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Q126 ARMS - GENERAL VG POLICE Int jacket
Sept. 1945 - Sept. 1946

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OFFICE OF ARMS AND AMMO

See 79

Folio 79---5 JULY
To 5 BUI for HQ XIII Corps; 700 Pistols Beretta Auto. 9mm
105,000 SAA cal 9mm for DO.

Folio 89---9 JULY
FROM 5 BUI: COLLECTED

280 Pistols Beretta Auto. 9mm
70,000 SAA cal 9mm for DO.

Folio 94 - 22 Aug

All ammo collected.
420 pistols still outstanding

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G H Q

dated 28 June 66
Folio 75

Q1064

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FOR Q (.) THE AFHQ SIGNAL FX68455 (.) ISSUE
OF 700 BERETTA PISTOLS AND 10500 BULLETS TO V E N E Z I A
G I U L I A POLICE FORCE NOW COMPLETED

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ROUTINE
E. P. Wyatt
E. P. WYATT, MAJOR

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SUBJECT: Issue of Arms

MAJOR GENERAL SIR CHRISTIAN A.C.
H.M.I.A.
R.O.M.S.
C.126
23 September 1946

TO : Ministry of War.

0.138 Folio 8

In my letter No 22/109 dated 10 Aug 46 attention was drawn to the manner in which British arms and equipment should be maintained and kept clean. The recommendations in the above quoted letter referred primarily to arms surplus to the actual requirements of personnel available.

Reports from officers of this Ministry who have visited various units indicate that the cleanliness and general condition of personal arms and equipment in possession of the troops is generally of a very low standard and undoubtedly detrimental to the useful life and efficiency of the weapons.

This particularly applies to rifles, the barrels and mechanisms of which are in many instances at present incapable of proper performance.

Quite apart from the question of the efficiency of the Italian Army it should be remembered that many of these weapons are at present "on loan" from the British Government.

W.P.

Major General
H.M.I.A.

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RD NR 35 AT 0816B ACM BB K

LROF V MDMF 30 QVR 2
FROM 5 B L U 111230 B
TO REAR 13 CORPS
INFO ~~MMIA~~ ROME
BT

AQ/44 . U/ C . REF MMIA LETTER Q126 OF 5 JUL .
BALANCE OF 420 ~~BERT~~ BERETTA PISTOLS AND 35000 ROUNDS
RECEIVED AND READY FOR COLLECTION .
PLEASE INFORM THIS HQ DATE OF COLLECTION .

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SENT RG D 2 K

RD NR 30 AT 0816B ACM BB K

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SUBJECT:- Issue of Beretta Pistols and Ammunition.

1725 27 AUG 1946
CAYE

5 British Liaison Unit.
Tel.: 1555

A./44/50

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.,
(M.H.I.A. R O M E.

23 Aug 46.

Ref Para 4(b) of your Q 126 of 5 July 46.

1. Attached are copies of receipt vouchers required by you.

TO SEND	
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Q. 2	
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Major,
DAA & GAG.

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Sez. Stacco.
Direzione di artiglieria
UDINE

ordine di distribuzione

N. 2A/ 5360/ di prot. Udine, li 8 Agosto 946 XVIII

Al Deposito d'artiglieria della ex caserma 23° Art. UDINE
e per conoscenza

Al Comando 5° B.L.U. del Comando Militare Terr. di Udine
Al

In ottemperanza al foglio n. 10147/S/6/3 in data 6 Agosto 946
del Comando Militare Territoriale di Udine si prega
distribuire al 5° B.L.U. i materiali sottosegnati
Stazione di resa (ritiro sul posto da parte dell'ente interessato
Assicurare a distribuzione eseguita.

Il capo ufficio amm/ne
(O. Pillitteri)

(R. Balbi)

Categoria, numero categorico, nomenclatura, unità di misura, quantità

- Pistole "Berretta" mod. 34, cal. 9 complete di
fondina e un caricatore.....n. 280

All'atto del ritiro farsi rilasciare apposita ricevuta
dei materiali distribuiti.

Per le modalità dello scarico saranno date disposizioni
a parte.



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R. Balbi BQMS
21/8/46

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 Sezion. Staccata Direzione di artiglieria UDINE	ordine di distribuzione
N. 2 A/ 9362 di prot. Udine, li 8 Agosto 946 XVIII== Al Deposito d'artiglieria Munizioni di S. Margherita e per conoscenza Al 5° B.L.U. del Coman. Milit. Terr. Udine All'Ufficio Tecnico - Sez. 2ª Sede In ottemperanza al foglio n. 10147/S/6/3 in data 6 Agosto del Com. Militare Territoriale di Udine si prega distribuire al 5° B.L.U. i materiali sottosegnati Stazione di resa ritiro sul posto da parte dell'ente interessato Assicurare a distribuzione eseguita. Il capo ufficio amministrazione (R. J. Polbi) <i>[Signature]</i>	
Categoria, numero categorico, nomenclatura, unità di misura, quantità	
- Cartucce a pallottola per pistola Berretta mod: 34 cal. 9 (settantamila) All'atto della consegna del materiale farsi rilasciare apposita ricevuta dei materiali distribuiti.- Per le modalità dello scarico saranno date disposizioni a parte.	70000/- 858 R. August 20.15 21/8/46



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23 AUG 1946

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FROM: S. S. S. 221230Z
TO: AMEMB WASH
INFO: AMEMB WASH
BT

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AC/AS. UNCLAS. REF YOUR 1030 OF 20 AUGUST.
REMAINING 35004 RDS ALREADY RECEIVED BUT WILL NOT BE DELIVERED
TILL RECEIPT OF REMAINING 400 PISTOLS

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S. S. S. 75 AM 11
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Q 93A

Subject:- Issue Beretta Pistols - XIII Corps

5 British Liaison Unit
Tel 1555
HQ 44/62

21 Sept 46

Land Forces Sub Comm AC,
(M.M.I.A) ROME

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Ref your Q 126 of 5 Jul 46.

1. Issue of Beretta Pistols and 9mm Amn to VENEZIA. GIULIA Police Force has now been completed; the following number of pistols and rds of amn were handed over:

Pistols Beretta Automatic Cal 9mm - 700
SAA Cal 9mm for do 405000 rds

2. Attached copy of receipt voucher for 420 pistols and 35000 rds.

Fd
VRWJ/na

TO SEE	
A/Q	26/9/46
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Major,
DAA & QMG.

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C O M A N D O VENEZIA GIULIA PORTOFORCO

Udine 17/3ott.1946

ALLA SEZIONE STACCATA ARTIGLIERIA N°

U D I E

RICEVUTA PER I SEGUENTI MATERIALI :

N.°35.000 cartucce a pallottola cal.9 per pistole Beretta mod.34
" 15 cassette per dette

R. Durot-Botù

HURST RONALD
B. 312

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COMANDO VERBALE GIULIA POLICE FORCE

Udine, 17 Settembre 1946

ALLA SEZIONE STACCATA ARTIGLIERIA DI

UDINE

RICEVUTA PER I SEGUENTI MATERIALI:

- n° 420 pistole Beretta cal.9 Mod.34 con caricatore
- " 420 caricatori di riserva per pistola Beretta mod.34 cal.9
- " 420 fondine per pistola Beretta mod.34, di tessuto
- " 3 casse da imballo

R. Hurst Davis

HURST RONALD
B.M.

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TRANSLATION

FROM : Ministry of War

TO : Arty Dir Rome

THRU : M.M.I.A.

Ref: 60872/12845

Date: 13.8.46

SUBJECT: Release ammo.

Authority is given to release MMIA the following ammo: rounds
rounds for Beretta Pistol cal. 7.65 No. 21

The issue is free from charge and the withdrawal must be done
by M.M.I.A.

Sgd. Col. G. CALFAGNA

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16/8/46
re

A. Q. 20

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5 BLU
REAR XIII CORPS

Q.1011

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YOUR PX 69326 18 JUL STOP WAR MINISTRY REQUESTED INCREASE
ISSUE 9 MM AMMUNITION FOR VENEZIA GIULIA POLICE FROM
70000 TO 105000 STOP ISSUE WEAPONS DELAYED BUT WILL BE
COMPLETED EARLIEST

See 79

Q.128

DEFERRED

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R.A. CURRIES, Lt. Col.,

And

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RECEIVED 19 JUL 1946

LTROF
T USHQ (VR 1)
FROM AFHQ 1811530
TO NMIA
REAR 13 CORPS

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MMI (8)
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SIGNALS

BT
FX 69326
RESTRICTED FROM 2 GHQ CMF (.)
AS RESULT AMENDMENTS TO LEVEL OF RES AND TRG REQUIREMENTS NECESSARY
TO DELETE FIGURE 100 PARA TWO OUR FX 68455 DATED 23 JUNE AND SUBSTI-
-TUTE 100 (.) REQUEST YOU AMEND ACCORDINGLY PARA ONE YOUR 0126 DATED
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SENT NR 71 P.T. BEBB

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Extract from Liaison with War Ministry and S.M.R.E.

It. Col. OLIVETTI

9. Beretta pistols and ammo (Q. 126 of 5 July 46.)

- a) The request for 700 x 9 mm pistols and 70,000 rds of ammo had been met in part, viz 280 pistols and 70,000 rds supplied. Balance of 420 pistols not yet available. This is due in part to strike at Beretta factory which began some 10 days ago.
- b) Contract for the supply of 2000 pistols for Carabinieri is also held up. (E).

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SUBJECT: Issue Beretta Pistols - XIII Corps.

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Land Forces Sub Commission AG.,
H.M.I.A.,
10 H.B.
✓ 126

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5 July 1946

TO : 5 H.M.I.A.

SECRET
PARA 28
FOUO

Under authority AGO signal PE 62455 of 23 June 1946 the following arms and ammunition of Italian manufacture are to be delivered to the XIII Corps for issue to German Civilian Police:

Pistols Beretta automatic cal. 9 mm - 700
9mm cal. 9 mm, for do. ~~700~~ - 105000

Delivery is to be arranged by 5 Territorial Command who should be instructed by you to consign the weapons through S.O.O. 9 Road Head Trieste.

Insight has been issued to 5 Territorial Command by the War Ministry who are making available immediately 200 pistols and 70,000 rounds ammunition. 95

The balance of 420 pistols are being collected and will be delivered earliest. 92

For use required to:

(a) assist 5 Territorial Command, stressing the urgency of the task.

(b) obtain and forward copy of receipt voucher from AGO
Allied authorities (original to 5 Terr. Command)

(c) report progress weekly till issue completed 364

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Under authority AMO signal RI 62455 of 29 June 1946 the following cases and activities of Italian manufacturers are to be delivered to the XIII Corps for issue to Venezia Giulia Police:

Mytilus borealis americanus coll. 9 mm. = 700
coll. 9 mm. 105000

2. Delivery is to be arranged by 5 International Council who should be informed by you to consign the weapons through R.O.C. 9 Road Hong Kiang.

3. Distribution can have been issued to 5 Territorial Command by the War Ministry who are making available immediately 200 pistols and 70,000 rounds ammunition.

The balance of 200 minutes are being collected and will be settled forward.

You are invited to:

(a) under 5 Territorial Council, stating the meaning of the test.

(b) obtain and forward copy of receipt voucher from the Allied authorities (original to 5 West. Command)

(c) repair work was mostly till issue completed. 8/24

Recd
R. A. GURNEY, 16, Col. 2
for Major General
R. M. T. A.

See first of fol 41 on Q45b

Copy to : Home Hill Corps
C-4-0.

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TRANSLATION

COPY

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U R G E N T

FROM : M.W. HEAD OF STAFF
TO : M.W. ARTY. Rome
INFO : COMILITER Udine

REF : 4/1940/Serv.
DATE : 2 Jul 46

Reference telephone conversation STOP Will you urgently arrange shipping at Milit.Arty. Section of Udine of 700 Beretta automatic pistols cal. 9 and 70 thousand rel. cartridges STOP 280 pistols and 70 thousand cartridges actually ready are to be shipped immediately STOP Remainder 420 pistols will be shipped as soon as delivered by Beretta Firm, requesting ^{rather} urging delivery STOP Foresaid arms and ammunition will be drawn and issued by Comiliter Udine in accordance with 5 BLU as per instructions by MMIA . Please confirm on completion.

Certified a true copy
sgd. Col.H.Meloni

MINISTRY OF WAR
HEAD OF STAFF. Arty & Eng.Sect.

n.4/1940/Serv.

Rome, 2 July 46

Land Forces Sub Commission AC.(MMIA) R O M E
Ref to verbal agreement Lt.Col.Olivetti - Major Byatt

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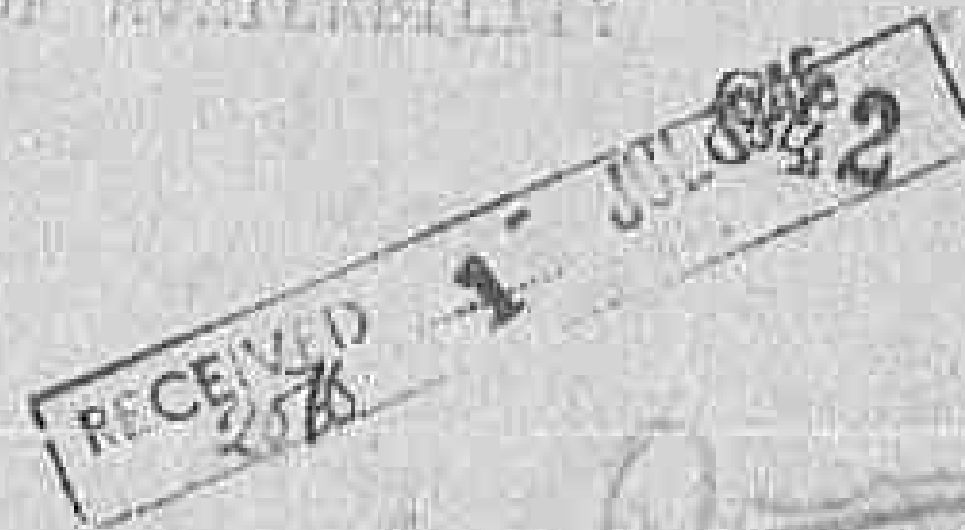
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INFO V LRUJ NR 1174
FROM: - REAR 13 CORPS 291112P
TO: - MIA
(INFO): - VENEZIA SILLIA POLICE FORCE
CQK BT

Q 3953. RESTD. FOR Q. REF ARMO SIGNAL FX 66455 OF 28. SUBJECT.
PISTOLS BERETTA QTY 700 FOR VENEZIA SILLIA POLICE FORCE.
ON. REQUEST EQUIPMENT CONSIGNED QUOTE VENEZIA SILLIA POLICE
FORCE C/O P.O.C. 9 ROADHEAD TRISTE UNQUOTE.
THE. IF DIFFICULTIES ENVISAGED REQUEST DETAILS OF AVAILABILITY
AND LOCATION.

BT

SENT: - ME 1174 JR AT 1351 (B1C)
RD NR1174 LEB B K



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Handwritten signature and '126'

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INFO V LATE MR 63 R 2
TO NEW
FROM MR XIII CORPS

RECEIVED 29 JUN 1946



RESTRICTED FROM G ONE ONE ONE FOR XIII CORPS FOR G
KEY YOUR 1082402 OF 12 ISSUE OF OTI TWO PISTOLS BERETTA EX
ITALIAN ARMY SERVICES FOR VERONA GADIA POLICE AUTHORIZED TWO
FOR UNIA REQUEST YOU ALSO ARRANGE PROVISION OTI 150 POUNDS
FOR LERSON THREE XIII CORPS TO ARRANGE COLLECTION IN
CONJUNCTION WITH UNIA OR SIGNAL CONSISTENT INSTRUCTIONS
BT 201715Z
SALT MR 63 V6 LER

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F.B.I.A.

7 P.D.U. FLORENCE

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PLANE SUPPLY URGENTLY FOLLOWING INFO ONE CONFIRM
EXISTENCE OF LARGE ITALIAN NAVAL AIRCRAFTS DEPOT
LOCATED LA SPEZIA TWO WHO SUPPLY GUARDS THREE GENERAL
NATURE OF CONTENTS.

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E.W. BRADLEY, Major

W. S. Bradley

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SUBJECT: Weapons, anti-air, heavy.

Joint Forces Sub-Commission J.F.,
M.H.I.A.
H O M S

2/4.225
7 May 1946

TO : Ministry of War

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23369

13 APR

Reference ~~23369~~ dated ~~13 APR~~ 13.

1. The information contained in the a/s letter is appreciated by this H.Q.

2. The disposal action to be taken will be as follows:-

- (a) The approx. 600 weapons in good condition will be assigned to HQ, 557 DIB, Malaya.
- (b) The approx. 5,200 insufficient weapons may be retained on condition they are rendered innocuous and reduced to scrap and an assurance to that effect should be forwarded to this H.Q. on completion.

E.H.B.

H.Q. Malaya, Major, Malaya,
for Major General,
M.H.I.A.

Copy to: 9 H.Q. - Ref telecon Major SHANLEY even date - to report progress.

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W.H./or

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ORDNANCE DIRECTORATE

GHQ.

CMF.

(40)

Ref : DOS/2018 (Ord 2/13)
Tel : Freedom 989
Date : 1st May 1946

SUBJECT : Rifles, Anti-Tank, Boys.

TO : M.M.I.A.
Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. Romo.

Ref your Q.126 dated 25th April 1946.

Please consign the Q.ty 5,800 Rifles A/T Boys to RSD
557 BOD, Naples.

*War Mini
copy 9 B.L.U. to report progress
Encl*

*Return 600
Return remainder on condition they are
reduced to script.*

W.H. Mallett Major
for Major Gen.
DOS GHQ CMF

Copy to: OO RSD 557 BOD - Further details are as follows:-

- (a) Approx. 5,200 are inefficient.
- (b) Approx. 600 are in good condition (cased).
- (c) They are of Canadian Manufacture.

*AQ119
1/ It seems a waste of life to return the 5,200 as according to the report they have been considered inoperative. Please D.O.S. & inspect only the 600 good ones be retained unless they would rather smash them up. I think there has been a mistake!*

2/ When you issue instructions - I think you should thank the War Mini for killing us instead then & inform 9 B.L.U.

3/ Let me know result of phone talk.

A-9/2.838

Subject : SALVAGE-RIFLES, ANCI-TANK, BOYS.

LAND FORCES SUB COMM. A.C.
(M.F.I.A.)
Tel. 478103

ROME.

Q : 126

25 April 46

To : G.M.O.

1. The Italian Ministry of War report that it has discovered at the Salvaged Material Depot (ARAR) at ADELPHIA, BARI the following items of British Arms.

Item	Qty
Rifles A/T Boys.	5,800.

2. Further details are as follows

- (a) Approx 5200 are inefficient.
- (b) Approx 600 are in good condition (still in their cases).
- (c) They are of Canadian manufacture.
- (d) They appear to have been dispatched at some time to the U.S. Army.

3. May disposal instructions please be given.

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

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ATTENTION: Care of Arms

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31 JUL 1946

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12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
Italian Central Military Schools.
(Tel: ROME 66318/9)

Ref: AM/8/1339

1 April 46.

SP

To: Comando
Scuola Centrale Militari.

COPY to: M.O.
Land Forces Sub Com. AG (MGA). (for information).

1. Attached hereto is a report by D.A.D.M.S. on the above subject.
2. I am compelled to draw attention to his observations, which I view with grave concern.
3. It is inexcusable at this stage, that condemnation of this nature should be justified and I consider that the most energetic steps should be taken to ensure that this regrettable state of affairs should be remedied.
4. Arms are of vital importance to a soldier and neglect is regarded in the British Army as one of the most serious offences.
5. It should be the same in the Italian Army and officers of whatever rank, who allow such slackness, are proving themselves to be unworthy to hold any position of responsibility.
6. I shall be glad to learn what steps you are taking to prevent a recurrence of these serious complaints.

REG
J.B. x/n

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Mush

Colonel
Comd. 12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools

RM/ah.

1 April 46.

To: Comando
Scuola Centrale Militari.

Copy to: H.Q.

Land Forces Sub Com. AC (SILA). (for information).

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LDH/ah.

Internal.

D.A.D.M.S.

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Flot (Genaro)

Flot (Civitavecchia)

Colonel

Comd. 12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools

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To: Commander, 12 B.L.U.

30 March 46.

From: DADME. 12 B.L.U.

Formal report on Inspections of Small Arms, M.G.'s & Mortars.

The inspection was carried out by three (at times, four) Italian Armourers, under the supervision of Ten. Garavini, and the work was done in a competent and efficient manner. At all places of inspection the arms were laid out in a proper manner at a central point, facilitating the armourers at their work, but, in the majority of cases, the order issued that the weapons must be presented in a perfectly clean condition, and free from all oil or grease, had either been misconstrued or sadly neglected.

The general condition of the weapons on the whole can only be described as very poor, and it should be brought to notice that the working parts and mechanism are of much greater importance to the efficiency of the weapons than is a clean and neat outside appearance.

Notes of repairs necessary to be carried out have been taken by the officer supervising, and these, needless to say, are numerous. Work on the repairs will be commenced at the final completion of the inspection, progress depending on the availability of spares, and also the desirability of a central workshop is stressed.

Observations made on main points of interest :-

In almost every case, Barrels showed signs of fouling in the bore, indicating lack of regular attention after firing.

Rifles. An unusually large number of Safety Catch assemblies were missing completely. These may have been removed and lost by individuals.

Bren M.G.'s. Many of these were found to be in a 'cooked up' condition through solidifying action of gases, again, lack of attention after firing, rendering them incapable of being stripped by hand, or without force and misuse.

P.I.A.T. Cases are occurring where, after stripping, it is found that the rear end cap cannot be screwed on to main casing in assembling, likely cause being misuse in cocking the weapon, so distorting the shoulder piece out of square to the spigot to which it is affixed. Unless proper care is taken with this weapon, owing to its simple and unorthodox design, this is likely to become a common and troublesome occurrence.

(Sgd) Arthur T. Twine.
Major. RSM.

D.A.D.M.E. 12 B.L.U.

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Mil. Terr. Command of Bari
TO : M. of W.

REF: I/3-I
DATE: 24/3/46

SUBJECT: War salvage materials issued by the Allies. *see 41*

From an inspection carried out at Salvage Material Depot (ARAR) of Adelfia (Bari) 5.800 antitank rifles were found.

None of those rifles appear to belong to the Italian Army or be of probable Italian origin.

Even though these arms do not show any sign of national make, type, caliber, it has been possible to trace the following data from some dispatch notes found in various cases containing said material:

- all arms are of Canadian origin
- b) their exact nomenclature is "Rifles Boys AT"
- c) the caliber is 0,55 inch. (equal to 14mm)
- d) they appear to have been dispatched to US Army and it is presumed that they had to be used by said Army.

From an examination carried out on their state of efficiency it resulted that:

- a) 5.200 approximately are inefficient on account of having the barrel bent, in most cases bolts and other accessories are missing and practically all have the butt broken. These arms are piled up in the open and most of them bear traces of rust
- b) Approximately 600 are in good state of use and are kept in their packing cases.

sgd. Guido Boselli
Gen.

From: M. of W.
To : M. of W.

Ref: 23369
Date 23/4/46

The above information is forwarded to your Mission for whatever action you deem necessary to take on the matter.

sgd. Properzi

AQ 126

SUBJECT: Cleaning materials for arms.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E

Q.126

18 March 1946

TO : Ministry of War.

1. The following materials are being made available from British sources as an initial issue for the maintenance of the British arms on loan to C.A.R.'s.

<u>Item.</u>	<u>Quantity.</u>
Oil M.80	100 Gallons.
Flanellette 4 x 2 (50 yd.rolls)	1100.

When these materials are ready for collection you will be notified. A proportion should be sent to each C.A.R.

2. After this initial issue, cleaning materials will have to be found from Italian sources. Plans should be made immediately for the provision of a steady supply of similar materials after the initial issue is expended.

E.W. Bradley
E.W. BRADLEY,
Major Innisk, C.A.R.,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to: List B (less serial 12)

EWB/ra

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Translation

Gen M of W
to MMIA

ref IOB22/DT
47a

16/3/46

(62T)

Subject: Cleaning of weapons

Ref. letter Q126 dated 25/2/46

" " Q126 dated 6/3/46

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SP 48
53A C. 5002

We confirm that we have sent telegraphic instructions on March 8th, that the Arty. Directorates of all Military Territorial Commands distribute to C.A.R.s, grease, lubricating oil, petrol, yellow vaseline and rags for cleaning weapons.

In case the a/m materials are not available, the direct purchase from the local markets has been authorised by us.

C/a

Gen Properzi

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19 Mar

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(59)

Subject : Equipment Returns.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.F.I.A.) ROME

G. 126

12 March 1946

TO : 3 B.L.U. MILAN.

SEE 54

Ref G.R.C. Letter 319. 1-5 of 15 Feb 1946.

1. G.R.C. have stated that the above quoted letter was sent to 1,2,3 and 4 B.L.U's in error.
2. In the past, requests have been made to Royal Artillery Branch, G.H.Q. for various information regarding artillery equipment generally, and without current equipment status from all concerned agencies is lacking or being caused.
3. It is appreciated however, by R.A. Branch G.H.Q., that the equipment is the property of the Italian Army.

EWB

E.W. BRADLEY,
Major Inniske
For Major General
M.F.I.A.

Copy to : 1 B.L.U. TURIN
2 B.L.U. GENOA
4 B.L.U. BOLZANO

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58
Subject : Handover of Italian Ammunition to the Italian Government.

LAND FORCES SHD COMD.A.O.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.

Q . 126

11 March 1946

TO : Ministry of War. 49

Ref our Q.126 of 25 February 1946.

1. 3 B.L.U. MILAN have contacted the MILAN Office of A.R.A.R. re the handover of the dumps to the Italian Army. However, the MILAN office states that it requires an authority from the H.Q. offices of A.R.A.R.ROME.
2. It is suggested that you request the Head Office of A.R.A.R. to release this ammunition to the Italian Army.
3. When this release is forthcoming 4 Territorial Command should be informed as all the dumps are in its area. Also please inform this H.Q. so that 4 B.L.U. can be notified.

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EWB
E.W. BRADLEY,
Major Immick
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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COPY to: 3 B.L.U. MILAN
: 4 B.L.U. BOLZANO

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ROYAL ARTILLERY BRANCH
CHQ. CMB

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SUBJECT: Equipment Returns

8 Mar 46

Q.

TO: M.M.I.A. ✓

1. Reference visit of Lt Col CURTIS to this Branch and conversation with Major CONNELL.

2. It is regretted that in error 1, 2, 3 and 4 B.L.U's were addressees of this Branch letter 319.1-6 dated 18 Feb 46.

3. In the past, requests have been made on this Branch for various information regarding artillery equipment generally, and without current equipment states from all concerned accuracy sometimes is lacking or delay is caused.

4. It is appreciated however, that the equipment is the property of the Italian Army.

SEE 3-907

SEE 59 Branch

IB/nor

(L. BEAUCHAMP)
Captain GSO III RA

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AG 126

Q1
While 3 BLU
refer them Q/37/14 14 Mar
copy to 1, 2, & 4 BLU.
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ENCL 4 MEAV NR32041 GVR 1 A/MEAV
FRGM HQ 4 B L V BOLZANO 071510A
TO HQ MMIA ROME
INFO HQ 4 TERRITORIAL COMMAND BOLZANO - 3 BLU
QSM CR 75 BT

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MMIA
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SIGNAL

4/8/41 (.) U/C (.) REF PARA 4 OF HQ 3 BLU LETTER NO 6/37/17
DATED 2 MAR 46 ADDRESSED TO THIS HQ WITH COPY TO YOU SUBJECT
HAND OVER OF ITALIAN ANG TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT (.) MAY THE
NECESSARY AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT THE HAND OVER OF ANG PLEASE BE
OBTAINED FROM A RAN HQ OFFICES IN ROME (.) AUTHORITY SHOULD BE
FORWARDED TO ARAR REP REFERRED TO IN PARA 5 OF MENTIONED LETTER
AND COPY OF AUTHORITY FORWARDED TO THIS HQ

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(53)
Subject : Bayonets for Lee Enfield Rifles Nr.4.

LAND FORCES SUB COMM.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME .

Q.126-2

6 March 1946

TO : Ministry of War. 5297

Ref your 15490/2387 of 27 Feb 1946.

1. Please explain how the deficiency quoted in your letter, reference as above, has arisen.
2. It is suggested that requests of this type should be submitted only after a consolidated figure necessary to bring all 5 Infantry Divisions up to strength has been arrived at. Requests should not be made on behalf of individual units or Divisions.

EWB
E.W. BRADLEY,
Major Innisks
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

EWB/lm

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by
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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

Subject : Care of Arms.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMM. H.Q.
(M.M.I.A.) R ONE

Q.126-1

6 March 1946

TO : Ministry of War

45 SE 685

Ref our Q.126 of 25 February 1946.

May assurance please be given that Para.2 of the above quoted letter will be implemented.

Elv3

E.W. BRADLEY,
Major Innisks
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

Copy to: S.L.O. (to follow up at Ministry of War).

EWB/lm

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0504

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

SUBJECT: Handover Italian Arm. to the
Italian Government.

TO: 4 BLU

retd: HQ. M.N.I.A.
A.R.A.R. Officers, Milan.
No. 1 Via Dogana.

CEM Branch Lombardia Region
Liaison Group A.C.

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

Q/37/17

2 Mar 46

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1. Att find copy of MIA letter ref. Q 125 dated 25 Feb. 46.
2. The above is forwarded to you for necessary action as all the dumps are in 4 Territorial Command area.
3. The dumps have in fact been handed over by A.C. Lombardia Region to A.R.A.R. as reps of the Italian Government.
4. A.R.A.R. Milan Offices have been contacted re the handover of the dumps to the Italian Army but they state that they require authy to implement the handover which it is assumed should be given by A.R.A.R. HQ Offices in Rome.
5. The A.R.A.R. rep. in BOLZANO is
Eng. GARGIULO
Capo Trazione
Ferrovie Stato-Bolzano

MILAN
JEM/LO

Maj.
DAA and QM

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Subject: Handover of Italian Ammunition to the
Italian Government.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
M.N.I.A.
H O M E
Q . 126

28 February 46

To : Ministry of War.

: 3 B.L.U. Milan.

Ref our letter of even reference dated 25 Feb 46.

Please make the following amendments.

Para 1.

Amend.

Dump No 135(a)
Dump No NK. Fort Materello Basso
Dump No NK. Fort San Rocco

Tonnage

for 55 read 76
for 34 read 86
for 7 read 45.

Add.

Dump No

NK
NK

Location

Port Fremarquat
Port CivetZero

Map Ref.

A. 842248
A. 855255

Tonnage

185
156

324

Amend total tonnage for 6539 read 6993.

Para 2.

To : Ministry of War.

: 3 B.L.U. Milan.

Ref our letter of even reference dated 25 Feb 46.

Please make the following amendments.

Para 1.

Amend.

	<u>Tonnage</u>
Dump. No 135(a)	for 55 read 78
Dump. No NK. Fort Materello Basso	for 34 read 86
Dump No NK. Fort San Rocco	for 7 read 45.

Add.

<u>Dump No</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Man Ref.</u>	<u>Tonnage</u>
NK	Port Pramargus	A. 842240	185
NK	Port Civenzano	A. 855235	156

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Amend total tonnage for 6539 read 6993.

Para 2.

Amend.

Dump No 119
Total tonnage for 3345 read 3665.
Tonnage for 100 read 400.

JL/lm

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E. W. BRADLEY,
Major Innicks
for Major General
M. M. I. A.

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Translation.

From:- M. of W.

To:- MMIA.

Ref:-15490/2387

Date:- 27th. Feb. 46

52-AT

Subject:- Bayonets for Lee Enfield Rifles MK 4.

Friuli Infantry Div. HQ reported that there is a deficiency of 2300 bayonets for Lee Enfield Rifles MK 4.

We beg you to examine the possibility of adhering to the request in order to complete the armament of said Division.

GP. Write War Hq (Hq 20)
advise for explanation
to this deficiency and suggesting
they put up consolidated demand
to complete 5 and Advise to
Sgt. Properzj
scale RAC
R/R and sign
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MMIA 50

WP m36/25

IMPORTANT

LRKB V MEAV. NR 252090 IMPORTANT
FROM GEN BROWNING 251715A
TO HQ MMIA ROME (FOR ATTENTION COL PIDSLEY)

MMIA
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QSH GR71 BT
Q7. UNCLASSIFIED. STRONGLY RECCOMENT IN VIEW OF POLITICAL
SITUATION IN VAL D AOSTA AND MORALE EFFECT ON THE TROOPS
ALSO IN VIEW OF THE REDUCED FIGHTING EFFICIENCY AND MOBILITY
OF THE AOSTA BN. THAT 12 CARRIERS AND 6 MOTOR CYCLES SHOULD
BE LEFT WITH THIS

W PARTICULAR BN. PENDING THE ISSUE OF BRITISH
EQUIP TO ALL ALPINE BNS CONSULT MINISTRY OF WAR AND INFORM NO1
TERR HQ OF FINAL DECISION URGENTLY

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Subject : Handover of Italian Ammunition to the Italian Government.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q . 126

25 February 46

To : Ministry of War.

: 3 B.L.U. Milan.

Ref our Q.150 dated 14 February 46.

1. The following dumps of Italian ammunition are being handed over to the Italian Government through A.C. Milan GEN Branch. All ammunition is of a calibre greater than 20mm.

Dump No.	Location	Map Ref.	Tonnage Italian
112	GLARENZA-MALLES		
	Fort 11	A 375920	1
121	"	A 400899	110
122	"	A 350941	5
124	"	A 345935	1
162	RIVA (Port)	A 551048	45
535	STILVES	W 085120	2490
509	SOIAVES	W 225000	90
525	PINZAGO	B 205945	46
116	CHUGLES	A 430850	880
188	CAST FIRMILANO	A 935690	12
172	S. PAOLO	A 905660	30
531	HIGA TAVANTI	B 210990	720
127	FORT MARTIGNANO	A 782273	20
45	VALDAGRA	B 495985	15
17	VILLA BASSA	B 610945	25

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Ref our Q.150 dated 14 February 46.

1. The following dumps of Italian ammunition are being handed over to the Italian Government through A.C. Milan CEM Branch. All ammunition is of a calibre greater than 20mm.

Dump No.	Location	Map Ref.	Tonnage Italian
112	GLARENZA-MALLES		1
	Fort 11	A 375920	110
121	"	A 400899	5
122	"	A 350941	1
124	"	A 345935	45
162	RIVA (Fort)	A 551048	2490
535	SWILVES	W 085120	90
509	SCIATVES	W 225000	46
525	PINZAGO	B 205945	880
116	CEGGIES	A 430850	12
188	CASST FIRMILANO	A 935690	30
172	S. PAOLO	A 905680	720
531	RIGA DAVANTI	B 210990	20
127	FORT MARTIGHAMO	A 782273	15
45	VALDAGRA	E 495985	25
17	VILLA BASSA	E 610945	1
106	TIONE	A 465223	351
Lydae)	CINSLARORA	B 590830	
Flora)			
NK	MULES	B 116100	230
"	LANDRO	B 650857	8
"	DOS DI TRENTO ALTO	A 771244	192
26	SE GIORCIO	W 425045	12
104	TORRINO	A 654228	2
175	UNTERNAZE	A 295660	152
121	KORI	A 645010	1
510	SCIATVES-FORTINE	W 225010	346
NK	DOS DI TRENTO BASSO	A 770241	195
NK	FORT BRUAVELA	A 772265	2
135(a)	FORT MATERNILIO AJTO	A 772273	55

(NK PORT.)

<u>Dump No.</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Map Ref.</u>	<u>Tonnage Italian</u>
NK	FORT MATEHELLO BASSO	A 735173	34
NK	SAN ROCCO	A 820274	7
133	FORT ROMAGNA	A 730182	6
131	MAS DESERT(TRENTO)	A 736233	51
165	TERLANO	A 975730	218
125	GARDOLA	A 772073	2
124	FORT NAGO	A 586032	26
NK	VELA	A 753271	160
	Total Tonnage		6539

2. The following dumps of ammunition, including small arms amm, located in permanent Italian Depots are also being handed over to the Italian Government.

<u>Dump No.</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Map Ref.</u>	<u>Tonnage</u>
147	GAIDARO	A 390575	830
194	TIRGIO	A 830930	115
505	FORTINZA	W 190015	2300
119	MARCO	A 683037	100
	Total Tonnage		3045

3. 3 B.L.U. to arrange in conjunction with Terr Command the take over from A.G. of this amm.

4. Relevant 2 District authority 1265/3/Q3 of 15 Feb 46

Rep. B. 320

E.W. BRADLEY,
Major Innists
for Major General
M. M. I. A.

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Subject : Care of Arms.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
M.M.I.A.
R O M B
Q . 126

25 February 46

To : Ministry of War.
Info : 1 B.L.U.

SEE 62T
SP 401 52A 2
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1. It is reported that there is a general shortage of cleaning materials throughout 1 Territorial Command.

2. In view of the impending issue of arms from British sources for C.A.R.'s in all Territorial Commands, it is suggested that adequate supplies of cleaning material be made available so that these arms may be properly cared for.

SEE 5H

Init
E.V. BRADLEY, 819
Major Innaks
for Major General
M . M . I . A .

Internal :
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Subject : Maintenance - British Weapons.

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Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
M.H.I.A.
R.O.M.E.
Q. 126

23 February 46

To : Ministry of War.

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Ref this H.Q. Q.126 of 15 February 46.

This meeting will now be held at H.Q. M.H.I.A.
on Tuesday 26th February 1946 at 10.00 hours.

EWB
M.H. BRADLEY,
Major Insinks
for Major General
M. H. I. A.

Internal :
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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

SUBJECT:- Requirements for CAR

10 British Liaison Unit
Tele: NAPLES 15744
3 Q

22 Feb 46

Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MMIA)
"Q" Branch
ROME

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Information is requested regarding the provision of the following for CAR's:-

1. Rifle oil, flannelette, gauze.

It is understood that the Italians have no equivalent to the above items. If they are not provided from British sources, the recruits will ruin their weapons by cleaning them by improvised means.

2. Armourers.

Armourers tools and spare parts for British weapons.

3. Web Equipment.

This is thought to be essential if British methods are to be taught. For example, it is not possible to teach the handling of the Bren unless the soldier is wearing equipment with pouches which will hold a Bren magazine.

CMP
ANG/rvm

*Told 20/2/46
on the phone.
28/2/46*

OK

Q 126

H. M. Davis Major
Lt Col,
GS.

See 817

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IMPORTANT

LRKB V MEAV NR 222027 PP
FROM 1 BLU 221215A
TO HQ MMIA ROME

QSH GR 68 BT
Q7. U/C . REF MY 07 OF 04. WAR
MINISTRY HAVE NOW ORDERED THE AOSTA BN TO KEEPS ALL THE
BR ARMS BUT TO GIVE UP ALL VEHs .
TERRITORIALE HAVE PHONED MINISTRY BUT
MINISTRY SAY THIS IS IN AGREEMENT WITH MMIA. AOSTA BN IN AOSTA
WILL NOW HAVE ON TOTAL VEH 3. MOTOR CYCLES NIL. ALL BR ARMS AND AMN
INCLUDING ~~6 PRS~~ 6 PRS AND 3 INCH MORTARS
WITH OUT ANY CARRIERS

BT
SENT NR 222027 LHS BB KK
RD 221405A FB KK



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SUBJECT: Handover of Italian Arm to the Italian Govt.

HQ AC MILAN Office
CEM Branch.

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HQ No 2 District CDP
1265/3/43

19 Feb 46

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25 FEB 1946

Ref this office 1265/3/43 dated 15 Feb 45. Please make the following amendments:-

Para 1

Amend

Dump No 135 (a)
Dump No NK FORT MATERELLO BASO
Dump No NK FORT SAN RUCCO
"Tonnage" for 55 read 78
"Tonnage" for 34 read 86
"Tonnage" for 7 read 45

Add

Dump No	Location	Map Ref	Tonnage
NK	FORT FRAMARQUAT	A 842243	185
NK	FORT CIVIZZANO	A 855255	156

Total tonnage for 6539 read 6993.

Para 2

Amend

Dump No 119
Total tonnage for 3345 read 3665
"Tonnage" for 100 read 120

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Amended
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Amend

Dump No 135 (a)
Dump No HK FORT MATRILLLO BASCO
Dump No HK FORT SAN ROOCHO

"Tonnage" for 55 read 73
"Tonnage" for 34 read 86
"Tonnage" for 7 read 45

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FORT PRAMARJUAU
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of 2-46
R.H.*

*D.H. Lee Major
Colonel
DA & QAG*

Copy to: IN 60 Sub Area (your 353/5/3 of 14 Feb refers)

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MAIL ROOM.

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H.M.I.A.

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FOLLOWING SIGNAL RECEIVED BY THIS HQ FOR INFO STOP FROM OO
3 SUB DEPOT 557 BOD STOP TO O IC REAR GUN PARK 557 BOD STOP
Quoted REF 3/2886 o f 12 STOP UNIT UNABLE TO COLLECT 3 x 17 FOR
BARRELS STOP PLEASE ARRANGE DESPATCH BY RAIL TO SCHOOL OF
ARTILLERY (ITALIAN) BRACCIANO STATION () UNQUOTE

Q.126

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Immediate

Mr. Bradley Hays

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Subject:- Maintenance - British Weapons.

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

Q.126.

16 February, 1946.

To:- Ministry of War.

Reference your L/220/SMW of 9 February 46.

1. As requested, a conference will be held at H. Q. M.M.I.A. on Friday 22 February 46, at 10.00 hours, to which you are invited to send representatives.
2. The following points suggested by you will be discussed:
 - (a) The provision of data and appliances for the technical inspection of artillery and other British weapons now in possession of the Italian Army.
 - (b) The provision of spare parts for these weapons and the organisation of Army gun repair workshops.
 - (c) The technical instruction of officers, artificers and armurers to deal with these weapons.

RAB

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

Copy to:- G. M.M.I.A. } You are requested to nominate
 R.S.M. } a representative to attend
 G.D. } this conference.

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18 FEB 1946
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THE NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY
ASTOR LENOX TILDEN FOUNDATIONS
500 5TH AVENUE
NEW YORK 17, N.Y.

1. The following groups of Italian communities are ready for handover to the Italian Government, under the terms of AM Letter # 3551.3 (CIMA) dated 8 Feb 45. All communities in it are villages smaller than 10000.

Zone No.	Location	Port	Map Ref
NA	FOR BRANAGUAS	11	9803248
NA	FOR CIVERIANO	11	985525
112	CHARRA - RALAN	11	
121	ALVA (Port)	11	575920
122	ESTRECH	11	100899
123	SOCLAVES	11	530941
124	STURAGO	11	565935
125	CHARRA	11	531242
126	CANT FLOREANO	11	085110
127	S. RALAN	11	229000
128	STRA DAVANTI	11	205945
129	PORT HAZELWOOD	11	439890
130	VALDORA	11	935690
131	VILLA RALAN	11	905000
132	STRA	11	210290
133	STRA	11	702273
134	STRA	11	405905
135	STRA	11	640945
136	STRA	11	405225
137	STRA	11	590650
138	STRA	11	116400
139	STRA	11	650857
140	STRA	11	771264
141	STRA	11	423045
142	STRA	11	656289
143	STRA	11	295580
144	STRA	11	645040
145	STRA	11	229140
146	STRA	11	770241
147	STRA	11	772245
148	STRA	11	772273
149	STRA	11	705170
150	STRA	11	220276

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124	Port 14	4	575000	110
122	"	14	400000	5
120	"	2	550000	1
118	"	4	300000	45
535	Port 14 (Port)		300000	20
533	Port 14		300000	12
531	Port 14		300000	30
529	Port 14		300000	720
116	Port 14		300000	20
114	Port 14		300000	15
112	Port 14		300000	23
110	Port 14		300000	1
108	Port 14		300000	351
106	Port 14		300000	220
London	Port 14		300000	192
Flora	Port 14		300000	12
104	Port 14		300000	2
102	Port 14		300000	192
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96	Port 14		300000	192
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84	Port 14		300000	351
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66	Port 14		300000	23
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62	Port 14		300000	351
60	Port 14		300000	220
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54	Port 14		300000	2
52	Port 14		300000	192
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46	Port 14		300000	15
44	Port 14		300000	23
42	Port 14		300000	1
40	Port 14		300000	351
38	Port 14		300000	220
36	Port 14		300000	192
34	Port 14		300000	12
32	Port 14		300000	2
30	Port 14		300000	192
28	Port 14		300000	1
26	Port 14		300000	30
24	Port 14		300000	15
22	Port 14		300000	23
20	Port 14		300000	1
18	Port 14		300000	351
16	Port 14		300000	220
14	Port 14		300000	192
12	Port 14		300000	12
10	Port 14		300000	2
8	Port 14		300000	192
6	Port 14		300000	1
4	Port 14		300000	30
2	Port 14		300000	15
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See 114
Credited
46-2-46
R.R.

2. The following dumps of ammunition, including small arms and, are at present located in permanent Italian depots and are guarded by Italian troops. In accordance with para 2(b) of the QJ letter under reference, they are returned to you for handover to the Italian Government. Any question of ownership raised by the Italian Army will be settled mutually between them and the Italian Government.

(a) Contains also 140 tons of non arm(75 mm) - also in letter 235/100/11 dated 8 Feb 46 return

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<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Location.</u>	<u>Map Ref.</u>	<u>Tonnage.</u>
187	CHILBRO	A 890575	830
196	CIRILO	A 570930	115
505	PUEBLO	F 190015	2300
119	MARCO	A 683037	100420
		Total Tonnage	<u>3365</u> 3665.

*Amended
26-2/46
Nk.*

See 114

*Affirmant [Signature]
Colonel,
D & [Signature]*

Copy to:- HQ 68 Sub Area (your 353/1/1 dated 8 Feb 46 refers).
Ord
g
10012 10001

*OK Follow up Main
with War Man
& B2V concerned
RAB
Capt Harold [Signature]*

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Subject: Care of Arms.

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1787 (C.A.R.)

1 British Liaison Unit.

Q 4

HQ Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA).
ROME.

Q.

1. There is a general shortage of all cleaning materials throughout this Comd. In view of the proposed issue of arms from Ordnance sources to the C.A.Rs, this shortage has now assumed very serious proportions, as if the weapons are to be properly cared for at the C.A.Rs, an adequate supply of cleaning materials must be made available.

2. The last Progress Reports, Nos 3 and 4, have mentioned this subject, and I should be grateful if HQ MMIA could take up this matter, before the arrival of British arms to the various C.A.Rs.

Field
14 Feb 46

A1
Wmtr War Main
ask SLO to obtain
arrangement
RAG

See 48

W. Hoar

Major
GSO II

18.2.46
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Subject : Request for British Stores.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q . 126

11 February 46

To : Ministry of War.

Ref your 2093/109 of 6 February 46.

The release of the British equipments referred to in the above quoted will have to be deferred until the general release of British maintenance equipment.

E.W. BRADLEY,
Major Innisks
for Major General
M . M . I . A .

EWB/lm

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11/11/46

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(39)

Subject : Request for Allied weapons for R. Guardia Finanza.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
M.I.I.A.
R O M E
Q . 125

9 February 46

To : Ministry of War.

The attached letter from the Italian Ministry of Finance No. 11336/1 of the 4 February is forwarded to you for action as necessary.

Lib.

E. W. BRADLEY,
Major Innicks
for Major General
M. W. I. A.

Info : Ministry of Finance.

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9/2/46.

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CR/89



MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

GABINETTO

36A

Protocollo N. 20245/11 Allegati 1

Roma,

Risposta al foglio del

Divisione

Sezione

N.

Oggetto: Armi della fabbrica Beretta.-

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

ROMA

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We forward to you a copy of tele n. 934 dated 30 January 1946 from the Brescia Prefect. arrived to 30 gennaio U.S. del Prefetto di Brescia. pervenuto al seguito del telegramma pari numero in data 30 gennaio U.S. copia del quale è stata consegnata a U.S. Browning. via breve del Sig. Ministro al Gen. BROWNING.-

d'ordine  
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

P. S. B. B.

P. S. B. B.

15.30

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S. B.

P. S. B. B.

11/2/46

COPIA DI TELEGRAMMA IN ARRIVO N. 974

Provenienza Brescia

Diretto a Ministero Guerra

TESTO: - MRO INTERNO ROMA ISPETTORE INTERREGIONALE PREFETTO  
 ROSATI MILANO ALT 0937 CIF. POL. ALT SEQUITO TELE-  
 GRAMMA 26 VOLGENTE PARI NUMERO COMANDO SECONDO LI-  
 STRETTO MILITARE INGLESE IN MILANO FORO BONAPARTE  
 HABET DISPOSTO CHE ARMI RITIRATE DA FABBRICA BERET  
 TA GARDONE VALTRONPIA CONSISTENTI 1937 MOSCHETTI  
 MITRA ET 263 MITRAGLIATRICI BREDA MOD. 37 CAL. 8  
 COMPLETE ACCESSORI ET CANNE RISERVA SARANNO CONSE-  
 GNATE ORGANI POLIZIA DOPO TRATTATIVE TRA GOVERNI  
 ITALIANO ET ALLEATO ALT PREFETTO BULLONI

Further to tele 26/1/46 same typing per  
 Verona 2nd. British Field District has ordered that  
 the arms withdrawn from the Beretta factory of  
 Gardone Valtrampia amounting to 1937  
 "Mitra" and 263 Breda m.g. mod 37 cal 8.  
 Complete accessories and barrels will be  
 consigned to police units after agreement  
 between the Italian Government and the  
 Allies.



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Translation

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

Ref. 2093/109/  
Date 6/2/46.

Subject Request for British Stores.

1) - The "Friuli" division has reported that they are deficient of the following weapons lost in action:

|                             |   |    |
|-----------------------------|---|----|
| - 40 mm.gun                 | N | I  |
| - 2 inch mortar             | " | 3  |
| - Thompson sub-machine guns | " | 46 |

2) - The Central Military Schools has asked for the following stores:

|                        |   |    |
|------------------------|---|----|
| - Steel strips type II | N | 2  |
| - "Bren" gun canes     | " | 5  |
| - Aiming Tresle        | " | I2 |
| - Rile Aim Correctors  | " | I2 |

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3) - The "Folgore" division <sup>was asked</sup> for the renewal of the following stores

|                                 |      |     |
|---------------------------------|------|-----|
| - waist belts                   | N    | 500 |
| - Pouch supporting straps Right | "    | 500 |
| - " " " left                    | "    | 500 |
| - Helmet straps                 | "    | 500 |
| - Thompson machine gun cover    | "    | 500 |
| - Revolver holsters             | "    | 300 |
| - Weapon oil                    | Ltrs | 500 |
| - Vaseline for weapons          | "    | 500 |
| - White oil paint               | "    | 250 |
| - Red " "                       | "    | 250 |

805  
Q1/ Reply "must  
await general  
release of  
British. Main  
equipment"  
RAC  
Done 1/1/46  
P. 126

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|                          |     |      |   |     |
|--------------------------|-----|------|---|-----|
| - Green Oil Paint        |     | Ltrs | 0 | 250 |
| - Grey - green oil paint |     | "    |   | 250 |
| - Black                  | " " | "    |   | 250 |
| - Brown                  | " " | "    |   | 250 |

4) We ask you to examine the possibility of being able to comply with the a/m request.

DAK

GeN.Russo.

308

Translation

From : Min.of Finance.  
To : M.M.I.A.

Ref : II336

Date: 4/2/46.

Subject Request for Allied Weapons for the Training  
of Royal Finance Guards.

As is known units belonging to the Royal Finance Guard serve with the Armed Forces of the State and take part in the defence of the frontiers and, with appropriate units, also in war operations.

Considering this and with the purpose of bringing the standard of finance guard training up to that of units belonging to the army - in accordance with the new ideas - we ask you to kindly arrange, as soon as possible, the allotment of an adequate number of allied weapons to the Corp school which would be made use of to spread, amongst personnel under our command, the knowledge of weapons on issue to the army and which, in case of need, could also be issued to the Royal Finance Guard.

In the case that this request is agreed to we show, in the attached list, the type and number of weapons required.

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DAK

G. Mancinelli.

Q1  
Food to War War  
for action as necessary  
RAC

Passed  
4/12/46

RAC  
7/2/46

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Subject:- Issues to Italian War Ministry  
("A" Vehicles).

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.  
(M. H. I. A.) RMSE.  
✓ G.126  
4 February, 1946.

To:- G.H.Q. (for G(AM))

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1. Further to this H.Q. letter G.126 of 2 Feb 46, and "phone conversation WINTER - CURTIS" of 4 Feb 46, the question of arms for the G.A.R.'s. (Recruit Training Centres) is being taken up in a separate letter. Please therefore delete all reference to the 45,100 rifles made in letter under reference.
2. The "A" type vehicles are required for the "Central Military Schools", and it is hoped authority may be obtained for their release at an early date.
3. As regards the detailed demand for small quantities of a number of items and the 11 Bren barrels, it is realised that these stores are governed by the principle already established that no further "detailed issues" will be made. As, however, a bulk transfer of 60 days' maintenance has not yet commenced, it would be appreciated if the items enumerated can be made an exceptional issue, as they also are required for the "Central Military Schools".

*RAC*  
R.A. CURTIS Lt. Col.  
For Major General,  
M. H. I. A.

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Copy to:- *COB*  
"G" (Trg).

4246  
RM

RAC/For

Subject : Issues to Italian War Ministry  
('A' Vehicles and Arms)

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.  
H.M.I.A.  
R.O.M.B.  
✓ Q.126

2 February 46

To : 1 (AE) G.H.Q.

(Ref Phone conversation WHELAN-CURTIS 1 Febr. 46)

1. The following 'A' Vehicles are urgently required by the Italian War Ministry to fill vacancies in the W.A.'s of training establishments of the Italian Interior Army.

| TYPE           | QTY |
|----------------|-----|
| Scout Cars     | 8   |
| Arm'd Cars     | 10  |
| Arm'd G.P.'s   | 2   |
| Carriers Univ. | 48  |
| " 3" MORTAR    | 36  |
| " H.M.C.       | 60  |
| " LIGHT        | 26  |

Total..... 192

2. 13400 rifles are also required for the G.A.B.'s (Security 302 in-  
ing centres) the first intake commencing in March.

3. Training at the Various Arms Instructors School is also being restricted through the unavailability of Bren Guns. Qty 14 Spare Barrels, Bren are required to correct this.

4. Similarly artillery training is suffering owing to the lack of Certain Stores.

5. Attached at App. A (3 copies) is a summary of warlike material which it is requested may be released immediately to the Italian Army.

(Ref. Phone conversation EXAMER-CURTIES 1 Febr. 46)

1. The following 'A' Vehicles are urgently required by the Italian War Ministry to fill vacancies in the M.A.'s of training establishments of the Italian Interim Army.

| TYPE           | QTY |
|----------------|-----|
| Scout Cars     | 8   |
| Arm'd Cars     | 10  |
| Arm'd C.P.'s   | 2   |
| Carriers Univ. | 48  |
| " 3" MORTAR    | 36  |
| " M.M.C.       | 60  |
| " LLOYD        | 28  |

Total..... 192

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2. 15400 copies are also required for the U.A.R.'s (Recovering 302 in- ing centres) the first intake commencing in March

3. Training at the Various Arms Instructors School is also being restricted through the unserviceability of Bren Guns. 44 spare Barrels, Bren are required to correct this.

4. Similarly Artillery training is suffering owing to the lack of Certain Stores.

5. Attached at App. A (3 copies) is a summary of warlike material which it is requested may be released immediately to the Italian Army.

Copy to : Ord.  
M.A. T28.

RAC

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

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LIST OF STORES REQUIRED FOR THE SCHOOL OF ARTILLERY

| <u>Tab Sect.</u> | <u>Part No.</u> | <u>Designation</u>             | <u>Quantity</u> |
|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| V3               | 745 GA          | Directors No 78 Mk II          | 12              |
| V2               | 202 GA          | Boards Art No. 3               | 7               |
| V3               | OS 548 A        | Stand Director No 17A          | 10              |
| V5               | OS 557          | Stand Art Board No. 27         | 15              |
| V6               | 7176            | Protractors RA 9"              | 7               |
| V3               |                 | Range Finders No 12            | 1               |
| V6               |                 | Triped Range finders No. 14    | 2               |
| J                |                 | Tammy Complete                 | 1               |
| H3               |                 | Ejectors Projectile            | 5               |
| N1               | FL 2453         | Tools Removing Jammed Cart     | 4               |
| N3               | MS 2400         | Planes Testing Sight           | 7               |
| N3               | MS 1908         | Keys No. 12                    | 8               |
| N                | 00950           | Braces Wheel 25 Pdr            | 5               |
| N1               | GM 499 A        | Tools Artillery No. 246        | 6               |
| N1               | GM 130 A        | Stops Running Back             | 5               |
|                  | 2590            | Cylinders Compressed Air       | 3               |
|                  |                 | Spanners Adj 15"               | 4               |
|                  |                 | " " 11"                        | 4               |
|                  |                 | Boxen Tools Artificers Filled  | 2               |
| V3               | OS 1054         | Wrenches Adj No. 7, 7b, 7a, 7c | 16              |
| N3               | GM 355A         | Dial Sight Carriers Mk II      | 3               |
|                  |                 | Pumps Ldg No. 2 Mk I           | 2               |
|                  |                 | Braces Wheel Nut for 25 Pdr    | 6               |
| N2               | GM 395          | Spanners No. 752 Mk I          | 3               |
| N1               | GM 501 A        | App pulling Back Gun No 7 Mk I |                 |

ORD 2/13

\*A\* VEHICLES FOR TRAINING ESTABLISHMENTS

|                    |            |
|--------------------|------------|
| Scout Cars         | 8          |
| Arm'd Cars         | 10         |
| Arm'd C.P.'s       | 2          |
| Carriers Universal | 48         |
| " 3" Mortar        | 36         |
| " M.H.G.           | 60         |
| " Lloyd            | 28         |
|                    | <u>192</u> |

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ARMS

Barrels, LMG, Bren

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List of stores required for the School of Artillery.

| <u>Verab</u><br><u>Sec.</u> | <u>Part No.</u> | <u>Designation</u>               | <u>Quantity.</u> |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| V5                          | 745 GA          | Directors No 7C Mk II            | 12               |
| V2                          | 202 GA          | Boards Art No 3                  | 7                |
| V5                          | OS 548 A        | Stands Director No 17A           | 10               |
| V5                          | OS 537          | Stands Art Board No 27           | 15               |
| V6                          | 7176            | Protractors RA 9"                | 7                |
| V3                          |                 | Range Finders No 12              | 1                |
| V6                          |                 | Tripod Range finders No 14       | 2                |
| J                           |                 | Tannoy Complete                  | 1                |
| N3                          |                 | Ejectors Projectile              | 5                |
| N1                          | FL 2453         | Tools Removing Jammed Cart       | 4                |
| M3                          | MC 2400         | Planes Testing Sight             | 7                |
| M3                          | MC 1908         | Keys No 12                       | 8                |
| N                           | 00950           | Braces Wheel 25 Pdr              | 5                |
| N1                          | CM 499 a        | Tools Artillery No 246           | 6                |
| N1                          | CM 130 A        | Stops Running Back               | 5                |
|                             | 2590            | Cylinders Compressed Air         | 3                |
|                             |                 | Spanners Adj 15"                 | 4                |
|                             |                 | " " 11"                          | 4                |
|                             |                 | Boxes Tools Artificers Filled    | 2                |
| V5                          | OS 1054         | Wrenches Adj No 7, 7b, 7a and 7c |                  |
|                             |                 | Dial Sight Carriers Mk II        | 16               |
| M3                          | CM 355a         | Pumps Liq No 2 Mk I              | 3                |
|                             |                 | Braces Wheel Nut for 25 Pdr      | 2                |
| M2                          | CM 395          | Spanners No 752 Mk I             | 6                |
| N1                          | CM 581 A        | App pulling Back Gun No 7 Mk I   | 3                |

'A' Vehicles for Training Establishments  
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|              |     |
|--------------|-----|
| Scout Cars   | 8   |
| Armcd Cars   | 10  |
| Armcd O.P.'s | 2.  |
| Carriers     | 48  |
| " 3" Mortar  | 36  |
| " M.M.G      | 60  |
| " LLOYD      | 28  |
| TOTAL        | 192 |
| Arms         |     |

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Barnels, L.M.G. Pneu  
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Subject:- Artillery Demands.

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To: Land Forces Sub Comm,  
M.M.I.A., Rome.  
(for attention of  
Major Bradley.)  
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12, British Liaison Unit, for the  
Italian Central Military Schools.

Ref : ORD/2/130

February 2nd 1946.

Phone: Rome 66319  
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Reference phone conversation Maj Bradley - Maj Shorthose of 1/2/46.

1. Attached herewith is list of Artillery stores  
demanded by School of Artillery, Bracciano, approved by G.S.O.11,  
R.A.

WES/-

File.

*T. H. Shorthose*

Major.

D.A.D.O.S.

(T.H.SHORTHOSE.)

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1/2/46 K.B.

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*Q.126*

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List of stores required for the School of Artillery.

| <u>Vocals</u><br><u>Sec.</u> | <u>Part No.</u> | <u>Designation</u>               | <u>Quantity.</u> |
|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| V5                           | 745 GA          | Directors No 7C Mk II            | 12               |
| V2                           | 202 GA          | Boards Art No 3                  | 7                |
| V5                           | OS 548 A        | Stands Director No 17A           | 10               |
| V5                           | OS 537          | Stands Art Board No 27           | 15               |
| V6                           | 7176            | Protractors RA 9"                | 7                |
| V3                           |                 | Range Finders No 12              | 1                |
| V6                           |                 | Tripod Range finders No 14       | 2                |
| J                            |                 | Tannoy Complete                  | 1                |
| N3                           |                 | Ejectors Projectile              | 5                |
| N1                           | FL 2453         | Tools Removing Jammed Cart       | 4                |
| M3                           | MC 2400         | Planes Testing Sight             | 7                |
| M3                           | MC 1908         | Keys No 12                       | 8                |
| F                            | 00950           | Braces Wheel 25 Pdr              | 5                |
| N1                           | CM 499 a        | Tools Artillery No 246           | 6                |
| N1                           | CM 130 A        | Stops Running Back               | 5                |
|                              | 2590            | Cylinders Compressed Air         | 3                |
|                              |                 | Spanners Adj 15"                 | 4                |
|                              |                 | " " 11"                          | 4                |
|                              |                 | Boxes Tools Artificers Filled    | 2                |
| V5                           | OS 1054         | Wrenches Adj No 7, 7b, 7a and 7c | 16               |
|                              |                 | Dial Sight Carriers Mk II        | 3                |
| M3                           | CM 355a         | Pumps Liq No 2 Mk I              | 2                |
|                              |                 | Braces Wheel Nut for 25 Pdr      | 2                |
| M2                           | CM 395          | Spanners No 752 Mk I             | 6                |
| N1                           | CM 581 A        | App pulling Back Gun No 7 Mk I   | 3                |

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ORNLAND DIRECTORATE  
G.H.Q. C.M.F.

RECEIVED 30 JAN 1946  
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Subject: Issues to Italian War Ministry.

Ref: DOS. 2611 (Ord. 2/13)  
Tel: Freedom 989  
28th January '46.

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

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1. Reference your letters Q.126 dated 22nd January '46.
2. It is regretted that the issues requested cannot be made from Ord stocks, in accordance with para.4(e) (iii) of CHQ/6453/6/Q(AE) dated 12th December '45, forwarded under cover of CHQ CMF letter. CHQ/6453/6/Q(AE) dated 13th December '45 (copy to you).

*Rae*

Q 126

*Revised 003 file 18*  
(G.C. HAINES)  
Major DADOS  
for Major-General DOS.

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(30)  
Subject : Request for Materials from Allied Sources.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.  
M.M.I.A.  
R O M E  
Q . 126

22 January 46

To : Gen 2/13 CHQ. S.M.F.

- (274)
1. Attached is a copy of letter 2758/418 from Italian Ministry of War.
  2. If available may these stores be issued to Italian War Ministry.

*Sub*

C.V. STADLER, 796 S  
Major Insiders  
for Major General  
M . M . I . A.

U.S.I.A.  
D.C.M.E.  
Q. 126

22 JANUARY 46

ORD 2/13 CHQ. C.M.F.

To

1. Attached is a copy of letter 5758/418 from Italian Ministry of War.
2. If available may these stores be issued to Italian War Ministry.

*Sub*

E.W. BRADLEY, 798  
Major Innish  
for Major General  
M. H. I. A.

BWB/lm

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COPY

TRANSLATION

From : M. of W.

Ref : 2758/418

To : M.M.I.A.

Date : 10/11/46

Subject : Request of material from Allied sources.

H.Q. Central Military School has requested the urgent assignment of the following Allied materials:

|                                     |                     |       |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|-------|
| Goniometer type N.7                 | M.K. 2 <sup>o</sup> | N. 12 |
| Artillery tables, complete type N.3 |                     | 7     |
| Telenetor type 12                   |                     | 1     |

Since no availabilities of materials from Allied sources exists at the Artillery Directorate under command, we beg you to kindly examine the possibility to grant what requested.

R. ERRERA, Cpl

(Sgd) Gen. Propperzj.

*Spent for 948*

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Subject : Bren Barrels - replacement of.

LAND FORCES SUB COMD. A.C.  
M.F.I.A.  
R O M E  
Q . 126

22 January 46

To : ORD 2/13. GHQ GMP.

1. Herewith translated copy of letter 2799/492 of 19/1/46 received from Italian Ministry of War.
2. If available may these spare barrels be issued to Italian War Ministry.

*Spoto*

E.W. BRADLEY,  
Major Inniske  
for Major General  
M. M. I. A. 794

EWB/lm

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TRANSLATION

From : M. of W.

To : M.N.I.A.

Ref: 2799/192

Date: 19/1/46

Subject : Barrels for Bren L.M.G.'s.

The command of Various Arms instructors School of Cesano, has requested the replacement of ~~all~~ barrels for Bren L.M.G.'s which became unserviceable, due to long use.

Since no availabilities exists in the Italian depots, as it is Allied materials, we beg you examine the possibility to assign the materials requested.

R. SPINERA, Cpl

(Sgd) Gen. U. Russo

*Spina 19/1/46*

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TRANSLATION

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

Ref: 2799/493+  
Date: 19/1/46

Subject: Barrels for Bren L.M.G's.-

The command of Various Arms instructors School of Cesano, has requested the replacement of 11 barrels for Bren L.M.G's which became unserviceable due to long use.-

Since no availabilities exists in the Italian depots, as 1792 Allied materials, we beg you to examine the possibility to assign the material requested.

R.ERRERA.Cpl

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(Sgd) Gen. U. Russo

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TRANSLATION.

27A

From: M.of.W.  
To: N.M.I.A.

Ref: 2758/418  
Date: 18/1/46

Subject: Request of material from Allied sources.

H.Q. Central military Schools has requested the urgent assignment of the following Allied materials:

|                                                 |      |
|-------------------------------------------------|------|
| Goniometer <sup>type</sup> from N.7 M K.2° type | N.12 |
| Artyllery tables, complete from N.3             | 7    |
| telemeter type 12                               | 1    |

Since no availabilities of materials from allied sources exists at the Artillery directorate under command, we beg you to kindly <sup>791</sup>examine the possibility to grant what requested.

R.ERRERA.Cpl

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(Sgd) Gen. Properzj.

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Subject : Artillery Equipment.

LAND FORCE HQ SUB COMM. A.C.  
M.H.I.A.  
R O M E  
Q.126

17 January 46

To : Ministry of War.

Ref this H.Q. Q/23/5 of 27 Oct 45.

Please take action as outlined in para. 2 of the above quoted letter.

*GdS*  
L.W. BRADLEY,  
Major Innisks  
for Major General  
M.H.I.A. 790

SWB/lm

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To : Ministry of War.

Ref this H.Q. Q/23/6 of 27 Oct 45.

Please take action as outlined in para. 2 of  
the above quoted letter.

*E.M.B.*

E.M. BRADLEY,  
Major Invalids  
For Major General  
H. H. I. A.

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SUBJECT:- ART VERY EQUIPT

REA GUN PARK,  
557 G.O.O.  
REF. GP/43  
10-1-45

M.M.I.A. LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION,  
C.M.F.

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PLEASE ARRANGE TO COLLECT QTY 1 105MM HOW  
OF ITALIAN ORIGIN FROM THIS GUN PARK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.  
D.O.S. LETTER, REFERENCE DOS/2016(ORD213)  
OF 24TH OCTOBER AND Q(AE) DIRECTIVE AC386(Q(AE) - O DATED  
2ND OCTOBER '45 REFER.

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*[Signature]*  
LIEUT.  
FOR G.O.O.557 BASE ORD. DEPOT.  
(U.C.B. JONES)

COPY TO G.O.O.557 BOD.

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Subject: Withdrawal of arms.

1 British Liaison Unit.

Q 9/1.

To: MMIA.

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14 JAN 46

Ref your Q.126 of 21 Dec 45.

Att for your infm copy of 2 DISTRICT letter ORD/9010 dated 5 Jan 46.

"1. It has been reported that captured enemy arms are being removed from Italian Army warehouses.

2. Whilst this procedure is quite legitimate, it is requested that before you send representatives to collect these arms, you notify the appropriate BLU controlling the Italian Army Depot, and make the necessary arrangements for withdrawal. This will facilitate the detection and possible prevention of any withdrawals by unauthorised units.

(sgd) R.M. DOBRASHIAN, Capt.  
for D.D.C.S. 2 DISTRICT.

To: OC 1 CEM Group RAOC  
OC 2 CEM Group RAOC  
OC 3 CEM Group RAOC

Copy to: "G" - ref your 2365 C/SD2 of 3 Jan 46.

Q  
HQ 1 BLU  
HQ 2 BLU  
HQ 3 BLU  
HQ 4 BLU.

Field.  
9 Jan 46.  
JAB/RH.

R/14/46  
JW.

Major,  
D.A. & Q.M.C.

RAC

Q 126

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FROM: V. LANE JUN 42  
TO: USNSC CUB2

FROM: AFHQ 341113Z

TO: H T A

INFO: NMIA - SCADIT VIENNA

CR --- ETC

CIGAS5. UNCLASS FROM SHQ GMT.

REF NMIA SIGNAL DATED 29 DEC COPY TO YOU.

IN VIEW OF INFORMATION CONTAINED THEREIN MY CARGES OF 26 DEC  
IS CANCELLED AND APPROVAL GIVEN FOR ITALIAN EQUIPMENT CONCERNED  
TO BE RETURNED TO ITALIAN MILITARY AUTHORITIES.  
CONSIGN AS REQUESTED BY NMIA WHEN RAIL SPACE AVAILABLE

BT 341113Z

SENT JUN 42 D. H. EAR 10

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TO: V LINE NR 44 ✓

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FROM: STA 343915A

TO: THE ONE

INFO: AUSTRIAN VIENNA - WHA

OR --- BT

BT 343915A . UNCLASSIFIED .

THE LINE SET 0450 OF 28 . ALL ITALIAN NO PLACES HAVE NOT BEEN  
DISCLOSED UNDER YOUR 043000 OF 26 DEC 80  
ARMY CARS CTV 20 BEING RAISED TO DESTINATION AS REQUESTED

BT 343915A

SENT NR 44 E K 2

Q.126

RAE

SEE 4/101 P. 61  
Q/205

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EXCLUDED SIGNAL

FROM : WMA  
TO : WMA  
INFO : WMA  
REF : Q/180

DATE 29 JUL 64

CONFIDENTIAL

19A.

YOUR C 40023 OF 26 DEC SUBJECT DISSEMINATION ITALIAN CODE (.) THIS APPEARS UNUSUAL  
I UR AG 306.3 C(AS)-C OF SUCH AS PARA 9(c) DEGREE UNDER MATERIAL AND PARA 8(c) UNDER  
WITH MATERIAL MATERIAL (.) FOR THE PURPOSES ASSESSMENT THIS SIGNAL IS NOT TO BE  
KLAGENFORS AND GIVE VILLAGE IS DELETED FOR DELETED TO BE A LOP  
STAGGATA DI FERGON <sup>(3)</sup> 23 APPROVED GIVE KLAGENFORS TO BE  
UNRECORDED CANE PLACED <sup>(6)</sup> FOR Q 7841 DATE 21 DEC 1964

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*[Handwritten signature]*

PROCESSED RECEIVED

APPROVED DATE

REF Q/185

Q.126

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SEE 24

*[Handwritten initials]*

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Subject:- Arms - Beretta Factory.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.  
(M. M. I. A.) ROME.  
Q.126  
28 December 1945.

To:- 2 B.L.U.  
Genoa.

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Reference your Q 2/5 of 13 December 45.

1. Under A.C.F.O. authority, instructions have been given to all concerned that the weapons in process of manufacture or completed and held by the Soc. Fabbrica Nazionale d'Armi PESCECIA are to be frozen.
2. Authority is being sought for control of this factory and possession of all such arms to be given to the Ministry of War for the benefit of the Italian Army and C.C.M.
3. No authority will, therefore, be given for the release of small arms to private firms or individuals.

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

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Copy to: A.C. for Executive Commission - reference 33/12.44 21 Nov 45.

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LEOF V LAEN NR 39

QVR 2

FROM AFHQ 261249A

TO BTA

INFO TO MMIA ACABRIT VIENNA

C 49923

UNCLAS FROM GHQ CMF (.) YOUR Q 7811 OF 21 (.) APPROVAL GIVEN FOR ITALIAN  
GUNS FD PEICES QTY 1 AND AA QTY 35 TO BE DESTR OYED AND DISPOSED OF  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 9(C) OUR AG 386 3 0(AE) -0 OF 2 OCT  
BT

SENT NR 39 EM BBB

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(19A)

M.M.M.  
4/28  
SIGNATURE

(18)

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SEE 22 RD

SEE 23

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Q.126.

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM : BTA

TO : GHQ CMF

INFO : ACABRIT VIENNA - MMIA ROME

Q7811

DATE/TIME 211400A

UNCLASSIFIED

SUBJECT IS DISPOSAL OF WAR MATERIAL REQUEST YOUR APPROVAL DESTROY/ITALIAN  
GUNS FD PIECES QTY ONE AA GUNS QTY 35 ALTERNATIVELY REQUEST CONSIGNMENT  
INSTRS AS WE WISH TO DISPOSE THESE WEAPONS BY 14 JAN  
ACTION COPY : Q.126

*Now inventory have been asked to  
state destination in Italy to where  
these are to be dispatched.  
On receipt a reply will be given  
to B.T.A.*

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*SEE 782  
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Subject: Further order of Area to the Allies.

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Joint Forces Sub-Committee A.G.  
(M. M. I. A.)  
G.126  
21 December 1945.

To: 1 M.I.A. Paris.

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1. Further to our G.126 of 4 December 1945, subject as above.
2. Reported instances are being reported to this headquarters by the Ministry of War, of Allied units receiving G.I.A. news from Italian Army warheads. While these are probably legitimate removals under the terms of A.P.M.A. Letter AG 336.3 (43)-0 of 2 October 1945, it is requested that you arrange with H.Q. No. 2 District that prior warning be furnished your office of intended withdrawals so that you may notify the Doest in advance. This will facilitate the detection and possible prevention of any withdrawals by unauthorized units.

*John Ward, Capt.*  
John J. Ward, Captain,  
Staff Major General,  
M. M. I. A.

see - 25A

15A.T

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Copy to: Ministry of War (Your 50960/4926 of 13 Dec refers)  
1. M. No. 2 District.  
2 M.I.A.  
3 M.I.A.  
4 M.I.A.

2/10 R.P.

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Head, Foreign Sub Commission A.C.  
(U. S. I. A.)  
135  
18 December 1945.

To:

1 U.S.I. Paris (2 copies).

Reference is made to U.S.I. A. I.C. Paris letter  
100/10/0 of 15 August 45, subject as above.

1. Authority has been granted for the release of  
two Thompson sub-machine guns, numbers, 3-260390 - A1, 3-400394 - A1 by  
Provost Marshal Section, Peninsular Base Section. These arms were  
confiscated from Captain Arnold Brown, number 1 U.S.I. on 6 Aug 45.
2. Authority for the release was given in MFOIA  
letter 100/10/0 of 12 December 1945, subject as above, addressed  
to Commanding General, Peninsular Base Section AIC 782, attention  
Ordnance Section.
3. Please pass a copy of this letter to 1 U.S.I. so  
their authority to collect the weapons.

*[Signature]*  
J. A. Captain,  
MFOIA  
U. S. I. A.

Very Res

CS, PMS, AIC 782,  
(attention: Ordnance Section)

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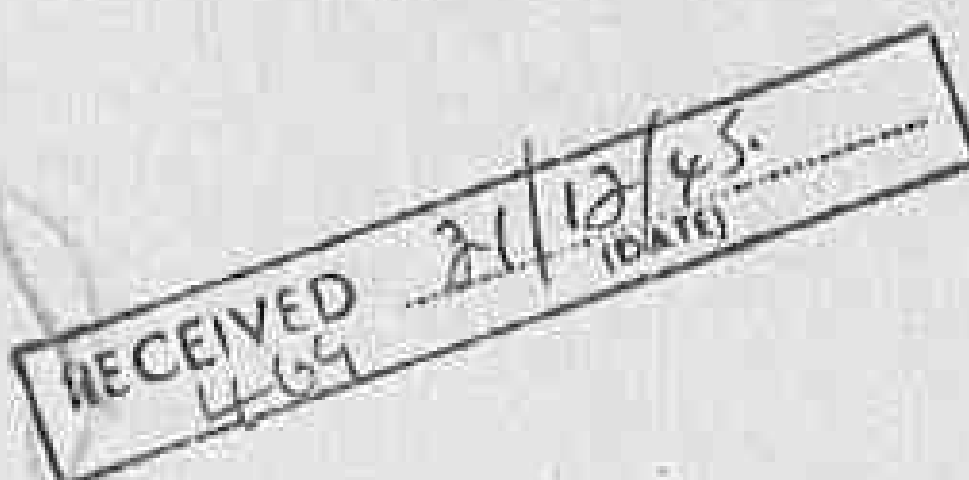
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Subject:- Arms.



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2 B L U,  
GENOVA.  
Tel: 56575  
Q 2/5  
13 Dec 45

HQ MMIA

Ref the 2 enclosures.

A.M.G. Regional Public Safety Officer Lt.Col.  
HEFFORD stated that authority for the release of these  
arms was vested in M.M.I.A. .

Would you please confirm that this is a fact and  
if so will you please authorise the release from the  
Beretta Factory.

*[Signature]*  
Major  
G S.

2 encl.

BEHS/lr

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Translation:lr

ANSAIDO S.A.  
GENOVA - Cornigliano

PER/VIG/3095  
20/11/45

To  
Messrs.  
PIETRO BERETTA  
GARDONE VAL TROMPIA (Brescia)

In order to supply watch-personnel  
to factories with proper armament we need  
to purchase about 100 Beretta pistols, cal.9.

Will you please inform us as to  
the steps which should be taken in order  
to get the regular allocation of a/m arms.

S/ .....

PIETRO BERETTA  
Arms Factory  
Gardone Valtrompia

845 A.C.

27 Nov 45

Messrs. ANSALDO S.A.

GENOVA-CORNIGLIANO

Ref your PER/VIG/3095 dated 20th inst.

We can furnish you with pistols cal  
7,65 and 9 at the following conditions:-

- Presentation of permit for the purchase,  
visaed by the Allied Regional HQ of Genoa.
- Cost of pistols cal 7,65 or cal 9 (short),  
with clips, Lit. 1,500 each; free factory,  
payment upon withdrawal. Spare clips Lit.50.  
Pistols case, leather Lit. 150,-. Free facto-  
ry, payment upon withdrawal.

We remain at your disposal.

Yours truly

PIETRO BERETTA

S/ .....

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Translation

from: M of W

ref. 50960/4958/AMC

To: MMIA

13 Dec. 1945

Subject: Arms withdrawn by Allied HQs

On 20 November 1945, Allied Officers withdrew the following materials from Torino Arty Directorate :

..... a list of ~~technical~~ spare parts for Sten and Parabellum SMG follows.

C/u

Campagna

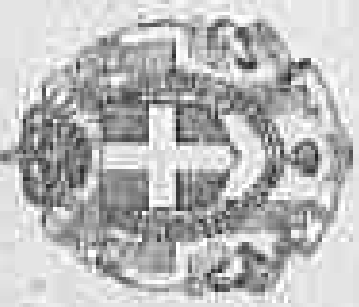
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Ministero della Guerra  
DIREZIONE GENERALE ARTIGLIERIA  
e Motorizzazione

Div. A.M.C. Sez. A  
N. d. Ord. 50960/4958/Spac  
Allegati

Oggetto: Armi ritirate da Comandi Alleati.

e, per conoscenza:  
ALL'UFFICIO DEL DIRETTORE GENERALE

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Il giorno 20 novembre u.s. furono ritirati da Ufficiali Alleati i seguenti materiali della Direzione Artiglieria di Torino:

|                                            |    |                      |
|--------------------------------------------|----|----------------------|
| MITRA "STEIN"                              | n. | 440 (in lavorazione) |
| - tubo castello                            | "  | 91                   |
| - ghiera fissaggio impugnata al castello   | "  | 356 (sbozzati)       |
| - masse battenti otturatori (sbozzati)     | "  | 133 (in lavorazione) |
| - masse battenti otturatori                | "  | 653                  |
| - leve di scatto                           | "  | 274                  |
| - grilletti                                | "  | 160 (finiti)         |
| - perni di armamento (otturatori)          | "  | 300                  |
| - molle spirale richiamo grilletto         | "  | 75                   |
| - estrattori                               | "  | 156                  |
| - canne                                    | "  | 156 (in lavorazione) |
| - piastra ferma impugnatura                | "  | 356 (finite)         |
| - ghiera doppio fissaggio canna            | "  | 533 (incomplete)     |
| - ghiera ferma astuccio guida molla        | "  | 47                   |
| - canne                                    | "  | = (manca)            |
| - astucci guida molla                      | "  | 8 (in lavorazione)   |
| - scatole per congegno di scatto           | "  | 624                  |
| - molle dente di scatto di fissaggio canna | "  | 470                  |
| - piastre ad U                             | "  | 1000                 |
| - coppie doppie                            | "  | 400                  |
| - molle della leva di scatto di rimando    | "  | 400                  |

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

= R O M A =

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Resposta al Foglio del  
Dir.

e, per conoscenza:  
ALL'UFFICIO DEL DIRETTORE GENERALE

= S E D E =

Il giorno 20 novembre u.s. furono ritirati da Ufficiali Alleati i seguenti materiali della Direzione Artiglieria di Torino:

MITRA "STEN"

|                                            |                      |                             |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| - tubo castello                            | n.                   | 440 (in lavorazione)        |
| - ghiera fissaggio impugnatura al castello | 91                   | "                           |
| - masse battenti otturatori (sbozzati)     | 356 (sbozzati)       | "                           |
| - masse battenti otturatori                | 133 (in lavorazione) | "                           |
| - leve di scatto                           | 653                  | "                           |
| - grilletti                                | 274                  | "                           |
| - perni di armamento (otturatori)          | 160 (finiti)         | "                           |
| - molle spirale richiamo grilletto         | 580                  | "                           |
| - estrattori                               | 75                   | "                           |
| - cenne                                    | 156                  | "                           |
| - piastra ferma impugnatura                | 156 (in lavorazione) | "                           |
| - ghiera doppio fissaggio canna            | 356 (finita)         | "                           |
| - ghiera ferma astuccio guida molla        | 533 (incomplete)     | "                           |
| - canne                                    | 47                   | "                           |
| - astucci guida molla                      | = 8                  | (manovrati)                 |
| - scatole per cerniere di scatto           | 624                  | (in lavorazione)            |
| - molle dente di scatto di fissaggio canna | 470                  | "                           |
| - piastre ad U                             | 1000                 | "                           |
| - cerniere doppie                          | 400                  | "                           |
| - molle della leva di scatto di (rimando)  | 556                  | "                           |
| - molle di fermo: dente caricatore         | 443                  | "                           |
| - punte ritegno caricatore                 | 375                  | "                           |
| - manicotti                                | 130                  | "                           |
| - manicotti con astuccio per caricatore    | 235                  | "                           |
| - astucci porta caricatore                 | 181                  | "                           |
| - astucci per caricatore                   | 950                  | "                           |
| - fondello di caricatore                   | 1020                 | "                           |
| - suole di caricatore                      | 54                   | (16 ineff. e 38 incomplete) |
| - Sten                                     |                      |                             |

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|                                                      |    |     |                   |
|------------------------------------------------------|----|-----|-------------------|
| - facili                                             | n. | 21  |                   |
| - mitragli                                           | "  | 4   | diverse           |
| - tubo lanci                                         | "  | 1   | rtai esteri       |
| - treppiedi per mitragl. estere                      | "  | 2   |                   |
| -                                                    |    |     |                   |
| <u>MITRA PARABELLUM</u>                              |    |     |                   |
| - castelli                                           | n. | 95  | (in lavorazione)  |
| - impugnature                                        | "  | 120 | "                 |
| - masse battenti (otturatori compl.)                 | "  | 172 | (completi)        |
| - molle recuperat. (serve anche per sten)            | "  | 511 | (finite)          |
| - massa battente (incomplete)                        | "  | 93  | (manca estrattore |
| -                                                    |    |     | molle e perno)    |
| - ammortizzatore completo di molle                   | "  | 150 | (finiti)          |
| - leve di sicurezza                                  | "  | 128 | "                 |
| - perni femmina                                      | "  | 261 | "                 |
| - perni maschio                                      | "  | 80  | "                 |
| - bottoni per tiro lento e rapido                    | "  | 87  | "                 |
| - bottoni a vite ferma falso calcio                  | "  | 124 | "                 |
| - estrattori                                         | "  | 290 | "                 |
| - dente arresto caricatore                           | "  | 565 | "                 |
| - punter di percussore (ricambiabili)                | "  | 663 | "                 |
| - guide del falso calcio (mancante di<br>sola molla) | "  | 376 | "                 |
| - grilletti con asta                                 | "  | 196 | "                 |
| - scatto compl. con grilletto                        | "  | 33  | "                 |
| - dente di scatto con molla                          | "  | 165 | "                 |
| - magliette per cinghie                              | "  | 330 | "                 |
| - mirini con ghiera                                  | "  | 169 | "                 |
| - ghiera per molla ammortizzatrice                   | "  | 117 | "                 |
| - molle ammortizzatrici                              | "  | 68  | "                 |
| - manicotti di protezione                            | "  | 240 | "                 |
| - carrelli di armamento                              | "  | 120 | "                 |
| - aste guida molla                                   | "  | 190 | "                 |
| - tubicini per congiunzione molla                    | "  | 134 | "                 |
| - guide di falso calcio                              | "  | 160 | (incomplete)      |
| - anello per manicotto fissaggio canna               | "  | 167 | (finite)          |
| - falso calcio                                       | "  | 160 | (incomplete)      |
| - canne                                              | "  | 223 | (finite)          |
| - molle per arresto falso calcio                     | "  | 230 | "                 |
| - caricatori completi                                | "  | 90  | "                 |
| - viti del castello diverse                          | "  | 260 | "                 |

IL DIRETTORE CAPO DIVISIONE  
( Col. G. Campagna )

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HEADQUARTERS  
MEDITERRANEAN THEATRE OF OPERATIONS  
UNITED STATES ARMY  
APO 512

In reply  
refer to

AG 474/1038 D-0

12 December 1945

SUBJECT: Confiscated Arms

TO: Commanding General  
Peninsular Base Section  
APO 782  
ATTENTION: Ordnance Section

Authority is granted to turn over to NMIA LO, Peninsular Base Section, for proper disposition, the 2 Thompson Sub-Machine Guns, Numbers S-102994 AI and S-260390 AI, which were confiscated by the Provost Marshal patrol on 8 August 1945 from Captain Arioli Franco of Number 1 M.A.G. while traveling in an ambulance on Route 1 between Rome and Civitavecchia.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL RIDGWAY:

EDWARD R. SHUGART  
Colonel, AGD  
Asst Adjutant General  
EDWARD R. SHUGART  
Colonel, AGD  
Asst Adjutant General

Copy furnished:

NMIA LO, PBS  
NMIA, Rome

This copy to NMIA, Rome

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See Folio 505/2 in 9/23/1

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TRANSLATION

From : M.O.W.  
To : M.M.I.A.

Ref 90616/4843  
Dtd : 11/12/45

Subject : Italian Equipment.

We inform you that the materials referred to in letter Q/23/6 of the 23/10. 45 has been withdrawn and deposited at the Rome Artillery Directorate.

Signed G. Campagna Col.

Q 11/12/45

Q 12/6

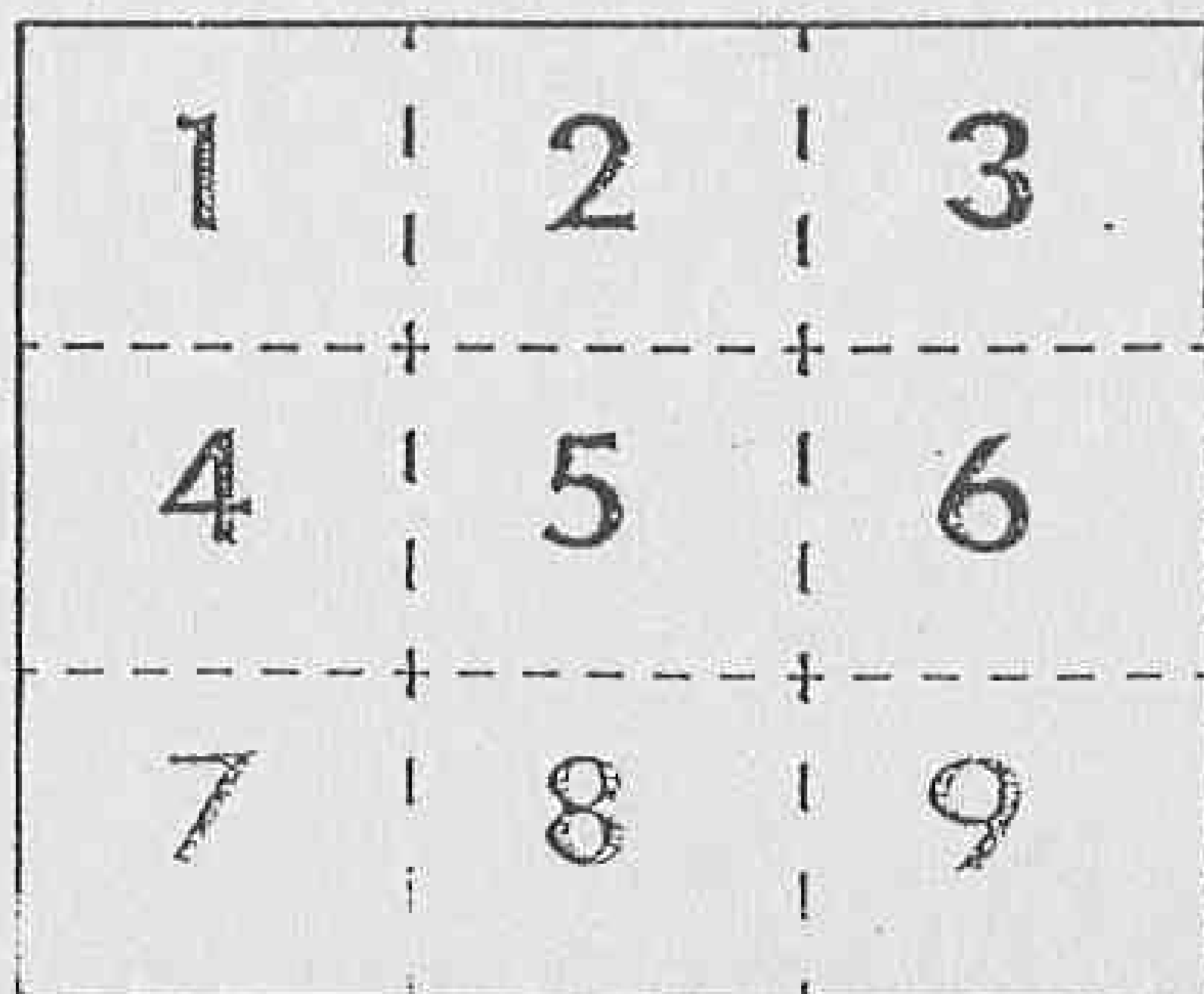
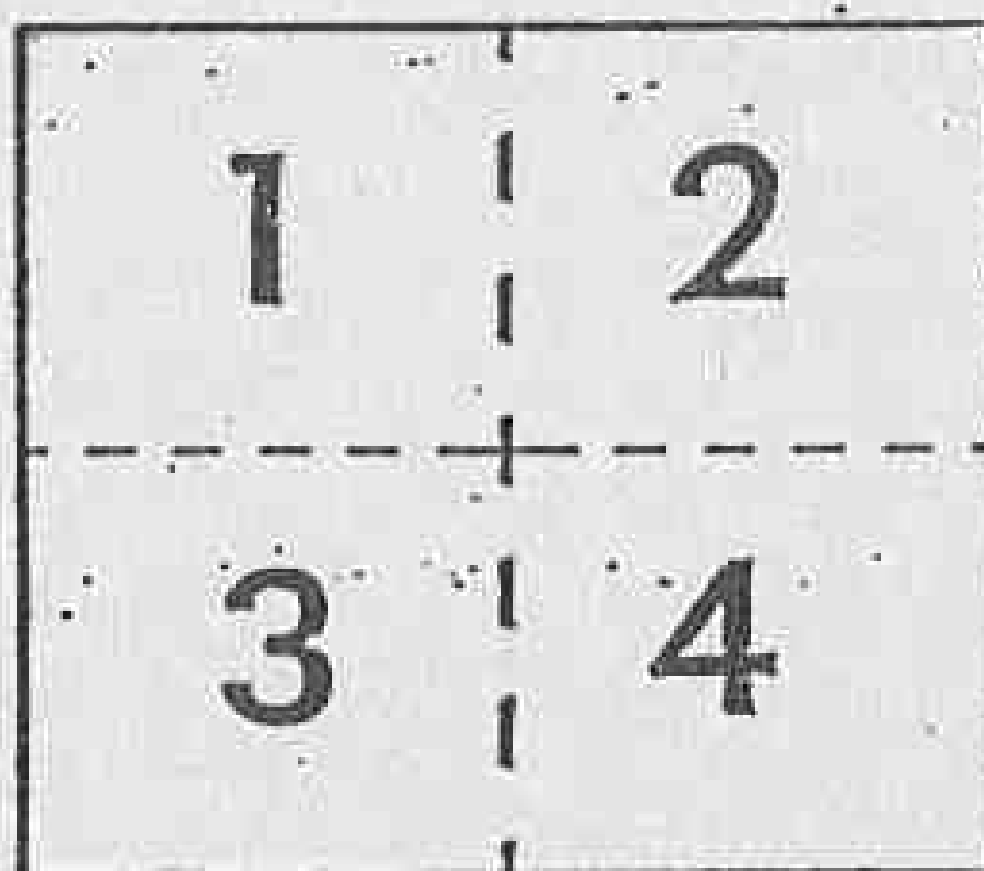
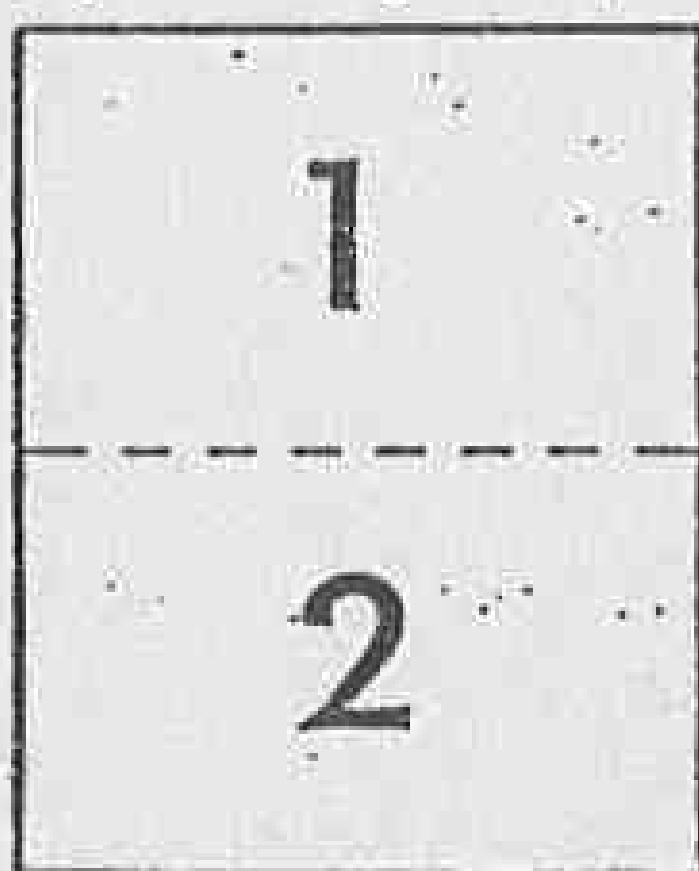
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ON ONE EXPOSURE ARE FILMED CLOCKWISE  
BEGINNING IN THE UPPER LEFT CORNER,  
LEFT TO RIGHT, AND TOP TO BOTTOM.

SEE DIAGRAMS BELOW.



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COMANDO GENERALE DELL'ARMA DEI CC.RR.  
-Ufficio Collegamenti Armamento e Motorizzazione ( C.A.M.)

A) - Legione Territoriale CC.RR. BOLOGNA

| Descrizione                                      | Armi     |           | Muniz    |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|----------|
|                                                  | Organico | Esistenza | Organico |
| Mitragliatrici Breda cal.8                       | -        | 61        | -        |
| Fucili mitragliatori Breda<br>cal. 6,5....       | 123      | 223       | 113.406  |
| Fucili mitragliatori Breán<br>cal. 8.....        | -        | 200       | -        |
| Moschetti automatici Beret<br>ta cal. 9.....     | 813      | 44        | 203.250  |
| Pistole mitragl.Steen cal.9                      | -        | 266       | -        |
| Moschetti mod. 91 cal. 6,5                       | 2439     | 3251      | 243.900  |
| Pistole automatiche Beret=<br>ta '34 cal. 9..... | 3252     | 1253      | 91.056   |
| Pistole a rotazione mod.89<br>cal. 10,35.....    | -        | 453       | -        |

---B) + Battaglione Mobile "Bologna"

|                                                 |     |     |        |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|--------|
| Autoblindo . . . . .                            | 12  | -   | -      |
| Carri Armati (semoventi M/15/42..               | -   | 12  | -      |
| Mitragliatrici Breda cal. 8....                 | -   | 6   | -      |
| Fucili mitr. Breda 30 cal.6,5 ...               | 21  | 46  | 19.362 |
| Moschetti automatici Beretta 38<br>cal. 9 ..... | 187 | -   | 46.750 |
| Moschetti mod.91 cal. 6,5.....                  | 361 | 537 | 36.100 |
| Pistole automatiche Beretta 34<br>cal. 9 .....  | 548 | 86  | 25.344 |

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COMANDO GENERALE DELL'ARMA DEI CC.RR.  
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## CC.RR. BOLOGNA

|        | Armi     |           | Munizioni |           | Note |
|--------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------|
|        | Organico | Esistenza | Organico  | Esistenza |      |
| cal.8  | -        | 61        | -         | 23.489    |      |
| regia  |          |           |           |           |      |
| ,5.... | 123      | 223       | 113.406   | 209.000   |      |
| rean   |          |           |           |           |      |
| .....  | -        | 200       | -         | 25.400    |      |
| erett  |          |           |           |           |      |
| .....  | 813      | 44        | 203.250   | 33.420    |      |
| cal.9  | -        | 266       | -         | -         |      |
| 6,5    | 2439     | 3251      | 243.900   | 8.847     |      |
| erett  |          |           |           |           |      |
| .....  | 3252     | 1253      | 91.056    | 20.061    |      |
| 1.89   |          |           |           |           |      |
| .....  | -        | 453       | -         | 3.368     |      |

## le "Bologna"

|             |     |     |        |        |  |
|-------------|-----|-----|--------|--------|--|
| .....       | 12  | -   | -      | -      |  |
| M/15/42..   | -   | 12  | -      | -      |  |
| cal. 8..... | -   | 6   | -      | 11.100 |  |
| cal.6,5 ... | 21  | 46  | 19.362 | 81.200 |  |
| Beretta 38  |     |     |        |        |  |
| .....       | 187 | -   | 46.750 | -      |  |
| 6,5.....    | 361 | 537 | 36.100 | 20.332 |  |
| eretta 34   |     |     |        |        |  |
| .....       | 548 | 86  | 15.344 | 2.408  |  |

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|                                                 |     |     |        |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|--------|
| Carri Armati (semoventi M/15/42)..              | -   | 12  | -      |
| Mitragliatrici Breda cal. 8.....                | -   | 6   | -      |
| Fucili mitr. Breda 30 cal.6,5 ...               | 21  | 46  | 19.362 |
| Moschetti automatici Beretta 38<br>cal. 9 ..... | 187 | -   | 46.750 |
| Moschetti mod.91 cal. 6,5.....                  | 361 | 537 | 36.100 |
| Pistole automatiche Beretta 34<br>cal. 9.....   | 548 | 86  | 15.344 |
| Bombe a mano .....                              | 100 | -   | -      |

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|                 | Cal. 34 | Automatic<br>Pistol | Carbine<br>mod. 91 | Long<br>Barrel | Cal. 34 | Cal. 34 |
|-----------------|---------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------|---------|---------|
| Bologna Legione | 1253    | 467                 | 3851               | 61             | 20,000  | 250%    |
| Bologna Mob. Bn | 86      | 46                  | 537                | 6              | 2,400   | 150%    |
|                 |         |                     |                    |                | 3       | 10      |

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| A R M I                                                      | 3 <sup>a</sup> Brigata |                     |                    |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
|                                                              | a.<br>(fabbisogno)     | b.<br>(consistenza) | c.<br>(deficienza) |
| <u>ARMAMENTO INDIVIDUALE</u>                                 |                        |                     |                    |
| -Pistole a rotazione mod.89                                  | =                      | 1.206               | =                  |
| -Pistole automatiche mod.34                                  | 9.849                  | 4.117               | 5.732              |
| -Moschetti mod.91                                            | 7.286                  | 8.803               | =                  |
| -Moschetti automatici Beretta mod.38                         | 2.563                  | 452                 | 2.111              |
| <u>DOTAZIONE DI MUNIZIONI</u>                                |                        |                     |                    |
| -Per pistola a rotazione mod.89                              | =                      | 22.758              | =                  |
| -Per pistola automatica mod.34 (dotazione personale)         | 206.829                | 42.181              | 233.591            |
| - " " " " " ( " riserva)                                     | 68.943                 |                     |                    |
| -Per moschetto mod.91 ( " personale)                         | 524.592                | 570.351             | 158.249            |
| - " " " " ( " riserva )                                      | 204.008                |                     |                    |
| -Per moschetto aut.Beretta mod.38 ( " personale)             | 205.040                | 60.097              | 580.653            |
| - " " " " " ( " riserva )                                    | 435.710                |                     |                    |
| <u>ARMAMENTO DI REPARTO</u>                                  |                        |                     |                    |
| -Fucili mitragliatori mod.30                                 | 374                    | 570                 | =                  |
| -Bombe a mano                                                | 20.680                 | 2.290               | 18.390             |
| <u>DOTAZIONE DI MUNIZIONI</u>                                |                        |                     |                    |
| -Per fucile mitragl.Breda 30 (Dotazione d'arma)              | 187.000                | 158.660             | 186.160            |
| - " " " " " ( " di riserva)                                  | 157.828                |                     |                    |
| <u>ARMAMENTO DI UN COMANDO RAGG/TO BTG MOBILI</u>            |                        |                     |                    |
| -Pistole mod.34 (automatiche)                                | 40                     | =                   | 40                 |
| -Moschetti mod.91, cal.6,5                                   | 40                     | =                   | 40                 |
| -Fucili mitragl.Breda 30, cal.6,5                            | 4                      | =                   |                    |
| -Bombe a mano                                                | 100                    | =                   | 100                |
| <u>MUNIZIONI</u>                                             |                        |                     |                    |
| -Per pistola automatica mod.34 (dotaz.d'arma e riserva)..... | 1.120                  | =                   | 1.120              |
| -Per moschetto 91, cal.6,5                                   | 4.000                  | =                   | 4.000              |
| -per fucile mitragl.Breda 30, cal.6,5                        | 3.688                  | =                   | 3.688              |

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|                                  |                                     | 3 <sup>a</sup> Brigata |                     |                    |                    |  |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--|
|                                  |                                     | a.<br>(fabbisogno)     | b.<br>(consistenza) | c.<br>(deficienza) | d.<br>(eccedenza ) |  |
| M                                | I                                   |                        |                     |                    |                    |  |
| <u>AMENTO INDIVIDUALE</u>        |                                     |                        |                     |                    |                    |  |
|                                  | one mod.89                          | =                      | I.206               | =                  | I.206              |  |
|                                  | che mod.34                          | 9.849                  | 4.117               | 5.732              | =                  |  |
|                                  |                                     | 7.286                  | 8.803               | =                  | I.517              |  |
|                                  | atici Beretta mod.38                | 2.563                  | 452                 | 2.111              | =                  |  |
| <u>ONE DI MUNIZIONI</u>          |                                     |                        |                     |                    |                    |  |
|                                  | tazione mod.89                      | =                      | 22.758              | =                  | 22.758             |  |
|                                  | matica mod.34 (dotazione personale) | 206.829                | 42.181              | 233.591            | =                  |  |
|                                  | " " " ( " riserva)                  | 68.943                 |                     |                    |                    |  |
|                                  | d.91 ( " personale)                 | 524.592                | 570.351             | 158.249            | =                  |  |
|                                  | " ( " riserva )                     | 204.008                |                     |                    |                    |  |
|                                  | t.Beretta mod.38 ( " personale)     | 205.040                | 60.097              | 580.653            | =                  |  |
|                                  | " " " ( " riserva )                 | 435.710                |                     |                    |                    |  |
| <u>DI REPARTO</u>                |                                     |                        |                     |                    |                    |  |
|                                  | tori mod.30                         | 374                    | 570                 | =                  | 196                |  |
|                                  |                                     | 20.680                 | 2.290               | 18.390             | =                  |  |
| <u>DI MUNIZIONI</u>              |                                     |                        |                     |                    |                    |  |
|                                  | gl.Breda 30 (Dotazione d'arma)      | 187.000                | 158.660             | 186.168            | =                  |  |
|                                  | " " ( " di riserva)                 | 157.828                |                     |                    |                    |  |
| <u>OMANDO RAGG/TO BTG.MOBILI</u> |                                     |                        |                     |                    |                    |  |
|                                  | automatiche)                        | 40                     | =                   | 40                 | =                  |  |
|                                  | , cal.6,5                           | 40                     | =                   | 40                 | =                  |  |
|                                  | reda 30, cal.6,5                    | 4                      | =                   | 4                  | =                  |  |
|                                  |                                     | 100                    | =                   | 100                | =                  |  |
| <u>IZIONI</u>                    |                                     |                        |                     |                    |                    |  |
|                                  | matica mod.34 (dotaz.d'arma e       | I.120                  | =                   | I.120              | =                  |  |
|                                  | cal.6,5 riserva).....               | 4.000                  | =                   | 4.000              | =                  |  |
|                                  | gl.Breda 30, cal.6,5                | 3.688                  | =                   | 3.688              | =                  |  |

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SUBJECT: Italian Armament Industry

E 3 British Liaison Unit

Q/37/17

HQ MIA - ROME

8 DEC 45

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Further to this HQ letter Q/37/17, dated 6 Dec para 2 (i)

Att find list of complete arm available at the Soc Fabbrica Nazionale  
d'Armi BRESCIA.

CMF  
JDM/RJE

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Maj  
DAA and QMG

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341 11/12/45

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C O P YSITUAZIONE ARMI FINITE ESISTENTI IN STABILIMENTOMOSCHETTI DI NOSTRA PRODUZIONE NUOVI:

|                                                               |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| MOSCHETTI 91 T.S. Trasformati a cal 7.92                      | Qty   |
| MOSCHETTI 91 T.S. Riparti cal 7.92                            | 3.547 |
| MOSCHETTI 91 CAV. CAL 6.5                                     | 158   |
| MOSCHETTO 91 CAV. CAL 6.5 (in dotazione alle guardie interné) | 720   |
|                                                               | 3     |

ARMI ITALIANE RIPRISTINATE:

|                                  |       |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| FUCILI MOD. 91 Cal 6.5           | 4.260 |
| FUCILI MOD 91/41 CAL 6.5         | 1.128 |
| MOSCHETTI 91 T.S. CAL 6.5        | 73    |
| MOSCHETTI 91 CAV CAL 6.5         | 75    |
| MOSCHETTI MOD 91/38 CAL 6.5      | 381   |
| MOSCHETTI MOD 91/24 T.S. CAL 6.5 | 1.457 |

ARMI ITALIANE DA RIPRISTINARE:

|                               |       |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| FUCILI MOD. 91 CAL 6.5        | 1.202 |
| FUCILI MOD 91/41 CAL 6.5      | 408   |
| MOSCHETTI MOD 91 T.S. CAL     | 512   |
| MOSCHETTI MOD 91 CAV. CAL 6.5 | 598   |

ARMI FRANCESI RIPRISTINATE :

|                           |       |
|---------------------------|-------|
| FUCILI S.ETIENNE CAL.8.   | 2.390 |
| MOSCHETTI S ETIENNE CAL 8 | 1.113 |

ARMI BREDA MOD / 30 CAL 6.5. FINITE DI NS/ PRODUZIONE :

|                                       |                    |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| FUCILI MITRAGL. B.30 CAL. 6.5         | 328                |
| FUCILI MITRAGL TRASFORMATI A CAL 7.92 | 235                |
| FUCILI MITRAGL TRASF. A CAL 7.92      | 143 (in revisione) |

ARMI BREDA MOD 30 RIPRISTINATE:

|                             |    |
|-----------------------------|----|
| FUCILI MITRAGL B.30 CAL 6.5 | 26 |
|-----------------------------|----|

ARMI BREDA MOD. 30 DA RIPRISTINARE :

|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| FUCILI MITRAGL B.30 CAL 6.5 | 9 |
|-----------------------------|---|

MITRAGLIATRICI FIAT 14-5 CAL 8 RIPRISTINATE  
(complete di cavalletto)

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MOSCHETTI 91 T.S. CAL 6.5  
MOSCHETTI 91 CAV CAL 6.5  
MOSCHETTI MOD 91/38 CAL 6.5  
MOSCHETTI MOD 91/24 T.S. CAL 6.5

13  
75  
381  
1.457

ARMI ITALIANE DA RIPRISTINARE:

FUCILI MOD. 91 CAL 6.5  
FUCILI MOD 91/41 CAL 6.5  
MOSCHETTI MOD 91 T.S. CAL  
MOSCHETTI MOD 91 CAV. CAL 6.5

1.202  
408  
512  
598

ARMI FRANCESI RIPRISTINATE :

FUCILI S.ETIENNE CAL.8.  
MOSCHETTI S ETIENNE CAL 8

2.390  
1.113

ARMI BREDA MOD / 30 CAL 6.5. FINITE DI NS/ PRODUZIONE :

FUCILI MITRACL. B.30 CAL. 6.5  
FUCILI MITRACL TRASFORMATI A CAL 7.92  
FUCILI MITRACL TRASF. A CAL 7.92

328  
235  
143 (in revisione)

ARMI BREDA MOD 30 RIPRISTINATE:

FUCILI MITRACL B.30 CAL 6.5

26

ARMI BREDA MOD. 30 DA RIPRISTINARE :

FUCILI MITRACL B.30 CAL 6.5

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MITRAGLIATRICI FIAT 14-5 CAL 8 RIPRISTINATE  
(complete di cassetto)

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PISTOLE MITRAGLIATRICI F.N.A.43 CAL 9

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PISTOLE MITRAGLIATRICI F.N.A.43 CAL 9 (in dotazione alle  
guardie interne)

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FUCILI MITRAGLIATORI BERETTA Cal 9

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Subject : Handing over of Arms to the Allies.

LAND FORCES SUP COMD. A.C.  
M.H.I.A.  
R O M E  
Q. 126

8 December 45

To : 1 BU. - Turin.

Ref attached Correspondence from Ministry of War  
40816/ALC, dated 4 December 45.  
4830

As any transfer of materials from Italian Depots  
to Allied authorities should be negotiated through you,  
it is requested the matter be investigated and a report  
forwarded to this H.Q.

See 17

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A. H. HAYDEN, Major

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M.H.I.A.  
R O M E  
Q. 126

8 December 45

To : 1 BHU. - Turin.

49816/AMZ, dated 4 December 45.  
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*cc*

A.M. HEWTON, Major  
for Major General  
M.H.I.A.

JL/ml

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TRANSLATION

From : M of W

ref : 49816/4880

4 December 45

Subject : Arms handed over to Allied HQ.

We inform you that on 19th inst. in the afternoon, an MCC of the Allied HQ reported to the Arty Directorate-Torino in order to withdraw foreign arms and stores, stored at A/m Directorate.

These materials, which are shown on the attached list, have been loaded on a lorry of Alessandria Allied HQ.

Col. Campagna.

C/u

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allegato al F. 49816/4880/  
ANC

del.....

|                                                                                     |    |      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|------|
| A.T. gun with mount, German type.-<br>cannoncino anticarro con affusto tipo tedesco | N. | 2    |
| A.T. gun without wheels<br>cannoncino anticarro senza ruote                         | "  | 1    |
| German AA M.G.<br>mitragliera tedesca                                               | "  | 10   |
| Mount for German AA M.G. with shield<br>affusto per mitragliera tedesca con scudo   | "  | 10   |
| German shhel helmets<br>elmetti metallici tedeschi                                  | "  | 420  |
| Foreign rifles various<br>fucili esteri diversi                                     | "  | 1891 |
| "Ocis" MG cal 8<br>mitragliatrici automatiche "Ocis" cal.8                          | "  | 5    |
| "Ocis" autom.rifles cal.6,5<br>fucili mitragliatori "Ocis" cal.6,5                  | "  | 18   |
| British MGS<br>mitragliatrici inglesi                                               | "  | 7    |
| Trench LMGs mod 29<br>fucili mitragliatori francesi mod. 29                         | "  | 3    |
| "                                                                                   | "  | 2    |
| Foreign MGS various<br>mitragliatrici sttere diversi                                | "  | 47   |
| "BREN" LMG<br>fucile mitragliatore "Bren"                                           | "  | 73   |
| Basookas                                                                            | "  | 40   |

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|                                                                                   |   |      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|------|
| German AA M.G.<br>mitragliera tedesca                                             | " | 10   |
| Mount for German AA M.G. with shield<br>affusto per mitragliera tedesca con scudo | " | 10   |
| German shhel helmets<br>elmetti metallici tedeschi                                | " | 420  |
| Foreign rifles various<br>fucili esteri diversi                                   | " | 1891 |
| "Cois" MG cal 8<br>mitragliatrici automatiche "Cois" cal.8                        | " | 5    |
| "Cois" autom. rifles cal.6,5<br>fucili mitragliatori "Cois" cal.6,5               | " | 18   |
| British MGS<br>mitragliatrici inglesi                                             | " | 7    |
| French LMGs mod 29<br>fucili mitragliatori francesi mod. 29                       | " | 3    |
| "<br>"                                                                            | " | 2    |
| Foreign MGS, various<br>mitragliatrici ettere diverse                             | " | 47   |
| "BREN" LMG<br>fucile mitragliatore "Bren"                                         | " | 73   |
| Bazookas<br>Pugni corazzati "Bazuka"                                              | " | 40   |
| Barrels for foreign mortars<br>tubo di lancio mortari esteri                      | " | 23   |
| Foreign mortars<br>lancia bombe esteri                                            | " | 12   |

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Magazines for BREN MGs  
caricatori per mitragliatrici "Bren"

160

Sten SMG  
mitra "Sten"

16

Magazines for STEN MGs  
caricatori per mitragliatrici "Sten"

644

Magazines for Vickers MGs  
caricatori per mitragliatrici "Vickers"

Magazines for Lewis MGs  
caricatori per mitragliatrici "Lewis"

Magazines for Thompson MGs  
caricatori per mitragliatrici "Thompson"

Magazines for Hotchkiss MGs  
caricatori per mitragliatrici "Hotchkiss"

Magazines for Maxim MGs  
caricatori per mitragliatrici "Maxim"

Magazines for Colt MGs  
caricatori per mitragliatrici "Colt"

Magazines for Browning MGs  
caricatori per mitragliatrici "Browning"

Magazines for Vickers MGs  
caricatori per mitragliatrici "Vickers"

Magazines for Lewis MGs  
caricatori per mitragliatrici "Lewis"

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Subject : Handing over of Arms to the Allies.

LAND FORCES HQ, COME, A.C.  
M.M.I.A.  
R O F H  
C.126

11 December 45

To : Ministry of War.

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Ref. your 49816/AMC, dated 4 December 45.

1. The matter has been referred to Mo. 1211 at Turin who are making investigations.
2. In future, Allied authority will be obtained through MU MIA, before release of any material from Italian Depots is permitted.

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LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.  
M.M.I.A.  
R O M E  
Q.126

8 December 45

To : Ministry of War.

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*WJ*  
A.M. NEWTON, Major  
for Major General  
M.M.I.A.

JL/ml

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TRANSLATION

FROM / H.O.W.  
TO / J.W.I.A.

REF/ 51428/4969

DATED/ 7/12/45

Subject:- Materials withdrawn ~~from~~ <sup>by</sup> Allies.

The Art Directorate of VERONA have informed us that the following weapons have been withdrawn ~~from~~ <sup>by</sup> II District :-

|                  |    |      |
|------------------|----|------|
| Mausser Rifles   | No | 28   |
| Lebel "          | "  | 373  |
| Lebel " 5rd Mags | "  | 1427 |
| French " 8Rd "   | "  | 1056 |

We attach copy of receipt from 2 District.

WH/ CPL

Signed G. CAMPAGNA Col

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SUBJECT : ITALIAN Armament Industry

HQ 3 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

HQ. MIA, ROME

Q/37/17

6 Dec 45

1. Ref your Q009 dated 27 Nov 45, and your signal Q704 dated 30 Nov 45.

2. Repts of the firms

Sec Fabbrica Nazionale d'Armi, BRESCIA, and

Sec BERETTA, GARDONE

have been interviewed and the following infm regarding the production of arms has been obtained.

i) att at Appx A find copies of correspondence to Sec Fabbrica Nazionale d'Armi which gives their position as at present. List of arms in the factory will be forwarded later. - See Appx 13

ii) att at Appx B find correspondence and list of outstanding orders on the Sec BERETTA. The withdrawal of the arms released (10,000 aute carbines and 3,000 pistols) from the BERETTA factory have cleared them of all complete arms, but it is understood that they have sufficient parts to meet the outstanding orders.

3. Work at both factories is at present suspended.

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JDM/SYB

MAJ  
DAA and QMG

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10/12 R.C.

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H. L. G. J.

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Off. "A"

R. QUESTURA DI MILANO

COMANDO PROVINCIALE FORZE DI P. S.

M. di 34/20  
Rispond. al foglio  
Allegati

Milano, 16 settembre 1945

OGGETTO: Fornitura pistola mitragliatrice P.M.A. 43 cal.9

ALLA ARMIATA NAZIONALE D'ARMI  
e, P. C.

- BRESCIA

al Signor PRETTO DI  
al Signor QUESTORE DI

- MILANO  
- MILANO

A seguito del colloquio tra il Comandante del  
Vill. Urbani e l'Ing. Bresciani, ed e' stato inviato il campio  
ne della pistola mitragliatrice P.M.A. mod. 43 cal.9 che rispon  
de alle esigenze dei dipendenti della M.

Vi fissiamo la fornitura delle 110 armi gia'  
pronte di cui vi pregaro per conto di disporre per la ripresa  
al prezzo di L. 5.000.- e si rimane in attesa di conoscere il  
prezzo delle successive e la data in cui potrebbe avvenire la  
consegna.

IL COMANDANTE PROVINCIALE DI S.P.  
(Vice Questore R. de MAG.)

*Man*

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Repubblica Nazionale d'Armi

e.p.c.

al Signor PRETEPO DI  
al Signor QUESTORE DI

- BRESCIA

- MILANO

- MILANO

È seguito. In colloquio tra il Comandante del  
Vigilia Urbani e l'ing. Bresciani, ed è stato inviato il campio  
ne della pistola mitragliatrice P.M.A. Mod. 43 cal. 9 che rispon  
de alle esigenze dei dipendenti Re.M.

Vi fissiamo la fornitura delle 100 armi già  
pronte di cui vi prezziamo per conto di esporre per la ricerca  
al prezzo di L. 5.000.- e si rimane in attesa di conoscere il  
prezzo delle successive e la data in cui potrebbe avvenire la  
consegna.-

IL COMANDANTE PROVINCIALE DI S.P.  
(Vice Questore R. de M.A.F.)

*Man*

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C O P I A

S.A. FABBRICA NAZIONALE D'ARMI

B R E S C I A

ESPRESSO

Alla

R. QUESTURA DI MILANO

Comando Provinciale Forze di P.S.

M I L A N O

Brescia 22 Ottobre 1945

Prot. Nr. 25881

Oggetto: Cessione pistole

F.N.A. Mod. 43 cal. 9.

Confermando le ns. 21 e 24 settembre u.s. Nr. 85334

85375 di prot. informiamo che le prime 150 pistole mitragliatrici F.N.A. mod. 43 cal. 9 sono pronte e che per la spedizione manca soltanto il Nulla Osta del Comando Alleato. E' pertanto necessario che codesta Questura ot-  
tenga subito non solo l'autorizzazione per la spedizione delle 150 pistole pronte ma anche per le restanti 1.350 in corso di finimento.

Tale pratica è urgente poichè dall'esito della stessa  
dobbiamo regolarci per proseguire o per sospendere il lavoro.

In attesa di riscontro, ci segnaliamo con perfetta os-  
servanza.

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S.A. FABBRICA NAZIONALE D'ARMI

il Direttore Generale

Rto. Dott. Ing. G. Bresciani.

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Roma, 23 giugno 1954

*Ministero della Guerra*  
DIREZIONE GENERALE ARTIGLIERIA  
e Motorizzazione

*M*

*Divisione A.M.C. - Sec. C.S.*  
*Int. N. - Allogati*

*Proposta f. del*  
*Sec. Sec. N°*

OGGETTO: \_\_\_\_\_

RICEVUTA per una pistola mitragliatrice  
F.N.A. mod.43 cal.9 matricola 5619 -  
con un caricatore da 40 colpi vuoti.

Il Maggiore Segretario  
(FEDERICO Pasquale)

*F. Pasquale*

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C O P I A

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FABBRICA ARMI R. ESERCITO

G A R D O N E V. T.

Brescia 23 Luglio 1945

Prot.Nr.84516

Oggetto: Offerta cessione armi  
91 ripristinate.

e.n.conoscenza: AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE ARTIGLIERIA E OTORIZZAZIONE

DIV.TEC.A.C.

R O M A

Con riferimento al foglio N° 22412/5 a di prot.in data 14 corr.  
Del Ministero della Guerra diretto a cod.fabbrica facciamo seguito alle intel-  
ligenze intercorse tra il Sig.Direttore di cod.Fabbrica e il sottoscritto in  
occasione della visita del 19 corr. per presentare la ns.offerta di cessione  
delle armi 91 ripristinate giacenti presso il ns.stabilimento.

Come è stato comunicato al Ministero, le armi 91 ripristinate  
sono N°6031.=

Il ripristino di queste comprende:

Lo smontaggio dell'arma la revisione di tutte le parti deteriorate, la pulitura  
e la brunitura e il montaggio dell'arma, con annesse prove.

PREZZO DI CESSIONE: Le precedenti armi ripristinate sono state fatte al prezzo  
riconosciuto dal Comando Germanico in L.153.= come ne fa fede il foglio del  
19 settembre 1944 cui allegato in copia fotografica.

Successivamente ne abbiamo (e precisamente nel febbraio 1945)  
chiesto che in seguito agli aumenti verificatisi nel frattempo il prezzo ci ve-  
nisse riconosciuto in L.220,48 come dal calcolo preliminare allegato in copia.

Il prezzo di cui sopra riguardava soltanto la pura mano d'opera  
ra del ripristino delle armi mentre le parti sostituite venivano fatturate a  
parte.

Ciò premesso per evitare una onerosità di controllo troppo la-  
boriosa, per non dire impossibile, per le parti sostituite, proponiamo a cod.Dire-

e.n.conoscenza: AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE ARTIGLIERIA E OTTORI77A7LONE

DIV.TEC.A.C.

R O M A

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Lo smontaggio dell'arma la revisione di tutte le parti deteriorate, la pulitura  
e la brunitura e il montaggio dell'arma, con annesso prove.

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riconosciuto dal Comando Germanico in L.153.= come ne fa fede il foglio del  
19 settembre 1944 cui allegate in copia fotografica.

Successivamente però abbiamo (e precisamente nel febbraio 1945)  
chiesto che in seguito agli aumenti verificatisi nel frattempo il prezzo ci ve  
nisse riconosciuto in L.220,48 come dal calcolo prelininare allegato in copia.

Il prezzo di cui sopra riguardava soltanto la pura mano d'one  
ra del ripristino delle armi mentre le parti sostituite venivano fatturate a  
parte.

Ciò premesso per evitare una onerosità di controllo trorno la  
beriosa, per non dire impossibile, per le parti sostituite, proponiamo a cod.Dire  
zione di addivenire ad un forfait, calcolando per ogni arma, in base a quanto ri  
sulta dal fatturato ai tedeschi e che ci riserviamo di dimostrare:

|                                     |                 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| a) per il ripristino (meno d'onera) | L. 220,48       |
| b) " le parti sostituite            | " 79,52         |
| Totale                              | <u>L. 300.=</u> |

In attesa delle decisioni e di ordini da parte di cod.Fabbrica  
ci si segnano con perfetta osservanza.

Nr.2 allegati.

C O P I A

FABBRICAZIONE ARMI

B R E S C I A

Spett.

FABBRICA D'ARMI R. ESERCITO

G A R D O N E V.T.

Brescia 23 Luglio 1945  
M/ze Prot.Nr.84520  
Offerta cessione fucili  
mitra Breda Mod.30 rioristi-  
nati.

e.p.conoscenza: AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE ARTIGLERIA E MOTORIZZAZIONE

Div.Tec.A.C.

R O M A

Con riferimento al foglio Nr.22412/5 a dl prot. in data 14 corr. del Ministero della Guerra diretto a cod.fabbrica, facciamo seguito alle inteligenze intercorse fra il Direttore di cod.Fabbrica ed il sottoscritto in occasione della visita avvenuta il 19 corr.per presentare la ns.offerta di cessione dei 26 fucili mitragliatori Breda mod.30 cal.6.5 rioristinati giacenti presso il ns.stabilimento.

PREZZO DI CESSIONE: Le precedenti armi rioristinate sono state fatturate al prezzo riconosciuto dal Comando Germanico in L. 1.364,93 come ne fa fede il foglio del 19 settembre 1944 cui allegato in copia fotografica. Successivamente però e precisamente nel febbraio 1945 abbiamo chiesto che in seguito agli aumenti verificatisi nel frattempo il prezzo ci venisse modificato in L. 1965,70 come dal calcolo preliminare cui allegato in copia.

Il prezzo di cui sopra riguardava soltanto la mira meno le parti sostituite venivano fatturate a parte.

Ciò premesso per evitare un'operazione di controllo troppo laboriosa, per non dire impossibile, per le parti sostituite proponiamo a cod. Direzione di addivendere ad un forfait, calcolando per ogni arma, in base a quanto risulta fatturato ai tedeschi e che sottoporremo in visione:

a) per il rioristino ( smontaggio, revisione delle parti, sostituzione delle parti deteriorate ( escluse coste dei materiali), pulitura, brunitura, rimontag-

e.p.conoscenza: AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA  
DIREZIONE GENERALE ARTIGLERIA E MOTORIZZAZIONE  
Div.Tec.A.C.

R O M A

Con riferimento al foglio Nr.22412/5 a di prot. in data 14 corr. del Ministero della Guerra diretto a cod.fabbrica, facciam, seguito alle inteligenze intercorse fra il Direttore di cod.Fabbrica ed il sottoscritto in occasione della visita avvenuta il 19 corr.per presentare la ns.offerta di cessione dei 26 fucili mitragliatori Breda mod.30 cal.6.5 ripristinati giacenti presso il ns.stabilimento.

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Successivamente però e precisamente nel febbraio 1945) abbiamo chiesto che in seguito agli aumenti verificatisi nel frattempo il prezzo ci venisse modificato in L. 1.965,70 come dal calcolo preliminare cui allegato in copia.

Il prezzo di cui sopra riguardava soltanto la cura mano d'opera del ripristino delle armi mentre le parti sostituite venivano fatturate a parte.

Ciò premesso per evitare un'operazione di contabile troppo laboriosa, non dire impossibile, per le parti sostituite proponiamo a cod. Direzione di addivire ad un forfait, calcolando per ogni arma, in base a quanto risulta fatturato ai tedeschi e che sottoporremo in visione:

a) per il ripristino ( smontaggio, revisione delle parti, sostituzione delle parti deteriorate ( escluse costo dei materiali), militura, brunitura, rimontaggio, messa a punto ecc....." L. 1.965,70  
b) media costo delle parti sostituite....." 2.500.==

Totale L. 4.465,70

In attesa delle decisioni e di ordini da cod.Direzione, ci segnare con perfetta osservanza.

Nr.2 Allegati.

C O P I A

FABB. NAZIONALE ARMI

B R E S C I A

Spett.

F.A.R.E.

(Brescia) GARDONI V.T.

Brescia 26 luglio 1945  
Prot. Nr. 845599.

Oggetto: Armi ripristinate  
e da ripristinare.

Preghiamo cod. Direzione di voler far presente al Ministero che oltre alle armi ripristinate pronte di cui alla ns. offerta del 23 corr. mese abbiamo qui le seguenti armi:

a) - Armi smontate ma complete (già revisionate)

Moschetti mod. 9I/38 cal. 6,5      Nr.      420

"      "      9I/24 cal. 6,5 T.S.      "      2604

Totale      Nr.      3024

b) - Armi smontate con canne e parti trasformate nel cal. 7,92:

Fucili corti mod. 38 già cal. 7,35      Nr.      585

"      "      "      "      6,05      "      324

Totale      Nr.      909

Qualora il calibro 7,92 non interessasse si potranno rimontare in armi nel cal. 7,35 e 6,05 di origine con la sostituzione delle parti trasformate impiegando parti di ricambio.

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c) - Armi da ripristinare:

Fucili mod. 9I cal 6,5

"      "      9I/41      "

Nr.      1202

"      408

Preghiamo cod. Direzione di voler far presente al Ministero che oltre alle armi ripristinate pronte di cui alla ns. offerta del 23 corr. mese abbiamo qui le seguenti armi:

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|                               |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
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| " " 9I/24 cal. 6,5 T.S.       | " 2604   |
| Totale                        | Nr. 3024 |

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|                                    |         |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| Fucili certi mod. 38 già cal. 7,35 | Nr. 585 |
| " " " " 6,05                       | " 324   |
| Totale                             | Nr. 909 |

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c) - Armi da ripristinare:

|                                 |          |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| Fucili mod. 9I cal 6,5          | Nr. 1202 |
| " " 9I/4I "                     | " 408    |
| Moschetti mod. 9I T.S. cal. 6,5 | " 512    |
| Moschetti " " Cav. " "          | " 598    |
| Totale                          | Nr. 2720 |

d) - Armi Breda mod. 30 cal. 6,5 e 7,92:

|                                                   |        |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Fucili mitragl. Breda mod. 30 cal. 6,5 da montare | Nr. 9  |
| " " " " 7,92 "                                    | " 44   |
| " " " " 7,92 mancanti                             | " 5    |
| delle testate                                     | Nr. 58 |

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e) Armi francesi ripristinate collaudate e sparate.

|                          |               |                 |
|--------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Caricili S.Etienne cal.8 | Nr.           | 2440            |
| Moschetti " "            | "             | III3            |
|                          | <u>Totale</u> | <u>Nr. 3553</u> |

Ciò premesso prima di incontrare delle nuove spese, gradiremo conoscere se le dette armi potranno essere completamente ripristinate e ritirate dall'Amministrazione Militare.

In caso affermativo ci premureremo presentare un regolare preventivo per il ripristino completo delle succitate armi.

Con perfetta osservanza.

S.A. FABBRICA NAZIONALE ARMI  
Il Direttore Generale  
(Ing. G. Bresciani)  
Firma illeggibile.

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Ministero della Guerra  
DIREZIONE GENERALE ARTIGLERIA  
e MOTORIZZAZIONE

DIV. A.M.C. Sez. A

L. d. M. 22422 3339d

Miglior

OGGETTO

Fornitura armi.-

RECEVÉ

P. 3800 4 LUG 1945

LA FABBRICA NAZIONALE D'ARMI

= BRESCIA =

Risposta al Foglio del  
D. M. 3339d

In seguito ad accordi con le Autorità Alleate

si comunica quanto segue:

- 1) - Le armi ripristinate, essendo di proprietà dell'Amministrazione Militare, debbono essere tenute a disposizione di questo Ministero che provvederà al ritiro dopo aver fissato con codesta Ditta i prezzi delle riparazioni.-
- 2) - Le parti di ricambio per moschetto automatico Beretta interessano questo Ministero e saranno comunicati in seguito i quantitativi occorrenti.-
- 3) - Per le rimanenti armi sono in corso degli accertamenti da parte degli Alleati in seguito ai quali saranno prese decisioni in merito.-

P. IL MINISTRO  
(Gen. P. G. Properzi)

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P. IL MINISTRO  
(Gen. P. G. Properzj)

*W. Properzj*

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|---------------------|
| F.N.A. Ufficio..... |
| 12-11-43            |
| PROT. N. 85413      |
| Risposto.....       |

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C O P I A  
PUBBLICA ARMI TUGLO ESTADIVO  
C A T D O H E T .

Alle  
SOG. AN. PUBBLICA NAZIONALE D'ARMI  
B R E S C I A  
Gardane V.T. 11/45.  
Prot. Nr. 7000.  
Agente contratto per rivis  
tino di armi.

Il Ministero della Guerra, con dismissione No 41633/11/5a/  
737 del 5 corr. a. ha dato il benestare per affidare a codesta ditta il rivis  
tino delle sottostante armi, già delle Forze Armate Germaniche, al prezzo ed  
ognuno indicato.

Quanto prima sarà inviata a codesta ditta il relativo  
contratto.

Rivistino di 185031 meschetti mod. 01 al prezzo di L. 300.  
ced. Rivistino di No 26 fucili mitragliatori Broda mod. 00 cal. 6,5 al prezzo  
L. 3.300. = cad.

Si prega di voler dare un cenno di conferma per le condi  
zioni sopra riportate.

Il Direttore  
(M. Col. Luigi Martorelli)  
Vice il Legale

Off. A.

MEMORIALE

Al 25 aprile 1945 la P.N.A. aveva in produzione il seguente materiale di ordigno:

- 1°) Mitragliatrici Breda 30 cal. 6,5 e 7,92
- 2°) Moschetti Mod. 91 Cav. e T.S.
- 3°) Pistole mitragliatrici F.N.A. Mod. 43 cal. 9
- 4°) Parti ricambio per moschetto mitragliatore Beretta (canna, otturatori completi, calci, blocchi di scatto).
- 5°) Canna per pistola Beretta cal. 7,65
- 6°) Rincarazione di circa 9.000 moschetti di vario tipo
- 7°) Rincarazione di 26 Fucili mitragliatori Breda 30.

Una esatta situazione di tutte le armi finite, in corso di montaggio o di lavorazione furono regolarmente e immediatamente denunciate all'A.M.G. di Brescia, non appena si costituì o distribuirà i materiali soliti da riempire.

Nella presentazione fu fatto presente all'allora capo dell'Ufficio Industria Cap. Pengilly il forte quantitativo **755** ai giacenti presso di noi e l'opportunità di trasportarli altrove o di custodirli sotto scorta armata.

In successivo colloquio col citato capitano fu mostrata all'Ing. Bresciani una lettera diretta al Comandante V° Armata in cui si esprimeva tale richiesta e si chiedevano istruzioni. Da allora nulla è avvenuto a modificare la situazione.

- 4°) Parti ricambio per moschetto mitragliatore Beretta (canna, otturatori completi, calci, blocchi di scatto).
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- 7°) Riparazione di 26 Fucili mitragliatori Fucina 30.

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nomenza all'A.M.C. di Brescia, non poteva si costituire e distribuirle i for-  
mulari soliti da riempire.

Nella presentazione fu fatto presente all'allora capo  
dell'Ufficio Industria Cap. Pengilly il forte quantitativo **755**  
di armi consegnate di trasportarle altrove e di custodirle  
presso la nostra armata.

In successivo colloquio col citato capitano fu mostrata  
all'ing. Bresciani una lettera diretta al Comandante V° Armata in cui si sa-  
peva che tale arma era e si chiedeva istruzioni. Da allora nulla si avven-  
to a modificare la situazione.

Tutte le armi consegnate alla nostra armata sono state tolte dai reparti e consegnate, per  
quanto riguarda armi finite, al IV° R.M.C.A.M. del R. Esercito che le ha  
prese in consegna e sono tuttora custodite presso di noi.

Sono rientrati in produzione i seguenti materiali:

- 1o) Pistole mitragliatrici P.M.A. Mod. 43 cal. 9.
- 2o) Riparazione fucili GI di vario tipo
- 3o) Riparazione di 26 fucili mitragliatori Broda Mod. 30

#### 1o) Pistole mitragliatrici P.M.A. Mod. 43

Il Comando Provinciale di P.S. di Milano con lettera 36/20 del 16.9.45 ci ha concesso 150 pistole mitragliatrici e di 6 riservate la produzione complessiva 1.500 che erano in produzione in aprile (vedi allegato Nr. 1)

Come si vede dalla corrispondenza intercorsa con tale Comando, la P.M.A. si è fatta premura di richiedere il Nulla Osta degli Alleati, avvertendo che altrimenti non avrebbe conseguito la armi (Vedi allegato Nr. 2) Per misura prudenziale le armi finite non vengono inviate allo spedite, ma consegnate subito alla Direzione, che le custodisce in speciali casse, da locale appositamente chiuso a chiave.

Da quando tale arma è rientrata in produzione sono stati consegnati, esclusivamente della Direzione:

- a) un esemplare al Ministero dell'Interno con cui furono in corso trattative rimaste in sospeso; di tale provvedimento regolare ricevuta (Vedi allegato Nr. 3)

- b) un esemplare al Comando P.S. di Milano che ne aveva richiesto nella sua lettera di cui all'allegato I.

- c) un esemplare alla P. Questura di Brescia che avrà pure nei suoi atti relative per l'acquisto.

I tre esemplari possono essere reintrodotti immediatamente.

IL Comando Provinciale di P.S. di Milano con lettera 36/20 del 16.9.45 ci ha commesso 150 pistole mitragliatrici e si è riservata la produzione dalla complessive 1.500 che erano in produzione in aprile (vedi allegato Nr. 1)

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Da quando tale arma è rientrata in produzione sono stati consegnati, esclusivamente della Direzione:

- a) un esemplare al Ministero dell'Interno con cui furono in corso trattative rimaste in sospeso; di tale arma abbiamo regolare ricevuta (Vedi allegato Nr. 3)
- b) un esemplare al Comando P.S. di Milano che ne accusa ricevuta nella sua lettera di cui all'allegato I.
- c) un esemplare alla P. Questura di Brescia che avrà cura dei trattative per l'acquisto.

I tre esemplari possono essere rintracciati immediatamente.

Interessare trattative non concluse fino ad ora col Ministero dell'Interno, con il Comando Generale Arma R.R.CC. tramite il ns. Ufficio di Roma.

# FABBRICA NAZIONALE D'ARMI - BRESCIA

SOCIETA' ANONIMA

CAPITALE L. 7.000.000

Foglio N. 1

Seguito lettera del

Esiste tutta una documentazione, che mi non espositano, ma ogni chiarimento può essere chiesto al ns. rappresentante di Roma, Col. Dott. Ing. Ciovanini De Luca - Lungo Tevere Arnaldo de Trossia. 15 - Roma --  
Nessuna altra arma è uscita dalla Fabbrica, per tanto nessun arma la Direzione che controlla in modo particolare tale movimento.

Oggi sono pronti Nr. 252 armi e Nr. 153 sono in via di finimento.

## 2- MOSEVITI 91 riparati

Sono in corso da più mesi trattative con Roma Garriartigliaria tramite Fabbrica d'Armi R. Esordito Roma per il ritiro di armi riparatissime (Vedi allegati 4 - 5 - 6 - 7 - 8)  
La Fabbrica d'Armi R. Esordito di Roma ha esaminato anche tutti i presidi e il IV Ufficio Tecnico Controllo Armi e Munizioni sta assegnando i collaudi. Nessuna arma è ancora uscita dallo stabilimento.

## 3- Puelli mitragliatori Breda Mod. 30 riparati (26 armi)

Vale quanto detto sopra per i moschetti.

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Nelle visite fatteci il 10 e l'11 ottobre dal Gen. Elliot dell'A.M.G. di Milano fu chiesto se si dovevano sospendere queste lavorazioni. Ma egli rispose di no.

In quella del giorno 11 l'Ing. Bresciani ripeté la richiesta che tutto lo stabilimento venga ritirato dall'autorità alleate perché il servizio di sicurezza intorno dello stabilimento, potrebbe anche in certe condizioni non essere in grado di far fronte alla difesa di questo materiale.

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Oggi sono pronte Nr. 252 armi e Nr. 139 sono in via di completamento.

2- MOSCHETTINI 91 riparati

Sono in corso da più mesi trattative con Roma. Quarantidollaria tramite Fabbrica d'Armi R. Esercito Roma per il ritiro di armi riparatissime (Vedi elenchi 4 - 5 - 6 - 7 - 8) la Fabbrica d'Armi R. Esercito di Roma ha esaminate anche tutti i prezzi e il IV Ufficio Tecnico Centrale Armi e Munizioni sta eseguendo i collaudi. Nessuna arma è ancora uscita dallo stabilimento.

3- Piccoli mitragliatori Breda Mod. 30 riparati (26 armi)

Vale quanto detto sopra per i moschetti.

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Nella visita fatta il 10 e l'11 ottobre del Gen. Elliot dell'A.M.C. di Milano fu chiesto se si dovevano sospendere queste lavorazioni. Ma egli rispose di no.

In quella del giorno 11 l'ing. Brasca mi ripeté la richiesta che tutte le armi esistenti vengono ritirate dall'Autorità Alleata perché il servizio di sicurezza intorno dello stabilimento, potrebbe essere in certe condizioni non essere in grado di far fronte alla difesa di questo materiale.

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Si richiede una sollecita risposta al quesito se la lavorazione della pistola mitragliatrice F.M.A. Mod. 45 debba o no continuare, perché ad essa lavorano 60 ÷ 70 operai ed è più che urgente realizzare il lavoro eseguito perché la Ditta non sa più come far fronte alle spese di gestione.

# FABBRICA NAZIONALE D'ARMI - BRESCIA

SOCIETA' ANONIMA

CAPITALE L. 7.000.000

Foglio N. 1

Seguito lettera del

Desidera anche, qualora tale produzione non debba più continuare, sotterla al più presto e dedicarsi interamente alla produzione di pace, anche con questi operai.

Attualmente sono in forza 950 operai, che esclusi i 60 e 70 citati, lavorano interamente a produrre fucili da caccia e sport, cicli e parti di essi, attrezzature per la produzione di pace, trattori agricoli e piccoli motori e tutto quanto ha riferimento al previsto programma di produzione pacifica.

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APPENDIX B to 5. MJJ letter Q/37/17  
dated 6 Dec 45

PRIMA FABBRICA ITALIANA D'ARMI  
PITRO BERTTA  
GARDONE VT

TO : AMG BRESCIA

3 Dec 45

MANUFACTURING OF FIREARMS

We acknowledge receipt of your favour of the 1st Dec 45, and give assurance to have stopped whatsoever manufacturing of firearms, with exclusion of sporting guns.

In order to be able to keep our workers occupied, we have previously continued the finishing and the assembling of the defence pistols cal 7.65 and 6.35.

As we have received various authorisations, regularised by the Regional AMG concerning the consignments of pistols to the Questura, Police Organisations, Agents guarding the Banks etc, we do not understand why such a production, easily controllable, has to be suspended.

Since the defence pistols are certainly not to be included among war weapons and considering the necessity, as already mentioned, to provide these arms to the Police Forces regularly controlled by the Military Authorities, we beg to be authorised to continue, at least for the moment, in the manufacturing of such items, in attendance of further elucidations. In the contrary, besides the 300 workers suspended for lack of work, we would be compelled to require the permission for the dismissing of further 140 workers.

We trust in your favourable concerning and, thanking you in advance, beg to remain.

faithfully yours.

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|         |            |   |       |
|---------|------------|---|-------|
| Pistols | ( 9 mm)    | - | 10045 |
| "       | ( 7,69 mm) | - | 2250  |
| "       | ( 7,65 mm) | - | 98    |
| "       | ( 6,35 mm) | - | 58    |

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Total 12451

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| PROVINCE                 | PISTOLS          | AMM               |
|--------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| <u>MILAN</u>             |                  |                   |
| Carabinieri              | 4,000 { 9 mm }   | 126,000           |
| Finance Guards           | 1,752 { " }      | 90,000            |
| Questura                 | 2,007 { " }      | 40,000            |
| Vigili Urbani Milan City | 1,500 { 7.69mm } | 50,000            |
| Davieri                  | 750 { " }        | 24                |
| Cedegno                  | 4                | 140               |
| Legnano                  | 20               | 600               |
| Lodi                     | 8 { 6.35 }       | 560               |
| Seate S. Giovanni        | 18 { 7.65 }      | 100               |
| Manza                    | 18 { " }         |                   |
| <u>VARESE</u>            |                  |                   |
| Questura                 | 652              | 15,000            |
| Vivili Urbani            | 25               | 500 { 9 mm }      |
|                          |                  | 500 { 7.65 mm }   |
|                          |                  | 1,500 { 6.35 mm } |
| <u>COMO</u>              |                  |                   |
| Questura                 | NIL              | NIL               |
| Vigili Urbani            | 50 { 9 mm }      | 1,500             |
| <u>BERGAMO</u>           |                  |                   |
| Questura                 | 409              | 1,250             |
| Vigili Urbani            | 50 { 6.35 }      | 450               |
| Carper Forestale         | 12               | 150               |
| <u>SONDRIO</u>           |                  |                   |
| Questura                 | 132 { 9 mm }     | 2,520 { 9 mm }    |
| Vigili Urbani            | 5                | 500 { 6.35 mm }   |
|                          |                  | 100 { 6.35 mm }   |
| <u>BRESCIA</u>           |                  |                   |
| Questura                 | 179 { 9 mm }     | 20,000            |
| Vigili Urbani            | 62 { 7.65 }      | 2,000             |
| <u>MANTOVA</u>           |                  |                   |
| Questura                 | 90               | 4,520             |
| Vigili Urbani            | NIL              | NIL               |
| <u>CREMONA</u>           |                  |                   |
| Questura                 | 130 { 9 mm }     | 2,500             |
| Vigili Urbani            | 60 { 9 mm }      | 1,680             |
| Cremona                  | 4                | 48                |
| Crona                    | 2                | 48                |
| Casalmaggiore            |                  |                   |

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|                   |            |                 |
|-------------------|------------|-----------------|
| Legnano           | 18 (7.65)  | 100             |
| Lodi              | 18         |                 |
| Seate S. Giovanni |            |                 |
| Manza             |            |                 |
| <u>VARESE</u>     | 652        | 15,000          |
| Questura          | 25         | 500 (9 mm)      |
| Vivili Urbani     |            | 500 (7.65 mm)   |
|                   |            | 1,500 (6.35 mm) |
| <u>COMO</u>       | NIL        | NIL             |
| Questura          | 50 (9 mm)  | 1,500           |
| Vigili Urbani     |            |                 |
| <u>BERGAMO</u>    | 409        | 1,250           |
| Questura          | 50 (6.35)  | 450             |
| Vigili Urbani     | 12         | 150             |
| Cerper Palestale  |            |                 |
| <u>SONDRIO</u>    | 132 (9 mm) | 2,520 (9 mm)    |
| Questura          | 5          | 500 (6.35 mm)   |
|                   |            | 100 (6.35 mm)   |
| Vigili Urbani     |            | 20,000          |
| <u>BRESCIA</u>    | 179 (9 mm) | 2,000           |
| Questura          | 62 (7.65)  |                 |
| Vigili Urbani     |            |                 |
| <u>MANTOVA</u>    | 90         | 4,520           |
| Questura          | NIL        | NIL             |
| Vigili Urbani     |            |                 |
| <u>CREMONA</u>    | 130 (9 mm) | 2,500           |
| Questura          |            | 1,680           |
| Vigili Urbani     | 60 (9 mm)  | 48              |
| Cremona           | 4          | 48              |
| Crema             | 2          |                 |
| Casalmaggiore     |            |                 |
| <u>PAVIA</u>      | 470        | 6,580           |
| Questura          | 42         | 212             |
| Vigili Urbani     |            |                 |

Above list for checking purposes only

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TRANSLATION

From: M.O.W.  
To: M.M.I.A.

Ref: 5007 4905  
Dtd: 5/12/45

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Subj: Materials withdrawn by Allies.

The following materials were withdrawn from the Detached Art Sec of Alessandria by Allied Officers on the 15th of Nov:-

|              |                  |                  |     |
|--------------|------------------|------------------|-----|
| Rifles       | German           | Cal 7,9          | 26  |
| "            | French           | Automatic        | 1   |
| "            | Steyer           | Mod 95           | 3   |
| "            | Budapest         | Mod 95           | 2   |
| "            | French S Etienne | Cal 8            | 6   |
| "            | French           | Cal 8            | 1   |
| M.G. Heavy   | Hotchkiss        | Cal 8            | 1   |
| Rifles       | Aut              | French Mod 24/29 | 2   |
| Mortar       | German           | 81 mm            | 3   |
| Mounting for | 81 mm            | Mortar           | 1   |
| Base Plate   | "                | "                | 1   |
| Barrels for  | M.G.'s           | various          | 6   |
| Revolvers    | Various          |                  |     |
|              |                  |                  | 776 |

Signed G. Campagna Col

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from: M of W  
to: MMIA

Translation

ref. 49816/4880  
4 December 1945

Subject: Arms handed over to Allied HQ

We inform you that on 19th inst. in the afternoon, an NCO of the Allied HQ reported to the Arty Directorate-Torino in order to withdraw foreign arms and spares, stored at a/m Directorate.

These materials, which are shown on the attached list, have been loaded on a lorry of Alessandria Allied HQ.

Col. Campagna.

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|                                                 |    |      |
|-------------------------------------------------|----|------|
| <i>A.T. gun with mounted German type.</i>       | n. | 2    |
| - cannoncino anticarro con affusto tipo tedesco | "  | 1    |
| <i>A.T. gun with mounted German type.</i>       | "  | 10   |
| - cannoncino anticarro senza ruote              | "  | 10   |
| <i>German AA MG.</i>                            | "  | 420  |
| - mitragliera tedesca                           | "  | 1891 |
| <i>German AA MG.</i>                            | "  | 5    |
| - affusto per mitragliera tedesca con scudo     | "  | 18   |
| <i>German AA MG.</i>                            | "  | 7    |
| - elmetti metallici tedeschi                    | "  | 3    |
| <i>German AA MG.</i>                            | "  | 2    |
| - fucili esteri diversi                         | "  | 47   |
| <i>German AA MG.</i>                            | "  | 73   |
| - mitragliatrici automatiche "Ocis" cal. 9      | "  | 40   |
| <i>German AA MG.</i>                            | "  | 23   |
| - fucili mitragliatori "Ocis" cal. 6,5          | "  | 12   |
| <i>German AA MG.</i>                            | "  | 160  |
| - mitragliatrici inglesi                        | "  | 16   |
| <i>German AA MG.</i>                            | "  | 644  |
| - fucili mitragliatori francesi mod. 29         | "  | 746  |
| <i>German AA MG.</i>                            | "  |      |
| - " " " mod. 15                                 | "  |      |
| <i>German AA MG.</i>                            | "  |      |
| - mitragliatrici estere diverse                 | "  |      |
| <i>German AA MG.</i>                            | "  |      |
| - fucile mitragliatore "Bren"                   | "  |      |
| <i>German AA MG.</i>                            | "  |      |
| - pugnali corazzati "Bazuca"                    | "  |      |
| <i>German AA MG.</i>                            | "  |      |
| - tubo di lancio mortai esteri                  | "  |      |
| <i>German AA MG.</i>                            | "  |      |
| - lancia bombe esteri                           | "  |      |
| <i>German AA MG.</i>                            | "  |      |
| - mitragliatrici per mitragliatrici "Bren"      | "  |      |
| <i>German AA MG.</i>                            | "  |      |
| - mitra "Sten"                                  | "  |      |
| <i>German AA MG.</i>                            | "  |      |
| - caricatori per mitragliatrici "Sten"          | "  |      |

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Subject: Italian Arms

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ITALY FORWARDED SUB. DOW. A.S.  
P.O. Box  
E.O. 12356  
9/100

1 December 1950

To: Ministry of War

There is a small quantity of Italian pistols held  
within ARCA Camp, Camp.

Please send a representative of your Ministry to  
inspect these weapons with a view to acquiring any serviceable  
ones.

This letter will introduce your representative to  
ARCA Camp.

A. J. HARTON, Major  
For Major General  
A.S.

Copy: ARCA, Camp.

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAHD  
ORDNANCE (BRITISH)

Q. (6)

Subject: Returned Arms.

Ref.: OS/600/26  
Tel.: Rome 66588  
Date: 29 Nov. '45

To : D.A.D.O.S.  
Land Forces Sub Commission (ALFA)  
HQ. Allied Commission ✓

1. A small quantity of pistols of various Italian makes are held in ADOS Dump, Rome.
2. Will you please arrange for a representative to examine the above and collect such as may be required.

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R.P.



*Washington*  
Capt.  
for Lt.Col.  
A.D.O.S.

Q. 126

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SUBJECT: Arms and Ammunition

London Press Sub-Commission A.C.,  
M.M.I.A.  
R O M E  
✓ 4.126

26 November 1945

TO : Ministry of War  
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Minutes of meeting held at HQ M.M.I.A. on Friday 23 Nov 45.

Present:

Lt. Col. Curtiss  
Major Newton  
Major Airey  
Major Incecock  
Lt. Col. Olivetti  
Major Sergio  
Major Facolo  
Major Vermizio

AGM, M.M.I.A.  
IN-MSG (1), M.M.I.A.  
ADOS, M.M.I.A.  
"Q" M.M.I.A. (82)  
SERIE 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 Italian 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 Italian Army, as well as stocks at present under control of the War Ministry. 43

4. While detailed adjustments to the present CC.RR. organisation will undoubtedly follow the examination of existing establishments 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 requirements, the War Ministry desire to manufacture, in Italy,

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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. (G) 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. 4.3

4. While detailed adjustments to the present CC.RR organisation will undoubtedly follow the examination of existing establishments 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. It, 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 24 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.

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

Copy to:- Pub. Inf. Sub-Comm,  
Internal: "G", GMB,  
HARR, S & T

SEE 5-0009  
SEE 19-0130

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| UNIT         |        |   |   |   |   |            |   |  |
|--------------|--------|---|---|---|---|------------|---|--|
| STRENGTH     |        |   |   |   |   |            |   |  |
|              | ARMS X |   |   |   |   | AMMUNITION |   |  |
|              | T      | Y | P | B | S | T          | Y |  |
| ENTITLEMENT  |        |   |   |   |   |            |   |  |
| HOLDINGS     |        |   |   |   |   |            |   |  |
| DEFICIENCIES |        |   |   |   |   |            |   |  |

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

OS.RR.

ARMY

Ser. No.

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 (Casano)  
5 Service Troops not include

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

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Appendix "A"

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| ARMS X |   |   |   | AMMUNITION 1 |   |   |   |   |
|--------|---|---|---|--------------|---|---|---|---|
| Y      | P | E | S | T            | Y | P | E | S |
|        |   |   |   |              |   |   |   |   |
|        |   |   |   |              |   |   |   |   |
|        |   |   |   |              |   |   |   |   |
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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.

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STOCKS OF ALL ARMS & CORRESPONDANT MUNITION UNDER CONTROL OF ITALIAN WAR  
MINISTRY AS AT 15 AUGUST 45. QUANTITIES SHOWN MAY BE CONSIDERED AS MINIMUM  
AVAILABILITY. APPX "A" TO MMIA LETTER

|    | CALIBER | TYPE                         | QUANTITY | AMMUNITION |
|----|---------|------------------------------|----------|------------|
| 1  | 9 mm    | Pistols, Beretta, mod. 34    | 5,000    | 330,000    |
| 2  | 6.5 mm  | Rifles, mod. 91              | 35,000   |            |
| 3  | 6.5 mm  | Rifles, mod. 53              | 25,000   | 27,600,000 |
| 4  | 6.5 mm  | Rifles, mod. 41              | 30,000   |            |
| 5  | 6.5 mm  | Carbines, mod. 91            | 10,000   |            |
| 6  | 6.5 mm  | Carbines, mod. 38            | 10,000   |            |
| 7  | 7.35 mm | Rifles, mod. 38              | 10,000   | 25,500,000 |
| 8  | 7.35 mm | Carbines, mod. 38            | 3,000    |            |
| 9  | 9 mm    | Carbines, Automatic, Beretta | 250      | 6,000,000  |
| 10 | 6.5 mm  | LMG, Breda 30                | 450      | 25,000,000 |
| 11 | 8 mm    | MG, Breda 37                 | 3,000    | 50,000,000 |
| 12 | 8 mm    | MG, Fiat 35                  | 350      |            |
| 13 | 8 mm    | MG, S. Etienne               | 300      | 6,000,000  |
| 14 | 6.5 mm  | LMG, SIA Leggs.              | 350      | See # 10   |
| 15 | 45      | Mortars                      | 1,000    | 750,000    |
| 16 | 81      | Mortars                      | 400      | 200,000    |

N.B. Not included are quantities in distribution to units; quantities at present  
classified inefficient, quantities realizable from marrying up components and  
quantities of ammunition in North Italy under Allied control.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT

GR/08

Tel. 478509

19 November 1945

Ref. AG/5622/IND

SUBJECT : Request for allocation of  
automatic guns to the R.  
Guard of Finance.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission. ✓

Attached translation of letter No.00/6687  
dated 8 Nov. 45 from the State Monopoly, by which the  
allocation of automatic guns to the R. Guard of Finance  
is requested, is forwarded to you for consideration and  
any action you consider necessary.

Incl.:

Translation as per  
para 1 above.

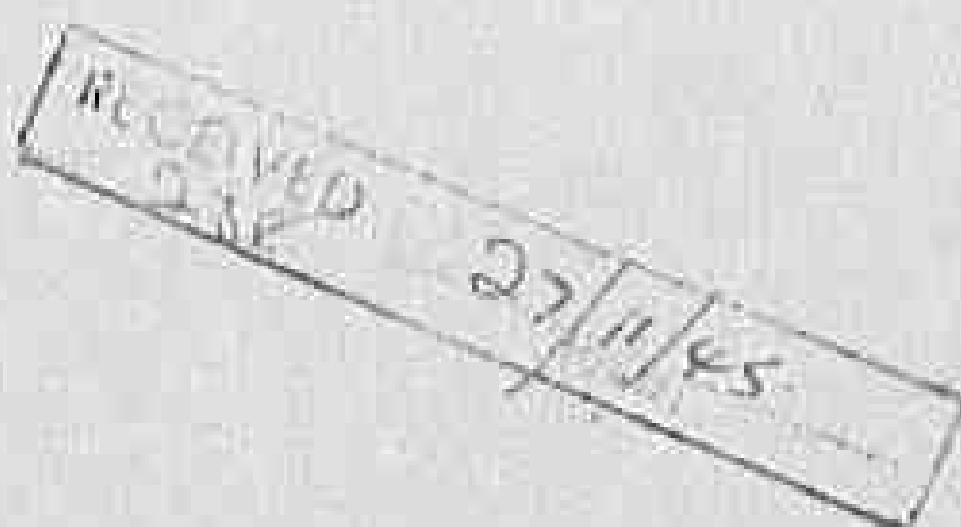
CHARLES FEWINGS  
Major, RASC  
Chief,

Industry Department.

Copy to:

Dir. Gen. Monopoli di Stato  
Economic Section.

See 8740



TRANSLATION

AMMINISTRAZIONE DEI  
MONOPOLI DI STATO

8 November 1945

Ref. 006687

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED COMMISSION AFO 394  
(Attn.: Mr. Richter)  
R O M E

SUBJECT : Request for automatic guns by  
R. Guardia di Finanza.

The General Command of the R. Guard of Finance, made a request, long since, to the Land Forces Sub-Commission M.M.I.A. for the allocation of automatic guns. In fact it is necessary that the "Guard of Finance" owing to be able to impose their authority by weapons' prestige, since their particular duties they are always in contact with elements of doubtful morality, dealing with smuggle and black market.

It is therefore important that, where necessary, they can depend themselves against aggressions or criminal reactions.

People engaged in fraudulent business are, generally, armed and do not hesitate to make violence in order to do their business successfully. For an unarmed guard to offer resistance to these desperate people, means to expose themselves to danger, and they are condemned to failure, even before starting.

When actions on large scale are in question in order to overthrow sources of clandestine production, arms are the only means to impose respect assuring success to the enterprise.

Therefore we beg your S/C to take into consideration the serious situation of the "Guards of Finance" who actually are in the impossibility to defend the interests of the State Treasury, granting them the guns, necessary for the regular fulfillment of their duties in order to give fiscal protection to the Monopolies.

COPY INCOMING SIGNAL.

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

DATE/TIME  
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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(.)

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(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 SOURCES(.)

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(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 AMHQ LETTER G-5 000.5 OF 07 NOVEMBER ALSO REFER(.)

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Subject: Arms of Italian origin

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

8 Nov 45

1. In order to ascertain the availability of arms of Italian manufacture, it is requested that this Headquarters be advised as early as possible of all types of arms at present held in MMIA stocks.
2. This return should be compiled as follows:-

Nomenclature.

Quantity.

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*A. McLachlan Capt.*

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*Letter to Mr. J. H. J.*

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