. 4983093 " " " " " " " "
- Autob. Ford 15 CV	L. 4551977 " " " " " " " "
8. I seguenti motoveicoli non sono stati trasferiti al Regt. "Garibaldi":	
- N/c B.S.A.	C. 1120591 Compagnia Reggimentale
- " " "	C. 1120476 " " Mortal
- " " "	C. 1120375 " " " "
- Matchless	C. 5200650 " " " "
- Norton	C. 5270907 Btg. Carlo

4. Per il Carrier Lloyd T. 253901, in carico alla Op. Carissimi, incasellato al 30/6/45, non e' stata data alcuna consegna al reparto.
5. Il Bron Carrier T. 50347 che delle situazioni figura in carico alla Op. Motosi di colosso Sgt., non risulta presente in carico a nessuno dei reparti del Regt. "Caribolli".
6. Per la motocicletta B.S.A. C. 4347832 rubata, in carico al Btg. bacile, non e' stato trasmesso alcun verbale per ottenere lo scarico.
7. Nessun documento amministrativo e' stato rilasciato per i seguenti mezzi che coprono la loro attuale posizione:

- Bedford 3. ton G.S.	1.4915443 del Btg. "Orato"
- Chevrolet 15 CWT G.S.	2.1610508 " "
- " " " G.S.	3.1610567 " " "Carole"
- Ford 15 CWT G.S.	4.1983093 " " "
- Autob. Ford 15 CWT	5.4351977 " " "

8. I seguenti notevoli non sono stati trasferiti al Regt "Caribolli":

- W/c B.S.A.	C.1420691 Compagnia Reggimentale
- " " "	C.1410176 " Mortali
- " " "	C.1412375 " "
- Matchless	C.5800650 " "
- Norton	C.5270907 Btg. Carole

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Allegato No. 2

ELenco DEL MATERIALE RICHIEDUTO AL L.A.D. "3. MARCO" E PER PASSATO IN
OFFICINA AL L.A.D. "GAMBALDI"

P.A.	No.	Descrizione	No.
0401	1	Trasero a cricchetto	1
0595	1	Calibro a compasso per int 3	1
0596	1	" " " " est 3	1
0792	2	Cofand per aggiustatori	2
0925	2	Moran C 2 1/2	2
1077	1	Punzone di ottone 1/2	1
	1	" " " 1	1
2134	1	Martelli di rame	1
2230	1	Martellino da orologio	1
2406	1	Saldatore diritto	1
4350	1	Coforo saldatura scottelone	1
2475	1	Lampade per saldature da 5 pinte	1
3252	1	Pistola ad olio	1
3545	1	Pince da sigillo	1
4444	1	Seghetto ad arco	1
4459	1	Sega a mano 26	1
4491	1	Sega a mano 14	1
4828	1	Chiave registrabile 15	1
4839	1	Chiave doppia 7/8 - 1	1
7645	1	Pillore a dadi BSE 1/43	1
7646	1	" " " 1/3	1
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7648	1	" " " 5/8	1
7674	1	" " " BSW 1/4	1
7675	1	" " " 3/8	1
7676	1	" " " 1/2	1
7677	1	" " " 5/8	1
7824	1	Moran a sella 3 1/4	1
7942	1	Chiave registrabile 4	1
13 2310	1	Attornamento per saldatura scottelone	1
10083	1	Notella retrice 100 piedi	1
10364	1	Chiavi file doppie a stella AF	1
10084	1	3/16 - 1/4	1
10085	1	5/16 - 3/8	1
10087	1	7/16 - 1/2	1
10089	1	9/16 - 5/8	1
10091	1	1 1/16 - 3/4	1
10093	1	1 1/8 - 7/8	1
10095	1	1 1/4 - 1 1/2	1
10097	1	1 3/8 - 1 7/8	1
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10105	1	2 1/4 - 3	1
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10131	1	5 1/2 - 5 3/4	1
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Allegato No. 1

MATERIALE LASCIATO IN MENO DAL REGIMENTO "SAN MARCO" AL REGIMENTO "CARIBALDI"

MATERIALE CITROVIALE

Denominazione del materiale	In carico al S. Marco	Presento in consegna al Rgt. Caribaldi	Differenza	Segnalato come pervenuto per consegna al fucile maggiore (1)	Da giustificare
Fucili M4	1912	1858	54	20	
Fuc. per tri. scelto	12	10	2	10	
Pistola Smith	116	86	30	22	
" da segnal.	25	13	8	7	
Piat	63	64	2	-	
Fuc. Aut. Tompkins	528	469	68	52	
Fuc. Mitr. Bren	200	198	2	-	
Mitr. Vibers	12	12	-	-	
Barica 2 poll.	64	64	-	-	
Nortel 3 poll.	21	21	-	-	
Biscopoli no. 2	96	68	28	24	
Bussola prismatica	97	70	27	24	
Orologi G.S.	96	59	37	33	
Ricercatori mine	20	7	13	13	

(1) Dati desunti dai verbali di partita materiale inviati dal Rgt. S. Marco che essendo stati consegnati in modo esatto, sono stati ritrasmessi al Rgt. per la compilazione.

MATERIALE CITROVIALE

Denominazione della munizione	No. consegnato in meno
Per fucili M4	68857
Per fucili mitr. Bren	16387
Per mitr. Vibers	68838
Per fucili mitr. Tompkins	52314
Per mortaro da 2 poll.	2811
Per pist	130
Per cannone da 6 libbre	90
Pompe a mano	672
"	600

Fucili MK 1	1942	1898	24	20
Fuc. per tri, scelto	12	10	2	10
Pistola Smith	146	85	8	22
" da segnal.	26	18	1	7
Piat	63	64	2	52
Fuc. Aut. Tompkins	523	460	16	-
Fuc. Mitr. Bren	200	198	2	-
Mitr. Vickers	12	12	-	-
Mortai 2 poll.	64	64	-	-
Mortai 3 poll.	21	21	-	-
Binocoli no. 2	95	68	-	-
Bussola prismatica	97	70	4	24
Orologi C.S.	96	59	6	21
Ricercatori mine	23	7	4	33

(1) Dati desunti dai verbali di perdita materiale inviati dal Regt. S. Mario che essendo stati compilati in modo errato, sono stati ritrasmessi al Regt. per la compilazione.

MATERIALI

Descrizione delle munizioni	No. consegnato in mano
Per fucili med. 4	68853
Per fucili mitr. Bren	46287
Per mitr. Vickers	68858
Per fucili auten. Tompkins	52344
Per mortai da 2 poll.	2044
Per piat	430
Per cannone da 6 libbre	90
Bombe a mano 36	672
" " 69	600
" " 74	240
" " 75	1142
" " 77	1284
Ino.	12

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CARIBALDI DA 4 CALIBRI

Assegnati al Regt. S. Mario	Coatati al Regt. Caribaldi	Manquant
No. 806	61	745

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Subject: Material for R.R. Academies.

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

ROME,
6/98.

22 Sept 45

To: MINISTRY OF WAR.

7042
Reference your 2592/H/8 of 17 Sept 45.

1. Until the policy for equipping the future Italian forces is made known it is regretted that no issues of equipment can be made to the Regia Accademia.
2. In order that we may take note of your requirements in this line it would be helpful if you would forward to us the projected establishments of instructors equipment etc on which you envisage the Academy will run.

[Signature] M. G. L.
Major General
M. M. I. A.

WIM/fja

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TRANSLATION.

From: Ministry of War.

To: M.M.I.A.

33.

Ref: 2692/H/8

Subject: Armament *and* Material for the RR. Academies.

Date: 17/9/45.

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Reference G/98 dated the 17 July 1945.

Says NO to a previous demand

- 1) - As known, on the 1st of Nov. a supplementary battle course for the recruiting of 250 2nd. Lts. for the regular army will take place at the RR. Academy at Lecce.
- 2) - During the course ending on the 31/8/45, the cadets were trained in, apart from tactics and Italian weapons, in tactics used by British forces. It would have been desirable to extend said training to technique of weapons and material issued to combat groups, but this was not possible due to the lack of suitable training material.
- 3) - The next course will be of an exclusively practical ~~character~~, so that cadets can be employed immediately after they have finished the course at the Royal Academy, and therefore I deem it necessary to make available, from the very beginning, samples of Allied weapons and material, so that the cadets may acquire the necessary practice and knowledge of same.

- 4) - I, therefore, inform you of the advisability of issuing the Academy, during the month of October, with samples of each of the following weapons and material:

Pistols Cal .38.

Rifles No.3.

Rifles No.4.

Thompson Machine Carbine.

L.M.G. "Bren".

Mortars 2".

Mortars 3".

P.I.A.T.

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GSO 2 (M)	X <i>20</i>
GSO 2 (S)	
GSO 2 (W)	
GSO 2 (L)	
GSO 3 (M)	X <i>10</i>
GSO 3 (S)	
GSO 3 (L)	

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P.I.A.T.

Anti-tank gun 6pounder.

Anti-tank gun 17 lbs.

Gun 25 pounder.

Anti-aircraft gun 40mm.

Hand grenades (36-67-69).

Medium tanks.

Mines and explosives.

Telephones ("L" - "P" - D.V. - 10 line U.C.)

18 Sets and 19 Sets.

Carter.

Sgd. 1937

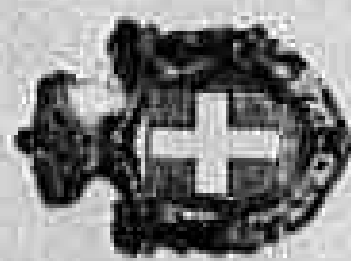
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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO

UFFICIO OPERAZIONI E ADDESTRAMENTO

SEZIONE ADDESTRAMENTO

N. 2692/H/B

di prot. Add.

P.N. 3800, 17 settembre 1945

OGGETTO: Armi e materiali per le RR. Accademie.

ALLA LAND FORCES SUR COMMISSION - A.C. (M.M.S.A.)
 (rif. G/98 del 17 luglio U.S.)

R O M A

- 1.- Come è noto, col prossimo 1° novembre, avrà inizio presso le RR. Accademie di Lecce il corso straordinario combattenti per il reclutamento di 250 sottotenenti in servizio permanente.
- 2.- Durante il corso terminato il 31 agosto 1945, gli allievi sono stati addestrati, oltre che alla conoscenza dei procedimenti tattici e delle armi italiane, anche alla conoscenza dei procedimenti tattici in uso nell'esercito britannico. Sarebbe stato desiderabile estendere tali conoscenze alla tecnica delle armi e materiali in distribuzione ai gruppi di combattimento, ma ciò non è stato possibile per deficienza di materiali didattici appropriati.
- 3.- Il prossimo corso sarà svolto a carattere eminentemente pratico, nell'intento di consentire l'immediato impiego degli allievi al termine del periodo trascorso nelle RR. Accademie, e pertanto ritengo indispensabile poter disporre, fin dall'inizio, degli esemplari di armi e materiali alleati, occorrenti per far acquistare agli allievi la pratica e la conoscenza necessarie.
- 4.- Rappresento, pertanto, l'opportunità di distribuire all'Accademia stessa, entro il prossimo mese di ottobre, qualche esemplare di ciascuna delle armi e dei materiali seguenti:
 - pistola calibro da 0,38 pollici
 - fucile n° 3
 - fucile n° 4
 - fucile automatico Thompson

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TRANSLATION

ROMA

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 - pistola colibro da 0,38 pollici
 - fucile no 3
 - fucile no 4
 - moschetto automatico Thompson
 - fucile mitragliatore Bren
 - mortaio da due pollici
 - mortaio da tre pollici
 - lanciabombe anticarro per fanteria (P.I.A.T.).

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TRANSPARATION

IN

Time 09:00

Date 18/9

OUT

Time 15:30

Date 20/9

- cannone da 6 libbre
- cannone controcarro da 17 libbre
- cannone da 25 libbre
- cannone contraereo da 40 mm.
- bombe a mano (tipi 36 - 67 - 69)
- carri armati medi
- mine ed esplosivi
- telefoni (tipi "L" - "M" - D.V. - centralino a 10 linee con chiamata universale S.B.U.C.)
- stazioni radio n. 18 - n. 19.

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

Alcorno

SECRET

28 August 1945

TO: Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
AFC 394
FOR: Land Forces Sub-Commission (LSTIA)

FILE: 6/98
DATE: 2/6/99

GSO 1
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SECRET

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Tel-Baseball 2

Subject:- Tanks for SAN MARCO Regt.

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

Ref. 1DL0/22.

23 Aug 45.

To:- 10 Terr. HQ. (Regt. Headquarters)

HQ. MMIA inform me that according to their records there are 22 Italian tanks in 2 SVP 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.

10 Terr. HQ.	X	7 W.C.	X
10 Terr. HQ.	X	1 F.	X
10 Terr. HQ.	X	1 W.C.	X
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10 Terr. HQ.			
10 Terr. HQ.			

Cromby Maj.
MMIA LO 3 District.

Copy to:-

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HQ. MMIA
MMIA LO NAPLES
227 Div.

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G-OPS

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SUBJECT: Equipment for GARIBOLDI Regt

AFHQ (G-3 Org)

AFHQ (G-3 Ops)

MMIA

Q (AE)

MMIA LO

ITALIAN LO

3 District
Ext 8

70/2/GSI

11 Aug 45

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1. In view of the allotment of the GARIBOLDI Inf Regt/to be replaced by the SAN MARCO Regt, for internal security duties in the BARI 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.

action in 8/5/8

MMIA
FILE: <i>6/98</i>
DATE: <i>14/8</i>

GEO 1

GEO 2 (10/5)

GEO 2 (50)

GEO 2 (10/5)

GEO 2 (10)

GEO 2 (10)

GEO 3 (10/5)

GEO 3 (10)

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(J.P. WATSON) Lt Col.
for Maj Gen.
Comd.

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Subject:- Incomplete Tanks.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.O.
(M. M. I. A.) ROSE.

Q/5

7 August, 45.

To:-

Ministry of War.

Reference your letter 21173 dated 30 June 45.

1. No action will be taken regarding the incomplete tanks and hulls at the Ansaldo S A Fossati Works - Milan.
2. They will remain there, incomplete, until further instructions are issued by this H.Q.

f. J. J.
R.A. CURTIES Lt. Col.
for Major General.
M. M. I. A.

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14/2701/3/9

27 Jul 45

SUBJECT: Equipment - Gruppi

AMHQ C-3 (Org)

1. Re your signal PX 23937 dated 17 Jul 45.

2. A conference has now been held at this HQ with reps of 50 and 53 BUs, to determine what arty equipments and vehicles could be withdrawn from the Gruppi. Recommendations on equipments etc for retention are attached at Appendix 'A'.

3. These recommendations are based on the Gruppi continuing to be employed on internal security and guard duties. It was visualised that they would be required either to operate against guerilla bands in open country, or to suppress disturbances in cities. Account was not taken of the possibility of fighting with organised forces: in that event full equipment would be required.

4. Any stores and equipment not specifically mentioned should be retained at present scale, although certain attractive items could with advantage be withdrawn from units and held centrally under Gruppi arrangements. This is a matter, it is felt, that should be left to the HQ and Gruppi to decide, though a strong recommendation has been made by this HQ to BUs concerned that attractive items such as watches, compasses, binoculars be withdrawn and any transport not required for day to day work be put off the road.

C.A. HINDSALL,
Major General,
Commanding,
No.1 District.

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pendix 'A' to
2701/3/0 dated
27 Jul 45

A. Arty Equipments

	No to be retained	Percentage reduction	Remarks
Guns 25 pdr with trailers	16	50%	Recommend retention all 25 pdrs. Morale of gunners.
17 pdrs A/Tk	12	50%	Retain also for training and morale
6 pdrs A/Tk	140		
Before			
Mortars 3"			
Mortars 2"			
Vickers MG			
Personal weapons			
Gun stores			
'A' Vehicles			
Carriers Universal	50		24 per Inf Regt. 1 per Bty equipped with guns. 15 per Inf Regt.
" 4.2 Mortar (new)	30		Replaced by tractors on basis 2 tractors per 6 pdr A/Tk.
" 4.2 Mortar (old)	Nil	100%	
Cars Light Recon	17	Nil	
Trucks Arm Personnel	10	Nil	
15 cwt 4 x 4			
'B' Vehicles			

Both Friuli and Folgore Groups are fully extended at present. Any reduction in entitlement of transport would make performance of their present role impossible. For, if this HQ appreciation of their future role is correct, can any civil risings. Gruppo, may however, become more concentrated, when all need not be in use at present.

Mortars 2" 140
Vickers MGs 1000
Personal weapons 1000
Gun stores 1000
A. Vehicles 1000

Carriers Universal	50		
" " Mortar 100 (200)	30		
" " " " " "		100	
Cars Light Recce	17	111	
Trucks Arm Personnel 15 ext 4 x 4	10	111	
C. "B" Vehicles			

Both Friuli and Folgore Gruppi are fully extended at present. Any reduction in entitlement of transport would make performance of their present role impossible. For, if this is appreciated of their future role is correct, can any reduction be accepted, as a high degree of mobility will be required to combat civil risings. Gruppi, may however, become more concentrated, when all transport need not be in use at present. In those circumstances, it is recommended that it be left to BUJ/Gruppo to withdraw such vehicles as they think fit into a park to be formed by Gruppo, rather than into an Ord Bk. Vehicles will be on the road but easily issuable in case of need.

It is recommended that consideration be given to governors being fixed to all Gruppi vehicles.

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Subject : CORR - Armoured Vehicles.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E.
Q/5/7

25 July, 1945.

To : Allied Commission (for Public Safety Sub Commission).

1. Reference attached translation copy of War Ministry letter 6/7507 dated 20 July 45 giving proposed distribution and armament of the armoured cars available for the CORR. It is proposed to authorise the War Ministry to proceed with their plan. Please state if you wish to make any comment.

R.A. CURTIS

(R.A. CURTIS) Lt.Col.
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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 "Q" Branch, M.M.I.A. ✓
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C O P Y

From MINISTRY OF WAR

To: M.M.I.A.

Ref. 6/7307

Date 20 July 45

Subject: Armoured Vehicles.

This S.M. in agreement with the OCRR General HQs proposes to -

(1) Assign to each of the under listed OCRR legions the number and the type of armoured cars as shown alongside each :

	Cars L/35	M/15/42	M/13/40	Note
Cesena OCRR Legion	12			+ - Already
Torino OCRR Legion		12		delivered to
Milano " "		12		their HQ.
Padova " "	12			
Bologna " "			12	
Florence " "			12	
Chieti " "	12			
Lazio (Rome) " "				
Bari " "		12		
Palermo " "	12			
Rome " "		20		
Naples " "			12	
TOTAL	48	56	36	

(2) Equip each of the a/m armoured cars with the following armament :-

Type of car.	ARMAMENT	AMMUNITIONS WEAPON	AMMUNITIONS UNITS
		SCALE	SCALE
Breda M.G. : Cannon	Cannon	Breda M.G. : Cannon	M.G. : Cannon
Cal. 8	47/32	47/40	Cal. 8
Car L/35	2	3000	60000
Car M/15/42	3	2640	5000
Car M/13/40	4	2000	5000

(3) To constitute at each of a/m Legion HQs, tank driving courses for OCRR.

Instructors: 1 Armoured Corps Officer and 2 Armoured Corps NCOs.
Officers to be taken from the ones available due to the disbandment of the Special Transport Brigade who are at present waiting for appointments at Cesano.
NCOs to be appointed by the Military Territorial Commands concerned.

(4) Send to Naples for each Legion HQ an Officer from the OCRR for operations regarding the assignment of a/m cars.

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(5) Request from the Transport Office the Railway Cars needed for the Transport of said cars to the GERR legions in the following order :-

Transport for the OXR legion of						FLORINCE
10	20	30	40	50	60	BOLOGNA
70	80	90	100	110	120	MILANO
130	140	150	160	170	180	TORINO
190	200	210	220	230	240	GENOVA
250	260	270	280	290	300	PADOVA
310	320	330	340	350	360	ROME
370	380	390	400	410	420	PALERMO
430	440	450	460	470	480	LAZIO(ROME)

Naples OCEAN legion will draw them on the spot.

No wait for the approval of MBIA.

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(sgt) **GIORGIO LUKKI**

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TO : 6 (SA) ARMD DIV 59 AREA
60 SUB AREA

INFO : MMIA 151 SUB AREA 215 SUB AREA

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- (1) THE STANDARD OF MAINTENANCE OF VEHICLES AND ARTY EQUIPMENT IN ALL GRUPPI REMAINS VERY LOW (.). IT HAS BEEN DECIDED TO WITHDRAW A CERTAIN PROPORTION OF VEHICLES AND GUNS INTO PKS(.). GRUPPI WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE MEN AT THESE PARKS ON SCALE OF 12 MEN PER 100 VEHICLES OR GUNS TO UNDERTAKE MAINTENANCE UNDER BRITISH SUPERVISION(.).
- (2) A RECOMMENDATION IS REQUIRED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS TO THE NUMBER OF VEHICLES AND GUNS INCL INF 6 PKS AND MORTARS WHICH CAN BE CONSIDERED SURPLUS IN THE GRUPPO UNDER YOUR COMMA D (.). IT WILL BE ASSUMED THAT THE PRESENT ROLE OF THE GRUPPI REMAINS THE SAME (.).
- (3) CONSIDERATION WILL ALSO BE GIVEN TO THE NECESSITY FOR TRAINING(.). WEAPONS REQUIRED FOR THIS WILL BE KEPT TO A MINIMUM(.).
- (4) 59 AREA WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 114 REGT MANTOVA (.). 60 SUB AREA IN CONSULTATION WITH 215 SUB AREA WILL XXXX INCL 155 ARTY REGT IN THEIR MANTOVA FIGURES(.).
- (5) FOR INFO OF PMS AND AREA Hqs CONCERNED HAVE HAD THIS MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR SOME TIME(.).
- (6) IN SUBMITTING YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS PLEASE STATE LOCATIONS OF

PROPOSED GRUPPI PKS

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ONE : THE STANDARD OF VEH MAINT WITHIN ITALIAN GRUPPI REMAINS VERY LOW AND IN SPITE OF REPEATED WARNINGS SHOWS LITTLE OR NO IMPROVEMENTS. THE RESULT IS SERIOUS WASTE AND MISUSE OF BRITISH EQUIPMENT WHICH CANNOT BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE (.)

TWO : IT HAS THEREFOR BEEN DECIDED THAT A PROPORTION OF THE VEHs AND ARTY EQUIPMENTS OF ALL GRUPPI SHALL BE WITHDRAWN INTO VEH AND GUN PARKS (.) THEY WILL POSSIBLY BE REISSUED AT A LATER DATE IF REQUIRED AND IF IN THE MEANTIME A SATISFACTORY STANDARD OF MAINTENANCE HAS BEEN ACHIEVED (.)

THREE : YOUR EARLY RECOMMENDATIONS ARE REQUIRED ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS AS AFFECTING GRUPPI UNDER YOUR RESPECTIVE COMMAND:-

A : THE NUMBER OF VEHs AND GUNS BY TYPES WHICH CAN NOW BE WITHDRAWN AS SURPLUS TO ANY IMMEDIATE OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS (.)

B : THE NUMBERS AS IN A ABOVE WHICH CAN BE REGARDED AS SURPLUSES TO ANY FORESEEABLE REQUIREMENTS (.)

FOUR : EQUIPMENT IN 3 WOULD BE WITHDRAWN INTO PARKS FROM WHICH IT COULD BE REISSUED IN AN EMERGENCY INVOLVING CHANGE OF ROLE (.) MAINTENANCE (.)

PERSONNEL FROM GRUPPI WOULD BE REQUIRED AT THE PARKS ON THE SCALE OF 12 MEN PER 100 VEHs OR GUNS TO UNDERTAKE MAINTENANCE UNDER BRITISH SUPERVISION (.)

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SUBJECT: Allied Arms for the Royal Academy

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, A.C. (MMIA)

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July 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Your ref. 2100/R/8 dated 7 July 45.

1. It is regretted that no Allied Arms or equipment may be furnished to the Royal Academy until the policy for equipping the future Italian Army is made known.

[Signature]
Colonel

Major General
MMIA

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TRANSLATION

FROM : MIN OF WAR
General Staff

REF : 2100/H/3

TO : MMIA (ROME)

DATE : 7 July 45.

SUBJECT: Arms and materials for the Royal Academy.

In view of the necessity for training the pupils, who will be attending the next course of the Royal Academy, in the use of British arms and materials - which form the foremost equipment of the Combat Groups - we pray you to consider the advisability of issuing, to the said Academy some examples of the following arms and materials:-

Pistol: calibre 38
Rifles No 3 (Mk III)
Rifles No 4 (Mk IV)
Thompson sub machine gun (T.S.M.G.)
Rifles automatic, Bren
Two-inch mortar
Three-inch mortar
Projectiles Infantry Anti-Tank (P.I.A.T.)
Guns 6 Pdr
Guns 17 Pdr
Guns 25 Pdr
Guns Anti-Aircraft 40mm
Grenades Hand (36 - 67 - 69)
Mines and explosives
Telephones (type "L" - "F" - "D.V." 10 lines switchboard with universal caller S.B.U.C.)

Sets, wireless No 18
Sets, wireless No 19

Translated: Vinson ?

Typed : JW 14 July 45

Sgd: R. Cadorna
Chief of General Staff.

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Subject:- Internal Security Forces - Armored Fighting Vehicles.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
9/5/8
3 July 1945.

To:-

Ministry of War.

Reference our letter 9/5/8 dated 9 July 1945.

Authority has been received for the disposal of one hundred and forty (140) Italian Tanks stored in No. 2 E.V.P. Naples.

70th
R.A. CURTIS Lt. Col.
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to:-

A.C. Public Safety Sub Commission
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R.E.M.E.
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"A" Branch
M.M.I.A. I.C. Naples
"G" Branch (with copy of 9/5/8 dated 9 July 45)

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Subject:- Internal Security Forces - Armoured Fighting Vehicles.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.V.I.A.)
ROME.
9/5/8
9 July 1945.

To:-

Ministry of War.

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

<u>Place</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
GENOA	12	To replace British Vehicles
TURIN	12	ditto
MILAN	12	ditto
PANNA	12	ditto
BOLOGNA	12	_____
FLORENCE	12	_____
CHIETI	12	_____
BARI	12	_____
PAERMO	12	_____
ROME	20	_____
NAPLES	12	Includes 8 as general reserve.

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 desired to transfer any trained tank drivers from the Italian Army particulars should be forwarded to this 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 bill for the vehicles to the addresses enumerated above in whatever order or priority is decided upon.

R.A. OFFICERS Lt. Col.
For Major General

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12	MILAN	12	ditto
12	RAVIA		
12	BOLOGNA		
12	FLORENCE		
12	CHIENTI		
12	BARI		
12	PARMA		
20	ROME		
12	NAPLES		

Includes 8 as general reserve.

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

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S. Z. T.
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Subject:- EQUIPMENT - ITALIAN
COMBAT GROUPS.

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Land Forces Sub Comm. S.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
Q/OS/11/1

H.Q. 1 DISTRICT (2)

5 July 45.

Ref. your ID/2712/4/Q of 16 Jun/45.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of A.P.H.Q. letter
AG400/005 GCT-0 dated 1 July giving a ruling regarding retention
of equipment by Italian Combat Groups.

F.J. Noakes
F.J. NOAKES, Colonel
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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" " (c/o 2 DISTRICT)

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Allied Force Headquarters
APO 912

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AG 400/005 GCT-0

1 July 1945

SUBJECT: Equipment -- Italian Combat Groups.

To : Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
APO 394
FOR: Land Forces Sub Commission (LMI/)

1. Reference is made to LMI letter GCS/11/1 of 21 June 1945.

2. Until the policy for future equipment of Italian Combat Groups is settled, it is considered undesirable to withdraw equipment into British Depots.

3. The essential factor at the moment is that the Italians must be encouraged to realize the importance of systematic maintenance of equipment. You are requested to take strongest action with the Italian authorities to this end.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER;

ROBERT V. BENNETT
Captain, LGD
Deputy Adjutant General

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SUBJECT:- Equipment - Mantova Group.

1D/2712/4/VQ

16 Jun 45

DMIA

Ref. 56 BLU letter 7/Q of 13 Jun 45.

The question of handing in major equipment is obviously one affecting other Gruppi beside the Mantova, and so it is requested that you will obtain a decision on this matter of higher policy and inform this H.Q. of the decision.

for Major General
Commanding
No.1 District.

Copy to:- 56 BLU
"G" 1 District
MTA 16 1 District

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13 June 45

HQ No.1 District

Copy to:- IBIA

1. The MANTOVA Group holds a great deal of equipment which is not required for its present role of PW Guard duties. It is thought desirable that this surplus equipment should be withdrawn as soon as possible for the following reasons:-

- (a) Italian troops are not capable of maintaining it in a satisfactory condition without constant supervision by British personnel.
- (b) A large number of men are looking after equipment who could be more usefully employed on guard duties.

2. The group Commander does not agree with this view, and has represented that the withdrawal of equipment would have an adverse effect on morale. It is thought that there may be truth in this view, but that it is outweighed by the considerations in para 1 above.

3. At Appendix "A" is a list of equipment which is recommended for immediate withdrawal.

4. If the principle of withdrawal of equipment is agreed to a further list of minor items will be forwarded later.

Lt.Col.
GS

In the Field
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The following equipments are not required by Combat Group III TSVL in its present role.

Types of Eqpt.	TS	Number held	No. it is desirable to hold in.
Carriers Unicers 1	99	98)	100%
Mortar	48	48)	
Lloyd	82	80)	
Guns 25 pr.	32	22)	75%
17 pr	8	8)	
6 pr	36	36)	
Before L&L	12	12)	
Trailer Arty	64	64	

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Subject:- EQUIPMENT - ITALIAN
COMBAT GROUPS.

C O N F I D E N T I A L

Land Forces Sub Comd. A.C.
(M.I.I.)
R O W E
Q/CS/11/1

MINISTRY of WAR.

5 July 45.

1. The present policy regarding equipment of Italian Combat Groups is that all equipment held including major equipment and vehicles - is to be retained.
2. It is of paramount importance that equipment and vehicles should be maintained in the best possible condition. Information received shows that vehicles in particular are being allowed to deteriorate through lack of regular maintenance.
3. You are requested to issue instructions accordingly to Commanders of Italian Combat Groups.

P.J. Noakes
P.J. NOAKES, Colonel
for Major General,
M.I.I.

Copies to: A.P.H.Q. for A.C. ref. AG400/005 GCT-O dated 1 Jul/45.
" " QAE ref. AFHQ/6442/Q (E) dated 2 Jul/45.
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TRANSLATION

FROM: MINISTRY OF WAR

REF : 21173

TO : MMLA

DATE: 30 June 45

SUBJECT: Incomplete Tanks.

*G.I. I suggest 2(ops)
pass this to C.P.
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At the ANSAOLDO S.A. FOSSATI establishments - Milan
labour centres. There is the following materials:

COMPLETE TANKS

1	Heavy	MK.	40	with	75/34	gun and two M/Gs
1	Medium	MR	43	"	"	"
1	"	"	"	"	90/53	"
1	"	"	42	"	two M/Gs	"

TANKS BEING COMPLETED

5	Heavy	MK	40	with turret (without gun or M/Gs)
1	Medium	"	43	for 105/25 gun (without gun or M/Gs)
19	"	"	43	" 75/34 or 75/36 guns (without gun or M/Gs)
2	"	"	42	without M/Gs

TANKS AVAILABLE

13	Heavy	MK	40	without turret
1	Medium	MK	43	for 105/25 gun
8	"	M	43	for 75/34 or 75/36 guns
17	"	MK	42	

TURRETS

11	for MR	40	Heavy tanks (without Guns)
2	"	13	Medium tanks (with 47/32 Gun)

GUNS

27	75/34	tank guns
10	75/46	"
1	75/34	" experimental

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GSO 2 (St) X

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1	75/32	tank gun	(experimental)
1	76/18	" "	"
1	47/32	" "	(German)

M/GS

1	Heavy	20/37	M.G with	for tanks
284	Medium	7.92	M.G. for tanks	

All weapons are without arms.

While we have issued withdrawal orders for the completed tanks to the Arty detachment of Milano, we beg you to authorise the completion in the measure possible of the tanks under construction and of the available Muls so that we may withdraw them or send them to the a/m detachment together with the remaining armament.

the Minister
(illegible)

Translated by: Mansfield R.
Typed by : jv

4 July 45

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Subject : Internal Security Forces - Armoured Fighting Vehicles.

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Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
(M.E.I.A.)
R O H E.
15/5/8

30 June 45.

To : A.P.H.Q. for G-5 (Org).

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Reference your AG 451/063 GCH-0 dated 9 June.

1. A request has now been received from Public Safety Sub Commission that Italian light tanks at present stored at Naples may be disposed of as under. It is requested that approval may be given for the transfer of the vehicles from the Italian Army to the Carabinieri as detailed.

2.	Place	Number	Remarks
	GENOA	12	To replace British vehicles.
	TURIN	12	ditto.
	MILAN	12	ditto.
	PADUA	12	ditto.
	BOLOGNA	12	-----
	FLORENCE	12	-----
	CHIENTI	12	-----
	BAZI	12	-----
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	ROME	20	Includes 8 as general reserve.
	NAPLES	12	-----

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

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Copy to : A.C. for Public Safety Sub Commission.
A.P.H.Q. for G-5.
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
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Tel: 489081.365

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28 June 1945

AC/14601/56/PS

SUBJECT : Transport for Mobile Battalions

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission (MIA)
(Attn: Lt. Col. Curtiss)

J. G.

1. Reference your Q/5/8 dated 24 June 45.
2. The re-organization of the Carabinieri on a ceiling of 65,000 includes the formation of 12 Mobile Battalions. They will be stationed at the following places:

Genoa	Chieti
Turin	Bari
Milan	Palermo
Padua	Cagliari
Bologna	Rome
Florence	Naples

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Each battalion requires 12 armoured vehicles.

3. Battalions have been formed in the north at Genoa, Turin, Milan and Padua, using 48 British Humber tanks allocated by AFHQ to 1 and 2 Districts. Battalions are also operating in Cagliari and Palermo.

4. When Army withdraw from the north it is anticipated that the armoured vehicles will be no longer available. Accordingly it is asked that 12 tanks be sent to each of the places named in par.2 except Cagliari, and that the balance of 8 vehicles be issued to the Rome Legion to be held on reserve.

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John W. Chapman
Colonel, J.A.C.
Director

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Copy to : ~~A.P.H.C. for 33 (org).~~
~~R.E.P.E. for 33 (org).~~
~~'G' M.M.I.A.~~
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" Emilia
" Piemonte
" Lombardia
" Venezia
" Naples Commune

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Subject : Light Tank Internal Security Forces.

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Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E.
2/5/8

24 June 45.

To : A.C. for Public Safety Sub Commission. (Attn. Lt.Col Wilson).

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1. Under reference AG 451/063 GCT-0 dated 9 June, A.F.H.Q. confirmed that Armoured Fighting Vehicles of Italian origin are to be maintained by Italian Army personnel in order that they shall be available to the Carabinieri and Internal Security Forces in case of need.
2. There are at present approximately 140 light tanks held at the Italian Army Vehicle Depot at Naples. It is expected that you will be requiring approximately 75 such vehicles for use of Carabinieri units now forming.
3. It is requested that you will notify your requirements and the place at which the vehicles are to be delivered at an early date.
4. If the total number of vehicles to be maintained in immediate readiness can be forecast any surplus will be stored in a suitable location and the maintenance party reduced to a minimum.

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

See F.26

Copy to : A.F.H.Q. for G.3 (Org).
R.E.M.E., M.M.I.A.
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Subject:- Equipment - Hartova Group.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. L. A.) RCMR.
008/11/1
22 June 1945

To:-

H.Q. 1 District.

Reference your ID/2712/4/Q of 16th June 1945.

The question of handing in equipment is under consideration,
and we will write you further on this matter.

See F. 254

F.J. NOAKES Col.
for Major General
M. M. L. A.

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Subject: Equipment - MANTOVA GROUP.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E .
QOC/11/1

21 June 45

To: A.F.H.Q. for QAE.

Reference conversation SLOAN - NOAKES.

All correspondence is forwarded to you for such action as you consider necessary. No similar requests have been received as regards other Combat Groups.

P.J. Noakes

P.J. NOAKES Col.
for Major General.
M.M.I.A.

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See F.24

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SUBJECT: Equipment - Mantova Group.

1D/2712/A/Q

16 Jun 45

MMIA

Ref 56 BLU letter 7/Q of 13 Jun 45.

The question of handing in major equipment is obviously one affecting other Gruppi beside the Mantova, and so it is requested that you will obtain a decision on this matter of higher policy and inform this HQ of the decision.

for Major General
Commanding
No.1 District .

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MMIA LO 1 District

See F 24

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13 June 45

HQ No.1 District

Copy to : NMIA

1. The MANTOVA Group holds a great deal of equipment which is not required for its present role of PW Guard duties. It is thought desirable that this surplus equipment should be withdrawn as soon as possible for the following reasons :-
 - (a) Italian troops are not capable of maintaining it in a satisfactory condition without constant supervision by British personnel.
 - (b) A large number of men are looking after equipment who could be more usefully employed on guard duties.
2. The group Commander does not agree with this view, and has represented that the withdrawal of equipment would have an adverse effect on morale. It is thought that there may be truth in this view, but that it is outweighed by the considerations in para 1 above.
3. At Appendix "A" is a list of equipment which is recommended for immediate withdrawal.
4. If the principle of withdrawal of equipment is agreed to a further list of minor items will be forwarded later.

Lt.Col.
GS.

In the Field,
AWG/mh

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APPENDIX "A"

The following equipments are not required by Combat Group MANTOVA in its present role.

Type of Eqpt.	WS.	Number held.	No. it is desirable to hand in.
Carriers Universal	99	98	100%
Mortar	48	48	
Lloyd	82	80	
Guns 25 pr	32	32	73%
17 pr	8	8	
6 pr	36	36	
Bofors LAA	12	12	
Trailer Arty	64	64	

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FROM : M.M.I.A. L.O. SARDINIA

DATE TIME

TO : M.M.I.A.

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REF : Y.472

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REFERENCE YOUR CABLE Q/314 ^{29 MAY.} ~~UNRECEIVED~~(.)

STILL OUTSTANDING AFTER LOADING PALLADE FOR PERIOD 15 - 25 MAY:

CASEMAGGIO STORES	150 TONS
35 TANKS	325 TONS
70 VEHICLES	350 TONS
TANK EQUIPMENT	50 TONS
AUTOMOBILE PARTS	15 TONS (.)

TOTAL WEIGHT 890 TONS FOR A DISPLACEMENT OF APPROXIMATELY
4400 CUBIC METRES.

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FOR MOBILE CARABINIERI HUMBER 1V ARMD CARS QTY 12
ON SERIAL AVR/8623 RELEASE NOTE A4D56 EX VEH PK BISCCEGLIE
HUMBER 1V ARMD CARS QTV 3 ON SERIAL AVR/8624 RELEASE NOTE
A4057 EX VEH PK PORTICI (.)

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ON SERIAL AVR/8623 RELEASE NOTE A4D56 EX VEH PK BISCAGLIA
HUMBER 1V ARMD CARS QTV 3 ON SERIAL AVR/8624 RELEASE NOTE
A4057 EX VEH PK PORTICI (.)

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TO : MMIA SECRET
REF : F 80126 IMPORTANT

YOUR SD 2690 DATED 17 MAY REFERS (.) MOVEMENT
PROGRAMME OF REMAINING TANKS AND SPARE PARTS
FROM S A R D I N I A VTO MAINLAND WILL BE
CONTINUED (.) IN VIEW OF POSSIBLE FUTURE
DISTURBANCES IT IS DESIRED TO HAVE ALL TANKS
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LAW AND ORDER

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM: MMIA

TO : AFHQ

REF : SD 2690

Date Time

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ALL REPAIRABLE TANKS IN SARDINIA HAVE BEEN
REPAIRED (.) AWAITING SHIPMENT FROM SARDINIA
TO NAPLES ARE EIGHTY THREE TANKS PLUS ONE
HUNDRED TONK PARTS AND EQUIPMENT (.) RECOMMEND THAT
SHIPPING NOT BE WASTED BY BRINGING TANKS AND PARTS TO
MAINLAND BUT THAT THEY REMAIN IN SARDINIA (.)
YOUR LETTER A G FOUR SEVEN ZERO POINT EIGHT SLASH
ZERO SIX THREE G C F DASH ZERO SUBJECT ITALIAN
ARMORED VEHICLES IN SARDINIA DATED TWO SIX
JAN FOUR FIVE REFERS

PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

AUTHENTICATED

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SUBJECT: Italian Radio Egt in SPAIN

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC (MMIA)

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May 45

TO : G2 SEC AFHQ

The att letter was obtained from an Italian Ministry of War Officer and is forwarded to you for any action you consider necessary.

Encl :- Italian Min for Foreign Affairs
letter 13/05271 of 17 Apr 45.

(K)
Major-General
MMIA

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13 1000 MAY 1945

To: MILA

From: MILA LO SARDINIA SIGNED ALBERT

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Reference your Q 264 dated 11 May (.). Ready for use 67 Italian medium tanks, 1 Italian light tank, 15 French medium tanks (.). Awaiting repair 6 French medium tanks, doubtful if they can be repaired (.). 100 tons of Italian tank parts and equipment still to be created (.). Tank program on island is finished

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Tank program on island is finished

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Prepared by S. D. MARTIN
Authenticated by LESTER R. ALBURY

MAJOR C.M.P.
LT COL INFANTRY

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TRANSLATION

From : Ministry for Foreign Affairs

REF : 13/05271

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To : S.M.G. (S.I.M.)

DATE : 17 April 1945

SUBJECT : Radio Material at Villa Cisneros

Reference S.M. letter 67125/T of 15th December 1944.

The Italian Embassy in Madrid approached on the matter referred to in the above quoted letter, on the 25th January, has informed us as follows :-

"In reference to the request made by the S.M.G. in the above quoted letter, also referred to this Temporary Military Attache, I have the honour to submit that, for the moment, it appears extremely difficult to take steps for the recovery or reimbursement of the radio material at Villa Cisneros. In fact whilst relation between this Military Office and the Spanish Authorities are now maintained solely through the General Staff, the dispatch of the radio material to Villa Cisneros was agreed upon at the time by the Chief of the "Iber" Section of the MMIS directly with the Spanish Intelligence Service, and unknown to the General Staff. I would also add that the Military Office of this Embassy is temporarily controlled by the Naval Attache while awaiting the arrival of Colonel Manno; as we are now dealing with a matter of extreme delicacy it would appear preferable that the matter was conducted by the appointed Military Attache once he has established useful contacts in these military circles.

In considering the above I think it advisable to recall the attention of that Ministry to the fact that :-

- 1) - the radio material referred to, even if recovered, could not be forwarded to Italy except through the Allies;
- 2) - the Military Attache, upon receipt of orders, in April 1944, to hand over the radio material in his possession (Ministerial telegram of 24th March 1944), did not mention, for obvious reasons, the existence of the radio materials which were at Villa Cisneros in the hands of the Spanish Authorities.

Should the materials now be returned, it would not be easy to explain their origin to the English and United States Embassies here, and it is extremely probable that the affair would cause serious incidents with the Spanish Authorities to whom the Allies would not fail to administer severe rebukes for the favours which they have done us in the past.

On the other hand, the Offices of the Military, Naval, and Air Attaches, have informed me that the radio materials formerly in their possession and handed over last year to the British Embassy were of a much better quality and of a far superior value to those materials at Villa Cisneros. I therefore take the liberty of suggesting to that Ministry, the advisability of approaching the Allied Authorities with a view to arranging, should there be a deficiency of radio materials in Italy, for the forwarding to Italy of the apparatus handed over in the past by this Embassy. "

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In respect of the above quoted communication, this Ministry considers :-

- 1) - It does not appear advisable to wait, before opening discussions with the Spanish Government regarding the restoration of our radio materials which were formerly at the Villa Cisneros, for the going to Madrid of the new Military Attache, given that he has recently been sent back.
- 2) - In view of the difficulties (even granted) that the restitution of the materials in question is obtained from the Spanish Government) involved in transporting them to Italy, we submit the advisability of giving instructions to the Italian Embassy in Madrid that they endeavour to negotiate the sale of them to the said Government. Should that S.M. agree to the latter proposal we should like to know the approximate price we should try to obtain.

We await information as to the instructions we must send to the Italian Embassy in Madrid regarding the matter dealt with.

We also beg to be informed of the opinions of that S.M. regarding the suggestions made by the said Embassy in respect of the radio materials handed over in the past by our military attachee in Madrid to the British Embassy in Madrid.

Sgd. ILLEGIBLE

O. Danin Cpl.

TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry for Foreign Affairs

REF: 13,65271

TO: S.M.G. (S.I.M.)

DATE: 17 April 1945.

80/100 73/1 - 70/1 ref. 1025

SUBJECT: Radio material at Villa Cisneros

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MMIA-6

FILE: 6/98

DATE: R/5

Reference S.M. Letter 67125/T of 15th. December 1944.

The Italian Embassy in Madrid, approached on the matter referred to in the above quoted letter, on the 25th. January, has informed us as follows:-

" In reference to the request made by the S.M.G. in the above quoted letter, also referred to this Temporary Military Attaché, I have the honour to submit that, for the moment, it appears extremely difficult to take steps for the recovery or reimbursement of the ~~the~~ radio material at Villa Cisneros. In fact, whilst relations between this Military Office and the Spanish Authorities are now maintained solely through the General Staff, the dispatch of the radio material to Villa Cisneros was agreed upon at the time by the Chief of the "Iber" Section of the M.M.I.S. directly with the Spanish Intelligence Service, and unknown to the General Staff. I would also add that the Military Office of this Embassy is temporarily controlled by the Naval Attaché while awaiting the arrival of Colonel Negro; as we are now dealing with a matter of extreme delicacy it would appear preferable that the matter was conducted by the appointed Military Attaché once he has established useful contacts in these military circles.

In considering the above I think it advisable to recall the attention of that Ministry to the fact that:-

- 1) - the radio material referred to, even if recovered, could not be forwarded to Italy except through the Allies;
- 2) - the Military Attaché, upon receipt of orders, in April 1944, to hand over the radio material in his possession (Ministerial telegram of 24th. March 1944), did not mention, for obvious reasons, the existence of the radio materials which were at ~~the~~ Villa Cisneros in the hands of the Spanish Authorities.

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Sgd. ILLEGIBLE!

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TO : MMIA

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INFO: PENSOUTH,)
PENSOUTH FOR MMIA LO (sent by
MOV NAPLES)
DISTHREE (MMIA Sigs
AFHQ)

IMMEDIATE

REF : Y 298

REFERENCE OUR Y 296 OF 13 APRIL

3 L C T's DELAYED SAILING 24 HOURS

REQUEST MMIA LO NAPLES

BE NOTIFIED BY TELEPHONE

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Subject:- Issue of light tanks to CC.RR.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.O.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
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"Q" M.M.I.A.

14 April 45.

A number of light tanks are now at Naples awaiting collection. Some are in process of minor repairs.

May a forecast be given of the number required and date of delivery. It is desirable that they be removed from N°2 Repair Unit and/or N°2 Efficient Veh Park as soon as possible.

R.A. Curties

R.A. CURTIES, Lt.Col.
AQMG
M.M.I.A.

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TO : MMIA SECRET
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MOV NAPLES,) MMIA Sigs
DISTHREE,)
AFHQ)
REF : Y 296

FOLLOWING ITALIAN ARMY VEHs, PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT
LOADED ON 3 BRITISH L C T's (.)
17 VEHs 1 OFFR 30 E M OF RECOVERY SEC 22 MED TKS,
2 LT TKS 2 CASES AUTO PARTS FOR HOME 1 OFFR 12 E M
ESCORT (.)
N O RPT N O DETAILED LIST FOR M M I A L O
N A P L E S WILL FOLLOW (.)
REQUEST M M I A L O N A P L E S BE NOTIFIED
BY TELEPHONE (.)
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FROM : MMIA LO SARDINIA SIGNED FOSSETT
TO : MMIA
REF : Y 217

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SECRET
IMPORTANT

REF MMIA LETTER S/Q/2/28 OF 12 MARCH ON BIDS FOR SHIPPING (.)
REQUEST BIDS BE SUBMITTED FOR SHIPPING TO MOVE FOLLOWING MATERIAL
IN PERIOD 6TH - 15TH MAY TO DURO (.) MATERIAL NOW AT (PORT OF)
CAGLIARI AWAITING SHIPMENT FOLLOWS:

ARTY MATERIAL 1475 CASES WEIGHING 60 TONS
ENGINEERS MATERIAL IN 5745 CASES WEIGHING 354 TONS
COMMISSARY MATERIAL 11290 CASES OR BALES WEIGHING 378 TONS
MEDICAL SUPPLIES 202 CASES WEIGHING 20 TONS
VEH SPARE PARTS 12 CASES WEIGHING 2 TONS
ALSO VEHICLES - 34 WEIGHING 110 TONS
AND 9 TANKS WEIGHING 96 TONS

TOTAL VOLUME OF ABOVE 162700 CUBIC FEET (.)

ITALIAN ARMY REPORTS MATERIAL THAT CAN BE MADE READY BY 15TH MAY
IN ADDITION TO ABOVE FOLLOWS:

ARTY MATERIAL 250 CASES WEIGHING 30 TONS
ENGR MATERIAL 4970 CASES WEIGHING 440 TONS
COMMISSARY MATERIAL 12190 CASES OR BALES WEIGHING 397 TONS
MED SUPPLIES 1380 CASES WEIGHING 150 TONS
VEH SPARE PARTS 1500 CASES WEIGHING 150 TONS
ALSO 120 TANKS WEIGHING 1690 TONS
AND 120 VEHICLES WEIGHING 550 TONS

TOTAL VOLUME OF THIS GROUP IS 213800 CUBIC FEET (.)

MAJOR HEAD REQUESTS IMMEDIATE SHIPMENT OF HALF OF MOBILE PARK (.)
THIS HALF WOULD CONSIST OF 34 VEHICLES WEIGHING 580 TONS AND TAKING
SPACE OF 86000 CUBIC FEET

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available by 15 May.
Total Availability SACS, 197.

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MMIA LO PENSOUTH

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SEE AFHQ LETTER A O FOUR FIVE ONE SLASH ZERO SIX THREE
G C T DASH O DATED EIGHT FEB FOUR FIVE SUBJECT ITALIAN ARMoured
VEHICLES IN SARDINIA (.)

TWENTY FOUR EFFICIENT LIGHT ITALIAN TANKS MODEL LOVE THREE ARE
NOW IN NUMBER TWO EFFICIENT VEHICLE PARK NAPLES (.) THESE
TANKS WERE SHIPPED OVER FROM SARDINIA

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C O P Y

FROM: MMIA LO SARDINIA SIGNED SIMONS

TO : MMIA FOR KERR

130930

INFO: PENSOUTH
PENSOUTH FOR MMIA LO
DISTREX
MOV NAPLES
AFHQ
MMIA LO 5 ARMY

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S E C R E T

REF MY Y 162 OF 11 MARCH (.) LOADED LIFT SHIP EMPIRE LORENZO
IN ADDITION TO ITEMS ALREADY SIGNALLED ONE ADDITIONAL MEDIUM
TANK FOR A TOTAL OF 5 MEDIUM TANKS AND 10 ADDITIONAL LIGHT TANKS
FOR A TOTAL OF 16 LIGHT TANKS (.) NO FURTHER DETAILED LISTS FOR
MMIA LO NAPLES WILL BE FURNISHED FOR THIS SHIP (.) REQUEST MMIA
LO NAPLES BE NOTIFIED BY TELEPHONE (.) ETA DUKD 14TH MARCH

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C O P Y

FROM: MMIA LO SARDINIA SIGNED SIMONS

TO : MMIA FOR KERR

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LOADED S.S. SAMSPERRIN THE FOLLOWING ITALIAN ARMY

EQUIPMENT: ENGINEERING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES,
MEDICAL SUPPLIES, FIELD BLANKETS, COOKING FUEL, BARRACK
STORE SUPPLIES, CLOTH FOR UNIFORMS, S.A.A., ARTY AMN,
RIFLES AND EMPTY WINE BARRELS (.)

ALSO LOADED WERE 43 TRUCKS 32 LT TANKS 2 MED TKS 4 M/CS AND
668 CASES OR BALES OF AUTO PARTS (.)

ALSO LOADED WERE ITEMS PICKED OUT BY CAPT CLARK AND MARKED
210 DIV (ITALIAN) 5 ARMY INCL ENGINEER MATERIAL AND
COMMISSARY MATERIAL (.)

ALSO LOADED WERE BRITISH DID AND EFI SUPPLIES AND CONSTRUCTIONAL
EQUIPMENT (.) ESCORT PERSONNEL WERE 4 OFFRS AND 64 MEN
AND TPT A TOTAL OF 68 (.) DETAILED LIST FOR MMIA LO PENSOUTH
WILL BE DELIVERED BY COURIER (.) REQUEST MMIA LO PENSOUTH BE
NOTIFIED BY TELEPHONE (.) ETA DUKO 18TH MARCH

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DM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FHCC

TO : DISTWO
ALCOM FOR PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION

141530 ?
150700 ?

FX 43562 (?)
D/5058 (?)

SECRET

FOR DISTWO (.) CONSIDERATION OF YOUR 2021 G(O) OF 20 FEBRUARY
HELD UP PENDING REVIEW OF AVAILABILITY OF BRITISH STOCKS (.) NOW
ASCERTAINED 36 GREYHOUND ^{(2) ARMORED} ANNOUNCED CARS AVAILABLE (.)
FOR ALCOM (.) FORWARD SOONEST DESIGNED ORGANIZATION FOR MOBILE
CARABINIERI COLUMNS AND LOCATION FOR EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING

PRIORITY IMPORTANT

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Action: P SAFETY SC
Info: A/PRESIDENT
CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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FROM : MMIA LO BARDINIA 111045
TO : MMIA FOR KERR
INFO : PENSOUTH - PENSOUTH FOR MMIA LO - MOV NAPLES +++:
DISTHREE - AFHQ - MMIA LO 5 ARMY

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SECRET

FOLLOWING ITALIAN ARMY EQUIPMENT NOW BEING LOADED ON LIFT SHIP
EMPIRE LORENZO (x) 4 HOWs 149/19, 8 CANNON
105/28 AS PER MMIA LETTER AQ/23/1 OF 15TH FEB (x) ALSO 4
MED TKS AND 6 LT TANKS AS PER MMIA CABLE SD 2289 OF 14 FEB (x)
NO FURTHER DETAILED LISTS WILL BE FURNISHED FOR THIS SHIP
(x) ETA DUKO WILL BE SIGNALLED LATER (x)
NEW SUBJECT (x) YOUR Q 42 DATED 6 MAR ACK'D (x)
NO ARTY AMN WILL ACCOMPANY GUNS WITHOUT SPECIFIC INSTRS (x)
SIGNED SIMMONS

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SIGNAL MESSAGE

DATE TIME

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FROM: MMIA

TO: FREEDOM

Q 61

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FOR PHOCT REFERENCE FX 39989 OF 8 MAR (*) CHANGE OVER TO TRUCK
REPAIR HAS BEEN ARRANGED

PRIORITY ROUTINE

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FROM: AFHQ

REF: F39999

TO : NMIA

DATE-TIME : 081847

OF PRIORITY

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1. Improvements at ELMAS Airfield SARDINIA now regarded as high operational priority.
2. BEEP resources will be made available for immediate repair B Vehs up to total 85 for work sqdrn.
 1. above if necessary at expense tank repairs.(Action to NMIA F39999 signed SACRED Cite FIGOT)
3. Understand suitable vehs at present available ARBASSANTE Wksp.
4. Our letters AG 606/069 GCT-O of 30 Jan and AG 454/063 of 6 Feb and your AQ2769 of 11 Feb also refer.

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SIGNAL MESSAGE

DATE TIME

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FROM: MMIA

TO: LO SARDINIA

Q 58

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SUBJECT IS REPAIR OF VEHICLES AND TANKS (*) TOP REPEAT TOP PRIORITY
WILL NOW BE REPAIR OF EIGHTY FIVE REPEAT EIGHTY FIVE LOAD CARRIER
TRUCKS FOR RAP WORK ON ELMAS AIRFIELD (*) VEHICLES WILL BE ISSUED
BY YOU ON LOAN REPEAT LOAN BASIS TO SIXTY THREE STAGING POST RAP AS
AVAILABLE (*) REPORT ISSUE BY SIGNAL AS MAIN (*) PROVISION THESE
TRUCKS REGARDING BY FREEDOM AS HIGH OPERATIONAL (*) HALL HAS BEEN
INFORMED (C) *acknowledge this signal*

PRECEDENCE Immediate

AUTHENTICATED *KNOWLEDGE*

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MESSAGE FORM

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FROM: MMIA

DATE TIME OF ORIGIN

TO (FOR ACTION): FREEDOM

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REF NO: Q 27

SECRET

FOR Q MAINT (.) APV ARE BEING REPAIRED AS TOP PRIORITY IN SARDINIA IN
ACCORDANCE AG/45/063/CCT/O OF 8 FEB (.) REQUEST DECISION ON PRIORITIES
FOR REPAIR OF OUTSTANDING COMMITMENTS GIVEN IN MY AQ2769 OF 11 FEB (.)
YOUR 6241/12/Q(MAINT) OF 27 FEB REFERS

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FROM MMIA
TO MMIA LO SARDINIA
REF NO SD 2289

S E C R E T

FOR SIMMONS () AFHQ HAS DIRECTED THAT ALL REPAIRABLE ITALIAN TANKS
IN SARDINIA ARE TO BE REPAIRED AND SHIPPED TO THE MAINLAND () ARRANGE
FOR ITALIAN MILITARY TO RELEASE TO HALL WORKSHOPS ALL ITALIAN TANKS THAT
ARE CONSIDERED REPAIRABLE () SEE SIGNAL OF HALL TO MARTELLACCI FOR
FURTHER DETAILS () HALL UPON HIS RETURN TO SARDINIA WILL HAVE FULL
DETAILS

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AG 451/063 GGT-O

8 Feb 45

SUBJECT:- Italian Armoured Vehicles in SARDINIA

TO President, Allied Commission
For : Land Forces Sub Com AG (VMIA)

1. Reference your SD/6/1 dated 30 Jan 45, all armoured vehicles in SARDINIA are to be repaired and ready for movement to the mainland as soon as possible.
2. Italian personnel will be provided by VMIA for service and maintenance of these vehicles and accommodations made for the storing of the vehicles upon arrival on mainland.
3. This HQ will be advised when all requirements are met so as shipping may be arranged for the 147 Tanks at the rate of 50 per month.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

JACK CARTER,
CAPTAIN, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

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SUBJECT: Italian Armoured Vehicles.

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Land Forces Sub Com, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
SD/6/1
30 Jan 45.

TO : AFHQ.

Your ref: AG 470.8/063 OCT-0 dated 26 Jan 45.

1. The availability of Italian Armoured Vehicles on the Mainland is none. The availability at SARDINIA (not including 12 authorized for the CC.RR in SARDINIA by your AG 014.12/051 OCT-0 of 19 Jan 45) is as below:

TYPE	LOCATION	EFFICIENT	REPAIRABLE	TOTAL.
L. 3/35 Tank	GUSPINI	51	8	59
M. 13-14-15 Tank	"	40	7	47
M. 14 EP	"	63	5	68
SOTUA Tank	DOLIANOVA	10	13	23
		164	33	197

2. All of these vehicles will need some repair work before they will be ready for the road because:

- (a) The majority have the heavy and light tool sets incomplete as well as the organizational equipment.
- (b) The armament of the light tanks 3/35 has been turned in to the GILIGUA warehouse; that of the other type at the GUSPINI and DOLIANOVA warehouses.
- (c) The majority of the tank batteries have been turned in to the 13th Auto park at ABBASANTA.
- (d) Necessary repairs to put vehicles in running condition before the shipment to Mainland can be made at the Italian shops in SARDINIA.

3. There exists no group of Italian personnel which could service and maintain these vehicles. However, the necessary personnel can be found, mostly from the Combat Groups.

4. If any of the tanks are to be moved to the Mainland, advance notice should be given MMTA who will arrange for the tanks to be made ready. Of the 197 tanks shown, the total estimated availability will not exceed 147 tanks can be placed in running order and be made ready for shipment at the rate of 50 a month.

Int: Circ.
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for REP
Major General.
M.M.I.A.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 470.8/063 OCT-0

SECRET
Authority of
SACST

26 January 1945

RHF/rn

SUBJECT: Italian Armored Vehicles in SARDINIA.

TO : President, Allied Commission, APO 394.
FOR: Land Forces Sub-Commission (MIA).

1. In order to form armored mobile units for maintaining law and order when Northern Italy is occupied, it is proposed to assemble all available Italian armored vehicles in the theater.
2. It would appear that the majority of these vehicles are in SARDINIA and your comments are desired as to the availability of vehicles regarding both numbers and state of efficiency.
3. Furthermore, it is requested that you state availability of necessary personnel to service and maintain these vehicles when shipped to the mainland.
4. If numbers and state of readiness are satisfactory, necessary shipping will be arranged.

By command of Field Marshal ALEXANDER:

Amend - See 55
30 Jan
RFP
See 74

R. H. FRESE,
Captain, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

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