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Q124 Ammunition Loss - In Transit

Feb. - July 1946

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Subject:- Loss of Ammunition and Explosives in Transit.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.E.I.A.)

R O N

0.124

19 July 46.

To HQ 3 DISTRICT.

Further to 0124 of 7th May and 29 May.

The following is a full report on this matter as received from It. Ministry of War.

- a) The explosives were despatched by rail from NOIA on 19 Feb 1946 with engine n°3400.
- b) The train was escorted to CANGHIO under arrangements 16 RAD because of other loads of Br ammo which were on the same train.
- c) VAPLES Territorial Command (It) received no warning whatsoever of this shipment.
- d) Railway wagon 311403 reached TROCIANA St. (ROME) on 22 Feb 46 with engine n°4377 and left again on the 23 with engine n°8256. It is not possible to state whether engine n° 8256 was escorted or not.
- e) LEGNARO Inf Div HQ was informed of the shipment on the 28 Feb 46 in letter G/26/2 dated 22 Feb 46 from 3 DMU.
- f) The explosives arrived at BERGAMO at approx 16.00 hrs on 5 March 46. LEGNARO HQ was informed of the arrival by phone at 16.30 by BERGAMO Mt movements office and immediately ordered a guard on the train. At 07.30 on 7 March the guard was removed, seals on waggons checked and found intact and unloading was then undertaken by personnel of 250 Tpt Coy LEGNARO Div.

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See 101

S. F. HYATT, Major,
for Major General,
M.E.I.A.

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TRANSLATION

TO SEE	
A/Q	
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Q.1	
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ORD	
REME	

Subject: Loss of Railway wagon containing ammo.

- 1 - The explosives and ammunition which arrived at Bergamo on the 6th March 1946 were requested by the Legnano Inf. Div. HQ from 3rd BLU in enclosure: I. -
- 2 - The explosives and ammunition was sent by the 16th BAD at Nola by orders of D.A.D.O.S. G. HQ (Letter IS/811 dated 11/2/46) to the 3rd BLU for the Legnano Inf. Div. at Bergamo. Copies of despatch notes are attached.
- 3 - The railway waggon left Nola on the 19th Feb. 1946; locomotive no 3400.
- 4 - Train was escorted to Cancelllo by the 16th BAD because other loads of British ammunition for Bari were loaded on the same train; by the R.I.D. as far as Rome..
- 5 - Naples Mil.Terr. HQ had not received, previously, any information concerning the a/m shipment.
- 6 - Railway wagon no 311403 arrived at Rome Tuscolana Station on the 22nd Feb. 1946 with train 4377 and left again on the 23rd of the same month with train 8256. The aforesaid railway wagon was not lost at Rome. It is not possible to state whether train 8256 was escorted.
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 - 7 - Legnano Inf. Div. HQ was informed of the shipment of the explosives and ammunition on the 28th Feb. 1946 in letter G/36/2 dated 22nd Feb. 1946 from 3rd BLU (enclosure 3).
 - 8 - The explosives and ammunition arrived at Bergamo at about 16.00 hours on the 5th March 1946; Legnano Inf. Div. was ~~not~~ informed by telephone at 16.30 hours of the arrival of the 6 wagon loads of ammunition by the Bergamo Station movements office and at once ordered a guard for the a/m railway waggons. At 07.30 hours on the 7th March 1946 the guard was taken off, the seals on the waggons were then checked and found intact and therefore were unloaded by the personnel belonging to 250 Transport and Supply Unit of Legnano Division under the command of Lt. Martucci sig. Luigi.
 - 9 - The waggons n°s of the 6 railway waggons, weight of contents and the addressee as shown in enclosures 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9.

sgd. Liuzzi
Gen.

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COMANDO DI DIVISIONE DI PANTERIA "LEGNANO"
Sezione Operazioni e Informazioni

N. 01/5 di ppot.

Bergamo - 8 febbraio 1946.-

OGGETTO: Munizioni ed esplosivi occorrenti per il mese di marzo.

AL COMANDO 3° B.L.U.

MILANO

1. MUNIZIONI

2. ESPLOSIVI

Nature:	Coty:	Nature:	Coty:
303 Ctn	220.000	Primers	2.400
Bdr	100.000	GC Slabs	672
Trac	60.000	808	1.200 lbs.
Inc	20.000	Ammonal	900
380 Pistol	4.000	Dets N°33	600
45 Auto	100.000	Dets N°27	2.100
Pist Signali in III	300	Detonating Fuze	9.000ft
Red	200	Stafety Fuze	1.152 ft
Green	200	Instantaneous Fuze	300 ft
2" Mortar HE	3.000	Igniters Percussion	60
Smoke	2.000	" Striking	300
Ill	400	" Electric	75
Red	100	Matches Fuze	72 boxes
Green	100	Fuzez Sealing	600 lbs
3" Mortar HE	2.000	Compiung Sealing	12 tins
Smoke	1.000	Crimpers	6
Piat HE	6.000	Cable Electric Singles	320 yds
Grenades 36	2.000	Tape Insulating	24 lbs
75	1.000	Beehives (6 in)	72
77	2.000	Camouflet Tubes	8
69	500	Camouflet Points	60
6 pr APCBC	730	Electric Switches pull/push	30 608
HE	65	L Delays	60
APSVDS	20	Pull Switches	30
17 pr HE	15	Push Switches	30
APCBC	162	Release Switches	30
APSVDS	10	Trap Wire	300 yds
25 pr HE CR	2.160	Trip Wire	600 yds
Smoke CR	288	Bangalores	75

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75	1.000	Beehives (6 in)	72
77	2.000	Camouflet Tubes	8
69	500	Camouflet Points	60
6 pr APCBC	730	Electric Switches pull/push	30 678
HE	65	L Delays	60
APSVDS	20	Pull Switches	30
17 pr HE	15	Push Switches	30
APCBC	162	Release Switches	30
APSVDS	10	Trap Wire	300 yds
25 pr HE CR	2.160	Trip Wire	600 yds
Smoke CR	288	Bangalores	75
AP	44		
40 mm HE Short Tracer	550		
AP	90		

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
F/to-Col. F. Garofoli-

P. C. C.

IL CAPO SEZIONE ARTIG.E GENIO 10 - PIAZZA
-Ten.Col. O. Olivetti -



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Allegato n.2

C O P I A

WAGON MOVEMENT ORDER
(Ordine di movimento vagoni) **219**

To R. T. O. NOLA
(da Comando Militare Stazione)

The following wagons are loaded and ready for despatch (Sd) Serg. D. DRUXIN (o
(I seguenti carri sono carichi e pronti per la spedizione) Uff

Place..... Date 19 febbraio 1946 Time.....
(Luogo) (date) (tempo)

WAGON NUMBERS (numero dei vagoni)	WHERE STANDING (dove sono carichi)	WEIGHT of CONTENTS (contenuto dei carri)		GENERAL CONTENTS (contenuto general
		Tons	Cwts	
A	B	C		D
311403	NOLA	14	10	Ammunition (Munizioni)
1000370	"	10	-	
1003648	"	16	-	
35263	"	14	-	
1028529	"	14	-	
1012109	"	16	-	

Roma, 26 giugno 1946

P. C. C.
IL CAPO SEZIONE ART-GRV
-Ten. Col. O. Olivetti-

[Signature]



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Allegato n.2 al Fl.4/1834/Sv.del 27/6/46

WAGON MOVEMENT ORDER
(Ordine di movimento vagoni)

219

Order and ready for despatch
(vagoni e pronti per la spedizione)

(Sd) Serg. D. DRUMIN (officer authorising move)
Ufficiale che autorizza il movim.)

.....data 19 febbraio 1946
(data)

Time.....
(tempo)

LOADING (carichi)	WEIGHT of CONTENTS (contenuto dei carri)		GENERAL CONTENTS (contenuto generale)	CONSIGNEE (consegnatario)	REMARKS (note)
	Tons	Cwts			
	C		D	E	F
	14	10	Ammunition (Munizioni)	3.BLU	Spedizione 32 del 19 febbraio 46
	10	-		BERGAMO	
	16	-		R/H/	
	14	-		(LEGNAIO	
	14	-		INT DIV)	
	16	-			

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-Ten. Col. O. Olivetti-

[Signature]



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COPIA Allegato al foglio n.4/1834 del 27/6/46.-

Subject: Trg.Amm.

HQ 3 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Tel.152965 (Ext 25)

HQ LEGNANO INF DIV

22 feb 46

Further to this HQ letter G/36/2 dated 19 Feb.
Below find a copy of a signal from COO 16 B.A.D. forwarded
for your information.

MILAN
JDM/LO

MAJ
DAA & QMG

MEAV V NEDI 210 454/5 QIM 211206

FROM COO 16 BAD 20 1200
TO 3 BLU (FOR LEGNANO INF DIV)

INFO RTO BERGAMO

BT

T 1932 RESTRICTED TO YOU 19/2/1946 BY RAIL SIX TRUCKS (.) READS ROUNDS
(.) TRUCK 31140 3. 30 3 CTN. 220 896. 30 3 BOR 100000 45 AUTO STEEL 100800
AMMONAL 40 Z CHGERS 900 LBS NOBELS 80 3 1200 GC SLABS 672 GC PRIMERS 24000
FUZE INST NK 4 300 FT FUZE SAFETY NO 11 500 FT DETS NO 27 2200 DETS NO 33
ELEC 600 IGNITERS SP PERC 60 IN/ / IGNITERS ELEC 75 IGNITERS COPPER TUBE
(SP STRIKE) 300 TUBES FUZE SEALING 12 MATCHES FUZEOL 72 SWITCHES NO. 7
PRESS/PULL 30 TRIP WIRE 032 600 TRAP WIRE 0 14 300 POINTS CAMOUFLET 60
TUBES CAMOUFLET 8 CABLE ELECTRIC 1320 IGNITERS 36 m hand grens (4 SEC)
2004 DETS 63 FOR (77 GRENS)200 6 (.) TRUCK 1000370 GRENS 77 X/O DETS 2006
2" MOR SIG RED 108 6" MOR SIG GREEN 108 3" MOR SMK CSAM 390 3" MOR SMK PHOS
612 (.) TRUCK 10036

28. 3" MOR HE BR FZO 152 6x100 GR 2004 GRENS 36M HAND W/O DETS

2004(.)TRUCK 36263 25 PDR SHELL HE 600/40 1080 (.)

TRUCK 1028529 25 PDR SHELL HE 60/40 1080 (.) TRUCK 1012109 23 PDR SHELL

SMK 288 25 PDR CARTS NOR FALSH 2448 17 PDR APC BC 162 (.)

TRAIN WAYBILL TRUCK 1003648 (.)DADOS (AMN)GHQ 16/811 DATED 11 FEB 46 (.)

E?DS (.)

BT 5125

SENT 1627 DGC BBB

RD 210454/5 1630

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FROM COO 16 BAD 20 1200

TO 3 BLU (FOR LEGNANO INF DIV)

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WAYBILL (Ordnance Services)
STATION: 16 B.A.D. NOLA - Date 19/21946 - Waybill 1
TO: 3° B.L.U. - Bergamo - R/H - Truck No 311403
ARMI BOOK 429
(Pads of 200)

Package Nos.	UNIT	No. Package	CONTENTS
(FOR LEGHANO INF. DIV.)			
303 Ctn		177 x	1248
303 Bdr		100 x	1000
45 Auto Steel		56 x	1800
Ammonal 4 oz CHGES			900 lbs
Nobel's 808		60 x	20
G.C. Slabs		48 x	14
G.C. Primers		40 x	60
Fuze Inst. MK. 4			300 ft
" Safety No. 11			500 ft
Dets No. 27		11 x	200
" " 33 Elec		3 x	200
Igniters S.P. Perc		6 x	10
Igniters Elec			75
" Copper Tube (S.P.Strike)		300	
Tubes Fuze Sealing		12	Tins
Matches Fuze		72	
Switches No.7 Pres/Pull		30	
Trip Wire 032		600	yds
Trap Wire 014		300	yds
Points Camoflet		60	
Tubes Camoflet		8	
Cable Electric		1320	yds
Igniters 36 M Gren (4 Sec)		2004	
Dets 63 For (77 Grens)		2006	

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Semrs 5639431

14 Ton - 10



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303 Ctn
303 Bbl
45 Auto Steel
Ammonal 4 oz CHGES
Nobels 808
G.C. Slabs
G.C. Primers
Fuze Inst. MK. 4
" Safety No. 11
Dets No. 27
" 33 Elec
Igniters S.P. Perc
Igniters Elec
" Copper Tube (S.P.Strike)
Tubes Fuze Sealing
Matches Fuze
Switches No.7 Pres/Pull
Trip Wire 032
Trap Wire 014
Points Camoflet
Tubes Camoflet
Cable Electric
Igniters 36 M Gren (4 Sec)
Dets 63 For (77 Grens)

56 x 1800
60 x 20
48 x 14
40 x 60
11 x 200
3 x 200
6 x 10
300
12 Tins
72
30
600 yds
300 yds
60
8
1320 yds
2004
2006

675

14 Ton - 10

Semrs 5639431



E. C. C.
IL CAPO SEZIONE ARTIG. E GENIO
- Ten.Col. Olivetti -

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WAYBILL (Ordinance Services)

ARMY BOOK 429
(Pads of 200)STATION 16 B.A.D. - Date 19/2/1946 = Waybill No. 2
TO 3° B.L.U. - BERGAMO

Truck No I000370

Package Nos	UNIT	No.	Package	CONTENTS
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(FOR LEGNANO INF. DIV.)

Grens 77 w/o Dets
2 Mor Sig. Red
" " " Green
3 Mor C.S.A.M.
" " SMK PHOS

59 x 34 = 2006
6 x 18 = 108
6 x 18 = 108
65 x 6 = 390
102 x 6 = 612

Seals.
5639445
5639443

10 Ton



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IL CAPO SEZIONE ARTIG. E GENIO
(Ten.Col.O;Olivetti)

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BOOKS/429/1

ARMY BOOK 429

(Pads of 200)

WAYBILL (Ordinance Services)

STATION 16 B.A.D. - Date 19/2/1946 - Waybill No.3

TO: 3° B.L.U. - Bergamo R/H

Truck No. 1003648

Package Nos	UNIT	No.	Package	CONTENTS
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3 Mor H. E. Br. Fzd. 152	(FOR LEGNANO INF DIV)			334 x 6
Grens 36 M.Hand w/o Dets	6 x 100 GR			167 x12

Seals

5639438

5639437

16 Tons.

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ARMY BOOK 429

WAYBILL (Ordinance Services)

STATION: 16 B.A.D. - Date 19/21946 - Waybill No. 6
TO U° B.L.U. - BERGAMO

Truck No.1012109

Package Nos.	UNIT	No.	Package	CONTENTS
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(FOR LEGNANO INF DIV)

25 Pdr SMK SHELL
25 Pdr CARTS (NORMAL FLASH)
17 Pdr A.P.C.B.C.

72 x 4
306 x 8
81 x 2

Seals

5639441

5639440

16 Ton



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CAPO SEZIONE ARTIG.E GENIO
Ten.Col.O;Olivetti-

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ARMY BOOK 429

WAYBILL (Ordinance Services)

(Pads of 200)

STATION: 16 B.A.D. - Date 19/2/46 - Waybill No. 5

TO: 3° B.L.U. Bergamo R/H

Truck No. 1028529

Package Nos	UNIT	No Package	CONTENTS
(FOR LEGNANO INF DIV)			
25 Pdr SHELL H.E. Amatol 60/40		27 x 4	
<u>Seals</u> 5639436 5639435		14 Tons	

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- Ten.Col.O.Olivetti



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ARMY BOOK 429

WAYBILL (Ordinance Services)(Pads of 200)

STATIONS 16 B.A.D. - Date 19/2/1946 - Waybill No. 4

TO:3° B.L.U. - Bergamo R/H.

Truck No. 36263

Package Nos

UNITS

No. Package

CONTENTS

(FOR LEGNANO INF DIV)

25 Pdr SHELL H.E. Amatol 60/40

270 x 4

Seals

5639432

5639434

14 Ton.

P. C. C.

IL CAPO SEZIONE ARTIG. E GENIO

-Ten.Col.O.Olivetti-

Olivetti



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SUBJECT:- Loss of Ammunition and Explosives in Transit.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,

M.M.I.A.

ROME

Q.124

29 May 1945

TO : 3 District

Further to Q.124 of 7 May 45.

The following further facts are reported:-

(a) From 3 D.L.V.

(1) Consignment arranged by HQ 2 District for
LIMERICK Division.

(1i) No escort was detailed by Italian military
authorities as no notification was received
that the ammunition had been dispatched.

(1ii) On arrival at BURNAGE all wagon seals were
intact although it was apparent that the
contents of wagon 511/03 had been tampered
with. This would indicate the theft took
place at the consigning end.

(b) From 10 D.L.U.

It is understood from conversation Captain FIORININO
Italian Army - Major PAX, OC 16 B.A.D. that:-

(1) The wagons were forwarded by 16 BAD of WMA,
under authority of DADOS CHQ (letter 16/801 of 11/2/45
refers) to 3 DIV for Infantry Division "Laguarda" in
Bergamo.

(1i) The wagons left Moia on 19/2/45 and travelled
through Caserta on 20/2/45, locomotive No. 1407.

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The following further facts are reported:-

- (a) From 3 B.I.U.
- (1) Consignment arranged by HQ 2 District for IMBANO Division.
- (11) No escort was detailed by Italian military authorities as no notification was received that the ammunition had been dispatched.
- (111) On arrival at BANGAMO all wagon seals were intact although it was apparent that the contents of wagon 511405 had been tampered with. This would indicate the theft took place at the consigning end.

(b) From 10 B.I.U. 669

It is understood from conversation Captain FIORENTINO Italian Army - Major PAM, OG 16 B.A.D. that:-

- (1) The wagons were forwarded by 16 B.A.D. of NOLA, under authority of DADOS CHQ (letter 16/801 of 11/2/46 refers) to 3 B.I.U. for Infantry Division "Legnano" in Bergamo.
- (11) The wagons left Nola on 19/2/46 and travelled through Caserta on 20/2/46, locomotive No. 3407.
- (111) The train was escorted under the responsibility of 16 B.A.D. up to Cancello because British ammunition was conveyed by the same train to Bari. The O.G. of 16 B.A.D. was informed that the train was escorted up to Rome under the responsibility of the Allied authorities.

Major PAM is said to be carrying out further investigations.

Copy to:- 3 B.I.U.,
10 B.I.U.

11 *R. A. GURIEL*
R.A. GURIEL, Lt. Col.,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT:- Loss of Ammunition in Transit.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,
M.M.I.A.
R.O.M.E.
Q.124
24 May 1946

TO : War Ministry (by L.O.)

Reference Q.124 of 10 May 46.

You are requested to expedite a report on this theft of ammunition and to state whether it has yet been ascertained how and when the wagons left ROME, on what train and under what guard, if any.

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

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SUBJECT:- Loss of Ammunition and
Explosives in Transit.

10 British Liaison Unit,
TORRE DEL GRECO
Tel: 55802 NAPLES
3 Q
22 MAY 46.

A.D.O.S. HQ, W.M.I.A. —

1. Enclosed is a translation of a report received from Territorial HQ, NAPLES on above matter, W.M.I.A letter Q.124 dated 7 MAY 46 refers.
2. Will you please forward.

NWO/MJ.

TO SEE	
A/Q	
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Q. 1	
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Enclosure:- Territorial HQ Report.

Wollmer Cpt
Lt. Col.
GS.

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Military Territorial HQ
NAPLES

The Military Territorial HQ has received no news of the forwarding of these materials.

On the 12th or 13th Apr 46 the HQ informed verbally the Military Territorial HQ of Naples that the wagons were tampered with.

The Territorial HQ of Naples has got the following news on this matter through Capt. Fiorentino of Arty Directorate who is often in contact with 16th B.A.D. :-

"Ref wagons forwarded by 16th B.A.D. of Nola. I report what follows learned from Major PECK commanding the 16th B.A.D.

1) - The wagons were forwarded by 16 B.A.D. of Nola, under authority of D.A.D.O.S. - G.H.Q. (letter 16/801 dated 11/2/46 refers) to 3rd BLU, for Infantry "Legnano" Div, in Bergamo.

2) - The wagons left Nola on 19/2/46 and travelled through Caserta on 20/2/46, locomotive No. 3407.

Noted & a. conveyed by

3) - The train was escorted under the responsibility of 16th B.A.D. up to Cancelli because English ammunition wagons travelled on the same train to Bari. The Officer Commanding the 16th B.A.D. was informed by investigations carried out that the train was escorted up to Rome under the responsibility of Allied Railway Office. *the Allied Railway Office*

[Maj. PECK undertakes to carry out further investigation on this matter but suggests to appeal to the Allied Traffic Office in Rome. " (Sgd) FIORENTINO, Capt.

On the 18th Apr 46 the HQ was informed by telephone from the Military Territorial HQ of Naples of the aforesaid.

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SUBJECT: Loss of Ann in Transit.

HQ 3 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Tel: 152965 (Ext-25)

Q/37/21

HQ MMIA

15 May 46

1. Ref your Q 124 of 10 May.
2. It appears that the allocation of the ann to Legnano Div was arranged by Major METCALFE, ex DAA and QMG of this EIU, who, at the request of Legnano Div, contacted 2 District direct and obtained their authority for release.
3. However, as Maj METCALFE has proceeded to UK on release and HQ 2 District is no longer in operation and there is no correspondence relative to this indent on our files, we are unable to give a further answer to para 2 (a) and (b) of your a/q letter.
4. 3 Terr. Comd. states that no escort was detailed by Legnano Div because notification of despatch of the ann was not received.
5. 3 Terr. Comd. further states that on arrival of the train at BERGAMO all wagon seals were intact, suggesting that the theft occurred at the consigning end.
6. This is at variance with the info contained in para 4 of your Q 124 of 7 May.

MILAN
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[Signature]
Maj
DAA and QMG

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SUBJECT : Loss of Ammunition in Transit

(5)
Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.,
M.H.I.A.
P.O. Box
Q.124

10 May 1946

TO

Ministry of War

Ref. Q.124 of 10 May, subject as above.

Please amend first line to read "Ref your 4/970/serv. dated April 1946."

Sub
M. J. BRADLEY,
Major, Imperial,
for Major General
M.H.I.A.

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Subject : Loss of Ammunition in Transit.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.E.I.A.) ROME.
Tel. 489081 Ext. 407

Q . 124
10 May 46

TO : 3 B.L.U MILAN.

Ref this H.Q. even number of 7 May 46 addressed to
3 District copy to you.

1. Any information available regarding the consignment
of ammunition from NOLA to BERGAMO should be forwarded to this
H.Q. at earliest.

2. Information is particularly sought as to :

- (a) An what authority was this ammunition indented for.
- (b) Why was request not put through this H.Q.
- (c) When notification of shipment was received, why no
special escort was detailed.

E.W. BRADLEY, 643
Major Inniske
for Major General
M.E.I.A.

HRL/lm

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Subject : Loss of Ammunition in Transit.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
Tel. 489081 Ext. 407
Q. 124

10 May 46

TO : Ministry of War.

Ref your 4/970/SERV dated 26 ~~Mar~~ 46.

1. This loss of British ammunition as reported in the a/m letter is considered most regrettable and demands a full enquiry.

2. Please ascertain and report at earliest :

(a) Date and time knowledge of this consignment reached any Italian Military representative.

(b) Particulars of train and movement of trucks.

(c) To whom was ammunition consigned.

(d) Have vouchers been received.

(e) Particulars of total consignment, and whether it is known what each truck, and particularly No. 311403, contained.

3. It will be appreciated that no action can be taken regarding replacement of alleged stolen ammunition until full particulars are available and it is therefore requested that a report as outlined above and any other available information be forwarded to this H.Q. at earliest.

SSG.
EWB
E.H. BRADLEY,
Major Inniske
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

HRL/lm

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ATTENTION: Lines of communication and transportation to the front.

Lead Forward Sub-Commission (L.F.C.)
M.I.I.A.

7 May 1946

7 May 1946

20 : 3 Disturbed

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Sub 4 Sub 1

1. It is reported by the War Ministry that on the 6 Mar 46 it was discovered that munitions on listed at Regiments "A" were deficient from a consignment despatched from 16 B. L.D. on or about 12 Feb 46.

2. The War Ministry have been instructed to conduct a full inquiry into the matter which is reported in order that investigation may be made by you as to the circumstances under which munitions and explosives were dispatched without a checked receipt.

3. Normally on receipt of orders from the War Ministry has been referred for the Italian Army this is... notified the War Ministry who are responsible for safe custody and who arrange to take over the consignment at the landing depot.

In this case no War as can be at present ascertained the munition was released at the request of 2 District for the 1st Division. No notification was received by the War Ministry who have to responsible for any charges which may arise in connection with the loss or by W.I.I.A. who are the normal channel of communication with the War Ministry.

The most serious aspect is the quantity of sub-machine gun ammunition and explosives which have fallen into wrong hands.

4. The only additional information to date is that the railway wagon number 311005 showed signs of having been tampered with when examined at Milano station on the 6 Mar 46.

On that date six wagons including the above arrived unaccounted. It is stated the train to which the wagons originally belonged travelled under escort to Milan.

5. The result of the War Ministry enquiry will be communicated

Sub 6

1. It is reported that the Italian Army has discovered that munitions were discovered in a warehouse located from 16 N.E.D. on or about 19 Mar 46.

2. The War Ministry have been instructed to conduct a full inquiry into the matter which is reported in order that investigation may be made by you as to the circumstances under which munitions and explosives were dispatched without a special permit.

3. Normally on receipt of advice from the War Ministry has been released for the Italian Army this is. It is noted that the War Ministry who are responsible for safe custody and who arrange to take over the the munitions at the loading depot.

In this case no War as can be at present ascertained the circumstances was released at the request of 2 Ministry for the Italian division. No notification was received by the War Ministry who wish to regulate liability for any charges which may arise in connection with the loss or by the Italian who are the normal channel of communication with the War Ministry.

The most serious aspect is the quantity of sub-munitions (ammunition and explosives which have fallen into wrong hands.

The contents of
4. The only additional information to date is that the railway wagon number 311103 showed signs of having been tampered with when examined at BUCKINGHAM station on the 6 Mar 46.

On that date six wagons including the above arrived unsorted. It is stated the train to which the wagons originally belonged travelled under escort to B.M.

5. The result of the War Ministry enquiry will be communicated as soon as received.

Apb.

Major General,
M.M.I.S.

Copy to: 3 M.I.1. } Not investigation with Territorial Command
10 M.I.6. } concerned and early report.

G.H.Q.

Enclosure

copy sent.

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Appendix "A" to 9.18. of 7 May 44.

1/2 Auto (Thompson rounds)	37,000 rounds
Manual 1/2 oz GDM (explosive powder)	405 lbs
Rebel (gasoline)	120 tubes
Detonators 27	2,200
" 33 elec.	500
Pure matches	72 boxes
Pure tin roofing	12 "
Switches No. 7 Press/pull	30
Trip wire 032	600 yards
Trip wire 014	300 "
Cable Electric	1,320 "

Transaction

From M.of W.

Ref. 4/970/SERV.

To M.M.I.A.

Date 26/4/46.

Subject Stealing From Railway Truck Containing British
Ammunition.

further to verbal report.

I - The Mil.Terr.HQ at Milan has reported the following:

" On the 6 March 1946 6 railway trucks arrived at Bergamo station containing ammunition and engineer materials from the I6 B.A.D. at Nola. The trucks were not escorted.

When the trucks were checked they appeared to be properly sealed, whilst when the materials were checked during unloading, truck number 3II403 showed evident signs of having been tampered with.

An appropriate commission was formed by the 250th Transport and Supply unit belonging to the "Legnano" Inf. div? ascertained the deficiency of the following materials:

- 45 auto(Thompson rounds)	37.800 rounds
- Ammonal 4 Oz CHGES(explosive powder)	405 Lbs
- Nobel(gelatine).....	120 tubes
- Dets 27	2.200
- Dets 33 Elec.....	600
- Fuse matches	6 972 boxes
- Fuses tube sealing	12 "
- Switches N°7Pres/pull	30
- Trip Wire O32	600 yds
- Trip Wire OI4	300 "
- Cable Electric	1.320 "

The truck having appeared properly sealed, and the unsealing of said truck having been carried out in the presence of the officers in charge, I presume that the stealing complained of has been carried out during the stay at Nola station (before being P.T.O.

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sealed, or after having unsealed the truck, sealing it up again after stealing the materials."

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2 - From information received from the Mil. Terr. HQ at Naples it appears that:

- the shipment was ordered by the D.A.D.O.S. of the 16 B.A.D. at Nola further to a request from 3° B/L/U and was carried out on 19/2/46.
- the train was ~~escorted~~ escorted to Cancelli by the 16° D.A.D. and to Rome by the allied railway office.

; We will forward you any further information that this S.M. may succeed in collecting concerning the A/M matter.

3 - We ask you to kindly consider the possibility of arranging shipment of the stolen ammunition and explosives to the "Legnano" division.

DAK

G. Liuzzi.

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