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Q 131 Clearance + Disposal of Ammunition

Feb. 1945 - Mar. 1946

RECEIVED 25 MAR 1946

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HEADQUARTERS
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
APO 782

AG 471 BPORD

MAR 8 1946

SUBJECT: Disposal of Abandoned Ammunition

TO: Commanding General, Military Mission, Italian Army, APO 394

FOR: Land Forces Sub-Commission, AC.

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1. Reference is made to attached correspondence, and particularly to paragraph 2 of your letter dated 25 February 1946, subject, "British and American Ammunition," addressed to AFHQ, regarding ammunition of American origin present in dumps under the Italian Artillery Directorate at Florence.

2. Authority is hereby granted for the Italian War Ministry to dispose of all types and quantities of ammunition of American origin as listed on Appendix to DOS/64/4(4) of 28 Feb 46, attached.

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3. It is requested that M.M.I.A. take appropriate action to assure that the Italian War Ministry, in being granted this authority, will take immediate action either to destroy or demilitarize all such ammunition here or later to be committed to them.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

3 Incl
n/c

GORDON W. GILLIM
Captain A.G.D.
Assistant Adjutant General

See 16

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See 75

A P. 131

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

Subject : Battlefield Clearance, Disposal of Ammunition

Tel: Freedom 801

Ref: DOS/64/4(4)

To: H.Q. PBS for Lt/Col M.C. Dorney
Ammunition Officer,
Ordnance Section

Date: 28 Feb '46

Copy: Land Forces Sub-Commission AC.
(M.M.I.A.)

1. A copy of M.M.I.A. letter Q.131 of 25 Feb '46 is attached, together with Appendix detailing natures and quantities of ammunition held by Italian Artillery Directorate.

2. Disposal of the British ammunition is being given to MMIA by this directorate; will you please do lokewise in respect of the American ammunition, communicating direct with MMIA?

L.S.Davis Major
for Maj-Gen
DOS. GHQ. CMF

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C O P Y

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APPENDIX TO DOS/64/4(4) OF 28 FEB '46

American Ammunition

76 mm Charges	986	
76 mm Shells	1140	rounds
76 mm Armour Piercing Shells	151	"
155 mm Shells	168	"
155 mm Smoke Shells	29	"
100 lb Bombs	6	
250 lb Bombs	8	
500 lb Bombs	88	
1000 lb bombs	11	
37 mm Shells	3000	rounds
40 mm Charges	400	"
57 mm Charges	204	"
57 mm Shells	59	"
57 mm Tracer Shells	300	"
60 mm Mortar Bombs	4470	
81 mm Mortar Bombs	3181	
75 mm Charges	1177	
75 mm Shells	5764	rounds
75 mm Smoke Shells	687	"
75 mm Armour Piercing Shells	550	"
75 mm Tracer Shells	50	"
75 mm A/TK Shells	22	"
75 mm Phosphosous	224	"
90 mm Shells	110	"
95 mm Shells	1200	"
105 mm Shells	3832	"
105 mm Smoke Shells	951	" } in bad state of
105 mm A/TK Shells	59	" } preservation and
		} dangerous.

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

Subject : Battlefield Clearance, Disposal of Ammunition

Tel: Freedom 80M

Ref: DOS/64/4(4)

To: H.Q. PBS for Lt/Col M.C. Dorney
Ammunition Officer,
Ordnance Section

Date: 28 Feb '46

Copy:Land Forces Sub-Commission AC.
(M.M.I.A.)

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L.S.Davis Major
for Maj-Gen
DOS. GHQ. CMF

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COPY

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDG NO. 785020

Subject : British and American Ammunition

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

Q. 131

25 February 1946

To : A.F.H.Q.

1. The Italian War Ministry have informed this H.Q. that British and American ammunition, as shown in the attached appendix, is located in dumps under the Italian Artillery Directorate at Florence.

2. The War Ministry are prepared to dispose of this ammunition provided they receive the necessary authority.

3. Would you please issue disposal instructions.

(Sgd) ? ? ? ? ? ? ?
Major
INNISKS
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

Copy to: 7 BLU FLORENCE
Ministry of War (Your 1/113/217S of 16 Feb refers)

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDG NO. 785020

APPENDIX TO DOS/64/4(4) OF 28 FEB '46

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		} dangerous.

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C O P Y

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SUBJECT:- Fuses and Detonators for Bomb Clearance Work.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q.131
22 March 1946

TO : 5 B.L.U.

SEE 146 70.50 Jul 1

1. In July 1945, the MMIA Liaison Officer attached to Rear 8 Army reported to this Headquarters that there existed a stock of 20,000 Italian Fuses, slow burning, and 80,000 each Italian detonators, type 6 and type 8, at a C.E.M. dump at MEDEUZZA, map reference C 5306 sheet 6, ITALY Touring Club Map. It was understood at that time that 8 Army would make this stock available to the Italian Army for Bomb Clearance Work, since it was surplus to Allied military requirements at that time.

2. For various reasons, the stock has not yet passed to Italian War Ministry control. It is requested therefore that the following information be furnished this Headquarters as soon as possible:-

(a) Does the original stock, or any part thereof, still exist at MEDEUZZE Depot.

(b) If the stock still exists, are H.Q. XIII Corps willing to release.

R.A.C.

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

JJV/ar

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RECEIVED 25 MAR 1946
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SUBJECT:- Disposal of Amn

3 District
Tel Ext 117
OS4/4002(148)

21. March 46

Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MMIA) -

DOS GHQ CMF (For SIOO - Your DOS/64/4(4) of 19 Mar refers)

Ref your Q131 of 8 Mar 46 addressed to DOS GHQ CMF

1. The 130mm Cartridge Bags reported by the Detached Artillery Section (Italian Army), COSENZA , cannot be identified as being of British origin. 130mm equipment was used by Polish and Russian Armies but the amn was of the QF Fixed type and had a brass cartridge case.

2. Owing to difficulty in identification, the amn reported by the Italian Ministry of War may refer to :-

(a) Filled cartridges, such as British 4.5 or 5.5in (130 mm is equivalent to 5.12in).

(b) Empty cartridge bags, such as are used by several Continental Armies for filling with propellant at the gunsite.

3. Will you please ascertain if the bags are filled or empty (ie free from explosive) and also request that the COSENZA Detachment supply details of markings on the packages or bags.

4. It should be noted that all future locations of amn for disposal should be reported to ADOS this HQ and not to GHQ.

See 91T

W.W. Heseltine 1130

Capt for Lt Col
ADOS
(W.W.HESELTINE)

H/lp

Q 131

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SUBJECT : Battlefield Clearance.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
Q/131
18 March 1946
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TO : Commanding General
Peninsular Base Section
APO 782U.S. Army
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1. Reference is made to your headquarters signed C 3980 cite BPORD-BPGDS of 12 March 1946.

2. Battlefield clearance within the territory covered by Peninsular Base Section is at present the responsibility of the Italian Ministry of War through the use of Italian Army units.

3. A list of all Italian Army battlefield clearance units operating within the territory covered by Peninsular Base Section is being prepared and will be forwarded your headquarters when completed.

4. Similarly, notification will be given you by this headquarters of any civilian firms contracted for battlefield clearance in the territory by the Ministry of War.

5. If any particular area is considered by your headquarters as needing immediate attention, it is requested that you forward pertinent information to this headquarters.

6. In cases of emergency, location statements on Italian Army Battlefield Clearance Units in Peninsular Base Section Territory may be obtained from 7 British Liaison Unit, Florence (Telephone: Florence 1629)

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

JOHN J. WARD
Capt. CAC
Asst G-4

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18-3-46

Copy to:
7 BLU

JJW/mll

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SUBJECT : Clearing, Lifting and Recovering Explosives

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
Q/131
18 March 1946
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TO : Ministry of War.
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SEE 9T 2ND FOO 87

1. Further to this headquarters letter of 1 March 1946, file and subject as above.

2. It is requested that you forward to this headquarters a list of all military units at present engaged on battlefield clearance within 7 Territorial Command, showing the area for which each unit is responsible and the contemplated work schedule of the unit, as now foreseen.

3. Should any contracts be made by you with civilian firms for battlefield salvage within 7 Territorial Command, it is requested that the name and address of the firm, and their area of responsibility be forwarded to this headquarters.

4. Please forward the information requested in para 2 above as soon as possible.

JOHN J. WARD, Capt.
for
Major General
MMIA

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18-3-46

B/F 30 MAR

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Subject : Clearance of explosives at MONTE BIANCO, PESCHIERA.

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

No. 131

15 March 1946

To : Ministry of War.

Ref your 51582/M/621 of 21 Feb 1946.

Investigations have been made and it is notified that the premises in question(MONTE BIANCO Depots, PESCHIERA) are not requisitioned. Therefore you may begin the work of clearing the explosives from the debris as soon as is convenient.

E.W.B.

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

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EWB/lm

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Subject:- Non Italian amn in Italian Army Arty Depot.

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RECEIVED 3126 12 MAR 1946

2 BIU,
Tel:52278
Q 2/6
12 Mar 46.

Q.

HQ 2 District

Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MMIA) (Ref your Q 131 dated 25 Feb)

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Ref your letter 1265/3/Q.3 dated 19 Feb 46.

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1. Herewith copy of lists received from 2 Comiliter of non-It amn removed from the forts of GRANAROLO, BECATO and CASTELLACCIO and concentrated at the RIVALTA SCRIVIA Depot.

2. It will be noted that certain items have been removed, for the sake of convenience, to depots at SAINOUR and OCCIMIANO.

H. Major,
DAA&QMG.

GENOVA

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Q131
PWL 28-3-46

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ELENCO DEL MUNIZIONAMENTO ESTERO ESISTENTE ALLA DATA DEL 21/1/1946 NEL DEPOSITO DI CASTELLACCIO CON L'INDICAZIONE DEL DEPOSITO CUI VENNE TRASFERITO

Munizionamento inglese ed americano:

Granate da 105	n.	190	Kgs. 3040	Rivalta	Scrivia
Cartocci granata da 76	"	920	" 11500	"	"
" " "105	"	90	" 1620	"	"
" " " 76	"	176	" 1936	"	"
" " " 75	"	40	" 360	"	"
" " " 57	"	174	" 1218	"	"
" " " 37	"	635	" 1270	"	"
Granate fumogene "105	"	103	" 1650	"	"
Totale		Kgs. 22594			

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ELENCO DEL MUNIZIONAMENTO ESTERO ESISTENTE ALLA DATA DEL 21/1/1946 NEL DEPOSITO DI GRANAROLO CON L'INDICAZIONE DEL DEPOSITO CUI VENNE TRASFERITO

Munizionamento alleato

Cartocci granata da 105 inglesi.....	n. 2	Kgs.	40	Rivalta	S.
Granata da 105 inglesi.....	" 1	"	16	"	"
Cartocci granata da 75 con bossolo lungo.....	" 8	"	64	"	"
Granate da 75	" 6	"	36	"	"
Cartocci granata da 75 con bossolo corto.....	" 13	"	104	"	"
Cartocci granata da 75 inglesi.....	"132	"	1056	"	"
Cartocci granata da 76/G	" 7	"	70	"	"
Granate da 75 inglesi con spoletta.....	" 8	"	64	"	"
Cartocci granata da 75 inglesi.....	" 24	"	192	"	"
Cartocci granata da 75.....	" 29	"	152	"	"
" " " 76 Spoker.....	" 37	"	370	"	"
" " " 76	" 66	"	660	"	"
" " " 75/K inglesi.....	" 44	"	440	"	"
" " " 37/G.....	"152	"	304	"	"
" " " 37 inglesi.....	"182	"	306	"	"
" " " 76.....	" 32	"	320	"	"
" " " 76.....	" 46	"	460	"	"
" " " 76.....	"146	"	1460	"	"
Scatole a mitraglie da 37 inglesi.....	" 43	"	86	"	"
Bombe per mortaio americano.....	" 10	"	30	Salmour	
TOTALE		Kgs.	6290		

Materiale tedesco

Cartocci granata da 37.....	n. 9190	Kgs.	12514	Rivalta	Scrivia
" " " 50.....	" 667	"	2564	"	"
" " "105	" 46	"	1512	"	"
	Kgs.		16590 +		
			6290		
TOTALE GENERALE	"		22880		

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ELENCO DEL MUNIZIONAMENTO ESTERO ESISTENTE ALLA DATA DEL 21/1/1946
NEL DEPOSITO DI BEGATO CON L'INDICAZIONE DEL DEPOSITO CUI VENNE TRASFERITO

Munizionamento tedesco

Cartocci granata da 37.....	n. 3568)	Kgs. 7136	Rivalta Scrivia
" " " 37.....	" 1079)	" 2158	Salmour
" " " 88.....	" 1078	" 16404	Rivalta Scrivia
" " " 105.....	" 87	" 1392	" "
Granate da 100.....	" 18)	" 288	" "
" 100.....	" 177)	" 2832	Salmour
Bombe da 86.....	" 68	" 540	Rivalta Scrivia
Granate da 75.....	" 711	" 4266	Salmour
Cartocci Granata da 50.....	" 140	" 420	Rivalta Scrivia

Totale Kg. 32436

Munizionamento inglese ed americano

Cartocci granata da 57.....	n 2259	- Kg 4518	Rivalta Scrivia
Rochet.....	" 353	- " 500	Salmour
Bombe per mortaio da 60.....	" 58	- " 116	Rivalta Scrivia
Cartocci granata da 76.....	" 119	- " 1309	Salmour
Granate da 44 leggere.....	" 117	- " 70	Occimiano
Granate da 105.....	" 276	- " 4400	Salmour
Cartocci granata da 75.....	" 487	- " 4383	Salmour
Granate da 105.....	" 1204	- " 19264	Salmour

Totale Kg. 34560

Munizionamento greco

Granate da 76.....	n. 357	- Kg 2142	Salmour
Granate da 77/40.....	" 12	- " 156	Salmour

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Totale Kg. 2298

Totale generale Kg. 72294

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RECEIVED 18 MAR 1946
3120 (DATE)

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Subject : Destruction of Italian Arty.

4 British Liaison Unit,
GHF.
13 Mar 46.

4/GB/5-11.

HQ,
Land Forces Sub Comm,
AC(MMIA) ROME.

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Further to this HQ letter 4/GB/5-9 dated 8 Mar 46 addressed to HQ 60 Sub Area, copy to you.

The attached copy of the reply received from 60 Sub Area is forwarded herewith for any action you may consider necessary in view of the serious nature of this regrettable error.

Lieut-Col,
GS.

JSHD/hjj

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COPY

Subject : Destruction of Italian Arty.

Headquarters,
60 Sub Area,
CMF.
Tel No Bolzano 3797
353/7/Q
11 Mar 46.

4 EAU.

Reference your 4/GE/5-9 dated 8 Mar 46.

1. It is regretted that Italian Artillery in the area of CASTEL-ROTTO was destroyed.

2. It is agreed that according to AMG directives Italian artillery should not be destroyed but this particular instance was a case of mistaken identification.

3. The destruction of all enemy guns was completed on 26 Feb 46, therefore there will be no similar occurrences.

(Signed) ??????????,
Major,
DAQMG (CEM).

[redacted]C MING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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MMIA

Orig[redacted]r's Reference: C 3980
Date Time of Origin: MAR 121820 A

Message Centre No: H/575
Date Time Rec'd: MAR 131000
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: PENBASE

TO : (1) ALCOM MMIA
INFO: (2) CG MTOUSA

RECEIVED 13 MAR 1946 1312pm

ACTION

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CITE EPORD BPGDS. Reference MTOUSA cable C 25926, dated 26 February 1946, following information is requested: A. Which if any of the 3 agencies named in last paragraph of reference cable is taking initiative in soliciting contracts or otherwise organizing battlefield clearance. B. In addition foregoing, request that this Headquarters be apprised of any and all future developments concerning operations in or through peninsular base section territory. Identity, scope of operations, extent of responsibility, and related information regarding any contractors engaged will be required by this Headquarters.

AC DIST.

ACTION: MMIA

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER
ECON 2
FILE 2

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Lt. Col. DONNEY
Ammo. Off.
ORDNANCE, PBS

HEADQUARTERS
13 MAR 1946

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INFO: (2) CG MTOUSA

RECEIVED 20 MAR 1946 1312pm

ACTION

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Lt. Col. DONNEY
Ammo. Off.
ORDNANCE, PBS

HEADQUARTERS
13 MAR 1946
A. C.

AC DIST.

ACTION: MMIA 1121

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER
ECON 2
FILE 2
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M.M.I.A.
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Ministero della Guerra
DIREZIONE GENERALE ARTIGLIERIA
Ufficio Gestione Materiali
Divisione 8383 Sez.
Prot. N° /G.M. Allegati

Al A LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I. A.) ROMA

Risposta al f. del
Div. Sez. N°

OGGETTO Vendita di materiali esplosivi a industrie private.-

Sale of explosives to private firms

212 of 3rd Gen Div Reg (21) 20

With reference to para. 4 of letter A.G./23/1 dated 18/2/45, we forward the list of explosives sold during the month of Feb.

Con riferimento al n.4 del foglio n.A.G./23/1 in data 18 febbraio 1945 si trasmette il prospetto degli esplosivi venduti nel mese di febbraio.-

TRANSLATION

P. IL MINISTRO
Gen G. Bonini

IN date 14/3
time 1230
Trans. Office date 14/3

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
DIREZIONE GENERALE ARTIGLIERIA E MOTORIZZAZIONE
UFFICIO GESTIONE MATERIALI

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Data	Materiale	Quantità	Deposito	A cui consegnato	
1946 Febbraio	Cartucce da gr. 100 di tritolo	n. 2500	Sezione staccata artiglieria. Udine	Impresa Petrucco di Cividale.	Esplo cuzio utili
	Cartucce da gr. 200 di tritolo	" 1250			
	Detonatori del n.6	" 2000			
	Miccia a lenta combustione	m. 2100			

PER IL MINISTRO
G. Bonn

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
DIREZIONE GENERALE ARTIGLIERIA E MOTORIZZAZIONE
UFFICIO GESTIONE MATERIALI

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Quantità	Deposito	A chi consegnato	A quale scopo
500	Sezione staccata artiglieria. Udine	Impresa Petrucco di Cividale.	esplosivi occorrenti per l'esecuzione di lavori di pubblica utilità.-
250			
000			
100			

PER IL MINISTRO
G. Bonn

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Translation

From M.of W.

To; M.M.I.A.

Ref. 8384/GM

Date I2/3/46.

Subject Sale of Explosives to Private Firms.

With reference to para.4 of letter A.Q./23/I dated I8/2/46, we have only just received the report that, during the month of Dec. I945, following the "no objection" of the allied authorities and the Questura at Bolzano, I0 Qts of Donarit in cartridges has been sold to the Comune di Scena, for the execution of public utility works.

We forward the list concerned.

DAK

(XXXXXXXXXXX)

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
DIREZIONE GENERALE ARTIGLIERIA E MOTORIZZAZIONE
UFFICIO GESTIONE MATERIALI

Data	Materiale	Quantità	Deposito	A chi consegnato
Dicembre 1945	Donarit in cartucce	q.li 10	Sezione staccata Artiglieria Bolzano	Comune di Scena (Merano)

PER IL MINISTRO
G. Bonn

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
DIREZIONE GENERALE ARTIGLIERIA E MOTORIZZAZIONE
UFFICIO GESTIONE MATERIALI

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Quantità	Deposito	A chi consegnato	A quale scopo
Kg 1.li 10	Sezione staccata Artiglieria Bolzano	Comune di Scena (Merano)	Esplosivi occorrenti per l'esecuzione di lavori di pubblica utilità.-

PER IL MINISTRO
G. Bonn

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RECEIVED 11 Mar 1946 No. 2935

ORDNANCE DIRECTORATE
GHQ, CMF.

Tele : Freedom 301

Refce : DOS/64/4(4)

11th March 1946.

SUBJECT : Battlefield Clearance - Disposal of Ammunition.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.
P.M.I.A.
ROME.

Your Q.131 of 5 March '46 refers.

1. Disposal of the British Ammunition listed in Appendix to the above letter may be made in accordance with my DOS/64/4(4) of 28 Feb '46. (para 2 refers).

2. Details of American Ammunition have been passed to the appropriate American authority for their action.

3. With regard to the French Ammunition, it is suggested you contact the French Military Mission, Rome, since no disposal pertaining to French ammunition can be given by this directorate.

L.S.Davis Major
for Maj-Gen
DOS, GHQ, CMF.

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(A)

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

RECEIVED 13 MAR 1946 2934

SUBJECT : Battlefield Clearance - Disposal of Ammunition.

Tele : Freedom 801

Refce : DOS/64/4(4)

TO : H.Q. P.B.S. (for Lt/Col. M.C. Dorney)
Ammunition Officer,
Ordnance Section.

11th March 1946.

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

1. Further to my DOS/64/4(4) of 28 February 1946, M.M.I.A. have notified this directorate of the undermentioned American Ammunition located in dumps under control of Artillery Directorate at BOLOGNA :-

75 mm Shells and Fuzes	52
88 mm Shells and Fuzes	1,451
90 " " " "	40
105 " " " "	215
Fuzes	20
60 mm Mortar bombs and Fuzes	88
81 mm " " " "	498
120 " " " " "	40
Mortar bombs "Practice"	65

2. It is requested that you give M.M.I.A. instructions regarding its disposal as heretofore.

L.S.Davis Major
for Maj-Gen
DOS, GHQ, CMF.

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I.Q. 131

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDG NO. 785020

Subject: Destruction of Italian Arty.

To: HQ 60 Sub-Area

Headquarters
4 BLU BOLZANO
Ref 4/GA/5-9
Mar 8 '46.

SEE 108

The attached report from HQ 4 Military Territorial Command is self-explanatory.

It is requested that urgent action may be taken to prevent similar occurances of this nature.

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Lt.Col.
G.S.

Copies to: HQ MMIA Rome.
HQ 4 Terr. Comd.
(ref your 04/3327/Serv of 5 Mar '46.)

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attached - AG 131

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Copy translation

HQ 4 Militia Territorial Command BOLZANO

Ref 04/3327/Serv. Mar 5 '46

Subject: Destruction of 90/53 guns in the area of CASTELROTTO (Valle Isarco)

To: HQ 4 ELU BOLZANO

1. Arty. HQ has reported that Allied squads (responsible for destroying enemy artillery) have blown up in the area of CASTELROTTO (Valle Isarco) 6 - 90/53 guns of Italian positions.

2. Taking into account the fact that directives issued by MMIA to the War Ministry do not mention (at least at the present time) the destruction of Italian Artillery I beg you to to inform the Allied Authorities concerned about this matter so that other modern Italian Artillery (like the above mentioned 90/53 guns) which can be usedfor equipping our Army, be not destroyed before the Peace Treaty has definitely decided the position of our Army.

(Signed) 1113

GOC Gen. G. NEGRONI

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Subject : Cartridge Bags - Disposal of.

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

Q . 131

8 March 1946

TO : G.H.Q. C.M.F.

SFE 1044

1. The Italian Ministry of War have informed this H.Q. that they hold at the VIANA DI MODENA(CATONA group) stores, COSENZA Detached Artillery Section the following British stores. They are in good preservation in their original packings.

Item	Qty
130 mm. Cartridge bags	134

2. Will you please issue disposal instructions.

E.W.B.

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

EWB/lm

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SUBJECT:- O.N.M. in VENEZIA and UDINE Provinces.

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Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
M.M.I.A. ROME.
Q 131
8 MARCH 1946

To: Ministry of War.

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1. Reference is made to General Artillery Directorate letter 14336/2319 of 26 Feb 46.

2. Recaptured material of Italian military origin in the VENEZIA GIULIA and UDINE Provinces is to be returned to the Italian Army, only when not required for military purposes by the Allied Forces.

3. If 201 Sub Area H.Q. in UDINE have confirmed that the withdrawal by American troops of the material listed in your letter under reference was a regularly authorised withdrawal, no recovery of the material can be effected for the Italian Army.

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

JJW/ra

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Subject : Arms and Ammunition -MILAN Station.

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

Q . 131

7 March 1946

TO : Ministry of War.

1. It is understood that the cache of arms and ammunition discovered beneath the railway station at MILAN is now in the hands of the CC.RR.

2. This cache is reported to consist mainly of ammunition including qty 300,000 rounds of 8mm. ammunition

3. Please forward to this H.Q. a report on the disposal and distribution of these arms and munitions.

See SHAEF Hist. HQ

E.W.B.

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

EWB/lm

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SUBJECT:- British, American & French Ammunition.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q.171
5 March 1946

TO : A.F.H.Q.

Further to our letter of even reference dated 25 Feb 46.

1. The Italian War Ministry have now informed this H.Q. that British, American and French ammunition as shown on the attached appendix, is located in dumps under the control of the Artillery Directorate at BOLOGNA.

2. Would you please issue disposal instructions.

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

Copy to:- 6 B.L.U., BOLOGNA,
Ministry of War (Your 16996/2817 AMC of 3 Mar 46 refers).

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Appendix to MMA letter G.121
of March 1946

AMMUNITION LOCATED IN DUMPS UNDER CONTROL OF ARTILLERY DIRECTORATE, BCLCONA.

AMERICAN AMMUNITION

75 mm Shells and Fuses	52
88 mm Shells and Fuses	1,451
90 " " " "	40
105 " " " "	215
Fuses	20
60 mm Mortar bombs and fuses	88
81 mm " " " "	498
120 " " " " "	40
Mortar bombs "Practice"	65

BRITISH AMMUNITION

75 mm Shells and Fuses	10
75 mm A.P. Shells and Fuses	43
75 mm Tracer Shells and Fuses	80
88 mm Shells and Fuses	187
105 " " " "	45
42 mm Mortar Bombs and Fuses	85
60 " " " " "	35
80 " " " " "	64

FRENCH AMMUNITION

75 mm Shells and Fuses	54
152 " " " "	271
220 " " without Fuses	116

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SUBJECT : Battlefield Clearance, Disposal of Ammunition.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q.131
5 March 1946

SEE box SEE 100

TO : Ministry of War

Ref your 1:113/2175 AMC dated 16 Feb 46.

1. Authority is given for the disposal of British Ammunition as listed in the appendix to the letter under reference.

2. The list of U.S. Ammunition has been passed to the appropriate American authority and no action will be taken by you, pending notification from this H.Q.

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

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War

REF: 15011/2622

DATE: 5.3.46

TO: M.M.I.A.

SUBJECT: English Cartridge Bags

SEE 3/8 f. 4.

We would inform you, for such instructions as your Mission may care to give for their withdrawal, that 134 130/mm cartridge bags are held in the Piani di Modena (Catona Group) stores of the Cosenza Detached Artillery Section and have been checked as being in a good state of preservation, packed in the original English packings.

Sgd. PROPERZJ

Gen.

O. Danin Cpl.

See 3/8 f.
Folio 61

See 97
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See 107A.

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Subject: Disposal of Ammunition in N. Italy.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 971

AFHQ/5072/Q(CEMS)

4 Mar 46.

To : Land Forces Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)

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Ref. Q.131 dated 14 Feb 46.

1. Prior to the recent instruction on disposal of Italian ammunition, it was the policy to concentrate all small types of Italian ammunition to relieve the shortage of guards.

2. Italian ammunition was, therefore, moved from DICOLLO to FORT ROMAGNANO (A.780182) on 10 Dec 45.

3. Only ammunition which was considered dangerous was destroyed.

A. McLACHLAN, Major,
for Major General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

AMcL/cc.

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A Q 131

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Subject : Ammo. and Material at Soc. Vulcania BRESCIA.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q . 131

4 March 1946

To : Ministry of War.

Ref your 10142/T.L. of 7 Feb 46.

1. Authority has not been given for the stocks at Soc. VULCANIA, BRESCIA to be transferred to the depot of the Detached Artillery Section at BRESCIA.

2. When the above transfer has taken place, please forward an exact list of the materials moved to this H.Q. for onward transmission to 2 District.

E.W. Bradley Major.

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

Copy to :
2 District(your 1265/3/93 of 25 Feb 46 refers)

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EWB/lm

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Translation

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

Ref. I6926/28I7/
Date 2/3/46.

Subject Allied Ammunition

Further to previous report made in letter 4I79/I07I dated 25/I/I946, we report that the other salvaged ammunition referred to in the enclosed list has arrived at the Art.Dir. at Bologna.

We wait any decisions which you may think to issue concerning the matter.

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E L E N C O DEL MUNIZIONAMENTO DI REQUISITO AMERICANO - INGLESE - FRANCESE, SEGNALATO ESISTENTE PRESSO LA DIREZIONE ARTIGLIERIA DI BOLOGNA ALLA DATA DEL 5 FEBBRAIO 1946 -

Munizionamento americano

- granate da 75 ordinarie con spoletta	n°	52
- granate ordinarie da 88 cariche con spol.	"	1.451
- granate da 90 cariche con spoletta	"	40
- granate da 105 cariche con spoletta	"	215
- s p o l e t t e	"	20
- bombe per mortaio da 60 con spoletta	"	88
- bombe per mortaio da 81 con spoletta	"	496
- bombe per mortaio da 120 cariche	"	40
- bombe "Drill" per mortaio	"	65

Munizionamento inglese

- granate ordinarie da 75 cariche con spol.	n°	10
- granate perf. da 75 cariche con spol.	"	43
- granate da 75 tracc. cariche con spol.	"	80
- granate ord. da 88 cariche con spol.	"	187
- granate da 105 ord. cariche con spol.	"	45
- bombe per mortaio da 42 con spol.	"	25
- bombe per mortaio da 60 con spol.	"	37
- bombe per mortaio da 80 con spol.	"	64

Munizionamento francese

- granate da 75 cariche con spol.	n°	54
- granate da 152 cariche con spol.	"	271
- granate da 220 cariche senza spol.	"	116

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Translation

Ref. 15697/2675.
Date 1/3/46.

From M.of W.
To Art.C.M.T. HQ.
for info M.M.I.A.

Subject Grant Of Fuses and Detonators.

Further to your letter, the one where you state that due to the opposition of the allied quard you were not able to withdraw the 10.000 metres of fuse from the depot at Osoppo, we point out that in letter II/25919/M dated 22/8/1945 from the Eng.Dir.Gen. it is shown that the material concerned was to be withdrawn from the availability of the depot at Spilimbergo and Medeuzza, there is no mention made of the depot at Osoppo.

We wait pending a better clearing up of the matter in order to be able to inform the M.M.I.A.

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P.F.Properzj.

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Subject: Clearing, lifting and recovering explosives.

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

Q.131

1 March 1946

TO : Minister for War.

Reference your 13209/URA 864 of 11 February 1946, and further to our Q.131 of 15 February 1946, above subject.

1. The Commanding General, MTOUSA, has issued instructions to all U.S.Army Commanders in Italy directing that all U.S.Army contracts authorizing civilian battlefield salvage be cancelled effective 28 Feb 1946 and that no further contracts will be negotiated with civilian firms. Also, insofar as the U.S.Army is concerned, battlefield salvage contracts in the future will be the responsibility of the Italian War Ministry through MMIA, or the Italian Ministry of Transportation.

2. This cancellation of contracts includes the civilian firms mentioned in your letter, as requested by you, and also all other civilian firms who might be in possession of contracts.

3. You are therefore at liberty to proceed under Italian law in any manner desired by you against any civilian firm conducting battlefield salvage not under contract with the responsible Ministry of the Italian Government.

4. Reports of salvage of Allied materials and ammunition, as specified in paragraph IX of your letter, will be made to MMIA, and you will thereafter be advised regarding disposition.

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CLAYTON P. KERR Colonel,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to: List 'A'
List 'B'

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

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Subject : Battlefield Clearance, Disposal of Ammunition

Tel : Freedom 801

Ref : DOS/64/4(4)

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

Date : 28 Feb '46

SEE 104

Your Q.131 of 25 Feb '46 refers.

1. The bulk of the ammunition listed in part 1 of your Appendix to the above letter is not recognised as being of British origin, in view of the metric dimensions specified. It may well be, however, that the items may correspond with the British natures shewn hereunder :-

SEE 99

76 mm Shells	22 rounds	
37 mm "	111 "	
50 mm Mor Bombs	84 "	Not ~~required~~ recognised.
52 mm " "	300 "	Possibly 2" Mortar(British)
81 mm " "	2357 "	" 3" " "
106 mm " "	2815 "	" 4.2" " "
Smoke Generators	181 "	
88 mm Shell	5417 "	" 25 Pdr Shell (British)
88 mm Shell Smoke	806 "	" 25 Pdr Smoke "
115 mm " "	138 "	" 4.5" B.L.Shell "
140 mm "	1329 "	" 5.5" " " "
183 mm "	91 "	" 7.2" " " "

SEE 100

2. Should the assumptions at para 1 be correct, it is agreed that the ammunition may be disposed of by the Italian War Ministry, since it is surplus to British requirements. It is assumed that Italian Technical personnel will be available for destruction of any of the ammunition which may be in a dangerous condition.

3. A copy of your letter, together with a copy of part 2 of your Appendix listing American ammunition, has been passed to the appropriate American authority for attention and action (My DOS/64/4(4) of 28 Feb '46 refers.)

L.S.Davis Major
for Maj-Gen
DOS. GHQ. CMF

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ORDNANCE DIRECTORATE
G.H.Q. G.M.F

Subject : Battlefield Clearance, Disposal of Ammunition

Tel : Freedom 801

Ref : 100/64/4(4)

To : H.Q. PBS for Lt/Col. M.G.Dorney
Ammunition Officer,
Ordnance Section

Date : 28 Feb '46

Copy : Land Forces Sub-Commission AC.
(M.M.L.A.)

1. A copy of M.M.L.A. letter .131 of 25 Feb '46 is attached, together with appendix detailing natures and quantities of ammunition held by Italian Artillery Directorate.

2. Disposal of the British ammunition is being given to MMLA by this directorate; will you please do likewise in respect of the American ammunition, communicating direct with MMLA.

L.S.Davis

L.S.Davis Major
for Maj-Gen
DOS. GHQ. GMF

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COPY

Subject : British and American Ammunition

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

Q.131

25 February 1946

To : A.F.H.Q.

SEC. G3

1. The Italian War Ministry have informed this H.Q. that British and American ammunition, as shown in the attached appendix, is located in dumps under the Italian Artillery Directorate at Florence.

2. The War Ministry are prepared to dispose of this ammunition provided they receive the necessary authority.

3. Would you please issue disposal instructions.

(Sgd) ? ? ? ?
Major
DENISKS
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

Copy to : 7 BLU FLORENCE
Ministry of War(Your 14113/2173 of 16 Feb refers)

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APPENDIX TO DOS/64/4(4) OF 28 FEB '46

American Ammunition

76 mm Charges	986	
76 mm Shells	1140	rounds
76 mm Armour Piercing Shells	151	"
155 mm Shells	168	"
155 mm Smoke Shells	29	"
100 lb Bombs	6	
250 lb Bombs	8	
500 lb Bombs	88	
1000 lb Bombs	11	
37 mm Shells	3000	Rounds
40 mm Charges	400	"
57 mm Charges	204	"
57 mm Shells	59	"
57 mm Tracer Shells	300	"
60 mm Mortar Bombs	4470	
81 mm Mortar Bombs	3181	
75 mm Charges	1177	
75 mm Shells	5764	Rounds
75 mm Smoke Shells	687	"
75 mm Armour Piercing Shells	550	"
75 mm Tracer Shells	50	"
75 mm A/Tk Shells	22	"
75 mm Phosphorous	224	"
90 mm Shells	110	"
95 mm Shells	1200	"
105 mm Shells	3832	"
105 mm Smoke Shells	951	")in bad state of
105 mm A/Tk Shells	59	")preservation and
		)dangerous.

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1st Ind to Ltr, Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C., M.M.I.A., ROME, dtd 15 Feb 46, subj: Recovery of ammunition by Civilian Firms.

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AG 471/048 D-O 1st Ind.

HEADQUARTERS MTOUSA, APO 512, 28 February 1946

TO: Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO 394
FOR: Land Forces Sub-Commission, MMIA

1. Reference letter, MMIA, 15 February 1946, subject: "Recovery of Ammunition by Civilian Firms".

2. Major Commands, MTOUSA, have been directed by cable that:

a. All contracts now in effect for recovery of ammunition by civilian firms will be cancelled effective 28 February 1946.

b. No further contracts will be negotiated by United States Agencies with civilian firms.

c. Any future contracts will be the responsibility of the Italian War Ministry through MMIA or Ministry of Transportation.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

John R Hayes
JOHN R. HAYES
Major, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

3 Incls: (Not prev listed)
1 - Ltr of trans, Ministero della Guerra, dtd 11 Feb 46
2 - Cy of Ltr, Hq, PBS, dtd 13 Dec 45
3 - Ltr, Hq, Rome Area, MTOUSA, dtd 21 Dec 45.

Dep Comd Rec
AAC 4/3/46

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SUBJECT:- Recovery of Ammunition by Civilian Firms.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q.131
15 February 1946

TO : Commanding General, MTOUSA, APO 512, US Army.

1. Inviting attention to copy of translation of letter from the Italian Minister of War, dated 11 Feb 1946 (Incl 1), with attachments referred to therein (Incls 2 and 3).

2. Over a long period reports have been received regarding "illegal" battlefield salvage by individuals intent on getting such quick profits as were apparent. It has been most difficult to trace these matters and establish responsibility. At the same time civilians have strongly objected to individuals entering their property for removal of such scrap, for the main reason that the identity of the individuals or the authority of their credentials was doubtful and the individuals grabbed everything in sight claiming that they had "Allied" orders. Some incidents resulting in shootings have been attributed to this activity. The fact is that the civilians holding these contracts have no responsibility to the property owners or their Government for clearing an area. It might be said that they construe their letter of contract as a "license to loot".

3. The Italian Government is being encouraged to fulfill its responsibility to its citizens, and the Italian Government is making an attempt to do this. It appears that the Italian Government should be encouraged and their expenditure of money and effort should be compensated for by the recovery of all salvage materials for the account of the government. Under the FBS letter, attached as Incl 2, the only one who gains is the Italian civilian, and the Italian Government is put to the expense of following his operations to insure that all dangerous materials have been removed by him, which is entirely unlikely for he will take away only those materials which he can acquire with the minimum of effort and the maximum of profit to himself.

4. (a) The War Minister states that all Allied materials recovered by the War Ministry would be held for disposal by the Allies. The Allies could at least recover from the War Ministry either the materials or value thereof, which is not the case of the civilian contractors, where the Allies get nothing.

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4. (a) The War Minister states that all Allied materials recovered by the War Ministry would be held for disposal by the Allies. The Allies could at least recover from the War Ministry either the materials or value thereof, which is not the case of the civilian contractors, where the Allies get nothing.

(b) The War Minister asks that the authority granted the STACCHINI firm by both PBS and Rome Area be cancelled as of 28 Feb 46, and that no further contracts or authority be granted any civilians. The importance of this matter to the Italian Government is emphasized by the fact that the War Minister personally signed the letter to MMIA on the matter.

(c) The War Minister states that his Ministry is responsible to the Italian Government for handling this work, and that he will carry out his responsibility to the people of Italy and asks that the Allies remove a source of trouble and irritation and interference with the work being carried out by the War Ministry.

(d) The War Minister states that the Italian Government is attempting to exercise control of all metals in Italy for the good of the nation and assumes control of all metal recovered by the War Ministry operations. However the activities of the civilians under the contracts mentioned, being unknown to, or concealed from, and not reported to the Government, result in some metals not being used in the interest of the nation but being available only to the uncontrolled (black) market. The elimination of these civilian contractors would insure that all recovered metal is properly controlled by

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4. (d)(contd). the Government, thus eliminating the black market.

5. Since the evident intent of the Allies appears to be the quick removal of dangerous materials from the Italian battlefields, without expense or cost to the Allies, it is therefore suggested that the interests of the Allies as well as of the Italian people could be best served by cancellation of all contracts or authority in the hands of all civilian firms, effective 28 Feb 1946 and no further contracts be given civilians, as requested by the War Minister.

6. Early action on this matter will be appreciated.

For the Commanding General,

CLAYTON P. KERR,
Colonel, Infantry,
Deputy Commander.

CPK/ar

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TRANSLATION

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

Ref. 13209/URA Rome 11 Feb 46

Incl. 1 Map

To: M.M.K.A.

SUBJECT: Clearing, lifting and recovering explosives and other materials alike (excluding mine fields).

I) Some time ago the Ministry of War, started and is now still proceeding, using his own organizations and the help of civilians firms which are controlled by Military Administration, on the lifting, clearing and recuperating of all the explosives and abandoned materials who are scattered all over the national territory, including the Northern Regions (all that doesn't include mine fields which are taken care by the Ministry of Public Works) for the safeguard of the population, and to give back to the farmers a safe land and to furnish - thru the Ministry of Commerce and Industry - selvage metals to help the iron-work industry that has such an important role on national rehabilitation.

II) The regions or zones where, by order of the Ministry of War, civilian firms engaged by a regular contract, and regions or zones where instead appropriate military units (formed temporarily for the purpose of removal of explosives etc.) are now operating, is clearly shown in the enclosed map which includes the complete country area.

III) In carrying out their task the a/m military units are often hindered by the presency, in the zone assigned to them, of individual civilians and private companies which are accomplishing their same activities with the only limitation to selvage material and ammunitions. Those people apparently are in possession of Allied authorizations - and some of them have no authorizations whatsoever - and that is against the regulations which order that all selvage metals are frozen by the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, which as mentioned before, forwards the material to the Iron-work industry.

IV) In reference to what has been mentioned above we transcribe some of the facts:

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a) The case about the gun-powder Factory - Giovanni STACCHINI, Rome, which , by letters AG 400.93 DPGDS dated 13 Dec 45, Hq PENBASE Section, and AG 400 dated 21 Dec 45 Hq Rome Area MTOUSA (whose copies are inclosed herewith) obtained authorization, till the 28 of Feb 46, for the recupering and the stripping of the ammunitions and alike american selvage that were in the area that goes from

Incl 1

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Translation (Cont'd)

La Spezia-Pistoia-Firenze-Grossato-Viterbo-Roma-Littoria-Pistoia-Forma-S.Maria-Napoli, beside the Italian western coast between Naples and La Spezia- and a all year extention to collect the a/m ammunitions in the R.A.A.C.'S are.

b) Another case concerning Sig. Carlo MONETTI, not better known, who has a permit dated 30 Oct 45 which does not show the place where it has been released (so that we are very little sure of the authenticity) signed by Mj. JOHN BRADDOCK of Hq Allied Commission APO 394, Captured Enemy Material Branch - W 40/77-9/1/46 R.E.F.O. 280- which found an helping hand in Sig. Ferruccio GARUCCI, Rome, 6 Via Ruggero d'Altavilla, in recupering around the Roccasecca & Cassino area and further dispatching to Northern Italy all dear materials mainly brass of cartridge cases, copper alluminium, and expensive finished materials, gears ball-bearings etc.

c) A third case that of Mrss Pietro ALAIMO, Rome, 55 Via Palestro, Quirino MASELLA, from Itri (Littoria), Pietro DOTTAVIO and Arturo TORDINI, who are conducting on their own account and on a big scale traffic of war materials salvaged in the Cisterna-Anzio-Campoleone area. In case that such a traffic hasn't been authorized by Allied headquarters (which fact this Ministry is not informed of) it must be considered illegal.

Investigations made in regard to these facts show that the above mentioned people have up to now illegaly salvaged or sent (or are still sending) to firms in Northern Italy and Terni, about 1800 tons of material out of which almost 35 tons are dear metals.

V) Therefore it is easy to understand that such permits given to firms or individual civilians or to any outside interference, which are not controlled by our Administration, not only allow the elusion of the regualtions concerning frozen metals, so damaging the economy and the authority of the Government, but give rise to harmful interferences in the ordered development of operations and cause troubles, which, at last, compromise the accomplishment of our aims.

VI) The most serious troubles, mentioned already in the above para can be summed up as follows:

a) Conflict of competency between the firms appointed to collect materials and ammunitions by order of Allied Headquarters and those who work for the Italian Military Administration, being the first not compelled to carry out a complete clearing of the ammunitions, will try to clear out only those materials that can surely give them a good profit, while the second ones will consider pertaining to the Allies all those items too difficult to be removed.

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b) Objections take place in the testing of the work carried out by the contractors working on account of the Italian Administration.

c) The clearing of dangerous areas is, to tell the truth, only partially effected, because while those firms authorized to work by

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Allied headquarters certainly will not remove or blow all those unexploded american ammunitions, and in the other hand the firms working on account of this Ministry will not provide to it thinking of being such operations of strict comotency of the a/m firms.

Therefore reports of death caused by explosives will continue on the same scale.

VII) As a consequence of the a/m facts and in order that the contractors of this Administration can have full responsibility of the work and to help the economy of the country which is facing a heavy expense in this actual deal, and the only way to compensate this loss is to be able to send the total quantity of the salvaged materials to the Italian industry. Our opinion is that the authorization granted by Hq. PENBASE to S/A STARCHIFI do not be prolonged after the 28 of Feb 46. and the extent granted to the same firm from Hq Rome Area ATOUSA should be limited at the same date of 28 Feb 46.

In the same way revoke all permits eventually granted by Officers or Allied headquarters to other firms or individual civilians, for the removal of salvaged material all over the country, north included, and first of all, if proved like granted by Allied Hq, the permits to those firms mentioned in b. & c of above para.

VIII) If such an agreement results impossible it appears necessary that at least copy of letters from Allied headquarters authorizing firms for a/m works and showing the areas where the work will be carried out should be sent to us in order that we can notifie all those military units responsible for the clearing, lifting and recupering of material, which are operating in the same areas.

Experience one year old of hard and useful work done by this Ministry, the satisfactory results achieved, the big amounts spent and those to be spent by Italian Government, to terminate the hard job all over the country (including Northern Italy) has shown and still shows that such a work, which very possibly could rise amuses and nasty attacks from the press side, must be organized, directed and strictly controlled by one single organ technically and aditically responsible, coming under the Government itself, and the lifting and recupering of salvaged material must be combined with the elimination of dangerous explosives.

The farmers must be sure that once the clearing squads are gone turu, their fields are definitely safe and cleared.

IX) If your HQ A agrees with the requests of this Ministry that is to cancel all permits already granted or to be granted, and only Ministry of Work's organizations with set up all over could have such an exclusive responsibility, then all the American ammunitions and Allied materials that will be recuperated by military units, shall be stored for the disposal of Allied headquarters which from time to time should

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be notified by us of the quantities and the depots where the stored material is being kept.

In this way, beside the fact that Allied headquarters concerned would have a much better guaranty, it would make so much easier for us the now so hard task of trying to cut the illegal activity of recupering salvaged material now carried out in such a big scale by unauthorized people, who by doing so are damaging the country economy and the Government authority.

X) We are waiting to know about your decisions.

The Minister

s/M Brosio

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HEADQUARTERS
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
APO 782, U.S. Army

HCD/vc
13 December 1945

AG 400.93 SPGES
(Collection of Abandoned U.S. Ammunition and Ammunition
SUBJECT) Scrap Components.-
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TO : Polverifici Giovanni STACCHINI
256 Via Cavour
Rome, Italy.

1. Pursuant to authority received from the Commanding General, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, U.S. Army, the Polverifici Giovanni Stacchini, herein referred to as the societa' anonima, is authorized to proceed with the collection and demilitarization, at its own expense and without cost to the United States, of abandoned ammunition and components thereof, of U.S. manufacture, which may be found within the geographical limits as defined in paragraph 2 hereunder.

2. The authority granted by this letter is valid for the area bounded by lines connecting La Spezia, Pistola, Florence, Grosseto, Viterbo, Rome, Littoria, Formia, Santa Maria, and Naples, and the west coast of Italy between Naples and La Spezia. All of the above named cities, except the Rome Area, are included in the permissible area. Such authorization for collection in the Rome Area as the Commanding General of that area may have granted is in no way effected by this letter.

Forbidden areas are all United States, British, Italian or other depots, establishments or enclaves within the above defined area. Especially forbidden are the areas of U.S. Army Depot 4L57, bounded by lines connecting Leghorn, Pisa, Pontedera, Ponsacco, Colle Salvetti, and Leghorn; U.S. Army Depot 4P85, bounded by lines connecting San Vincenzo, Suvereto, Piombino, and San Vincenzo; and U.S. Army Depot 4N51, bounded by lines connecting Villa Literno, Aversa, Frattamaggiore, Giugliano and Villa Literno.

3. There is no objection to the collection of abandoned ammunition of other nations, but special permission should first be obtained from these nations.

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4. All U.S. ammunition and components thereof collected by the societa' anonima in the areas defined in paragraph 2 will become its property immediately, by virtue of and in full compensation for the act of collection, with the provision that all ammunition will be redered, by the societa anonima, unfit for war-like use. This Headquarters, attention of the Ordnance Officer, will be informed of the collecting point or points at which the recovered ammunition and components are to be demilitarized,

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and the Commanding General, Peninsular Base Section, or his representatives, will have the right to inspect the demilitarizing operations at any time, and to repossess for the United States any collected ammunition or components not properly demilitarized within the appointed period of time.

5. Unless sooner terminated, the authority granted by this letter is valid from date of acceptance to include 28 February 1946, and all ammunition or components collected must be demilitarized by 31 March 1946. The authority herein granted may be withdrawn at any time by the U.S. Army. In such event, notice in writing will be given to Polverifici Giovanni Stacchini at the address shown on this instrument. The authority herein granted is not exclusive and similar authority may be granted to other persons or concerns as may be deemed proper.

6. It is agreed and understood that the <u>societa' anonima</u>, in exercising the authority herein granted is acting independently and not as an agent or representative of the U.S. Army. The <u>societa' anonima</u> assumes all responsibility incident to the operations undertaken, by it and agrees to indemnify the United States for any liability or loss which the United States might incur as a result of damage to person or property resulting from said operations.

7. In order to assure identification of employees or agents of Poverifici Giovanni Stacchini in any collection projects arising from this authority, each such person must be provided, by the <u>societa anonima</u>, with an identification card. The driver of each vehicle transporting collected ammunition must have in his possession a photostat copy of this letter.

8. Notification of acceptance of the terms of this agreement will be indicated by written indorsement hereon.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

s/ A.J. MARSHALL
Capt. A.G.D.
Asst. Adj. Gen.

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Copies to:
Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission (1)
Provost Marshal, PBS (1)
Provost Marsha, PBS (Southern Distric (1)
Ordnance Officer, PBS (1)
File (1)

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POLVERIFICI GIOVANNI STACCHINI S.A.
Rome, Italy.

December 14th, 1945

To: Commanding General P D S
A?P.O. 782, U.S. Army

The terms of the foregoing agreement are hereby accepted, this date.

Polverifici G. Stacchini S.A.
The General Manager
(Ernesto Stacchini

s/ Ernesto Stacchini

P.C.C.
IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
(Gen. P.G. Properzj)

s/ P.G. PROPERZJ

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HEADQUARTERS ROME AREA MTOUSA
APO 794, US ARMY

BHR/jlc/obc
21 December 1945

AG 400

SUBJECT: Abandoned Munitions

TO : Polverifici Giovanni Stacchini Company
250 Via Gabour, Rome, (Attn: General Director)

1. Reference letter this Headquarters dated 24 January 1945, file and subject as above you firm is granted an extension for the year 1946, to pick up any salvaged American Ammunition in the Rome Area.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

s/ B.H. ROWDEN
Lt. Col., AC
Actg Adj General

P.C.C.

IL DIRETTORE GENERAL
(Gen. P.G. Properzj)

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s/ P.G. PROPERZJ

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Roma, 1

26 FEB 1946

Ministero della Guerra
DIREZIONE GENERALE ARTIGLIERIA
e Motorizzazione

Al Q.G. DELLE FORZE SUD
COMMISSION A.C. (ZONTA)
R O M A

Divisione N.O. Sez. M.
Pol. N° 11336/ Allegati
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Segnatura d'ufficio
Div. Sez. N°

OGGETTO: Comunicazione. Information

Further to letter no 54994 dated 31/12/45 we inform that american lorries belonging to 350 C. CO. Infantry of the 88 Divisione continue to take away from the Deposit of Medeuzza various materials ammo. planks, timber, wooden boxes, barrels

The detached Section of Arty of Udine has communicated the a/m facts to 201 Subarea of Udine

1500. IL MINISTRO
28/2 (f.to Properzi)

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A 9131

IMPORTANT

INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

M.M.I.A. 18/27 SIGNALS

Originator's Reference: C 25926

Date/Time of Origin: FEB 261609A

Message Centre No: [redacted] G/9914

Date Time Rec'd: FEB 271600

Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: MTOUSA

TO : CG PBS CO NAPGD CG 88TH DIV RAAC FOR G-4 ACTION CG RAC

INFO: ALLIED COMMISSION RAC FOR ALCOM AND MMIA

RECEIVED 28 FEB 1946

SEE 102

UNCLASSIFIED.

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COMPLAINTS FROM THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AND ALLIED AGENCIES HAVE RESULTED.

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ACTION: MMIA

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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HEADQUARTERS 27 FEB 1946

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FROM: MTOUSA Precedence: PRIORITY

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SEE 24

ACTION

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ACTION: MMIA

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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HEADQUARTERS
27 FEB 1946
A. C.

IMPORTANT

Action War Affairs RAC See 85

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SUBJECT : Clearing, Lifting and Recovering explosives.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
Q/131
26 February 1946

TO : Minister for War.

Ref Your 13209/URA of 11 Feb 46 and further to our Q/131 of 15 Feb 46, above subject.

1. You named the firm of Carlo Moretti in paragraph IV b of your letter, as having an Allied permit to collect and transport salvage material. This has been investigated. It is true that the Captured Enemy Material Branch did issue this firm letter No WMD77 on 9 Jan 1946. However, this was immediately discovered to be an error and the letter was cancelled on 10 Jan 1946, and the firm was notified. Therefore the firm should not have addressed their letter to you on 9 Feb 1946. A copy of letter from the firm to War Materials Disposal Branch, dated 16 Feb 46 is attached for your information. You are at liberty to take any action, against this firm as desired by you.

2. Neither the Captured Enemy Materials Branch nor the Transportation Sub-Commission has authority to grant permits for purchase or collection of salvage. Therefore any firm operating under such alleged permit is operating illegally, and can be dealt with by you under appropriate Italian laws, without reference to the Allied Command.

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C.P. KERR, Colonel
for
Major General
MMIA

CPK/mll

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15 Febbraio 1946

Onorevole M. G. Allied Commission
War Materials Disposal S.C.
APO 394

R O MA

A seguito della comunicazione telefonica ci e' doveroso rimetterVi copia della lettera inviata in data di ieri al Ministero della Guerra e cio' per dimostrarVi che abbiamo tempestivamente provveduto alla rettifica di una situazione determinata dal fatto che il mio socio era inconsapevole dell'annullamento della lettera in questione da parte di Codesta onorevole A.C.

Al ritorno del mio socio da Torino, qualora esistesse ancora l'originale della lettera, provvederemo con assoluta urgenza alla riconsegna di essa. Pertanto Vi diamo le piu' ampie assicurazioni che non sara' fatto di essa alcun uso.

Distinti ossequi

Carlo Moretti & C.

s/ M

SUBJECT :- Disorders and Disturbances.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC.
M.M.I.A. ROME

CCRR/G/7

26 February 46.

CCRR L.O., N° 3 BIU

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2. The vault had been bricked up and when opened was said to contain 500 cases of ammunition, rifles, German and Italian handgrenades, and a considerable quantity of automatic rifles. The Rome Press said that the dump had recently been visited by persons apparently seeking to check the condition of the arms and ammunition.

3. Will you please supply a report on this raid, giving quantities found, and how it is proposed to dispose of these arms and ammunition. Also details of any persons arrested.

H. HIGNALL Lt. Col.
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

RFF/ec

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Subject:- Amn and Material stored at Soc. VULCANIA, BRESCIA.

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HQ No 2 District CMF
1265/3/Q3

M.M.I.A. ROME

RECEIVED 28 FEB 1946
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25 Feb 46

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Ref your Q 131 dated 13 Feb 46.

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The transfer suggested in para 3 of the a/m ref is agreed, but exact lists of material moved must be forwarded.

Lieutenant Col
for

Major General, C.O.
Comd. No. 2 District.

A Q 131

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File Q/131

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIALS BRANCH

CEM/98/6 25 February 1946

SUBJECT: Issue of permit.

TO : Headquarters Allied Commission
Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA)
(Att: Col. KERR)

Reference the attached correspondence.

1. It has been ascertained that in this Branch letter WMD/77 dated 9 Jan 46 one of our officers incorrectly authorized the firm of Carlo Moretti and Co. to buy, collect and transport to Northern Italy fired brass cartridge cases. This letter was checked and within twenty-four hours was cancelled by telephone.

2. No transactions have been carried out by the firm of Carlo Moretti and Co. in force of permit granted on the 9th January, 1946 and the cancellation has been observed by them.

3. Neither this Branch or Transportation Sub-commission have power to grant permits for purchase or collection of salvage.

J.A. CAMPBELL,
Lieut-Colonel,
Director,
CEM Branch.

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Copy to Cem Branch, Milan.

Encls. Letter dated 9 Feb. from Moretti & Co.
Copy of permit dated 3 October, 1945.
Copy of letter dated 9 January, 1946.
Copy of letter dated 15 February, 1946 to CEM Branch.

A Q.131

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15 febbraio 1946

Onorevole H?Q?Allied Commission
War Materials Disposal S.C.
APO 394

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Subject: British and American Ammunition

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

Q.131

25 February 1946

TO : A.F.H.Q.

SEE 164 SEE 43 SEE 109

1. The Italian War Ministry have informed this HQ that British and American ammunition, as shown in the attached appendix, is located in dumps under the Italian Artillery Directorate at Florence.

2. The War Ministry are prepared to dispose of this ammunition provided they receive the necessary authority.

3. Would you please issue disposal instructions.

E.W. Bradley Major

E.W.BRADLEY Major
INNISKS
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

Copy to: 7 BLU FLORENCE
Ministry of War (your 14113/217S of 16 Feb refers)

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Appendix to MMIA letter
Q.131 dated Feb 1946

B[illegible]ISH AND AMERICAN AMMUNITION LOCATED UNDER THE ARTILLERY DIR CTORATE FLORENCE

British Ammunition

76 mm Shells	22	rounds
37 " "	111	"
50 " Mortar Bombs	84	
52 " " "	300	
81 " " "	2357	
106 " " "	2815	
Smoke Generators	181	
88 mm Shells	5417	rounds
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115 " Shells	138	) in bad state of
140 " "	1329	) preservation and
183 " "	91	) dangerous

American Ammunition

76 mm Charges	986	
76 mm Shells	1140	rounds
76 mm Armour Piercing Shells	151	"
155 mm Shells	168	"
155 mm Smoke Shells	29	"
100 lb Bombs	6	
250 lb Bombs	8	
500 lb Bombs	88	
1000 lb Bombs	11	
37 mm Shells	3000	rounds
40 mm Charges	400	"
57 mm Charges	204	"
57 mm Shells	59	"
57 mm Tracer Shells	300	"
60 mm Mortar Bombs	4470	
81 mm Mortar Bombs	3181	
75 mm Charges	1177	
75 mm Shells	5764	rounds
75 mm Smoke Shells	687	"
75 mm Armour Piercing Shells	550	"
75 mm Tracer Shells	50	"
75 mm A/Tk Shells	22	"
75 mm Phosphorous	224	"

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Subject : Removal of Ammunition.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q . 131

25 February 46

To : Ministry of War.

Info : 2 District (your 1265/3/43 of 19 Feb 46 refers).

Ref your 56718/437 of 17 Jan 1946.

Authority has been granted for the ammunition stored at the CASTELLACCIO, GREMAROLO and BELLATO depots to be concentrated at the RIVALTA SCRIVIA depot.

R.W. BRADLEY,
Major Innisks
for Major General
M . L . I . A .

Copy to :
2 R.I.U. Genoa.
(To inform 2 Dist, as soon as possible, of full details of ammunition removed i.e. Country of Origin, Type, Tonnage, etc.)

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TRANSLATION

from M.of.W.

to M.M.I.A.

ref13597/2030

21/2/46

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Subject: Removal of ammo.from the Depots of Genoa Area.

Further to letter 3/131 dated 30/11/945 of Your Mission this Ministry applied to the Military Territorial Command of Genoa for a quick removal of the ammo. yet stored in Genoa Area'Depots.

Above Command ,assuring that the removal was being effected communicated the presence of French ,German, American , British Greek and Italian ammo. ,as we informed your Mission with letter 56718/437 dated 17/1/46.

We have required the precise location where the ammo. are stored and we shall inform you as quick as reply will arrive from Military Territorial Command of Genoa.

C/a

Gen. Properzi

A 3/131

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SUBJECT: Disposal of Ammunition.

RECEIVED 23 FEB 1946

HQ No 2 District CMP.
~~5/3/43.~~
19 Feb 46.

HQ No 2 RLU.

60 SIGNAL

Reference is made to MMLA letter Q 131 dated 12 Feb 46.

1. Authority is granted for the ammunition to be concentrated at Rivalta Scriva Depot.

2. Please arrange to forward to this office, as early as possible, full details of ammunition removed, i.e. Country of origin, tonnage etc.

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D H Tom
Colonel, Major
DA & QMG.

Copy to:- MMLA ROME
Ord.

Q 131 23/2/46

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Subject: Disposal of Ammn in Northern Italy.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS CMF

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 971

GHQ/5072/4(CMMS)

19 Feb 46

RECEIVED 20 FEB 1946

To : Hq., No 2 District, CMF.

Ref MMIA letter Q 131 dated 14 Feb 46.

1. In accordance with current policy ammn of Italian origin will now be returned to the Italian Government.

2. It is requested information be furnished as to method of disposal of ammn listed at appendix "A" attached a/m letter.

H. R. LUCKETT, Capt.,
for Major General,
Major General, Administration.

Copy to: Land Forces Sub-Commission AG (MMIA)

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Subject:- Italian Ammunition recovered from GEMONA.

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5 British Liaison Unit
C.M.F.

AQ/61/129

18 Feb 46.

Rear 13 Corps

1. We have been informed by 5 Terr: HQ. UDINE that rail wagon No. 53567, loaded with ex Italian Army bombs and 210 mm shells, was despatched by Allied authority from GEMONA on 16 Jan for an unknown destination.

2. As 5 Terr: HQ. have to report all transfers of ammunition to the Ministry of War may this HQ. please be informed the destination and disposal of the a/m ammunition.

Major,
DAA & QMG.

Udine
FRS/rv

Copy to:- 201 Sub Area

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.L.A.)
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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War REF: 14113/2173

TO: M.M.I.A. DATE: 16.2.46

SUBJECT: Allied ammunition

The English and American ammunition shown on the enclosed list is held at the Florence Artillery Directorate.

Your Mission is informed of the above for such action as you may see fit to take on the matter.

Sgd. PROPERZI
Gen.

O.Danin Cpl.

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Ministero della Guerra
DIREZIONE GENERALE ARTIGLIERIA
e AUTOMOBILI

Divisione A.M.C. Sez. M.
Prot. N. 14153 /217 Allegati 1

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Alla LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (MMIA)
R O M A

Riferimento del
Div. Sez. N°

OGGETTO: Rifornimento alleato

Eccmo La Direzione Artiglieria di Firenze esiste il rifornimento in pezzi ed americano di cui all'allegato riassunto, che si segnala a codesta Commissione per quelle decisioni che crederà prendere al riguardo.

p. IL MINISTRO
(F. Scherpenzeel)

Trasmessa alla Segretaria

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NOTATA
Data 20/2

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
DIREZIONE GENERALE ARTIGLIERIA E MOTORIZZAZIONE.
Divisione A.S.C.-Sezione M.

E L E N C O del munizionamento inglese ed americano esistente presso la Direzione Artiglieria di Firenze.-

Calib.	DENOMINAZIONE DEI MATERIALI	N.	NOTE
76	Cartocci gran. americani	986	
"	Gran.americane	1.140	
"	" perforanti americane	151	
"	" inglesi	22	
155	" americane	168	
"	" fumogene americane	29	
	Bombe d'aereo da 100 libbre	5	
	" " " 250 "	8	
	" " " 500 "	86	
	" " " 1000 "	11	
37	Granate americane	3.000	in cattivo stato di
"	" inglesi	111	conservazione e pre-
40	cartocci granate ord.americani	250	sentano pericolo
"	" " perf. "	140	
57	" " " "	155	
"	" " ordinari	49	
"	granate americane	32	
"	" traccianti perf.americane	300	idem
50	bombe per mortaio inglesi	84	
52	" " " "	300	
60	" " " americane	4.482	
"	" " " a g.c. americane	8	
81	" " " americane	3.161	
"	" " " a g.c. americane	20	
81	" " " inglesi	2.357	idem
106	" " " "	2.815	
75	cartocci granate americani	951	
"	" " perforanti americani	216	
"	granate americane	5.734	
"	" fumogene americane	387	
"	" perforanti "	500	

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"	Granate americane	59	
"	" tracciranti perf.americane	300	idem
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60	" " " americane	4.152	
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81	" " " americane	3.161	
"	" " " a g.c. americane	20	
81	" " " inglesi	2.357	
105	" " " "	2.815	
75	cartocci granate americani	961	
"	" " perforanti americani	219	
"	granate americane	5.754	
"	" fumogene americane	587	
"	" perforanti "	550	
"	" tracciarti "	50	idem
"	" anticarro "	22	
"	" fumogene al fosforo americane	224	
"	cartocci scatola fumogeni inglesi	15	
"	cestole fumogene inglesi	176	
88	granate inglesi	5.417	
"	" fumogene inglesi	206	
90	" americane	110	
55	" "	1.200	idem
105	" "	3.832	

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Subject : Disposal of Ammunition of Italian Origin.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q . 131

16 February 46

To : Ministry of War.

Info : 5 B.L.U. Udine.

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Ref Q.125 of 14 Feb 46 addressed A.C. (Copy to both addressees). Also ref. Ministry of War 3944/1033 of 31 Jan 46 (No copy to 5 B.L.U.)

Q/5/10

1. Under A.F.H.Q. letter AG.386. 3/Q(AE)-O dated 2 Oct 1945 as amended by AG.386. 3/Q(OBMS)-O dated 8 Feb 46, disposal of all ammunition of Italian origin in the case of the provinces of UDINE and VENEZIA GIULIA will be as decided by the Allied Military Government.

2. It is therefore suggested that you claim from the Allied Military Government for all Italian Ammunition in the two above-named provinces immediately.

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

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Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
M.M.I.A.
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Major Inniskis
for Major General
M . M . I . A .

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Translation.

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From:- M. of W.

Ref:- 9429/1638

To:- MMIA.

Date:- 15th. Feb. 46

Subject:- Issue of detonating cord and capsula.

The Engineer General Directorate ordered, in letter No.11/25919/M dated 22/8/45, sent to you for information, the issue of 10000 metres of detonating cord (to drawn from the Ammunition Depot at Osoppo) to the Engineer Works Directorate of Bologna.

Such issue could not be made because the Allied guards stopped it. This is in contrast with the ~~xxxxxx~~ contents of letters Nos.Q/23/14 dated 22/7/45 and Q/23/14 dated 11/10/45.

The above is reported to you so that you may issue the necessary instructions to avoid that such inconvenient is ~~xxxxxxx~~ met with again.

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Sgd. Properzj.

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Subject:- Disposal of Ammunition in Northern Italy.

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5 British Liaison Unit
C.M.F.

AG/56/38

15 Feb 46

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
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Ref your G 131 of 5 Feb.

Herewith attached copy of Rear HQ 13 Corps letter 1013/G of 22 Jan 46, explaining the proposed policy.

Major,
DAA & QMG.

Udine
FRS/rv

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COPY

Subject:- Transfer of Amn Dumps
To 5 Territorial HQ.

Rear HQ 13 Corps
1013/Q

22 Jan 46

To:- 5 British Liaison Unit

Ref your AQ/56/14 dated 3 Jan 46.

1. A GHQ draft for a proposed amendment to AFHQ 368.3 Q(AE)-Φ dated 2 Oct 45 has been received. This, if published, will authorize all CEM amn in UDINE Province to be handed to AMG for disposal as scrap etc.

2. The proposal set out in your letter has in general terms, been referred to GHQ. In view of the proposed policy in 1 above agreement by GHQ is not expected.

3. Conversation - CRUICKSHANK - SELBY refers.

Brigadier,
DA & QMG.

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Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
Rome
Q 131

15 February 1946
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SUBJECT: Clearing, Lifting, and Recovering explosives.

TO : Minister for War.

Reference your No. 13209/URA d1 prob of 11 Feb 1946, 864

on above subject.

The contents of your letter and request has been referred to the Allied Command and you will be further advised as soon as a reply is received.

C.P. KERR, Colonel
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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CPK/mll

SUBJECT:- Recovery of Ammunition by Civilian Firms.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
G.131
15 February 1946

TO : Commanding General, MTOUSA, APO 512, US Army.

1. Inviting attention to copy of translation of letter from the Italian Minister of War, dated 11 Feb 1946 (Incl 1), with attachments referred to therein (Incls 2 and 3).

2. Over a long period reports have been received regarding "illegal" battlefield salvage by individuals intent on getting such quick profits as were apparent. It has been most difficult to trace these matters and establish responsibility. At the same time civilians have strongly objected to individuals entering their property for removal of such scrap, for the main reason that the identity of the individuals or the authority of their credentials was doubtful and the individuals grabbed everything in sight claiming that they had "Allied" orders. Some incidents resulting in shootings have been attributed to this activity. The fact is that the civilians holding these contracts have no responsibility to the property owners or their Government for clearing an area. It might be said that they construe their letter of contract as a "license to loot".

3. The Italian Government is being encouraged to fulfill its responsibility to its citizens, and the Italian Government is making an attempt to do this. It appears that the Italian Government should be encouraged and their expenditure of money and effort should be compensated for by the recovery of all salvage materials for the account of the government. Under the RBS letter, attached as Incl 2, the only one who gains is the Italian civilian, and the Italian Government is put to the expense of following his operations to insure that all dangerous materials have been removed by him, which is entirely unlikely for he will take away only those materials which he can acquire with the minimum of effort and the maximum of profit to himself.

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4. (a) The War Minister states that all Allied materials recovered by the War Ministry would be held for disposal by the Allies. The Allies could at least recover from the War Ministry either the materials or value thereof, which is not the case of the civilian contractors, where the Allies get nothing.

[illegible] authority granted the STACCHINI firm

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4. (a) The War Minister states that all Allied materials recovered by the War Ministry would be held for disposal by the Allies. The Allies could at least recover from the War Ministry either the materials or value thereof, which is not the case of the civilian contractors, where the Allies get nothing.

(b) The War Minister asks that the authority granted the SPACCHINI firm by both PBS and Rome Area be cancelled as of 28 Feb 46, and that no further contracts or authority be granted any civilians. The importance of this matter to the Italian Government is emphasized by the fact that the War Minister personally signed the letter to MMIA on the matter.

(c) The War Minister states that his Ministry is responsible to the Italian Government for handling this work, and that he will carry out his responsibility to the people of Italy and asks that the Allies remove a source of trouble and irritation and interference with the work being carried out by the War Ministry.

(d) The War Minister states that the Italian Government is attempting to exercise control of all metals in Italy for the good of the nation and assumes control of all metal recovered by the War Ministry operations. However the activities of the civilians under the contracts mentioned, being unknown to, or concealed from, and not reported to the Government, result in some metals not being used in the interest of the nation but being available only to the uncontrolled (black) market. The elimination of these civilian contractors would insure that all recovered metal is properly controlled by

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4. (d)(contd). the Government, thus eliminating the black market.

5. Since the evident intent of the Allies appears to be the quick removal of dangerous materials from the Italian battlefields, without expense or cost to the Allies, it is therefore suggested that the interests of the Allies as well as of the Italian people could be best served by cancellation of all contracts or authority in the hands of all civilian firms, effective 23 Feb 1946 and no further contracts be given civilians, as requested by the War Minister.

6. Early action on this matter will be appreciated.

For the Commanding General,

(K)

CLAYTON P. KNOX,
Colonel, Infantry,
Deputy Commander.

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T R A N S L A T I O N

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

Ref. 13209/URA

Rome 11 Feb 1948

Incl. 1 Map.

To: M.M.I.A.

SUBJECT: Clearing, lifting and recovering explosives and other materials alike (excluding mine fields).

I) Some time ago the Ministry of War, started and is now still proceeding, using his own organizations and the help of civilians firms which are controlled by Military Administration, on the lifting, clearing and recuperating of all the explosives and abandoned materials who are scattered all over the national territory, including the Northern Regions (all that doesn't include mine fields which are taken care by the Ministry of Public Works) for the safeguard of the population, and to give back to the farmers a safe land and to furnish - thru the Ministry of Commerce and Industry - salvage metals to help the iron-work industry that has such an important role on national rehabilitation.

II) The regions or zones where, by order of the Ministry of War, civilian firms engaged by a regular contract, and regions or zones where instead appropriate military units (formed temporarily for the purpose of removal of explosive etc) are now operating, is clearly shown in the enclosed map which includes the complete country area. map removed by Capt Wizard

III) In carrying out their task the a/m military units are often hindered by the presency, in the zone assigned to them, of individual civilians and private companies which are accomplishing their same activity with the only limitation to salvage material and ammunitions. Those people apparently are in possession of Allied authorizations-and some of them have no authorizations whatsoever-. And that is against the regulations which order that all salvage metals are frozen by the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, which as mentioned before, forwards the material to the iron-work industry.

IV) In reference to what has been mentioned above we transcribe some of the facts:

a) The case about the gun-powder factory - Giovanni STACCHINI, Rome which, by letters AG 400.93 BPODS dated 13 Dec 45 Hq PENBASE Section, and AG 400 dated 21 Dec 45 Hq Rome Area MTOUSA (whose copies are inclosed herewith) obtained authorization, till the 28 of Feb 46, for the recupering and the stripping of the ammunitions and alike american salvage that were in the area that goes from

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La Spezia-Pistoia-Firenze-Grosseto-Viterbo-Roma-Littoria-Pistoia-Forma-S.Maria-Napoli, beside the Italian western coast between Naples and la Spezia- and a all year extention to collect the a/m ammunitions in the R.A.A.C.'S are.

b) Another case concerning Sig. Carlo MORETTI, not better known, who has a permit dated 30 Oct 45 which does not show the place where it has been released (so that we are very little sure of the authenticity) signed by Mj. JOHN SHADDOCK of Hq Allied Commission APO 394, Captured Enemy Material Branch - W MO/77-9/1/46 R.E.F.O. 260- which found an helping hand in Sig. Ferruccio CAMUCCI, Rome, 6 Via Ruggero d'Altavilla, in recupering around the Roccasecca & Cassino area and further dispatching to northern Italy all dear materials mainly brass of cartridge cases, copper alluminium, and expensive finished materials, gears ball-bearings etc.

c) A third case that of Mrss Pietro ALAIMO, Rome, 55 Via Palestro, Quirino MASELLA, from Itri (Littoria), Pietro DOTTAVIO and Arturo TONDINI, who are conducting on their own account and on a big scale traffic of war materials salvaged in the Cisterna-Anzio-Campione area. In case that such a traffic hasn't been authorized by Allied headquarters (which fact this Ministry is not informed of) it must be considered illegal.

Investigations made in regard to these facts show that the above mentioned people have up to now illegaly salvaged or sent (or are still sending) to firms in Northern Italy and Terni, about 1800 tons of material out of which almost 55 tons are dear metals.

V) Therefore it is easy to understand that such permits given to firms or individual civilians or to any outside interference, which are not controlled by our Administration, not only allow the elusion of the regualtions concerning frozen metals, so damaging the economy and the authority of the Government, but give rise to harmful interferences in the ordered development of operations and cause troubles, which, at last, compromise the accomplishment of our aims.

VI) The most serious troubles, mentioned already in the above para can be summed up as follows:

a) Conflict of competency between the firms appointed to collect materials and ammunitions by order of Allied Headquarters and those who work for the Italian Military Administration, being the first not compelled to carry out a complete clearing of the ammunitions, will try to clear out only those materials that can surely give them a good profit, while the second ones will consider pertaining to the Allies all those items too difficult to be removed.

b) Objections take place in the testing of the work carried out by the contractors working on account of the Italian Administration.

c) The clearing of dangerous areas is, to tell the truth, only partially effected, because while those firms authorized to work by

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Allied headquarters certainly will not remove or blow all those unexploded american ammunitions, and in the other hand the firms working on account of this Ministry will not provide to it thinking of being such operations of strict cometency of the a/m firms.

Therefore reports of death cased by explosives will continue on the same scale.

VII) As a consequence of the a/m facts and in order that the contractors of this Administration can have full responsibility of the work and to help the economy of the country which is facing a heavy espense in this actual deal, and the only way to compensate this loss is to be able to send the total quantity of the salvaged materials to the Italian Industry. Our opinion is that the authorization granted by Hq. FENBASE to S/A STACCHINI do not be prolonged after the 28 of Feb 46. and the extent granted to the same firm from Hq Rome Area MTOUSA should be limited at the same date of 28 Feb 46.

In the same way revoke all permits eventually granted by Officers or Allied Headquarters to other firms or individual civilians, for the removal of salvaged material all over the country, north included, and first of all, if proved like granted by Allied Hq, the permits to those firms mentioned in b. & c of above para.

VIII) If such an agreement resulte impossible it appears necessary that at least copy of letters from Allied headquarters authorizing firms for a/m works and showing the areas where the work will be carried out should be sent to us in order that we can notifie all those military units responsible for the clearing, lifting and recupering of material, which are operating in the same areas.

Experience one year old of hard and useful work done by this Ministry, the satisfactory results achieved, the big amounts spent and those to be spent by Italian Government, to terminate the hard job all over the country (including Nrothern Italy) has shown and still shows that such a work, which very possibly could rise abuses and nasty attacks from the press side, must be organized, directed and strictly controlled by one single organ technically and politically responsible, coming under the Government itself, and the lifting and recupering of salvaged material must be combined with the elimination of dangerous explosives.

The farmers must be sure that one the clearing squads are gone thru, their fields are definitely safe and cleared.

IX) If you MMIA agrees with the requests of this Ministry that is to cancel all permits already granted or to be granted, and only Ministry of War's organizations with set up all over could have such an exclusive responsibility, then all the American ammunitions and Allied materials that will be recuperated by military units, shall be stored for the disposal of Allied headquarters which from time to time should

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be notified by us of the quantities and the depots where the stored material is being kept.

In this way, beside the fact that Allied headquarters concerned would have a much better guaranty, it would make so much easier for us the now so hard task of trying to cut the illegal activity of recupering salvaged material now carried out in such a big scale by unautho rized people, who by doing so are damaging the country economy and the Government autho rity.

X) We are waiting to know about your decisions.

The Minister

s/M Brosio

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HEADQUARTERS
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
APO 782, U.S. Army

MCD/vo
13 December 1945

AG 400.93 BPGDS
SUBJECT: Collection of Abandoned U.S. Ammunition and Ammunition Scrap Components.-

TO : Polverifici Giovanni STACCHINI
256 Via Cavour
Rome, Italy.

1. Pursuant to authority received from the Commanding General, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, U.S. Army, the Polverifici Giovanni Stacchini, herein referred to as the societa' anonima, is authorized to proceed with the collection and demilitarization, at its own expense and without cost to the United States, of abandoned ammunition and components thereof, of U.S. manufacture, which may be found within the geographical limits as defined in paragraph 2 hereunder.

2. The authority granted by this letter is valid for the area bounded by lines connecting La Spezia, Pistoia, Florence, Grosseto, Viterbo, Rome, Littoria, Formia, Santa Maria, and Naples, and the west coast of Italy between Naples and La Spezia. All of the above named cities, except the Rome Area, are included int the permissible area. Such authorization for collection in the Rome Area as the Commanding General of that area may have granted is in no way effected by this letter.

Forbidden areas are all United States, British, Italian or other depots, establishments or enclaves within the above defined area. Especially forbidden are the areas of U.S. Army Depot 4L57, bounded by lines connecting Leghorn, Pisa, Pontedera, Ponsacco, Colle Salvetti, and Leghorn; U.S. Army Depot 4P85, bounded by lines connecting San Vincenzo, Suvereto, Piombino, and San Vincenzo; and U.S. Army Depot 4N51, bounded by lines connecting Villa Literno, Aversa, Frattemaggiore, Qualiano and Villa Literno.

3. There is no objection to the collection of abandoned ammunition of other nations, but special permission should first be obtained from these nations.

4. All U.S. ammunition and components thereof collected by the societa' anonima in the areas defined in paragraph 2 will become its property immediately, by virtue of and in full compensation for the act of collection, with the provision that all ammunition will be redered, by the societa anonima, unfit for war-like use. This Headquarters, attention of the Ordnance Officer, will be informed of the collecting point or points at which the recovered ammunition and components are to be demilitarized,

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and the Commanding General, Peninsular Base Section, or his representatives, will have the right to inspect the demilitarizing operations at any time, and to repossess for the United States any collected ammunition or components not properly demilitarized within the appointed period of time.

5. Unless sooner terminated, the authority granted by this letter is valid from date of acceptance to include 28 February 1946, and all ammunition or components collected must be demilitarized by 31 March 1946. The authority herein granted may be withdrawn at any time by the U.S. Army. In such event, notice in writing will be given to Polverifici Giovanni Stacchini at the address shown on this instrument. The authority herein granted is not exclusive and similar authority may be granted to other persons or concerns as may be deemed proper.

6. It is agreed and understood that the societa' anonima, in exercising the authority herein granted is acting independently and not as an agent or representative of the U.S. Army. The societa' anonima assumes all responsibility incident to the operations undertaken, by it and agrees to indemnify the United States for any liability or loss which the United States might incur as a result of damage to person or property resulting from said operations.

7. In order to assure identification of employees or agents of Poverifici Giovanni Stacchini in any collection projects arising from this authority, each such person must be provided, by the societa anonima, with an identification card. The driver of each vehicle transporting collected ammunition must have in his possession a photostat copy of this letter.

8. Notification of acceptance of the terms of this agreement will be indicated by written indorsement hereon.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

s/ A.J. MARSHALL
Capt. A.G.D.
Asst. Adj. Gen.

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Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission (1)
Provost Marshal, PBS (1)
Provost Marsha, PBS (Southern Distric (1)
Ordnance Officer, PBS (1)
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POLVERIFICI GIOVANNI STACCHINI S.A.
Rome, Italy.

December 14th, 1945

To: Commanding General P B S
A?P.O. 782, U.S. Army

The terms of the foregoing agreement are hereby accepted, this date.

Polverifici G. Stacchini S.A.
The General Manager
(Ernesto Stacchini

s/ Ernesto Stacchini

P.C.C.
IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
(Gen. P.G. Properzj)

s/ P.G. PROPERZJ

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HEADQUARTERS ROME AREA MTOUSA
APO 794, US ARMY

RHR/jlc/obc
21 December 1945

AG 400

SUBJECT: Abandoned Munitions

TO : Polverifici Giovanni Stacchini Company
250 Via Cabour, Rome, (Attn: General Director)

1. Reference letter this Headquarters dated 24 January 1945, file and subject as above you firm is granted an extension for the year 1946, to pick up any salvaged American Ammunition in the Rome Area.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

s/ B.H. ROWDEN
Lt. Col., AC
Actg Adj General

P.C.C.

IL DIRETTORE GENERAL
(Gen. P.G. Properzj)

s/ P.G. PROPERZJ

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PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
APO 782, U. S. Army

MCD/vc

AG 400.93 BPGDS

13 December 1945

SUBJECT { Collection of Abandoned U.S. Ammunition and Ammunition Scrap Components.-

TO : Polverifici Giovanni STACCHINI
256 Via Cavour
Rome, Italy.

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3. There is no objection to the collection of abandoned ammunition of other nations, but special permission should first be obtained from these nations.

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8. Notification of acceptance of the terms of this agreement will be indicated by written indorsement hereon.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

/s/ A. J. MARSHALL
Capt., A.G.D.
Asst. Adj. Gen.

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Copies to:
Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission (1)
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POLVERIFICI GIOVANNI STACCHINI S.A.
Rome, Italy.

December 14th, 1945

To: Commanding General P B S
A.P.O. 782, U.S. Army

The terms of the foregoing agreement are hereby accepted, this date.

Polverifici G. Stacchini S.A.
The General Manager
(Ernesto Stacchini

f/to: Ernesto Stacchini

P. C. C.
IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
(Gen. P.G. Properzj)

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HEADQUARTERS ROME AREA MTOUSA
APO 794, US ARMY

AG 400

BHR/jlc/obc
21 December 1945

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SUBJECT: Disposal British Amn

HQ No 2 District CMF

1019/Q2

14 Feb 46

HQ 217 Area (2)

1. Application has been received from the Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. MMIA ROME for disposal instructions for the following British amn which is reported to be located in dumps under the Artillery Directorate, BOLOGNA:

Cartocci granata da 75	n. 1
Cartocci granata da 75 traccianti	n. 7
Granate da 75 ordinarie con spoletta	n. 37
Granate da 75 perforanti con spoletta	n. 55
Granate da 75 traccianti con spoletta	n. 15
Granate da 88 ordinarie con spoletta	n. 412
Granate da 105 ordinarie con spoletta	n. 66
Granate da 149 senza spoletta	n. 11
Granate da 152	n. 22
Granate da 180 senza spoletta	n. 30
Bombe per mortaio da 42 con spoletta	n. 172
Bombe per mortaio da 80 con spoletta	n. 48
Bombe per mortaio da 81 con spoletta	n. 52
Spezzoni di aereo	n. 60

2. It is requested that you will contact the Artillery Directorate and arrange in conjunction with Ord your HQ and 6 Amn BH Sub Sec for this amn to be transported to CASTELNUOVO and dumped in Lake Garda.

Reilbwell S/Ld
Colonel
DA & QMG
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Copy to: Land Forces Sub Commission AC) Land Forces Sub Commission AC MMIA
6 BLU (for Artillery Directorate)) letter Q 131-2 of 5 Feb 46 refers.
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Subject:- Disposal of Ammunition in Northern Italy.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. H. I. A.) MONT.
Q.131.
15 February, 1946.

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

1. Further to this H.Q. letter Q.131 of 5 February 46, it is reported by the War Ministry that Italian ammunition as listed on appendix "A" was withdrawn by Allied troops from the depot at 00000 (AA300) on the 10 December 45. This is the same depot as described formerly as DI00000 in paragraph 2(a) of the above quoted letter.

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2. It is not understood by whose authority or for what purpose this Italian ammunition was withdrawn.

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

SEE 77

Sec 51 Aeb

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Copy to:- 2 District.

RAC/fem

(6b)

Subject : Ammo and Material stored at Soc.VULCANIA,Brescia.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q . 131

13 February 46

To : 2 District.

Ref attached lists of munitions and materials stored at the Soc. VULCANIA, Brescia.

1. The Soc. VULCANIA have reported these stocks to military authorities who said that it was not to be disposed of without authority.

2. The Soc.VULCANIA do not say who the military authorities in question were.

3. The Italian Ministry of War have now suggested that it would be safer to store these stocks in the Depot of the Detached Artillery Section in Brescia, and has asked this H.Q. for permission to move them.

4. May authority please be given for the transfer outlined in para 3 above to be carried out by the Italian Ministry of War.

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E.W. BRADLEY,
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Subject: Disposal of Amn of Italian origin.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 971

AFHQ/5072/Q(CEMS)

13 Feb 46

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

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Ref Q 131 dated 5 Feb 46.

1. In accordance with AFHQ letter AG 386.3 Q(AE)-O dated 2 Oct 45, as amended 8 Feb 46, ref AG 386.3 Q(CEMS)-O, the location and quantities of all ammunition of Italian origin situated in Italy will be made known to the Italian Government, and that the Italian Government will take over such ammunition. In addition, the Italian Government will be totally responsible for its safe custody until its final disposal.

2. It would appear therefore, that the observations raised in your a/m letter, are covered by the amendment dated 8 Feb 46.

Q1/ Write War Min re 51 AT refer to our recent letter * notifying them of amdt of 8 Feb and say they should now say dump contents of depots.

RAC

A. McLACHLAN, Capt.,
for Major General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

AMcL/rac

cy to 5 BLU

Q 131

* Letter is the one sent to AC and 5 BLU and 13 Corps.

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TRANSLATION

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

Ref: 9066/702/Ura
Date: 12/2/1946

Subject: Bomb in the Ceccano Commune.

1°)- Further to our letter N. 48340/4480 UrA dated 21/11/45

2°)- The bomb referred to above has been exploded.
The preventive works made in advance hindered the occurence of inconveniences. Only one lead of the telegraphic net of the railway has been broken and this has been immediately repaired by personnel of the railway Administration.-

Fab/Err

(Sgd) Gen.Properzj.

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Q 131

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TRANSLATION

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

Ref: 9361/1612
Date: 12/2/46

Subject: French ammunitions.

5493 shells 105/27(French origin) are held in the depots of detached section at Nuoro -Sardinia.

This is reported to you, should you deem advisable to order the withdrawal.-

Fab/Err

(Sgd) Gen.Pro erzj.-

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14.2.46

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SUBJECT : Disposal of Ammunition

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q.131
12 February 1945

TO : H.Q. 2 District

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See 18

Ref your 1265/3/Q3 dated 4 February 46.

1. The ammunition in question, approx 200 tons is located at Castellaccio, Gremarolo and Begato Depots in Genoa.

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2. It is regretted para 3 of our Q.131 dated 21 Jan 46 was wrongly phrased. The intention was not to obtain authority for the disposal of ammunition, but for the ammunition to be transferred from various depots and concentrated into one Depot.

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4. If action has not yet been taken, may authority be given to the Italian Army to transfer the ammunition in question to Rivalta Scriva Depot.

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5. Please correspond direct with 2 RAU Genoa.

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Copy to: 2 BLU GENOA

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Subject: Disposal of Ammunition in N. Italy.

HQ. 4 B.L.U.
MMIA
Bolzano
4/B/21-29
11. Feb. 46

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H.Q. MMIA

Ref. your Q 131 dated 5 Feb. 46.

The present policy and control of ammo depots in this BLU area is as follows:

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Lt. Col.
GS.

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Ministero della Guerra
DIREZIONE GENERALE ARTIGLIERIA

Numero 5911 Sez.
Prot. N. Allegati

Roma 9 FEB. 1946 Anno

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Al ... COMMISSION A.C. (M.A.I.)
ROMA

Rispetto al f. del
Div. Sez. N°

OGGETTO Vendita di materiali esplodenti inutilizzati.

Ref para 4 of letter A.Q./23/1 dated 18th of February 1946, we forward to you the return table of explosives sold during the month of January.

TRANSIT

IN 15.30
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Priority

Gen. P. C. Ingrao

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
DIREZIONE GENERALE AMMINISTRAZIONE E MOBILITAZIONE
UFFICIO GESTIONE MATERIALI
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Date	Material Materiale	Quantità in kg. Quantity in kilos	Depot Deposito	Consigned to: A chi viene spedito	To what A quale
1946 Gennaio	Powder (black) Polvere nera	200	Sezione staccata artiglieria Alessandria. Alessandria Detached Arty Section	Torino: Mister Francesco Orsi in Montalto Dora	for minor use per uso militare.

PER IL MINISTRO
Gen. B. C. Leopardi

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
DIREZIONE GENERALE ARTIGLIERIA E MOTORIZZAZIONE
UFFICIO GABINETTO MATERIALI

Date	Depot	Consigned to:	To what purpose
	deposito	A chi consegnato	A quale scopo
		Trieste: Alessandro Francesco Dal Pa Lorenzo Domicilio	for civil use per uso civile.
	Alessandria Detached Auty Section		

PER IL DIRETTORE
Gen. P. O. Preparni

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Subject : Removal of ammunition from the outskirts of Genoa.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q . 131

8 February 46

To : Ministry of War.

441

Ref your 56718/437 dated 17/1/46.

1. It is regretted that, pending receipt of a directive from Higher Authority regarding the control of Italian Ammo, authority can not be given for the disposal of the ammunition in question.

2. Will you please, however, notify this office of the present detailed location of the 59 tons of German ammo, 18 tons of American Ammo, 21 tons of British Ammo, 3 tons of Greek Ammo and 5 tons of Ammo belonging to the Army, referred to in your letter under reference.

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

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War

REF: 10142/T.L.

TO: M.M.I.A.

DATE: 7.2.46

SUBJECT: Ammunition and stores stored at the Vulcania Soc., Brescia.

Further to letter 38298/T.L. of 1.10.45, will you kindly inform this Ministry as to whether it may dispose of the materials in question.

536 in Q/23/1

Sgd. RUSSO

Gen.

O. Danin Cpl.

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SEE 89

Subject : American Ammunition.

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Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
M.W.I.A.
R O M E
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6 February 46

To : Commanding General P.B.S. - A.P.O. 782

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" " " 75. Perforanti	"	25
" " " 75 ordinari	"	30
Granate da 75 senza spoletta	"	25
" " 75 con spoletta	"	30
" " 88 " "	"	1.355
" " 100 " "	"	324
" " 105 " "	"	509
" " 149 " "	"	8
Spolette	"	180
Bomba per cortaio da 42	"	100
" " " " 60	"	1.710
" " " " 80	"	100
" " " " 81	"	1.223
" " " " 90	"	70
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Bossoli da 105	"	30
Mine	"	408
Bombe di aereo	"	11

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Eric.
E.W. BRADLEY,
Major Inniaks
for Major General
M. M.I. A.

Copy to :
6 B.L.U. (for Artillery Directorate, Bologna)
Ministry of War (your 4172/1071/AMC/M of 25 Jan refers)

EWB/lm

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Subject : British Ammunition.

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Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
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5 February 46

To : 2 District.

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" " 88 ordinarie " "	"	412
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R.W. BRADLEY,
Major Inniskg
for Major General
M. M. I. A .

Copy to :

6 B.L.U. (for Artillery Directorate, Bologna)
Ministry of War (your 4179/1071/AMU/W of 25 Jan refers.)

RWB/lm

R/gu 6/2/46

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Subject:- Disposal of Ammunition in Northern Italy.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(N. M. T. A.) MMM.
G. 131.
5 February, 1946.

To:- War Ministry.

1. Reference your 2419/ASG dated 19 Jan 46, the question of control of the ammunition depots at FORNAMBRIO, CROPPO and DIGOGNO has been referred to higher authority, with the request that control of all Italian ammunition of small calibre may be given to the War Ministry.

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

Copy to: 4 MLU Bolzano)Request information as to present Allied
5 MLU Milano)policy and control of these depots.

RAC/Pass

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Subject:- Disposal of Ammunition in Northern Italy.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. W. I. A.) ROME.
.131.
5 February, 1946.

To:- D.M.O. for C(AMS).

1. Reference is made to AFHQ Directive AG.366.3/0(AS)-0 dated 2 October 1945.

2. It is reported by the War Ministry that they are prevented from supervising the removal and destruction or utilisation of Italian ammunition held at the following depots:

(a) [illegible]. Polish military commander at Senigallia prohibited the withdrawal of ammunition grenades types 75 and 105 that the Ministry wished to destroy as being in a dangerous condition.

(b) [illegible]. Systematic destruction of 20 mm ammunition and small calibre ammunition by Deposito 552 under British supervision.

(c) [illegible]. Large quantities of ammunition less than 20 mm calibre are being withdrawn.

3. In view of the fact that small calibre ammunition is still required in large quantities for the maintenance of the Italian Army, a ruling is required as to whether or not control of these ammunition depots can be wanted by the Italian Government, and the War Ministry authorised to take them over.

Rao

[illegible] A. [illegible] Lt. Col.
For Major General,
M. W. I. A.

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Copy to: A.C. for CMM Sub Commission.
5 SUL Theatre.
2 District.

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SUBJECT: Disposal of Ann

HQ No 2 District CMP
1265/3/03 4 Feb 46

MMIA Rome.

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Ref your Q131 dated 21 Jan 46.

This matter has been referred to Ord (Ann) HQ No 2 District, who state they have no knowledge of Qty 1,300 tons of ammunition awaiting disposal at GENOA, and that all dumps in the GENOA area have been cleared.

Pending a direction from GHQ on the disposal of Italian Ann, it is regretted that authority for disposal by the Italian Army cannot be given.

Could you please, however notify this office, of the present location of the ann detailed in para 2 of your letter.

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Lieutenant Colonel
for Major General
Comd No 2 District.

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RS

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Roma 4-2-1946

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Ministero della Guerra
DIREZIONE GEN. DEL GENIO
UFFICIO CENTRALE B.C.M.

Prot. N° 135406/Bregm.

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Alla LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (MMIA)
R O M A

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7/2/3

OGGETTO Ritrovamento mine.-

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In relazione a quanto richiesto con foglio Q/131 in data 6 Dicembre s.a. si informa che, a cura del Comando Zona B.C.M. della Toscana, é stato provveduto al ricupero e relativa distruzione delle mine depositate a Monticelli. (Pietrasanta).-

Regarding the request contained in letter Q/131 dated 6/12/45 we inform you that, B.C.M Zone H.Q in Toscany has carried out the recovery and distruction of the mines deposited at Monticelli (Pietrasanta)

Per la rimozione delle bombe a mano é stata interessata la competente Direzione di Artiglieria.-

For the removal of hand grenades the Arty Directorate concerned has been approached.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

R/9/w/7/2/46

Inoltrata
Priority (2)

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Q 131

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Translation.

From:- M. of W. Ref:-8515/1184/AMC

To:- MMIA. Date:- 1st. Feb. 46

Subject:- Withdrawal of ammo. from depots located arround Genova.

Further to letter No.56718/437/AMC, it is pointed out that the Mil. Territorial Command at Genova reported by signal that all the French Ammo. which was stored in Depots located arround Genova, has been withdrawn by the French Naval Delegation of that city.

Sgt. Fabre. Sgd. Properzj.

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Translation

From : M.of W.

To : M.M.I.A.

Ref. 3944/I033

Date 3I/I/46.

Subject Arms and Ammunition in Northern Italy.

45A

Further to letter N° 24I9/42I dated I9/I/46 we forward you the attached list of Italian ammunition withdrawn by allied troops on the I0/I2/45 from the munition depot at Cocco(Marco)also with ref.to para.3 in letter Q/23/I4 dated II/I0/45.

We take the oppurtunity of asking you,if there is no objection, to hasten the transfer of Italian ammunition and depots to the Italian Authorities.

SEE 73

DAK

P.G.Properzj.

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ELENCO MUNIZIONI PRELEVATE IL 10.12.945 DA TRUPPE ALLEATE
PRESSO IL DEPOSITO MUNIZIONI DI COSCO

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- Cartucce a pall. per armi 91 cal. 6,5	n.	12.800
BALL CARTRIDGES FOR ARMS 91 cal. 6.5		
- " a mitraglia " " " 6,5	"	1.550
M.G. ~~ROUNDS~~ CARTR. " " " " "		
- " frangibili " " " 6,5	"	960
FRAGMENTATION CARTRIDGES " " " "		
- " a pall. (verde) per armi 91 cal. 6,5	"	250
BALL CARTRIDGES (GREEN) for ARMS 91 cal. 6.5		
- " a salve " " " " 6,5	"	5.500
BLANK CARTRIDGES " " " " "		
- " " " tipo Magistri per mitra cal. 6,5	"	11.840
BLANK CARTRIDGES "MAGISTRI" TYPE for M.G. CAL. 6.5		
- " per tiro ridotto per armi 91 cal. 6,5	"	1.500
CARTRIDGES FOR REDUCED RANGE FOR ARMS 91 CAL. 6.5		
- " ordinarie per mitra cal. 7,7	"	11.830
ORDINARY CARTRIDGES FOR M.G. CAL. 7.7		
- " ordinaria per armi mod. 38 cal. 7,35	"	1.490
ORDINARY CARTRIDGES FOR ARMS MOD. 38 CAL. 7.35		
- " a mitraglia " " " " " 7,35	"	420
M.G. CARTRIDGES " " " " " 7.35		
- " traccianti per mitra cal. 8	"	1.000
TRACER CARTRIDGES FOR M.G. CAL. 8		
- " a salve " " " 8	"	970
BLANK CARTRIDGES " " " "		
- " perforanti " " " 13,2	"	3.045
PERFORATING CARTRIDGES " " " 13.2		
- Casse di legno per 250 cartucce cal. 13,2	"	12
WOODEN BOXES FOR 250 CARTRIDGES CAL. 13.2		
- " " " " cartucce diverse	"	35
" " " CARTRIDGES OF SORTS.		

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ZF/ed

Roma, 25 GEN 1946 anno

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Ministero della Guerra

DIREZIONE GENERALE ARTIGLIERIA

e Motorizz.

Divisione A.R.S. Sez. II.

Prot. 1-41179/1071 Allegati 1

Al Comando Forze Terrestri A.C. (MMIA)

R O M A

Riferimento foglio del

Div. Sez. N.

OGGETTO: Munizionamento americano e inglese.-

American and British ammo.

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The american and British ammo.

Trasmesso la Direzione Artiglieria di Bologna copia il rifornimento americano ed inglese, di cui all'elenco qui acluso, ci si segnala a codesta Direzione per quelle decisioni che credesse impartire al riguardo.

IL MINISTRO

(F.to Bonomi)

IDRAULICO

Inviato copia 1100 25/1

Ricevuto copia 1200 25/1

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MUNIZIONAMENTO AMERICANO ED INGLESE ESISTENTE
PRESSO LA DIREZIONE ARTIGLIERIA DI BOLOGNA

Munizionamento americano American Ammo.

- cartocci granata da 37 con spoletta Propellant container with fuses n. 30
- " " " 74..... " 552
- " " " 75 perforanti..perforating..... " 35
- " " " 75 ordinari...ordinary..... " 30
- granata da 75 senza spoletta..shells without fuses. " 25
- " " 75 con spoletta.....with...fuses. " 30
- " " 88 " " ..... " 1.355
- " " 100 " " ..... " 4
- " " 105 " " ..... " 509
- " " 149 " " ..... " 8

Spoletta.....Fuzees..... " 80
- Bombe per mortaio da 42..Shells for mortars 42 m/m " 100
- " " " " 60..... " 1.710
- " " " " 80..... " 100
- " " " " 81..... " 1.223
- " " " " 90..... " 70
- " " " " 100..... " 1.513
- " " " " 105..... " 5
- " " " " 120..... " 6
- " " " " 128..... " 350
- Bossoli da 105.....Cartridge case..... " 130
- Mine .....Mines..... " 408
- Bombe di aereo.....Aerial bombs..... " 11

Munizionamento inglese British ammo.

- Cartocci granata da 75. Propellant containers 75 m/m n. 1
- " 75. traccianti. tracing shells..... " 7
- granate da 75 ordinarie con spoletta.ordinary shells with fuse " 37
- " " 75 perforanti con spoletta perforating shells with fuse " 55
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- " " 88 ordinarie " " ordinary shells..... " 412
- " " 105 ordinarie " " ordinary shells..... " 66
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- " " 152..... " 22
- " " 180 senza spoletta.....without fuse " 130

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Translation

Ref. 303I/URA
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Fror M.of W.

To M.M.I.^.

Date 23/I/45.

Subject Ammunition Recovery.

I) - In order to clarify that requested concerning salvage and the putting at your disposal of the munitions to be collected in Northern Italy by civilian firms under military control and military departments, we report that these operations could be carried out through this Ministr

II) -Concerning para.3 of letter C/23/I4 dated II/IO/45 we bring to your notice the work of clearing land and recovery of Italian ammunition is carried out by this ministry by thedepartments concerned.

P.G. Properzj.

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(47)

Subject:- Disposal of Ammunition.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. L. A.) ROME.
G.151
21 January, 1946.

To:- H.Q.
2 District.

1. Some time ago it was reported to this H.Q. that 1,300 tons of ammunition were awaiting disposal at Genoa, and that the removal of this quantity of explosive was urgently desired by the local civil authorities. War Ministry was therefore requested to direct H.Q. 2 Territorial Command Genoa to deal with the matter as expeditiously as possible.

2. The War Ministry have now informed this H.Q. that of the original 1,300 tons of explosive to be disposed of, only 224 tons remain of which 59 tons is German ammunition, 38 tons American, 21 tons British and 5 tons Greek ammunition.

3. In order that Territorial Command Genoa may complete the task assigned to them, may authority please be given for the disposal of ammunition referred to in paragraph 2, by the Italian Army.

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E.V. BRADLEY,
Major, Inniskis.
for Major General,
M. M. L. A.

R/21/1/46

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Copy to:- 2 B.L.O. Genoa.

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Subject : Ammunition Dumps located in AVERSA area.

LAND FORCES SUB COMM.A.C.
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q . 131

21 January 46

To : Ministry of War.

31-AT

Ref your 227503/11 of 21 Dec 45.

1. This matter has been investigated and these dumps have been found to be controlled by the U.S.Army.

2. The U.S.Army is removing from 600 - 1000 tons daily from these dumps.

3. The target date for the complete removal of this ammunition is 1 Apr 46.

4. The store of gelignite which caused the last explosion has now been completely removed.

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

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War

REF: 3099/URA

TO: M.M.I.A.

DATE: 19.1.46

SUBJECT: Transport of former C.I.L. materials from Chieti to Rome

Further to letter 23932/2557 of 14th.July 1945,same subject.

1) - The Rome Artillery H.Q. has informed us that the work of sorting the former C.I.L. ammunition to be transported from Chieti to Rome,has been completed

2) - With letter 54812/5227 of todays date the Transport Office of S.M.R.E. has been approached for the railway wagons required for the transport.

Sgd. PROPERZJ
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Gen.

O.Danin Cpl.

Translation.

45A

From:- M. of W. Ref:- 2419/AMC

To:- MMIA. Date:- 19th. Jan. 46

Subject:- Arms and Ammo. in Northern Italy.

The following was reported to this Ministry:-

a) the guard at the ammo. Depot at Fossamerlo, depending from the Polish HQ of Conegliano, hinder the withdrawal of Italian Shrapnel Granades type 75 and 100, for which the removal was ordered on account of the poor state of conservation of the ammo. and the danger existing for the Depot;

b) a squad of German pws, commanded by a British NCO, has been transferred to the Ammo Depot at Osoppo, to proceed with the removal and distruction of all ammo. cal. 20mm and smaller, and all dangerous ammo. or ammo. in poor state of conservation irrespective its origin.

No.5 BLU, approached on the matter, said that the Allied Authorities have instructed that all Italian ammo. are not to be returned, except when the contrary is ordered, to the It. Authorities.

c) large quantities of ammo. (Italian) cal. smaller than 20 mm, have been withdrawn from Dicocco Depot, located in the territory of Bolzano.

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Cocco (Marco)

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Since the above is in contrast with instructions contained in your letter No.Q/23/14 dated 11/10/45, we beg you, should there be no

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(37) Since the above is in contrast with instructions contained in your letter No.Q/23/14 dated 11/10/45, we beg you, should there be no opposition and bearing in mind that the areas mentioned above are not in the Venezia Giulia, to give instructions so that, according to para. 3 and 6 of the letter mentioned above, the Italian Ammo. are returned to the Italian Authorities.

Sgt. Fabre. Sgd. Properzj.

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SUBJECT :- Ammunition Dumps - AVERSA Area.

10 British Liaison Unit
Tel: NAPLES 15744
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18 Jan 46

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Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MMIA)
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Territorial HQ - NAPLES

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31-AT

Reference your Q.131 dated 3 Jan 46 and attached letter from Ministry of War 227503/11 dated 21 Dec 45.

1. It has been revealed that the Ammunition Dumps in the AVERSA area are an American responsibility.

2. The question of removing this ammunition was put before the 'Q' Department of PBS and the following points were contained in their reply.

(a) The AVERSA Dumps constitute 43,000 tons of ammunition.

(b) They are removing approx 600 - 1,000 tons per day.

(c) Limiting factors are :-

(i) Shortage of motor transport.

(ii) The allotment of only one ammunition ship to transport ammunition from Italy to America.

(iii) That at present there are no alternative dumps in Italy and the ammunition does in fact have to be transported to America if it is to be removed.

(d) When dumping in the sea begins a further 200 - 300 tons will be removed per day.

(e) The present shipping plan is to remove 4,000 tons per month.

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for Lt Col
GS

CMF
SES/ajw

Q131

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TRANSLATION

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

Ref: 56718/437
Date: 17/1/46

Subject: Evacuation of ammunitions from the depots in the outskirts of Genova

In reply to letter Q/131 dated 30/11/45

Further to the request contained in letter Q/131 dated 30/11/45, we inform you that Genoa Military Territorial Command has pointed out that from the 1.300 tons of ammunitions to be evacuated from the depots in the outskirts of Genoa, only 221 tons, subdivided as follows, are still available:

- 95 tons of French ammunitions, for which the evacuation by sea has been laid down, as soon as the French barges to be used as transport of said ammunitions to France, will arrive at Genoa.
- 59 tons of German ammunitions
- 38 tons of American ammunitions
- 21 tons of British ammunitions
- 3 tons of Greek ammunitions,

for whose evacuation we await instructions from M.M.I.A.
- 5 tons of ammunitions belonging to the Army.-

Consequently the depots which are completely evacuated, up to today's date are:
- Fulmicotone, S.Tecla, Tenaglia, Angeli, Belvedere, Casale Erselli, Monte Guano,

whilst the following depots are still occupied:
- Castellaccio with 54 tons
- Granarolo with 22 tons
- Begato with 145 tons.

The evacuation of Granarolo depot into Begato depot, has been laid down in agreement with Genoa M.M.I.A.

R.BRUTKA.Cpl

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(Sgd) Gen. Properzj.

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M.ERRERA.Cpl (Sgd) Gen. Properzj.

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Subject : Explosions Dynamite Charges.

LAND FORCES SUB COMM.A.C.
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q. 131

17 January 46

To : R.A.A.C. (~~For info. Ministry of War.~~

The attached letter from the Italian War Ministry (201083/11 of 14 Jan 46) is passed to you for information and any action you consider necessary.

Info : Ministry of War.

E.W. Bradley Major

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

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N.M.I.A.
R O M E
G. 137

17 January 46

To : R.A.A.G. (~~for info. Ministry of War.~~

The attached letter from the Italian War Ministry (201083/11 of 14 Jan 46) is passed to you for information and any action you consider necessary.

Info : Ministry of War.

E.W. Bradley Major

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

EWB/lm

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Translation.

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From:- M. of W. Ref:-201083/II.

To:- PMIA. Date:- 14th. Jan. 45.

Subject:- Explosions of dynamite charges.

It was reported to this Ministry that German Prisoners of the Ciampino Airfield, explode large quantities of dynamite charges in the caves belonging to the ICES Firm (Via Appia Nuova, Km.10, Statuario locality).

Apart from the fact that these explosions are dangerous to persons to whom it cause great panic, it compromise nearby buildings in addition to causing serious damages on account of the breaking of glasses.

Such peculiar inconvenient cause, over and above the expense paid by this Ministry on request of the people concerned, a serious discomfort for the families compelled to live, during the present season, in houses without glasses.

The inconvenient stated above has also been reported directly by civilians to Allied officers in the area, but nothing was done about it.

This is reported to you for whatever action you may consider necessary to take on the matter.

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Sgt. Fabro. Sgd. Lombardi.

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Subject : Disposal of Ammo.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMM.A.C.
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q.131

14 January 46

To : Ministry of War.

Ref your 49510/AMC dated 4 Dec 45.

1. You are authorised to dispose of German Ammo held at the Powder Factory, Fontana Liri in accordance with instructions laid down in our Q/23/14 dated 11 Oct 45.

2. 3 District have confirmed that Italian Military Authorities are authorised to dispose of this ammo, but state that the Col i/c of a/m installation requested assistance in disposal.

J.E.G.LAMB, Capt.
for Major General
M. M. I. A.

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JL/lm

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14 January 46

To : Ministry of War.

Ref your 49510/AMG dated 4 Dec 45.

1. You are authorised to dispose of German Ammo held at the Powder Factory, Fontana Liri in accordance with instructions laid down in our G/23/14 dated 11 Oct 45.

2. 3 District have confirmed that Italian Military Authorities are authorised to dispose of this ammo, but state that the Col i/c of a/c installation requested assistance in disposal.

J.M.G.LAMB, Capt.
for Major General
M. M. T. A.

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Subject : Recovery of Ammunition.

BAND POWER SUB COMM.A.C.
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
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11 January 46

Q125

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To : Ministry of War.

Ref Para 4 of your 51912/UMA of 27/12/45 and your 2093/125 of 6/1/46. 4882

Please state what the channel for recovery and disposal of the ammunition would be in the event of this M.M. being able to obtain the cancellation of the A.M.G. permits referred to.

Ref. para 3 of this M.M. Q/25/14 of 11 Oct 45 please state under what Italian Government order the task of collecting and disposal of ammunition has been delegated to you.

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

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To : Ministry of War.

Ref Para 4 of your 31913/URA of 22/12/45 and your 4282 ar91/126 of 8/1/46.

Please state what the channel for recovery and disposal of the ammunition would be in the event of this H.Q. being able to obtain the cancellation of the A.M.G. permits referred to.

Ref. para 3 of this H.Q. 8/25/14 of 11 Oct 45 please state under what Italian Government order the task of collecting and disposal of ammunition has been delegated to you.

D.W. BRADLEY,
Major Ordnance.
for Major General
M.E.I.A.

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Subject : Request for explosive.

LAND FORCES SUB COMM A.M.G.
M.M.T.S.
ROME
Q.131

9 January 46

To : Ministry of War.

Ref your 55056 of 5 Jan 46.

Requests for explosives by civilian firms for ammunition situated in 13 Corps area, must be submitted as outlined in this H.Q. letter Q.131 of 4 Jan 46

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E. W. BRADLEY, Major
for Major General
M.M.T.S.

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Sub/ml

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G.111

9 January 46

To : Ministry of War.

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Ref your 55056 of 5 Jan 46.

Requests for explosives by civilian firms for ammunition situated in 13 Corps area, must be submitted as outlined in this H.Q. letter G.111 of 4 Jan 46

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. . BAILEY, Major
for Major General
I.A.I.A.

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SUBJECT:- Disposal of Amn -

3 District
Baseball Ext 117
OS4/4002 (130)

8 Jan 46

Land Forces Sub-Commission AC MMIA

RECEIVED 11/1/46

Ref your Q131 of 4 Jan 46.

1. My OS4/4002 (75) of 2 Nov 45 referred to in your a/q letter was intended as infm for ILO this HQ and referred to all amn of all nationalities involved . My subsequent letter OS4/4002 (114) dated 8 Dec 45 addressed to AC gave full details, and the fact that the Italian and German Amn was already under the charge of the Italian Army was made clear. A copy of this latter letter has already been fwd to you.

2. It is confirmed that Italian military authorities are authorised to dispose of German amn held in the Italian Powder Factory, but the Col i/c this installation requested assistance in disposal. Final action in respect of this German amn lies with AC in conjunction with Italian Army or civil authority.

3. Your para 4 to the a/q letter is noted: on the first occasion correspondence was addressed to MMIA in error.

Q.1/ In the change now. Capt Lamb was checking it? RAF

R/11/1/46 yw

Q131

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W W Heseltine
Capt for Col
ADOS
(W W HESELTINE)

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TRANSLATION

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

Ref: 55056
Date:

Subject: Removal of explosives

The detached Artillery section of Udine has pointed out the availability, in the ammunitions depot of Spilimbergo, of propelling explosives in a bad state of conservation ~~xxxxx~~, of a total quantity of about 35 tons, sale of which is suggested.

Since some of the firms suitably equipped for the utilisation of explosives in the private industry would be prepared to purchase these explosives, we beg M.M.I.A., to kindly grant if they have no objection, the authority for said sale.

R.ERRERA.Capt

(Sgd) Gen. Properzj.

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R.G.

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from M of W

to M.M.I.A.

Translation

ref 2178 URA
4947
5/1/46

Subject: Ammo. abandoned by Germans in the B.P.D. at Colleferro.

We enclose, for the instructions that your Subco. will think of giving, copy of the inventory, made by the Military Office controlling the Society B.P.D. of Colleferro, regarding the ammo. of the German Army stored in the factories of the above Society.

G.Properzi

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8/1/46
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Copy

Inventory of the German Ammo. being in the factories B.P.D. of Colleferro.

N. 1.140 rounds 150 m/m

N. 13 cases for 4 charge cases

N. 73 " " 3 " "

N. 235 grenades 130 m/m

N. 793 cases for bombs 120 m/m

N. 120 " each containing 3 charge cases 110 m/m

N. 120 " " " 1 propelling charge 105 m/m (unmade)

N. 160 grenades 105 m/m (crated)

N. 45 cases containing each 1 propel.charge 98m/m (unmade)

N. 13 " " " 3 " " 88m/m

N. 42 propelling charges 88 m/m

N. 107 grenades 88 m/m

N. 165 cases containing each 3 bombs 80 m/m

N. 780 " " " 3 propel. charges 75 m/m

N. 34 " " " 2 " " "

N.4000 propelling charges 75 m/m

N. 500 rounds 75 m/m

N. 76 cases containing each 4 charge cases 50 m/m

N. 70 " " " 100 propel. charges 20 m/m antiaircr.

N 4 " " hand_grenades

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each containing 3 charge cases 110 m/m

N. 120 " " " 1 propelling charge 105 m/m (unmade)

N. 160 grenades 105 m/m (crated)

N. 45 cases containing each 1 propel.charge 98m/m (unmade)

N. 13 " " " 3 " " 88m/m

N. 42 propelling charges 88 m/m

N. 107 grenades 88 m/m

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N. 76 cases containing each 4 charge cases 50 m/m

N. 70 " " " 100 propel. charges 20 m/m antiaircr.

N 4 " " hand_grenades

N 17 " " each 10 bombs

N. 89 morters

N. 77 cases containing each 25 bombs

N.104 " " small bombs

N. 23 " " each 3 "

N.360 various grenades

N. 69 cases of grenades

N.250 " containing various ammo.

N.105 small cases containing 3 propel. charges in covers of cardboard

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N. 13 big cases of various ammo.

N. 1 case containing 10 charge cases

There are also many ammo. under the ruins.

sgd. Scivoletto A.

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Subject : Request for Explosive.

LAND FORCES SUB COMM.A.C.
M.I.A.
R O M E
G.131

4 January 46

To : Ministry of War. 33

Ref your 4505/3982/AMG dated 29 Dec 45.

1. The normal channel for requests, for ammo, by civilian firms, is 13 Corps through the local AMG office, as Venezia Giulia is under control of 13 Corps. (see our letter G/23/14 of 11 Oct 45).

2. Please advise the firms accordingly.

See 39

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J.W.G.LAMB Capt.
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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Copy to :

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R O I A
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4 January 46

To : Ministry of War. 33

Ref your 4505/3982/AMS dated 29 Dec 45.

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2. Please advise the firm accordingly.

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J.F.C.LAMB
For Lt.Colonel
M.E.I.A.

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Copy to :
Industry Sub-Comm.A.C.

JL/ml

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Subject : Disposal of Ammo.

LAND FORCES SUB COMM.A.C.
M.M.I.A.
G O R S
G.131

4 January 46

To : M.I.3 District.

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Ref your OS 4/4002(125) dated 27 Dec 45.

1. It is not clear whether para 3 of your OS4/4002(75) dated 2 Nov 45 attached to the letter under reference, refers to British and American ammo or Italian and German or both.

2. It is requested you confirm that the Italian Military authorities are authorised to neutralise and dispose German ammo held in their Powder Factory at Fontana Liri.

3. Information regarding movement of ammo from Italian Army installation is not normally required by this M.

4. Please note that M.M.I.A. is a separate Sub Commission to Industry and War Material Disposal Sub Commissions

Rac

R. CURTISS, Lt.Col.
for Major General

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4 January 46

To : HQ.1 District.

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Ref your G3 A/4002(125) dated 27 Dec 45.

1. It is not clear whether para 1 of your G34/4002(75) dated 2 Nov 45 attached to the letter under reference, refers to British and American ammo or Italian and German or both.

2. It is requested you confirm that the Italian Military authorities are authorised to neutralise and dispose German ammo held in their Powder Factory at Fontana Livi.

3. Information regarding movement of ammo from Italian Army installation is not normally required by this HQ.

4. Please note that P.W.I.A. is a separate Sub Commission to Industry and War Material Disposal Sub Commission.

Rac

R.A. CURTISS, Lt.Col.
for Major General
P.W.I.A.

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R.C.

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Subject:- Ammunition Dumps located in Aversa Area.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME.
G. 131.
3 January 1946.

To:- 10 B.L.U. Naples.

Reference the attached letter from War Ministry 227503/11 of 21 Dec 45.

It is requested the matter be investigated with 3 District and a report be forwarded to this H.Q.

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

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from M of W
to M.M.I.A.

Translation

Ref. 51742/4893 URA 33B

2nd January 1946

Subject: Salvaged Ammo. of Allied and german origin.

We inform that Arty. Directorate of Rome, has collected from the following places the u/m ammo. that have been stored in the dependent Depots.

Commune of Albano

English bombs of	81m/m	N.430
" " "	60 m/m	N.127
" air bombs	lbs.500	N.1
German grenades	105 m/m	N. 74
English aerial bombs		N. 8

Pantano Borghese - Colonna

American grenades	105 m/m	N.223

Montecompatri

German grenades	105m/m	N. 29
" "	75m/m	N. 80

Torre Tre Teste Rome

American grenades	75 m/m	N.286
German "	75m/m	N. 28

Velletri - Via Ariana

American grenades	105 m/m	N.630
German "	152 m/m	N.192
Bombs 81 m/m, German		N.833
German aerial bombs		N.128

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English bombs of 81m/m	N.430
" " " 60 m/m	N.127
" air bombs lbs.500	N.1
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German " 75m/m	N. 28

Velletri - Via Ariana

American grenades 105 m/m	N.630
German " 152 m/m	N.192
Bombs 81 m/m , German	N.833
German aerial bombs	N.120
" grenades 105m/m	N.202
" " 75 m/m	N. 3
" " 152m/m	N. 3
American bombs for mortars	N.860
" " " " 81 m/m	N.303
" " small calibre	N.250
" grenades 75 m/m	N. 50
German " 75m/m	N. 52

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German mortars	N.109
" smoke bombs	N. 9
" grenades 88m/m	N. 46
" hand-grenades	N.80
" mortars 280 m/m	N. 59
" " 320 m/m	N. 68

Rocca di Papa

German grenades 149 m/m	N. 71
" " 105 m/m	N.292
" " 250 m/m	N.146

ROMA -Via Boccea - Various Places

American grenades 105 m/m	N.209
" " 75 m/m	N. 30
German " 210 m/m	N. 13
" " 88 m/m	N. 43
" " 75 m/m	N; 96
Greek aerial bombs small cal.(not exploded)	N.258
" " " medium cal.(not exploded)	N.255
English bombs for mortars 81 m/m	N.150
" grenades 105 m/m	N. 13
German " 149 m/m	N. 9

Commune of Cori

German grenades 149 m/m	N.243

S. Cesareo

German grenades 150 m/m	N.138
" bombs 120 m/m	N.467

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Rocca di Papa

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" grenades	105 m/m	N. 13
German "	149 m/m	N. 9

Commune of Cori

German grenades	149 m/m	N.243

S. Cesareo

German grenades	150 m/m	N.138
" bombs	120 m/m	N.467
" "	81 m/m	N.463
" "	unknown calibre	N. 65
" propelling charges	88m/m	N.207
English grenades	105 m/m	N. 5
German "	150 m/m	N. 29

Railway—line Rome—Formia

Foreign aerial bombs		N.15
German grenades	75 m/m	N.150

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American bombs for mortar 81 m/m N. 235
" grenades 155 m/m N. 100

P.G Properzi

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Translation

From M.of W.

To M.I.A.

Ref.4505/3982/AMG

Date ~~29/XII/45~~ 29/12/45

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Subject Preparation of Explosive.

The Mines Society, with head office at Mestre, has made a request for 100 qts of explosive to be used for mining operations in their own mines.

Since it appears to us that there is a notable quantity of Melenite, in a doubtful state of preservation, stored in the depot at Medeuzza at present sited in territory under the jurisdition of the allies, we ask, if there is no objection, the authority to prepare the requested quantity of said material.

DAK

P.G. Properzj.

Action with Industry Branch

See Q/23/14

11 Oct

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3/1/46

Rec — 1004

3 Jan

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SUBJECT:- Amn for Salvage -

3 District
Baseball Ext 117
OS4/4002 (125)

Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMLA)

27 Dec 45

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Ref your Q 131 of 21 Dec 45.

1. Herewith copies of my letter OS4/4002 (75) of 2 Nov and other correspondence relating to the amn at 1007 Italian Army Explosive Wksps FONTANA LIRI, as requested.

2. In order to avoid unnecessary typing on future occasions, will you please inform this HQ of infm is required by MMLA of similar transactions involving the movement of amn from Italian Army installations.

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Q. 131

Lt Col
ADOS
(W W HESELTINE)

H/tlh

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Subject:- Ann Disposal -

3 District
Baseball Ext 117
OS4/4002 (75)

2 Nov 45

HQ 3 District

1. For your information, approximately 60 tons of British and American ammunition exist at No 1007 Italian Army Explosives Wksps, FONTANA LIRI, MR G 6435. This ann has been inspected and is in a safe condition.

2. In addition, a further 60 tons of Italian and German ann are located in the Wksps.

3. Col Vincenzo Di Ferrante del Polverificio RE has been requested to take no action regarding this ann until method of disposal can be investigated by this Directorate.

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H/lp

Capt
for Lt Col
(W W HESELTINE)

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C O P Y

SUBJECT:- Location Enemy Ammunition Dumps

3 District
Baseball Ext 117
OS4/4002 (92)

Industry Sub-Commission MMLA
War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission MMLA (your WMO/11/110 of 30 Oct refers)

19 Nov 45

Q(AE) GHQ CMF (your GHQ/5078/Q(AE) of 9 Nov refers)
Q(AE) 3 District (Your 489 Q of 17 Nov refers)
DOS GHQ CMF (For SIOO)

1. The only known location of Italian and German amn remaining in 3 District is as under :-

Approx 60 tons Italian and German Shell and Mortar Bombs at 1007 Italian Army Explosives Wk/shps FONTANA LIRI (MR G 6435 sheet 17).

2. It should be noted that this amn is under the charge of Italian Army. All other known enemy amn has been destroyed.

3. Disposal instrs ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ are being received from War Office in respect of British amn and it is expected that in the near future approx 800 tons of abondoned Allied natures may be made available to civil authorities for production of Salvage.

4. Quantities of Allied amn ultimately made available to the Government will be influenced by :-

(a) Types of amn suitable for transfer.

(b) The fact that abondoned amn location reports are still being received at the average rate of 11 per month.

5. WMD Commission will be notified of all particulars of available Allied amn when reinspection and stock-check has been carried out of dumps reported to date.

(Sgd) xxxxxxxxxxxxxx

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Capt for Lt Col
ADOS
(W W HESKETINE)

H/lp

C O P Y

SUBJECT:- Ammunition available for Salvage -

3 District
Baseball Ext 117
OS4/4002 (114)

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8 Dec 45

Industry Sub Commission AC (2)
War Materials Disposal Sub Commission AC

DOS GHQ CMF (For SIOO)
ILO 3 District

Reference my OS4/4002 (92) of 19 Nov 45.

1. The ammunnition detailed below has been inspected and found safe for handing to Italian civilian firms for production of Salvage.

2. Location

1007 It. Army Explosive Wksps, FONTANA LIRI (MR G5435 Sheet 17)

3. Ammunnition

Nature	Quantity	Tonnage	Condition
6 pr Shot (Brit)	50	-	Projectiles only
25pr Shot (Brit)	500	6	
" Shell Smk (Brit)	1660	20	
" " HE (")	726	9	
4.5in Shell HE (")	125	3	
5.5in " " (")	84	4	
3.7in Shell HE AA (Brit).....	55	1	
Bombs PIAT (Brit).....	30	-	
" 3in Mor HE and Smk (Brit).	2560	10	
" 4.2in " " " " " ..	200	2	W/O Cartridges
Aerial Bombs 100 lb (Brit)	107	5	Defused
Shell HE 75mm (American).....	145	1	
" " 105mm(").....	120	2	Projectiles only
Ctges Smk (").....	60	1	
Ctge HE 3in (").....	3	-	Complete Rounds
Bombs 81 mm Mor HE & Smk (Amer).	120	-	W/O Cartridges
Aerial Bombs 1000 lb (Amer).....	6	3	
" " 500 lb (").....	24	6	Defused
Total		73 tons	

Date of Inspection 5 Dec 45

4. A form of receipt in duplicate is required at this office on completion of the transaction. Natures constituting a potential danger to military and civil authority have been removed and destroyed.

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3. Ammunition

Nature	Quantity	Tonnage	Condition
6 pr Shot (Brit)	50	-	
25pr Shot (Brit)	500	6	
" Shell Smk (Brit)	1660	20	
" " HE (")	726	9	Projectiles only
4.5in Shell HE (")	125	3	
5.5in " " (")	84	4	
3.7in Shell HE AA (Brit).....	55	1	
Bombs PIAT (Brit).....	30	-	
" 3in Mor HE and Smk (Brit).	2560	10	
" 4.2in " " " " " ..	200	2	W/O Cartridges
Aerial Bombs 100 lb (Brit)	107	5	Defused
Shell HE 75mm (American).....	145	1	
" " 105mm(").....	120	2	Projectiles only
Ctges Smk (").....	60	1	
Ctge HE 3in (").....	3	-	Complete Rounds
Bombs 81 mm Mor HE & Smk (Amer).	120	-	W/O Cartridges
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" " 500 lb (").....	24	6	Defused
	Total	73 tons	

Date of Inspection 5 Dec 45

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5. In addition to the British and American ammunition listed above, the following Italian and German natures exist at 1007 Italian Army Explosive Wksps. This amn is already under the charge of the Italian Army but is not required at the Explosive Wksps and is available for disposal.

Nature	Quantity	Tonnage	Condition
Shell 75 mm (Italian)	508	5	Projectiles only
Shell 75/46 HE (Italian)	680	6	
Aerial Bombs 100 kg (Italian)	20	2	Defused
Shell 7.5 cm HL HE (German)	710	6	
" " HE (German)	769	6	Projectiles only

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Ctges 7.5 cm HE (German)	10	-	Complete rounds
Shell 7.5cm (German)	48	-	
Shell 8.8cm HE (German)	1245	16	Projectiles only
" 10.5cm (German)	120	2	
" 15cm (German)	100	4	
Ctges 8.8cm HE (German)	160	3	Complete Rounds
Shell 22cm HE "	81	30	
" 28cm HE "	16	8	
Rockets 15 cm "	20	1	
" 21 cm	39	4	
Bombs 8 cm Mor	1100	4	
" 12 cm Mor	515	4	
Generators Smk KW 42 №6	9	-	
Total		101 Tons	

6. An Italian Ammition Technician is on the staff of the Explosive Wksps and will be available to giveany advise required for handling or ultimate breaking-down for Salvage.

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Capt for Lt Col
ADOS
(W W HESELTINE)

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Translation Also indexing Security (2)

TRANSLATION

From : L of War
To : GMIA

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Ref : 227503/II
Dtd : 21 Dec 45

Subject : Ammunition Dumps located in the Averse Area.

original not in Security.

The Averse C.L.N. has forwarded us a motion(copy enclosed herewith) urging the removal of the ammunition dumps located in the vicinity of the above-mentioned town,in order that public interests may be safeguarded,and the safety of the dwellings ensured.

Owing to the fact that the said dumps are under the command of the Allied Armed Forces,we are bringing the matter to the knowledge of the MGIA,for any action which it might consider advisable to take.

By order,
Col. Bombardi.

SEE 45

B/S. Vinary

fwd to 10 BLO in original for inquiry & report RAC

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TRANSLATION

3/BT

From: M.of.W.

Ref: 51912/URA
4882

To: A.M.F.A.

Date: 22/12/45

Subject: Recovery of material and ammunitions in the province of Treviso.-

I)- Udine Military Territorial H.q. has points out to this Ministry that in the territory of Treviso province, the firm CADAMURO is carrying out the recovery of materials and ammunitions of all types, without rending any accounts to the Italian military administration, rather to the harm of those concerned.

Lately a large quantity of material entered the old powder-mill of Castagnole, factory of the firm.

II)- Summoned in this respect the CADAMURO firm exhibited an authorisation- signed by Maj. COTTON- released by the Allied Command in the early days of May 1945, for the recovery of materials and ammunitions and various materials.

III)- Since this Ministry has no knowledge of the matter, kindly inform us:

a)- If the CADAMURO firm is really authorised to recover material and ammunitions of all types:

b)- the duration of the concession and the territory in which they can carry out their salvage.

IV)- In order to eliminate serious interferences, in view of the imminent adjudication to civilian firms of the clearance of all the territory under the jurisdiction of the V Comilitar, this Ministry submits the necessity to cancel the concession made to the CADAMURO firm, placing in charge of the recovery of Allied ammunitions the Italian

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R.ERRERA.Cpl

(Sgd) Gen. Properzj.

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Subject:- Bomb Disposal.

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Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. T. A.) RGBE.
G.131.
21 December 1945.

To:- Ministry of War.

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1. Reference is made to your 48340 GRA of 21 November 1945.

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(b) Do not bring steel articles within 20 feet of the mine.

(c) Do not allow any noise near the mine.

5. If the necessary equipment for controlled demolition is not held by you, please notify this headquarters and an Allied Bomb Disposal Officer will be asked to carry out the demolition.

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JOHN J. WARD Captain,
For [illegible]

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

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Subject:- Ammunition at Polverificio, Fontana Liri.

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Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) MMIA.
0.151.
21 December 1945.

To:- H.Q. 3 District.

Enc a copy of your memorandum on ammunition in Italian Army Depot at Fontana Liri, reference OOU/4002(75) of 2 November 1945, addressed to Italian L.O. 3 District, be forwarded this headquarters please.

[signature]
MONT F. WOOD Captain,
for Deputy General,
M. M. I. A.

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Copy to: Ministry of War (Gen 4551D/RD of 4 December 45)

JJM/fam

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Subject:- Trinitrotoluene.

[illegible]

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To:- [illegible] No. 2 District.

1. [illegible] Indian Ministry of War has devised this [illegible] dated 1 October 1943 an officer identified as Lt. [illegible], [illegible] of Germany, while interrogating German and French land grenades and [illegible] YALE - [illegible] Acid of Detail, also destroyed accidentally and not one half team of an explosive called Trinitrotoluene (Article) property of the Indian Army.

2. The War Ministry declares that this particular explosive has physico-chemical properties which make it extremely stable and safe to handle and that normally it burns in fire instead of exploding. They are, however, anxious to avoid further destruction of such stores as may exist.

3. Would you notify Bombay and also Central units within your command to refrain from destroying stocks of this explosive, when its safety has been verified.

[signature]

[illegible] captain,
[illegible] General,
[illegible]

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[illegible]

Copy to:- Ministry of War (Case 5001G/1377 of 15 Oct 2 Pers)
R.I.N.

[illegible]

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TRANSLATION

From : [illegible] of War
To : [illegible]IA

Ref : 1348/[illegible]
Dtd : 15 Dec 45

Subject : Stocks of ammunition.

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We forward herewith the list of ammunition received from Austria by the Verona Artillery Directorate.

As soon as a check has been made of the materials referred to in Enclosure 2, the necessary communication will be made.

For the Minister,
sgd. F.G. Properzj.

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Translation

from: M of W
to: MMIA

ref.50016/1377
12 December 1945

Subject: Ammunition.

Genoa Terr. Command (Gen.Staff- Services Office) , has informed us that on November 1,45 Lt.LOVRY of 178 R.A.-Sanremo ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ withdrew from Valle Armea Depot, 6000 Kgs of trinitrotoluene of the Italian Army and considerable quantities of German,French hand-granades and German mines, to destroy them.

Trinitrotoluene, is an explosive ~~xxxxxx~~whose preservation is guaranteed both by its physic-chem.qualities and by the fact that it can be safely handled and transported,and finally that in case of fire it generally burns without exploding . Therefore we beg MMIA kindly to issue instructions in order to avoid any further distruction of this explosive.

C/u

Properzi

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO No. 794 U. S. Army
Office of G-3 (British)

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8/211/G3(Br)

11 December 1945

SUBJECT: Mines Disposal

TO: Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MMIA)

Reference your Q/131 of 3 Dec, subject Bomb Disposal.

1. From the details given in the report and the contents of your letter the device in question seems to fall in Civil Category I as defined in para 9(a) of 3 District Operation Instruction No.25 dated 17 Oct 45.

2. Since advice only is sought and since the device seems of a naval character it would appear that reference should be made to RN.

3. No further information is available in this Command on this type of weapon.

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E. Sedgwick

E. SEDGWICK,
Major GS,
G-3 (British).

Copy: CRE 104 Works (your CRE/INT/342 of 9 Dec refers)

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SUBJECT:- Bomb Disposal.

'A' BD Increment RE
Att. C.E. 3 District.
Tel: Baseball 87
CE.3270.

10 Dec 45.

Land Forces Sub Commission AC,
M.M.I.A., ROME.

G3 (Ops) 3 District

Reference your Q/131 dated 4 Dec 45 and Ministry of War letter 4B340/UMA.

1. Reconnaissance has been made of suspected bomb in the CECLANO COMMUNE at MR G 472271. This has been identified as a German non-contact GC Ground Mine containing 1500 lbs of H.E., with magnetic or acoustic operation, or possibly both. Consequently a great deal of caution must be exercised in any attempt made to dispose of this mine.

2. Special equipment and tools are essential in any attempt to neutralise and render safe for removal, and disposal is normally a Naval responsibility. It is strongly advised, therefore, that this mine be demolished in situ. Apart from probable damage to adjacent railway signal wires no further damage should be expected. An area of 600 yds radius should be evacuated and actively patrolled at the time of demolition. To demolish the mine use a 4 lbs charge in contact with the lower casing.

3. The following precautions must be observed:-

(a) Do not disturb the mine in any way.

(b) Do not bring steel articles within 20 feet of the mine.

(c) Allow no noise anywhere near the mine.

4. If the necessary equipment for controlled demolition is not held by you, please notify this office, and the Bomb Disposal officer here will carry out disposal for you.

(W.H.K.TURNER)
Lieut. R.E.,
for Brigadier,
Chief Engineer.

WHKT/VM.

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Subject:- Disposal of Declaratory.

Land Reform Sub Commission etc.
(A. W. A. S.) Delhi
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Security Sec.

To: (1) Sec Economic Section.
Food and Agriculture of Commission.
Industry Sub Commission.
Commerce Sub Commission.

Reference our letter of even reference dated

16 Nov 45.

We are minding have informed us that the conclusions sold to the Pending, Forest and Tribal Plans of Land and the Scheduled and Backward Classes of Bengal, are being altered and strengthened by the said Cities, into vendor for the formulations of according underlying.

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R.A. CURTIES Lt. Col.
for Sales General,
A. G. I. S.

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SUBJECT : Italian Hand-grenades at Jesi

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
C.131
4 December 1945

TO : Ministry of War

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Reference your AMG/46762/1 dated 15 Nov. 1945.

This HQ. has no objections to the suggestions made in your letter 5932A dated 10 October 1945, regarding the disposal of hand-grenades, provided the necessary precautions are taken.

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A.M. Newton, Major
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT : Testing of Ammunition at the 1. Centro Esperienze di Nettuno

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
2.151
8 December 1945

TO : Ministry of War.

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Reference your 47041 DI dated 15 November 1945.

Authority is hereby granted for the requested tests to be made at the 1. Centro Esperienze di Nettuno.

A.M. HEUTGI , Major
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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Subject : Location of Mines.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMM.A.C.
A.M.G.A.
H.Q. A.M.G.
G/131

6 December 45

To : Ministry of War.

1. It has been reported that:

(a) large quantity of American land mines, deposited by Allied troops, are still lying in a house at Monticelli (Pietra Santa). For location of the house, apply to Gabrielli Beniamino, Via Aurelia 58. Monticelli (Pietra Santa), near railway crossing (Rince Tavern) Route No. 1 Milestone No. 115.

(b) Two Italian Red-Devil grenades have been found at the office of C.I.C. 59 Via Sicilia Via Vittorio Veneto-Rome.

2. It is requested arrangements be made for removal or destruction of these mines, as early as possible.

3. Please advise when removal of Red Devils may be expected.

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For Major General,
A.M.G.A.

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For Major General,
P.T.I.A.

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Translation

from: M of W
to: MMIA

ref. 49510/AMC
4 December 1945

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Subject: Ammunition

Enclosed please find copy of letter OS4/4002('75) dated 2 November 1945 of District 3 HQ, concerning ammunition existing at the Italian Army Gun Powder Factory - Fontana Liri. Will you kindly confirm if you are in agreement with what is said in a/m letter concerning Italian and German ammunition.

This Ministry considers that this ammunition should be left to the Italian Military Authority which will neutralise German ammunition as it has already been done in Sicily.

British or American ammunition will be kept at the disposal of Allied Authorities.

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Translation

from: District 3 HQ
to: Italian L.O. District 3

ref. OS4/4002(759
2/II/1945

20.A.B.T

Subject: Ammunition

1) We inform you that in the Italian Army Gun Powder Factory at Fontana Liri there are about 60 tons of British and American ammunition and that an inspection has proved that they are in safe conditions.

2) Moreover in a/m Gun Powder Factory there are 60 tons of Italian and German ammunition.

3) Col. Vincenzo DI FERRANTE, Director of the Gun Powder Factory has been requested not to take any action pending the decision of this HQ concerning the destruction or use of a/m ammunition.

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO No. 794 U. S. Army
Office of G-3 (British)

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E/210/G3(Br) 4 December 1945

SUBJECT: Mine Disposal

TO: CRE 104 Works

1. In accordance with 3 District Operations Instruction No. 25 dated 17 Oct 45, attached report is forwarded for information and request that RD Officer may advise Italian Engineers of the proper procedure in disposing of the mine.

2. The mine is not a direct threat to Allied personnel and property and has been found during the sweep undertaken by Italian Army Engineers, who will ultimately dispose of same.

3. May E. 3 District please be advised to communicate direct with Major BENTON, MMIA, telephone No. 475103 (Rome dial).

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E. SEDGWICK,
Major OB,
G-3 (British).

Copy: MMIA (your G/131 of 3 Dec refers)

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BASIC: Ltr Hq Military Liaison Officer, AMG, Viareggio, (Provincia di Lucca), ref: VR/IV/121, dtd 25 Oct 45, subject: "Location of Mines".

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HEADQUARTERS 92d INFANTRY DIVISION, APO 92, U. S. Army, 25 Oct 45.

TO: Commanding Officer, Military Mission Italian Army, APO 782.

1. Request removal of mines mentioned in basic communication.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

W.A. DOBBS,
Major, AGD.,
Adjutant General.

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MILITARY LIAISON OFFICER
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
VIAREGGIO (Provincia di Lucca)

Ref: - VR/IV/121 Date 23 Oct.45

SUBJECT : Location of Mines

TO: - CAPT. WALKUP -
G- 4 ; H.Q. 92nd. DIV.

It has been reported that a large quantity of Amedcian land mines deposited by Allied Troops,are still lying in a house at Monticelli, (Pietrasanta).
Could they be removed please?
For location of the house,apply to Gabrielli Beniamino,Via Aurelia 58 - Monticelli (Pietrasanta)near railway crossing (Prince Tavern)Route n.1 Milestone n.115.-

OFFICIAL:
Allied Military Government

CAPT.R.STC.
(GORDON W.WEST)Officer Viareggio

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Subject : Bomb Disposal.

LAND FORCES SUB COMM. A.C.
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
0/131

4 December 45

To : E.C. 1 District.

Ref. the attached letter from Ministry of War.

1. It is understood that Lieut. Turner Royal Engineers, is the only Bomb Disposal Expert in the District.

2. We are informing Ministry of War to send their representative to contact Lieut. Turner at your H.Q., and we should be grateful if the latter would interview their representative and give him some advice as to the best means of disposal of the mine referred to in the attached letter.

See 25.

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A.M.NEWTON Major
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

Copy :
Ministry of War.(your 48240/UR6 dated 21Nov 45 refers)

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A.N.HENTY Major
for Major General
N.M.I.A.

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Copy :
Ministry of War.(your 48140/URA dated 21Nov 45 refers)

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TRANSLATION

See 25.

FROM: Ministry of War

REF: 48340/URA

TO : M.M.I.A.

DATE: 21.11.45

SUBJECT :Explosive mechanism in the Ceccano commune-
at Km.82.2 of the Rome Cassino railway line.

1) During the operations of mine clearing etc.,being carried out in the area of the Ceccano Commune(Prosinone) ,an explosive mechanism of large dimensions,partly interred,has been discovered at Km.82.2 on the Rome Cassino railway line;we report hereewith its principal characteristics.

II) - The mechanism in question is composed of a cylindrical body (casing for the explosive) of about 60 cm. in diameter and 2.10 metres in height,terminating at its upmost end in a spherical cap which is presumed to exist at the base in a similar manner.Along the cylindrical part can be seen a threaded hole of about 3.5 cm. in diameter(from which a tap or fuse must have been removed), the bottom of which has an aluminium surface and in the centre of which appears to be a percussion cap.

On top of this cylindrical body is fixed a second cylinder (of equal diameter and 1.30 meters in height)inside of which can be seen a mechanical apparatus evidently intended to regulate the action of the underlying part.

This second cylinder has various springs, some screwed in and some centralising,through which can be seen,amongst many other devices, a large spiral spring on the vertical axis of the cylinder and perpendicularly to this axis, a capstan with a steel cable of considerable length.

The upper part of the cylinder is closed by a light sheet metal plate with a hole in the centre which permits of a view of a tank

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II) - The mechanism in question is composed of a cylindrical body (casing for the explosive) of about 68 cm. in diameter and 2.10 metres in height,terminating at its upmost end in a spherical cap which is presumed to exist at the base in a similar manner.Along the cylindrical part can be seen a threaded hole of about 3.5 cm. in diameter(from which a tap or fuse must have been removed), the bottom of which has an aluminium surface and in the centre of which appears to be a percussion cap.

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The upper part of the cylinder is closed by a light sheet metal plate with a hole in the centre which permits of a view of a tiny cotton rope and, in the centre,an attachment of two electric conductors similar to those of an ordinary carbon or arc.The upper lid of this cylinder is missing.

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Externally,both the upper and lower cylinder have the following signs painted on them:

Upper cylinder:

GEFAHREN!
VORSICHT ABREGEN!

and on the opposite side:

150K
8 mm.

lower cylinder (explosive body):

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It appears from the se signs that it can be deduced that the mechanism in question is of German origin.

III) - According to information gathered on the spot by the officer in charge of the technical direction of the above mentioned mine clearance, the mechanism in question was dropped by parachute together with another similar one, in March 1944.

The second of these mechanism, about six weeks after its fall, due to being tampered with, exploded, producing a crater (still visible on the ground) of about 5 meters in diameter and two metres deep, with great air displacement which damaged buildings - 4 metres away from the point of the explosion.

IV) - Judging by the general structure of the described mechanism, by the presence of the capstan and steel cable mentioned above, which leads one to think of an anchorage purpose, and by the fact that it was dropped by a blue parachute, it is to be supposed that we must be dealing with a large sea mine which has been dropped by error in the locality in which it was found, or was dropped to lighten the load of the aircraft carrying it or accidentally released by the aircraft together with the other one which afterwards exploded.

V) - While we are making agreements for an inspection on the part of specialised Navy and Air Force personnel in order to establish the procedure for the deactivation on the spot or removal of the above described mechanism, we should be very obliged to your Mission if, should it be possible for you to do so, you would kindly inform this Ministry of any data in your possession regarding this mechanism and which may facilitate the deactivating or removal operations.

Sgd. MONSO

Gen.

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Sgd. RUSSO

Gen.

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
ORDNANCE (BRITISH)

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Subject: Ammunition - Disposal.

Ref.: OS/400/2
Tel.: Rome 66588
Date: 3 Dec. '45

To : DADOS
Land Forces Sub Commission (IMMIA)
HQ., Allied Commission.

1. Two Italian "Red Devil" grenades have been found at the office of C.I.C., 59 Via Sicilia, Via Vittorio Veneto, Rome.

2. It is requested that C.I.C. be advised when removal may be expected.

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

REC'D 559 4/12/45

Copy to: G-3 (Br.)

Your G/G-3 (Br.) of 30 Nov. refers.

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Subject : British Ammunition.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMM.A.C.
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q/131

3 December 45

To : Ministry of War.

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Ref. your 48060 of 23 Nov:

It is suggested that this ammunition should be kept infistoran for eventual use by the Combat Dive.

It must be shown on any returns made of ammunition held in Italian Army stocks.

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

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Subject : Bomb Disposal.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMM. A.C.
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q/121

3 December 45

To : Rome Area Allied Command.

Ref. attached letter from Ministry of War.

Could you, please, inform us of the name and address of a Bomb Disposal Expert, in order that it may be forwarded to the Genio, Ministry of War, who are anxious to have some advice regarding the disposal of the mine in question.

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

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TRANSLATION

From : M. of War — Ref : 47985/AMC

To : MIn — Dtd : 1 Dec 45

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Subject : Sale of Explosives to Private firms.

With reference to your 131 dtd 16 Nov 45, we hereby communicate that the explosives sold to the Bombrini, Parodi and Delfino firms of Rome and the Daschieri and Pellagri firms of Bologna, are, by the said firms, being altered and transformed into powder for the manufacturing of sporting cartridges.

For the Minister,
sgd. Gen. F.G. Properzj.

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Amend 5A and inform AC following up (7) & (9) 131

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Subject:- Disposal of Captured and Italian Ammunition.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME.
G.131.
30 November, 1945.

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To:- War Ministry.

Reference is made to this H.Q. G/23/14 dated 11 Oct 45.

It has been reported that 1,300 tons of ammunition awaits disposal at Genoa, and that the removal of this quantity of explosives is urgently desired by the local Civil Authorities.

You are requested to direct H.Q. No. 2 Territorial Command Genoa to deal with the matter as expeditiously as possible.

R.A. CURTISS Lt. Col.
For Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: No. 2 B.I.U. Genoa.

Internal: S. & T.

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War

REF: 46232/AMC 13T

TO: 30th.S.L.I., C.M.F.
and M.M.I.A. for info.

DATE: 26.11.45

SUBJECT: Handing over of Italian Hand Grenades (3)

With reference to M.M.I.A. letter Q/131 of the 8th.November, kindly hand over the 6 Italian hand grenades to the Rome Artillery Directorate, No.19 Via Etruria.

Sgd. CAMPAGNA

Col.

O.Danin Cpl.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIALS BRANCH

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WMD/11/125

26 November 45

SUBJECT: Munitions.

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TO : Ministry of Transportation
Italian State Railways
Chief Supply Section
(Att: Ing. Solari)

1. We have been advised by Air Force Sub-Commission AMG Venezia Region Padova that the under mentioned dumps, guarded by Italian Air Force personnel are existent. Will you please make necessary arrangements for the taking over of these dumps and disposal of the contents.

2. (a) "Villa Osti" Padova
700 bombs without fuses

(b) "Porrotta" Ferrara
Hand grenades and shells.37

(c) "Valvasone"
Over 1000 fins for 250 lbs bombs

(d) "Vela di Trento" Trento
Miscellaneous Arms materials.

It is understood that materials in above mentioned dumps are of Italian Air Force, Army and Navy origin.

J.A. CAMPBELL
Lieut.-Colonel,
Director
CEM Branch

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Copy to Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA)
Copy to Public Safety Officer - Headquarters Venezia Region AMG
(Your reference RXII/PS.19.6)

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RECEIVED 233 27/11/45 ID&MI

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TRANSLATION

11A.T.

FROM: Ministry of War REF: 48860

TO:M.M.I.A. DATE: 23.11.45

SUBJECT: English ball cartridges Cal.7.7

The Naples Artillery Directorate (Caserta materials depot) are holding :

- 9,760 ball cartridges Cal.7.7,Rifle,English.
-146,376 " " " 7.7 L.M.G. "

The above is pointed out to your Mission for such instructions as you may see fit to issue in the matter.

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Sgd.. RUSSO

Gen.

O.Danin Cpl.

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Subject:- Disposal of Italian Ammunition.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) MMIU.
G.134
23 November, 1945.

To: No. 5 B.L.U. Milan.

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Reference attached copy of this H.Q. letter G.23/14 dated 11 October 45 and your signal M/456 of 17 November 45.

At the present time a study is being made of the requirements of the Interim Italian Army in warlike material and of their existing stocks.

It is a matter of urgency that recaptured weapons and ammunition of Italian origin which may be of value to any portion of the Interim Army shall be recovered and find it's way into Italian Army depots.

All enemy ammunition not suitable for Italian weapons and any ammunition which, owing to appearance, is unserviceable and in a dangerous condition, is to be disposed of in accordance with the M.M.I.A. Directive mentioned in the attached letter.

R.A. Crutch
R.A. CRUTCH Lt. Col.
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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Copy to: No. 1 B.L.U. Turin
No. 2 B.L.U. Genoa
No. 4 B.L.U. Bolzano
No. 6 B.L.U. Bologna

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MMIU/Col.

COPY.

Subject:- Disposal of Captured and Italian Ammunition.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. N. I. A.) BGM.
Q/23/14
11 October, 1945.

To:- Ministry of War.

1. This headquarters letter Q/93 of 7 July 1945, subject "Ammunition Dumps" is hereby cancelled and the instructions contained in this letter are substituted therefor.

2. Allied Force Headquarters has directed the destruction, by exploding in situ or immersing in water of 50 fathoms depth or more, of all enemy mines, grenades, detonators and initiators, explosives, small arms ammunition and ammunition of 20 mm calibre or below. Until destroyed, enemy material of this nature will continue to be a guard responsibility of the Allied Command in whose area it is located.

3. The location and quantities of all enemy ammunition, larger than 20 mm calibre will be made known to the Italian Government by the Allied Command in whose area the material is located, through the Allied Commission. The Italian Government will then become totally responsible for the ammunition and will make the necessary arrangements with civilian firms for the breaking down of the ammunition into its component parts. The Italian Government will give assurance that the resultant raw material will not be used for the production of further armaments. When the Italian Government has been advised of the location and quantity of dumps of ammunition larger than 20 mm calibre, the Italian Government will be responsible for the safeguarding of the ammunition until its final disposal. Allied responsibility for safeguarding such ammunition will cease from the time that satisfactory arrangements have been made to that effect.

4. The Italian Army may continue to destroy small quantities of loose ammunition of whatever calibre which constitute a hazard to life or property.

5. These instructions do not apply to the Venezia-Giulia region where the local Allied Military Government will continue to be responsible for the safeguarding and disposal of ammunition in the area under its command.

6. Recaptured ammunition of Italian origin which is not required for military purposes by the Allied Command in whose area it is located will be turned over immediately to the Italian military authorities for maintenance of the Italian Forces within the authorised ceilings. The channel of transaction in material of Italian Ground Force ~~XXXX~~ origin which is to be returned to the Italian Army authorities will be the Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (M.N.I.A.)

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(signed) W. Pidsley
Colonel,
for Major General.

Copy to:- ALL M.M.I.A. I.Cs.
Public Safety Sub Comm AC
W.M.D. & I.P.W. Sub Commission AC
Industry Sub Commission AC
M. AC (5)
AMG(10) - Reference AG.396.3 (AE) of 2 October 1945.

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TRANSLATION

10 A.T

FROM: Ministry of War REF: 48340/URA

TO: M.M.I.A. DATE: 21.11.45

SUBJECT: Explosive mechanism in the Ceccano comune - at Km.92.2 of the Rome Cassino railway line.

1) - During the operations of mine clearing etc., being carried out in the area of the Ceccano Comune (Fresinone), and explosive mechanism of large dimensions, partly interred, has been discovered at Km.92.2 on the Rome Cassino railway line; we report herewith its principal characteristics.

11)- The mechanism in question is composed of a cylindrical body (casing for the explosive) of about 68 cm. in diameter and 2.10 metres in height, terminating at its upmost end in a spherical cap which is presumed to exist at the base in a similar manner. Along the cylindrical part can be seen a threaded hole of about 3.5 cm. in diameter (from which a tap of fuse must have been removed), the bottom of which has an aluminium surface and in the centre of which appears to be a percussion cap.

On top of this cylindrical body is fixed a second cylinder (of equal diameter and 1.30 meters in height) inside of which can be seen a mechanical apparatus evidently intended to regulate the action of the underlying part.

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This second cylinder has various springs, some screwed in and some centralising, through which can be seen, amongst many other devices, a large spiral spring on the vertical axis of the cylinder and perpendicularly to this axis, a capstan with a steel cable of considerable length.

The upper part of the cylinder is closed by a light sheet metal plate with a hole in the centre which permits of a view of a thick cotton rope and, in the centre, an attachment of two electric conductors similar to those of an ordinary carbon or arc. The upper lid of this cylinder is missing.

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Externally, both the upper and lower cylinder have the following signs painted on them:

Upper cylinder:

GFFENEN !

VOWTCDER ABNECHEN !

and on the opposite side:

150 M

8 mm.

lower cylinder (explosive body):

20 Atti

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It appears from these signs that it can be deduced that the mechanism in question is of German origin.

111) - According to information gathered on the spot by the officer in charge of the technical direction of the above mentioned mine clearance, the mechanism in question was dropped by parachute together with another similar one, in March 1944.

The second of these mechanisms, about six weeks after its fall, due to being tampered with, exploded, producing a crater (still visible on the ground) of about 5 meters in diameter and two metres deep, with great air displacement which damaged buildings3 - 400 metres away from the point of the explosion.

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1V) - Judging by the general structure of the described mechanism, ~~and~~ by the presence of the capstan and steel cable mentioned above, which leads one to think of an anchorage purpose, and by the fact that it was dropped by a blue parachute, it is to be supposed that we must be dealing with a large sea mine which has been dropped by error in the locality in which it was found, or was dropped to lighten the load of the aircraft carrying it or accidentally released by the aircraft together with the other one which afterwards exploded.

V) - While we are making agreements for an inspection on the part of specialised Navy and Air Force personnel in order to establish the procedure for the deactivation on the spot or removal of the

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above described mechanism, we should be very obliged to your Mission if, should it be possible for you to do so, you would kindly inform this Ministry of any data in your possession regarding this mechanism and which may facilitate the deactivating or removal operations.

Sgd. RUSSO

Gen.

O. Danin Cpl.

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

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DATETIME 171841A

FROM LO 201 SUB AREA

TO : MMIA

INFO : 5 COMILITER (BY HAND)

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REF YOUR Q/23/14 TLV OF 11 OCT.

ONE. DOES TERM ENEMY IN PARA 2 LINE 2 INCL ITALIAN MATERIALS.

TWO. DOES DEFINITION "RECAPTURED AMN OF ITALIAN ORIGIN" IN PARA 6 LINE 1 INCL MINES GRENADES ETC AND AMN UNDER 20 MM.

THREE. BRIEFLY CMA UNDERSTAND ITALIAN ARMY ALLOWED GD EVERYTHING EXCEPT AMN OF 20 MM AND UNDER ALSO MINES GRENADES ETC ALL OF NON ITALIAN ORIGIN. IS ABOVE CORRECT

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ACTION COPY : Q 131

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Subject:- Disposal of Amn Italian Origin.

War Material Amn. Depot.
(Det."D" Mobile Disarmament Unit)

Tel: VILLACH 6252.

Ref: F/003/2.

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To: Military Mission Italian Army (Rome)

1. With reference to H.Q. B.T.A. letter ref.10660/Ord dated 30 Oct. 45, a complete list of ammunition loaded to Direzione Artigliera (Italian Army) Verona during the period 5 - 10 Nov. 45 incl. is appended. This represents total stocks of ammunition of Italian origin formerly held at this depot.

Capt. R.A.O.C.
I.C.O. War Material Amn.Depot.

Faak-am-See.
16 Nov. 45

Copy to:
D.D.O.S./D.W.M. B.T.A.

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Designation	Total Stock.
21 cm Sprgr. (i) Amatola 55/45.	3,160
210/8 mm Shell.	16
149/35 mm "	1,045
100/17 mm " Mod.36.	2,307
Cart. Proietta Da 75/46.	3,225
Cartucci Granata da 75/27.	5,759
" " da 75/13.	624
Inneschi da 75 mm.	1,000
Cartucci Granata da 65/17.	1,890
" " da 47/32.	3,810
" " da 20 mm.	12,300 (1,300)
Cartucci Cal. 12.7 P.I.T.	186,000
" " " S.I.T.	201,000
" " 9.	1,010,000
8 mm SmK L'spur.	136,000
8 mm Patr. sS 304.	160,000
8 mm SmK 305.	400,000
Cartucci A Pallotola Da 8mm.	1,376,400
" " Da 7.35mm	302,544
7.35 mm Patr. S 232.	138,240
Cartucci A Pallotola Da 6.5 mm.	1,245,600
Bomba Da 81 Completi A Capacita Normale.	102
Bomba Da 81.	9,607
Augmenting Carts.	10,516
Bomba Da 45 (Brixia)	36,270
Bomba A Mano Breda Mod.35.	8,496
Cartucci da Signalazione.	1,000

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SUBJECT : Sale of Explosives to Private Firms

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
16 November 1945

(51)

TO : War Ministry

Reference your 16591/ G M - 14 Nov.

Please state what type of cartridges are being manufactured by the Firms in question.

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

Copy : A.C. for Civil Affairs Section
with copy of return of explosives sold
to Industry in October by the War Ministry.

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TO : War Ministry

Reference your 16331/ G M - 14 Nov.

Please state what type of cartridges are being manufactured by the firms in question.

R.A.CURTISS Lt.Col.
for Major General
Land Forces Sub-Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

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Subject:- Sale of Explosive Materials to Private Industry.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(Dt. M. I. 4.) MOSCOW.
959
16 November, 1945.

To: Ministry of War.

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Reference your 46352 dated 9 November 45.

The disposal of explosive materials no longer fit for use in the Army, or of obsolete pattern, or surplus to estimated requirements, is at the discretion of the War Ministry.

In territory which has not been handed over to the Italian Government, applications from private firms or individuals should, however, not be considered unless they are approved by the appropriate Government Department.

Attention is directed to this H.Q. letter G.000 dated 14 November. Careful consideration must be given before it can be decided what explosive materials can be considered surplus to the Army's requirements.

It is requested that the monthly statement of explosives disposal of any continue to be forwarded to this H.Q. for information. Items classified as surplus to Army requirements will be indicated separately. Your 46351/G M 14 Nov. refers.

Lt.Col.
for Lt.Gen. General,
M. M. I. 4.

Copy to: A.G. For Economic (G) Br.
Food and Agriculture Sub Comm.
Industry Sub Comm.
Commerce Sub Comm.

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Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(Or M. I. A.)
S.134
16 November, 1945.

To:-

A.C. for Economic Section.
Food and Agriculture Sub Comm.
Industry Sub Comm.
Commerce Sub Comm.

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The attached return of explosive materials disposed of by the War Ministry to private industry during the month of October, is forwarded for information.

R.A.Q.

R. A. QUINTIN, Col.
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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TRANSLATION

From : M of War
To : MIA

Ref : 47041/Di 6BT
Dtd : 15 Nov 45

Subject : Checking of ammunition at the 1st Research Centre, Nettuno.

It is pointed out by various military formations, that there exist, at private firms, ammunition and devices, originating through contracts undertaken before the Armistice, and which, due to the events, that, as is known, subsequently occurred, remained stored at the establishments which produced them.

We consider it advisable that the said material, the property of the Italian Military Administration, should be introduced into our depots, both in order to carry out supplies pending, and to avoid the deterioration and destruction of products of great value, and suitable for further use.

Owing, however, to the fact that, in order to store such materials, it is necessary that the said materials should be regularly checked, we ask you kindly to grant us authority to have the said checks made at the 1st Research Centre, Nettuno.

What is 1st Research Centre?

The Director General,
sgd. P.G. Properzj.

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Translation

From M. "f ..

To M.M.I....

Ref. 46762/

Date 13/11/45

Subject Italian handgrenades at Jesi.

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We would be pleased to have your decision concerning the suggestion made in letter 39324 dated 10/10/45 a copy of which is forwarded for your guidance.

P.G.Properzj.

Yes precautions subject as laid down RAC

COPY

From M.of W.

To M.M.I.a.

Ref. 39324

Date 10/10/45

Subject Italian handgrenades at Jesi.

The Technical inspection of the hand-grenades at present in the F.a.R. at Jesi has been carried out, and it is noted that about 3/4 of such grenades are fit to be transported because they are in the prescribed cases with the seals intact, while the remainder [redacted], in great part corroded, has been stored in various types of cases.

We suggest that:

a) - Starting to move the handgrenades contained in the prescribed cases.

b) - Destroying on the spot those contained in the various types of cases.

See 23

P.G. Properzj.

Sent 16/11

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TRANSLATION

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FROM: Ministry of War

REF: 46002

TO: M.M.I.A.

DATE: 9.11.45

SUBJECT: Sale of explosives to private firms.

See 8

This Ministry is receiving numerous requests from Northern Italy for the cession to private industry of explosives for employment in public utility works (re-activation of bridges, roads), for industrial uses (turning into powder for hunting purposes or use in mines) and agricultural uses (ground levelling and breaking operations).

Copy attached.

Since in letter AQ/23/1 of 18th.Feb.1945, M.M.I.A. authorised the cession of explosives to private industry. in order that we may have a ruling on the matter and to accelerate, as much as possible, all that may contribute to reconstruction, will you kindly inform us as to whether the cession of explosives to private industry - in territory which has still not been handed over to the Italian Government - must be subordinated to special authorisation by M.M.I.A., or whether we may consider the general authorisation already received with letter AQ/23/1 as also extended to apply to said ~~terrirtor~~ territory.

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Sgd. RUSSO

Gen. 956

O. Danin Cpl.

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SUBJECT : Selling of Explosive Materials to Private Industry

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME
AQ/23/1
18 February 1945

TO : Ministry of War (Gabinetto)

Reference your 202946/II 227-4-5 dated 9 Feb 1945.

1. Authority is given for the Ministry of War to dispose of explosive materials existing in these depots, which are damaged or of a type not used in the Italian Army, to private industry.

2. As regards those items which are in current use in the Italian Army which you state are surplus to your requirements, these may not be released without the prior consent of this HQ.

3. It is agreed that the unarming of any of this material which cannot be done by the Ministry may be carried out by civilian contract, provided the Ministry guarantees that all such material is in fact rendered unusuable for war purposes.

4. A report should be rendered monthly by the Ministry giving details as shown in the attached speciman proforma. This report to reach this HQ. by the 10th of each month showing issues authorised up to the last day of the previous month.

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(Sgd) F.J. NOAKES, Col
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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Reference your 202946/II / 227-4-5 dated 9 Feb 1945.

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2. As regards those items which are in current use in the Italian Army which you state are surplus to your requirements, these may not be released without the prior consent of this HQ.

3. It is agreed that the unarming of any of this material which cannot be done by the Ministry may be carried out by civilian contract, provided the Ministry guarantees that all such material is in fact rendered unusuable for war purposes.

4. A report should be rendered monthly by the Ministry giving details as shown in the attached speciman proforma. This report to reach this HQ. by the 10th of each month showing issues authorised up to the last day of the previous month.

PPF/le

(Sgd) F.J. NOAKES, Col
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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Copy to: Agriculture Sub Comm. A.C.
Industry Sub Comm. A.C.
Commerce Sub Comm. A.C.

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War

REF: 46351/G.M.

TO: M.M.I.A.

DATE: 14.11.45

SUBJECT: Sale of explosives to private industry

Reference para.4 of your A.Q./23/1 of 18th.Feb., we forward herewith a return of the explosives sold during the month of October.

Sgd. PROPERZJ

O. Danin Cpl.

Gen.

Dw. 18/11

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
DIREZIONE GENERALE ARTIGLIERIA E LOGORIZZAZIONE
UFFICIO GESTIONE MATERIALI

Data	Materiale MATERIALS	Quantità in Kilos KILOS	Deposito DEPOT	A chi consegnato TO WHOM CONSIGNED	A cui FOR WHAT
Ottobre	Balistite 3x30x30 BALLISTITE	30.000	Direz.Artiglieria Messina MESSINA ART DIRECTORATE	FIRMOFS Ditta:Bombrini Parodi Delfino di Roma ROME	per trasformazione da caccia. FOR TRANSFORMATION FOR CARTRIDGE
"	Balistite di varia granitura BALLISTITE OF VARIOUS GRADES	24.100	Direzione Artigl. Bologna BOLOGNA ART DIRECTORATE	FIRMOFS Ditta: Baschieri e Pellagri di Bologna BOLOGNA	
"	Balistite 3x30x30 BALISTITE	10.000	Direzione Artigl. Taranto TARANTO ART DIRECTORATE	FIRMOFS Ditta:Bombrini Parodi Delfino di Roma ROME	

p. IL MINISTRO
Gen. P. A. Fiorina

Petropez

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
DIREZIONE GENERALE ARTIGLIERIA E MOTORIZZAZIONE
UFFICIO GESTIONE MATERIALI

Depositi DEPOT	A chi sono diretto TO WHOM CONSIGNED	A quale scopo FOR WHAT REASON.
Direz. Artiglieria Messina MESSINA ART DIRECTORATE	FIRM OF Ditta: Bombrini Parodi Delfino di Roma OF ROME	per trasformazione in polvere da caccia. FOR TRANSFORMATION INTO POWDER FOR CARTRIDGES
Direzione Artigl. Bologna BOLOGNA ART DIRECTORATE	FIRM OF Ditta: Naschieri e Pellagri di Bologna BOLOGNA	"
Direzione Artigl. Taranto TARANTO ART DIRECTORATE	FIRM OF Ditta: Bombrini Parodi Delfino di Roma ROME	"

P. IL MINISTRO
Gen. P. G. Frosini

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(4)

Subject : Italian Ammunition from Austria

LAND FORCES SUB COMM.A.C.
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q/131

8 Nov 1945

To : Ministry of War.

Italian ammunition at present located in Austria (see App.'A') will be despatched to Direzione Artiglieria, VERONA as under:

Nov.5,6,7	133 tons per day from VILLACH
Nov.8,9,10,11	125 " " " " FAAK

Please arrange for this be collected from the railway and suitable stored.

(N)

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

Copy : M.M.I.A. L.O. UDINE

AMN/lm

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(3)

Subject : Disposal of Italian Hand Grenades

LAND FORCES SUB COMM.A.C.
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q/131

8 Nov 1945

TO : 30 Som. L.I., CMF.

Ref. your Q/2/37 of 2 Nov.

The six Italian Hand Grenades held by your unit should be handed in to the nearest Italian Army unit which will then dispose of them in accordance whith instructions of their ministry of War.

(N)
Major,
DAQMG
M.M.I.A.

Copy : Ministry of War.

AMN/lm

SEE (13)

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8/11 RAB

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Subject: Disposal Instructions( ) Italian Grenades.

Telephone
Rome [redacted]56214

To: R.M.[redacted]. Land Forces Sub Commission.
Rome.

4/2/37
2 NOV 45.

From: 30.Som.I.I. C.M.F

May disposal instructions please be issued for the undermentioned at present held by this Unit:-

Italian Hand Grenades (Red Devils).....Quantity..6.

Sgt R. [illegible]

Field.
GWP/--

[illegible] Lt: Col.
Commanding 30.Som.I.I..

Q131

Subject:- Disposal of Amn. of Italian Origin.

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H. British Troops in Austria.
Ref : 10660/Ord
Tel Extn : 269
Date : 30th Oct 45.

O.C.,
War Material Amn. Depot,
Fask-am-See.

Copy to:- Military Mission Italian Army (Rome)
'Q' (Mov)
'Q'
S & T.

Inform War Mat
ABC

1. Instructions have now been received for the backloading of all Italian held ammunition recovered from enemy sources.

2. The items to be despatched by you are set out on list appended.

3. The items will be consigned to:-

DIREZIONE ARTIGLIERIA,
(ITALIAN ARMY)
VERONA

4. Movements have accepted the following loading arrangements:-

Nov.5,6 & 7
(133 tons per day) 400 tons VILLACH to VERONA

Nov.8,9,10 & 11
(125 tons per day) 500 tons BAAR to VERONA

5. I.O.C. will complete Label 1A10 for each truck and one copy will be attached to receipt voucher and one copy attached to actual wagon.

6. (For M.M.I.A.) The attached list shows quantities as at present held in depot stocks. It may be that when inspected prior to loading, items will be found unfit to travel and therefore a slight discrepancy in figures may arise. When loading is completed a further list showing actual quantities despatched will be forwarded.

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Brigadier,
DOMS.

ADMS. Have we lots in train and on L.O. - U DIRE.
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APPENDIX 'A'

Designation	Total stock
SAA.	
Cartucci A Pallottola Da 6.5mm	1076,120
" " " " 7.35mm	549,886
" " " " 8mm	1795,700
" " Cal 9mm	950,000
Cartuscho 8mm	10,080
Barr 9mm	52,000
Patr. 88304 8mm	35,200
Cartucci Tracciante per Mitrelialriet	137,600
Gun & Now	
Cartucci Granata da 75/32	601
" " " 75/27	6,008
" " " 65/17	1,980
2cm " " "	19,005
4.5cm Cartucci Granata Da	265
4.7cm " " " 47/32	2,441
12.7mm MIT Cartucci Cal	201,000
" MIR " "	186,500
210/8mm Shell	16
100 17mm Mod 36	552
10cm Shell	103
149/35 Shell	1041
Proietto Da 90/53 G	15
" " 75/46	3,220
Bomba	
Bomba Da 45 Brixia	34,226
" " 81	8,919
" A Mano OTO Mod 35	7,128
" " " Breda Mod 35	5,300
Mortaio Da 81 complete A CAPACITA Normale	170
8cm Le Wgr 276/11	297
21cm Sprgr Anatolo 55/45	3,160

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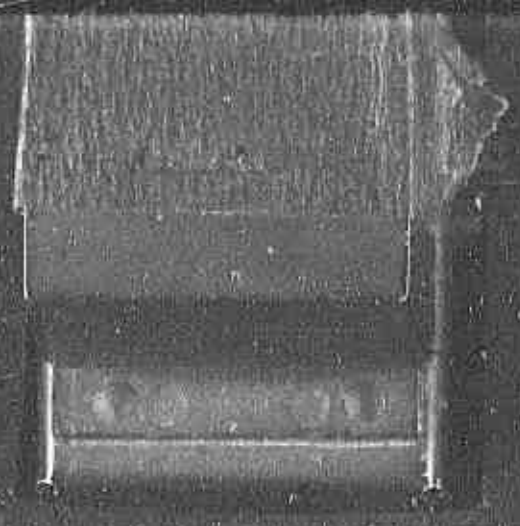
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