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Q 008 CCRR POLICY

July 1945 - Jan. 1946

Subject : CC.MR Issues of Hand Grenades.

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

Q.008

9 Jan. 1946.

To : War Ministry.

Reference your ^{224/53} 213.42/11 dated 30 Nov 45.

1. The restraints imposed in this R.Q. letter 0/23 dated 13 Jul 45 are no longer operative.

2. The issue of hand grenades is at your discretion, subject to such policy as may be laid down by the Italian Government. In this connection your attention is drawn to the letter of 12 Oct 45 addressed to the Secretary of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers by Civil Affairs Section of the Allied Commission (a copy of which accompanied your letter under reply).

2. B.
Major General.
M.M.I.A.

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

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TRANSLATION

From : M of War

To : MMIA

Ref : 200583/II

Dtd : 8 Jan 46

23 A.T.

Subject : Arming of Military Personnel on Public Order Duty.

I- This Ministry, in letter No. 224853/dtd 30 Nov 45, requested from MMIA, precise details concerning the arming of military personnel detailed for Public Order duty.

II- In order to be able to issue the necessary instructions ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~, we beg MMIA kindly to inform us of its own opinions in this matter.

III- In case ~~that~~ the above-mentioned letter was never received by MMIA, we enclose herewith a copy of same.

By order,
Col. Lombardi.

[Handwritten signature]

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cc.

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Translation

From M. of W. Cabinet.
To M.M.I.A.

Ref. 224853/II
Date 30/II/45.

Subject Armament of Military Personnel on Public Order Duties.

The Presidency of the Council of Ministers, has forwarded to this Min. the attached letter from the G.H.G. Allied Commission regarding the armament of military personnel employed on public order duties.

Since you in letter 0/23 dated 16/7/45 had notified this min. that it was forbidden to issue hand-grenades to units, we ask you to kindly point out whether further to the attached letter it is now permissible to issue hand-grenades to:

Carabinieri Reali for carrying out Institute Tasks (public order and police court duties);

Public Safety under the direct command of the Min. of the Intern.

Royal Finance Guard under the direct command of the Finance Min.

DAK

L. LOMBARDI

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Translation

From G.H.Q. Allied Commission
To Undersecretary to the Presidency
of the Council of Ministers.

Ref.

Date 12/10/45.

Dear Sir,

See 15xx

I refer to your letter N° 42456/3578/I-6-4 dated 11/8/45, headed Use of Arms by the Police Forces for the Maintenance of Public Order.

The information given by Admiral Stone in his letter dated 13/5/45 concerning this matter refers only to the weapons and armament of the Italian Army and not to the Police Force, i.e. Public Safety and Finance Guard. ~~§~~

In connection with this matter it is to be noted that Admiral's Stone's letter dated 13/5/45 was corrected by letter N° 9/92 dated 30/9/45, so that the Italian Army may be, now issued and make use of teargas and phosphorus bombs except the white phosphorus ones.

The Carabinieri, which are part of the Italian Army, may be allotted the same weapons permitted for the army, but if they should be employed on police duties they will only be supplied with those weapons that are permitted for the effective execution of the a/m duties.

These weapons, in respect of the present system, are tanks, machine-guns, light automatic arms, rifles and pistols.

If you hold that the Carabinieri, in their task as police force, should be armed and trained in the use of grenades or teargas and smoke bombs, it is a question of principle which must be raised and submitted to the authority concerned.

We think it advisable that instruction be given concerning the conditions in which some of the arms are carried and the method in which they are ~~to~~ employed.

P.T.O.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

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3 Jan
December 1945

AC/14602/5/PS

SUBJECT : CC.RR. - Issue of Hand Grenades.
TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission.

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1. Reference is made to your letter Q.008 dated 21 December, 1945, and the draft of letter which you propose sending to the Ministry of War.

2. It would seem that your proposed letter will not clarify the problems confronting the War Ministry. One of the principal difficulties, which has occurred throughout all correspondence on the subject, is that the basic documents referred to, both those issued by AFHQ and your Sub-Commission, relate solely to the armament and use of arms by troops on duties of public order and do not purport to deal with the armament and use of arms by police agencies engaged in normal police functions, including their duty to maintain public order to obviate the necessity of calling on troops if possible. The War Ministry, being the source of arms supply for all police agencies, will still remain confused.

3. It occurs to me that the armament of police agencies and their use of arms are matters relating to the operational functioning of such agencies. It is suggested, therefore, that Public Safety Sub-Commission prepare a memorandum on the subject for the Italian Government. Your Sub-Commission can then advise the War Ministry concerning the issuance of arms, if such advise is necessary.

M. Carr

M. GARR, Brigadier
VP C A Sec.

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*He discussed (Buy Car. Lt Col. Curtiss) P.C. / C.
will prepare the memo referred to above*

*4/1/46
R.P.*

Letter 12 Oct. 1945. Public Safety

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will prepare the letter referred to above*

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Letter 12 Oct. 1945. Am. Sub-Com.

SUBJECT: CC. MR - ARMS AND AMM.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,
M.M.I.A.,
R.O.M.B.
G.O.S.

27 December 1945

TO : War Ministry

Reference 227260/II dated 10 Dec 45.
228-115-17

1. Your wish that requirements in weapons, equipment etc. of the CC. MR should be forwarded to the War Ministry is noted.

2. This is precisely the Policy approved at the meeting held at M.M.I.A. on the 25 Nov 45 at which representatives of the CC. MR and War Ministry were present.

Para 2 of the minutes of that meeting is republished:-

" 2. Agreed that, whereas the organisation of CC. MR units will be a subject for discussion direct between CC. MR and M.M.I.A. (G), demands for clothing and Equipment and Supplies will be decided by War Ministry direct with CC. MR.

War Ministry will obtain from M.M.I.A. (G) advice and such assistance as may be necessary in meeting demands made by the CC. MR for items not available under War Ministry control. "

3. Your intention to give priority to the needs of the CC. MR is noted.

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

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Agreed that, whereas the organization of CC.M. units will be a subject for discussion direct and indirect with CC.M. I.A. (8), the units for clothing and equipment and supplies will be decided by War Ministry direct with CC.M.

War Ministry will obtain from M.M.I.A. (9) advice and make arrangements as may be necessary in meeting demands made by the CC.M. for items not available under War Ministry control.

Your intentions to give priority to the needs of the CC.M. is

3. noted.

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

A.C. Public Safety Sub-Commission.

Copy to: A.C. Public Safety Sub-Commission.

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Subject: DE. 11 - Issue of hand grenades

Land Forces Sub Commission A.O.
(L. L. I. A.)

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21 December 1955

To: A.C. for Civil Affairs Section

Reference recent conversation, Lt. Col. GRIFFIN -
Indigene GWS.

The War Ministry have requested information as to whether
or not the prohibition concerning the issue of hand grenades to GWS,
Public Safety and Finance Guards Units, issued under this R.A. 1.23
of 16 July 55 still applies.

Control of all arms and ammunition has now passed to the
War Ministry, and it is, therefore, proposed to reply in the terms
of the attached draft.

You are requested to state if you have any comment you
wish to note before despatch.

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R.A. GRIFFIN Lt. Col.
for Major General,
L. L. I. A.

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Copy to: A.C. for Public Safety Sub Commission

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Subject:- CC. 33 - Issue of briefs regarding

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(P. M. L. A.)
R.M.R.
C.008

December 1945.

To:- the Ministry.

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22/3/45
Reference your 213 42/II dated 20 Nov 45.

The restrictions imposed in this H.A. letter 9/23

dated 16 July 1945 are no longer operative.

The issue of land graves is at your discretion,
subject to such policy as may be laid down by the Italian Government.

In this connection, your attention is drawn to this H.A.
letter 6/92 of 12 Dec 45, in reply to your 224060/II of 26 Nov 45,
and to the letter of 12 Oct 45, addressed to the Secretary of the
Presidency of the Council of Ministers by Civil Affairs Section
of the Allied Commission.

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Major General,
P. M. L. A.

Copy to:- A.C. for Civil Affairs Section
Public Safety Sub Commission
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Letter 9/92 of 12 Dec 45, in reply to your 22/00/II of 26 Nov 45,
and to the letter of 12 Oct 45, addressed to the Secretary of the
Presidency of the Council of Ministers by Civil Affairs Section
of the Allied Commission.

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Major General,
M. E. F. A.

Copy to: A.C. for Civil Affairs Section
Public Safety and Commission

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TRANSLATION

From : M of War

Ref : 47360, II
40-10-17

To : MMIA

Dtd : 10 Dec 45

Subject : Arms and Ammunition for the CC.RR.

with reference to your 126 dtd 24 Nov 45.

1^o)-I have received a copy of the report of the meeting held on the 23 November 45, at the HQ MMIA.

2^o)-I fully agree with the necessity of giving priority to matters concerning clothing, transport and equipment for the CC.RR. I have, for some time, interested myself in this question, and, as soon as this Ministry was able to dispose of the items of clothing that existed, assignment was made to the CC.RR of the maximum quantities that the availabilities permitted.

3^o)-With reference to transport vehicles, a first allotment has already been distributed; the remaining requirements have been made to the Ministry of Reconstruction, to which the Allied authorities concerned have ceded the deposits of war residue materials.

4^o)-With reference to arms and ammunition, negotiations are going on with the MMIA.

Since, therefore, it appears to me that details of the arms needed by the CC.RR have been requested directly from the GHQ CC.RR, I would be pleased, if such requests were, in the future, forwarded to this Ministry. I ask this ~~MMIA~~ ^{so that} these requests, strictly associated with the W.E.'s, which are defined by the S.M.R.E., may be co-ordinated with the needs of the other units of the Army, and because, entailing an expense, they must be valued from an administrative point of view, in relation to availabilities shown on the balance sheets.

This procedure will not embarrass the speedy systemisation of the CC.RR units, because absolute priority of treatment will be given to matters concerning the CC.RR.

sgd The Minister,

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sgd The Minister,
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10 DEC 1945

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SUBJECT: Aids to Civil Power.

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NO 2 DISTRICT, CMF.
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5 DEC 45.

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GHQ CMF.
MMIA.

Copy to : Chief Commissioner, AG.
217 Area.

Q → *Q* } action
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Further to my 2015 G(0) of 23 Oct 45, a copy of which is attached for GHQ CMF.

1. Since writing the letter referred to above in which I stressed how greatly handicapped the CCRR were, a visit has been paid to BOLOGNA by Col. E.J. BYE, the Deputy Director Public Safety Subcommission, AG. He is making recommendations about the supply of good clothing, petrol and vehs to the CCRR and I am writing now because my certainty of the need of these improvements has recently increased.

2. The province of BOLOGNA is both a hot bed of militant Communist and a focal point of British communications. Lawlessness in the form of banditry, gaol storming and murder is rife. I attach a report of a more than usually serious but not untypical incident where fifty armed men raided a village and committed robbery, murder and abduction.

3. General CERIOA, the Italian Territorial Commander at BOLOGNA, is certain that there will eventually be an armed communist uprising centred on BOLOGNA. The Comd of 217 Area is by no means so certain but agrees that it is not impossible. Were it ever to happen you will appreciate that several thousand armed men could hold or destroy the PO bridges and prevent the arrival of either 6 Armd Div or the Combat Group to the north of the PO.

4. The situation is complicated by the fact that both the Prefect and the Sindaco are Communists and untrustworthy, and that communists have been placed in so many public positions of responsibility that it is not safe for ordinary citizens to oppose them. The last man to give reliable information about hidden arms is now dying as the result of reprisals. It is therefore extremely hard to get information on which to make raids for arms, and there are undoubtedly many in the area. In addition, General CERIOA is not entirely happy about the reliability of his own staff, and as a result of this infiltration of terrorist influence the Italian Govt is not keeping law and order in this area.

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5. Under these circumstances the need of equipment for the GORR becomes even more marked. They can never move to a scene of disorder for lack of petrol, since their allotment is made by the Prefect who has no wish to make them mobile in case they invade his party's plans.

6. I would therefore again urge that petrol be allocated direct to the GORR and not through the Prefect, that a drastic comb out of the GORR be undertaken to eliminate the ex-partisans and that every encouragement, material and moral, be given to this body on whom rests the major responsibility for preventing civil disorder. If an increase in efficiency is not secured the use of combat tps. either Italian or British, to do a police job will be inevitable.

/s/ CA Heydeman
Commanding 2 District

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Translation

From M. of W.

To M.M.I.A.

Ref. 224853

213 42/II

Date 30/II/45

(2) Subject Armament of Troops on Public Order Duties.

The President of the Council of Ministers, forwarded the attached letter from the Allied Comm.G.H.Q. regarding the armament of troops employed on public order duties.

Since you in letter A/23 dated 16/7/45 prohibited the issue of hand-grenades by us to units, we ask you to kindly state whether further to the contents of the attached letter we are permitted to issue hand-grenades to:

Carabinieri Reali. in order to carry out instate duties
(Public Order and Police Court Duties.)

Public Safety. under direct command of the Min of Intern.
Finance Guard under direct command of the Finance MIN.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APO 394

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Dear Sir,

See 234T

12 October 1945.

I refer to your letter No. 42458/35784/1-6-4 dated 11 August 45 on the subject of the use of weapons by police forces in the maintenance of public order.

The information given on this subject in letter dated 13 May 45 from Admiral STONE relates only to the arms and armament of the Italian Army and does not extend to police forces such as Public Security and Finance Guards. In connection with this matter it is to be noted that Admiral STONE's letter of the 13 May 45 was amended by letter No. 3/92 dated 30 September 45 so that the Italian Army can now be equipped with and make use of tear gas, and smoke grenades other than white phosphorus smoke.

The Carabinieri, as a part of the Italian Army could be issued with the same weapons as those authorized for the Army but when employed on police duties, Carabinieri are equipped only with such weapons as are approved for the effective execution of those duties. These weapons, in accordance with current policy, are tanks and armoured cars, machine guns, automatic small arms, muskets and pistols.

If it is considered that the Carabinieri, in their role as a police force, should be armed with and trained in the use of grenades or tear gas and smoke grenades, the matter is one of policy which should be raised and submitted to all appropriate authorities. It is felt that precise instructions would be necessary as to the conditions under which such weapons should be carried and as to the method of their employment.

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Public Security and Finance Guards may be armed with machine guns, automatic small arms, muskets and pistols. As regards hand grenades, it was laid down by AFHQ in a letter dated 23 July 45 that Public Security and Finance Guards should not be permitted to use such weapons.

I hope that this letter gives you all the required information.

Yours very truly,

M. Carr
M. CARR,
Brigadier,
VP CA Section.

The Secretary of
The Presidency of the Council of Ministers.

Copy to L.F.S.C. (MMLA)

FJV/G

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SUBJECT : Arms and Ammunition

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q.126
26 Nov. 45

TO : Ministry of War.

Minutes of meeting held at HQ MMIA on Friday 23 Nov 45.

Present :

Lt.Col. Curties
Major Newton
Major Airey
Major Luccock
Lt.Col. Olivetti
Major Sergio
Major Faccio
Major Vernizio

ACMG. MMIA
DAQMG (1), MMIA
ADOS, MMIA
"G" MMIA (G2)
SMRE Ufficio Servizi
Direzione Generale Artiglieria
Comando Generale CC.RR.
Direzione Generale Artiglieria

Object:

(a) To allot priority to CC.RR. demands for Clothing, transport and equipment and decide procedure to be followed as regards relations between M.M.I.A. and the CC.RR.

(b) To decide on method by which detailed information concerning requirements of the Interim Italian Army, as regards arms and ammunition is to be obtained.

2. Agreed that, whereas the organisation of CC.RR. units will be a subject for discussion direct between CC.RR. and M.M.I.A. (G), demands for Clothing and Equipment and Supplies would be decided by War Ministry direct with CC.RR.

War Ministry will obtain from M.M.I.A. (Q) advice and such assistance as may be necessary in meeting demands made by the CC.RR. for items not available under War Ministry control.

3. In considering the possibility of War Ministry being in a position to meet CC.RR. demands as regards Arms and Ammunition, it is necessary to review the total requirements of the Interim Army, as well as stocks at present under control of the War Ministry.

4. While detailed adjustments to the present CC.RR. organisation will undoubtedly follow the examination of existing establishment being carried out, sufficient data can be obtained on present organisation to estimate Italian Army deficiencies and decide to what extent the War Ministry are unable to meet CC.RR. demands without assistance.

5. If, as a result of comparing present stocks with estimated future requirements, the War Ministry desire to manufacture, in Italy, small

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5. If, as a result of comparing present stocks with estimated future requirements, the War Ministry desire to manufacture, in Italy, small arms or small arms ammunition, representations to this effect will be made to M.M.I.A. No such manufacture will be permitted until the decision of the Supreme Allied Commander has been obtained by M.M.I.A. and notified to the War Ministry.

6. Agreed that the War Ministry would furnish by 28 November figures as at 1st October, tabulated in the manner set out at Appendix "A".

7. A statement on exactly similar lines as in paragraph 6 is required at the earliest possible date as regards transport vehicles.

Copy to: - Pub Saf. Sub-Comm.

Internal: "G", OKD,
REME, S & T

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

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NOTE:(1) Above detail will be furnished for each Serial as under:-

CC.RR.

ARMY

Ser. No.

- 1 1 Bde
- 2 "
- 3 "
- 4 "
- 5 "
- 6 "
- 7 Training Schools
- 8 Other Units

Ser. No.

- 1 5 Combat Divisions
- 2 10 Ind. Regts.
- 3 3 I.S. Divs.
- 4 Training Schools
- 5 Service Troops

(2) X Similar detail required on separate statement as regards Trans

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Appendix "A"

AIMS X					AMMUNITION X			
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will be furnished for each Serial as under:-

ARMY

	<u>Ser. No.</u>	
1 Bde	1	5 Combat Divisions
2 "	2	10 Ind. Regts.
3 "	3	3 I.S. Divs.
4 "	4	Training Schools (Cesano)
5 "	5	Service Troops not included above
6 "		
Training Schools		
Other Units		

Detail required on separate statement as regards Transport vehicles.

MESSAGE FORM

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FROM : MMIA
TO : AFHQ
INFO : ALCON
REF : Q.692

DATE/TIME
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REFERENCE YOUR FX 53377 16 NOV(.)

MMIA HAS TAKEN OVER FROM PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION RESPONSIBILITIES FOR CORR AS ORDERED IN YOUR AG 014.12 GEG-0 14 OCT(.) WHILE ABLE TO ASSIST AND ADVISE IN DAY TO DAY ADMINISTRATION AND MAINTENANCE OF CORR PENDING ARRIVAL OF ADDITIONAL STAFF OFFICERS NEEDED FOR THIS DUTY IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO UNDERTAKE SUCCESSFULLY THE COMPLETE REORGANIZATION PREPARATION OF DETAILED ORDER OF BATTLE, W.E.S. AND EQUIPMENT TABLES REQUIRED(.)

PROPOSE THEREFOR TO GIVE YOU BY 3 DEC INTERIM REPLY TO PARA 3 WHICH SHOULD BE ESTIMATE ON SAFE SIDE AND WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO ALTERNATIVES NEEDED AS RESULT OF LATER DETAILED EXPERT STUDY(.) WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR EARLY POSTING THREE POLICE OFFICERS, TWO SECOND GRADE STAFF OFFICERS, VIDE YOU FX 51855 5 NOV (NAP 1086) AND LATER SEVEN LIAISON OFFICERS FOR CORR.

PREPARED BY _____

AUTHENTICATION _____

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Internal:- 'C'

FROM : AFHQ G(SD)
 TO : MMIA
 INFO : ALCOM
 REF : FX 53377

DATE/TIME
 161608A

CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT IS EQUIPMENT OF ITALIAN POLICE FORCES AND INTERIM ARMY(.)

- (1) IN RESPONSE TO ALCOM REQUEST FOR QTY 3,000 PISTOLS AND 44,000 AUTOMATIC MUSKETS HAVE RECENTLY RELEASED TO YOU 3,000 PISTOLS AND 10,000 MUSKETS FOR CARABINIERI AND HAVE REQUESTED ALCOM TO JUSTIFY FURTHER RELEASE OF MUSKETS AND TO CO-ORDINATE THEIR REPLY WITH YOU(.)
- (2) PREVIOUSLY TRANSPORT INCLUDING ARMED CARS HAS BEEN DEMANDED FOR CARABINIERI(.)

- (3) IN ORDER TO ASSESS FAIRLY THESE DEMANDS AND TO BE ABLE TO ESTIMATE OUR POSSIBLE COMMITMENTS REQUEST YOU FORWARD SOONEST PROPOSED ORDER OF BATTLE OF UNITS BY TYPES AND QUANTITIES FOR CARABINIERI AND ANY OTHER POLICE FORCES FOR WHICH WEAPONS ETC ARE REQUIRED TOGETHER WITH COMPLETE WEAPON AND VEHICLE STAFF TABLES AND APPROXIMATE BULK QUANTITIES OF OTHER MAJOR ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT AND STORES REQUIRED(.) ALSO SHOW EXISTING HOLDINGS OF ALL ITEMS DEMANDED AND ITEMS WHICH CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE FROM ITALIAN ARMY RESOURCES(.)

- (4) COMPLETE ORDER OF BATTLE OF UNITS BY TYPES AND QUANTITIES (INCLUDING L OF C UNITS) TOGETHER WITH WEAPON AND VEHICLE STAFF TABLES AND EXISTING HOLDINGS AND AVAILABILITIES IS ALSO REQUIRED FOR INTERIM ARMY(.)

- (5) APPROPRIATE INFORMATION REQUIRED ABOVE MAY NOT BE ~~IDENTICAL~~ AVAILABLE BUT MUST EMPHASISE IMPORTANCE OF INFORMATION TO THIS HEADQUARTERS AT PRESENT TIME AS PLAN FOR EQUIPMENT OF ITALIAN FORCES AND DISPOSAL POLICY FOR THEATRE EQUIPMENT INCLUDING CAPTURED ENEMY WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION

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OTHER POLICE FORCES FOR WHICH WEAPONS ETC ARE REQUIRED TOGETHER WITH
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FOR THEATRE EQUIPMENT INCLUDING CAPTURED ENEMY WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION
CAN NOT BE FORMULATED UNTIL STAFF TABLES REQUIRED BY PARAS 3 AND 4 ABOVE
ARE AVAILABLE HERE(.)

(6) GRATEFUL IF PREPARATION OF REPLY TO PARA 3 ABOVE BE GIVEN
HIGH PRIORITY AND INFORMATION FORWARDED AS SOON AS AVAILABLE AND NOT
HELD PENDING AVAILABILITY OF REPLY TO PARA 4(.)

(7) FOR ALCOM YOUR SIGNALS 4958 OF 08 SEP 8020 OF 03 NOVEMBER
AND AFHQ LETTER G-5 000.5 OF 07 NOVEMBER ALSO REFER(.)

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FROM AFHQ 161608A

TO MMIA
INFO ALCON
GR 399 BT
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CONFIDENTIAL FROM G(SD) CMT. SUBJECT IS EQUIPMENT OF
ITALIAN POLICE FORCES AND INTERIM ARMY
1 IN RESPONSE TO ALCON REQUEST FOR QTY 3200 PISTOLS AND
44000 AUTOMATIC MUSKETS HAVE RECENTLY RELEASED
TO YOU 3200 PISTOLS AND 12000 MUSKETS
FOR CARABINIERI AND HAVE REQUESTED ALCON
TO JUSTIFY FURTHER RELEASE OF MUSKETS AND TO COORDINATE
THEIR REPLY WITH YOU.

2 PREVIOUSLY TRANSPORT INCLUDING ARMED CARS HAS BEEN
DEMANDED FOR CARABINIERI

3 IN ORDER TO ASSESS ~~FAIRLY~~ FAIRLY THESE DEMANDS AND TO
BE ABLE TO ESTIMATE OUR POSSIBLE COMMITMENTS
REQUEST YOU FORWARD SECRET PROPOSED ORDER
OF BATTLE OF UNITS BY TYPES AND QUANTITIES FOR
CARABINIERI AND ANY
OTHER POLICE FORCES FOR WHICH WEAPONS ETC
ARE REQUIRED TOGETHER WITH COMPLETE
WEAPON AND VEHICLE STAFF TABLES AND
APPROXIMATE BULK QUANTITIES OF OTHER MAJOR ITEMS
OF EQUIPMENT AND STORES REQUIRED. ALSO SHOW EXISTING
HOLDINGS OF ALL ITEMS DEMANDED AND ITEMS WHICH
CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE FROM ITALIAN
ARMY RESOURCES

4 COMPLETE ORDER OF BATTLE OF UNITS BY TYPES AND QUANTITIES
(INCLUDING 1 OF C UNITS) TOGETHER
WITH WEAPON AND VEHICLE STAFF TABLES AND EXISTING
HOLDINGS AND AVAILABILITIES IS ALSO REQUIRED
FOR INTERIM ARMY

5 APPRECIATE INFORMATION REQUIRED ABOVE MAY NOT BE IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE
///// AVAILABLE BUT MUST EMPHASISE IMPORTANCE OF INFORMATION
TO THIS HEADQUARTERS AT PRESENT
TIME AS PLAN FOR EQUIPMENT OF ITALIAN FORCES AND
DISPOSAL POLICY FOR THEATRE EQUIPMENT INCLUDING
CAPTURED ENEMY WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION
CAN NOT BE FORMULATED UNTIL STAFF TABLES REQUIRED
BY PARAS 3 AND 4 ABOVE ARE
AVAILABLE HERE

6 GRATEFUL IF PREPARATION OF REPLY TO PARA 3 ABOVE BE
GIVEN HIGH PRIORITY AND INFORMATION FORWARDED
AS SOON AS AVAILABLE AND NOT HELD PENDING
AVAILABILITY OF REPLY TO PARA 4

7 FOR ALCON YOUR SIGNALS 4953 OF 23 SEP 8022 OF 53
NOV AND AFHQ LETTER G-5 200.5 OF 27 NOV
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Subject:- Arms of Brits employed in the Maintenance of Public Order.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(L.M.I.A.) R.M.

G.O.S.

7 November, 1945.

To:-

A.C. for Civil Affairs Section.

The attached original and translation copy of letter #7506/3784/1164
4215/35784/1.6.4 dated 19 Aug 45 received in error is passed to you for necessary notice. 9 Oct 47

The control of arms and ammunition passed to the War Ministry with effect from 1 October 1945. Prior to that date releases from Army Depots were made by L.M.I.A.

The issue of hand grenades to G.O.S. was not approved. Our 9/23 of 6 Sep 45 to Public Safety Sub Commission refers.

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R.A. GUNTER Lt. Col.
for Major General,
L. M. I. A.

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Public Safety Sub Commission A.C.

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TRANSLATION

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From : Presidency of the Council of Ministers
To : Allied Commission

Ref : 42456/35784/1.6.4

Dtd : 11 Aug 45

Subject : Arming of Units employed in the Maintenance of Public Order.

In letter No. G.92 dtd 13 May 45, which refers to the position of the Italian Government with regard to local defence plans, the A.C. pointed out that, wherever Allied or Italian troops might be employed in the subduing of public disturbances, use should not have been made of smoke or tear gas or of chemical substances of any nature whatever. It was added that this was the only limitation imposed concerning the use of arms and armaments by Italian troops employed in the subduing of such disturbances.

In accordance with these instructions, which in effect, cancelled the former prohibition of the use, in cases of the above nature, of automatic weapons and hand grenades, the SMRE has asked the MMIA for the necessary authorisation to issue the hand grenades requested by the various units employed in the maintenance of public order.

Since the MMIA, in letter Q.23 dtd 16 July 45, copy of which is enclosed, has refused such an authorisation, the M of War has pointed it out as advisable that the A.C. should elarify in a definite manner what arms should be used in cases as above. The necessity should be taken into account, of the Authority restoring public order having an armament at least equal to that of the ~~XXXXXX~~ law-breakers, who as known, are possessed of a great amount of automatic weapons, hand grenades and sometimes, even mortars.

We should be grateful, therefore, for your kind reply concerning

the former prohibition of the use, in cases of the above mentioned
omatic weapons and hand grenades, the SMRE has asked the MMIA for the
necessary authorisation to issue the hand grenades requested by the
various units employed in the maintenance of public order.

② *Modelle Sent out on 223 on 15 July*
Paraguay 223 16 July 1947
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and sometimes, even mortars.

We should be grateful, therefore, for your kind reply concerning
this matter.

See 15 The under-secretary of State,
sgd G. Arpesani.

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Subject: Re-equipping of CC.RR

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSIONER AC (MMIA)

Q/5/7

30 Oct 45

TO : Executive Commissioner, Allied Commission

Reference your 8255/EC of 27 Oct 45, above subject.

1. The equipping of the CC.RR with suitable vehicles awaits the implementation of the "compromise" agreement providing for the transfer of Allied vehicles from the Ministry of Transport to the War Ministry in lieu of Army vehicles retained by civilians under AC/MMC control. The compromise agreement provided that a considerable number of vehicles would be turned over to the Army by 29 October 1945 (none of which have been received) and a further turn over of 500 per month beginning 1 November 1945. When these vehicles are received by the Minister for War, he will make allocation to the CC.RR.
2. The issue of new weapons depends upon the action of AFHQ on request made to release automatic weapons (C.E.M.) in the Breda factory. AC and MMIA have put this matter up to AFHQ, but no decision has been received.
3. We discussed the above personally today.

A. Browning

Major General
H.M.I.A.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 92/ 8255/EC

27. October 1945.

SUBJECT: Re-equipping of CC.RR.

TO : GOC, Land Forces Sub-Com.

1. The Chief Commissioner wishes to draw your attention to the requests made by the Italian Government and persistent references made by Ministers of the Government to the necessity of re-equipping the CC.RR with up to date weapons and vehicles. You will perhaps have noted that in his last press conference the Prime Minister stated that a further mitigation of the armistice terms would be made when Italy was allowed to carry out this very necessary reform which was most important for the purpose of maintaining public order.

2. The Chief Commissioner trusts that this re-equipping will be put in hand as early as possible and would be grateful for a report thereon in due course.

MSL/JG.

M. S. Lush
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Subject: Aid to Civil Power

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23 Oct 45
0507 (S)Chief Commissioner Allied Commission
MHIA

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In view of AFHQ letter AO 014.12 GAG-C of 14 Oct which laid down that by 1 Nov the ADM of the Carabinieri will have passed from AC to MHIA this letter is addressed to both.

1. Because the degree to which military help may be required in aid of Civil Power depends largely on the efficiency of the GNR it has always been my policy to help them wherever possible. Such help has taken the form of instruction in driving, maintenance and use of weapons, and particularly the encouragement of their morale by strengthening their hearing parties with the loan of tpt and British tps.

2. Unfortunately, such help is becoming increasingly difficult to give owing to shortage of personnel and vehs, and the GNR are having to rely on their own resources.

3. In 217 Area, these resources are meagre, and the morale of the GNR is being seriously affected by three things -

- (a) Uniform
- (b) POL
- (c) Tpt

4. The uniform is poor and in short supply. Some men have no more than a hat and an armband and are not taken seriously by the public. The dark green battle dress which came from VIOLANCE is old, badly worn in the east, very roughly sewn together and torn. During day it has shrunk and only the smallest men can be fitted. Normal sized men become objects of ridicule. The self respect of the GNR is further reduced by the fact that the dye comes out on the skin. No overcoats have been received.

5. The GNR get their POL from civilian sources and are frequently receive an inadequate allotment so that they are frequently immobilised although needed to move somewhere.

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2. Unfortunately, such help is becoming increasingly difficult to give owing to shortage of personnel and vels, and the COM are having to rely on their own resources.

3. In 2:7 area, these resources are meagre, and the morale of the COM is being seriously affected by three things -

- (a) Uniform
- (b) POL
- (c) Spt

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4. The uniform is poor and in short supply. Some men have no more than a hat and an armband and are not taken seriously by the public. The dark green battle dress which came from FLORENCE is old, badly worn in the seat, very roughly sewn together and torn. During dyeing it has shrunk and only the smallest men can be fitted. Normal sized men become objects of ridicule. The self respect of the COM is further reduced by the fact that the dye comes out on the skin. No overcoats have been received.

5. The COM get their POL from civilian sources and 7112 receive an inadequate allotment so that they are frequently immobilised although needed to move somewhere.

6. The tpt also seems inadequate. In each of the provinces of MATRUHA and AIN HELWAN, the COM have only a private veh and two m/cs, which means they are virtually immobile.

The new mobile bn has 400 men and 12 tanks, but no tank can be started or moved or any driving instruction given because there is no petrol. Only four tank drivers are trained and there are no other vels in the bn.

7. The result is that the COM find themselves in that area ill-cllothed and heavily handicapped when their duties require them to make a raid or go to the scene of a disturbance. Their morale

naturally sinks and undoubtedly keen men are losing heart.

8. In view of the Italian's natural liking for display I would suggest that a smart uniform would be of great encouragement, and that the sight of a well dressed body of men with obvious pride in themselves and adequately equipped would be a great deterrent to those of the public who at present treat them with contempt and challenge their authority.

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P.A. Hyden

Major General
Commanding 2 District

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ALLIED FORCE INSTRUCTIONS

APO 512

AG 014.12 GEG-0

SUBJECT: Transfer of Responsibility for the Carabinieri to MMIA

TO: Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO 394
Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission,

1. Reference is made in paragraph 24 of letter this headquarters, AG 091.711/169 GCT-0, dated 16 November 1944, subject, "Command and Administration of Italian Army" and to letter, this headquarters, G-5 014.12, dated 20 July 1945, subject, "Reorganization of Carabinieri and Other Police Forces of Italy".

2. It is believed that the time has now come when the supervisory functions of MMIA should parallel the executive functions of the Italian Ministry of War. It is therefore desired that you cause all matters connected with the training and administration of the Carabinieri which have heretofore been handled by the Public Safety Sub-Commission to be transferred to the Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA). This will result in all matters connected with the Carabinieri except their operational functions, which should remain as at present, being placed under the supervision of MMIA.

3. The date of transfer of responsibilities will be mutually agreed between Public Safety Sub-Commission and MMIA and will be reported by you to this headquarters. In any event this date will not be later than 1 November 1945.

4. In matters affecting the instruction of the Carabinieri in purely civil police duties, as distinct from normal military training, MMIA will consult the Public Safety Sub-Commission which will afford such advice and assistance as may be required.

BY COMMAND OF THE ACTING SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

SIGNED C.W. CHRISTENBERRY
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

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Subject : Issue of Hand Grenades Italian Public Security.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E.
Q/23 ✓

6 Sep 45.

To : A.C. for Public Safety Sub Commission,

1. Reference conversation Col. Chapman - Curties the following extract is quoted from Appx. "A" to A.F.H.Q. Operation Memorandum No. 75 dated 15 Apr 45 :-

"Special Instructions reference preservation of law and order in Italy.

para. 3 "use of troops in aid to civil power

para. 3(g) "In any case where Allied or Italian Troops are employed to quell civil disturbances, no smoke, tear gas, or chemicals of any kind will be employed. "

2. No other instructions as to the nature of weapons to be employed are contained in the above Op. Memorandum.

3. In reply to this H.Q. letter Q.23 11 Jul 45 the following AFHQ. decision was given in their signal P.2719 Signed SACMED Cite FHQCT dated 23 Jul - "Issues of hand grenades to ~~ARMY~~, Forest Guards, Public Security Agents, Finance Guards, etc. will not be made."

4. It is not considered however that the above ruling would apply to special CO.BR units organized on full military lines and employed as units under their own officers.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APC 594

Office of the Chief Commissioner

Ref: WMD/3B/175

29 October, 1945.

SUBJECT: Disposal of Captured Enemy Material in ITALY.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters.
Attn: Chief Administrative Officer.

1. Action is being taken on your CAO/214/6 of 20 Oct 45 but the Italian Government, in the person of the Prime Minister himself, has raised a point of great importance which is referred to in para 6, i.e., the guarding of the material.

2. The Prime Minister recognizes the immense value to the Italian Government of this material. He also recognizes that the police forces of the country are inadequate for the task before them and that in computing the strength of the interim army the Minister of War did not take into account the added responsibility of guarding the depots and dumps of captured enemy material. I think that the Minister acted reasonably in this.

3. As you know, in previous communications the Prime Minister has asked for an overall increase in the strength of the CC.RR from 65,000 to 75,000. It has not yet been possible for this figure to be accepted. He now does make this specific request that the strength of the CC.RR shall be increased temporarily at any rate, by 4,000 men in order that this most valuable material can be guarded and that the responsibility of the Italian Government can be properly implemented. He proposes to effect the increase by deferring the discharge of time expired CC.RR up to the number proposed for a period of 4 - 6 months, during which time he hopes to dispose of the material.

4. I think that the Prime Minister's request is eminently reasonable. We cannot expect the Italian Government to fulfil their responsibilities in keeping law and order and in guarding this immense amount of material if we do not allow them to maintain the force which they consider necessary. In this matter I fully concur with the Prime Minister that the extra CC.RR are necessary and that unless he receives them, either law and order will suffer or the material will not be properly guarded, the economy of Italy will suffer and additional materials will be demanded from the Allies.

5. I therefore strongly recommend that without prejudice to consideration for the overall increase of the CC.RR from 65,000 to 75,000 which will be the subject of a further communication, immediate permission be granted to the Italian Government to maintain with the colours the 4,000 CC.RR requested. Only in this way can the terms of your directive be properly implemented.

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4. I think that the Prime Minister's request is eminently reasonable. We cannot expect the Italian Government to fulfil their responsibilities if we keep law and order and in guarding this immense amount of material. In this matter I fully concur with the Prime Minister that the extra C.G.M.R. are necessary and that unless he receives them, either law and order will suffer or the material will not be properly guarded, the economy of Italy will suffer and additional materials will be demanded from the Allies.

July 10th 1891.

ELMER W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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YOUR LETTER Q/23 OF 11th(.) CONFIRMED THAT POLICY SHOULD
CONTINUE (.) SIGNED SACHED CITE FIRST (.) ISSUES WILL NOT
BE MADE TO ORGANISATIONS LISTED IN YOUR PARAGRAPH ONE

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

SUBJECT: Issue of Hand GrenadesTO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Reference is made to:
Stamboli Inf. Regt. SMRE letter 4/1930/Serv of 5 July 1945 Q/23/7 Folio 224/1A.
 SMRE letter 4/1745/Serv of 9 June 1945 Q/23/9 Folio 11.
Front Guards. SMRE letter 4/1817/Serv of 22 May 1945 Q/23/7 Folio 182. 2nd factor
 SMRE letter 4/1667/Serv of 20 May 1945 Q/23/7.

2. Pending clarification of policy, this headquarters will not authorize the distribution to units of hand grenades.

3. You will be informed of the final decision in this respect as soon as it is made.

[Signature]
 JOHN J. WARD, 1st Lt.
 For Major General
 M. M. I. A.

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Sub. et. Issue of hand grenades - Italian Public Security.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) R C M H
Q/23

11 July 1945

To: AFHQ.

1. In the past numerous requests have been made to MIIA from various bodies such as Forest Guards, Public Security Agents, Finance Guards etc for the issue of large quantities of hand grenades.
2. In view of the considerable small arms and light automatic fire power possessed by such units an indiscriminate issue of hand grenades was clearly not essential. Further the considerable risk of unwise use of hand grenades by excitable Italian units was more likely to destroy civil control and create more incidents than to maintain law and order.
3. Bulk issues of hand grenades to such semi-military bodies has therefore NOT been made. Your confirmation is requested that this policy is to continue.

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to Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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