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Q130 Arms + Ammo CCRB 1st Jacket

Oct. 1945 - July 1946

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TRANSLATION

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FROM : Ministry of War

Ref : 46050/10217

TO : M.M.I.A.

Date : 10 July 1946

SUBJECT : Beretta arm manufacture

REFERENCE YOUR 6/009 dated 2 May 46.

To this day the Beretta Arm manufacture has allotted 2,000 Beretta automatic rifles which have been released to CC.BR.

948 Q130

For the Minister Frig.U. 11330

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TRANSLATION

FROM : MINISTRY OF WAR

REF : 33297/7347

TO : MMIA
COPY TO : Cabinet
Head of Staff
Serv. Office

DATE : 18 May 1946

SUBJECT : Ammo for CCRR.

Ref. your Q.130 dated 10 May 1946.

The allocation to CCRR of 264,000 cartridges cal.9. for Beretta pistol mod.34, has been ordered by this Ministry with cable no.33521/7903 of 17th,inst., addressed to Artillery Direction of Piacenza.

for the Minister
sgd. P.G.Properzj

TO	
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Q.1	
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CCRR	108

Q.130
947 21/5/46

Subject : Ammunition for CC.RR Bns.

9 British Liaison Unit,
BARI.

64/53

16 May 46.

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

Ref your signal Q 937 of 15 May 46.

1. Delay in forwarding this ammunition has been caused through the non-availability of 37 mm, in the first instance because it had not been inspected, and now because GHQ has issued a release order for this type of ammunition for British Forces.
2. Owing to 501 E.A.D. not being able to meet both demands, a reply is awaited from GHQ as to whether the British Forces of the CC.RR bns are to have priority.
3. Owing to the time factor, it has been found impracticable to suspend further the issue of .30 ammunition, and issues of this calibre only will commence w.e.f. 17 May 46.
4. Ammunition for the CC.RR bns at ROME, NAPLES and MILAN, and for the Central Training School at CESANO, will be transported by road in the lorries of the MANTOVA Division who were awaiting the collection of the large consignment of ammunition for the Italian Armed Forces and which is now temporarily not available (our 64/50 of 14 May 46 refers). The estimated date of departure of this convoy is 18 May 46.
5. Ammunition for the CC.RR bn, PALERMO, will be forwarded immediately railway space is available.

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5. Ammunition for the CC.RR bn, PALERMO, will be forwarded immediately railway space is available.

6. Rail bids to convey the 37 mm ammunition will be submitted when the quantity available for the CC.RR bn is made known by GHQ.

To		By
A/G		✓
C		✓
CC.RR		✓
GHQ		✓
ROME		✓

JEA/OTF

(J.S. Ayward) Major.
DAN & QMG.

A Q130

18 MAY 1946

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FORWARDED TO SIGNAL Q/CS/490 ON 29 APR PLEASE REPORT SOONEST
LATENT POSITION REGARDING ISSUE OF AISC REFERRED TO MOBILE
COMBAT HHS.

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Q/D
CC RR

R.F. BYATT, Major

SUBJECT :- Pistol Ammunition for the CC, RR.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.,
M.I.I.A.
R.O.M.E.
Q.430

10 May 1946.

TO : Ministry of War.

1. From stock states shown to Capt. Ward of this Headquarters by Dott. A. Verdazio, General Artillery Directorate, on 10 May 1946 it appears that 296,674 rounds of 9mm. mod. 34 pistol's ammunition exist in the Artillery Directorate of Piacenza.

2. In as much as the Carabinieri are considerably below their authorized holdings in this type of ammunition, and in as much as the manufacture of new ammunition may not for yet some time furnish the quantities necessary to bring the Carabinieri up to scale, this Headquarters strongly recommends that 250,000 rounds of 9mm. pistol ammunition be assigned immediately to the Carabinieri from the stock in Piacenza.

3. GWC., CC, RR., is being advised to contact you immediately to arrange details of distribution.

4. Confirmation is requested that there are no difficulties preventing such assignment.

[Signature]
JOHN J. WARD, Capt.
for Major General
M.I.I.A.

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Copy to : CC, RR, Branch (Yr. 0/3/1 of 2 May)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel: 489081-365

AC/I4601/II/PS

9 May 1946

SUBJECT : Ammunition for CC.RR.

TO : Land Forces S/C (M.M.I.A.)

1. Reference is made to your Q.130 dated 7 May 1946.
2. There is no objection to the manufacture of 6,000,000 rounds of 6,5mm canister shot cartridges for CC.RR.

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See 447
See 631 a
9009
E. J. BYE, Colonel
Acting Director.

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A Q.130

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SUBJECT: Ammunition for the C.S.B.

Headquarters Sub-Commission A.C.,
U.S.A.
R.O.S.
2,120 7 May 46.

See 69

TO: A.C. (for Mobile Safety Sub-Commission).
C (S),

9007

1. This branch has been approached by the Italian Ministry of War for permission to manufacture quantity 5,000,000 rounds of calibre 6.5mm caliber shot cartridges.
2. Attached as Appendix "A" is a specification and explanation of the cartridges.
3. The carabinieri are shot weapons to retain the caliber shot cartridges. At present they use it throughout the regions and Mobile Wm. for the 1891 model. They use three cartridges in each clip of six, placed alternately. The carabinieri consider the caliber shot most effective at short ranges and nearly as good as the automatic rifle. It is especially useful when attacking armed bands at night. They consider it more effective than ordinary ammunition for short range work.
4. The C.S.B. branch at this H.Q. has recommended manufacture.
5. The ammunition could be manufactured at 4006 Pine Section, DALLA under the control of the Italian War Ministry.
6. Say your agreement or consent to this proposal 942 forwarded as soon as possible.

J.H.B.
Major, Denico,
for Major General
U.S.A.

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260 Fragmentation cartridge.

Is formed with:

- 1) An ordinary cartridge case for the weapon nos. 31 ;
- 2) An injector for the cartridge nos. 31 ;
- 3) A bullet consisting of a cylindrical brass case, closed at one side and having three longitudinal cuttings going from the closed part to 4 mm. before the opened one ;

It is loaded with 10 charges of lead ore in such shape that each ^{two} of them put together with their flat parts form a cylinder. Over them an ordinary bullet nose is pressed, this being taken from old bullets spoiled during preparation.

- 4) A charge of "salicite" is fixed on by a cotton washer.

When fired, the washer breaks inside the bore and let all charges free; these are thrown at a short distance (not more than 50 metres). Therefore, the above cartridge is used on guard or P.M. action.

SUBJECT: Ammunition for Carabinieri.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION. 10.
INIA ROME

2/3/4.

7 MAY 46.

TO: ROME.

1. The Carabinieri report that their stock of ammunition for REPETTA Model. 34 Cal. 9 mm automatic pistols is getting dangerously low.
2. In MARCH 1946 the Carabinieri had 435,722 rounds of 9 mm pistol ammunition, whereas they required, 1,778,140 rounds to supply each man with the following scale:-

Personnel:	21 rounds per pistol.
Reserve:	7 " " "
3. Since that date the position has got steadily worse owing to the non-arrival of adequate quantities of new ammunition, although authority was granted to the Italian War Ministry to manufacture 8,000,000 rounds of 9 mm pistol ammunition (Authority GHQ BSO/61/3 dated 23 JAN 46).
4. It is understood that the ammunition is being manufactured at CAPUA and that difficulties are being experienced with the workers at the factory who are adopting a "go slow" policy.
5. Could this shortage of 9 mm pistol ammunition please be brought to the notice of the War Ministry and every effort made to expedite delivery to the Carabinieri?

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Handwritten: JFW 9 May 46

H. MICHAEL, Lt. Col.
GSO I. CC. HQ. Section
M. M. II. A.

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2 MAY 1946

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Subject: Beretta Arms Factory Control

HQ 3 British Liaison Unit
Tel: 152965 (Ext 25)
Q/37/17
29 Apr 46

HQ MCIA

Ref your Q 130 dated 8 Mar 46.

Report of situation regarding the Beretta Arms Factory as at
29 Apr. Nothing further to add to previous report under ref Q/37/17
dated 24 Apr.

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JDM/FT

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DAA and QMG

A Q.130

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SUBJECT: Beretta Arms Factory Control.

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

Q/37/17

HQ MILAN

24 Apr 46

Ref your Q 130 dated 8 March.

Report of situation regarding the Beretta Arms Factory as
at 22 Apr.

The Ministry of War has authorised the purchase of a first
lot of 3,500 automatic Beretta muskets, model 38/A/42 and 39/A/44, and
has hastened the dealings for determining the price of the remaining
28,500 arms.

It is expected that the testing of arms will begin soon.

MILAN
JDM/LO

Maj
DAA and JMG

RECEIVED 27 APR 1946
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A Q 130

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SUBJECT: Issue of Automatic Carabines to Finance Guards
and Public Security Agents.

LEADER FORCES SUB-ARM, A.C. (MILIA)

SD/109/4

23 APR 45

TO : HQ ALLIED COMMISSION

1. Parts for 30,000 automatic carabines awaiting assembly at the Beretta Arms factory BRUGLIA have recently been handed over to the Italian War Ministry for eventual distribution, when assembled, to CC.MR. and Army.

2. The War Ministry have asked the permission of the Land Forces Sub Commission to distribute 12,354 of these weapons as follows:-

To Finance Guards (customs agents) - 5,712 (operating under treasury)
To Public Security Agents - 5,642 (a private army of the Minister of the Interior)

This has been refused by this Mission on the grounds that authority was only given to release these weapons to the Italian Military Forces.

3. As it is possible that similar requests may be received in the future a ruling is required as to whether it is permissible to grant them or not.

4. Two points of principle seem to be involved.

(a) From the point of view of public security it is desirable or necessary that Civil Police Forces should be armed with automatic carabines.

(b) In view of the fact that the Armistice terms limit the size of the Army and CC.MR. to a maximum figure it is not considered that the issue of these weapons if Civil Police Forces are armed with weapons that would tend to make them the equivalent of Military or CC.MR. forces.

5. It is possible that the answer to (a) is not purely for the decision of the Italian Government and that the Allied Commission would not wish to

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(a) From the point of view of public security is it desirable or necessary that Civil Police Forces should be armed with automatic carbines.

(b) In view of the fact that the Armistice terms limit the size of the Army and CC. RR. to a maximum figure is it not conceivable that the spirit of these terms if Civil Police Forces are armed with weapons that would tend to make them the equivalent of Military or CC. RR. forces.

5. It is possible that the answer to (a) is not purely for the decision of the Italian Government and that the Allied Commission would not wish to interfere. The answer to (b) however appears to be one that requires the ruling of Army and, if you agree, I would be glad if you would obtain their views on the matter.

The opinion of this Mission is that the issue of automatic weapons to Civil Police Forces is undesirable.

Copy to: ✓
CC. RR.
BR/47

MM/rr

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M. W. Hope.

Brigadier-General Major General,
M. M. I. A.

I Q 130

Sir Q 120

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"Q" BUCK SLIP FILE NO.

DATE	SECTION OF SERVICE	ACTION REQUIRED
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17/4/46	Q 2.	TO
	S O RR JEF, CRR	

What are the chances of obtaining mine detectors for the C.C.R.R.? They are required in order to be able to locate caches of hidden arms.

CC.RR will supply info. as to scale of loss.

18/4/46	C.C.R.R.	Q. 1.
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C.C.R.R. would like 200 mine detectors.

(Signed) R. Fielders., Majors.

18/4/46	S.O.R.E.	Q. 1.
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(1) Mine detectors are in short supply and very much controlled.

(2) R.E. unable to supply.

18/4/46	Q. 1.	
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(3) Q(AE) at GHQ control supply of mine detectors and it is suggested that the matter be taken up on staff to staff level + Q. 1 this HQ with Q (AE) **GHQ**

This matter now passed to G (SD) for staff decision.

(Signed)

Handwritten signatures and initials:
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- "Noted" written vertically on the right.
- "Approved" written diagonally on the right.

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that are the chances of obtaining extra detectors for the CIA? They are required in order to be able to locate caches of hidden arms.

On the left supply SnO_2 to some of the

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C.C.R.R. Q.1.

C.C.R.R. would like 200 mine detectors.

Q. 13, 7/4
ors.

(Signed) R. Fielders., Majors.

97/7/81

S.O.R. 1. Q. 1.

(1) Mine detectors are in short supply and very much controlled.

(2) R.E. unable to supply.

(5) Q(AE) at GHQ control supply of mine detectors and it is suggested that the matter be taken up on staff to staff level → Q. 1 this HQ with Q (AE) GHQ

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Q. 1.

This matter now passed to G (SD) for staff decision.

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TRANSLATION

FROM: M. of W.
TO : MMIA

REF: 29556/5308
DATE: 13/4/46

SUBJECT: Beretta arm factory - Control

See File 009
Folio 45

See 606

Ref. your Q/130 dated 8/3/46.

With reference to the ^{preparation} making ready of automatic arms for the CCRH, the Control Office of this Ministry at the Beretta Firm reported the following:
Automatic carbines Beretta cal. 9:

the firm stated to have spare parts, which are being manufactured and with which it will be possible to provide for the assembling of approximately 30000 arms. The consignment will begin w.e.f. June 1946 at a monthly rate of 5000 arms and will be completed by the end of the year.

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reporting

Moreover 2000 automatic carbines 38/A/42 have been withdrawn by the Allies and stored at Verona. There are also in the firm 500 automatic carbines 38/A with walnut butt and special finished touch which should be issued to the Ministry of Marine. ? 20. to elucidate.

Automatic Pistols:

The firm stated to have spare parts, in various stages of manufacture to prepare 20000 automatic pistols both of caliber 9 and 7.65.

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Modena
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Moreover the firm stated that there are semi-manufactured spare parts at the Arma Guerra Corporation for the assembling of 20000 automatic pistols cal.9; which would be withdrawn by said firm for the completion of the manufacture.

Should there be no objection on your part, the information requested in para 4 of the letter referred to above could start from June next.

sgd. Properzi
Gen.

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Reply in
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A Q 130

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SUBJECT: Beret Arms Factory Control.

NO 3 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Tel: 452965 (Ext- 25)

HO MMIA.

Q/17/17

8 Apr 46

Ref your Q 130 dated 8 March.

Report of situation regarding the Beretta Arms Factory as at
8 April.
Nothing further to add to previous report under ref Q/37/17 dated
3 April.



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SUBJECT: Beretta Arms Factory -
Control.

HQ 3 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
1: 152955(Ext-107)

Q/37/17

3 Apr 46

HQ. M.M.I.A.

RECEIVED 6 APR 1946

Ref your Q.130 dated 8 March.

Report of situation regarding the Beretta Arms Factory as at
1 April 46.

Beretta Arms Factory have given an assurance that the contract
for 32000 auto carbines will be completed by the following dates:

3500 weapons within 30 days from date of order

The balance of 28,500 will be completed in monthly
batches of from 5000 to 6000 each month w.e.f. the beginning June 46.

Milan
JDM/bc.

Maj.
DAA and QMG

933

A Q130

Translation

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

Ref. 23060/4568

Date 30/3/46.

Subject Beretta Arms Factory - Check.

9009
1^a) - On request from your mission (letter Q/I30 dated 8/2/46) this ministry in letter I3606/I935 dated 13/2/46, reported the estimated requirements ~~of~~ automatic carbines and pistols for the whole of the police force, pointing out quite clearly the aliquota of the requirement needed in order to complete the armament of the Royal Finance Guard and Public Safety.

Your mission replied to this letter in letter Q/009 dated 16/2/46 and Q/009 dated 5/3/46. *26*

In the first one the ministry was informed that the approval of A.F.H.Q. had been requested, by your mission, for the grant of the weapons, which are at the arms factory, to the Italian Army.

In the second one authority was given for the manufacture of 70.000 pistols for CC.RR. Royal Finance Guard and Public Safety.

2^a) - During the meetings which have taken place with M.M.I.A.'s officers for the preparation of weapons and ammunition, this ministry's representative has always referred to ~~the~~ *32* entire requirement needed for the whole police force.

Concerning the manufacture of ammunition for CC.RR. (letter Q/009 dated 24/1/46) your mission has also included the Royal Finance and Public Safety requirements; and therefore we considered that a similar attitude could be taken for the weapons, pending the approval from A.F.H.Q.

P.T.O.

A. 1/30

1/4/46

In letter Q/130 dated 28/3/46, to which we reply, your mission gave new instructions for the issue of automatic carbines.

3°) - Therefore:

a) - CC.RR. armament and equipment has absolute priority and will be issued, as soon as available, any arms and ammunition required to complete the scale of issue.

b) - We will ensure, that until we have specific authority to issue automatic carbines to the Royal Finance and Public Safety, weapons which are rendered available at the arms factory will be stored in military stores as general reserve for the army and CC.RR.

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MEMO

1. Extract from AMHQ AG 388.3/087 CMC-0 of 2 Aug 45, para 4 (b):

"The Allied Commission will encourage the manufacture of equipment and material directed by the Allies as being necessary for the maintenance of the Interim Italian Army".

This is the authority under which M.M.I.A. approve manufacture of arms and ammunition, see Q.009.

2. Assembly of weapons at BERETTA Arms Factory authorised under War Ministry control is to be considered "manufacture".

If and when it is found completed weapons received into Army depots from the factory are surplus to requirements of Army and CC.RR any request received by War Ministry for Finance Guard and P.S. Agents may be referred to M.M.I.A.

The issue of automatic weapons to Finance Guards may then be approved but it is not considered justified by necessity in the case of P.S. agents.

March 1946

R.A. CURTIS, Lt.Col.,
A.Q.M.G., M.M.I.A.

DISTRIBUTION

Deputy Commander,
G (SD),
Senior L.O.,
CC.RR Section,
File Q.009,
File Q.130 ✓

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SUBJECT: Reserve Arms Factory - Control.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,
M.M.I.A.,
R O M E
Q.130
28 March 1946

TO : War Ministry

Reference is made to your 19462/3836 dated 21 Mar 46.

1. The circumstances surrounding the issue of the original 10,000 automatic carbines 9 mm and 5,000 pistols 7.65 mm are appreciated and it is noted that 6,000 carbines and 1,800 pistols have been made available leaving the balance still to be distributed.

2. It is noted that a preliminary survey of the potential output of the Reserve Arms Factory suggests the following will become available for issue:-

- (a) 500 Automatic carbines 9 mm assembled
- (b) 100 91 patt. carbines assembled
- (c) 30,000 Automatic carbines 9 mm requiring assembly
- (d) 6,000 Brown H.G. patt. 37, cal 8 mm fully finished parts only.

3. Your para 3 d regarding the distribution of the above weapons is disapproved in its entirety.

The approval conveyed in this HQ Q.130 of 8 Mar to complete manufacture of arms held in the factory was strictly conditional on your arranging for their issue to units of the C.F.

4. The reorganisation and re-equipment of the C.F. now being given high priority will require the issue of 10,000 automatic carbines in addition to the 10,000 for which arrangements have already been made.

You are therefore required to furnish an assurance not later than 30 Mar that you accept responsibility for the safe custody of all weapons and component parts in the factory and that distribution will be as indicated below:-

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10,000 automatic carbines 9 mm and 3,000 pistols 7.65 mm are appropriated and it is noted that 6,000 carbines and 1,800 pistols have been made available leaving the balance still to be distributed.

2. It is noted that a preliminary survey of the potential output of the Beretta arm factory suggests the following will become available for issue:-

- (a) 500 Automatic carbines 9 mm assembled
- (b) 100 91 part. carbines assembled
- (c) 30,000 Automatic carbines 9 mm requiring assembly
- (d) 6,000 Beretta M.G. part. 37, cal 8 mm half finished parts only.

3. Your para 3 d regarding the distribution of the above weapons is disapproved in its entirety.

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4. The reorganization and re-equipment of the CC.M. requires given high priority will require the issue of 10,000 automatic carbines in addition to the 10,000 for which arrangements have already been made.

You are therefore required to furnish an assurance not later than 30 Mar that you accept responsibility for the safe custody of all weapons and component parts in the factory and that distribution will be as indicated below:-

- (a) to CC.M. as first priority, balance as required to complete 20,000 Automatic carbines 9 mm.
- (b) all other weapons to Italian Army Depots as general reserve pending consideration of remaining requirements of Italian Army and CC.M.

5. New manufacture of component parts is not authorized and failing the above assurance from you the Arms Factory and contents will be reverted to Allied control.

(V)

Major General,
M.I.I.S.

Copy to:- G(AD),
CC.M. Sec,
File 6.009

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SUBJECT: Beretta / ; Factory.- Control.

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

Q/37/17

26 March 46

RECEIVED 28 MAR 46
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HQ M.M.I.A.

Ref your Q 130 dated 8 March.

Report of situation regarding the Beretta Arms Factory as at
25 March. Nothing further to add to previous report under ref Q/37/17
dated 20 March.

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Translation

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

Ref. I9462/3938/

Date 21/3/46.

Q130 of 14 Jan 46

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Subject Weapons "Beretta" Make.

But see (46)

As a result of what was asked in para.2° and 3° of the above letter we would inform you.

Para.2° :The reasons for the delay in the issuing of weapons to the CC.RR.(as already communicated ~~variously~~ verbally to Lt.CURTIES of your mission in Col.MELONI's office at this S.M.)is due to two reasons.

1°) "Freezing"of the weapons by the 3° B.L.U.at Milan during the whole month of Dec. 1945.

2°) Return of many of the carbines and magazines to the Beretta factory due the fact that they were found to be faulty when put to range test(damaged cases,loose barrels,faulty triggers,weak springs etc.)

Para.3°

a) - Weapons checked and handed over to the detached Artillery Section at Brescia for subsequent issue to CC.RR.

- "Beretta" automatic carbines ...L.....N 8.000

- "Beretta" 7.65 cal.pistols " 1.800

b) - Date by which we estimate that the issue of weapons will be completed :

- It is not possible to give an estimate since the "Beretta" factory,although they have already been approached, greatly delays the delivery of the magazines.

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c) - Details of the weapons which are still at the factory

At the date of the 20 inst.there exists at the factory:

1°) - Half finished parts of 30.000 carbines and not 32.000 since 2.000 have been withdrawn by the Allies and stored at Verona;

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- 2°) - 500 complete "Beretta" automatic carbines
- 3°) - 100 complete 9I mod. carbines
- 4°) - 6.000 half finished parts for Breda 37 ^{H.B.} 8mm
- d) - The weapons which will be obtained from the assembling of the ~~half~~ half finished parts for Beretta carbines will be used to complete the armament:
- of the CC.RR. to whom another 2.545 carbines will be issued;
 - of the Royal Finance Guard to whom there are still 5.712 carbines to be issued;
 - of the Public Safety who are still to receive 6.642 carbines.

The remainder will be stored in order to meet any further requirements of the a/m Police Force and in order to arrange to the replacement of arms becoming unservicable due to use.

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SUBJECT: Beretta Arms Factory-Control.

HQ M.M.I.A.

Ref your Q 130 dated 8 March.

Report of situation regarding the Beretta Arms factory
as at 18 March.

Orders have been received by the Arty Directorate 3 Terr.
Cmd. to take over control of the Beretta Arms Factory. So far only
technical and administrative questions have been discussed with Berettas.

Production of the auto carbines should commence fairly soon,
it is thought however that there is likely to be delay in testing the
weapons which is done by the firm on completion of assembly.

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RECEIVED 25 MAR 1946
HQ 3 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Tel: 152965 (Ext- 25)

Q/37/17

20 March 46

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SUBJECT: ARMY FROM BERETTA FACTORY.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,
M.M.I.A.
R O R E
Q.130
14 March 1946

TO : Ministry of War (by L.O.)

Reference is made to:-

- (a) your 37912/4.177/HQ of 5 Nov 45.
- (b) this HQ letter Q.130 of 21 Nov 45.
- (c) your 4/2734/Berv of 7 Dec 45.
- (d) this HQ letter Q.039 of 5 Feb 46.
- (e) this HQ letter Q.130 of 8 Mar 46.

1. It is understood that of the 10,000 automatic carbines 9 mm and the 3,000 pistols 7.65 mm only 5,580 carbines and 200 pistols have been made available for distribution.

2. As the release of these weapons was made as the result of representations that their immediate issue to the G.O.M. was of national importance this delay is not understood.

If shortage of ammunition was the cause of delay in completing the factory list this should have been reported. The War Ministry requests for issue or manufacture of small arms ammunition have been met and reserves would appear to have been adequate for testing purposes.

3. The War Ministry have, in addition to the specific release of the 10,000 carbines and 3,000 pistols, been authorized to control all arms at the Beretta Factory.

You are requested to take urgent action to expedite the distribution of these weapons to such units of the G.O.M. as have been selected as in need of them and to inform this HQ not later than 20 Mar 46:-

- (a) the present position regarding the 10,000 ²⁸ carbines and 3,000 pistols.
- (b) the estimated date distribution of the above will be completed.

- (a) your 37322/4177/AND of 5 Nov 45.
 (b) this HQ letter Q.130 of 21 Nov 45.
 (c) your 4/2734/ser of 7 Dec 45.
 (d) this HQ letter Q.009 of 5 Feb 46.
 (e) this HQ letter Q.130 of 8 Mar 46.

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2. As the release of these weapons was made as the result of representations that their immediate issue to the CC.HR was of national importance this delay is not understood.

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3. The War Ministry have, in addition to the specific release of the 10,000 carbines and 3,000 pistols, been authorized to control all arms at the Boretta Factory.

You are requested to take urgent action to expedite the distribution of these weapons to such units of the CC.HR as have been selected as in need of them and to inform this HQ not later than 20 Mar 46:-

- (a) the present position regarding the 10,000 carbines and 3,000 pistols.
- (b) the estimated date distribution of the above will be completed.
- (c) details of weapons remaining in the Facto ry.
- (d) intention regarding disposal of these weapons and estimated date distribution will be completed.

RHC
 L. Major General,
 M.M.I.A.

Copy to:- 3 B.L.U., MILAN

Internal:- C(3D),
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT:- Arms CC.RR.

CC.RR. BRANCH
CCRR/Q/3/1.
13 March 46.

TO: 'Q' Branch.

From G40. CCR.

The following information has been received with regard to 10,000 muskets for the CC.RR.

5,700 have already been distributed .(Centre & Southern Italy)

The remaining 4,300 are in the process of distribution. (Northern Italy & Palermo & Sicily).

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[Signature]
H. MIGHALL, Lt. Col.
GSO I. CORR Branch
M. M. I. A.

Copy to : Col A/Q

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SUBJECT: Italian Armament Industry.

HQ 3 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Tel: 452965 (Ext. 25)

HQ M. M. T. A.

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8 March 46

1. Ref conversation Lt. Col. Curties-Metcalfe subject Beretta Arms Works and further to this HQ letters Q/57/47 dated 6 and 8 Dec 45 respectively.

2. The Beretta firm have only released the 10,000 auto carbines and 3000 pistols which, was done on 2 District CEM authy and about which you are already fully informed. The firm at present is not making or assembling any weapons other than sporting guns because since their work was stopped they have not been authorised to carry on with production.

The issue of the a/m weapons cleared them of complete arms. They still have outstanding orders for arms for finance guards, queatura etc. (see this HQ letter Q/57/47 dated 6 Dec 45). The position is not clear now as to who can give them authy to carry on with production and meet outstanding orders or whether all past orders can be considered dead.

3. The immediate position regarding the production potential of the firm is as follows:-

1) Beretta auto carbines types 38/A-42 and 38/A-44
Complete arms

In process of manufacture - 25,000 approx.

Of the above in process of manufacture the state of readiness is:-

10,000 parts complete only require assembling

5,000	"	90%	} stage of manufacture
5,000	"	70%	
5,000	"	50-50%	

Deliveries could be made of the above as follows:-

10,000 complete in 3 months from date of authorisation to continue production deliveries commencing 20 days from same date.

10,000 complete in 5 months.
5,000 complete in 6 months.

The production of a different type of auto carbines which would require a new set up, delivery could not be made of any complete weapons for 4-5 months from date of order.

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3. The immediate position regarding the production potential of the firm is as follows:-

- 1) Berretta auto carbines types 38/A-42 and 38/A-44.
Complete arms - Nil
In process of manufacture - 25,000 approx.
Of the above in process of manufacture the state of readiness is:-

10,000 parts complete only require assembling

5,000	"	90 %	} stage of manufacture
5,000	"	70 %	
5,000	"	50-50 %	

Deliveries could be made of the above as follows:-

10,000 complete in 3 months from date of authorisation to continue production deliveries commencing 20 days from same date.

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10,000 complete in 5 months.
5,000 complete in 6 months.

The production of a different type of auto carbines which would require a new set up, delivery could not be made of any complete weapons for 4-5 months from date of order.

- 11) Pistols 7.65 cal.

Complete Arms - Nil.
In process of manufacture - 12,000 approx.
Of the above in process of manufacture the state of readiness is:-

3,000 parts	70 %	} stage of manufacture
4,000 "	50 %	
5,000 "	30 %	

Deliveries could be made of the above as follows:-

3,000 complete in 2 months from date of order.
4,000 complete in 3 1/2 months.
5,000 complete in 5 months.

The production of a different cal of pistol requiring a new set up delivery could not be made of any complete weapons for 4-5 months from date of order.

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111) M/G Proda 37 8 m/m.

In process of manufacture - 130.

These could be completed for 1-4 months from date of order.

MILAN
JIM/LO

J. H. [Signature]
Maj
DAA and [Signature]

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Subject: Beretta Arms Factory - Control

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC
(M.M.I.A.)

Q. 130

8 March 1946

TO : War Ministry

1. Information has been received that parts for 32,000 automatic carbines awaiting assembly are held under civilian guard at the Beretta Arms Factory, BRESCIA.

2. You are advised to take immediate steps to place this factory under Military Control and are authorised to arrange for the immediate assembly of the weapons on condition that they are issued without delay to units of the CO. 3 BLU will assist as necessary.

3. 3 Territorial Command should be instructed to take strict precautions against loss or theft and should ensure that no components are left in the factory capable of assembly into efficient firearms.

4. A report is required as to progress in the matter weekly, commencing 11 March until completion, stating

(a) No of weapons assembled.

(b) To whom issued.

5. Please confirm that the number of weapons available is as stated and that you accept responsibility for the safe custody and distribution as indicated.

W. P. D. L. J.
Colonel.
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

Copy to: 3 BLU - for action and report on similar lines to those in para 4.
AC for Executive Commissioner

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CC,RR Section
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SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE ON SUBJECT OF ARMS FOR CC.RR.
FROM BERETTA FACTORIES.

SERIAL	DATE	FROM	REF.	TO	MMIA "Q" FILE & FOLIO	
1	2 Oct 45	M of W	<u>21950/11</u> <u>220-10-3</u>	M.M.I.A.	Q/23/9 Folio 26/2	Asks for 44,000 Beretta Pistols
2	14 Oct 45	Pub.Saf. S/C A.C.	489081-365	G5, AFHQ	Q/23/9 Folio 28	Asks for release Automatic Miske from Beretta Ar
3	3 Nov 45	A.C. (Exec Comm)	9020	AFHQ	Q.130 Folio 3	Asks for exped
4	5 Nov 45	M of W	<u>37918/4177/</u> AMC	M.M.I.A.	Q.130 Folio 4T	Asks for Arms
5	6 Nov 45	G(SD) AFHQ	ESD/81/3	M.M.I.A. Copy:2 Dist, A.C.	Q.130 Folio 9	Release 10,000 Beretta for CC. made pending a
6	7 Nov 45	G.5 AFHQ	G5.000.5	A.C.	Q.130 Folio 5	Releases 10,000 A.C. for M.M.I.
7	29 Nov 45	3 B.L.U.	Q/37/11	M.M.I.A.	Q.130 Folio 21	Report from 3 BLU that 2 D weapons at Beretta Factory representations by Regione
8	4 Dec 45	A.C. (Civil Affairs)	AG/14601/11/ PS	AFHQ	Q.130 Folio 25	Reports distrib Automatic miske
9	28 Jan 46				Q.130 Folio 37	Phone conversation WARD (M Dist were removing the arms Also stated that the arms until instructions are rec
10	30 Jan 46	MMIA	Q.130	A.C. for Exec. Comm.	Q.130 Folio 40	Inform A.C. of
11	9 Feb 46	MMIA	Q.150	G.E.M.S. GHQ.	Q.150 Folio 56	Asks for release to M of W plus any other similar weap
12	1 Mar 46	G(SD), MMIA	SD/109/1	G(SD)AFHQ	Q.150 Folio 73	Refers to Serial 11 above. for G(SD) AFHQ to issue ord weapons in question to the

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SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE ON SUBJECT OF ARMS FOR CC.RR.
FROM BERETTA FACTORIES.

PURPORT

TO	REF ID "Q" FILE & FOLIO	
M.M.I.A.	Q/23/9 Folio 26/2	Asks for 44,000 Automatic Muskets and 3,000 Beretta Pistols for CC.RR.
G5, AFHQ	Q/23/9 Folio 28	Asks for release of 14,000 Automatic Muskets, 30,000 Automatic Muskets unassembled, 3,000 Pistols Beretta from Beretta Arms Factory, BRESCIA.
AFHQ	Q.130 Folio 3	Asks for expedite of release in Serial 2 above.
M.M.I.A.	Q.130 Folio 4T	Asks for Arms enumerated in Serial 2 above to re-arm CC.RR.
M.M.I.A. Copy: 2 Dist, A.C.	Q.130 Folio 9	Release 10,000 Automatic Muskets and 3,000 Pistols Beretta for CC.RR. States no further releases to be made pending outcome of further discussion.
A.C.	Q.130 Folio 5	Releases 10,000 Automatic Muskets and 3,000 Pistols to A.C. for M.M.I.A.
M.M.I.A.	Q.130 Folio 21	Report from 3 HHU that 2 District had intended to destroy remaining weapons at Beretta Factory, but had stopped temporarily following representations by Regional Commissioner.
AFHQ	Q.130 Folio 25	Reports distribution of 3,000 Pistols and 10,000 Automatic Muskets already released.
	Q.130 Folio 37	Phone conversation WARD (MILA)-TOON (GEM 2 Dist) Confirmed that 2 Dist were removing the arms from GARDONE to an ORD dump at VERONA. Also stated that the arms will <u>not</u> be destroyed or disposed of until instructions are received from GHQ.
A.C. for Exec. Comm.	Q.130 Folio 40	Inform A.C. of Serial 9 above.
C.E.M.S. GHQ.	Q.150 Folio 56	Asks for release to M of W of all weapons from Beretta Factory plus any other similar weapons known to 2 District
G(SD)AFHQ	Q.150 Folio 73	Refers to Serial 11 above. States no reply yet received. Asks for G(SD) AFHQ to issue order to 2 District to hand over the weapons in question to the Italian Ministry of War.

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INTER - BRANCH MINUTE SHEET

Date	Pass to Branch/Section	Ref Folio	REMARKS
4-3-46.	"Q"	44.	Translation of appendix to this permit. I do not agree with the demands made, as they are not according to proposed W.E. weapons list. are approximately correct, but those shown under "allotment" provided, are in excess of W.E. known requirements also require amendment. 5,000 hand grenades for entertainment have been requested.

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P. A. Price Major.
"Q" CERR.

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War

REF: 4/359/Serv.

TO: M.M.I.A. in reply to Q/130 of 8th.inst.

DATE: 20.2.46

Ref.Arty.and Mot.Dir.Gen.letter 13606/

1935 of 13th.inst.

SUBJECT: Armament of the CC.RR

We forward herewith the arms situation of the CC.RR.Corps, requested in the letter to which we are replying.

The differences between the figures of automatic carbines on issue notified by the Artillery and Motorisation Directorate General in the above referred to letter and those shown on the enclosed return are caused by recoveries effected by the CC.RR Corps and which have still not been notified by the Corps to the Artillery and Motorisation Directorate General.

In the figure of pistols on issue, the Artillery and Motorisation Directorate General has also included revolvers, cylinder type.

Sgd. LIUZZI

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Appx to the letter No. 4/359/Serv.
dated 20/ 1946SITUATION OF ARMS AND AMN FOR CCR.

Personal weapons	Weapons				Amns			
	Autom. rifles Beretta cal. 9	Autom. pistols Beretta cal. 9	Musquets mod. 1891 cal. 6,5	Drum revolvers	Autom. rifles Beretta cal. 9	Autom. pistols Beretta cal. 9	Musquets mod. 1891 cal. 6,5	Drum revolv.
Allotment prescribed	17004 (1)	65605	48601	-	4251000	1834142	4860100	-
Allotted	16110 (2)	24245	74621	10246 (4)	2404586	415722	4309567	191364 (3)
Differences	- 894	- 41360	+ 26020 (3)	-	- 1846414 (5)	- 1418420 (6)	- 550533	-
Armament of detachment	Weapons		Amns					
	MGs	SMGs Breda 30	for MGs	for SMGs	Hand granades			
Allotment prescribed	-	2234	-	2059748	107080			
Allotted	307 (3)	4927	841597 (3)	2059748	91452			
Differences	-	+ 2693 (8)	-	-	- 15628 (7)			
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NOTES: 1) the increase of allotment to 1 autom. rifle for every 3 men is under consideration.

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Differences	- 894 - 41360 + 26020 (3)	-	- 1846414 (5)	- 1418420 - 550533 (6)	(3)
Armament of detachment	Weapons		Amns		Hand granades
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Differences	-	+ 2693 (8)	-	-	- 15628 (7)
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- NOTES: 1) the increase of allotment to 1 autom. rifle for every 3 men is under consideration. In such way the organic (prescribed) quantity of autom. rifles will be 21,395.
- 2) 10,000 muskets, purchase of which has been authorized by letter of 704 of 30 Nov. 45, are included.
- 3) Surrendering of these arms has already been ordered.
- 4) These will be surrendered as soon as autom. pistols will be available.
- 5) Deficiency will be covered with 8 millions cartridges recently acquired (letter of 130 of 29/1/1946). The remaining of these 8 millions will be stored by the General Direct. of Art. and Mot. for the needs of GCKR and other police forces.
- 6) Deficiency will be covered as soon as 3 millions cartridges command ed to private industries will be ready.
- 7) Deficiency will be covered by the next withdrawals.
- 8) Increase of organical allotment of SMGs is under consideration.

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SUBJECT : ARMS FOR GCHR

1470 BUNZEL SUB CO., MO. (MIL)

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20 Feb 46

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Reference your letter of 27/1/46 dated 7 Dec 45.

1. The proposed scale of weapons suggested for the rearming of the GCHR is agreed to by this Headquarters with the following exceptions:

(a) It is considered that it is essential for stations of less than 10 men, of which there are 4426, to be armed with 4 "GSMAR" model 50 cal 6.5 light machine gun.

(b) It is considered that the four Commercial Ensignmounts should each be armed with 4 "GSMAR" model 50 cal 6.5 automatic rifles, but that this should not be carried out until all other demands for "GSMAR" automatic rifles have been met.

2. It is considered that the arming of the 4106 stations consisting of less than 10 men, as stated in para 1(a) above, should be despatched forthwith by utilizing the surplus "GSMAR" light machine guns already held by all Brigades except No. 1 Bde.

It is further considered that priority should be given to the equipping of such stations in Sialkot (and 5 Bde).

3. Please ensure that this Headquarters is kept informed of the progress of the rearming of the Sialkot and of any further areas or ammunition required to complete this rearming.

W. J. Cunningham
Major General,
C.M.I.C.

Informal: "J"
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shouldn't seem to be mixed with automatic rifles, but that this should not be carried out until all other demands for "MORTAR" automatic rifles have been met.

2. It is considered that the armory of the 4105 stations consisting of less than 10 men, as stated in para 1(a) above, should be commenced forthwith by utilizing the surplus "MORTAR" light machine guns already held by all brigades except No. 1 Bde.

It is further considered that priority should be given to the equipping of such stations in BRILLI and 3 Bde.

3. Please ensure that this Headquarters is kept informed of the progress of the rearming of the 4001 and of any further arm or ammunition required to complete this rearming.

W. J. Cunningham
Major General.
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Translation

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FROM: Ministry of War

REF: 13032/1878

TO: M.M.I.A.

DATE: 16.2.46

SUBJECT: Handing over of 9mm. carbine ammunition.

Further to your Q/130 of 29.1.1946, this Ministry has appointed the Bari detached artillery section, which has under its command the Italian depot of the 501 B.A.D., to withdraw the 8,000,000 9mm. carbine cartridges and to dispatch them at the rate of 800,000 cartridges for each of the Artillery Directorates of Turin, La Spezia, Piacenza, Firenze, Rome, Taranto, Naples, and Messina, and 1,600,000 to the Venice Artillery Directorate.

The issue of the cartridges to the CC.RR will be effected gradually and as required by them, in that the Corps has no Depots in which to conserve the ammunition.

Major Bradley of your Mission has already been informed on the matter by a senior officer of the Ministry - Artillery Directorate General.

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Gen.

O. Danin Cpl.

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Subject : Arming of the CO.RR.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
W.D.I.A.
R.Q.V.E.
C. 130

8 February 46

To : Ministry of War.

Ref your 4/2724/Serv. of 7/12/45.

1. Please submit an interim report on the progress of the distribution of arms to the CO.RR. with particular reference to PISTOLS and AUTOMATIC CARBINES.
2. It will be appreciated if this report can be rendered as soon as possible.

Exp.
B.W. BRADLEY,
Major Innisks
for Major General
W.D.I.A. 915.

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To : Ministry of War.

Ref your 4/2734/Serv. of 7/12/45.

1. Please submit an interim report on the progress of the distribution of arms to the C.C.R.R. with particular reference to PISTOLS and AUTOMATIC CARBINES.

2. It will be appreciated if this report can be rendered as soon as possible.

Exp.

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

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Subject:-

Arms - Beretta Factory.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. H. I. A.) ROME.
✓ Q.130
30 January, 1946.

To:-

A.C. for Executive Commissioner.

Reference the attached letter received from ^{by you} the Ministry of the Interior.

1. It has been ascertained that 2 District are removing all assembled arms and spare parts for arms from the Beretta Factory, in order that the guards at present stationed at the factory may be removed.

2. These weapons will not be destroyed or otherwise disposed of by 2 District until specific instructions are given by G.H.Q.

3. In a separate communication addressed to the Chief Commissioner, action is being taken to secure for the Italian Army and G.H.Q. possession of the weapons in question.

Not done

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

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DIREZIONE GENERALE ARTIGLIERIA
e Motorizzazione

Ref. A-17610/04 Allegati 1

OGGETTO: Fabbrica d'Armi "Beretta". -
" Beretta" Arms Factory

Recd: 7 MAR 1946

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M MAGG. BRADLEY
LAND FORCES SUB COMM. (MMTA)
= R O M A =

Responde al f. del _____
 De _____ Por _____ No _____

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Si trasmette copia della lettera richiesta per telefono al Magg. SERGIO.-

We forward copy of the letter requested
by telephone to ~~Major~~ SERGIO
IL DIRETTORE CAPO DIVISIONE
(Col. G. Campagna)

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Translation

F (1 First Italian Arms Factory
Pietro Beretta
To M.of W. Art.Gen.Dir.

Ref

Date 1/8/45.

In conformation of what has already been verbally communicated we beg to offer:

14.000 sub machine guns mod.38/42 at the minimum price per item of 1.400 lire ex factory Gardone Valtrompia;

30.000 series of the same weapon, which can be mounted, at the same price per item as above.

3.000 "Beretta" pistols mod.38 cal.7.65 at the price per item of 800 lire ex factory.

In the event that this offer interests you, will you kindly study the possibility of a quick payment which due to the instability of the money and the difficult time which we are going through, you will understand that long term credit is not possible.

Awaiting the favour of your reply.

Pietro Beretta firm

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PRIMA FABBRICA ITALIANA d'ARMI
PIETRO BERETTA

GARDONE V.T. 1 agosto 1945

UFFICIO RAPPRESENTANZA ROMA
Via Cavour n. 155
Tel. 480121

ON.le MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
DIREZIONE GENERALE ARTIGLIERIA
= ROMA =

A conferma di quanto verbalmente comunicato ci pregiamo
offrire:

n. 14.000 moschetti mitra mod. 38/42 al prezzo unitario minimo
di L. 1.400 franco ns/fabbrica Gardone Valtrompia;

n. 30.000 serie della stessa arma, che possono essere montate,
allo stesso prezzo unitario di cui sopra.-

n. 3.000 pistole "Beretta" mod. 38 cal. 7,65 al prezzo unitario
di L. 800 franco fabbrica c.a.

Nel caso che a codesto Ministero la presente offerta in
teressi, vorrà compiacersi studiare la possibilità di un paga-
mento sollecito dato che per la instabilità della moneta e per
il momento speciale che attraversiamo, codesto Ministero vorrà
comprendere che non sono possibili i crediti a lunga scadenza.-

In attesa di ambiti ordini ci rassegniamo.-

P.DITTA PIETRO BERETTA
(F/to illeggibile)

P. C. C.
L'UFFICIALE ADDETTO

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785020

Subject : Release of Gen. Parabellus Ammunition.

LAND FORCES HQ CORP. A.A.C.
M. N. I. A.
R O W 2
Q. 130

29 January 46

To : Ministry of War.

1. Attached DCS. GHQ Issue Order 501/606 dated 25 Jan 46 releasing 8,000,000 rds of 9mm Parabellus ammunition for CC.RR.

2. Please arrange as soon as possible, for the collection of this ammunition from 501 E.A.D. Bkento near Bari, quoting attached Issue Order as authority.

See Q 130
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M. N. I. A.
Major Ionjaks
for Major Gen 910
M. N. I. A.

Copy to : 9 E.A.D. Bari

Internal:

ADCS
CORP

File 42

To : Ministry of War.

1. Attached DOS, GIN Issue Order 501/506 dated 25 Jan 46 releasing 5,000,000 rds of 9mm Parabellum ammunition for CC.EB.

2. Please arrange as soon as possible, for the collection of this ammunition from 501 D.A.D. Pitombo near Bari, quoting attached Issue Order as authority.

See Q130

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S.W. MADISON,
Major Tunisians
for Major Gen
W. W. I. A.

Copy to : 9 R.I.V. Bari

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

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SUBJECT: Italian Amn.

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

HQ M.M.I.A.

Q/37/17

28 Jan 46

1. It is understood from 2 District that a GHQ authorisation has to be obtained for release of Italian Amn to the Italian Army and that the correct channel is now through your HQ and not through District.
2. 3 Territorial Command have requested authority to obtain from the LEON BEAUX factory MILAN 9000 rds of 7.65 Beretta pistol Amn. This Amn is required to test Beretta pistols earmarked for the CC RR.
3. 3 Territorial Command intimate that if no objection be raised to this proposal they can authorise the factory to issue the amn.
4. It is requested that the question of obtaining authority for such releases be clarified and that authority be given for releasing the 9000 rds of 7.65 in question.

CMF
JDM/LO

DAA & QMG

Copia del fonogramma in arrivo N° 967

Provenienza : Brescia

Data e partenza 26 gennaio 1946 - Ore 20,45

Data di arrivo 27 gennaio 1946 - Ore 5 .-

Diretto a : Interni - Sicurezza - Roma

Ministero Guerra - Roma

Tesgo :

ISFETTORE INTERREGIONALE PREFETTO ROSATI MILANO N° 937 ALT.-
COMANDO SECONDO DISTRETTO MILITARE INGLESE IN MILANO FORC BUC=
NAPANTE AT MEZZO COMANDO VERONA HABET DISPOSTO PRELEVAMENTO TUT=
TE ARMI EFFICIENTI PRESSO FABBRICA BERRETTA CARDONE VALTRONPIA
CONSISTENTI 2000 (DUEMILA) MOSCHETTI MITRAGLIATORI, 300 MITRA=
GLIATRICI BREDA N° 37 ALT
ARMI CARICATE STASERA SU AUTOCOLONNA DIRETTA VERONA PER PROSEGUI=
RE MODENA SONO GRAN PARTE QUELLE DESTINATE CARABINIERI ET FORZA
PUBBLICA COME DA PERMESSI IN CORSO APPROVAZIONE PRESSO AUTORITA'
ALLEATE ALT
PRECASI URGENTE INTERVENTO PER OTTENERE RESTITUZIONE ARMI PREDET=
TE CHE POSSONO ESSERE DATE IN CUSTODIA AT FORZE ARMATE ATTESA DERI=
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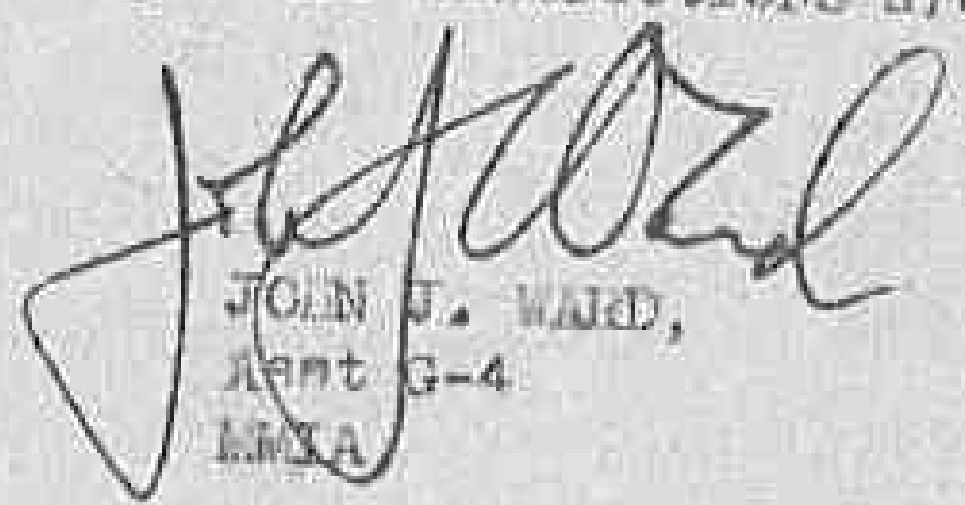
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
M.M.I.A. BONE

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File: Beretta Arms Factory- Gardone V. T.

To : AAG

1. At 1715 hrs. 28 January 1946, I spoke by phone with Major Tomm, C.E.M. Section, 2 District (Tel: Ext 371). He confirmed that 2 District was removing all assembled arms and spare parts for arms from the Beretta Factory at Gardone Val Trompia. The arms are being brought to Verona to a dump under Ord Control so that the guards at present stationed at the Beretta factory may be removed. The arms will not be destroyed or otherwise disposed of by 2 District until specific instructions are given by G.H.Q.


JOHN J. WARD,
Sect G-4
MMIA

Translation

The Minister of the Interior

Rome, 27 January 1946

Dear Admiral,

From informations received during the last few days, I heard that the Allied Military Authorities were withdrawing weapons which, according to the well known agreements in force, should on the contrary go to the Police Forces.

This morning the Prefect of Brescia informed me that the British Military Command in Milan, ordered, through the channel of that of Verona, the withdrawing from the 'Beretta' manufacture of Gardone Valtrompia, of all arms in working conditions to be found there, which, according to permissions which are being approved, have already been allocated to the Carabinieri and to the Police Corps.

Such weapons were loaded on trucks that proceeded to Verona and will then go to Modena.

You know, my dear Admiral, the serious deficiency of the armament of the Police Corps and its considerable repercussions on public order and public safety, and therefore I trust in your kind intervention so that the arms in question may be handed back and such withdrawals from the contingents allocated to the police avoided in future, if possible.

I thank you, my dear Admiral, and waiting for your answer, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

s. Romita

Admiral Henry W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

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EC DIST - 29 Jan -
ACTION - LAND FORCES S/C(2)
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- CA Ser

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FROM : H.M.I.A.
TO : 5 B.L.U.
REF : 1772

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YOUR AQ/56 OF 11 JANUARY (.) AUTHORITY RELAYED BY AIRCRAFT TO WAR
MINISTRY FROM ALLIED SERVICES (.) DISTRIBUTION WAR MINISTRY
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PRECEDENCE Routine

AUTHENTICATION W. J. Hall

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LROF V LRUL NR 2053 IMPORTANT (A MBHF 14)
FROM 5, B L U 111130
TO M N I A ROME
QSH GR41 BT



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AQ/56 . UNCL . YOU HAVE ASSIGNED 50000 RDS CALIBRE .9 FOR CC RR
FROM UDINE . TERR HQ REQUEST YOU STATE WHERE RDS ARE TO BE DRAWN
AND WHETHER FROM ALLIED AMN AS ~~QUANTITY~~ QUANTITY STATED IS
NOT REPEAT NOT AVAILABLE HERE FROM TERR SOURCES

BT
SENT NR 2053 GJD 1411 B1

50000 RDS CALIBRE .9 FOR CC RR CORRECT
RECD NR2053 1410A J.N. A.R. K.K.K.K.

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LROF V LRUL NR 2053

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Subject : Release of 9 mm Ammunition.

NAVY DEPT. IN. DEPT. A.C.
B.I.U.
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Q. 130.

9 January 46

To : 2. B.I.U. Florence.

Re: your signal dated 5 Jan 46.

No further action required by you, as ammunition
should have been collected by the Italian Army from
(see attached letter).

Ed Snoddy

B.M. B.I.U., Major
for Major General
B.I.U.

Copy :
3 B.I.U. Milan
6 B.I.U. Bologna

Ministry of War (see confirm para 2 of B.M. 125
dated 21 Dec. 45).

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

To : 2. B.I.U. Florence.

Ref your signal dated 5 Jan 46.

No further action required by you, as ammunition should have been collected by the Italian Army from Ancona (see attached letter).

Prof. G. G. G. G. G.

L. J. H. A. B. B. B., Major
for Major General
R. M. I. A.

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Copy : 3 B.I.U. Milan
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Ministry of War (to confirm para 2 of your O. 125 dated 21 Dec. 45).

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R. M. I. A.

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM : 7 BLU

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TO : R TA

INFO : 3 BLU

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AMH NOT NOW AVAILABLE (.) FURTHER INSTRUCTION AWAITED

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See Q 125
of 21 Dec.

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Subject:- Request - Weapons For the G.P.R.

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

1.130

2 December 1945.

To:-
Provisional Commissioner,
Venetia Region,
Allied Military Government,
A.P.O. 394.

1. Reference is made to your R XII/BL/108/3 of 29 Oct 45, subject as above, addressed to Ordnance Officer, P.B.S.
2. Commanding General, P.B.S. has advised this headquarters that in accordance with War Department Directives, all quantities of the subject weapons which are excess to U.S. Army requirements are returned to the United States.


JOHN J. WARD Captain,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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SUBJECT : AMES for CO.RR.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q.130
19 December 1945.

TO : Ministry of War

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Reference is made to your 46538 of 22 November 1945.

1. Studies being made by this Headquarters on the armament of the CO.RR. are based on a force strength of 65,000 men, regardless of their present location.
2. The acquisition of small amounts of assorted foreign weapons is not to be recommended as it will only serve to confuse the picture as to the overall requirements of the CO.RR.

John J. Ward, Capt.
JOHN J. WARD, Captain
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT : Amn for CC RR

HQ 3 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

AFPO S.484

CMF

Q/37/21

14 Dec 45

HQ MMIA, ROME

Ref your Q/130 dated 29 Nov.

The question of the 250,000 rds of .9-mm amn for the CC RR has been taken up with 2 District. The following answer has been received from Dist -

QUOTE. It is regretted that the 250,000 rds of amn required by the CC RR are not now available. Further infm regarding the sup of .9-mm amn is awaited from GHQ. UNQUOTE.

CMF
JDM/SYB

DAA and CMG

TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War

REF: 4/2734/Serv.

TO: M.M.I.A.

DATE: 7.12.45

SUBJECT: Arming of the CC.RR

Reference your Q/130 of the 9th. November.

We forward herewith a list showing the situation in respect of, and requirements of, armament in the CC.RR., compiled in accordance with the procedure requested by your Mission.

The Artillery Directorate General will arrange to place at the disposal of G.H.Q., CC.RR Corps, the pistols and automatic carbines the withdrawal of which from the Beretta Army Factory has been authorised by M.M.I.A., in accordance with detailed instructions which will be specified by CC.RR., G.H.Q., regarding the localities for handing over and with the principle of giving priority to the completion of mobile battalions.

Upon completion of this distribution, the Artillery Inspectorate General will arrange for the forwarding to M.M.I.A. of the particulars of the said distribution and subdivision.

Said Artillery Directorate General will, moreover, arrange for the

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Said Artillery Directorate General will, moreover, arrange for the carrying out of the issue of the other arms and ammunition necessary for the completion of the armament of the CC.RR., on the basis of the data contained in the enclosed return, drawing on stocks held in the military stores under command.

On the conclusion of these issues the Artillery Directorate General is requested to notify the further quantities of arms and ammunition necessary to complete the entire requirements planned for the CC.RR Corps.

O. Danin Cpl.

Sgd. LIUZZI
Gen.

TRANSLATION

COMANDO GENERALE DELL'ARMA DEI CARABINIERI REALI
Ufficio Organamento

POSITION OF ARMoured CARS & TANKS FOR THE MOBILE BATTALIONS:

- British Armoured cars in temporary distribution:

Genoa Mobile Battalion	.....	12
Torino "	.....	12
Milano "	.....	12
Padova "	.....	9

- Italian Tanks distributed:

Genoa Mobile BN - light tanks 13/40	.....	12
Torino " " "	.....	12
Milano " " " 15/42	.....	12
Palermo " - Tanks L.35	.....	12
Bologna " - Tanks M.15/42	.....	12
Firenze " - " L.35	.....	12
Lazio " - " L.35	.....	24
Bari " - Light tanks M.15/42	.....	12
Rome " - Tanks L.35	.....	12
" " M.15/42	.....	23
Arm. cars SPA	.....	3
Napoli " - Tanks L.35	.....	12
Palermo " - Tanks L.35	.....	43
(for the whole Sicily) Tanks	.....	12
M.15/42	.....	58
Arm. cars SPA	.....	3
Cagliari Mobile BN - Tanks L.35	.....	12

TOTAL

- Light tanks	.....	48
- L.35 Tanks	.....	124
- M.15/42 Tanks	.....	32
- Arm. Cars	.....	5

Total 296

210

Of these 210 tanks, 144 (normal dotation for the 12 Battalions - 12 for each) should be replaced by as much Armoured cars of the same system as they are more manageable, rapid and suitable for the use.

Six Armoured SPA 40 should remain in hand of the "Legione Allievi e Scuola Centrale" for the instruction of the "Legione Allievi

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Palermo	"	- Tanks L.35			12
Bologna	"	- Tanks M.15/42			12
Pirenza	"	- " L.35			12
Lazio	"	- " L.35			12
Bari	"	- Light tanks M.15/42			21
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TOTAL 150 Armoured cars.

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POLICY FOLLOWED IN THIS REQUESTA) AUTOMATIC PISTOLS BERETTA MOD. 34:

One for each man (officers excluded, as they must provide one themselves). The revolvers mod. 89 which are now in hands of men shall be substituted by automatic pistols mod. 34.

B) RIFLES MOD. 91:

One for each man who is not in possession of the automatic rifle "Beretta"

C) AUTOMATIC RIFLES "BERETTA" MOD. 38, Cal. 9

187 for each Mobile Battalion (12 Battalions);

One for each four men of the total strenght of NCO's and Pts, excluded men of Mobile Battalions (56.929 men)

None for the 4 Commando Raggruppamento Mobile BNs

D) LIGHT MACHINE-GUNS BREDA MOD. 30 CAL. 6,5.

- 5 for each Comando Generale (General HQ);
- 2 for each Division HQ (3 Divisions)
- 2 for each Brigade HQ (6 Brigades);
- 4 for each "Comando Raggruppamento Battaglioni Mobili" (4 for four Raggruppamento)
- 21 for each Mobile BN (12 BNs)
- 72 for CCRR School "Legione Allievi";
- 16 for the Central School;
- 5 for the Squadron Group, Legion of Rome;
- None for stations with less than 10 men;
- 2 for stations with not more than 25 men;
- 3 for stations with not more than 50 men;
- 4 for stations with more than 50 men.

E) HAND GRANADES FOR THE DEFENCE OF BARRACKS:

- 50 for each Comando Generale (General HQ)
- 10 for each Division HQ (3 Divisions);

- 10 for each ¹⁰Brigade HQ (6)
- 100 for each Raggruppamento
- 100 for each Mobile BN (12)
- 100 for Cadets Legion (Leg)
- 100 for Central School;
- 100 for Squadron Group of
- 100 for each Company Legion
- 20 for each station with
- 20 for each station with
- 30 for each station with
- 50 for each station with

F) AMMUNITIONS

as follows for each weapon

- automatic pistol Beretta cal.

Tot

- Rifle mod. 1891

Tot

- Automatic rifle Beretta

Tot

- Light Machine-Guns Breda mod. 30 cal. 6,5

Tot

Following this policy the Commandos will have machine-guns, although they should

The stations with less than 10 men (stations) will not have machine-guns

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POLICY FOLLOWED IN THIS REQUEST

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BARRACKS:

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- 10 for each ¹⁵ Brigade HQ (6 Brigades);
- 100 for each Raggruppamento Battaglioni Mobili (4 Raggruppamenti);
- 100 for each Mobile BN (12 BNs)
- 100 for Cadets Legion (Legione Allievi);
- 100 for Central School;
- 100 for Squadron Group of Rome ;
- 100 for each Company Legion HQ (21);
- 20 for each station with less than 10 men;
- 20 for each station with no more than 25 men;
- 30 for each station with not more than 50 men;
- 50 for each station with more than 50 men.

F) AMMUNITIONS

as follows for each weapon:

- automatic pistol Beretta cal.9	21 rounds handed to each man
	<u>7 " reserve</u>
Total	28
- Rifle mod. 1891	72 rounds handed to each men
	<u>28 rounds reserve</u>
Total	100
- Automatic rifle Beretta	80 rounds handed to each men
	<u>170 rounds reserve</u>
Total	250
- Light Machine-Guns Breda mod. 30 cal. 6,5	500 rounds handed to men
	<u>422 reserve</u>
Total	922

Following this policy the Commandi Raggruppamenti will have no automatic rifles, although they should have 4 for each at least;

The stations with less than 10 men, which are the more frequent (4106 sta-
tions) will not have machine-guns for the defence of barracks.

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Therefore, in addition of what is reported, the following stuff is needed:

- 16 automatic rifles Beretta with Amn for the "Raggrupamenti Battaglioni Mobili";
- 4100 light machine-guns Breda with amns for stations with less than 10 men.

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WEAPONS	1st BRIGADE		
	Request ed	Existant	Defici- ency
<u>INDIVIDUAL ARMAMENT</u>			
Drum-revolvers mod. 89	-	894	-
Automatic pistols mod. 34	7.756	1.488	6.268
Rifles mod. 91	5.717	6.709	-
Automatic rifles Beretta mod. 38	2.039	218	1.821
<u>ALLOTMENT OF AMMUNITICNS</u>			
For drum-revolver mod. 89	-	12.729	-
For automatic pistol mod. 34 (personal allotment)	160.776	16.663	197.705
" " " " " (reserve)	53.592		
For rifle mod. 91 (personal allotment)	411.624	347.957	223.743
" " " " " (reserve)	160.076		
For automatic rifle Beretta mod. 38 (personal allotment)	163.120	31.623	478.127
" " " " " (reserve)	346.630		
<u>ARMAMENT OF THE DETACHMENT</u>			
Light machine-gun Breda mod. 30	273	173	100
Hand grenades	13.720	7.150	6.570
<u>ALLOTMENT OF AMMUNITION</u>			
For light machine-gun Breda mod. 30 (handed to personnel)	136.500	203.908	47.798
" " " " " (reserve)	115.206		

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	1st BRIGADE				2nd BRIGADE			
	Request ed	Existant	Defici- ency	Exciden- cy	Request- ed	Existant	Deficien- cy	Excidency
	-	894	-	894	-	1.418	-	1.418
	7.756	1.488	6.268	-	12.575	2.579	9.996	-
	5.717	6.709	-	992	9.331	16.991	-	7.660
	2.039	218	1.821	-	3.244	1.733	1.511	-
	-	12.729	-	12.729	-	9.984	-	9.984
all allotment)	160.776	16.663	197.705	-	264.075	20.203	331.897	-
a)	53.592				88.025			
b)	411.624	347.957	223.743	-	671.832	730.919	202.181	-
	160.076				261.268			
(personal allotment)	163.120	31.623	478.127	-	259.520	334.622	476.378	-
(reserve)	346.630				551.480			
	273	173	100	-	485	705	-	220
	13.720	7.150	6.570	-	23.690	10.533	13.157	-
(handed to personnel)	136.500	203.908	47.798	-	242.500	229.689	217.481	-
(reserve)	115.206				204.670			

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WEAPONS	3rd BRIGADE		
	a	b	c
	Request- ed	Existant	Deficien cy
<u>INDIVIDUAL ARMAMENT</u>			
Drum-revolvers mod.89	-	1.206	-
Automatic pistols mod.34	9.849	4.117	5.732
Rifles mod.91	7.286	8.809	-
Automatic rifles Beretta mod.38	2.563	452	2.111
<u>AMMUNITIONS</u>			
For drum-revolvers mod 89	-	22.758	-
For automatic pistol mod.34 (personal allotment)	206.829		
" " " " " (reserve)	68.943	42.181	233.591
For rifle mod.91 (personal allotment)	524.592		
" " " " " (reserve)	204.008	570.351	158.249
For automatic rifle Beretta mod.38 (personal allotment)	205.040		
" " " " " " (reserve)	435.710	60.097	580.653
<u>ARMAMENT OF THE DETACHMENT</u>			
Light machine guns Breda mod.30	374	570	-
Hand grenades	20.680	2.290	18.390
<u>ALLOTMENT OF AMMUNITION</u>			
For light machine gun Breda 30 (handed to personnel)	187.000		
" " " " " " (reserve)	157.828	158.660	186.168

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	3rd BRIGADE				4th BRIGADE			
	a Request- ed	b Existant	c Deficien cy	d Exciden.	a Requested	b Existan.	c Deficien cy	d Exciden.
	-	1.206	-	1.206	-	1.967	-	1.967
	9.849	4.117	5.732	-	12.818	6.234	6.584	-
	7.280	8.808	-	1.517	9.463	13.211	-	3.748
	2.563	452	2.111	-	3.355	1.307	2.048	-
	-	22.758	-	22.758	-	73.095	-	73.095
personal allotment)	206.829	42.181	233.591	-	269.178	158.356	270.548	-
(reserve)	68.943				89.726			
lotment)	524.592	570.351	158.249	-	681.336	902.342	43.958	-
	204.008				264.964			
od. 38 (personal allotment)	205.040	60.097	580.653	-	268.400	718.374	120.376	-
" " (reserve)	435.710				570.350			
CHMENT								
	374	570	-	196	414	562	-	148
	20.680	2.290	18.390	-	18.920	25.496	-	6.576
TON								
0 (handed to personnel)	187.000	158.660	186.168	-	207.000	196.692	185.016	-
" (reserve)	157.828				174.708			

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WEAPONS	5th BRIGADE		
	a	b	c
	Request- ed	Existant	Deficien.
<u>INDIVIDUAL ARMAMENT</u>			
Drum-revolvers mod 89	-	2,338	-
Automatic pistols mod.34	9,707	4,718	4,989
Rifles mod.91	7,180	11,103	-
Automatic rifles Berettq mod.38	2,527	259	2,268
<u>AMMUNITIONS</u>			
For drum-revolvers mod.89	-	47,974	-
For automatic pistols mod.34 (personal allotment)	203,847	98,654	173,142
" " " " (reserve)	67,949		
For rifle mod.91 (personal allotment)	516,960	912,928	-
" " " " (reserve)	201,040		
For automatic rifle Beretta mod.38 (personal allotment)	202,160		
" " " " " " (reserve)	429,590	27,580	604,170
<u>ARMAMENT OF THE DETACHMENT</u>			
Light machine guns Breda mod.30	310	563	-
Hand grenades	19,490	16,063	3,427
<u>ALLOTMENT OF AMMUNITION</u>			
For light machine gun Breda mod.30 (handed to personnel)	155,000	239,720	46,100
" " " " " " (reserve)	130,820		

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	5th BRIGADE				6th BRIGADE			
	a	b	c	d	a	b	c	d
	Request- ed	Existant	Deficien.	Excid.	Request- ed	Existant	Deficien.	Excid.
	-	2.338	-	2.338	-	669	-	669
	9.707	4.718	4.989	-	6.542	3.063	3.479	-
	7.180	11.103	-	3.923	4.856	8.689	-	3.833
	2.527	259	2.268	-	1.686	169	1.497	-
	-	47.974	-	47.974	-	91.913	-	91.913
allotment)	203.847	98.654	173.142	-	137.382	89.837	93.339	-
	67.949				45.794			
	516.960	912.928	-	194.128	349.632	824.886	-	339.286
	201.040				135.968			
personal allotment)	202.160	27.580	604.170	-	134.880	26.770	394.730	-
(reserve)	429.590				286.620			
	311	563	-	253	290	767	-	477
	19.490	16.063	3.427	-	10.380	29.920	-	19.540
	155.000	239.720	46.100	-	145.000	610.748	-	343.368
handed to personnel)	130.820				122.380			
(reserve)								

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WEAPONS	NCO's SCHOOL & CADETS LEGION			
	a	b	c	d
	Requested	Existant	Deficien	Exo
<u>INDIVIDUAL ARMAMENT</u>				
Drum-revolvers mod.89	-	135	-	
Automatic pistols mod.34	4.258	1.046	3.212	
Rifles mod.91	3.193	2.579	614	
Automatic rifles Beretta mod.38	1.005	21	1.044	
<u>AMMUNITIONS</u>				
For drum-revolvers mod.89	-	250	-	
For automatic pistol mod.34 (personal allotment)	89.418			
" " " " (reserve)	29.806	46.504	72.660	
For rifle mod 91 (personal allotment)	229.896			
" " " " (reserve)	89.404	20.164	299.136	
For automatic rifle mod.38 (personal allotment)	85.200			
" " " " (reserve)	161.050	-	266.250	
<u>ARMAMENT OF DETACHMENT</u>				
Light machine guns Breda 30	88	102	-	
Hand grenades	200	-	200	
<u>ALLOTMENT OF AMMUNITION</u>				
For light machine gun Breda 30 (handed to personnel)	44.000			
" " " " " (reserve)	37.136	-	81.136	
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	NCO's SCHOOL & CADETS LEGION				NON ORGANIOAL			
	a	b	c	d	a	b	c	d
	Requested	Existant	Deficien	Exciden.	Request.	Existant	Deficien	Exciden.
	-	135	-	135	-	-	-	-
	4.258	1.046	3.212	-	2.100	-	2.100	-
	3.193	2.579	614	-	1.575	-	1.575	-
	1.065	21	1.044	-	525	-	525	-
	-	256	-	256	-	-	-	-
	89.418	46.564	72.660	-	44.100	-	58.800	-
	29.800				14.700			
	229.896	20.164	299.136	-	113.400	-	157.500	-
	89.404				44.100			
	85.200	-	266.250	-	42.000	-	131.250	-
	161.050				89.250			
	88	102	-	14	-	-	-	-
	200	-	200	-	-	-	-	-
	44.000	-	81.136	-	-	-	-	-
	37.136							

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HEADQUARTERS PENINSULAR BASE SECTION, APO 782, U. S. ARMY, 5 December '45.

THRU: Commanding General MTOUSA, APO 512, U. S. Army.

TO : Chief Commissioner Allied Commission, Attention: Military
Sub-Commission (MMIA), APO 394.

Reference request contained in basic letter and inclosures thereto,
War Department directives require that quantities of the subject weapons
which are excess to U. S. Army requirements, be returned to the United
States.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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2 Incls
a/s

A. J. Marshall
A. J. MARSHALL
Capt., A.G.D.
Asst. Adj. Gen.



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BOLZANO PROVINCE
VENEZIE REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
A P. O. 394.

SUBJECT: Request - Weapons for the CC.RR.

DATE: 26 Oct 45
SWM/lc

TO: Ordnance Officer, PBS, LEGHORN. ✓

REF: R XII / BZ / 108/3

I should be most grateful for any help you or your superiors could kindly give me in obtaining for the Carabinieri of this Province the weapons shown on this most urgent request.



S. W. MILLER, Colonel,
Provincial Commissioner.

Copy to :

Colonel U. LUCA,
Comdt CC.RR. Bolzano Legion.

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Subject : Request - Weapons and ammunition for the CC.RR.

For the purpose of arming all the Soldiers of this Province and those of a new Battalion to be formed , we are asking you to examine the possibility of approving an allocation of the following items:

<u>ITEMS</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
Machine gun with <u>500</u> Cartridge and <u>100</u> Clips	50 -
Semiautomatic gun with 300 Clips and 10,000 Cartridge	100 -
Automatic Pistol with 2,000 Clips and 14,000 Cartridge	1000

Signed: Colonel
Commanding CC.RR Legion

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APO 394

AC/14601/II/PS

December 1945

SUBJECT : Arms for the Italian Police Forces

TO: : AFHQ G-5

1. Reference your G-5 : 000.5 of 7 Nov 45.
2. Land Forces Sub-Commission state that the following distribution of the weapons released is being made:

		<u>Pistols</u>	<u>Automatic Carbines</u>
1	CC.RR. Bde. TURIN	500	1539
2	----- MILAN	500	1924
3	----- FLORENCE	500	1924
4	----- ROME	500	2111
5	----- NAPLES	500	1539
6	----- PALERMO	500	963
		<u>3000</u>	<u>10000</u>

3. A detailed examination of present holdings and estimated requirements of the Italian Army including CC.RR. is now being made by Land Forces Sub-Commission in accordance with AFHQ G (SD) signal FX 53377 of 16 November. Until this is completed it will not be possible to furnish the information called for at Para 2 (a) and (c) of your letter under reference.

4. Land Forces Sub-Commission will ensure priority is given CC.RR. units in making good their deficiencies in Italian weapons from available Army stocks. Assistance required from the Allies will be notified to AFHQ when the reply to FX 53377 referred to above is prepared.

So far as CC.RR. units are concerned it is anticipated this will amount only to the release of certain natures of Allied small arm ammunition and approval for the manufacture of such ammunition of Italian origin as is in short supply.

For the Chief Commissioner:

S.H. WHITE, Lt. Col.
A/VP CA Section.

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

IMPORTANT

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DATE/TIME 021000A

FROM : 3 BIU
TO : MMIA ROME
INFO : DISTWO
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YOUR 0704 OF 30. PRESENT HOLDINGS OF ARMS B E R E T T A FACTORIES WILL BE ASCERTAINED
EARLIEST BY INSPECTION(.) DISTWO AND AMG ARE NOT IN POSSESSION THIS INF(.)
DISTWO HAVE PROHIBITED PROPOSED DESTRUCTION OF REMAINING WEAPONS

ACTION COPY : Q.130
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DISTWO, WAR MINISTRY

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SUBJECT BERETTA ARMS FACTORY BRESCIA STOP EXPEDITE DELIVERY 3,000
PISTOLS 10,000 AUTOMATIC CARBINES TO ARMY DEPOT AT VERONA STOP
WAR MINISTRY ISSUING INSTRUCTIONS DISTRIBUTION TO CURR STOP
REMAINING WEAPONS BEING CLAIMED BY MMIA ON COMPLETION CENSUS
ITALIAN ARMY REQUIREMENTS STOP PENDING CHQ DECISION FUTURE OF
BERETTA ARMS FACTORY IMPORTANT PRESENT STOCKS ARE NOT DISPOSED
OF STOP YOUR REPORT CONCERNING PRESENT STOCKS AWAITED

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SUBJECT : Release of Amn

HQ 3 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

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HQ INTA, ROME

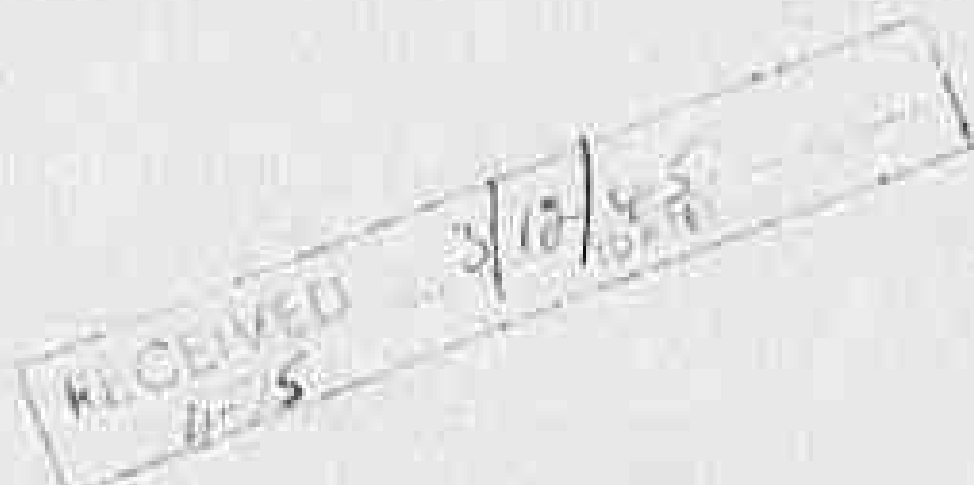
30 Nov 45

Ref your signal Q681 of 9 Nov 45.

I attach copy of 2 District letter ORD/9004 of 24 Nov 45, which answers one of the questions contained in your signal.

Lt col
General Staff

CLF
FMME/SYB



COPY

Subject : Release of Arms and Amn

HQ No 2 District, CLF
Tel Ext: 326
ORD/9004
24 Nov 45

MMIA LO, 2 District

Ref your MIL/9/Q dated 15 Nov 45.

1. The arms in question were released to you as per this office Release Note No CEM/312A.

2. With ref to your query re suitable Allied amn, 9 mm amn is suitable for the muskets Auto MITRA Model 38/42. It is understood there are large stocks available of this type of amn of ITALIAN manufacture. It is regretted there are no types of Allied amn suitable for Pistols Beretta Mod 38 Cal 7.65.

signed. WW Woodall Capt
for DDOS

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Subject : BERETTA Arms Factory.

HQ 3 British Liaison Unit.

Ref Q/37/11.

HQ MMLA.

29 Nov 45.

Ref your signal Q 681 of 9 Nov 45 and letter Q/130 of 21 Nov 45.

As notified to you in my Q 174 of 19 Nov 45 a release has been obtained from 2 District for 10,000 Carbines and 3000 Pistols Beretta. This has been passed to No. 23 Recovery Commission with instructions to withdraw the a/m before 2nd Dec 45.

Regional Commissioner AMG Lombardia informs me that negotiations are going on between the Beretta Arms Factory representatives in ROME and the Direzione d' Artiglieria at the War Ministry, presumably with your knowledge.

Please say whether it is the intention to obtain further releases of arms for CC RR from the Beretta Arms Factory, as I understand from 2 District that the remaining arms in the Factory were to have been destroyed, but this order is now in abeyance following representations made by the Regional Commissioner to GOC 2 District.

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J. L. G.
Maj. 882
DAA and QMG.

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Subject : Amunition for U.S.M.

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LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
M.P.I.A.
R O S E
4/130

29 Nov 45

To : 1. U.S.M. Milan

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REF - CMC signed 218986 of 20 Nov authorized 2 Dist
to release 250,000 pounds .3 gun to the Italian Army.

Please contact 2 Dist. and arrange for the distribution
of this gun as follows:

TURIN Artillery Directorate		50,000
Venice	"	50,000
BOLOGNA	"	75,000
PARMA	"	75,000
MODENA	"	50,000

This gun is intended for the U.S.M.
The Ministry of War will arrange collection and transport.

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A. CURTIS, Lt. Col.
for Major General
L.S.I.A. 381

Copy to :

- 2 Dist.
- Min. of War.
- 1 U.S.M. TURIN
- 2 U.S.M. BOLOGNA
- 7 " BOLOGNA
- 6 " BOLOGNA
- 1 " BOLOGNA

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SUBJECT : AMES FOR M.C.R.R.

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

→ Q.130
27 November 1945

TO : A.C. (for Pub. Safety S.C.)

Reference attached A.F.H.Q. letter.

The appended draft reply is forwarded for your approval

and despatch.

Please see also this H.Q. Q.126 - 26 Nov.

Amc

R.A. CHURCHES Lt. Col.
for Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission
(M.M.I.A.A.)
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TO : A.C. (for Pub. Safety S.C.)

Reference attached A.F.H.Q. letter.

The appended Draft reply is forwarded for your approval
and despatch.

Please see also this H.Q. Q.126 - 26 Nov.

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R.A. CURTIS Lt. Col.
for Major General
Land Forces Sub Commissioner
(M.M.I.A.)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 542

G-5 : 000.5

7 November 1945

SUBJECT : Arms for the Italian Police Forces.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 594.

Reference your cable 8023 of 3 November 45.

1. Release is being made to MIA of 3,000 pistols and 40,000 automatic pistols from the Beretta Arms Factory for the Italian Police Forces.
2. In order that consideration may be given to a further release of automatic pistols, it is requested that you forward a full justification to include the following information:
 - a. Details of existing holdings of arms and deficiencies.
 - b. Proposed distribution of arms to be released under para. 1 above.
 - c. Proposed distribution of any further automatic pistols requested by you.
3. It is realized that this matter is somewhat of a borderline case as to whether it should now be dealt with by the Public Safety Sub Commission or by MIA. You will, therefore, fully co-ordinate your reply with MIA before submission to this Headquarters.

A.L. HAMILTON
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

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reference your cable 8020 of 3 November 45.

Release is being made to MIA of 3,000 pistols and 10,000 automatic pistols from the Beretta Arms Factory for the Italian Police Force.

1. In order that consideration may be given to a further release of automatic pistols, it is requested that you forward a full justification to include the following information:

- a. Details of existing holdings of arms and deficiencies.
- b. Proposed distribution of arms to be released under para 1 above.
- c. Proposed distribution of any further automatic pistols requested by you.

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See file 879 on p 150

A.L. HANSEN
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

Copy to:
G-3 (AFHQ)
G (SD).

SUBJECT:- Arms for the Italian Police Forces

D R A F T

TO : A.F.H.Q. (for G 5)

Ref your G-5 : 000.5 - 7 Nov. 45.

1. Land Forces Sub Commission state that the following distribution of the weapons released is being made :

			<u>Pistols</u>	<u>Automatic Carbines</u>
1	CC.RR. B2a	TURIN	500	1539
2	-----	MILAN	500	1924
3	-----	FLORENCE	500	1924
4	-----	ROME	500	2111
5	-----	NAPLES	500	1539
6	-----	PADOVA	500	963
			3000	10000

2. A detailed examination of present holdings and estimated requirements of the Italian Army including CC.RR. is now being made by Land Forces Sub Commission in accordance with A.F.H.Q. G (SD) signal FX 53377 - 16 Nov. Until this is completed it will not be possible to furnish the information called for at para 2 (a) and (c) of your letter under reference .

3. Land Forces Sub Commission will ensure priority is given CC.RR. units in making good their deficiencies in Italian weapons from available Army stocks. Assistance required from the Allies will be notified to A.F.H.Q. when the reply to FX 53377 referred to above is prepared.

So far as CC.RR. units are concerned it is anticipated this will amount only to the release of certain natures of Allied small arm ammunition and approval for the manufacture of such ammunition of Italian origin as is in short supply.

Allied Commission

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War

REF: 48806

TO: M.M.I.A.

DATE: 24.11.45

SUBJECT: Ammunition for the CC.RR.

With reference to the second para. of your 4/130 of the 21st., inst., we would inform you that we would be pleased if the 250,000 rounds cal.9 which are intended for the CC.RR. and which 11 District will have to hand over to the Italian Army, were distributed as follows:

- <u>THRIN ARTILLERY DIRECTORATE</u>	50,000
- <u>VENICE ARTILLERY DIRECTORATE</u>	50,000
- <u>FLORENCE ARTILLERY DIRECTORATE</u>	75,000
- <u>BOLOGNA ARTILLERY DIRECTORATE</u>	25,000
- <u>MESSINA ARTILLERY DIRECTORATE</u>	50,000

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Sgd. PROPERZJ

General.

O.Darin Cpl.

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250,000 rounds cal.9 which are intended for the CC.RR. and which 11 District will have to hand over to the Italian Army, were distributed as follows:

- <u>THRIN ARTILLERY DIRECTORATE</u>	50,000
- <u>VENICE ARTILLERY DIRECTORATE</u>	50,000
- <u>FLORENCE ARTILLERY DIRECTORATE</u>	75,000
- <u>BOLOGNA ARTILLERY DIRECTORATE</u>	25,000
- <u>MESSINA ARTILLERY DIRECTORATE</u>	50,000

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Sgd. PROPERZJ

General.

O. Danin Cpl.

Inform. all concerned
PLG

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See

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22 November 1945

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for CORR
35-Q/22/9

Moreover the Provincial Public Safety Officer - Como -, has informed Milano Terr.Command that the instructions concerning requests ~~for arms~~ submitted to Public Safety SubCommission A.C. by CCRR, to obtain arms, refer only to the Territories which have been returned to the Italian Administration.

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See - (29)

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Subject : Ammunition for CCRR.

LAND FORCE SUB COMMISSION AG.
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q/130

21 Nov 45

To : Ministry of War.

AFHQ have agreed to release 250,000 rounds of .9
ammunition to the Italian Army for use by the CCRR.

The ammunition will be released by 2 District and
you are requested to inform this H.Q. where it is required
and in what quantities.

Rac

E.A. CURTIES, Lt. Col. 876
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

Copy :
H.Q. CC.RR.
A.C. for Public Safety Sub-Comm.

See 13 & 13A

AMN/lm

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16

Subject : Ammunition for CC.NR.

LAND FORCES SUB COMM. A.O.
M.H.I.A.
R O M E
Q/130

21 Nov 45

To : Ministry of War.

10,000 machine automatic and 3,000 pistols Beretta
have been released to you by 2 Dist for the CC.NR.

In order that these may be collected by you without
delay, an answer is required to our letter Q.130 of 9 Nov.
para 3.

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Rac
R.A. CURTIS, Lt. Col.
for Major General 875
M.H.I.A.

Copy :
MILIA BIU Milan
AC for Civil Affairs Section
Ac for Public Safety Sub-Comm.

AMV/lm

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Originator's Reference: G 38986
Date/Time of Origin: 191547A

Message Centre No: G/3908
Date Time Rec'd: 200900A
Precedence: Routine

Q.

FROM: AFHQ, GHQ, CMF.
TO: MMIA Info Distwo - Allied Commission (PS Sub Commission)

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Unclassified.

Reference Q 688 of 17 November. Release of ammunition requested agreed. Release note to Distwo follows.

GHR/5048/QAC 20 Nov. 62 Dist

AC DIST

Act : MMIA
Inf : C. Comm.
P. Safety SC (2)
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Float

*Inform War Man
Attn disposed in
a notify BLO Milan
RAC
20 Nov*

HEADQUARTERS
COMMUNICATIONS
SECTION

Q 136

874.

ACTION

*Birella Arms Factory Portofino
GHR/5045/58/Q (AC) 12 Nov.*

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*Q 67
M R
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FROM : MMIA N ITALY
TO : MMIA ROME

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Q174. UNCLASSIFIED. YOUR Q 681 OF 09 . 10,000 MUSKETS AUTOMATIC
MITRA MODEL 38/42 CAL 9 AND 3,000 PISTOLS BERETTA MODEL 38 ALL CAL
7.65 RELEASED BY DISTWO. THESE ARE TO BE COLLECTED AT VERONA.
WHERE DO YOU REQUIRE THEM TAKEN. ANTICIPATE TOTAL AMOUNT WILL NOT
REPEAT NOT BE AVAILABLE ALL AT ONCE.

Q1: we note
was in to decide
disposal. find out
then plan original
BLU Milan

SEE 873

RAG 20 Nov.

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SIGNAL TUBE

FROM :- 13A
TO :- ARMY

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COPY TO:- HQ 2 DISTRICT
ALLIED COMMISSION (P 3 SUB COMMISSION)

RESTRICTED

REF:- Q 682

9
REFERENCE YOUR LETTER ESD/81/3 OF 6 NOVEMBER(.) BRITISH POINT 9
ACCOMPLISH VERY SHORT SUPPLY(.) REQUEST RELEASE OF 250,000 ROUNDS
BRITISH POINT 9 CALIBRE TO THE ITALIAN ARMY(.)

PRESIDENT DEPTENT

AUTHENTICATION KEE

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SEE 13A.

Q 130

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Translation

From M. of W.

Re 46760

To M.W.I.a.

Date 13/11/45

Subject ammunition for 7.65 Cal. Pistol.

Further to that pointed out in letter 45142 dated 5/11/45
in ~~which~~ ^{expectations of} the issue of 4,000 pistols of 7.65 Cal. to the
CC.RR. we point out the urgent necessity to prepare a
first lot of 500,000 cartridges of such cal. whose stock
is reduced to a few thousand.

We ask you to inform us whether you authorize the
preparation.

DLK

P.G. Propercj.

Jus.
16/11

17 in 2,000.
See 9.009.
See 16 Apr.
Q 125
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Q 130

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Translation

From Gen. Carabinieri Reale 34.
To M.M.I.A. Col. Curtiss.

Ref. 11/24-4
C.M.E.

Subject Small arms ammunition.

11(1)

The CC.RR. Territorial Regions of Turin and Alessandria have on issue, 126 and 270 light "Sten" automatics respectively.

Since said ^{HAVE NOT} H.A. ammunition available for the arms concerned, we ask you to kindly examine the possibility of allotting the following cartridges "Sten" Cal. 9, informing us where they may be drawn from:

- CC.RR. Region Turin.....	31.500
" " Alessandria	57.500
	<u>199.000</u>

Encl
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Redolfo Celli.

Q 120870

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16/11

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Q Translation M.H.)

CC.RR. GENERAL COMMAND
Situation and Liaison Office

R 14/10/45. 9A(T)
Q
Rome, 6/11/1945

Nr. 87/61
Reply to note AC.14195/PS.
dated 8/10/1945

To: ALLIED COMMISSION
Sub Commission of P.S.
R o m e

SUBJECT: Ammunitions for CC.RR. Mobile Battallions.

With reference to a/m note, we beg to transmit inclosed list of ammunitions needed in order to complete the supply of weapons for the English armoured cars assigned to CC.RR. Mobile Battallions of Genoa, Padua, Turin and Milan.

The General Commander
s/ brunetto Brunetti

TO		INITIALS	DATE
✓ DIRECTOR		14/11	
DEPUTY DIRECTOR			
EXECUTIVE			
X POLICE		15/11	
LEGAL			
FINANCE			
ARMY			
SECURITY			
CHIEF CLERK		14/11	

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES

ESD/81/3

6 Nov 45

SUBJECT : Arms for Italian Police Forces.
MEMO TO : DIA.
COPY TO : Hq 2 District
Allied Commission (Public Safety Sub Commission)
(Your 8020 of 3 Nov 45 refers).

1. The release of the following arms has now been authorised for issue to the Carabinieri :-

Automatic Muskets MITRA Model 38/42 calibre 9
qty 10,000.

Pistols BERETTA Model 38 calibre 7.65
qty 3,000.

2. The above weapons are stated to be in stock at the BERETTA Arms Factory at BRESCIA.

3. The question of any additional issue of arms is under discussion with Allied Commission, and until a decision has been reached, no further releases will be authorised.

4. Release note follows.

A.D. WARD,
Major General,
Chief of General Staff.

RWS/hn/G(ED)

DISTRIBUTION :- G (Ops)

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Q (AE) - conversation Lt. Col. BARNES - Capt. STEVENS refers.

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Subject: Arms for CC.MR.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. F. A.)

✓ 140
9 November 1945

To:

War Ministry.

Reference your letter 37813/4371/AND dated 5 Nov 45.

1. Approval is being obtained for the release of 3,000 pistols and 10,000 Automatic Machine from the Baratta Arms Factory. You are required to issue instructions as to the distribution of these arms, which should be allocated to units of the CC.MR.

2. It is recommended that distribution be made among the three divisions of the CC.MR. in proportion to the number of mobile Bns. in each and that the mobile Bns. receive priority.

3. You are required to furnish the following information not later than 13 November:

- (a) Details of existing holdings of arms by the CC.MR on the lines of the proforma attached at appendix 'A'.
- (b) Your proposed distribution of the arms referred to in para. 1 above.

4. In order that the present authorized holdings of arms by units may be brought up to date and available stocks distributed to the best advantage, it is desired to hold a conference at this H. 867 on Tuesday 13 November at 10.00 hrs. Representatives of M.F.A. and Public Safety Sub Commission will attend. You are requested to detail a representative who should bring with him the latest proposed for Establishment of CC.MR units, showing personnel and weapons allocated.

RAC
A.A. GUTHRIE Lt. Col.
for Major General,
M. F. A.

See 27/11
H. L. Wilson

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

Internal: 'G' Branch.

10/11/45
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NOTES: (a) = Authorized Holding
 (b) = In possession
 (c) = Deficient, i.e. (a) - (b)
 (d) = Surplus, i.e. (b) - (a)

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Land Force S/C

AFHQ

INER 8250

9 Nov 45

OF PRIORITY

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RESTRICTED PD

REFERENCE YOUR GEORGE FIVE TWO THREE FIVE THREE OF SIX NOVEMBER RECEIVED
TODAY PD

PAREN TO AFHQ FOR GENERAL MORGAN FROM HQ ALCOM FROM ADMIRAL STONE CITY

ACSEC PAREN

GRATEFUL YOUR PROMPT ACTION IN APPROVING RELEASE THREE ZERO ZERO ZERO
PISTOLS CMA ONE ZERO ZERO ZERO ZERO CARBINES WHICH IS WELCOME STOPCAP PD
ORIGINAL REQUEST FOR FOUR FOUR ZERO ZERO ZERO CARBINES NOW BEING EXAMINED
IN DETAIL IN LIGHT OF YOUR GEORGE FIVE PD ZERO ZERO ZERO PD FIVE OF SEVEN
NOVEMBER TO WHICH REPLY WILL BE MADE SOONEST

Copy to: Land Forces S/C
CA Section

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K. J. Kelly
Chief Commissioner

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Lt. Col. Kelly
Lt Col.
CSO to Exec Comm.

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URGENT PRIORITY

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FROM : MCIA
TO : MILA-1A MILAN
REF : C.661

DATE/TIME
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APPROXIMATE BURN RATE 3,000 FEET PER 10,000 AIRCRAFT GALLONS(.)
AIRFRAME CRASHES TO LEFT OF AND REPORT DAMAGE WILL AVAILABLE
IN BIRNITA AREA FACTORY(.) REPORT CRASHES DESCRIPTION OF
ALLIED AIRCRAFT CRASHES FOR ALSO NOT RELEASED(.)
DISPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE GIVEN TO WAR DEPARTMENT

IMPORTANCE _____
AUTHORIZATION _____

SEE (21)

SEE (22)

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Q130

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

(5)

G-5: 000.5

7 November 1945

SUBJECT: Arms for the Italian Police Forces.
TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

Reference your cable 8020 of 3 November 45.

1. Release is being made to MMIA of 3,000 pistols and 10,000 automatic muskets from the Beretta Arms Factory for the Italian Police Forces.

2. In order that consideration may be given to a further release of automatic muskets, it is requested that you forward a full justification to include the following information:

- a. Details of existing holdings of arms and deficiencies.
- b. Proposed distribution of arms to be released under para 1 above.
- c. Proposed distribution of any further automatic muskets requested by you.

3. It is realized that this matter is somewhat of a borderline case as to whether it should now be dealt with by the Public Safety Sub-Commission or by MMIA. You will, therefore, fully co-ordinate your reply with MMIA before submission to this Headquarters.

SEE 1012 - Q 008

/s/ A. L. Hamblen
A. L. HAMBLEN
Brigadier General, G-5
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

Q111 R.B.

SEE 12-900 *pass*

Q130

TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War

REF: 37918/4177/AMC

TO: M.M.I.A.

DATE: 5.11.45

SUBJECT: Automatic weapons for the CC.RR.

In view of the handing over to the Italian Government of about 1200 depots of Allied material it is necessary to make urgent arrangements for their custody and security.

In view of the fact that the personnel to be appointed to these duties will be limited ~~NUMBER~~ as compared with requirements, since we are unable to deprive the police of large forces, it is necessary to make up the deficiency in numbers with the quality of the armament.

To reach this end we beg of M.M.I.A. to take the necessary action with A.F.H.Q. in order to have released to this

Ministry the automatic weapons which are held at the ⁸⁶²Pietro Beretta firm, of Brescia.

The weapons in question are:

- 14,000 "Beretta" cal.9 automatic carbines.
- 30,000 complete sets of parts of the same weapon ready for

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Beretta firm, of Brescia.

The weapons in question are:

- 14,000 "Beretta" cal.9 automatic carbines.
- 30,000 complete sets of parts of the same weapon ready for assembling.
- 3,000 "Beretta" cal.7.65 pistols Mod.38.

With the above mentioned quantity of automatic weapons we shall complete the armament of the CC.RR., which are also partly concerned in the custody of the material depots, and we shall improve their armament without increasing the number of weapons on issue since any excess will be withdrawn.

6/11/28
See ③
Sgd. PROPERZJ
O. Danin Cpl. Gen.
NA
SEE ⑧
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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM : ALGOM

TO : AFHQ

REF : 8020

3 Nov 45

PRIORITY

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RESTRICTED (.)

(See 5)

1. IT IS WELL KNOWN THAT CO RR AND OTHER POLICE AGENCIES ARE INADEQUATELY ARMED (.) THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AND AMG OFFICERS TESTIFY THAT THEY CANNOT PROPERLY PERFORM THEIR DUTIES BECAUSE OF THIS LACK OF ARMS (.)

PAREN TO AFHQ FOR CHIEF OF STAFF FROM HQ ALGOM SIGNED STONE

CITE ACEXO PAREN

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2. ON 14 SEPTEMBER IN MY AC/14601/II/PS TO G-5 SECTION I REQUESTED THAT 44000 AUTOMATIC MUSKETS AND 3000 PISTOLS BE RELEASED FROM THE BERETTA ARMS FACTORY AT BRESCIA FOR THE CARABINIERI (.) I HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED PERMISSION (.) I AM TOLD BY G-5 IN THEIR G-5: 000.5 13 OCTOBER THAT THE ISSUE OF THESE WEAPONS IS UNDER DISCUSSION (.) I SUBMIT THAT TO REFER OR POSTPONE FURTHER THE ISSUE OF THESE ARMS TO THE POLICE IN THIS COUNTRY IS TO IGNORE THE REALITY OF THE SITUATION OF LAW AND ORDER AND ALLIED RESPONSIBILITY IN HELPING THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TO MAINTAIN ORDER AND I WOULD URGE THAT AN IMMEDIATE AFFIRMATIVE DECISION BE MADE

Copy to : C.Com
Ex.Com
Land Forces S/C.

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Ex.Com for CA SEC

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Land Forces S/C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

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31 October 1945

Ref: 3627/74/EC

SUBJECT: Re-equipping of CC. RR.

TO : Civil Affairs Section

Q23/9-Q

1. The Chief Commissioner desires that the request from Public Safety Subcommittee to AFHQ (AF/14501/11/53 of 14 September 1945) with reference to the release of weapons from the Beretta Arms Factory at Brescia for the Italian Police Forces be followed up.

2. Please send this office a copy of your communication.

E. M. WHITE

Chief Staff Officer
To the Executive Commissioner

Copy to: WED S/C
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