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File: G-3 AFHQ/81

16 April 1946

SUBJECT: Guarding of Allied Stores Depots.

TO : MIA

Reference is made to your letter, file G/16, subject as above, dated 23 March, and to accompanying translation of Italian Ministry of War letter 205143/II of 21 March.

1. It is assumed that surplus Allied stores are the subject of the War Minister's complaint. If CEM is the subject of similar difficulty it should be noted that all available CEM materials have now been handed over to the Italian Government.
2. As you know, neither the US nor the British Military hand over stores of any nature directly to the Italian Government. Surplus Allied stores are declared to civilian agencies of the two governments which in turn negotiate the sale and direct delivery to the purchaser. The contract of sale executed between the US or UK civilian agency and the Italian Government agency states that physical possession will be taken by the Italian Government within a specified period. The Allied military have accepted guard responsibility for Allied stores during this period. In actual practice, however, it has been necessary for the Allied military to provide guards for periods much longer than those specified, in spite of the critical shortage of Allied military man-power.
3. It is understood that discussions are now in progress between the US military and US - UK - Italian civilian agencies with a view to establishing more rapid and efficient methods of accomplishing these hand overs.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUT. GEN. MORGAN:

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Would it be possible to ask AFHQ our military if they think it could possibly answer the question we asked which was that timely that's all.

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Major General
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the critical situation.

3. It is understood that discussions are now in progress between the US military and US - UK - Italian civilian agencies with a view to establishing more rapid and efficient methods of accomplishing these hand overs.

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*Would it be possible to ask AFHQ over whether it is possible to establish a unit which would be responsible for the question of subject, which was that kind of all. could possibly answer the question as to how things are handled - *W.M.M.**

BY COMMAND OF LIEUT. GEN. MORGAN:

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Subject: Maintenance of British
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GHO/6453/6/Q(AE)

21 Mar 46

Ordnance Directorate.

Reference our letter GHO/6453/6/Q(AE) of 10 Jan 46 and
17 Jan 46.

1. Authority is now given for the issue of the Maintenance Spares to the Italian Army in accordance with the agreement reached at the meeting held on 11 Dec 45 and recorded in minutes published under reference GHO/6453/6/Q(AE) dated 13 Dec 45.
2. You are requested to notify IMIA the date on which issues will commence so that arrangements may be made with the Italian War Ministry for collection.
3. The vouchers prepared by you to cover this transaction will be held pending further instructions but receipts must be obtained in accordance with normal Ordnance procedure.

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J.B. ROBERTSON, Colonel,
for Brigadier, IMB.

Copy to: Land Forces Sub Commission AG (IMIA).

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DOTAZIONE PROVISORIA DEI REGIMENTI DI FANTERIA  
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SERVIZIO DI SANITÀ

| DENOMINAZIONE DEI MATERIALI                               | Comando di: |      | Compa<br>gnia |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------|------|---------------|
|                                                           | Rgt.        | Btg. |               |
| - Barelle arrotolabili e scomponibili in due parti        | 1           | 1    | -             |
| - Borracce di alluminio con cinghia per portar-<br>veriti | 1           | 1    | -             |
| - Cavalletti reggi-barella (coppie)                       | 1           | 1    | -             |
| - Coperte per barella                                     | 1           | 1    | -             |
| - Spalline reggi barella (coppie)                         | 1           | 1    | -             |
| - Zaini di Sanità                                         | 1           | 1    | -             |

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- Coperte per barella
- Spalline reggi barella (cappio)
- Zaini di Sanità

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SERVIZIO DI COMMISSARIO

| DENOMINAZIONE DEI MATERIALI                       | Comandi di |      | Compa-<br>gnia |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------|------|----------------|
|                                                   | Rgt.       | Btg. |                |
| I)- <u>Dotazione di oggetti di serv. generale</u> |            |      |                |
| - Cassette per denaro                             | 1          |      | 1              |
| - Tasche per lettere                              | 2          |      | 1              |
| - Lanterne da campo                               | 2          |      | 4              |
| - Tende per ufficiali complete                    | 11         |      | 3              |
| - Trombe con carteggiata                          | -          |      | 2              |
| II)- <u>Dotazioni di materiale da cucina</u>      | (1)        | (1)  | (1)            |
| - Marmitte per rancio                             |            |      | 8              |
| - Casse di cottura (cucine da campo) complete (2) | 2          | 1    | 1              |
| - Ceste grandi per carne con tagliere             | 1          | 1    | 1              |
| - " piccole " " "                                 | 1          | 1    | 1              |
| - Coltelli a leva                                 | 1          | 1    | 1              |
| - Cucine da 6 complete per ufficiali (2)          | 1          | 1    | 1              |
| - " " 3 " "                                       | 1          | 1    | 1              |
| - Forchettoni                                     | 1          | 1    | 1              |
| - Macinelli per caffè con custodia                | 1          | 1    | 1              |
| - Marmarosi per carne con guaina                  | 1          | 1    | 1              |
| - Marmitte da campo con coperchio                 | 1          | 1    | 1              |
| - Mestoli                                         | 1          | 1    | 1              |
| - Padelle                                         | 1          | 1    | 1              |
| - Bidoni da litri 15 (2)                          | 1          | 1    | 1              |
| - Bidoni a spalla da litri 10 (2)                 | 1          | 1    | 1              |
| - Bidoni da litri 6 (2)                           | 1          | 1    | 1              |
| - Sacchi per pane                                 | 1          | 1    | 1              |
| - Schiumatoi                                      | 1          | 1    | 1              |
| III)- <u>Dotazioni di capolloria</u>              |            |      |                |
| - Casse scrittoio con cassetto e uccello          | 1          |      | 1              |
| - Colani scrittoio                                | 1          |      | 1              |
| - Duplicatori                                     | 1          |      | 1              |
| - Macchine per scrivere                           | 1          |      | 1              |

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NOTE:

(1)- Del tipo corrispondente alle cucine, e nel numero occorrente in relazione alla cap. cit. - rimette alla forza di vett.

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- Casse scrittore con cavalletto e sedia
- Colani scrittore
- Duplicatori
- Macchine per scrivere

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- (1)- Del tipo corrispondente alle cucine, e nel numero occorrente in relazione alla capacità delle marmitte ed alla forza da vettore vagliare.
- (2)- Di riserva per esigenze eventuali.
- (3)- Di cui una a doppio carrello.



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|-------------------------------------|---|---|--|
| - giubbe da panno                   | 1 | " |  |
| - " " tela                          | 1 | " |  |
| - laccioli per stivaletti (Liaia)   | 1 | " |  |
| - mutande (di tela e di lana) corte | 2 | " |  |
| - sostegni di panno                 | 1 | " |  |
| - pantaloni "                       | 1 | " |  |
| - " " tain                          | 2 | " |  |
| - piattini di riconoscimento        | 1 | " |  |
| - stivaletti                        | 3 | " |  |
| - stiletto metallica                | 1 | " |  |
| - borraccia                         | 1 | " |  |
| - borsa di pulizia                  | 1 | " |  |
| - coperto da campo                  | 2 | " |  |
| - cuochino                          | 1 | " |  |
| - forchetta                         | 1 | " |  |
| - gavetta                           | 1 | " |  |
| - tallino                           | 1 | " |  |
| - scarpe per armi e piedi           | 1 | " |  |
| - spazzole                          | 1 | " |  |
| - telo da tenda                     | 2 | " |  |
| - picchetti                         | 2 | " |  |
| - paletti                           | 2 | " |  |

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(1) - Da distribuire ai soli motociclisti e conduttori di automa



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Notes:

(1) - Per tre sottufficiali e tutti i miliardi di truppe della squadra campo (in compimento che i ripartimenti e sottufficiali della squadra stessa sono necessari e alcuni siano provvisti di armi e munizioni).

(2) - Per i ciclisti, motociclisti e conduttori di automezzi.

(3) - Per i ciclisti, l'infanteria, i conduttori di automezzi.

(4) - Per il ciclista e il conduttore di automezzo.

(5) - Per i granatieri porta fucile mitragliatore.

(6) - Costituiscono elemento di plotone; vengono assegnati a plotone, in relazione alla loro qualifica.

(7) - Temporaneamente, per l'addestramento, ogni compagnia conserva l'attuale dotazione di 3 fucili mitragliatori.

In conseguenza, fino a quando non saranno assegnati i 4 fucili mitragliatori mancanti, resterà in vigore la dotazione attuale di pistole e di granatieri per fucile mitragliatore.

*Quindici  
M. A.  
S. A.  
a. J. C.*

(Segue: servizio d'artiglieria)

| DENOMINAZIONE DEI MATERIALI                         | Dotaz. in-<br>dividua-<br>le o d'an-<br>no | Dotaz. di<br>reparto |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| II) - Dotazioni di munizionamento                   |                                            |                      |
| - per ogni armato di fucile e moschetto<br>cartucce | 72                                         | 28                   |
| - " " " pistola                                     | 21                                         | 7                    |
| - " " " moschetto aut.                              | 80                                         | 170                  |
| - " " fucile mitragliatore                          | 500                                        | 400                  |
| - bombe a mano                                      | 2                                          | -                    |

TOTALE COMPLESSIVO MUNIZIONAMENTO DI REG.

| MUNIZIONI                         | Secondo di: |      | Compe-<br>gnia |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|------|----------------|
|                                   | Rgt.        | Btg. |                |
| - Cartucce per fucile o moschetto | 672         | 407  | 37 4424        |
| - " " pistola (I)                 | 126         | 35   | 91             |
| - " " moschetto automatico        | -           | -    | 2040           |
| - " " fucile mitragliatore        | -           | -    | 3376           |

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TOTALE COMPLESSIVO MUNIZIONAMENTO DI REG.

| MUNIZIONI                         | Seconde di: |      | Compa-<br>gnia |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|------|----------------|
|                                   | Rgt.        | Btg. |                |
| - Cartucce per fucile o moschetto | 672         | 487  | 57 4424        |
| - " " pistola (1)                 | 126         | 35   | 91             |
| - " " moschetto automatico        | -           | -    | 2040           |
| - " " fucile mitragliatore        | -           | -    | 3376           |

NOTE:

(1) - Compresa la dotazione per le pistole degli ufficiali e dei marescialli.

# SERVIZIO DEL GENIO

## DENOMINAZIONE DEI MATERIALI

### I)- Dotazioni di materiali per i collegamenti

- Apparecchi telefonici da campo
- Borse da telefonista e guardafili
- Centralino a 6 linee
- Coraoncino telefonico per ftr. Km.
- Tamburelli per filo telefonico
- Zane per tamburelli
- Stazioni radio (tipo da stabilire)

### II)- Dotazioni di materiali da mappatore

- Radilli lunghi
- Gravine alleggerite
- Martelli a granchio
- " da muratore
- Metri pieghevoli
- Picconi a punta
- Seghe a telaio
- Succchielli assortiti
- Tenaglie per chiodi
- Licciaiuele
- Line triangolari
- Mannaresi alleggeriti

| Comandi di: |      | Com. a<br>guia |
|-------------|------|----------------|
| Rgt.        | Btg. |                |
| 4           | 3    | -              |
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- Metri pieghevoli
- Picconi a mano
- Seghe a telaio
- Succhielli assortiti
- Tenaglie per chiodi
- Lanciafuoco
- Line triangolari
- Marmalisi alleggeriti

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| DOTAZIONE DEI MATERIALI            | Comando di: |      | Compagnia |
|------------------------------------|-------------|------|-----------|
|                                    | Rgt.        | Btg. |           |
| - Dotazioni di bardature e corredo | -           | -    | 1         |
| - Carrette da battaglione leggero  | -           | -    | 1         |
| - Finimenti a stanghe con basto    | -           | -    | 1         |
| - Finimenti di rinforzo con basto  | -           | -    | 2         |
| - Borse per governo quadrupedi     | -           | -    | 2         |
| - Brusche di setola                | -           | -    | 2         |
| - Catene da cavezza                | -           | -    | 2         |
| - Cavezze da scuderia              | -           | -    | 2         |
| - Secchielli di tela per governo   | -           | -    | 2         |
| - Spugne                           | -           | -    | 2         |
| - Striglie                         | -           | -    | 2         |
| - Taschette da biada               | -           | -    | 2         |
| - Curasnette                       | -           | -    | 1         |
| - callari da scuderia              | -           | -    | 1         |

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- Secchielli di tupa per
- Spugne
- Striglie
- Taschette da biada
- Curesnette
- callari da scuderia

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Rome, 11 20 marzo 1946

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AT GABINETTO

ALLO 3.M.3.2. - Uff. Or. e Insegnamento

ALLA DIREZIONE GEN. DI SANITA'

ALLA DIREZIONE GEN. ARTIG. E MOTORIZZAZIONE

ATTI SPENTTORATO DI ARTIGIANERIA

ALL'ISPIRATO DEL SERV. INICO E VETRAIN.

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Seguito foglio 1/313 in carta 16 lettere.

Si trasmette, con preghiera di distribuzione ai reggimenti alpini e reparti salmerie dipendenti, il fascicolo "Dotazioni provvisorie per i reggimenti alpini territoriali e reparti salmerie" edizione marzo 1946. -

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THE CENTRALE ADDRESSES

1. to - Giorgio Liuzzi -

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IL GENERALE ADDETTO  
F.to - Giorgio Liuzzi -

p. c. c.  
IL CAPO UFFICIO SERVIZI  
- colonnello N. Meloni -

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## SERVIZIO DI SANITA'

| DENOMINAZIONE DEI MATERIALI                            | Comando    | Comp. Alpini | Reparti Sal-                         |
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|                                                        | Rgt. (172) | ni           | merio per<br>rgt.alpini<br>C.40 Sec. |
| - Barelle arrotolabili e scomponibili<br>in 2 parti    | 1          | 1            | 1                                    |
| - Borracce di alluminio con cinghie<br>per portaforiti | 1          | 1            | 1                                    |
| - Cavalletti reggi barelle (coppie)                    | 1          | 1            | 1                                    |
| - Coperte per barella                                  | 1          | 1            | 1                                    |
| - Spalline reggi barella (coppie)                      | 1          | 1            | 1                                    |
| - Zaini di sanità                                      | 1          | 1            | 1                                    |

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SERVIZIO DI CONCESSIONARIO

| DENOMINAZIONE DEI MATERIALI                       | Comando |      | Comandante |            | Rep. salmerie |            |
|---------------------------------------------------|---------|------|------------|------------|---------------|------------|
|                                                   | Rgt.    | Btg. | Comandante | Comandante | per rgt. alp. | Comandante |
| I)- Dotazione di oggetti di serv. gen.            |         |      |            |            |               |            |
| - Cassette per denaro                             | 1       | 1    | 1          | 1          | 1             | 1          |
| - Tasche per lettere                              | 2       | 2    | 1          | 1          | 1             | 1          |
| - Lanterne da campo                               | 2       | 2    | 4          | 4          | 4             | 4          |
| - Tende per ufficiali complete                    | 1       | 3    | 3          | 1          | 1             | 1          |
| - Trombe con correggiola                          | -       | -    | 2          | -          | -             | -          |
| II)- Dotazione di materiali da cucina             | (1)     | (1)  | (1)        | (1)        | (1)           | (1)        |
| - Marmitte per rancio                             | 2       | 1    | 8          | 3          | 6             | 1          |
| - Casse di cottura (cucine da campo) complete (2) | -       | -    | 1          | -          | 1             | -          |
| - Ceste grandi per carne con tagliere             | 1       | 1    | 4          | 1          | 3             | 1          |
| - Ceste piccole per carni con tagliere            | 1       | 1    | 1          | 1          | 1             | 1          |
| - Coltelli a leva                                 | 1       | 1    | 1          | 1          | 1             | 1          |
| - Cucine da 6 compl. per uff. li (2)              | 1       | 1    | 1          | 1          | 1             | 1          |
| - " " 3 " (2)                                     | 1       | 1    | 1          | 1          | 1             | 1          |
| - Forchettoni                                     | 1       | 1    | 1          | 1          | 1             | 1          |
| - Macinelli per caffè con custodia                | 1       | 1    | 1          | 1          | 1             | 1          |
| - Mannaresi per carne con guaina                  | 1       | 1    | 1          | 1          | 1             | 1          |
| - Marmitte da campo con coporchio                 | 1       | 1    | 1          | 1          | 1             | 1          |
| - Mestoli                                         | 1       | 1    | 1          | 1          | 1             | 1          |
| - Pedelle                                         | 1       | 1    | 1          | 1          | 1             | 1          |
| - Bidoni da litri 15 (2)                          | 1       | 1    | 1          | 1          | 1             | 1          |
| - Sacchi per pane                                 | 1       | 1    | 1          | 1          | 1             | 1          |
| - Barilotti smeggiabili da litri 35 (2)           | 1       | 1    | 1          | 1          | 1             | 1          |
| - Schiumatoi                                      | 1       | 1    | 1          | 1          | 1             | 1          |
| - Bidoni da litri 10 (2)                          | 1       | 1    | 1          | 1          | 1             | 1          |
| III)- Dotazione di cancelleria                    |         |      |            |            |               |            |
| - Casse scrittoio con cavalletto e sedile         | 1       | 1    | 1          | 1          | 1             | 1          |
| - Coperti scrittoio                               | 1       | 1    | 1          | 1          | 1             | 1          |
| - Duplicatori                                     | 1       | 1    | 1          | 1          | 1             | 1          |
| - Macchine per scrivere                           | 4       | 4    | 4          | 4          | 4             | 4          |

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- Forchettoni
- Macinelli per caffè con custodia
- Marmarresi per carne con Guaina
- Marmitte da campo con coperchio
- Mastelli
- Padelle
- Bidoni da litri 15 (2)
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III) -

NOTE:

- (1) - Del tipo corrispondente alle cucine e nel numero occorrente in relazione alla capacità delle marmitte ed alla forza da vettore.
- (2) - Di riserva per esigenze eventuali.
- (3) - Di cui una a doppio carrello.

(3. us: servizio al comando (170)

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17) - Distribuzione di vestiario, calzature e to

Componente della serie invernale di vestiario ed equipaggiamento per i sottufficiali (non ufficiali esclusi) e militi di truppa.

|                                         |        |
|-----------------------------------------|--------|
| - Asciugatoi                            |        |
| - cappelli alini con lana, in. e 3 m.   |        |
| - calze, in. di tela per automobili (1) |        |
| - calze                                 | (paia) |
| - camicie di tela                       |        |
| - c. poggia                             |        |
| - corse, in. per automobili             |        |
| - camicette e calze                     |        |
| - calzoletti                            |        |
| - camicie per automobili                |        |
| - giacca di tela                        |        |
| - " " tela                              |        |
| - laccioli per stivaletti               | (paia) |
| - mutande (di tela e di lana) corte     |        |
| - mostrine di panno                     | (paia) |
| - pantaloni " "                         |        |
| - " " tela                              |        |
| - piastrini di riconoscimento           |        |
| - stivaletti                            |        |
| - stellette metalliche                  |        |
| - borraccia                             |        |
| - borse di pulizia                      |        |
| - coperte da campo                      |        |
| - cuccchiato                            |        |
| - forchetta                             |        |
| - gavetta                               |        |
| - tazzino                               |        |
| - sacchi per armi a.p.                  |        |
| - spazzole                              |        |
| - telo da tenda                         |        |
| - picchetti                             |        |
| - paletti                               |        |

NOTE: (1) - Da distribuire ai soli motociclisti e conduttori di automobili.

N O T E: (1) - Da distribuire ai soli metociologisti e conduttori di automezzi. -

INQUIRY

(1) - Per la distribuzione a tutti i militari, esclusi i ciclisti, i meccanici, i motociclisti e i conduttori di automezzi. -

- Piccozze da guida alpina
- Martelli da roccia
- Ghiodi da roccia
- Moschetti per fune
- Fornelli per gavette sciatori

NOTE:

- (1) - Per la distribuzione a tutti i militari, esclusi i ciclisti, i meccanici, i motociclisti e i conduttori di automezzi.

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SERVIZIO DI ARMI E ATTACCHI

| DESCRIZIONE DEI MATERIALI                                     | Quantità |       | Comp. Atti |       | Rep. Serie |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-------|------------|-------|------------|-------|
|                                                               | U. S.    | U. S. | U. S.      | U. S. | U. S.      | U. S. |
| I) - Dotazioni al movimento                                   | 11(1)    | 9     | 160        | 52    | 137        |       |
| - Fucili modello 91                                           | 17(2)    | (2) 8 | (4) 2      | 10(5) | (5) 4      |       |
| - Moschetti modello 91                                        | -        | -     | (6) 2      | -     | -          |       |
| - Pistole automatiche                                         | -        | -     | -          | -     | -          |       |
| - Moschetti automatici (con 2 cariche)                        | -        | -     | (7) 2      | -     | -          |       |
| - Caricatrici da 20 colpi e 2 ser. del 10                     | -        | -     | (8) 2      | -     | -          |       |
| - Fucili mitragliatori                                        | 11       | 9     | 160        | 52    | 137        |       |
| - Cinghie per fuc. con 2 bottoni                              | 28       | 15    | 174        | 62    | 141        |       |
| - Giberne                                                     | -        | -     | -          | -     | -          |       |
| - Cinghia regimenterne con bottoni e ganci                    | 23       | 15    | 174        | 62    | 141        |       |
| - Fasce di cinturino con fibbia                               | 20       | 15    | 162        | 62    | 141        |       |
| - Dorso per sandalo buionetta                                 | 28       | 15    | 162        | 62    | 141        |       |
| - Cinghie per moschetti con fibbia e bottoni                  | 17       | 6     | 2          | 10    | 4          |       |
| - Pannone per pistola                                         | -        | -     | 12         | -     | -          |       |
| - Correggiola per mitragliatore                               | -        | -     | 12         | -     | -          |       |
| - Blucetti metallici                                          | 42       | 20    | 174        | 70    | 144        |       |
| - Cuffie per fucile mitragliatore                             | -        | -     | 12         | -     | -          |       |
| - Caserette a mano da portuonismo                             | -        | -     | 24         | -     | -          |       |
| - Cuffie per fucile mitragliatore                             | -        | -     | -          | -     | -          |       |
| - Caserette a mano per accessori a ricambi per fuc. mitragli. | -        | -     | 12         | -     | -          |       |
| - Fucile mitragliatore "Viron"                                | -        | -     | -          | -     | -          |       |
| - Caserette per di ricambio per fucile mitragli. "Viron"      | -        | -     | -          | -     | -          |       |

NOTA:

- (1) - Per 3 sottratti e tutti i fucili di truppe della squadra comando (in considerazione che i rimanenti 4 sottratti della squadra sono stati marciatori e che quindi siano provvisti di pistola di 8.47.47).
- (2) - Per i motociclisti, i ciclisti e i conduttori di automezzi.
- (3) - Per i ciclisti, l'infermiere, i conduttori di automezzi.
- (4) - Per il ciclista e il conduttore di autocarro.
- (5) - Per il meccanico motorista, il conduttore di autocarro, l'addetto ai sanitari, gli infermieri, i motociclisti, i conduttori di automezzi e il ciclista.

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(Segue: Servizio d'artiglieria)

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| DENOMINAZIONE DEI MATERIALI              | Dotazioni individuali o di reparto | Dotazioni individuali o di reparto |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| II) - <u>Dotazioni di munizionamento</u> |                                    |                                    |
| - Per ogni armato di fucile o moschetto  | 72 (1)                             | 28                                 |
| - " " " pistola                          | 21                                 | 7                                  |
| - " " " mosch. aut.                      | 80                                 | 170                                |
| - " " fucile mitragliatore               | 500                                | 422                                |
| - " " " "Bren"                           | 364                                | 364                                |
| - Bombe a mano                           | 2                                  | -                                  |

NOTA:

(1) - Ad eccezione degli appartenenti al nucleo "Fucile mitragliatore Bren" che hanno soltanto 50 cartucce per fuc. mod. 91.-

TOTALE COMPLESSIVO MUNIZIONAMENTO  
DI REPARTO

| MUNIZIONI                         | Comando di: |      | Rep. Salmerie     |            |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|------|-------------------|------------|
|                                   | Rgt.        | Btg. | Comp. Alpi-<br>ni | C. d. Sez. |
| - Cartucce per fucile o moschetto | 672         | 420  | 4424              | 1736       |
| - " " pistola (1)                 | 126         | 35   | 91                | 49         |
| - " " moschetto automat.          | -           | -    | 240               | -          |
| - " " fuc. mitragliatore          | -           | -    | 3376              | -          |
| - " " fucile mitragl. "Bren"      | -           | -    | -                 | -          |
|                                   |             |      | -                 | 364        |
|                                   |             |      | 5348              | 364        |

NOTA:

(1) - Compresa le dotazioni per

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|                                   | Comando di: |      | Comp. Alpini | C.do | Rep. Salmerie |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|------|--------------|------|---------------|
|                                   | Rgt.        | Btg. |              |      |               |
| - Cartucce per fucile o moschetto | 673         | 420  | 4424         | 1736 | 3948          |
| - " " pistola (1)                 | 126         | 35   | 51           | 49   | 14            |
| - " " moschetto automat.          | -           | -    | 240          | -    | -             |
| - " " fuc. mitragliatore          | -           | -    | 3376         | -    | -             |
| - " " fucile mitragl. "Tren"      | -           | -    | -            | -    | -             |
|                                   |             |      |              | 6346 | 364           |

NOTA:

(1) - Compresa le dotazioni per le pistole degli ufficiali e dei marescialli.

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SERVIZIO DEL GENIO

| DENOMINAZIONE DEI MATERIALI                   | Comando di: |      | Com-<br>pagnia |      | Rep. Salmer. |   |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------|------|----------------|------|--------------|---|
|                                               | Rgt.        | Etg. | C. Co          | Soc. |              |   |
| I)- Dotazioni di mat. per i colle-<br>gamenti |             |      |                |      |              |   |
| - Apparecchi telefonici da campo              | 4           | 3    | -              | -    | -            | - |
| - Borse da telefonista e da<br>guardafili     | 2           | 1    | -              | -    | -            | - |
| - Centralina a 6 linee                        | 1           | -    | -              | -    | -            | - |
| - Cordonino telefonico per<br>fun.            | 6           | 6    | -              | -    | -            | - |
| - Tamburelli per fili telef. c.               | 16          | 12   | -              | -    | -            | - |
| - Vane per tamburelli                         | 8           | 6    | -              | -    | -            | - |
| - Staz. radio (tipo da stabili-<br>re)        | 3           | -    | -              | -    | -            | - |
| II)- Dotazioni di materiali da zap-<br>patori |             |      |                |      |              |   |
| - Padili lunghi                               | -           | -    | -              | -    | -            | - |
| - Gravine alleggerite                         | -           | -    | -              | -    | -            | - |
| - Martelli a granchio                         | -           | -    | -              | -    | -            | - |
| - " da muratori                               | -           | -    | -              | -    | -            | - |
| - Metri pieghevoli                            | -           | -    | -              | -    | -            | - |
| - Piceoni a fendente                          | -           | -    | -              | -    | -            | - |
| - Seghe a telaio                              | -           | -    | -              | -    | -            | - |
| - Saccchielli assestati                       | -           | -    | -              | -    | -            | - |
| - Tenaglie per chiodi                         | -           | -    | -              | -    | -            | - |
| - Isociniuoli                                 | -           | -    | -              | -    | -            | - |
| - Linee triangolari                           | -           | -    | -              | -    | -            | - |
| - Mannaresi alleggeriti                       | -           | -    | -              | -    | -            | - |

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- Martelli a granchio
- " da muratori
- Martelli pieghevoli
- Picconi a fendente
- Seghe a telaio
- Succhietti assottiti
- Tene glie per chiodi
- L'acciaiuolo
- Lime triangolari
- Mannaresi alleggeriti

## SERVIZIO TRASPORTI PER VIA ORDINARIA

| DENOMINAZIONE DEI MATERIALI             | Comando di: |      | Comp.<br>Alpini | Rep. Salmeria |      |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------|------|-----------------|---------------|------|
|                                         | Rgt.        | Btg. |                 | S.di          | Soz. |
| <u>Dotazioni di bardature e carreg.</u> |             |      |                 |               |      |
| - Carrette da btg. leggere              | -           | -    | -               | 4             | -    |
| - Finimenti a stanga con basto          | -           | -    | -               | 4             | -    |
| - " di rinforzo con basto               | -           | -    | -               | 4             | -    |
| - Bardature a sella per uff.li          | -           | -    | -               | 6             | 2    |
| - " " basto                             | -           | -    | -               | 20            | 102  |
| - Borse per governo quadrupedi          | -           | -    | -               | 30            | 104  |
| - Brusche di setola                     | -           | -    | -               | 30            | 104  |
| - Catene da cavezza                     | -           | -    | -               | 30            | 104  |
| - Cavezze da sudaeria                   | -           | -    | -               | 30            | 104  |
| - Collari da sudaeria                   | -           | -    | -               | 1             | 4    |
| - Coperte impermeabili del n.5          | -           | -    | -               | 20            | 132  |
| - Curasnette                            | -           | -    | -               | 2             | 3    |
| - Secchielli di tela per cover-         | -           | -    | -               |               |      |
| - no quadrupedi                         | -           | -    | -               |               |      |
| - Spagne                                | -           | -    | -               | 30            | 174  |
| - Striglie                              | -           | -    | -               | 30            | 104  |
| - Taschette da biada                    | -           | -    | -               | 30            | 104  |
| - Abbeveratoi pieghevoli                | -           | -    | -               | 60            | 208  |
| - Borse da maniscalco                   | -           | -    | -               | 1             | 1    |
| - Borse da sellaio                      | -           | -    | -               | 1             | 1    |
| - Fucine sonneggianti e cofano          | -           | -    | -               | 1             | 1    |
| - attrezzi                              | -           | -    | -               | 1             | -    |
| - Armature a basto per carichi          | -           | -    | -               | 5             | 20   |
| - di circostanza                        | -           | -    | -               |               |      |

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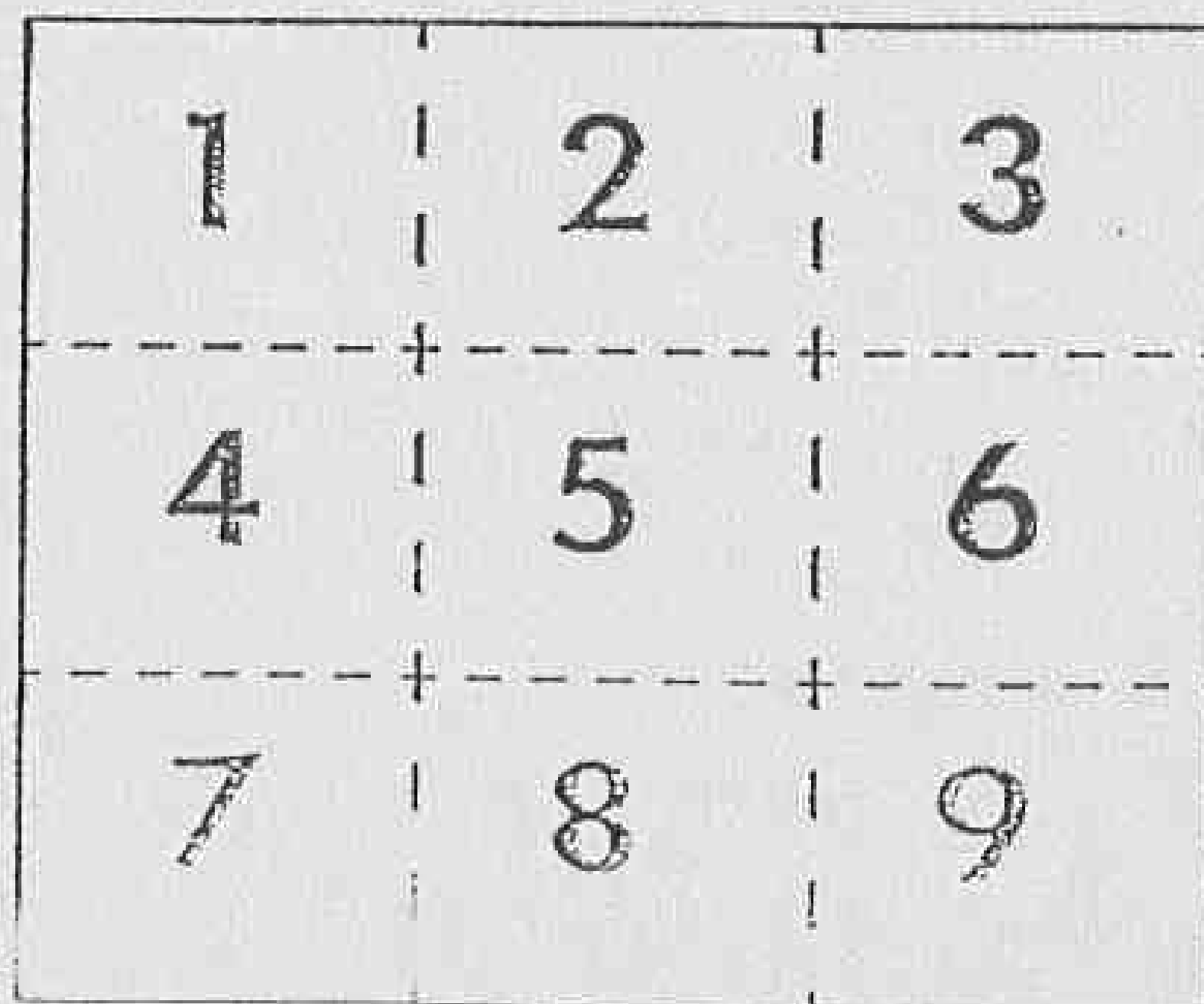
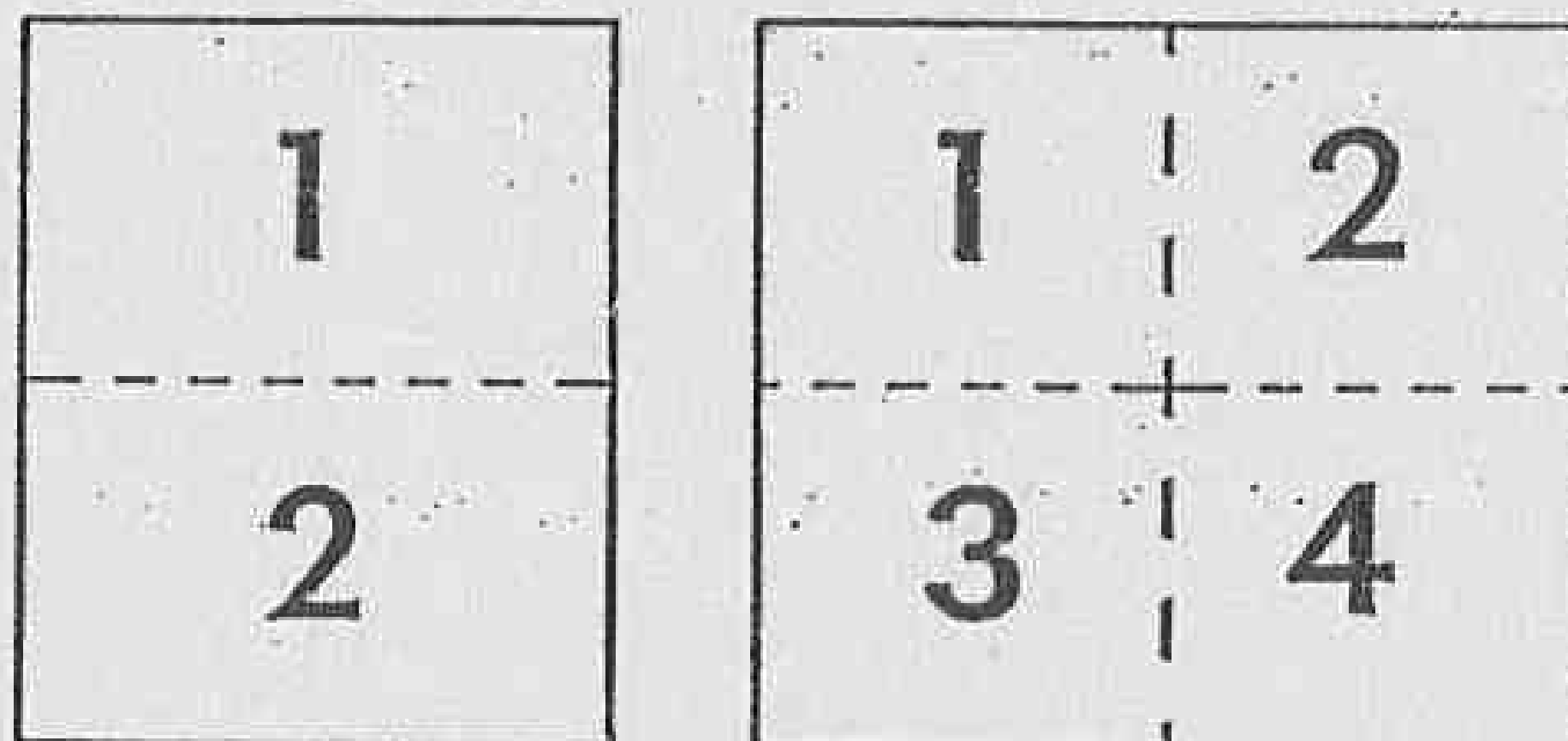
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- Origine
- Taschette da biada
- Abbeveratoi pieghevoli
- Borse da maniscalco
- Borse da sellaio
- Fucine sommessibili e corano  
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- Armature a barto per carichi  
di circostanza

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|                            | snelli mitragl.<br>Breda 30 cal.6,5 | moschetto aut.<br>Beretta cal.9 | moschetti mod.91<br>cal.6,5 | pistola mod.89<br>cal.10,35 | pistola Beretta<br>34 cal.9 |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Div. Fanteria (5)          | 1                                   | 540                             | 200                         | 119                         | 529                         |
| Div. Sicurezza Interna (3) | 358                                 | 583                             | 6.413                       | 114                         | 1.528                       |
| Stabilimenti Militari      | -                                   | ---                             | 2                           | ---                         | ---                         |
| Forze di Polizia           | 4.219                               | 15.739                          | 123.709                     | 31.410                      | 33.027                      |
| Riserve                    | 275                                 | 71                              | 45.420                      | 825                         | 579                         |
| Regg./ti Indipendenti (10) | 746                                 | 1.204                           | 20.998                      | 127                         | 348                         |
| Servizi                    | 304                                 | 403                             | 8.312                       | 60                          | 424                         |
| <b>Totale Generale</b>     | <b>5.903</b>                        | <b>18.540</b>                   | <b>205.054</b>              | <b>32.685</b>               | <b>36.435</b>               |

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|                   |       |       |        |       |       |
|-------------------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|
| Div. Fanteria (5) | 1.240 | 8.300 | 65.274 | 1.776 | 4.859 |
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| R                                | M                             | I                            |                      |                       |                 |                 |                                                    |              |  |
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| mitraglietta mod. 91<br>cal. 6,5 | pistola mod. 89<br>cal. 10,35 | pistola Beretta<br>34 cal. 9 | pistola cal.<br>7,65 | mitatela cal.<br>6,35 | mortai da<br>45 | mortai da<br>81 | mitragliatrici<br>Breda 37 e 38<br>Fiat 35; cal. 8 | bombe a mano |  |
| 200                              | 119                           | 529                          | —                    | —                     | —               | —               | 22                                                 | —            |  |
| 6.413                            | 114                           | 1.528                        | —                    | —                     | 2               | 200             | 389                                                | 41.212       |  |
| 2                                | —                             | —                            | —                    | —                     | —               | —               | —                                                  | 100.000      |  |
| 3.709                            | 31.410                        | 33.027                       | —                    | 1.820                 | —               | —               | 610                                                | 144.887      |  |
| 5.420                            | 825                           | 579                          | 949                  | 14                    | 481             | 492             | 2.832                                              | 2.008.527    |  |
| 0.998                            | 127                           | 348                          | —                    | 35                    | 51              | —               | 25                                                 | —            |  |
| 8.312                            | 60                            | 424                          | —                    | —                     | —               | —               | 24                                                 | 2.052        |  |
| 5.054                            | 32.685                        | 36.435                       | .949                 | 1.869                 | 534             | 692             | 3.902                                              | 2.296.678    |  |

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|        |       |       |    |   |   |   |        |
|--------|-------|-------|----|---|---|---|--------|
| 65.274 | 1.776 | 4.859 | 55 | — | — | — | 22.400 |
|--------|-------|-------|----|---|---|---|--------|

Regg/ri Indipendenti (10)

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Totale Generale

|       |        |         |        |        |
|-------|--------|---------|--------|--------|
| 746   | 1.204  | 20.998  | 127    | 348    |
| 304   | 403    | 8.312   | 60     | 424    |
| 5.903 | 18.540 | 205.054 | 32.685 | 36.435 |

## M U N I Z I E M I

Div. Fanteria (5)

Div. Sicurezza Interna (3)

Stabilimenti militari

Forze di Polizia

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Regg/ri Indipendenti

Servizi

Totale Generale

|           |            |            |           |         |    |
|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|---------|----|
| 1.240     | 8.300      | 65.274     | 1.776     | 4.859   |    |
| 506.035   | 247.878    | 1211.505   | 3.096     | 39.232  |    |
| ---       | ---        | 366.968    | 290.000   | ---     |    |
| 3584.257  | 2.590.098  | 7.599.949  | 892.409   | 490.802 | 2  |
| 11451.974 | 14.571.408 | 16.200.554 | 37.740    | 21.648  | 15 |
| 858.856   | 297.499    | 902.873    | 134       | 7.470   |    |
| 340.520   | 152.291    | 1.111.800  | 878       | 13.722  |    |
| 16.742882 | 17.867.474 | 27.458.923 | 1.226.033 | 577.733 | 15 |

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|     |        |        |      |       | 402 | 492 | 2.832 | 2.008.577- |
| 998 | 127    | 348    | ---  | 35    | 51  | --- | 25    | ---        |
| 312 | 60     | 424    | ---  | ---   | --- | --- | 24    | 2.052      |
| 054 | 32.685 | 36.435 | .949 | 1.869 | 534 | 692 | 3.902 | 2.296.678  |

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|     |           |         |        |        |           |         |            |    |
|-----|-----------|---------|--------|--------|-----------|---------|------------|----|
| 274 | 1.776     | 4.859   | 55     | ---    | ---       | ---     | 22.400     |    |
| 505 | 3.096     | 39.232  | ---    | ---    | ---       | 23.334  | 395.636    |    |
| 968 | 290.000   | ---     | ---    | ---    | 152.000   | ---     | ---        |    |
| 949 | 892.409   | 490.802 | 2.000  | 54.913 | ---       | ---     | 609.960    | 42 |
| 554 | 37.740    | 21.648  | 13.761 | ---    | 1.469.896 | 238.656 | 36.934.760 |    |
| 873 | 134       | 7.470   | ---    | 448    | 1.499     | ---     | 55.500     |    |
| 800 | 878       | 13.722  | ---    | ---    | ---       | ---     | 812.270    |    |
| 923 | 1.226.033 | 577.733 | 15.816 | 55.361 | 1.623.395 | 261.990 | 38.830.526 |    |

Il Direttore  
CAPO DIVISIONE  
(Col. G. Campagna)

*J. Campagna*

Trans. tion

From M. of W.

Ref. 4/462/Serv

To M.M.I.A.

Date 3/3/46.

Subject Weapons for the "Legnano" Inf. div.

Reference your letter Q/003 dated 8/2/46 appendix "A".

As shown in the attached list the number of some of the weapons listed in column(3) of enclosure "A" of the letter to which we refer does not correspond to the issue already laid down for Inf. div batts.

We ask you to kindly make up the deficiencies as soon as possible.

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G. Liuzzi.

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by esp. 28/3. Q1 speak  
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Allegato al r.4/462/Serv.in data 3.3.946.-

| DOTAZIONI DELLE ARMI  | ORGANICO |        | Armi che verranno cedute | Deficienze |
|-----------------------|----------|--------|--------------------------|------------|
|                       | 1 dtg.   | 2 dtg. |                          |            |
| - Fucile da 303       | 538      | 552    | 1104                     | 872        |
| - Fucile mitra Bren   | 62       | 64     | 128                      | 94         |
| - Mortai da 2 pollici | 18       | 23     | 46                       | 28         |
| - Mortai Piat         | 20       | 20     | 40                       | 38         |
|                       |          |        |                          | 2          |

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MINISTRY OF SUPPLY NOTES.

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1. AMHQ Directive (of 2 Nov 45) to us (confirmed by AFHQ Conference of 14 Dec 45) clearly says that all ex British equipment and materials (less lethal weapons) available for the Italian Army will be transferred through local rep of Ministry of Supply.

2. Ministry of Supply transfers all surplus to the Italian Government who decide which of it will go to the Italian War Ministry for the Army. There is no question of Ministry of Supply imposing any conditions on its allocation to or use by the War Ministry.

3. MIA is by agreement with Col FAY attaching an English speaking Italian Ordnance officer to Ministry of Supply from 4 March to scrutinise lists of available surpluses and inform War Ministry of any considered essential to the Italian Army.

4. It is hoped that the Italian Government will arrange for a War Ministry detachment to be attached to ABR with a view to their watching War Min own interests no other Italians will.

5. It has been agreed that lethal weapons shall be handed over direct by Military to Military and this is being done in the case of

(a) special issue for CARs

(b) 60 days maintenance for weapons held by Inf Divs on 15 Nov.

6. It is understood however that the future provision of

(a) weapons for Interim Army

(b) 'A' Vehicles for Interim Army

(c) maintenance for above

has not yet been decided. The existing Ordnance Depots are closing down immediately their commitments to RFA, GREECE, and Strategic Reserve have been met. The contents remaining will be taken over by Ministry of Supply, all lethal weapons being rendered "innocuous" i.e. useless for the Italian Army.

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## TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War

REF: 834-1-Ord.

TO: M.M.I.A.

DATE: 26.2.46.

SUBJECT: New uniform for the Italian Army. SP

Reference verbal request.

Further to letter 7189 of 31.12.45, we would inform you that the question of the new uniform for the Italian Army is still in the study phase.

The general characteristics, on the basis of which the new dress has been submitted for study, are those specified in the above mentioned letter.

On the colour and style of the dress, however, the War Minister has still to give a definite opinion and the new uniform must still be submitted to the examination of H.R.H. The Lieutenant General.

As soon as the new uniform has been established, this Directorate General will notify your Mission of the relative characteristics and forward samples of the new dress for visual examination.

Sgd. PELLIGRA

Gen.

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FOR Q STOP YOUR P 63225 21 FEB STOP Q IS POLICY NOT UNDERSTOOD STOP  
ITALIAN ARMY REQUIRE EFFICIENT A VEHICLES OF TYPES SPECIFIED TOGETHER  
WITH ADEQUATE MAINTENANCE STORES STOP REQUEST DETAILS INCLUDING  
CLASSIFICATION OF CARRIERS NOW UNDER CONTROL MEN OF SUPPLY AS ITALIAN  
GOVT WILL NOT PURCHASE INEFFICIENT MILITARY VEHICLES WITH NO GUARANTEE  
SPARE PARTS AS SUCH VEHICLES OF LITTLE USE TO MODERN ARMY STOP IF  
ITALIAN ARMY IS TO BE EFFICIENT AND EQUIPPED WITH BRITISH A VEHICLES  
STRONGLY URGED THERE BE CONSIDERED AS SAME CATEGORY AS INFANTRY WEAPONS  
AND SUPPLIED DIRECT BY MILITARY

SEE 61A

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"G"

Translation.

From:- M. of W.

To:- MMIA.

Ref:-4/344/Serv.

Date:- 20th. Feb. 46

Subject:- Equipment sets and steel helmets.

Ref. your Q/003 dated 8th. inst., and verbal agreement made between Lt.Col. OLIVETTI and the Liaison Officer.

- 1) In the letter referred to above, you do not specify whether the appropriate webbing equipment are included in the issue of arms which will be drawn at Naples on 19th. inst.

In the ~~xxx~~ event of these equipment not being included, we beg you to consider the necessity of having same assigned to the 11 KICs and the 2 Bn. for the "Legnano" Div.

- 2) Similarly, steel helmets for the 2 Guard Bns which will replace the 2 Alpine Bn. in the "Legnano" Div., have not been considered with the arms assigned to a/n Guard Bn. Since the 2 Alpine Bn, on leaving the "Legnano" Div., will take with them the British Steel Helmets in their possession, we beg you to consider the advisability of keeping the uniformity of equipment and assign to the "Legnano" Div. 1532 helmets: ~~since~~ the strength of each Bn is 766 men.

Sgt. Fabre.

Sgd. Liuzzi.

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2) Similarly, 8923  
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Sgd. Liuzzi.

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Subject:-

Provision of British Weapons for the Italian Army.Land Forces Sub Commission A.O.  
(M. M. I. A.) R.M.

Q.003,

18 February, 1946.

To:-

War Ministry. (by S.C.O.)

Further to this M.O. letter Q.003 dated 8 February.

1. Approval has now been obtained for the issue on loan to the Italian Army of the weapons detailed therein.
2. It is understood that arrangements have been completed by you for your representatives to meet M.M.I.A. officers at Naples on Tuesday 19 February 46.
3. Release for the weapons required for the two Bns. transferred to Infantry Divisions has been made separately, but it is anticipated that the weapons will in fact be handed over at the same time as those intended for G.A.R.'s. It is desirable that the earliest possible distribution should be made, and you are requested to report progress in this connection.

*Rae*T.A. CURTIS Lt. Col.  
for Major General,  
M. M. I. A.

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Ref: 9006/235/30.

See File 207  
Folio 47

16 February 1946.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

You must be as concerned as I am in regard to the provision of equipment for your new Italian Army, and you are, no doubt, equally anxious about the very serious deficiency at present existing in arms, ammunition, vehicles and spare parts.

As you know, it has been decided as an interim policy that much of this equipment must come from captured enemy stocks and from Allied military surpluses which are handed over to the Italian Government and distributed mainly through the agency of A.R.A.R.

The duty of ensuring that the Italian Army is properly equipped, as well as the responsibility for allocating material in the hands of A.R.A.R. and of the other government agencies or ministries, lie with your Government. Unfortunately, you have many economic difficulties with which to compete. There are bound to be conflicting interests which may act against the best interests of the Army. For instance, cases have been brought to my notice of motor vehicles and spare parts suitable for, and badly needed by, the Carabinieri, being allotted elsewhere.

In order to give the War Minister a fair opportunity of obtaining the equipment he requires, it would appear necessary that he should have a greater knowledge of the equipment available and the opportunity of acquiring priority for its allocation to the Army. I suggest that this might be done by including in the A.R.A.R. organisation a small nucleus of qualified Army officers who could inspect material as it becomes available, advise the War Minister of that which is suitable for his requirements and ensure allocation to the Army where necessary. I would ask you to consider adopting this suggestion at once, particularly as, if there is any case of doubt, the War Minister could obtain an Allied opinion from the Land Forces Sub-Commission (MIA) at any moment. You might, of course, wish to consider similar representation of the Minister for Air and Marine, either as a joint effort, or separately.

As a further help to the War Minister I am instructing the Commander of the Land Forces Sub-Commission to arrange for the maintenance of permanent liaison with the Allied Surplus Disposal agencies by means of suitable Italian officers who would thereby obtain early information of material to be released and advise the War Ministry accordingly.

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You will agree, I know, that it is essential that confidence in the interim Italy Army be established both in Italy and among the United Nations. This can only be done if the needs of the Army are appreciated and provided by the Italian Government. The proposals outlined above would go a long way to ensure this.

Very truly yours,

M. S. LUSH

Acting Chief Commissioner.

Copy to: Chief Commissioner.  
Land Forces S/C (MIA)  
Navy S/C. Air Forces S/C.

Recd Sec (for GEN Branch).

9003

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS GMP

Subject: Blankets for SEP.

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 296

GHQ/9172/Q(AE)

14 Feb 46

HQ, BTA.  
 HQ, LF G.  
 HQ, 2 District.  
 HQ, 3 District.  
 HQ, 13 Corps.  
 HQ, RAAC.  
 HQ, Allied Commission.

Reference this HQ letter AG 386.3/163-0 of 8 Aug 45.

1. It has come to notice that the scale of blankets laid down in Appendix "E" to above mentioned letter is not being observed by all units. The scale is increased to three per man for personnel within service units only, under cover of Troopers signal 79409 Q(AE)2 dated 13 Oct 45 addressed to this GHQ.
2. This scale is applicable to all SEP administered by all Allies and Services and will be adhered to by all concerned.
3. Addressees will take steps to ensure that the scale is enforced within all units concerned under their command.

JJP/DY.

W.B. VERBER, Lt. Col.,  
 for Major General,  
 Major General, Administration.

Copy to: HQ Caserta Enclave.  
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 Ord Directorate  
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13 FEB 1946

Subject:- Provision of Weapons for  
ITALIAN Army

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS GMP

Tele No. Freedom 518

GHQ/8159/Q(AE)

12 Feb 46

Land Forces Sub Commission,  
(MMIA) AC ROME

Reference your Q.003 of 7 Feb 46.

1. The British Equipment listed in Appendix 'A' to your letter will be made available.
2. The conditions will be the same as those for the equipment issued for the CARS (this HQ letter GHQ/8159/Q(AE) of 8 Feb 46 refers) viz:-
  - (a) The equipment will be vouchered to MMIA for the ITALIAN Army on loan pending final settlement of policy for equipping the ITALIAN Army as a whole.
  - (b) Ordnance will arrange for the issues to take priority over other units if necessary.
3. Please arrange through Ord channels for the collection of these items.
4. Reference our GHQ/8159/Q(AE) of 8 Feb 46 and confirming conversation Lt. Col. CURTIES // Capt. PROUDFOOT of 11 Feb 46, only 156 2 in Mortars are available for CARS, not 526 as requested. This represents the total availability of this weapon for the ITALIAN Army at the present time and allocation must be decided by you.

JJP/FHA

W.B. WEBSTER, Lt. Col.,  
for Major General,  
Major General, Administration

Copy to:- G(ED)

Ord - with copy Appendix 'A' to MMIA letter under ref  
less 2" Mor. Please arrange issue.

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Q.003

(44)

Subject:- Provision of British Weapons for the Italian Army.

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

Q.003.✓

8 February, 1946.

To:- War Ministry.

1. Very early approval is anticipated for the issue from British sources of weapons detailed at appendix "A".
2. You will be informed immediately details of the transfer arrangements have been decided. It is anticipated that transfer will be made from the British Ordnance Depot at Naples.
3. You are requested to review the necessary arrangements to insure a satisfactory plan for the rapid distribution of these weapons to the G.A.R's. and units for which they are intended. So far as possible, individuals concerned should be selected and held in readiness to execute this task. Transportation and safe custody while in transit should be included in your plan.

*RAC*  
Major General,  
M. M. I. A.

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*SEP 56* *SEP 48*

Copy to:- "G" (for action as regards distribution of 2" mortars).  
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Appendix "A" to M.H.I.A.  
Letter Q.003 of 8 Feb 46.

| Weapon         | Required for C.A.R's. | Required for Ens.<br>transferred to<br>Combat Divs. | TOTAL              |
|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| (1)            | (2)                   | (3)                                                 | (4)                |
| Pistol .38     | 1,001                 | 64                                                  | 1,065              |
| Rifles .303.   | 45,100                | 872                                                 | 45,972             |
| T.M.C.         | 2,112                 | 328                                                 | 2,440              |
| L.M.C.         | 2,112                 | 94                                                  | 2,206              |
| 2" Mortar      | 9156 <del>159</del>   | 18                                                  | 156 <del>159</del> |
| 3" Mortar      |                       | 12                                                  | 12                 |
| PIAT           | 528                   | 38                                                  | 566                |
| Pistols Signal | 264                   | 78                                                  | 342                |
| M.H.C.         |                       | 16                                                  | 16                 |
| Rifles Snipers |                       | 14                                                  | 14                 |
| Motorcycles.   | 176                   |                                                     | 176                |

NOTE: (1) Release has also been requested and is anticipated for 176 motorcycles to be allocated to C.A.R's.

(2) It will be observed that 2" <sup>mortars</sup> ~~mortars~~ are in short supply and special arrangements will be needed to provide the minimum number considered necessary at C.A.R's. ~~from~~ existing resources.

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Subject:- Provision of British Weapons for the Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.

(M. H. I. A.)

RGSE.

Q.003.

2 February, 1946.

To:- G.H.Q. C.M.F.

1. Under reference Q.003 of 1 February 46, approval was requested for the early release to the Italian Army of British weapons required to equip the C.A.R's. (Recruit Training Centres) in time for the initial call-up for the Interim Italian Army.

2. If it is decided that these weapons are to be issued pending the general release for the re-arming of the Italian Army, it is requested that the weapons detailed in appendix "A" may be added to those already demanded. They are required to re-equip two Infantry Bns. which were formerly armed with Italian weapons and are now being posted to Infantry Divisions in replacement of two Bns. withdrawn for service in Infantry Regiments.

If this is approved it will obviate the withdrawal of British weapons from soldiers who have been accustomed to handle them. This is obviously most undesirable but at the same time unavoidable if the Infantry Bns. in the Division are to be armed with the same type of weapon.

*RAC*

Major General,  
M. H. I. A.

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Appendix "A" to H.M.L.A.  
Letter 2,003 of Feb 46.

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| Pistol .38     | 64  |
| Rifles .303    | 872 |
| T.M.G. .45     | 328 |
| L.M.G. .503    | 94  |
| 2" Mortar      | 18  |
| 3" Mortar      | 12  |
| PIAT           | 33  |
| Pistols signal | 78  |
| H.M.C.         | 16  |
| Rifles snipers | 14  |

Motor cycles  
Lighter bikes with H

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"Q" BUCK SLIP

FILE No Q 003.

| DATE   | SECTION<br>OR<br>SERVICE |              | ACTION REQUIRED                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|--------|--------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|        | FROM                     | TO           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 4 Feb. | Q                        | Brig<br>G.S. | <p>Spoke Webber &amp; (AC). He states<br/>weapons available in and before<br/>Naples. Little could be made<br/>available elsewhere. He awaits<br/>policy decision and would welcome<br/>early opportunity to "issue".</p> <p>RAC.</p> <p>I hope our joint efforts will<br/>achieve a policy decision<br/>shortly.</p> <p>RAC mm/H.</p> |
| 5 Feb. | BSS                      | Q            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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Subject :- Withdrawal of British Egmt from Italian Tps  
Aosta Bn 1 Alpini Regt ex 530 Bn Legnano.

1 British Liaison Unit

To :- HQ Land Forces Sub Comm AC (HQIA)  
 Rome

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1. The Ministry of War have issued an order to Gen di Pralorno to withdraw all the British eqpt from the above Bn; already the morale of this Bn has gone down considerably since it came under command of Territoriale, due to the fact that from the day the Bn left Command of Legnano the men lost 15 lire a day, if this latest order is carried out the morale will suffer unconceivable damage. I had one of my officers visit the Bn and the sole subject of discussion within the Bn, both officers and men, is the possibility of the loss of this eqpt, which they have had for some time, and are efficiently trained in its use.
2. In view of the fact that this Bn is stationed at AOSTA, the town near the French border, it is imperative that the Bn should be encouraged to keep it's morale high, and this latest blow to their morale is having dangerous effects.
3. The reason for withdrawing this eqpt is to give it to the ex Bn of Alpini which has passed to command of Legnano, which in view of the proposed new organisation and equipping of the Italian Army, seems an unnecessary action, resulting in severe repercussions to their morale.
4. Ministry of War have been approached by Gen di Pralorno to have the order withdrawn, with no effect. Can therefore this matter be taken up with the Ministry, by HQ ISIA.

Field  
 4 Feb 46

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W. Hamilton

Major  
 GSO III

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*[Signature]*

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Subject:-

Provision of British Weapons for G.A.R.'s.

Land Warfare Sub Commission A.C.

(M. N. I. A.)

RMS.

Q. 503.

4 February 1946.

To:-

G.H.Q.

for attention G.A.C.

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1. Under BSB/81/5B of 18 January 46, it was stated that the issue of British weapons to the Italian Army had been approved in principle, and that consideration was being given to availability from theatre stocks.

Under BSB/81/5B dated 18 January 46, the theatre stocks were given as stated in column 3 of the attached appendix "A".

2. In order that the G.A.R.'s. (Recruit Training Centres) are fully equipped prior to the arrival of the first call-up, it is essential that release be made of the weapons listed at column 4 of appendix "A" not later than 15 February 46.

3. It is understood that these will be made available at the Ordnance Depot at Naples, but should it be possible to release a proportion of the weapons further north, it would facilitate distribution to the G.A.R.'s. located in the north.

4. It is appreciated that release of British vehicles cannot be expected with the exception of motorcycles, but it is requested that the latter may be made available. They have been included in appendix "A".

5. If you will inform this H.Q. by signal when and where the stores may be collected, arrangements will be made by the War Ministry for their distribution.

RAC.

Major General,  
M. N. I. A.

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Serial No.  
(1)Item  
(2)Available in Theatre Stocks  
(3)

|   |                 |        |
|---|-----------------|--------|
| 1 | Pistols .38"    | 15,359 |
| 2 | Rifles          | 67,589 |
| 3 | T.M.C. .45"     | 11,093 |
| 4 | L.M.G.          | 4,661  |
| 5 | Mortar 2"       | 159    |
| 6 | PIAT            | 1,720  |
| 7 | Pistols, Signal | 3,382  |
| 8 | Motorcycles     | 1,550  |

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Appendix "A" to G.O.B.

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Available in Theatre Stocks  
(3)Now required for C.A.R's.  
TOTAL  
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15,359

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67,909

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1,790

528 ✓

3,382

264 ✓

1,550

176 ✓

*Slm ?!*

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Subject:-

War Ministry - Azienda Nipero Alleanza  
Pasignati (A.P.A.R.)

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.  
M. E. I. A.)  
Rome.

✓ C.O.B.

2 February 1946.

To:-

Major Berman,  
Senior Liaison Officer.

1. For some time it has been apparent that while A.P.A.R. is the official receiving agency of the Italian Government for Allied military surplus material and C.E.M. not required for Allied or unsorted enemy personnel, this organization is reluctant to pass any of this material to the War Ministry for the Italian Army.
2. It is a matter of concern that the Italian Government does not appear to be giving the War Ministry support in obtaining material of military value to the Army which, in view of the very grave deficiencies in this respect, is a long way from being efficiently administered. Repeated efforts to obtain a thority for this material to be made available direct to the Italian Army through M.E.I.A. have failed. The official policy remains that A.P.A.R. must handle all allied surpluses and C.E.M., other than British lethal war-like equipment.

3. The following are examples of material required by the War Ministry and controlled by A.P.A.R.

- (a) Reconditioned ex-Allied vehicles.
- (b) Motor Transport vehicles of Italian origin included in C.E.M.
- (c) Raw materials for manufacture or repair of tyres.\*
- (d) S.F. Spare Parts and tyres included in C.E.M.
- (e) Uniforms and cloth suitable for the manufacture of uniforms.

There are no doubt many others.

Evidence is required as to the present relationship between the War Ministry and the Italian Government, particularly between the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, and the Ministry of Transportation.

It should be ascertained by what method A.P.A.R. obtain Government decision as to the allocation of material under its control. Specific examples should be obtained as to requests made by the War Ministry being refused or not only in part.

It should be ascertained if the War Ministry are desirous or willing to appoint an English speaking officer to work in the office of the Chief Disposals Officer (Italy), where there is a representative of M.E.I.A. and A.P.A.R. The War Ministry

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It should be ascertained if the War Ministry are desirous or willing to appoint an English speaking officer to work in the office of the Chief Disposal Officer (Italy), where there is already a representative of U.R.R.B.A. and A.R.A.A. The War Ministry should be sounded on the composition of a military commission to form part of A.R.A.A., should such a proposal obtain the approval of the Italian Government.

*Rep.*  
Lt. Col.  
A.O.M.C.  
M.M.I.A.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS GMP

Subject: Maintenance of British Equipment  
Italian Army.

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 518

GHC/6453/6/Q(AE)

21 Jan 46

Land Forces Sub Commission, AG, (LSTA).

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Reference your Q.003 dated 18 Jan 46.

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1. Details of British artillery held by the Italian Army were forwarded to Ordnance for scaling purposes under our reference GHC/6453/6/Q(AE) dated 17 Jan 46, copy to you.

2. Under cover of our original letter dated 10 Jan 46, Ordnance were provided with detailed information by makes and types but it was considered unnecessary owing to the work involved in preparation to provide you with similar information.

RMB/DY.

*R.M. Branchette*

R.M. BRANCHETTE, Major,  
for Major General,  
Major General, Administration.

*RMB*

Q 003

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Tel. No. Freeform 296

G150/64.53/6/6(AB)

### Guidance: Directorship

24 SEC 48 11/1/46 10 JAN 20

1. Details have now been received from GHI, MAF of all vehicles controlled stores and guns held by the Italian Combat Groups and Training Depot as at 30 Nov 45.
2. It has been agreed that this information will form the basis for the calculation of apportionment of stores in accordance with the agreement reached at the meeting held at G(Inf) GHQ, UK on 11 Dec 45 and recorded in the minutes published under reference GHI/6455/6/4(44) dated 15 Dec 45.
3. You are requested to prepare apportionment for stores to the vehicles and equipment listed at Appendix 'A' - Vehicles, and Appendix 'B' - Warlike Stores.
4. Will you please inform this branch the estimated date at which transfer of stores will commence at Naples so that the Italian War Ministry may be advised through MIA.

W. E. WALKER, Lt. Col.,  
for Brigadier,  
D. C. B. G.

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Copy to : Land Forces and Commander AG. - your letter reference  
M.M.I.A. RUCR. 4.003 of 31 Dec 67

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Appendix 'A' to GHI/6453/6/1(AS)  
 cl. 2 Jan 46

VEHICLES

| Type 'A'                                           | With Units        |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Tractors F.A. }<br>L.A.A. }                        | 331               |
| Medium }<br>A Tk }                                 | 64                |
| Trailer Army<br>Scout Cars<br>Armoured Cars<br>CPs | 9<br>13           |
| Carriers Universal<br>Mortar<br>M20<br>Lloyd       | 532<br>172<br>252 |
| Tanks                                              | 1378 (1574)       |

Load Carriers

|                                                                                                   |                          |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 GS<br>4x4 GS<br>Office<br>FPW                                                   | 1406<br>56<br>26<br>114  |
| Lorry 3 ton 4x2 GS<br>4x4 GS<br>Binned<br>Stores                                                  | 2378<br>849<br>168<br>41 |
| Trailers Light<br>Heavy<br>Lorry 3 ton TOW<br>Trucks 15 cwt W<br>Tractors Artic<br>Trailers Artic | 114<br>297<br>34<br>51   |
|                                                                                                   | 3494 (3546)              |

Passenger Vehicles

|                                                                       |                            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Car 4x2 Lt Utility or Jeeps<br>4x2 4 str<br>4x4 4 str<br>Car Lt Recon | 349<br>102<br>46           |
| Motorcycles<br>Combination                                            | 2005 (2002)<br>5720 (1512) |

Other Vehicles

Lorry 3 ton Mowbray

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Lorry 3 ton TCM  
Trucks 15 cwt WT  
tractors Artic  
Trailers Artic

Passenger Vehicles

Car 4x2 Lt Utility or Jeeps  
4x2 4 str }  
4x4 4 str }  
Car Lt Reoos

Motorcycles  
Combination

Other Vehicles

Lorry 3 ton Macky M  
Trucks 15 cwt Pater  
Gen  
Camp  
Machy K L &  
J  
Bty Charger  
4x4 Armoured  
Lorry 3 ton Macky A  
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With Units

Lorry 3 ton 6x4 Heavy KM R3  
6x4 Crane  
4x2 Officer or Officer  
4x2 UGV  
6x4 Pentoon  
6x4 FIM  
W/S  
4x4 Petrol 800 gals  
Misc 8x4 Vans  
Ambulances  
Trailers Waters  
Lorry 30 cwt Slave Bty

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With Units

Item

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|-----------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Pistols Rev & Auto No. 2 Mk. 1, 1x or 1xx           | 530   |
| Smith & Wesson .38 in                               | 934   |
| Wheley Mk. IV .38 in                                | 166   |
| .38 in others                                       | 628   |
| .455 in                                             | 5     |
| Cal .45 in Colt Auto                                | 1     |
| 9 mm Browning Auto                                  | 7     |
| Cal .45 in Smith & Wesson                           | 19    |
| Revolver .45 in                                     | 9     |
| Rifles .303 in No. 1 Mk. III or IIIx                | 5110  |
| No. 4 All Mks (except Mk. I (T))                    | 27798 |
| Snipers .303 in No. 3 Mk. IX (T) or Aldis Sight     | 27    |
| .303 in No. 4 Mk. I (T)                             | 99    |
| Carbines Machine .45 in Thompson M 1928, A1         | 10108 |
| .45 in Thompson M                                   | 2817  |
| M3 (SMG)                                            | 469   |
| Pistols Signal No. 1 Mk. V                          | 9     |
| No. 1 Mk. IIIx                                      | 53    |
| No. 1 Mk. IV                                        | 185   |
| No. 1 other Mks                                     | 46    |
| Guns Machine Bren .303 in Mk. I                     | 61    |
| .303 in Mk. II                                      | 2047  |
| Magazines Bren 30 rds                               | 636   |
| 100 rds                                             | 35577 |
| Equipments Bren 100 rds Magazine                    | 208   |
| Mountings Tripod Bren .303 in Mk. I                 | 1     |
| .303 in Mk. II                                      | 194   |
| Following Pattern                                   | 10    |
| Guns Machine Vickers .303 in Mk. I using Mk VII Ann | 39    |
| Sights Dial MG Mks. III and IV                      | 4     |
| Cal 2" Mortars Mk. II                               | 5     |
| Mk. IIX                                             | 33    |
| Mk. IIXx                                            | 169   |
| Mk. IIXxx                                           | 36    |
| Mk. III                                             | 155   |
| Mk. VII                                             | 66    |
| Mk. VIIx                                            | 16    |
| Other Mks                                           | 17    |
| Sights 2 in Mortar                                  | 45    |
| Cal 3" Mortar complete (with barrel Mk. II)         | 9     |
| (with barrel Mk. IV)                                | 87    |
| Base Plates No. 5                                   | 105   |
| Sights 3" Mortar Mk. I                              | 53    |
| Mk. II                                              | 70    |
| Clinometers Mortar Mk. II                           | 26    |
| Mk. III                                             | 19    |
| Mk. IV                                              | 14    |
| Projector Infantry & Tr (1748)                      | 19    |
| Weapons GS                                          | 866   |
| Tr                                                  | 1931  |
|                                                     | 91    |
|                                                     | 4     |

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Sights Dial No. 11  
 Gal. 2" Mortar Mk. II  
 Mk. IIX  
 Mk. IIX  
 Mk. IIX  
 Mk. III  
 Mk. VII  
 Mk. VII  
 Other Mk.  
 Sights 2 in Mortar  
 Gal. 3" Mortar complete (with barrel Mk. II)  
 (with barrel Mk. IV)  
 Base Plates No. 5  
 Sights 3" Mortar Mk. I  
 Mk. II  
 Clinometers Mortar Mk. II  
 Mk. III  
 Mk. IV  
 Projector Infantry & Tr. (1100)  
 Watches G3  
 IF  
 Others (then Watches Stop)  
 Compasses Magnetic Marching  
 Pocket  
 Prismatic Liquid Mk. III  
 Mk. VIII  
 Mk. IX  
 Other types  
 Binoculars Prismatic No. 2 Kerns  
 No. 2 Taylor & Watson & Watson  
 No. 2 Watson Baker  
 No. 2 Others  
 No. 5 Mk. II to IV  
 No. 5 Mk. V  
 6 x 30  
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Item With units

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| Dischargers Smoke Generator 4 in No. 1 Mk. I<br>4 in No. 2 Mk. I                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 73<br>58<br>20                                                                                   |
| Boats Reconnaissance No. 1<br>Levels Telescopic 8 in<br>Others                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 2<br>1<br>1<br>1<br>1<br>2                                                                       |
| Stereoscopes Universal Type SH1 Non folding<br>Bars, Parallax Type PB1<br>Optical Units Type EL1<br>Tapes Measuring Steel 100 ft Mk. II<br>100 ft Mk. IV (Railway Survey use only)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 25<br>7<br>9<br>37<br>10<br>20                                                                   |
| Compass Set Heavy<br>Light<br>Mk. I                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1<br>16<br>9<br>5<br>1                                                                           |
| Compressor Air T.S. 20 Truck Type<br>Trailer Type Dorman (4 JED engine)<br>Concrete Breakers No. 1 (Globe CE75 Type)<br>No. 2 (Climax Heavy Paving Breakers 13")<br>No. 3 (Holman 8533 Road Ripper)<br>No. 4 GFT Type 116<br>Demolition Test Sets Pys (or NGR) Type<br>Gambrell (or G3 & Coy) Type<br>Besthoven                                                                                                                                                                | 36<br>36<br>2<br>1<br>8<br>21<br>16<br>21<br>16<br>2<br>15<br>91<br>20<br>8<br>5<br>5<br>24<br>6 |
| Drives, Flexible Sets (1 each) 17.5 mm - 8 ft, 16 ft, 24 ft, 22.2 mm<br>(Not sets) 17.5 mm - 8 ft<br>" 17.5 mm - 16 ft<br>" 17.5 mm - 24 ft<br>" 22.2 mm - 4 ft<br>" 22.2 mm - 8 ft<br>" 22.2 mm - 16 ft                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 1<br>8<br>21<br>16<br>21<br>16<br>2<br>15<br>91<br>20<br>8<br>5<br>5<br>24<br>6                  |
| Engines Petrol 8 H.P. (108 Type)<br>Exploders Dynamic<br>Reamer Drills No. 1 (Holman 'SL9 Handril' Dry Drilling)<br>No. 2 (Holman 'Silver Bullet' Dry Drilling)<br>No. 4 (Holman 'Silver Bullet' Set or Dry Drilling)<br>Mills, Light No. 1 (Reavell 'HP 2 R Pattern')<br>No. 2 (Hardywick 'OFF 374 Pattern')<br>No. 3 (Holman Size 101 Spider)<br>Machines Drilling Pneumatic No. 1 (Consolidated '315-350' non reversible)<br>No. 17 (Atlas Diesel 'RAE-6' 'non reversible') | 2<br>16<br>70<br>1<br>1<br>2<br>21<br>1<br>5<br>67<br>17                                         |
| Machines Grinding Pneumatic No. 2 (Rip Mills)<br>Pumps Flex Driven 1 1/2 in<br>Lift and Force<br>Saws Pneumatic (24 in) Reed Prentice<br>Portable Petrol Driven No. 1 (Danama)<br>No. 2 (Teles)<br>Tools Field Screw Cutting Sets A<br>C<br>D                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 2<br>16<br>70<br>1<br>1<br>2<br>21<br>1<br>5<br>67<br>17                                         |
| Wood Bore No. 1 (Consolidated 'Little Giant' 3 ft)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 3                                                                                                |

Engines Petrol & E.M.P. (MUS Type)  
Exploders Dynamo  
Hammer Drills No.1 (Holmen 'Big Handrail' Dry Drilling)  
No.2 (Holmen 'Silver Bullet' Dry Drilling)  
No.4 (Holmen 'Silver Bullet' Wet or Dry Drilling)  
Picks, Light No.1 (Reavell 'HP 2 R Pattern')  
No.2 (Hardywick 'DFF 374 Pattern')  
No.3 (Holmen Mine 101 Spider)  
Machines Drilling Pneumatic No.1 (Consolidated '315-350' non reversible)  
No.17 (Atlas Diesel 'HAB-6' non reversible)  
Machines Grinding Pneumatic No.2 (Sip Eds)  
Pumps Flex Driven 1 1/2 in  
Lift and Force  
Saws Pneumatic (24 in) Reed Prentiss  
Portable Petrol Driven No.1 (Denora)  
No.2 (Polca)  
Tools Field Screw Cutting Sets A  
C  
D  
Wood Borers No.1 (Consolidated 'Little Giant' 3 ROW)  
Lighting Sets 4 KW (less Generating Sets)  
1 KW 110 V DC (less Generating Sets)  
Generators 100 V DC 1 KW LYON NORMAN  
Lyon Wisconsin  
4 KW Petters  
• Detectors Mine (Polish) No.3  
(Polish) No.3A  
No.4  
SOR 625A  
SOR 625B  
SOR 625C  
SOR 625D  
SOR 625E  
SOR 625F  
SOR 625 (Others)  
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Generating Sets 3 KW  
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## With Units

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|------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Watches Stop 1/10 Sec                          | 14  |
| Trailers Arty No.27 UK                         | 259 |
| Watches Stop 1/5 Sec                           | 14  |
| Telescopes Sighting No.22                      | 13  |
| No.22C Mk.I                                    | 2   |
| No.22C Mk.II                                   | 32  |
| No.22C Mk.III                                  | 64  |
| No.22C Mk.IV                                   | 5   |
| No.22D                                         | 39  |
| No.29 Mk.I                                     | 32  |
| No.44                                          | 48  |
| No.51                                          | 16  |
| Telescopes Stereoscopic No.1B Mk.I             | 5   |
| Sights Dial Nos 7A, 7B and 7C                  | 82  |
| No.9                                           | 78  |
| Glinometers Sight Mk.IV fitted to Arty Light   | 140 |
| Other Mk.                                      | 40  |
| Field Mk.VI                                    | 40  |
| Parallelescopes Mk.VA                          | 64  |
| Rangefinders No.2 Mk.VI                        | 5   |
| No.2 Mk.VII                                    | 13  |
| No.2 Other Mk                                  | 12  |
| No.13 Mk.III                                   | 3   |
| No.13 Mk.IV                                    | 1   |
| No.13 Other Mk                                 | 3   |
| Directors No.7A Mk.III                         | 2   |
| No.7B Mk.II                                    | 40  |
| No.7B Other Mk                                 | 20  |
| Stands Instrument No.13                        | 40  |
| No.17A                                         | 76  |
| No.18                                          | 2   |
| No.27 Mk.I                                     | 79  |
| No.27 Mk.II                                    | 42  |
| No.27 Mk.IIA                                   | 32  |
| No.27 Mk.III                                   | 4   |
| Leath's Adjusting RT No.4 Mk.III               | 83  |
| Boards Map Arty                                | 80  |
| Arty No.3                                      | 8   |
| Periscopes No.14A Mk.I fitted to Arty Light    | 3   |
| No.14A Mk.I held loose                         | 2   |
| held Loose                                     | 1   |
| Glinometers Large                              | 74  |
| Apparatus Cable Laying No.2                    | 67  |
| No.3                                           | 9   |
| No.6A                                          | 9   |
| Boxes Terminal Signal Offices Mk.II and Mk.III | 32  |
| Barrows Drum Mk.II                             | 4   |
| Cable Layers Mechanical No.4 Mk.I              | 3   |
| No.4 Mk.Ixx                                    | 34  |
| Frames D & P 10 wire Mk.Ix                     | 9   |
| Mk.III                                         | 124 |
| Fullerphones Mk.IV                             | 80  |
| Mk.IVx                                         |     |
| Mk.V                                           |     |

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No. 27 Mk. III  
Lath's Adjusting RT No. 1 Mk. III  
Boards Map Arty  
Arty No. 3  
Periscopes No. 14A Mk. I fitted to Arty Bnpts  
No. 14A Mk. I held loose  
held loose  
Clinometers Large  
Apparatus Cable Laying No. 2  
No. 6A  
Boxes Terminal Signal Offices Mk. II and Mk. III  
Barrows Drum Mk. II  
Cable Layers Mechanical No. 1 Mk. I  
No. 1 Mk. Ixx  
Frames D & P 10 wire Mk. Ix  
Mk. III  
Fullerphones Mk. IV  
Mk. IVx  
Mk. V  
Telephone Sets D Mk. V  
D Mk. V (can)  
Telephones RT 8A (USA)  
RT 8B (USA)  
RT 8 (Others) (USA)  
Telephone Sets L  
V Mk. I  
F Mk. II  
Telephones Loudspeaking No. 2A  
Loudspeakers for telephones Loudspeaking  
Switchboards UC 6 line  
40 line Mk. I  
40 line Mk. II  
40 line Can  
F & P 40 line Mk. I  
F & P 40 line Mk. Ix  
F & P 40 line Mk. Ix

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| Item                                                      | With units |
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| Test Kranses 40 pair Mk.I                                 | 1          |
| Mk.II                                                     | 3          |
| Wireless Sets No.C3 (Cdn)                                 | 4          |
| No.18 Mk.II                                               | 2          |
| No.18 Mk.III (Manpack)                                    | 46         |
| No.18 Others                                              | 61         |
| No.19                                                     | 153        |
| No.21                                                     | 15         |
| No.22                                                     | 149        |
| No.22 Power Supply Units No.4                             | 16         |
| No.38 Mk.IIX                                              | 12         |
| No.38 Mk.III                                              | 3          |
| Others                                                    | 85         |
| Receivers Broadcast Type A No.1                           | 1          |
| Type B No.3                                               | 2          |
| Radio Sets No.48 (USA)                                    | 539        |
| Reception Sets R 107                                      | 30         |
| R 109                                                     | 11         |
| Wavemeters Class B                                        | 5          |
| Class D No.1 Mk.I                                         | 10         |
| Class D No.1 Mk.II                                        | 14         |
| Mk.IIX                                                    | 9          |
| Charging Sets 300 watt CHH 395 (Johnson Chorehorse) (Cdn) | 4          |
| Pioneer 10 12/10C (Briggs and Stratton) (USA)             | 193        |
| 1250 watt No.1                                            | 19         |
| 1250 watt No.3                                            | 15         |
| 1250 watt No.5                                            | 1          |
| 1250 watt No.6                                            | 1          |
| 1250 watt No.2 (Cnsn 125L) (USA)                          | 19         |
| 1250 watt Others                                          | 2          |
| 4 KV Wisconsin                                            | 10         |
| Generating Sets 2 KVA Cnsn W25                            | 1          |
| 4 KVA                                                     | 4          |
| Signal Generators Triumph                                 | 1          |
| Test Sets EE 65 (USA)                                     | 6          |
| 1 - 56 (USA)                                              | 3          |

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Signal Generators  
Test Sets ES 65 (USA)  
1 - 56 (USA)

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COPY IN THE SIGNAL

FROM : A D M E MMIA MILAN

TO : MMIA

REF : ME 39  
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JAN-7-1948

(29)

FROM BULTE FOR Q (.) ONE (.) COMD 217 AREA STATES RECOMMENDATION SUBMITTED THAT  
A R G WKSP VACATE OARE SITE BOLOGNA AS SUITABLE SITE APPROVED BY DOME DISTWO  
EXISTS AT FORLI (.) DOME DISTWO FEELS IT UNWISE TO MOVE ARG WKSP UNTIL PRESENT  
COMMITMENT CEASES END OF MARCH (.) UNDERSTAND MATTER REFERRED TO GHQ FOR  
DECISION (.) I FEEL IT MOST IMPORTANT NELSON BE NOT RETURNED TO 5 BLU OR  
PROGRESS AT BOLOGNA WILL BE IMPAIRED (.) NELSON NOW WORKING ON TRANSFER OF COMD  
WKSP AT BOLOGNA FROM OARE TO PYROTECHNIC AND OF RECONNAISSANCE ALTERNATIVE  
SITE AT BOLOGNA FOR ARG WKSP (.) TWO (.) REDISTRIBUTION OF TRAINING INCUMBENTS  
WILL BE NEEDED BUT CAN WAIT MY RETURN (.) THREE (.) GOING TO TURIN 7 RETURNING  
MILAN 9 GOING BOLZANO 10 RETURNING MILAN 13 (.) PLEASE INFORM BIRDA (.) FOUR (.)  
HAVE ASKED DOME DISTWO GIVE FAVOURABLE CONSIDERATION TO ITALIAN ARMY OBTAINING  
TOOLS FOR OARE BOLOGNA FROM DISBANDING THIRD LINE REVE WKSP SUGGESTING DIRECT  
TRANSFER FOLLOWED BY FINANCIAL ADJUSTMENT (.) VALUE IS SMALL COMPARED WITH  
ITEMS NORMALLY HANDLED BY MINISTER OF SUPPLY.

ACTION COPY Q 003.

See ROME to note  
ARG have phoned that  
end of march  
Q: check with A re Nelson  
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TRANSLATION

*28.C.T*

FROM: Ministry of War

REF: 200881/11

TO: M.M.I.A.

DATE: 5.1.46

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SUBJECT: Repairs to the vehicles of the Infantry Divisions.

- 1) - The instructions issued by this Ministry in respect of the new organisation of repairs to the vehicles of the Infantry Divisions were previously agreed upon with your Mission.

These instructions have resulted in the issue of the following circulars :

- No.29000/D.M. of 13th.December last;
- No.29200/D.M. of 15th.December last;

copies of which are enclosed for information.

- 2) - I shall give further explanations as soon as I am informed with regard to letter 020/1300/3 of 22nd.December 1945 which your Mission has noted.

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*See (6) in Q 209.*

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*[Signature]*

Sgd. BROGIO

Minister.

O.Danin Cpl.

*200881*  
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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War

REF: 29000/DM

TO: All addressees

DATE: 13.12.45

SUBJECT: Withdrawal from Allied parks of vehicles and  
M.T.stores of Italian manufacture and belonging  
to the Italian Army.

The question of the withdrawal of vehicles and M.T.stores of Italian manufacture from Allied parks in Northern Italy and Austria has, up till now, been dealt with practically exclusively and directly by Major Edwards of the M.M.I.A. in agreement with the M.T.Repairs Directorates of Milan and Bolzano and the 24th., 23rd., and 21st. Recovery Commissions.

*this Ministry*  
For circumstantial reasons, <sup>has</sup> up till now, only been able to intervene intermittently in the matter, and has normally accepted, with a spirit of collaboration, such as Major Edwards was doing.

With the return of the Italian Army to the Italian Government and the posting by M.M.I.A. of Major Edwards to another appointment, it becomes necessary that the direction of this important and delicate work of recovery is concentrated and prepared on single and uniform principles for the various localities.

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We order therefore that Colonel, M.T. Corps, Silvestro Aldo, assume the direction of the recovery operations, making use of

intervene in emergency, such as Major Edwards was doing.

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We order therefore that Colonel, M.T. Corps, Silvestro Aldo, assume the direction of the recovery operations, making use of the office already set up at Milan for Major Edwards, and of which the senior Italian officer is Captain Tossati, and making use as necessary of the various M.T. Repair Directorates of the Military Territorial Commands.

This office will arrange:

- 1) - to coordinate recovery action carried out by the M.T. Repair Directorates of Turin, Milan, Bolzano, Bologna, and Udine;

2) - Make rational use of the 21st., 23rd., and 24th., Recovery Commissions and the 22nd. when organized;

3) - to send to Italian collection camps, set up in accordance with war establishment principles, with special regard to the existing Repair Workshops, all recovered vehicles, in such a way as to ensure their surveillance and making serviceable again as soon as possible;

4) - to send to Piacenza - No. 3 Spare Parts Store (ex O.A.R.E. Detached Section) all the dispersed and recovered M.T. spare parts and stores.

5) - to make contact with the civilian industries which it may consider necessary to have assist in the repairs, and, for coordinating the work, getting in touch with the manufacturing firms who can easily solve spare parts problems (SILCA FIAT - LANCIA O.M. - BIANCHI - ISOTTA FRASCHINI - ALFA ROMEO - BREDA), leaving to the Repair Directorates concerned (that of Milan in particular) any further detailed negotiations and supervision of the work;

6) - to negotiate with the major tyre manufacturers (Pirelli and Michelin) for the eventual wholesale repair and reconstruction of all repairable covers; also in this field, calling upon the Repair Directorates concerned to afterwards complete the negotiations and supervise the work.

Until such times as Colonel Silvestro Aldo takes up the effective direction of operations (which, however, must happen speedily) the Repair Directorates which have so far dealt with the

-LANCIA O.M. - BIANCHI - ISOTTA Fraschini and others  
- BREDA), leaving to the Repair Directorates concerned (that of Milan in particular) any further detailed negotiations and supervision of the work;

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Until such times as Colonel Silvestro Aldo takes up the effective direction of operations (which, however, must happen speedily) the Repair Directorates which have so far dealt with the matter (especially that of Milan) will continue to carry out their work, as has been done up to now, within the framework of the directives set out hereafter. -

Before getting on to the setting forth of these directives, however, it will be as well to summarily establish the present situation as it appears to this Ministry <sup>according to</sup> ~~from~~ various information,

fragmentary and not always corresponding, which has so far been received; the Repair Directorates are earnestly and explicitly requested to forward to this Ministry - Artillery and Motorisation Directorate General - as soon as possible, all corrections to inexact information which may appear in this circular.

This is in order to obtain, finally, an exact graph of the recovery situation in Northern Italy.

According to latest information the situation appears to be as follows:

|                                       |                           |                |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| - Ghedi Camp                          | -vehicles to be withdrawn | 675            |
| - Verona Camp                         | " " "                     | 313            |
| - Bellaria Camp (Rimini)              | " " "                     | 271            |
| - Piacenza Camp                       | " " "                     | 114            |
| - Bergamo Camp (Legnano Combat Group) | " " "                     | 85             |
| - Alessandria Camp                    | " " "                     | 75             |
| - Brescia Camp (Foro Boario)          | " " "                     | 36             |
| - Ponte S. Pietro (Caproni) Camp      | " " "                     | 34             |
| - Poggio Rusco (Mantova) Camp         | " " "                     | 24             |
| - Gravellino (Ivrea) Camp             | " " "                     | 5              |
| - Kotschach Camp (Austria)            | " " "                     | 60             |
| - Klagenfurt Camp (Austria)           | " " "                     | 500            |
| - Forte Tombetta Camp (Verona)        | " " "                     | 250            |
| - Kotschach Stores -                  | - Tons of spare parts     | 2000           |
| - Klagenfurt Stores                   | " " "                     | 40             |
| - S. Candido Stores                   | " " "                     | 6710 not known |

In respect of the vehicles, however, it appears that the recovery has commenced on the part of the various Recovery

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number not known

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|------------------------------------------|---|---|---|
| from Chedi to Milan                      | " | " | " |
| " " " Peschiera (Parco la Rocca)         | " | " | " |
| " " " Bologna                            | " | " | " |
| " " " Bolzano                            | " | " | " |
| " " " Katschach to Bolzano               | " | " | " |
| " " " Klagenfurt to Tarvisio and Vicenza | " | " | " |

The basic principle of these withdrawals, organised by Major Edwards, is that of concentrating in parks of exclusive Army ownership, as much material as possible in the shortest time possible, in order to safeguard <sup>against</sup> its removal on the part of civilian organisations (URMIT in particular).

It is obvious, however, that this principle, even though it will prevail until such time as all our materials are securely in our possession, must later on be replaced by the principle of concentrating the materials in the nearest localities to the repairs centres.

In relation to the situation as described above and to the need of preparing a programme of speedy renovation and reorganisation of all the M.T. materials recovered, the main directives of this Ministry - Motorisation and Artillery Directorate General - are the following :

- 1) - To employ civilian drivers and mechanics in the Recovery Commissions, in order to be able as soon as possible, with the first roadworthy vehicles recovered, to increase the efficiency of the squads appointed to withdraw the vehicles.

If each Recovery Commission can dispose of 30 - 40 serviceable heavy lorries, the clearing of the camps should proceed rapidly.

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The Territorial Commands may request this Ministry's authority for the workers employed.

The quantities of fuel required will be large and must be requested in time from the S.M.R.E. (with letter for information to this Directorate General) and everywhere used with economy in the other territorial services; results will only be appreciable if effected speedily; with some sacrifice of fuel now we shall shortly have a larger availability of vehicles.

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2) - To make use, if necessary, of civilian organisations for the rapid outflow of vehicles (for example, the SILCA FIAT with which the Milan Repair Directorate has already negotiated for the clearing of the Ghedi camp).

3) - To send the vehicles, if possible, to localities near to the repairs centres; in the case of the contrary, concentrate them, first, in Parks easily guardable, to avoid thefts and tampering, and, secondly, follow this up with dispersal to the repairs centres.

4) - The repairs centres must be selected according to the availability of workshops, military and civilian.

Generally speaking, it is advisable to concentrate vehicles of the same make in one locality only, in order to facilitate the supply of spare parts :

- at Piacenza - 15th.R.R. - all the Fiat vehicles of Ghedi, Alessandria, and Piacenza, employing, if a suitable agreement is reached, the SILCA Fiat organisation to help the workmen of the 15th.R.R.

- at Bolzano - 4th.R.R. - all the Lancia vehicles of Ghedi and Verona, resorting to assistance from the local Lancia establishment.

- at Milan - 3rd.R.R. - all the Bianchi, Alfa Romeo, and Breda vehicles, making use of the local manufacturers and those of Brescia and Breda).

- at Bologna - the vehicles coming from the Bellaria Camp,

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- at Bolzano - 4th.R.R. - all the Lancia vehicles of Ghedi  
and Verona, resorting to assistance from  
the local Lancia establishment.

- at Milan - 3rd.R.R. - all the Bianchi, Alfa Romeo,  
and Breda vehicles, making use of the local  
manufacturers and those of Brescia **708.**

- at Bologna - and Breda).  
the vehicles coming from the Bellaria Camp,  
in the premises of the Army Shell Factory,  
at the detachment which is being formed of  
the 6th. Repairs Unit.

- at Verona - the vehicles parked in the area, employing  
the 16th.R.R. and the 1st. Mobile Park.

5) - The spare part problem will be solved in the best way  
possible, since, needless to repeat, no repair organisation  
is efficient if not backed up by an adequate spare parts  
service.

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According to various sources, it appears that the said manufacturers are suffering from production difficulties, and that our requests are met slowly. They are more expansive however, to their own agents or concessionaires, who, making a profit on their sales, are very diligent in speeding up the factories.

It is advisable therefore:

- a - to make the maximum use of agents or concessionaires for the supply of spare parts;
- b - centralise all available spare parts in one large store, freely accessible to all units without further authorisation from this Ministry;
- c - to prevent as much as possible the tendency of some manufacturers, appointed to carry out repairs, to ask us for spare parts.

The central spare parts store will be the 3rd. Spare Parts Store, Piacenza - ex O.A.R.E. Detached Section, where the M.P.R. used to be.

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- that it receives as soon as possible the shelving ordered from the Turin and Piacenza Arsenals and the Engineer Establishments;
- that the specialist stormmen squads are reorganised;
- that its buildings are cleared as soon as possible ~~by~~ the Allied units billeted there.

The Milan Repair Directorate will take care of all the above tasks.

- 6) - The completion of the equipping of the Repairs Units and the O.L.C.s must be accelerated to the maximum.

If the latter function in the manner that is their duty, the Repairs Units will be relieved of much work and can devote themselves to the renovation of recovered vehicles. In the absence of military craftsmen arrangements will be made, for the moment, for the employment of civilian workers on a daily basis.

The Repairs Directorates (especially those of Bolzano and Udine) will arrange to speed up the artillery units which have to issue machinery and tools to their respective Repairs Units; they will also arrange for the purchase on the open market of equipment not available in the Spare Parts Stores.

- 7) - The Bologna Repairs Directorate will bear in mind that the O.A.R.E. (6th.R.R.) must be excluded from this repair and recovery programme immediately the transfer to the Italian Army is decided on of the vehicles of the Combat Groups of Allied manufacture (see separate instructions).

It must, however, make immediate arrangements, in order to save time, to study and order the organisation of the 6th.R.R. Detachment (this is the order laid down for the moment by the M.M.I.A.) bearing in mind that, in effect, this Detachment will be Repairs Unit of the Bologna Territory for the vehicles of Italian manufacture.

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- 8) - The Territorial Commands will examine the advisability of placing, for the particular work of vehicle recovery, their own recovery commissions under the command of the Repairs Directorates, in order to obtain a harmonious working of the M.T. recovery and repairs services.

- 9) - Since the M.M.I.A. has stated that only the vehicles whose motor number is preceded or followed by a star can be considered as being of Army ownership, and since this mark has been abandoned in effect since 1942 in the case of new vehicles and has never been applied to requisitioned vehicles,

*do not consider as being of Army ownership the vehicles whose motor number is preceded or followed by a star.*

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the Milan Repairs Directorate and Colonel Silvestro will take the necessary steps with H.Q. 2 District, Monza, to obtain the cancellation of this prescription.

10)--- For any necessary assistance in vehicle repairs from civilian firms, resort will be made, as specified in para. 4, before all to the manufacturers, in respect of the vehicles of their make, drawing up repair contracts similar to those drawn up by the C.A.R.E., (to which application may be made for the contract drafts) and, possibly, applying the O.A.R.E. tariffs, increased as advisable.

If such firms are not sufficient, resort will be made to other well equipped firms, careful study having been made previously, however, of the supply of spare parts, which, in the case of such firms, may present an appreciable difficulty. The drafts of the contracts to be drawn up may be of the appendix A type or the appendix B type.

11) - Vehicles to be repaired will be subdivided into lots of the same type, make, and class of repair required (1st. and 2nd. class and 3rd. and 4th. class).

For vehicles requiring 1st. and 2nd. class repairs, draft A type contracts will be drawn up with cash payment to the value of the repairs, which must be previously laid down.

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With the same contract purchase will be made from the firm of the repaired vehicles complete with tilts, spare wheels, and equipment, valuating them as new at the 1940 prices.

A balance must be struck between the 1940 value of the relics sold and the vehicles purchased. The Repairs Directorate will study very closely this new procedure which can prove to be of decided advantage to the repairs problem and will be put into effect with all the caution that it merits.

- 13) - In order to guard the interests of the Military Administration it is essential that the concession of each lot of vehicles to be repaired, whether by drawing up type A contracts or type B contracts, shall be preceded by competitive bidding of the most simple and rapid form possible, in which several firms must be invited to take part.

The original of the competitive bidding report must be attached to the contract.

- 14) - Work on each lot may commence forthwith; sanction for each contract will have to be asked for from this Ministry which will decide on the advisability or otherwise of continuing with the system which has been commenced.

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Sgd. PROPERZJ

Gen.

O. Danin Cpl.

TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War

REF: 29200/DM

TO: MLI addressees

DATE: 15.12.45

SUBJECT: Repairs to Allied vehicles of the Infantry Divisions.

Further to agreements reached with the M.M.I.A. and as previously announced in para.7 of circular No.29000 of the 13th. December, the transfer to the Italian Army of the Allied vehicles on issue to the Infantry Divisions is being finally established, and whilst awaiting this final settlement we order that repairs to the said vehicles be effected in the following manner:

- 1) - The workshops of the Infantry Divisions will arrange direct for small and medium repairs.
- 2) - For the major (3rd. line) repairs, the O.A.R.E. will be reorganised at Bologna on the premises of the present 6th. Repairs Unit which will have to be moved.
- 3) - The competent authorities have already been approached with regard to the clearing of the O.A.R.E. premises which are at present occupied by the Allies.
- 4) - A new store will have to be organised for the O.A.R.E.'s spare parts requirements by changing over the 6th. Store and freeing it for Allied material exclusively.

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- 5) - For the time being the Divisions will continue to supply themselves with the <sup>own</sup> system as that in force before the 15th. November last, i.e., on the basis of the authorisation given by A.F.H.Q., in telegram C/41261 of 26th. November last.

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- 6) - The appropriate Divisional officers will have to make contact with the Ordnance personnel of the B.L.U. attached to the Territorial Command in which the Division is located.

The Ordnance personnel will cooperate with the above mentioned officers in the compiling of requests and the drawing of materials.

- 7) - In order to instruct the Italian personnel M.H.I.A. has obtained the temporary retention of R.E.M.E. auxiliaries for training purposes.

- 8) - The Bologna Repairs Directorate will have to arrange for the organisation of the new 6th.Repairs Unit in the premises of the Army Shell Factory.

Lieut.Col.NESTORE NOTARI will be the Commanding Officer.

Essential craftsmen staff will be drawn from the O.A.R.E.; ex workmen of the O.A.R.E. may be employed to complete staffing (these have still not been reemployed for various reasons even though they are first class specialists) and, if necessary, Shell factory employees.

Equipment will be supplied by the O.A.R.E. which will arrange for its preparation forthwith.

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The first batch of 180 vehicles will be coming from Trento as previously announced in letter 30097/025699 of 21.12.45.

- 10) - The M.T. repairs workshops of the Divisions addressed must each detach, at the O.A.R.E. of Bologna, a specialist storeman acquainted with Allied spare parts and the procedure for their drawing from Allied stores, with the object of facilitating the going ahead of the delicate spare parts service.

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Another specialist storeman must be detached at Naples with 557 Base Ordnance Depot to form a squad of experts for the identification of the spare parts requested by the O.A.R.E.

The Legnano Division will also detail a Junior N.C.O. squad leader.

Before sending these last mentioned men agreement will be reached with the respective BLUs, pointing out that this squad has been requested from the writer by the R.E.M.E. branch of M.M.I.A.

- 11) - Since the M.M.I.A. has notified us that it cannot speedily supply Allied vehicle spare parts catalogues, the Divisions addressed are requested to send to the O.A.R.E. their excess copies of the catalogues, bearing in mind that this is going to favour the speedy going ahead of the repairs service to be organised at the O.A.R.E.
- 12) - Similarly, since the M.M.I.A. has stated that special workshops tools (lifting tackle, spanners, etc.) for Allied vehicles, are not available in Allied stores, the Divisions addressed are requested to let the O.A.R.E. have any special tools which they have in excess, or loan any special tool in order that the O.A.R.E. may make other copies of them for its own requirements.
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The H.Q.s addressed are requested to notify us by that date what has been done in the matter.

O. Danin Cpl.

Sgd. PROPERZJ

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Major General L. BROSHIERE CB, CBE, MC,  
Military Mission Italian Army,

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3 January 1946

My dear

1. Among the many subjects discussed at our meeting on 14 Dec was the Direzione Generale Artiglieria and Motorizzazioni. The need for dividing these two branches into two separate Directori Generali, each under its own Director General, has been represented on several occasions during recent months. I have again consulted my staff on this matter and it is considered that for the following reasons this reorganization should take place without further delay:

- (a) As at present constituted, the Direzione Generale Artiglieria and Motorizzazioni represents predominantly artillery interests. The Director General is an artillery officer, as are most of the staff, and only a minor part of the organization of the Direzione Generale is directly concerned with motorization matters. This is in inverse proportion to the relative importance of motorization and artillery in the Italian Army of the future. Motor transport is the life blood of a modern army and without adequate organization and maintenance of its motor transport the Italian Army cannot function properly.
- (b) The present situation of Italian Army transport is further complicated by the diversity of types of vehicles, British, American, Italian and German, and the shortage of many kinds of spare parts. This calls for a degree of planning and management of a very high order.  
  
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- (c) The existing organization of workshops and repairs of Italian Army vehicles is NOT giving the required results because of:
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Bad discipline in the Italian Army and maintenance of vehicles are totally inadequate, and represent one of the main sources of wastage and loss of transport. Altogether insufficient attention has been paid to these things despite frequent recommendations by the Headquarters and by the officers of the Division in the field.

The only explanation is that there is nobody of the right standing in the War Ministry who is sufficiently motor transport minded to correct this situation.

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It is my considered opinion that the Motor Transport interests of the Italian Army (and the finances of the Italian Nation) can only be assured by this creation of an independent Directorate Generale della Motorizzazione, with a capable and energetic organizer at its head, to ensure:

- (1) appointment of the right type of personnel with proper technical qualifications and experience for motor transport, Headquarters, workshops and units;
- (2) adequate priority of assignment to the Motorizzazioni services of funds, spare parts, machinery, buildings;
- (3) reorganization where necessary to secure improved output of workshops, better maintenance etc.

2. It has been represented to me that the waning of one of the economies sponsored by Count CASATI less than a year ago would NOT be well received by the Government. In point of fact this new proposal can be fully justified for four reasons.

- (1) I consider that Count CASATI's decision was perfectly correct at the time and under the circumstances when he made it. But the big increase in the relative importance of Motor Transport during the past twelve months has completely altered the situation;
- (2) the fusion of Artillery and Motor Transport Directorates, although excellent in theory as a measure of economy, in practice did NOT vote satisfactorily for technical reasons;
- (3) the capital investment involved once the army receives its full quota of vehicles, workshops etc., can best be safeguarded by an independent Motor Transport organization;
- (4) certain economies in both the new Directorates could be made to offset any new expenditure.

3. For these reasons, my dear Minister, I must advise you must strongly to undertake this division of responsibilities. I am informed that in addition to a Director General and Directorate Generale di Motorizzazione you will need to have an Inspector General and Inspector Generale di Motorizzazioni under S.M.R.M., to take care of certain training and maintenance aspects of this Motor Transport problem.

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AVV. MADRID,  
Minister of War

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Translation

From M. of W.

To M. M. I. A.

Ref. 7189

Date 31/12/45.

Subject New uniforms for the Italian Army.

I refer to the conversation with Lt. Col. AMAX on the 28/12/45 who has notified me of all the points that Gen. BROWNING suggests for the new uniform to be adopted by the Italian Army.

I confirm that that due consideration has been given to the plan of adopting garments of good practical quality giving a smart and soldier-like appearance, also with the purpose of returning the army its prestige in the eyes of the population.

I hereby show the general plan, in accordance with orders received from the Cabinet.

- Colour Karki
- Cloth of good quality
- Battle dress (one winter and one summer) the same for officers, N.C.O's and O.R's.
- Walking out uniform (Special model) for officer and N.C.O's only.
- Work uniform overall (in khaki drill.)

- ) for winter uniform (in khaki cloth) long trousers (with anklets) blouse, greatcoat, cap;
- ) Summer uniform (in khaki drill) long trousers, blouse, cap;
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The various Terr. Mil. Hqs have been approached and asked to express their opinion, the replies are being collected.

I think it advisable to point out that once the new types making up the new uniform have been laid down, we will not be able to be put into effect at once due to the foreseen lack of many of the raw materials which are obtained through imports (wool and cotton) and also because it would be advisable

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Concerning drill uniforms the test could be carried out during next summer; and the woollen garments during the autumn - winter of 1946.

The designs and samples to be put to the test will be sent to you as soon as possible.

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Roma, 11 28 Dicembre 1945

O G G E T T O: Situazione mezzi automobilistici, armamento e munizionamento.-

Allegati: 3

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. - M.M.I.A. -

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CURTIES e col maggiore BAUMANN, si trasmettono gli allegati 3  
specchi contenenti i dati di situazione relativi al:

- = materiale automobilistico
- = materiale di armamento
- = munizionamento

delle unità dell'Esercito Italiano.-



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CAPO UFFICIO SERVIZI  
Col. Nicolò Meloni -

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| cannone da 25 libre           | 163 | 23 |
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SITUAZIONE AL 15 NOVEMBRE 1945 - Somme dei veicoli

| Serie                   | Reparto                           | Britannici           |                 |                 |               |                           | Italiani         |              |             |      |
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|                         |                                   | Veicoli tipo "A" (1) | Motociccoli (2) | Autovetture (3) | Autocarri (4) | Altri tipi di veicoli (5) | Veicoli tipo "B" | Motociclette | Autovetture |      |
| Parte<br>2 <sup>a</sup> | Divisioni Ftr. (5)                | 1574                 | 1512            | 252             | 3546          | 391                       | -                | -            | 161         | 8    |
| Parte<br>3 <sup>a</sup> | Divisione S.I. (3)                | -                    | -               | -               | -             | -                         | -                | 153          | 40          | 257  |
| Parte<br>4 <sup>a</sup> | Reggimenti Indipen-<br>denti 10   | -                    | -               | -               | -             | -                         | -                | 110          | 43          | 195  |
| Parte<br>5 <sup>a</sup> | Scuole di Addestramen-<br>to      | 52                   | 133             | 15              | 286           | 15                        | -                | -            | -           | -    |
| Parte<br>6 <sup>a</sup> | Reparti Servizi<br>Amministrativi |                      |                 |                 |               |                           |                  |              |             |      |
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| Parte 2 <sup>a</sup> | Divisioni Ftr. (5)                | 1574         | 1512          | 252           | 3546          | 391           | -            | -            | 161         | 8    |
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SUBJECT: Maintenance of British Equipment -  
Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,  
M.H.I.A.,

R O M E

Q.003

31 December 1945

TO : G.H.Q.  
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Reference your G4/6453/6/4(45) of 27 Dec 45.

1. As the provision of spares for immediate use is of extreme urgency and in view of the fact that unit indents will not be met after 31 Dec 45 (as laid down at Conference your H.Q., 11 Dec 45), your suggestion is agreed.
2. As this H.Q. is in no position to estimate the accuracy of the census returns submitted it will be appreciated if we may be informed of the figures which will form the basis of the calculations.
3. Can an estimate be given of the date on which transfer of spares is to commence at H.Q. in order that the War Ministry may be advised.

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M.H.I.A.

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Subject : Maintenance of British Equipment  
- Italian Army

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Tel No. Freedom 296

GHQ/6453/6/3(2E)

27 Dec 45

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. ✓  
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.

(20)

Reference your letter Q.003 dated 20 Dec 45.

1. Advice has now been received from GHQ MAF that they can supply full details of all vehicles, controlled stores and guns held by the Italian Combat Groups and Training Depot as at 30 Nov 45.
2. It is emphasized that this information can only be a consolidation of census returns forwarded by individual units and cannot include figures for units which for some reason or another failed to render a return at all or rendered inaccurate returns.
3. It is suggested that this information should form the basis for the calculation of scalings of spares and that the need for the census referred to in paragraph 3 of your letter will not therefore arise.
4. Confirmation of your agreement to this suggestion would be appreciated.

*W.B. Barber*  
W.B. BARBER, Lt. Col.,  
for Major General,  
Major General Administration.  
Recd 727 29/12/45

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Copy to : Ordnance Directorate.

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Subject:- Maintenance of British Equipment - Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.  
(U. M. I. A.)  
ROME.

8.003.

24 December 1945.

To:- G.H.Q.

reference CM/0.55/640(AE) dated 15 Dec 45.

1. The Ministry of Supply is being approached regarding materials available for disposal to the Italian Government. The War Ministry will be kept informed and urged to bid for all items of value to the Army.

2. It is understood accommodation is being released at BULONIA to enable the Italian Army Base workshop to be established. No. 6 Repairs Unit is already engaged in the repair of Italian vehicles, but repairs to British vehicles can not commence until this accommodation is provided.

The War Ministry are being urged to reorganise their Directorate of Artillery to give emphasis to the urgency of M.T. maintenance and to provide for the repair of British Artillery and "A" vehicles.

3. A complete census of British vehicles has been called for, but it is urged that the provision of spares may commence now and not be held up until census is completed. Based on known requirements as illustrated by incidents passed by Combat Groups through 2 District in recent months, it is suggested that new available be handed over and the "60 days scale" be completed later. An Italian Army representative (English speaking) has been detailed and application made for Major Mauro R.A.O.C. to be attached to 10 R.L.U. for the purpose of taking delivery at Naples in the manner prescribed.

4. The availability of Class VI vehicles to the Ministry of War is being investigated.

It is pointed out that the Ministry of Transport is already under obligation to hand over some 1,600 vehicles to the Army in exchange for Army vehicles operating in the hands of civilians on essential civilian service.

The number of additional Allied vehicles the War Ministry may hope to obtain is small as they will not obtain priority over the Ministry of Transport in the Government allocation.

#### AND 10,000 OTHER BRITISH VEHICLES

The five Combat Divisions and the Central Military School have an establishment of 3,000 "A" vehicles and it is again emphasised that unless 60 days spares for "present holdings" can be augmented by imports, a serious situation will develop before it is possible for the Italian Government to replace the British vehicles with new Italian vehicles of similar type.

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Distribution below :

1. Herewith minutes of a meeting held at GHQ CMF on 11 Dec 45 on the subject of maintenance of British equipment held by the Italian Combat Groups and Training Depot.
2. addressees are requested to take action as indicated.

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J.J. PROUDFOOT, Captain,  
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SECRETMINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT Q(AE) CHQ CMF  
ON 11 DEC 45

CHQ/6453/5/Q(AE)

Present : Lt. Col. WEBBER (Chairman) Q(AE)  
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 Colonel PIDSLEY AMIA  
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 Lt. Col MUSSETT F.L. (B)  
 Major HOLMES G(SD)  
 Major BOTTING G(Trg)  
 Major MORRIS-CWEN R.L.  
 Captain PROUDFOOT (Secretary) Q(AE)

ACTION1. GENERAL

- (a) Chairman explained that the conference had been called to discuss paras 11, 12 and 16 of AG AFHQ directive AG 091.711 G(SD)-O of 2 Nov 45 in relation to equipment supplied from British stocks.
- (b) In accordance with para 12 of the above referred directive up to one years maintenance and spare parts for Arms, Vehicles and other equipment will be provided, subject to the items concerned being surplus to British requirements. Such surpluses will only be available to the Italian Government through the medium of the Ministry of Supply, except in the case of lethal British warlike equipment transferred all of which will be made direct by the military.
- (c) MIA will contact the Ministry of Supply with a view to being kept informed of materials available for disposal to the Italian Government.

M.M.I.A.

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## 3. REPAIR FACILITIES

Third and Fourth line repairs have hitherto been carried out by British REPAIR. This ceased on handover and cannot be undertaken in future. Italian Army has organised a workshop for 'E' Vehicles but needs spares and premises and will take three months to become fully operative. It is also proposed to reorganise Italian Army to undertake artillery and 'A' vehicle repairs in future. 2 District have undertaken to finish repairs to Italian vehicles already in workshops.

MMIA

REPAIR

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4.

12 MONTHS MAINTENANCE

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ACTION

- (a) (i) 12 months maintenance spares cannot be made available from British surpluses but it was decided that rather than leave the Italian Army entirely to its own resources, a scaling of 60 days spares including major assemblies, tyres and tubes, subject to availability, will be issued as soon as possible.

Ordinance

- (ii) In order that the scale may be prepared MML will forward to GHQ a complete census of all vehicles held by the Italian Combat Gps and Training Depot as at 14 Nov 45. This census will show WD Number, type, make, contract and chassis numbers.

MML

- (iii) Indents already submitted by Italian Army will be met by Ord from stocks held up to 31 Dec 45 as in GHQ signal FX 55319 of 3 Dec 45. There will be no 'to follows' after that date. MML pressed for later date which was not agreed.

Ordinance

- (iv) Two months spares considered insufficient by MML who will investigate procurement of spares from 2,800 Class VI vehicles already handed to Italian Government through Ministry of Supply.

MML

- (b) Similarly, maximum available spares for artillery equipments up to 60 days will be made available, based on last census figures which will be obtained from Middle East.

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Ordinance

- (c) 60 days Signal equipment spares will be supplied as artillery equipment in (b) above.

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- (d) R.E. Stores: Maintenance for Bailey bridges is available from surpluses already declared to Ministry of Supply for Italian Govt.

MML

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F.A. (B)

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MMIA  
F.A. (B)

(c) Ordnance will investigate the possibility of setting aside a shed or other suitable accommodation in the BOD in which the Italian rep may take delivery and check the items of sealing issued.

Ordinance

(d) Local weapons will continue to be accounted for under Br-It machinery through MIA.

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(e) Surpluses received by Italian Army through the Ministry of Supply will not be subject to military accounting, having already been written off.

18 Dec 45

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Subject : Clothing of Allies

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- " " Middle East Forces.
- Headquarters, British Army of the Rhine.
- Headquarters, British Land Forces in Norway.
- British Military Mission to Netherlands.
- " " " to Czechoslovakia.

Clothing of Allies

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4. The foregoing is notified to you for action where applicable under para 2, and so that the general position can be advised to Allied Military authorities in response to any enquiries that may be made.

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From M. of W.  
to M.M.I.A.

Ref. 27962  
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Date I/12/45

Subject Organisation of the M.T. and Art. Services.

Further to letter 25832/021300 dated 13/II/45 on the subject -  
Transfer of Allied Vehicles to the Italian Army.-

Concerning the organising of the services for the transition army  
we suggest that the u/m establishments:

- R.E. Shell Factory of Genoa
- R.E. Pirotecnico Section of Bologna
- R.E. Fuse Factory of Rome/

closed down as regards institutional function, be transformed into  
mechanical workshops attached to M.T. Repair Units, respectively  
to the 2° - 6° and 8°, preserving also the functions of the disbanded  
unit's rear office.

These workshops would form the IV section of the respective Repair  
Units.

We specially point out that the section of the 6° Repair Unit to be  
instituted at Bologna in order to carry out repairs to Italian  
vehicles in the area (transforming the 6° Repair Unit (O.A.R.E.) into  
a large repair workshops for Allied Combat Group vehicles - letter  
Q/027 dated 20/II/45) could be installed in the present premises of the  
Pirotecnico Section R.E. of Bologna.

We await your opinion on the matter.

DAK

Gen. P. Properzj.

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Subject: Issues to Italian Armed Forces.

52 British Liaison Unit.

C.M.V.

CRD/4(144)

22 November 1942.

A.D.C.S.

M.K.I.A.

1. It would be greatly appreciated if some intimation could be given whether there is a possibility of any interim maintenance arrangements for Italian Infantry Divisions, until the supply of Ordnance stores through Italian channels becomes effective.

2. This information is of extreme importance, since this Division was given no warning of the impending cessation of supply from British sources, and consequently no provision action could be taken to maintain the formation until such time as stores start to arrive from the Italian Ministry of War.

3. The urgency has already become critical in the case of Engine Assemblies, Covers Cutter, and Tubes Inner, the current demands for which have never been fully met. Despite repeated requests, since April of this year, for dyed Battledresses, none has been made available to this formation until quite recently, when 1000 dyed blouses were received. Since no advance information was passed concerning the number of soldiers to be discharged at any one time, and since the peak period of intake and discharge coincides with the time of cessation of supply from British sources, the Battledress situation is also serious. To cover immediate needs, a further 5000 suits are required.

4. Although temporarily, sufficient stocks of M.T. sprays, soap, and cleaning material for weapons are held to meet immediate needs, the situation is transient and must, of necessity, deteriorate rapidly, unless immediate action is taken. Furthermore, no directive has been received to cover supply of expendable items such as oxygen and castylene, and other similar stores, for which provision can only be made for a very short space of time, or for which supply by local contract is liable to interfere with availability for civilian industrial needs.

5. If no provisional maintenance can be arranged, it would be appreciated if hastening action could be taken with the Ministry of War, in order to prevent the five Italian Divisions from disintegrating, on account of lack of Ordnance stores.

any one time, and since the peak period of shortage and discharge coincides with the time of cessation of supply from British sources, the bottleneck situation is also serious. To cover immediate needs, a further 5000 suits are required.

4. Although temporarily sufficient stocks of M.T. spares, soap, and cleaning material for weapons are held to meet immediate needs, the situation is transient and must, of necessity, deteriorate rapidly, unless immediate action is taken. Furthermore, no corrective has been received to cover supply of expendable items such as oxygen and acetylene, and other similar stores, for which provision can only be made for a very short space of time, or for which supply by local contract is liable to interfere with availability for civilian industrial needs.

5. If no provisional maintenance can be arranged, it would be appreciated if hastening action could be taken with the <sup>4684</sup> Ministry of War, in order to prevent the five Italian Divisions from disintegrating, on account of lack of Ordnance stores.

6. Any further information through M.M.I.A. channels concerning possible future organization of Italian supply system would also be greatly appreciated.

Cong to: D.D.C.S.

H.M. 2 Inspector. D.M.R.

10-17-44  
Capt.  
(W.F.J. Smith.)  
Ordnance Officer 52 M.B.V.

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Subject : Engineer and Signal Property.

M.M.I.A. N. Italy,  
Milan.

Phone: MILAN 13989  
Ref : MIL/1/Q

10 Nov. 45.

To : Land Forces Sub Comm., A.C.  
M.M.I.A.

1. Great difficulty is being encountered by C M 2 District in the withdrawal of Engineer and Signal Stores, classified as "Captured Enemy Material", from dumps throughout LOMBARDIA.

2. Your letter 2/13 of 1 Oct 45 passed control of all IMI-IMI Signal and Engineer material to the Ministry of War. Their letter II/27762/M of 18 Oct 45 addressed to all Terr HQ and Engr Directorates, states that all Italian Army Engr and Signal material existing in any stores, depot etc within the territory under jurisdiction of each Terr HQ, is returned to the direct control of the War Ministry.

3. Acting on the War Ministry letter, the Engineer HQ 3 Terr HQ Milan have refused the withdrawal of certain stores by CM 2 District, which has caused delay in urgent work, waste of time, petrol etc.

4. Will you please clear up the situation by informing the War Ministry that CEM (unless it has been properly handed over) is not the same as IMI-IMI property, and that HQ still retains control of it (through 2 District in the case of Northern Italy); Meanwhile, I am instructing Cdo Genio to comply with CB's requests.

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Senior L.O. M.M.I.A. N. Italy.

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3. Acting on the War Ministry letter, the HQ Milan have refused the withdrawal of certain stores by CE 2 District, which has caused delay in urgent work, waste of time, petrol etc.

4. Will you please clear up the situation by informing the War Ministry that CBM (unless it has been properly handed over) is not the same as ILL-III property, and that SHQ still retains control of it (through 2 District in the case of Northern Italy); Meanwhile, I am instructing Cde Genio to comply with CE's requests.

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Lieut Col,  
Sender L.C. M.M.I.A. N. Italy.

Copy To : CE 2 District  
III Cde Terr Milan  
Cde Genio III Cde Terr Milan

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Subject : Clothing for Dischargees.

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Q/003

2 Nov 1945

To : Ministry of War.

Ref. your 24304/VC of 1 Nov.

1. The responsibility for recovering undyed B.D. rests with the Group Commanders who failed to comply with the MMIA instruction acknowledged by you in para 1.
2. The system substitution failed in every instance because Group Commanders, knowing the number of men due for discharge, did not make timely application for dyed B.D. from the Adm. Div. concerned.
3. Effective 15 Nov the supply of British B.D. will cease and it is therefore a matter of urgency that existing stocks are most carefully conserved until it is possible to put the Gruppi into Italian Army uniform.

*R. A. CUTIES*

R. A. CUTIES, Lt. Col.  
for Major General  
M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT : Control of Tyres and Tubes.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.  
( M.M.I.A. )  
R O M E  
2/003  
7 November 1945

TO : Ministry of War,  
Dir. Gen. Artig. e Motorizzazione.

1. Reference this HQ letter 25 dated 22 March 1945.
2. Effective 15 November 1945 the following amendment will be made to the system of transfer and recordings of stocks of tyres and tubes.
  - (a) No further returns of tyres and tubes - Appendix A,B or C will be sent by the War Ministry to MMIA.
  - (b) The signature of an MMIA Officer on Appendix "B" authorising the issue of tyres to a vehicle by the Repairs Unit, will no longer be necessary. It will be the responsibility of the OC Repairs Unit to ensure that the best possible use is made of existing stocks.
  - (c) MMIA authority to transfer tyres from one Repair Unit to another will no longer be necessary. Appendix "D" will therefore be no longer used, and the War Ministry will authorise such transfers as it deems advisable, and make the necessary arrangements.
3. Records of stocks will continue to be kept by War Ministry, and any information regarding stocks required by this Headquarters will be made available on request.

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

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SUBJECT : Disposal of Vehicles

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.  
 (M.H.I.A.)  
 R O M E  
 9/805  
 7 November 1945.

TO : Ministry of War

1. Reference this Headquarters letter 9/5/45 dated 7 May 1945.
2. Effective 15 November 1945 it will no longer be necessary to refer the disposal of Army vehicles to this Headquarters.
3. The War Ministry will have power to authorise disposal of vehicles, and submission of appendix "A" to the above mentioned letter will, therefore, not be required.
4. The same will apply to spare parts, which if considered surplus to Army requirements, may be disposed of at your discretion.

*R. B. L. Smith*  
 Major General  
 Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.  
 (M.H.I.A.)

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*R. B. L. Smith*  
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Subject: Battle Dress - Distinguishing marks Italian ArmyLand Forces Sub Commission A.C.  
(M. M. I. A.) ROME.  
Q.003.2 November, 1945.

To:- War Ministry.

1. Under authority GHQ/6453/Q(AE) dated 30 October 45, the dyeing of outer clothing received from Allied Sources for use by Italian military personnel may be discontinued.

2. Any outer garments of this nature will, however, be provided with a permanent distinguishing mark and all British or U.S. Army buttons and insignia removed before issue.

It is suggested a patch with the word "Italia" in one inch letters be worn on the left upper arm of outer top garments. Please state if this is approved or what alternative you decide to adopt.

3. Existing stocks of dyed Battle Dress will be used for BR-ITI service troops.

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R.A. CURTIS

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

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