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Q-131 Clearance + Disposal of Ammunition

MAR. - July 1946

TRANSLATION

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FROM : MINISTRY OF WAR

REF : 48966/G.M.

TO : LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION., MMIA

DATE : 8 July 46

SUBJECT: Sale of explosives to private industry.

Ref letter AQ/23/1 - 4 of 18 Feb 45, we forward return
in respect of explosives sold during the month of June 46.

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The MINISTER

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
DIREZIONE GENERALE ARTIGLIERIA E MOTORIZZAZIONE
UFFICIO SEZIONE MATERIALI

Data	Materiale	Quantità	Deposito	A chi consegnato	
Giugno 1946	Eritolo in compresse prismati che da gr.200	Kg. 200	Comando Militare territoriale Bolzano	Ditta ^{Vanchi} Telemaco fu Gaetano di Mantova	Espresso
"	Ronite d'africa	Kg. 200	Sezione autonoma Artigl. di Nuoro	Ditta Dott. Angelo Rocca di Nuoro	Compresso
DATE	MATERIAL	QUANTITY	DEPOT	RELEASED TO	USED FOR
June 1946	Eritolite (prismatic blocks 200 gr. each)	Kg. 200	Military Territ. Command, Bolzano	FINEBACO FIRM VALESORT XXXXARO OF DRAD CAETANO, Mantova P. IL MINISTRO	
"	Ronite (african)	Kg. 200	Ind. Arty Section (Nuoro)	Firma, Dott. ANGELO ROCCA (Nuoro)	Material used for tree-

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in com- risanti r. 200	Comando Milita- re territoriale Bolzano	^{Valechi} Ditta Telemaco fu Gaetano di Mantova	Lavori di ricostruzione FF. SS.
Africa Kg. 200	Sezione autonoma Artigl. di Nuoro	Ditta Dott. Angelo Rocca di Nuoro	Confabbricazione mine per spacco tronchi d'albero.-
QUANTITY	DEPOT	RELEASED TO	USED FOR PURPOSES
black (each) Kg. 200	Military Territ. Command, Bolzano	TELEMACO Firma VALESCHE MANTOVA OF DOTT. GAETANO, Mantova P. II MINISTRO	Railway construction
Primo Kg. 200	Inf. Army Section (Nuoro)	Firma, DOTT. ANGELO ROCCA (Nuoro)	Manufacture of mines used for splitting tree-trunks

TRANSLATION

FROM: M. of W.
General Directorate
of Artillery

REF: 52892/10700

TO : M.M.I.A.

DATE: 17/7/46

SUBJECT: Salvage of packing cases and parts of fired
ammunition.

Reference your letter Q/131 dated 2 July 1946. We forward herewith, circular No 13162/1916 issued by this Ministry, containing instructions concerning the use of parts of fired ammunition.

Cpy of said circular is also forwarded to No 3 BLU and to No 3 Territorial Command in case the latter has not received it yet.

Sgd. PROPERZI
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TRANSLATION

FROM: M. of W.
General Directorate of
Arty and Motorization.

REF: 13162/1916

TO : Addressees

DATE: 21 March 1946

SUBJECT: Salvage of packing cases and parts of fired ammo.

Considering that the issue of Italian ammunition to Corps and units are normally done by Artillery Directorates while the issues of Allied ammunition are done by the respective Authorities against purchase made by the Italian Government, this Ministry, in order to regulate the handing in of surplus material or material recovered after use on exercises, states the following:

- 1 - all empty packing cases, art. shell cases (both Italian and Allied) cartridge cases, empty magazines, as well as cardboard wrappings of cartridges fired by the troops and officers during compulsory firing practice, must be handed in to Art. Directorates concerned;
- 2 - The procedure to be followed for ammunition cases, magazines and cardboard wrappings is contained in the "Regulation for Administration and Bookkeeping of ⁶⁵⁰² of the Army" 1898 edition, art. 73, para 552, amended regarding the percentages of cases, magazines and wrappings to be handed in, by circular N° 386 G.M. 924. Said procedure, is re written (up to date) hereunder:-
"Cases, empty magazines, bandages and wrappings, recovered after firing exercises will be taken on charge under the following categories and names and then handed in to the nearest Depot of the Art. Directorate:-
 - a) cases of fired cartridges (both for 91 weapons and pistol X - 03139 -) Brass scrap of cartridge cases - Kgs.....

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- b) magazines for weapons 91 - brass or tin
 - X - 03138 various brass scrap Kgs...
 - X - 03131 " tin " " ...
- c) paper and cardboard wrappings
 - XI - 02232 - paper waste Kgs.
 - XI - 02233 - cardboard waste Kgs...
- d) ribbon bandages and wooden packing
 - V - 3730 - ribbon bandages for ball cartridge packets, 91 weapons
 - V - 3992 - do - for automatic pistol mod. 910 and Beretta quantity.....
 - V - 3646 - wooden packing for packets of ball cartridges for 74/89 pistol quantity.....
 - V - 3995 - do - for automatic pistol mod. 910 and Beretta quantity..

The quantity of shell cases to be handed in by Corps (for each type of weapon in use) must be at least 80% of the total quantity of cartridges fired during normal firing exercises and 65% of the total quantity fired in manoeuvres, campaign manoeuvres and tactic exercises. Magazines must also be recovered and handed in in the respective proportions of 80% and 65%, of the quantity used.

If these quota are not reached, Corps will have to charge (for shell cases and magazines) the person responsible, as under:

- L. 0,35 for each shell case of weapon 91
- L. 0,20 " empty cartridge of pistol cal. 1035
- L. 0,15 " " " " " 9
- L. 0,10 " magazine of weapon 91.

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If a major loss were due to exceptional circumstances, Corps will report same to the Ministry which will provide for each case.

Furthermore, Corps must hand in at least the 80% of cardboard wrappings recovered from packings of cartridges fired.

- 3 - Shells and empty packings of Art. ammo. must be handed in at the rate of 100%.
- 4 - When shells cases of fired ammo. and used magazines are handed in by Units of other departments of the State (Public Safety, Finance Guard, Civic and Judicial guards, etc.) which are issued with ammo. on repayment, Directorates and detached Sections of Arty must reimburse the following prices per Kg: -
 - L. 35 for fired brass shell cases;

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- L. 4, 10 for fired iron shell cases
- L. 35 for brass magazines
- L. 4, 10 for iron magazines
- L. 1, 10 for tin magazines

The material received as above, must be duly taken on charge by the Arty Directorate or Arty Section concerned.

- 5 - Since the cost prices (amended from time to time) of ammo. issued on repayment to Units of other departments of the State and of Ranges Sections, do not include the cost price of packings, packings must be returned to the issuing Arty Directorate or Arty Section. -
- 6 - Regarding issues of ammunition to Ranges Sections for ordinary firing practice and the procedure of handing in the empty shell cases and packings, instructions contained in circular n° 6303 dated 18th March 45, issued by this General Directorate, prevail.

For the Minister

sgd.

P.G. Properzi
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TRANSLATION

From:- Ministry of War

To:- MMIA

Ref No: 54067/11264

Date:- 16 July 46

Subject:- Salvaged Allied Ammunition

We would inform you, for your decision, that the Bologna Artillery Directorate has reported the salvage of the u/m Allied ammunition during the month of May 46.

British Ammunition

Armour-piercing shells, type 75, charged with fuses and 2 A/Tk. charges	
Shells, type 88, charged without fuses	232
Shells, type 88, with ordinary charge and fuses	2
" " 90 " " " " "	1221
Shells, type 149; without fuses	6
British shells	1
Motar bombs, type 42, with fuses	1300
" " " 81 " " " " "	50
" " " 100 " " " " "	1067
A/TK. mines	16
Ariel torpedoes without fuses	160
unexploded ariel bombs of medium caliber	9
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American Ammunition

Shell cases, type 75, with fuses	1298
" " " 76 " "	52
Shells, type 75, with fuses	8
" " 88 " "	16
" " 105 " "	13
"	2
Mortar bombs, type 60 ;	1178
" " " 81	10
Various bombs for American "mazurke"	830
Small caliber ariel bombs	19
Medium " " "	10
Large " " "	1
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French Ammunition

Shells, type 105		683
" " 152 without fuses		69
" " 180		1

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From:- Ministry of War

To:- MMIA

Ref No: 54065/11262

Date: 16 July 46

Subject:- Anglo-American ammunition

For any action which you ^{may deem necessary} ~~may think~~ to take on the matter, we would inform you that the following Anglo-American ammunition ~~are~~ stored at the Arenazze Powder Magazine (under the command of the Rome Artillery Directorate).

a) ^{ARENAZZE DUMP} ~~in medium~~ ^{POOR} state of preservation

47 250lb. ariel bombs
4 500lb. ariel bombs

b) in good state of preservation

120 mortar bombs, type 81, (British)
130 " " " 56
96 " " " 105
105 PIAT bombs

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Subject:- Disposal of Amn

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Tel Ext 82
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12 July 46

Land Forces Sub-Commission AC (MILA)

Ref your Q131 of 8 July 46.

1. The amn reported in your a/q letter is not required by Allied Forces and it will be appreciated if responsibility for disposal will be assumed by the Italian War Ministry. Please notify this branch if technical supervision or advice is required.
2. The amn has not been inspected by an IOO for safe condition. If the Ministry of War requires to recover components for salvage prior to final destruction the following special conditions must be observed :-

(a) All grenades, mines and fuzes for shells and bombs must be destroyed without attempting to salvage components.

b) All cartridges must be removed from mortar bombs before components are salvaged prior to final destruction.

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TRANSLATION

From:- Ministry of War

Ref No: 53505/10891

To:- MMIA

Date: 10 July 46

Subject:- Allied ammunition

We inform you, for your decision, that the following Allied ammunition is stored at the "Laboratorio Caricamento Proietti" of Baiamo di Spoleto, classified as u/s and unrepairable.

- British ammunition BAIAMO di SPOLETOCaliber

mm/	40	Steel cases - complete rounds:.....	47448
"	75	" " smoke " "	5120
"	3.7	A.P and S.A.P. mines	3004
"	3.7	HOW HE Norm.Super	18518
"	68	"Testone" Shells	3044
"	75	Armour- piercing shells.....	240
"	75	Normal shells	2290
"	77	" "	40
"	105	" "	30
"	100	" "	250
"	40	Smoke "	350
"	75	" "	200
"	80	" "	90

Bombs of various types and caliber :.....	650
" for "fucilone a calice"	320
Arial bombs of various types	37

- French ammunition

50 mm mortar bombs

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War.

REF: 53507/10389

TO: M.M.I.A.

DATE:

SUBJECT:- Recovered Allied Ammunition
(at the Florence Artillery Directorate)
as at 31.5.46.

For the attention of your Mission we would inform you that the Florence Artillery Directorate has stated that the following recovered Allied ammunition is in a bad state of preservation and is dangerous.

British Ammunition: FLORENCE

Army Div

Calibre

40	Shells A.Tk.	119
57	" A.P.	154
105	" Smoke	43
140	" "	151
106	Mortar Bombs Smoke	6
120	" " Incendiary	10

Pounds

50	Aircraft Bombs	2
100	" "	353
250	" "	4
300	" "	27
350	" "	9
500	" "	51
1000	" "	24
20	Torpedoes	81

American Ammunition

Calibre

75	Shells Smoke	1392
155	" "	69
81	Mortar Bombs	2231

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French Ammunition

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Shells A.P.

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From: M. of W.

To : MMIA

Ref: 47890/T.L.
7.4.7

Date:

Subject: Ammunition and stores held by Soc. Vulcania. - *6/17*

Further to our letter 47161/T.L. dated 8/6/46
7.4.7
and with reference to your letter Q/131 dated 4/3/46.

- 1 - The Brescia detached Arty Section is arranging for the withdrawal of ammunition and stores from the Soc. Vulcania at Brescia, a list of the stores withdrawn will in turn be sent to your HQ.
- 2 - We would inform you however, that a part of this ammunition (the ammunition left at the Vulcania by the Cernobbio German HQ) has been released by the ARAR (War Material Disposal Branch) Milan to various firms, according to information sent to us by the Soc. Vulcania in letter dated the 17/6/46, copy attached.
- 3 - We would inform you, moreover, that some of the u/s Italian ammunition, that referred to in the enclosure, ~~as~~ being defused etc. by the Soc. Vulcania and the steel will be made use of as scrap.
- 4 - We ask your MMIA to kindly inform us whether the a/m scrap may be released to Soc. Vulcania. -

sgd. Properzi

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dated 8/6/46
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 SOCIETA' PER AZIONI - CAPITALE SOCIALE L. 1.000.000
 Sede e Amministrazione Sociale =Brescia
 Via G. Cesare Abba, 6

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Brescia, 17 giugno 1946

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ALLA SEZIONE STACCATA ARTIGLIERIA

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OGGETTO: Munizioni e materiali ex tedeschi accantonati presso il nostro stabilimento

(rif. dispaccio Ministeriale N° 42161 dell'8 giugno o. a.)
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Questa Società in base a disposizioni avute dall'azienda rilievi Alie nazioni Residuati "A. R. A. R." di Milano con foglio Sid. ER/f N. 27589 in data 4 aprile 1946, consegnava alla Ditta Autotrasporti Besenzoni, Tonn. 1600 di materiale ex tedesco costituito da :

- Granate vuote da 88	N.	72.630
- Granate vuote da 105	"	8.300
- Granate vuote da 149/12	"	1.305
- Granate vuote da 75/34	"	75.000
- Tubetti porta detonatori	"	24.000
- Bombe da 81 vuote	"	43.000
- Ogvette per bombe da 81	"	32.000
- Mine di ferro T. 42	"	13.000
- Granate vuote da 90/53 (scariche)	"	17.500
- Mine di ferro P. 5 vuote	"	209
- Teste di siluro grosse SSB vuote	"	5
- Teste siluri piccole	"	15
- Teste silura S. B. 41 vuote	"	97
- Serbatoi per teste SB 41 vuote	"	1290 1
- Bombe per acqua BTG vuote	"	92
- Teste di siluro W 200 x 338 vuote	"	129
- Teste di siluro W 200 x 5,65 vuote	"	190
- Teste di siluro L. T. 350 vuote	"	260
- Bombe da 20 libbre scariche	"	1.100
- Bombe da 40 libbre scariche	"	35
- Porta capsula da m/m 20	"	425.000
- Travertini per granate da mm. 20	"	300.000
- Percussori per granate da mm. 20	"	350.000
- Granate perforanti	"	30.000

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La consegna dei sopraelencati materiali è stata fatta alle seguenti Ditte :

Acciaierie e Tubificio di Brescia	Tonn.	400
La Motomeccanica Milano	"	100
Ilssa - Viola - Milano	"	100
Dalmine	"	1000

Con ordine di sblocco AMG/L/0262 del 12 Marzo del Captured Enemy Materials Branch Allied Commission Foglio A.R.A.R. N. 30292 Sid/BR/f sblocco N° 90 Sid. del 27 aprile c.a. L'Azienda Rilievo Alienazione Residuati di Milano cedeva alla scrivente in conto compensazione per spese di magazzino, custodia, assicurazione, trasporto, reperimento, ecc. del materiale ex tedesco, il sottoelencato munizionamento =

Kg.	6.500.=	T. 4 flemmatizzato
"	5.500.=	Tritolo in polvere
"	2.200.=	T. 4 in compresse
"	500.=	Alluminio in polvere
"	15.000.=	Cariche di acido picrico
No	200.=	Granate cariche da 88
"	1.050.=	Granate cariche da 105
"	5.300.=	Rivelatori di fumo per granate da 105
"	1.400.=	Rivelatori di fumo per granate da 75
"	98.000.=	Spolette per granate da 75 E.P.S.
"	880.=	Bombe da 81 cariche
"	62.000.=	Detonatori per bombe da 81
Kg.	890.=	Compresse di tritolo da gr. 200 e 500 (alcune centinaia scarte)
No	1.=	Teste siluro SB 41 cariche
"	1.=	Teste siluro W 200 x 338 cariche
"	14.=	Teste siluro BT x O.A. cariche
"	94.=	Bauletti per SSB cariche
"	35.=	Teste siluro LT 350 cariche
"	8.=	Bombe da Kg. 250 cariche
"	325.000.=	Spolette per granate da mm. 20
"	330.000.=	Codette
"	19.200.=	Granate cariche scarte da 90/53

Questa Ditta, in base alle disposizioni avute dalle Autorità Alleate e dall'A.R.A.R. e precisamente che il materiale doveva essere o scomposto o distrutto, iniziava ancora nel mese di maggio lo scaricamento delle 19.200 granate da 90/53, granate che venivano in seguito cedute alle fonderie.

Si è iniziato pure da qualche giorno lo scaricamento delle granate da 105 e bombe da 81.

Sempre a disposizione di ulteriori chiarimenti e con osservanza, =

SOCIETA' AN. VULCANIA IL VICE PRESIDENTE
F/to A. Gialdini

p.c.c.

TCL Haras.

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**ELENCO DELLE MUNIZIONI ITALIANE NON IN SERVIZIO IN CORSO DI
SCARICAMENTO PRESSO LA SOC. VULCANIA PER LA SUCCESSIVA UTI-
LIZZAZIONE DEI ROTTAMI METALLICI**

Granate vuote da 149/35	N° 7.745
" " " 149/13	" 4.282
" carica " 100/17 (di scarto)	" 46.000
" vuote " 65/17 E.P.S.	" 10.000
Ogive per granate da 47 E.P.	" 78.000
Cappanelle per granate da 47 E.P.	" 240.000
Granate vuote da 75/27 E.P.	" 89.500
Ogive per granate da 75/27 E.P.	" 89.500
Campanelle per granate da 75/27 E.P.	" 89.500
Granate vuote da 75 E.P.S.	" 29.980
Granate vuote da 100/17	" 3.689

Subject: Disposal of American ammunition

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

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12 July 1946.

TO : Ministry of War

1. Ref. to that part of your 45488/10064 of 1 July 1946 pertaining to American ammunition.
2. The CO PBS has approved of the disposal of all the American ammunition listed either by destruction or salvage of component material, see list attached.

Sgd. R.C. VAN KIRK, Major
for Major General, 1287
M.M.I.A.

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(M.K.I.A.) R O M E.

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12 July 1946.

To : Ministry of War

1. Ref to that part of your 39685/840 of 6 June 1946 pertaining to American ammunition see list attached.
2. The CO IBS has approved of the disposal of all the American ammunition listed either by destruction or salvage of the component material.

Sgd. R.C. VAN KIRK, Major
for Major General,
M.K.I.A.

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TRANSLATION

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FROM : Ministry of War

Ref: 4/1990/Serv

TO : M.M.I.A.
Gener. Dir. Arty and Mot.

Date : 10/7/46

INFO : Military Territorial Command Milan

SUBJECT : Ammunition

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Ref your letter 2/131 of 2/7/46.

The instructions given in para 1 of a/q letter have been already carried out by General Direction Arty and Motorisation with circular letter No. 13162/1916 of 21/3/46 addressed to All Military Territorial Commands.

The General Direction Arty and Motorisation have however been requested to send copy of this circular letter to M.M.I.A. and to Military Territorial Command of Milan.

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Sgd. Col. N. MELONI

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Subject:- Disposal of Recovered
American Bombs.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
B O M B
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10 July 46.

To 1- MINISTRY OF W.A.R.

Ref. your letter Dir. Art & Mot. 44996/9593 dated
19 June 46.

This HQ has now been informed by G. PBS that the
bombs in question may be disposed of by you either by
destruction or by salvage of the component material.

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R. F. Hyatt
R.F. HYATT, Major,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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Subject:- Disposal of Salvaged Allied Ammo.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.S.
(M.M.I.A.).

R O M E

Q.131

3 July 46.

To :- HQ 3 DISTRICT.

1. The It. Ministry of War have reported the u/mentioned quantities of salvaged Br Ammo in WOME Arty Directorate.
2. This ammo is said to be in deteriorated condition.
3. Any disposal instructions please be issued.

40 British shell cases	NO	44
75 " shells, A.P.	"	516
British 145 " without fuse	"	1120
" 152 " long, without fuse	"	1033
" 152 " short, " "	"	372

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W. J. G. S.
W.F. HYATT, Major,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to:- MINISTRY OF WAR.

(your letter Arl & Mot
45483/10064 dated 1 July
46 refers).

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HEADQUARTERS
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
APO 782

AG 471.6 . EPORD

6 JUL 1946

SUBJECT: Disposition of Recovered American Bombs

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

FOR: Land Forces Sub-Commission, AC.

1. Inspection of bombs mentioned in attached letter from Land Forces Sub-Commission, AC (MIA), Rome, file No. Q 131, dated 24 June 1946, subject: American Ammunition, revealed them to be recovered, defused UX Bs of American origin.

2. Request that the Director of Artillery at Florence be advised that he may dispose of these bombs either by destruction or by salvage of component material.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

J. D. Vensel
J. D. VENSEL
Major, AGD
Assistant Adjutant General

Incl: Letter described in
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Subject : American Ammunition.

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Land Forces Sub Comm. HQ.
(M.M.I.A.), R O M B.

Q 131

24 June 46.

TO : GO PBS
AFO 782 U.S. Army. ←

1. The Italian Ministry of War reports that the following insufficient American ammunition is located at "Valla Ugione Depot" which is under the Command of the Director of Artillery at Florence.

"Number 27 US/ MK Bombs 300 lb. without fins and fuse

Number 5 US/ MK Bombs 500 lb. in bad state of conservation "

2. Request disposal instructions.

R.O. Van Kirk
R.O. VAN KIRK, Major,
For Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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W. W. HART, Major,

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SUBJECT :- American Ammunition.

Land Forces Sub Commission AG.,
M.H.I.A.
R O M E
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5 July 1946

TO : Ministry of War

1. Ref your 45759/9985 of 25 June 1946.
2. Under date of 24th. of June this Head Quarters asked
PMB for disposal instructions as to the ammunition listed but as yet
we have received no reply to our request.

R.C. VAN KIRK, Major,
For Major General,
M.H.I.A.

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SUBJECT :- American Ammunition.

Land Forces Sub Commission AD.,
 M.M.I.A.
 R O M B
 2.131

5 July 1946

TO : C.O. P.B.S.
 APO 782 U.S. Army

1. Reference our Q.131 of 24 June 1946. Copy attached
2. The Italian Ministry of War has again called our attention to the "No.27 - 500 lb. US Origin Bombs without fins and fuse". Disposal instructions are again requested in order that we may notify the Ministry of War.

R.O. VAN KIRK, Major,
 for Major General,
 M.M.I.A.

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Almond

SUBJECT :- American AmmunitionC O P Y

Land Forces Sub Commission AC.,
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24 June 45

TO : CO FDS
AFG 782 U.S. ARMY

1 The Italia Ministry of War reports that the following insufficient American Ammunition is located at at "Valle Uniono Depot" which is under the Command of the Director of Artillery of Florence.

" Number 27 US/ME Bombs 300 lb. without fins and fuse

Number 5 US/ME Bombs 500 lb. in bad state of conservation "

2 Request disposal instructions.

sgd. R.C. VAN KIRK, Major,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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copy/Ow.

Subject:- Disposal of Amn.

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

R O M E

5/11/46 Q.131

5 July 46.

To :- MINISTRY OF WAR.

Ref. your letter Dir. Art & Mot 39685/840 dated 6 June 46 and 42834/8593 dated 4 June 46 refer.

1. This HQ has now been informed by HQ 3 District that the ammunition reported in a/mentioned letters is not required by Allied Forces and responsibility for disposal will be assumed by you.

2. You are reminded that the ammunition in question has not been inspected for safe condition and that if you require to recover components for salvage prior to final destruction the following conditions must be observed:-

- a-) All grenades, mines and fuzes for shells and bombs must be destroyed without attempting to salvage components.
- b-) All cartridges must be removed from mortar bombs before components are salvaged prior to final destruction.

[Signature]
E.F. BYATT, Major
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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Subject:- Ammunition.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.S.I.A.)
P O M S
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2 July 46.

To :- MINISTRY OF WAR.

1. This HQ has been informed by 3 BDU that no orders have been received by units of 3 COMBATTING regarding the disposal of expended small arms ammunition.
2. It is suggested that such orders be issued, copy to this HQ, giving percentages of permissible wastage and method of disposal of accumulated stocks.

W. H. A. T.
I. P. BATT, Major,
for Major General,
M.S.I.A.

Copy to:- 3 BDU
(your 2/37/46 dated
26 June 46 return).

EPB/ab

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TRANSLATION

FROM : MINISTRY OF WAR

REF : 45488/10064

TO : MM I A

DATE : 1 July 46

SUBJECT:- Ammo of foreign origin.-

In accordance with instructions by MMIA, we notify that in Riano Depot, dependent from Artillery Direction of Rome, are stored the ammunition as per attached list. Said ammunition appear to be in a bad state of conservation.

for the Minister
Gen. U. Russo

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British.

-	40	British shell cases
-	75	" shells, A.P.
-	British	I45 " without fuze
-	"	I52 " long, without fuze
-	"	I52 " short,

n°	44
"	616
"	1128
"	1033
"	372

American.

37	shell cases with fuze, american	
37	" " American	
57	" " "	
75	" " A.P., American	
75	" " with fuze, American	
75	" " with fuze, American	
75	" " without fuze, American	
75	" " A.P.	
81	mortar bombs with case, American	
80	bombs with fuze, American	
105	shells smoke generating, with fuze, American	
105	" " with fuze, American	
105	" " without fuze, American	
105	bombs, smoke generating, with fuze, American	
105	" " with fuze, American	
105	shells, American	
155	shells, without fuze, American	
A.	tank mines, without fuze, American	
A.	aerial torpedos, American	
A.	aerial bombs, American, a g.c.	
"	bombs m.c., American	
"	" incendiary, American	

"	41	
"	150	
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"	31	
"	597	
"	398	
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French.

-	155 shells,	without fuze, French
-	155 "	" cap,
-	155 "	short, without fuze, French
-	220 "	A.P., French
-	220 "	without fuze, French

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PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
APO 782

AG 471 BFORD

27 JUN 1946

SUBJECT: Disposition of Abandoned Ammunition

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

FOR: Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.

1. Reference is made to attached correspondence subject "American Ammunition" addressed to CG, PBS, APO 782, U.S. Army.

2. Inasmuch as all items listed on attached correspondence are believed to be either surplus to our needs, or so deteriorated as to be ineffective, authority is hereby granted for the Italian War Ministry to dispose of all types and quantities of ammunition of American origin as listed.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Gordon W. Gilman
GORDON W. GILMAN
Captain A.C.D.
Assistant Adjutant General

- 2 Incl:
Incl 1, "American Ammo (Rome)"
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Subject: American AmmunitionLand Forces Sub-Comm. A.G.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E .

Q 131

21st Jan. '46.To: CG PRS
AFG 782 U.S. Army

1. The Italian Ministry of War reports that the following inefficient American ammunition has been located and reported by the ROME Artillery Directorate :-

Cartridge bags	of 75 mm	No	2
Shells	" 75 "	"	44
a.p. shells	" 75 "	"	36
a.p. cartridge bags	" 75 "	"	16
a.p. shells without cartridge case	" 105 "	"	100
a.p. Shells with cartridge case	" 105 "	"	37
Shells	" 105 "	"	1970
"	" 155 "	"	7
Hand grenades with special liquid		"	450
Aerial torpedos lbs 1000		"	21
" " " 500		"	132
" " " 250		"	24
" " " 150		"	63
Heavy caliber mine bombs		"	1
Torpedo lbs 40		"	1

2. Request disposal instructions.

1251
R.C. VAN KAT, Major,
For Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Subject: American Ammunition

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

Q 131

21st Jun. '46.

To : CO 173
AFG 782 U.S. Army

1. The Italian Ministry of War reports that the following inefficient American ammunition is located in various dumps in the area of the PALERMO Territorial Command :-

Cartridge for 75 a/m guns fuse	1459
Cartridge for 37 a/m guns a.g.	44
Aerial bombs for a/m guns 1b.	1
Hand grenades	10
Antitank mine 42 lb	30
5th propelling charges for 155 a/m	34
7th " " " 155 a/m	92

2. Request disposal instructions.

R.O. Van Kirk
R.O. VAN KIRK, Major,
for Major General
M.E.I.A. 12:0

SUBJECT: Ammunition.

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

Q/37/21

HQ M.M.I.A.

26 Jun 46

1. It appears that no orders have been received by units of 3 Terr.Cmd. regarding the disposal of expended small arms amm.
2. It is suggested that the Ministry of War issue some such instruction, giving percentages of permissible wastage, and method of disposal of accumulated stocks.

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TRANSLATION

FROM : MINISTRY OF WAR

REF : 45759/9983

TO : M.M.I.A.

DATE : 26 JUN 46

SUBJECT :- Bombs US Origin - 300 lb.

In accordance with instructions given by M.M.I.A., we inform that in Valla Ugione Depot, dependent from Artillery Direction of Firenze are dumped :

No. 27 - 300 lb US Origin Bombs
without fins and fuse.

- for the Minister

P.C. Propersi

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Subject:- Disposal of Amn3 District
Tel Ext 82
OS4/4002(217)

26 Jun 46

Land Forces Sub-Commission AC (MMLA)

Ref your Q.131 of 20 June 46.

1. The amn reported in your a/q letter is not required by Allied Forces and it will be appreciated if responsibility for disposal will be assumed by the Italian War Ministry. Please notify this branch, if technical supervision or advice is required.

2. The amn has not been inspected by an IOO for safe condition. If the Ministry of War requires to recover components for salvage prior to final destruction the following special conditions must be observed :-

- (A) All grenades, mines, and fuzes for shells and bombs must be destroyed without attempting to salvage components.
- (B) All cartridges must be removed from mortar bombs before components are salvaged prior to final destruction.

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Capt for Lt Col
ADOS
(W.N. DARBYSHIRE)

Subject: Removal of Abandoned
Ammunition.

Land Forces Sub. Comm. C.O.
(C.F.C.A.)
D.O.B. 3
2.131

24 June 46.

To: MINISTRY OF WAR.

Re: the attached letter from AFM.

1. The AFM Area AFM has authorized the removal of the ammunition in question.

2. You are requested to notify this AFM when this has been completed.

J.F. Smith, Major,
for Major General,
D.O.B.

Copy to: AFM Area AFM
10 724
(Ref your AF 400/150
dated 24 June 46.)

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Subject : American Ammunition.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AF.
(M.M.I.A.), R O M E.

Q 131

21 June 46.

TO : GO PRS
ADP 782 U.S. Army.

1. The Italian Ministry of War reports that the following inefficient American ammunition is located at "Valle Ugione Depot" which is under the Command of the Director of Artillery at Florence.

"Number	27	US/ MK	Bombs	300 lb. without fins and fuse
Number	5	US/ MK	Bombs	500 lb. in bad state of conservation "

2. Request disposal instructions.

REV
R.O. VAN KIRK, Major,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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5 JUN 1946

HEADQUARTERS ROME AREA MTOUSA
APO 794, US ARMYCEM/OL/coa
22 June 1946

AG 400/150

SUBJECT: Removal of Abandoned Ammunition.

TO : Commanding Officer, Headquarters Allied Commission,
(Attn: Deputy Commander (US) MMIA, APO 794, US Army.Request that the abandoned ammunition referred to in Inclosures
1 and 2 be removed, and that this Headquarters be notified upon completion.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

C. B. MURPHY
Major, AGD
Adjutant General

2 Incls:

- 1 - Ltr Societa' Italiana Risanamento Agario.
- 2 - Ltr RAM Med. Main. Shop #1.

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SOCIETA' ITALIANA RISANAMENTO AGRARIO

Rome, 17 June 1946
Tel. 681-351, 681-352

ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
U.S. Army Command

SUBJECT : Removal of War Material abandoned by American
Armed Forces.

We beg to report that large quantities of ammunition, abandoned by American Armed Forces formerly stationed in the area, were found in various localities in the Cecchina estate at n.731 Via Nomentana. A very large quantity of material was found on a piece of land which is at present used as a fuel deposit by this firm.

This constitutes a serious danger, especially during this period of agricultural labor, to the safety of the farmers and beasts of this firm, and we decline any responsibility for any accident that may take place.

We earnestly request your command to issue instructions for the early removal of the aforesaid material.

The caretaker of the estate, Mr. Zambon Abramo, who may be contacted there, will supply more detailed and accurate indications regarding the location of the ammunition for their removal.

Yours respectfully

(signature illegible)

Copy to the Rome Questura.

1263

Encl #1

TRANSLATION

From: M. of W.
To : MMIA

Ref: 2I4899/II
Date: 21/6/46

Subject: Sale of weapons.

Further to letter n° 2I4838/II dated 4 inst., we enclose herewith copy of the letter n° 34379/URA dated 28/5/46 from the Arty General Directorate, with the letter n° IID/Ha/I3I79 dated 13/5/46 from ARAR, enclosed.

In this letter is confirmed the order to demolish, before sale, all war material and weapons.

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sgd. Lombardi
Col.

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TRANSLATION

From: M. of W.
To : Addressees

Ref: 34379/URA
Date: 28/5/46

Subject: War salvaged weapons, released by the Allies
to be demolished in order to avoid any further use.

Further to letters and instructions we forward copy of circular n° IID/Ra/13179 dated 13/5/46, subject "War material" from the ARAR Gen. Directorate to all ARAR offices and agencies, concerning the order to demolish war material and specially weapons that the ARAR agencies must sell, before sale.

sgd. Properzi
Gen.

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TRANSLATION

From: ARAR - Rome
To : All ARAR offices and agencies.
Ref: IID/Ha/I3I79
Date: I3/5/46

Subject: War material. -

Ministry of War calls the attention of all firms to the fact that, in accordance with information received, some ARAR offices have sold war material, which was not rendered inefficient previously.

This General Directorate has already sent other instructions concerning this subject, anyhow in this letter your attention is brought again on the absolute necessity that all war material, particularly the weapons, be rendered inefficient before the sale.

Should this operation prove to be difficult, agency will have to make arrangements with the Military Territorial Command of the territory, since Ministry of War has already issued instructions on the matter.

Will you please confirm that the a/m instructions will be carried out scrupulously.

DAK

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sgd. Illegible

Subj: American Ammunition

Land Forces Sub-Comm. A.O.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E .

Q 131 — 21st Jul. 1946.

To : CO PMS
APO 782 U.S. ARMY

1. The Italian Ministry of War reports that the following inefficient American ammunition has been located and reported by the ROMS Artillery Directorate :-

Cartridge bags	of 75 m/m	No 2
Shells	" 75 "	" 44
a.p. shells	" 75 "	" 96
a.p. cartridge bags	" 75 "	" 16
a.p. shells without cartridge case	" 105 "	" 100
a.p. shells with cartridge case	" 105 "	" 37
Shells	" 105 "	" 1970
"	" 155 "	" 7
Hand grenades with special liquid		" 450
Aerial torpedoes lbs 1000		" 21
" " " 300		" 132
" " " 250		" 94
" " " 150		" 1
Heavy caliber mine bombs		" 1
Torpedo lbs 40		

2. Request disposal instructions.

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Rev
J.C. VAN KIM, Major,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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Subject : American AmmunitionLast Forces Sup-Omn. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) 8022.

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21st Jan. '46.

To : 00 PHS
AFD 782 U.S. Army

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1. The Italian Ministry of War reports that the following inefficient American ammunition is located in various dumps in the area of the PALERMO Territorial Command :-

Cartridge for 75 a/m guns fuse	1459
Cartridge for 37 a/m guns a.p.	44
Aerial bombs for a/m guns II.	1
Hand grenades	10
Antitank mines 42 A	30
5th propelling charges for 155 a/m	34
7th " " " 155 a/m	92

2. Request disposal instructions.

Key
R.O. VAN KIRK, Major,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Subject: Disposal of Salvaged
Allied Arms.

Land Forces Sub Comm. P.C.
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WALTER TATE, JOHNSON.

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R	" "	105	" "	ordinary with fuse	150
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U	" "	120	" "	with caps	150
V	" "	120	" "	with fuse	150
W	" "	145	" "	charged with caps	150
X	" "	145	" "	" " fuse	150
Y	" "	155/13	" "	" " caps	150
Z	" "	155/13	" "	" " caps	150
	Cartridge for	37	m/m	Guns	8
	" "	75	" "	" "	140
	" "	57	" "	a.p.	100
	" "	57	" "	dad	100
	" "	40	" "	" "	100
	" "	105	" "	charged with fuse	150
	Shells	45	" "	" "	150

Shells	for 50 m/m Guns	3200
"	" 81 " "	7451
Cartridge cases for 50 m/m Guns		16
Shells for 105/17 m/m Guns charged with caps		1034

HOME Terr. Command.ARTILLERY Ammo.

A.p. cartridge	of 57 m/m	"	94
A.p. shells	" 57 "	"	94
Shells	" 57 "	"	2
Cartridge bags	" 57 "	"	42
Mortar shells 51 m/m		"	716
Smoke shells charged	" 88 "	"	123
" " not charged	" 88 "	"	342
Shells	" 88 "	"	259
"	" 92 "	"	13
"	" 115 "	"	50
"	" 140 "	"	134
"	" 180 "	"	36
Fuses 100 VII OC 42		"	156
Signalling shells		"	36

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W. H. W.

E. S. BYATT, Major,
for Major General,
R. A. I. A.

Copy for- 11 DDB PALMISTO
11 DDB ROSE

MINISTRY OF WAR (your letter)
Art. 5 dated 1958/540 dated 5 June
46 and 4234/3331 dated 4 June
(46 refer).

WDB/ab

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Subject: CRM - Ammunition.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
2,131

20 June 46.

To: 6 B.L.H. BOLOGNA.

Ref. your 1/8/3 dated 11 June 46.

1. It is confirmed that no further action need be taken by your HQ.
2. You are reminded, however, that before any action can be taken in the case of Allied ammo, disposal instructions have to be obtained from 3 District in the case of Ex ammo, PEG for American ammo and French Army GHQ for French ammo.

PB/ab

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Handwritten signature
P.F. BYATT, Major,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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TRANSLATION

FROM : MINISTRY OF WAR

REF : AMC/44996

TO : MMIA

DATE: 19 June 46

SUBJECT : Bombs US Origin

In accordance with instructions given by MMIA,
we notify that in "Valle Ugione Depot" dependent from Artill.
Dir. of Firenze, are stored :

Number 27 US/ MK Bombs 300 lb. without fins and fuse

Number 5 US/ MK Bombs 500 lb. in bad state of conservation

sgd. Gen. Properzi

TO: MMIA	
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SUBJECT : Arms and Amn' CC.RR.

HQ M.M.I.A.
Roe

CONFIDENTIAL
HQ 3 British Liaison Unit
Tel: 152965 Ext 107
Q/37/21
15 Jun 46

Arms and ammunition as per attached letter have been collected by the CC. RR. on dates shown.

Arrangements are being made by this HQ to return the British weapon found in CREMONA to R.S.D. The make of this weapon is not yet known.

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HQ 2nd Brigade Terr CC. RR. - MILAN

Milan 12th June, 1946

SUBJECT : Recovery of Arms.
TO : 3 British Liaison Unit.
Milan

As result of investigations made, the Carabinieri of the
u/m Groups have ~~sequestered~~ *sequestered* the following :-

SONDRIO Group

On the 24th May 46 in Gerola Alta (Sondrio Province)

- IMGs "Breda" Mod 30 Cal 6,5	16
- Mortar 45mm	3
- Mortar "Stokes" 81 mm with tripod.	1
- MG "Breda" Mod 37 Cal 8	3
- TMG (german)	2
- MG "Fiat" with Belt, Cal 8 without tripod	3
- TMG Cal 9 Mk "V"	1
- SMG "parabellum"	8
- SMG "Beretta"	2
- Spare barrel for MG "Breda"	14
- " " MG "Fiat" Cal 8	7
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- " " " " " " " " " "	2
- Case of Mortar Bombs 81mm	49
- Bomb Hand (German)	70
- Handgrenades short (german)	58
- " " " " " " " " " "	72
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- " " " " " " " " " "	190
- Bombs 45mm Mod 39	1
- Projectile Atry Cal 75mm	30
- Detonators for Mortar	30
- Mortar Additionat Charge 81mm	22
- Case containing 60 Magazines for SMG (264,000 carts)	9

As result of investigations made, the Carabinieri of the
u/m Groups have ~~received~~ ^{sequestered} the following :-

SONDRIO Group

On the 24th May 46 in Gerola Alta (Sondrio Province)

- MGs "Breda" Mod 30 Cal 6,5	16	No.
- Mortar 45mm	3	No.
- Mortar "Stokes" 81 mm with tripod.	1	No.
- MG "Breda" Mod 37 Cal 8	3	No.
- TMG (German)	2	No.
- MG "Fiat" with Belt, Cal 8 without tripod	3	No.
- TMG Cal 9 Mk "V"	1	No.
- SMG "parabellum"	8	No.
- SMG "Beretta"	2	No.
- Spare barrel for MG "Breda"	14	No.
- " " MG "Fiat" Cal 8	7	No.
- " " " " " " " " " "	1	No.
- " " " " " " " " " "	40	No.
- " " " " " " " " " "	5	No.
- " " " " " " " " " "	7	No.
- Case of Mortar Bombs 81mm	2	No.
- Bomb Hand (German)	49	No.
- Handgrenades short (German)	70	No.
- " " " " " " " " " "	58	No.
- " " " " " " " " " "	72	No.
- " " " " " " " " " "	35	No.
- Bombs 45mm Mod 39	190	No.
- Projectile Atry Cal 75mm	1	No.
- Detonators for Mortar	30	No.
- Mortar Additionat Charge 81mm	30	No.
- Case containing 60 Magazines for SMG (264.000 carts)	22	No.
- " " " " " " " " " "	9	No.
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- " " " " " " " " " "	20	No.
- " " " " " " " " " "	1	No.
- " " " " " " " " " "	2	No.
- Tripod for MG	2	No.
- Cases spare parts for SMG "Breda"	7	No.
- " " " " " " " " " "	2	No.

PAVIA Group

On the 28th May 46 in Zavattarello (Pavia Province)

- MG "Breda" Mod 37	No.	1
- SMG "Bren" with spare barrel	No.	1
- Rifles Italian and German	No.	6
- Panzerfaust	No.	1
- Case Ammunition A.A. 20mm	No.	1
- " MG "Breda"	No.	2
- " "Bren"	No.	1
- Ammunition for MG "Beretta" 38/A Cal 9 Long	No.	500
- Case Handgrenades (Italian and foreigner)	No.	1
- Case of Panzerfaust	No.	1
- " Carts for Rifles Mod 91	No.	1
- " Ammunition for German MG	No.	1
- " Italian Dynamite	No.	2
- " "Donarit Explosive	No.	1
- Mortar Bomb 45mm	No.	400
- "Barockts" Bombs	No.	60

CREMONA Group

On 30th May 46 in Cremona

- Mortar Mod 35	No.	1
- SMG	No.	7
- " inefficient	No.	1
- MG "Breda" Mod 37	No.	9
- MG "Fiat"	No.	1
- SMG German	No.	1
- MG "	No.	1
- SMG British	No.	1
- Rifles Mod 91 Cal 6,5	No.	1
- Spare Barrels for SMG	No.	1
- " MG "Breda" Mod 37	No.	3
- Tripod for MG "Breda"	No.	4
- Mortar Projectile Mod 35	No.	9
- Case for carts 20mm containing 120 Carts each	No.	39
- Carts for musket Cal 6,5	No.	6
- " MG "Breda" Cal 8	No.	1000
- Handgrenades "Breda" and "Balilla"	No.	1600
- Bomb Hand (German)	No.	100
- Magazines 20mm containing 20 carts each	No.	3
- " for Rifles	No.	8
- " for MG "Breda" Mod 37	No.	45
- Carts for MG 28, Etienne	No.	150
- Tnt Tubes complete with Detonating Cord	No.	1000
	No.	4

TRANSLATION

From: A.O. W.
To : MMIA

Ref: 37305/UM
Date: 12/6/46

Subject: Sale of explosives to
private industry. -

With reference to para 4 of the letter
A.O. 23/1 dated 10/2/46, we enclose herewith the
return of the explosives sold during May last.

sgd. Russo

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Arty and Motorization General Directorate
Materials Management Office

Date	Material	Quantity	Depot	Consignee	Purpose
May 1946	Trinitrotoluene resulting from emptying of rounds	Kg. 100	Arty HQ of the Turin Mil. Terr. Command	I.C.O.S. Firm of Milan	State Railways reconstruction works
"	Detonators type 8	Nº 1000	"	"	"
"	Black powder type I and 2 u/s	kg 3900	Bologna Arty Directorate	Firm Manservigi Alfredo	Fertiliser
"	Nitrocellulose powder resulting from emptying of cartridges	Kg. 200	"	Firm Lorenzini Ettore	Agriculture works
"	Ballistite in grains type 2	Kg. 1800	Powder Factory R. Army - Capua	Firm Vulcania of Brescia	Changed to sporting cartridge powder

sgt. Russo

Subject : CEM - Ammunition

6 British Liason Unit
Tel : 217 Area 415
Ref : Q/8/3
11 June 1946

To : L.F.S.C. A.C.
(MMIA) ROME

Reference this BLU Progress Report No 11,
para 10 (b).

Copy translation of letter from 6 Terr.
Command addressed to CCRR, regarding various ammo dumps
in Altedo area, is attached herewith for information.

Please confirm no further action by this
HQ is necessary: it is considered your Q/131 of 30 May 46
refers.

D. N. Oxley
Major DAA & QMG
6 BLU

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6 TERRITORIAL COMMAND

Subject : Guard at explosives and ammunition dumps.

To : HQ External Group CCRR - BOLOGNA.

For information to :
Royal Prefecture
HQ CCRR Legion
6 ELU
LO A/C I.C.T.

Ref. your 275/3 and 275/4 dated 24th and 25th May.

1. All ammunition dumps indicated are formed by surplus war ammunition. In the province of Bologna there are not only the five gathering centres of such kind of material, but nine more centres, raising up a total of 8,500 quintals.

Moreover there are two depots of war ammunition to be unloaded, one at the firm BASSI of ANZOLA EMILIA and the other at BASCHIERI & FELLAGRI'S of CASTENASO, together raising a total of 2000 quintals.

2. Up to the present all ammunition which was considered dangerous was destroyed in collecting.

Therefore in the a/m dumps no cartridges, or hand grenades or fuse or detonators are to be found, and the ammunition therein collected may be considered as scrap iron.

Ammunition mentioned cannot be used for war purposes, as some essential part is missing.

3. For these reasons it is considered unnecessary to reinforce the present guard, or to move elsewhere the ammunition. 1247

Signed Col. Petroni.

Subject : C.E.M. and Battlefield Clearance.

LAND FORCES SUB COMD. AG
(M.F.I.A.) ROME
Tel. 478103

Q . 131

11 June 46

TO : Ministry of War.

1. Reference your 39760/URA of 4 June 46 battlefield
3002
clearance in UDINE province.

2. You are referred to this H.Q. letter Q.150 of 4 June
46, copy of which is attached for easy reference.


C.E. KING, Major
for Major General
M.F.I.A.

CEH/Lm

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C O P Y

Subject : Disposal of C.E.M. in UDINE Province.

LAND FORCE SUB COMD.A.C.
(N.M.I.A.)
Tel. 473103

Q . 150

4 June 46

TO : Ministry of War.

1. A report from 5 B.I.U. indicates that A.M.G. UDINE have, during the latter part of May, authorized a civilian Contractor to visit C.E.M. dumps guarded by R^o5 Territorial Command. The latter, however, quoting War Ministry letter 31581/6150 of 20 November 45(?) as authority, refused access to the civilian Contractor.

2. You are requested to refer to N.M.I.A. letter Q.150 of 14 Feb 46, copy of which is attached for easy reference. It is stressed foreign ammunition in UDINE province and VEREZZIA GIULIA is controlled by A.M.G.

3. Please ensure that 5 Territorial H.Q. is made aware of these existing instructions.

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Jan 59*
R.A. CURTIES,
Lt.Col. R.A.
for Major General
N.M.I.A.

Copy to : 5 B.I.U. (your AQ/60/122 of 28 May refers).

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CEK/lm

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Subject: Allied Ammunition - Disposal.

LAND FORCES SUB COMD, A.C.
ROHR.
(M. I. A.)
Tel. 478103

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11 June 46

TO : Ministry of War.

1. Reference is made to your 34410/7473 of 13 May,
34741/7583 of 21 May, 39388/7896 and 39300/7888 of 24 May.

2. The ammunition reported in the above letter is
not required by the Allied Forces and you are therefore
authorized to assume responsibility for its disposal.

3. It is pointed out that this ammunition has not
been inspected for safe condition by any Allied officer
and you are therefore advised to take whatever precautions
you consider necessary.

4. In addition if you require to recover components
for salvage prior to final destruction the following special
conditions must be observed:

(A) All grenades, mines, and fuses for shells and bombs
must be destroyed without attempting to salvage
components.

(B) All cartridges must be removed from mortar bombs
before components are salvaged prior to final
destruction.

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C.E. KING, Major
For Major General
I.A.

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C.E. KING, Major
for Major General
W.H.I.A.

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TRANSLATION

From: M. of W.

To : See addresses
For info M.M.I.A.

Ref: 42161/T.L.
7.4.7

Date: 8/3/46

Subject: Ammunition and Stores - Soc. Vulcania. - *see 1053
Index 89*

Reference Q/181 dated 4/3/1946.

- 1 - The withdrawal of stores and ammunition, Italian and German, was ordered from the Soc. Vulcania in letter 22414 dated 10 April 7.4.7.
1946, confirmed subsequently in another letter 27799 dated 4 May 7.4.7.
1946.
- 2 - These orders have still not been complied with due to the delay in handing over by the Soc. Vulcania.
- 3 - We again confirm that the withdrawal of the a/m ammo and stores from the Soc. Vulcania will be carried out as soon as possible, an exact list of the materials withdrawn, which will be held on charge by the Detached Army Sec. at Brescia, at the disposal of M.M.I.A., will be sent to this Ministry.
- 4 - Moreover we will give notice to the Soc. Vulcania to comply with the Brescia Detached Army Section's request immediately and not hand over the materials and ammo concerned to other units or firms.
- 5 - We attach copy of the u/m letters 22414 and 27799 dated 10 April 7.4.7 for the Italian Military Territorial H.Q. -

- 1 - The withdrawal of stores and ammunition, Italian and German, was ordered from the Soc. Vulcania in letter 22414 dated 10 April 7.4.7. 27799 dated 4 May 7.4.7 1946, confirmed subsequently in another letter 27799 dated 4 May 7.4.7 1946.
- 2 - These orders have still not been complied with due to the delay in handing over by the Soc. Vulcania.
- 3 - We again confirm that the withdrawal of the s/m ammo and stores from the Soc. Vulcania will be carried out as soon as possible, an exact list of the materials withdrawn, which will be held on charge by the Detached Arty Sec. at Brescia, at the disposal of MMIA, will be sent to this Ministry.
- 4 - Moreover we will give notice to the Soc. Vulcania to comply with the Brescia Detached Arty Section's request immediately and not hand over the materials and ammo concerned to other units or firms.
- 5 - We attach copy of the v/m letters 22414 and 27799 for the Milan 7.4.7 1223 Military Territorial H.Q. -

sgd. Properzi
Gen.

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TRANSLATION

FROM: N. of W.

TO : N.W.I.A.

REF: 39685/840

DATE: 6/6/46

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REF	39685/840

SUBJECT: Allied ammo Salvaged in the area of
Palermo Terr. Command as of 2/4/46

For whatever decision you may take on the matter we rewrite hereunder the list of Allied ammo Salvaged as at 2/4/46, and held in various Dumps of Palermo Terr. Command and which was reported to be almost entirely inefficient.

BRITISH AMMO.

Shells for	75 m/m	Guns with caps	60
"	88	" "	160
"	88	" fuse	440
"	105	" "	158
"	105	ordinary with fuse	1314
"	88	a.p.	2608
"	110	"	68
"	120	with caps	890
"	120	with fuse	800
"	145	charged with caps	133

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Cartridge for 37 a/m Guns a.p.	44
Aerial bombs for a/m Guns lb.	1
Hand grenades	10
Antitank mines 42 A	30
5th propelling charges for 155 a/m	34
7th " 155 a/m	92

FRENCH AMMO

Shells for 220 a/m Guns	508
" " 155 " with caps	448
" " 220 " "	80
" " 155 " "	992
Cartridge for 37 a/m Guns	8538
" " 47 " dud	220
" " 37 " ordinary	18000
" " 37 " a.p.	3200
" " 75/34 "	25
Shells for 152 a/m Guns	1078
" " 75 " "	300
" " 81 " "	2850
Mines mod. 36 " "	200
Fuses for 24/31 mod. 17	720
" " 24/31 " 18	420
Cartridge cal. 8	279240
Shells cases for 105 a/m Guns	586
Caps for cartridge 155	1211
Cylindrical covers for cartridges 2-c-155	63
Propelling charges of French powder B	4452
Fuses for 24/30 R.xG.	1320
French Powder B	700

Shells for 220 e/m Guns	508
" " 155 " with caps	448
" " 220 " "	50
" " 155 " "	992
Cartridge for 37 e/m Guns	8538
" " 47 " dud	220
" " 37 " ordinary	18000
" " 37 " a.o.	3200
" " 75/34 "	25
Shells for 152 e/m Guns	1078
" " 75 " "	300
" " 81 " "	2850
Mines mod. 36 " "	200
Fuses for 24/31 mod. 17	720
" " 24/31 " 18	420
Cartridge cal. 8	279240
Shells cases for 105 e/m Guns	586
Caps for cartridge 155	12161
Cylindrical covers for cartridges 2-c-155	63
Propelling charges of French powder B	4452
Fuses for 24/30 R.xG.	1320
French Powder B	700

Sec. PROPERZI
Gen.

SEE 49 on 9 155

G.F. French

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TRANSLATION

54 AT

From: Ref W.
To : MMIA

Ref: 42034/0593
Date: 4/6/46

Subject: Allied ammo. as at 31/3/46.

For whatever you may decide on the matter, we forward hereunder a list of Allied ammo. recovered as at 31/3/46, reported by Rome Arty Directorate to be in poor condition;

BRITISH AMMO

A.p. cartridge	of 57 m/m	n°	94
a.p. shells	" 57 "	"	94
Shells	" 57 "	"	2
Cartridge bags	" 57 "	"	12
Mortar shells 81 m/m		"	716
Smoke shells charged	" 88 "	"	193
" " not charged	" 88 "	"	318
Shells	" 88 "	"	2969
"	" 95 "	"	13
"	" 115 "	"	50
"	" 140 "	"	134
"	" 180 "	"	36
Fuzes II9 VII 60 42		"	156
Signalling shells		"	36

AMERICAN AMMO.

Cartridge bags	" 75 "	"	2
Shells	" 75 "	"	44
a.p. shells	" 75 "	"	36
a.p. cartridge bags	" 75 "	"	16
a.p. shells without cartridge case	" 103 "	"	100
a.p. shells with cartridge case	" 103 "	"	37
Shells	" 105 "	"	1370
"	" 155 "	"	7
Hand grenades with special liquid		"	450
Aerial torpedoes lbs 1000		"	21
" " " 500		"	132
" " " 250		"	94
" " " 150		"	641
Heavy caliber mine bombs		"	1
Torpedo lbs 40		"	1

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sgd. Properzi

12/6/46
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A 131

Subject:- Disposal of Amn

3 District
Tel Ext 82
CEL/4002(209)

4 Jun 46

Land Forces Sub-Commission AG (MHA)

Ref your Q.131 of 30 May 46.

1. The amn reported in your a/q letter is not required by Allied Forces and it will be appreciated if responsibility for disposal will be assumed by the Italian War Ministry. Please notify this branch, if technical supervision or advice is required.

2. The amn has not be inspected by an IOO for safe condition. If the Ministry of War requires to recover components for salvage prior to final destruction the following special conditions must be observed :-

- (A) All grenades, mines, and fuzes for shells and bombs must be destroyed without attempting to salvage components.
- (B) All cartridges must be removed from mortar bombs before components are salvaged prior to final destruction.

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Capt for Lt Col
ADOS
(W.N. BARREYSHIRE)

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TRANSLATION

FROM: M. of W.

REF: 39760/URA
3002.

TO : M.M.I.A.

DATE: 4/6/46

SUBJECT: Release of cartridge cases to PASSERI firm.

- I) Udine Arty Terr. HQ. has informed this Ministry-General Directorate of Arty and Motorisation- that Mr. Passeri Francesco associated with the firm V.W. Edwardes and Co. of Rome, went to that HQ. in possession of a permit issued to him by Udine A.M.G. on 21 May 1946. copy attached.
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II) By this permit said Mr. Passeri was authorised to visit ammo. dumps shown by it and ~~to have~~ the right to collect about 50 tons. of cartridge-cases would be recognised.
- III) With letter G/131 dated March 1st 1946, your M.M.I.A., whilst informing us of cancelling, w.e.f. 28th Feb. 1946, all contracts, for collecting materials on battle fields, made by Allied Authorities with civilian firms, has recognised that this duty must be entirely carried out by this Ministry and thus any collecting of materials which is not authorised by this Ministry, is considered illegal, ^{we} draw your attention to the matter. In order that, in accordance with the arrangements made with you, consider the advisability of instructing the detached A.M.G. office of Udine to withdraw the permit given to Mr. Passeri informing him to get directly in touch with Arty. Command at Udine to deal with all the matters which he is interested in.

6/6/46
W.A.

Sgd. PROPERZI

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C O P Y .

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
UDINE PROVINCE .

UDINE, 21 May 1946

Please issue to the bearer Mr. Passeri Francesco,
associated with firm V.W. Edwardes and to Co. of Rome,
a permit for entering ammo. Dumps of Cadroipo, Osoppo,
Madeuzza, Rivolto, Arzene.

The firm is permitted to collect about 50 tons. of
cartridge cases.

W. GLYNN HALL, CAPT. I.C.
P.S.O. UDINE PROVINCE.

1237

SUBJECT:- Disposal of Ammunition -

Land Forces Sub Commission AC
MMIA ROME

3 District
Tel Ext 82
OS4/4002 (207)

4 Jun 46

Reference your Q131 of 30 May 46.

1. Your paragraphs 1 and 2 are noted.
2. With regard to para 3, will you please advise this Branch when technical supervision or advice is needed.

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Q. 2	✓
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Capt for Lt Col 1236
ADOS
(W N DARBYSHIRE)

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Subject : Disposal of Allied Ammunition.

LAND FORCES SUB COMD. A.C.
(M.V.F.A.)
ROME.
Tel. 478103

— Q . 131

4 June 46

TO : Ministry of War.

1. Reference is made to you 15011/2622 of 5 March 46 and 12136/6591 of 14 May 46.

2. The ammunition held at the Detached Arty Sec (Italian Army) GOSSENZA is not required by Allied Forces and you are therefore authorized to assume responsibility for its disposal.

3. From details provided by you it is seen that the natures concerned are as follows :

a) Cartridges 9.7	3.7 in A.A.M.E.	Qty 134
b) Bombs 4.2 in	Mar M.E.	" 192

4. This ammunition has not been inspected for safe condition by any Allied officer. If you require to recover components for salvage prior to final destruction, all Cartridges must be removed from Mortar Bombs and destroyed before the bombs are handled.

U. B. KING, Major
for Major General
H.M.I.A.

Copy to : 10 B.I.U. FILES.

TRANSLATION

MINISTRY OF WAR
GEN. DIR. ARTY. AND MOTORIZ.
Salvage Office

Ref No 34238 /URA
2868

Rome, 3 June 1946

SUBJECT : Collection of Abandoned Ammunition.
S.A. Polverifici Giovanni STACCHINI, Rome.

TO : HQ. Allied Commission
Industry and Utilities Branch.
Rome
(ref AC/5715/IND of 14 May 46).

INFO : Land Forces Sub Commission (M.M.I.A.)
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(ref O/131 of 1 May 46).

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1. Ref above letter, copy of which with enclosures is attached for L.F.S.C. A.C. (M.M.I.A.), it is pointed out as follows.

2. Authority granted in 1945 to the S.A. Polverifici Giovanni STACCHINI, Rome, by Rome Area Allied Command to collect abandoned American ammunition within the territory under jurisdiction of said command, had been extended for the year 1946 (ref AG/400 of 21 Dec 45). Furthermore, authority was granted to subject firm by H.Q. Peninsular Base Section to proceed with the collection and demilitarisation of abandoned ammunition and ammunition scrap of American manufacture within the territory between La Spezia and Naples, i.e. the territory in which the American 5th Army had operated (ref AG/400.93/BPGDS of 13 Dec 45).

3. However, it must be stated that the a/m firm STACCHINI collected only ammunition in good state of preservation, while high-explosive ammunition (for the removal of which this Ministry had to take care) was left in situ. Besides subject firm has extended activities, on its own and beyond its competence, to the collection of ammunition and materials belonging to the Italian State and to regions different from those assigned by the Allied Commands, employing a considerable number of collectors, who could not always be controlled, and contrary to the decree D.L.I. No. 32 of 1 Feb 45 (Gazzetta Ufficiale No 25 of 27 Feb 46).

4. This has provoked an indefinite number of illicit collectors, whose activity has reached within a short period an impressing height at the damage of interests and prestige of the Italian Government.

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In order to stop this illicit activity we have submitted the question to the L.F.S.C. A.C. (M.M.I.A.), which communicate with letter Q/131 of 1 Mar 46, that on order of the Commanding General MTCUSA, all contracts granted by American military authorities for the collection of materials on battle-fields by civilians had been terminated on 28 Feb 46 and that said authorities would make no further contracts with civilian firms.

Further, the above S/C informed this Ministry that we would remain, in view of the before-mentioned orders, in charge of granting contracts for the collection of American materials on battle-fields and that we have vast faculties to take proceedings against anyone carrying out collection, which we have not authorised by contract.

5. Consequently the authority granted to the S.A. STACCHINI by the Allied Authorities as in para 2 above has terminated on 28 Feb 46.

6. Following verbal agreements with the legal adviser of the S.A. STACCHINI, Mr. Burali d'Arezzo, this Ministry, however, has agreed to extend the period to 30 Apr 46, within which the said firm had to store all ammunition and ammunition scrap of American manufacture collected until 28 Feb 46, in temporary stores of their own or of their sub-agents.

When the firm stated that from 1 Jan to 28 Feb 46 also approx 6000 tons of scrap iron, other than ammunition scrap, had been collected, we could have taken over the whole quantity of this scrap, as the Stacchini were only authorised to collect ammunition and ammunition scrap of American manufacture. But we have disposed, with an exceptional and final order, that the quantity of said scrap iron which had been collected between 1 Jan and 28 Feb 46 and which had already been stored in temporary under the obligation to keep it at the disposal of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce for handing-over to the national metallurgical industry.

It was considered that even by this procedure the scrap would reach the destinations suggested by dispositions of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce (Iron Sec) and to be fixed by this Ministry according to a letter from L.F.S.C. A.C. (M.M.I.A.) (ref Q/131 of 1 May 46). By this proceeding it was further intended not to cause any losses to the collectors, who would have been without payment for their work, if the military administration would have taken over the scrap.

7. This Ministry did not postpone the final date (30 Apr 46) for the collection of the materials, as the two months already granted (March and April) should have been more than sufficient, if the work was to be carried out by the firm with the necessary care and according to our agreements with the above legal adviser of the firm, Mr. Burali d'Arezzo.

8. This Ministry has asked the firm to perform the transport of above materials from the temporary deposits to those for use as soon as possible, without, however, requesting completion at a firm date.

For the MINISTER
/s/ Gen. PG. Properzi

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 754
INDUSTRY AND UTILITIES BRANCH

AS/ 5715 / IND

14 May 1946

SUBJECT : Collection of abandoned ammunition.

TO : Ministero della Guerra
Direzione Generale d'Artiglieria
Roma

1. A complaint has been received from the Firm Polverificio Giovanni Stacchini, copies of all correspondence attached.
2. It appears that the Firm are authorized to collect, demilitarise, and dispose of certain stocks of Allied Ammunition by the American Military authorities, on the understanding that the scrap material became the property of the firm as compensation of the act of collection.
3. It now appears that as all the material collected by the Firm prior to Feb. 28 when the American authorisation was revoked has been impounded by you and the firm will get no compensation for work done in collection and disposal.
4. You will note that the P.B.S. have recommended in their letter to this HQ that the Firm be allowed to possess and dispose of any and all materials collected prior to 28 Feb. 46.
5. After carefully studying all correspondence on this case this suggestion would appear to us to be a reasonable proposal and we should be glad to have your views on this matter.

F.W. TOOMEY
Lt. Col. R.A.
Chief
Industry Division

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Now the Italian Ministry of War - Direzione Generale d'Artiglieria - which is continuing the collection, impounded what belonged to us and actually is taking it away, in many cases without releasing a receipt, all the scrap collected by us regardless of our rights and of the heavy expenses we incurred for the collection. (6,000 tons of scrap iron and 325 tons of scrap metal).

9. We handled our complaint to the Italian Ministry of War and to the IBS Headquarters that expressed already their opinion to you with their letter (Ann.No.I).

10. We believe that this is very simple in virtue of paragraph 4 of ann.No.4 and was feel sure that with your help our rights will be restored and justice done.

11. The 6,000 tons of scrap iron and 325 tons of scrap metal that were collected before February 28th and belonging to us were already denounced by us to the Italian Ministry of Industry for final destination for the benefit of the Italian industry and to the Italian Ministry of War - Direzione Generale d'Artiglieria.-.

Thanking you very much for your help in this matter, we are,

Very truly your

POLV. GIOV. SPACCHINI

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POLVERIFICIO GIOVANNI STACCHINI

Rome 10 May 1946

Office : Segretaria

No. prot. : 5658/Ros

SUBJECT : Collection of abandoned ammunition

TO : Allied Commission
 Industry Division (Attn: Capt. T.G. ELLIOTT)
 Industry and Utility Branch
 APO 394

1. Reference is made to HQ EIS letter EFORD dated April 1946 addressed to you with reference to the matter in object. (Ann.No.1)

2. Purpose of this letter is to clarify the paragraph 3rd. of said letter, in order we come in possession of what belong to us and instead is actually impounded by the Italian Ministry of War - Direzione General d'Artiglieria.

3. On January 24th 1945 the RMAG granted us an authority to pick up any salvaged American Ammunition in the territory under jurisdiction of said Command (Ann.No.2); the validity of such authority was thereafter extended for the year 1946 (Ann.No.3)

4. On December 13th 1945 the HQ EIS U S Army granted us an authority to pick abandoned U.S. ammunition and ammunition scrap components in a larger zone valid for the area bounded by lines connecting La Spezia, Pistoia, Florence, Grosseto, Viterbo, Roma, Littoria, Formia, St. Maria Naples, and the west coast of Italy between Naples and La Spezia (Ann.No.4).

5. When this authority was granted it was found out that was forgotten to mention the collection of scrap iron and verbally we were authorized to pick up also such item that was found in the same places as compensation in view of the fact that the best scrap, as copper and brass, was stolen by abusive collectors.

6. On February 26th. 1946 an extension for the above mentioned authority (Ann.No.5) was granted.

7. On March 2nd 1946 when the collection was already well going on and perfectly organized, following a suggestion of the Italian Ministry of War, the authority was cancelled, effective February 28th. 1946 (Ann.No.6) Naturally all work ceased immediately, but much of the material already collected was stored temporarily in different places waiting to be taken to the final destination.

8. By virtue of para. 4 of the authority dated December 13th. 1945 the above material has become immediate property of ours as full compensation for the act of collection.

HEADQUARTERS
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
APO 782 U.S. ARMY

EFORD

SUBJECT : Collection of Abandoned Ammunition

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission
APO 394

1. Reference is made to LTCUSA cable C25926 dated 26 February 1946, which prohibits granting or continuance of contracts or agreements whereby civilian concerns may engage in the collection of abandoned ammunitions.
2. Upon receipt of reference cable, this Headquarters terminated the authority which had been extended Polverifici Giovanni Stacchini, of 256 Via Cavour, Rome, by letter this Headquarters, dated 13 December 1945. Consequently, said concern immediately suspended all such collection activity.
3. It is believed that Polverifici Giovanni Stacchini should be allowed to possess and dispose of any and all materials of ammunition and components collected under terms of the letter referred to in paragraph 2, prior to the effective date of cancellation of that letter's authority on 28 February 1946.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

For the record: Prepared in Ord. Sect . by Lt.Col., Dorney, Ch.;
Ammo Div.

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HEADQUARTERS ROME AREA, MFCUSA

AFPO 794, U.S. ARMY

AG 400 (G-4)

CAT/IEC/tjs
24 January 1946

SUBJECT : Abandoned Munitions.

TO : Polverificio Giovanni Stacchini Company
250 Via Cavour, Rome (Attn: General Direct.)

1. Reference attached letter, your firm is authorized to pick up any salvaged American Ammunition on authority of this letter.
2. Authority to pick up any British or German salvaged ammunition will have to be given from British sources.

For the Commanding General;

I. E. CHEEK
Capt. AGD
Adjutant General.

1 Incl.

Ltr HQ MFCUSA

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HEADQUARTERS ROME AREA MTCUSA

APO 794, U.S. ARMY

AG 400

BHR/jlc:obc
21 December 1945

SUBJECT : Abandoned Munitions

TO : Polverificio Giovanni Stacchini Company
250 Via Cavour, Rome (Attn: General Direct.)

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

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

B.H. ROWDEN
Lt.Col. AC.
Actg Adj General

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HEADQUARTERS
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
APO 782 U.S. ARMY.

AG 400.93 BFGDS

MCD/vc
13 December 1946

SUBJECT : Collection of Abandoned U.S. Ammunition
and Ammunition Scrap Components.

TO : Polverifici Giovanni Stacchini
250 Via Cavour
Rome, Italy.

1. Pursuant to authority received from the Commanding General, Mediterranean Theatre of Operations U.S. Army, the Polverifici Giovanni Stacchini, herein referred to as the societa' Anonima, is authorized to proceeding with the collection and demilitarisation, at its own expenses 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 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 inclaves within the above defined area. Especially forbidden are the areas of U.S. Army Depot 4157, bounded by lines connecting Leghorn, Pisa, Pontedera, Fossacco, Colle Salvatti 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, Qualiano and Villa Literno.

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

4. All U.S. ammunitions 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 rendered, by the societa' anonima, unfit for warlike 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 demilitarised, 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.

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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 therein 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 agreed 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 Polverificio Stacchini Giovanni 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:

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

Copies to:

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

December 14th 1945 225

TO : Commanding General P.B.S.
APO 782, U.S. Army.

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

POLVERIFICI GIOVANNI STACCHINI S.A.
The General Manager
(Ernesto Stacchini)

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HEADQUARTERS
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
APO 782 U.S.ARMY

AG 400.93 HOFORD

Feb. 25 1946

SUBJECT : Collection of abandoned U.S. ammunition
and ammunition scrap components.

TO : Polverificio Giov. Stacchini
256 Via Cavour
Rome Italy

1. Reference is made to letter IG 400.93 HOFDS, Headquarters,
Peninsular Base Section, dated 13 December 1945, subject as above.
So much of para. 5 as reads :

" Unless sooner terminated, the authority granted by this
letter is valid from date of acceptance to include
28 Feb. 1946, and all ammunition or components collected
must be demilitarized by 31 March 1946 "

is rescinded, and the following substituted therefore :

" Unless sooner terminated, the authority granted by this
letter is valid from date of acceptance to include
30 June 1946, and all ammunition or components collected
must be demilitarized by 31 July 1946. "

For the Commanding General,

G. W. GILLAM
Captain AGC
Asst. Adj. Gen.

copies to

1224

Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission 1
Provost Marshal, FBS 1
Provost Marshal FBS (Southern District) 1
Ordnance Officer, FBS 1 - File 1

HQ. PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
APO 782 U.S. ARMY

HQ 471 RECORD

MARCH 2 1946

SUBJECT : Collection of Abandoned U.S. Ammunition
and Ammunition scrap components -
Revocation of Authority.-

TO : Polverificio Giovanni Stauchini
256 Via Cavour
Rome, Italy

By direction of Higher Command, the authority granted to your organization, by letter, this HQ, subject "Collection of Abandoned U.S. Ammunition and Ammunition Scrap Components", dated 15 December 1945, and extended by letter, same subject, dated 23 Feb. 1946 is hereby cancelled, effective 28 Feb. 1946.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL

S. Gordon W. Gillam
Captain AGD
Asst. Adj. Gen.

Copies to :

Chief Commissioner Allied Commission 4
Provost Marshal, FBS 1
Provost Marshal, FBS (Southern District) 1
Ordnance Officer, FBS 1
File 1

1223

Subject : Allied Ammo - Disposal.

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

Q . 131

30 May 46

TO : 3 District (for A.D.C.S.)

1. In addition to Allied Ammunition previously reported to you, the ammunitions listed in appendix "A" is now also held by the Italian Army.
2. May disposal instructions please be given.

[Signature]
C.E. KING, Major
for Major General
M.F.I.A.

Copy to : Ministry of War (34410/7473 of 18 May;
34741/7553 of 21 May, 39388/7596 and
39300/7888 of 24 May 46, refer).

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[Signature]

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Appendix "A" to Q.131 c. 30 May 46

<u>Dep't</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Qty</u>
Arty Directorate PALMUNO	US hand grenades		17
	BR " "		2
	US mortar bombs 81 -G.O.		1
	US " " 81 -G.C.		1
1st Art Experimental Centre NETTUNG	BR grenades 88		104 (with fuze)
	BR " " 88		275 (without fuze)
Arty Directorate BOLOGNA	<u>American Ammo</u>		
	Shells 75m/m without fuze		10
	" 75m/m with fuze		436
	" 90m/m charged		68
	" 105m/m " with fuze		537
	" 105m/m without fuze		40
	" 142m/m " "		2
	Fuses		105
	Mortar shells 81m/m with fuze		416
	" " 108m/m " "		23
	Various shells for mortar		60
	Various brass cartridge cases		20
	American mines		67
	Incendiary torpedoes		1
	Aerial torpedoes small caliber		1
	Aerial bombs small cal.		12
	Aerial bombs medium cal. 18.50		2
	" " " 70		10
	" " " 250		2
	" " " 1000		1
	" " " 500		17
" " "	<u>British Ammo</u>		
	Cartridges 57m/m		1221
	Shells 88m/m charged without fuze		100
	" 88m/m ordinary with fuze		455
	" 105m/m charged, ordinary with fuze		219
" " "	" 152m/m		6
" " "	" " "		54

Army Directorate
BOYCHWA

Shells 75m/m without fuse	10
" 75m/m with fuse	436
" 90m/m charged	68
" 105m/m with fuse	537
" 105m/m without fuse	40
" 149m/m "	2
Fuzes	105
Mortar shells 81m/m with fuse	416
" 108m/m "	23
Various shells for machine	60
Various brass cartridge cases	20
American mines	67
Incendiary torpedoes	1
Aerial torpedoes small caliber	1
Aerial bombs small cal.	12
" medium cal. KG. 50	2
" " " 70	10
" " " 250	2
" " " 1000	1
" " " 500	17

British Ammo	1221
Cartridges bags 57m/m	100
Shells 88m/m charged without fuse	455
" 88m/m ordinary with fuse	219
" 105m/m charged, ordinary with fuse	6
" 152m/m "	54
" 155m/m without detonators	500
Fuzes for shells 88m/m	200
Fuzes	120
Mortar shells 42m/m with fuse	290
" 42m/m without fuse, m/s	678
" 60m/m with fuse	1564
" 81m/m "	407
" 112m/m "	152
Mines contact; T.V.Z.e.M.A.T. - MET	195
" hand n° 74A.T.	540
" Grenade n° 75 A.T.	315
" Shrapnell L.R. 41	25
" Anti-tank	150
" contact A.T. - MET	419
Ordinary shells 75m/m charged, with fuse	43
Aerial bombs KG. 500	
" unexploded m.c.	

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((The u/m ammo is in a bad state of preservation))

<u>Date</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Qty</u>
Arty Directorate	Mortar Shells cal. 50	3594
PLACEMENT	A. Mörching shells cal. 57	159
	Mortar shells cal. 81	1500
	" " " 81 phosphorus	49
	" " " 106	1279
	" " " 106	12
	" " " 106 smoke	352
	generating	
	Cartridge case shot, smoke	38
	Shells without fuse cal. 75	2
	with fuse cal. 88	2966
	without fuse cal. 88	458
	smoke generating cal. 88	99
	cal. 115	306
	cal. 140	844
	cal. 183	27
	cal. 210	12
	Aerial bombs 250 lbs	17
	" " 350 lbs	5
	" " 500 "	66
	" " 1000 "	4

Subject: Disposal Allied Ammunition.

LAND FORCES SUP COMD, A.C.
(H.M.I.A.)
Ref. 478103

131

30 May 46

TO : Ministry of War.

1. Reference your 22715/6514 and 30715/6515 of 16 May 46 and your 31117/6788 of 16 May 46.

2. The Ammunition reported in your letter, noted above, is not required by Allied Forces and you are authorized to assume responsibility and arrange for its disposal.

(Authy : 3 D1a 634/4002(200) of 24 May 46).

3. It is pointed out that this ammunition has not been inspected for safe condition by any Allied officer and you are therefore *advised* to take whatever precautions you consider necessary.

4. The following points should be noted in connection with disposal :

(A) BELOUA Artillery Directorate

(1) The cartridges of all mortar bombs must be removed and destroyed before any attempt is made to salvage any components prior to final destruction.

(11) Loose fuses for shell and aerial bombs should be destroyed without salvage of components.

(111) All mines must be destroyed without salvage of components. 1220

(B) Various Components from 4810 to 4811A.

2. The Ammunition reported in your letter, quoted above, is not required by Allied Forces and you are authorized to assume responsibility and arrange for its disposal.

(Authy : 3 Dis 054/4000(200) of 24 May 46).

3. It is pointed out that this ammunition has not been inspected for safe condition by any Allied officer and you are therefore *advised* to take whatever precautions you consider necessary.

4. The following points should be noted in connection with disposal :

(A) BRITISH ARTILLERY DIRECTORATE

(1) The cartridges of all mortar bombs must be removed and destroyed before any attempt is made to salvage any components prior to final destruction.

(11) Loose fuses for shell and aerial bombs should be destroyed without salvage of components.

(111) All items must be destroyed without salvage of components. 1220

(B) Various Communes from AMIO to AMHIA.

(1) Phosphorus Grenades must be destroyed without salvage of components.

(11) As for (1) above - Cartridges of mortar bombs

(C) BRITISH ARTILLERY DIRECTORATE

(1) As for A(1) above - Cartridges of mortar bombs

(11) All Grenades must be destroyed without salvage of components.

Copy to : 6 B.I.U.
: 7 B.I.U.
: 8 B.I.U.

Rac
R.A. CURTIS,
Lt Col. RA.

For Major General
M.B.I.A.

CBS/13

(48)

SUBJECT:- Disposal of Ammunition.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,
M.M.I.A.

R O M E

Q.131

30 May 1946

TO : 3 District

Reference your OSL/4002 (200) of 21 May 46.

1. The War Ministry will be authorized to dispose of the surplus ammunition as requested by you.
2. The attention of the War Ministry will be drawn to the fact that none of the ammunition has been inspected by an I.O.O. As however they have for some time been dealing with British ammunition and are at present taking delivery of large quantities of certain types of British ammunition it is considered they are competent to deal with this aspect.
3. Owing to the non availability of suitable personnel no responsibility can be accepted by this Mission for ammunition inspection or technical supervision of destruction.

See 52.
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R.A. Curtis

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

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Subject:- Disposal of Amm

RECEIVED 3 JUN 1946
2 4

3 District
Tel Ext 82
OS4/4002(205)

29 May 46

Land Forces Sub-Comm AG (MILA)

Ref your Q 131 of 24 May.

1. The amm held at the Detached Arty Sec (Italian Army) COSENZA is not required by Allied Forces, and it will be appreciated if the Ministry of War will assume responsibility for disposal under the technical supervision of your HQ. Natures concerned are :-

(a) Cartridges QF 3.7in AA HE

Qty 134

(b) Bombs 4.2in Mor HE

" 192

2. This amm has not been inspected by an ICO for safe condition. If the Ministry of War require to recover components for salvage prior to final destruction, all cartridges must be removed from Mortar Bombs and destroyed before the Bombs are handled.

NO	
A/Q	/
Q	/
Q. 1	/
Q. 2	/
QED	/
REMB	/

H/lp

L. W. Heseltine

Capt for Lt Col
ADOS 218
(W.W. HESSELTINE)

3/6/46
wa.

AQ131

TRANSMISSION

FROM: M.O.I. W.
TO : MILIA

Ref: 39300/7868
Date: 24/3/46

See 50
See 55

Subject: Salvaged Allied Ammo.

For your decision, we would inform you that Florence Arty Directorate has reported the u/m salvaged ammo. - in bad state of preservation - stored in its depots as at 30th April 1946.

Caliber	Nomenclature of the materials	Quantity
30	Mortar shells	3324
37	A. Piercing shells	139
81	Mortar shells	1500
81	" " phosphorus	49
106	" "	1279
106	" "	12
106	" " smoke generating	202
75	Cartridge case shot, smoke generating	38
75	Shells without fuze	2
88	" with fuze	2966
88	without fuze	458
88	smoke generating	89
115	" "	306
140	" "	844
183	" "	21
210	" "	12
	Aerial bombs 250 lbs	17
	" 350 "	1217
	" 500 "	66
	" 1000 "	4

Ref: 39388/1896
Date: 24/3/46

SU Q 1575
Para 145

TO SEE	
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Q. 1	/
Q. 2	/
Q. 3	/
Q. 4	/

TRANSLATION

From: M. of W.
To: MILIA

Subject: Salvaged Allied Ammo.

For your decision we forward the list of Allied Ammo., salvaged, during the month of April 1946, as reported by Bologna Army Directorate.

AMERICAN AMMO.

Shells 75 m/m without fuze
" 75 m/m with fuze
" 90 m/m charged with fuze
" 100 m/m
" 100 m/m without fuze
" 149 m/m

Fuzes
Mortar shells 61 m/m with fuze
" 106 " " "

Various shells for magazine
Various brass cartridge cases

American mines

Incendiary torpedoes ✓
Aerial torpedoes small caliber

Aerial bombs small cal.
" medium cal. Kg. 50
" " " 70
" " " 250
" " " 1000
" " " 500

BRITISH AMMO.

Cartridge bags 37 m/m

Shells 88 m/m charged without fuze

" 88 m/m ordinary with fuze

10
430
66
337
40
2
100
410
23
50
20
67
1
1
12
2
10
2
1
17
1218"

" 2400
" 100
" 400
" 219

AMERICAN AMMO.

Shells 73 m/m without fuze
 " 73 m/m with fuze
 " 80 m/m charged
 " 103 m/m
 " 103 m/m without fuze
 " 145 m/m

Fuzes
 Mortar shells 81 m/m with fuze
 " 108 "

Various shells for mortar
 Various brass cartridge cases
 American mines

Incendiary torpedoes

Aerial torpedoes small caliber

Aerial bombs small cal.

" medium cal. KG. 50
 " " " 70
 " " " 250
 " " " 1000
 " " " 500

BRITISH AMMO.

Cartridge bags 37 m/m

Shells 88 m/m charged without fuze

" 88 m/m ordinary with fuze

" 103 m/m charged, ordinary with fuze

" 132 m/m

" 155 m/m without detonators

Fuzes for shells 88 m/m

Fuzes

Mortar shells 42 m/m with fuze

" 42 m/m without fuze, u/s

" 80 m/m with fuze

" 81 m/m

" 112 m/m

Mines contact; F. V. E. S. A. A. I. - MKI

" Land no 74 A. I.

" Grebete no 73 A. I.

" Shrapnell M. R. 41

" Anti-tank

" contact. A. I. - MKI

Ordinary shells 73 m/m charged, with fuze

Aerial bombs KG. 500
 unexploded m.c.

10
 436
 58
 537
 40
 2
 105
 410
 23
 50
 20
 57
 1
 1
 12
 2
 10
 2
 1
 17

1218

2405
 100
 433
 219
 5
 34
 500
 200
 120
 230
 678
 1564
 407
 136
 195
 540
 315
 25
 150
 419
 2
 43

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Subject : Disposal of Ammunition.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
ROME.
Tel. 478103

Q. 131

24 May 46

TO : 3 District (For A.D.O.S.)

1. Reference your OS4/4002(148) of 21 March 46.

2. The Detached Artillery Section (Italian Army) COSENZA has now reported full details of the markings of the Cartridge Bags, Packing Cases and Shells held at PIANI di MODENA.

Details as follows :
154 Cartridge Bags, filled.

Markings :

Fuse : n° 199 Vad 1/43 F.P.C.C. 46 A F.G.H.
Cartridge case : Batch 13839313 I I
Base cover : LOT 37 GUN

27 I
RIB IX, /942 C F
H.E. S.M.E. BK. 43
Primer : n° II.III TEO 10/12/ X/2/43 TWBIO
Cover : n° 23 I M.C. LTD - 42
Packing case : 138845 (Q) in the middle F.E.O. 37HS I I
CI

No 192 152 FUSE 4 DOWNS 42 MOR.HS
228 80120 1392 4.TM
RUMC 0235 II 1942.

3. May disposal instructions now please be issued.

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2. The Detached Artillery Section (Italian Army) COSSERZA has now reported full details of the markings of the Cartridge Bags, Packing Cases and Shells held at PIANI di MODENA.

Details as follows:

124 Cartridge Bags, filled.

Markings:

Fuze : n° 193 Vad 1/43 F.P.C.C. 46 A F.C.H.

Cartridge case : Batch 13839313 I-I

Base cover : LOT 37 GUN

27

RIB IF, /942

G F

H.E. S.M.A.

IX.

43

:n° II.III TEG 10/12/ X/2/43 TUBIO

:n° 23 I M.C. LTD - 42

Packing case : 138245 (Q) in the middle F.P.C. 17HE I-I

CI

N° 192 152 FUZE 4 BOMBS 42 MOR.HE

223 80120 1392 4.IE

RHWC 0235 II 1942.

3. May disposal instructions now please be issued.

1215

See 1474

[Signature]
for Major General
M.H.I.A.

CEK/1m

Subject:- Disposal of Ammunition

3 District
Tel Ext 82
OS4/4002 (200)

21 May 46

Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MMLA)

Ref your Q 131 of 16 and 18 May incorrectly addressed to AFHQ.

1. The amn reported in your a/q letter is not required by Allied Forces and it will be appreciated if responsibility for disposal will be assumed by the Italian War Ministry under the technical supervision of your HQ.

2. The following points should be noted in connection with disposal :-

(A) BOLOGNA Artillery Directorate

- (i) The cartridges of all Mortar Bombs must be removed and destroyed before any attempt is made to salvage any components prior to final destruction.
- (ii) Loose fuzes for Shell and Aerial Bombs should be destroyed without salvage of components.
- (iii) All Mines must be destroyed without salvage of components.

(B) Various Communes from ANZIO to APRILIA

- (i) Phosphorus Grenades must be destroyed without salvage of components.
- (ii) As for A (i) above - Cartridges of Mortar Bombs

(C) FLORENCE Artillery Directorate

- (i) As for A(i) above - Cartridges of Mortar Bombs
- (ii) All Grenades must be destroyed without salvage of components.

3. If the War Ministry requires to recover salvage from components it must be noted that none of the amn reported has been inspected by an IOO for safe condition. May any necessary advice in this respect be given by your HQ please ?

2. The following points should be noted in connection with disposal :-

(A) BOLOGNA Artillery Directorate

- (i) The cartridges of all Mortar Bombs must be removed and destroyed before any attempt is made to salvage any components prior to final destruction.
- (ii) Loose fuzes for Shell and Aerial Bombs should be destroyed without salvage of components.
- (iii) All Mines must be destroyed without salvage of components.

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- (ii) As for A (i) above - Cartridges of Mortar Bombs

(C) FLORENCE Artillery Directorate

- (i) As for A(i) above - Cartridges of Mortar Bombs

- (ii) All Grenades must be destroyed without salvage of components.

3. If the War Ministry requires to recover salvage from ¹⁵⁴¹ ~~components~~ parts it must be noted that none of the amn reported has been inspected by an IOO for safe condition. May any necessary advice in this respect be given by your HQ please ?

4. You are again requested to report amn for disposal to ADOS.
HQ 3 District.

TO SEND	
A/Q	
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C 1	
Q 2	/
Q 3	/
REMARKS	/

H/lp

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

131

TRANSLATION

FROM : WAR MINISTRY

TO : M.M.I.A.

REF : 54741/7553

DATE : 21 May 1946

SUBJECT : Allied Ammo.-

It is reported, that, on 11 May 1946, at 1st. Artillery Experimental Centre of Nettuno, are stored No. 379 BR. Grenades 88.- from which, No. 104 are with crown and fuse, and No. 275 are without crown and fuse.

The above is communicated to your Mission for action to be taken in this respect.

For the Minister
sgd. P.C. Properzj
sgd. Gen. U. RUSSO

TO AND	
A/Q	/
Q	/
Q. I	/
A. E	/
OND	/
REMR	/

See 55 A Q 121

23/5/46
1213

TRANSLATION

FROM : MINISTRY OF WAR

REF : 34410/7473

TO : M.M.I.A.

DATE : 18 May 1946

SUBJECT : Allied recovery ammo.-

In accordance with instructions ^{from} MMIA, we communicate that Artillery HQ of Palermo, has notified the u/m. allied materials, recovered during March and April 46.

US hand grenades
BR " "
US mortar bombs 81 - g.c.
US " " 81 - P.c.

17
2
1
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sgd. Col. G. Campagna

A 9131

Subject : Salvaged Allied Ammunition.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(L.F.I.A.) ROME.
Tel. 478103

G. 131

18 May 46

TO : Commandement Militaire Français en Italie
ROME.

1. The under-mentioned French ammo salvaged by the Italian Army and located in the ~~FLORINCE~~ Arty Directorate is forwarded for your information. This ammo is reported to be in a bad state of deterioration.
2. Any disposal instructions please be issued direct to the Italian Ministry of War.

FRENCH AMMO

81 - cast iron bombs for mortars

n° 1890

W. H. H. H.
M.F. HYATT,
Major I.C.
For Major General
L.F.I.A.

Copy to : Ministry of War (your letter Direzione Art. e Mat.
33117/6788 dated 10/5/46 ref. 1212)
: Liaison Section A.F.M.G. - ROME.

HFB/lm

Subject : Salvaged Allied Ammunition.

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

Q. 131 15 May 46

TO : A.F.H.Q.

1. The attached list of British and American ammo salvaged by the Italian Army and located in the FLORENCE Army Directorate is forwarded for your information. This ammo is reported to be in a bad state of deterioration.

2. May disposal instructions please be issued.

M. H. as
M.P. HYATT,
Major I.C.
for Major General
M.F.I.A.

Copy to : 7 B.I.U. FLORENCE
: Ministry of War (your letter Direzione Art. e Mot.
33117/6788 dated 10/5/46 refers).

EPB/lm

2945
1211

BRITISH AMMO

Aerial bombs 12 Kilos

" " 100 lbs

" " 250 "

" " 500 "

" " 1000 "

Air-torpedoes 20 "

" " 90 "

no 99

" 18

" 221

" 154

" 43

" 66

" 5

Caliber

50 - Bombs for mortars

52 - " " "

81 - " " " with fuse

81 - " " " without fuse

81 - " " " phosphorous

106 - " " " with fuse

106 - " " " phosphorous

106 - " " " smoke generating

106 - " " " A.E. with fuse

55 - incendiary grenades with fuse

55 - s. piercing grenades

75 - cartridge bags smoke generating

75 - grenades

76 - tracing grenades

76 - grenades

88 - grenades with fuse

88 - smoke generating grenades

90 - s. piercing, tracing grenades

115 - smoke generating grenades

140 - grenades

183 - grenades

" 647

" 300

" 6236

" 219

" 88

" 3504

" 1130

" 511

" 872

" 8

" 6

" 532

" 20

" 177

" 22

" 5493

" 1285

" 172

" 43

" 1888

" 176

AMERICAN AMMOCaliber

75 - charged grenades with fuse and without band

105 - " " " " " "

105 - " " without " " " "

no 162

1210 726

" 102

Subject : Disposal of Ammunition.

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

ROME.

Q. 131

17 May 46

TO : Ministry of War.

Ref your letter Direzione Art. e Mot. 11939/6408
dated 7 May 46.

The grenades M.74 and fuzes held at the Italian Depot,
TARANTO, are not required by the British Army and it will be
appreciated if you will arrange disposal under your supervision.

[Signature]
R.P. BYATT,
Major I.C.
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

Copy to : 9 B.L.U. BARI

EFB/lm

1209

Subject : Disposal of Ammunition.

25 AT
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
Tel. 473103
HOME

Q . 131

16 May 46

TO : Ministry of War.

Ref your letter Direzione Arti e Met. 30131/5768
dated 27/4/46.

1. The Allied Ammunition located in GENOVA Territorial
Command is not required by the Allied Forces. It will therefore
be appreciated if you will assume responsibility for disposal.
(Authy 3 Dist letter 084/4002 dated 14 May 46).

2. The following natures should, however, be destroyed
irrespective of condition : -
(a) Demolition stores, including charges and all ancillaries
(detonators, igniters etc.)
(b) Propellant charges of Mortar Bombs
(c) Hand grenades, rifle grenades, pistol grenades and A/Tank
grenades
(d) All small arms ammunition.

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E.F. BYATT,
Major I.C.
For Major General
M.M.I.A.

Copy to : 2 B.L.U. GENOVA.

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EFB/lm

Subject : Salvaged Allied Ammunition.

LAND FORCES SUB COMD. A.G.
(M.M.I.A.) HOME
Tel. 478103

Q . 131

16 May 46

TO : A.F.M.G.

1. The attached list of British and American ammunition salvaged by the Italian Army and located in the BOLOGNA Artillery Directorate is forwarded for your information.

2. May disposal instructions please be issued.

[Signature]
E.F. DEATT,
Major I.C.
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

Copy to : 6 B.I.M. BOLOGNA

: Ministry of War (your letters Dir. Art. e Motorizzazioni
32715/6514 and 32715/6515 dated 6 May 46
refer).

BFB/lm

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1707

AMERICAN ARMO

Cartridge bags 75 with fuse	No	30
Shells 88 charged with fuse	"	21
" 105 "	"	321
" 105 " without fuse	"	3
Mortar bombs 60 m/m with fuse	"	676
" " 60 m/m electric	"	35
" " 81 m/m with fuse	"	6
Fuses for aerial bombs	"	10
Cartridge bags 27 m/m charged with fuse	"	371
" " 57 m/m "	"	28
" " 75 m/m "	"	320
" " 76 m/m "	"	65
" " 105 m/m "	"	30
Ordinary shells 37 m/m charged with fuse	"	80
Shells 75 " charged with fuse	"	3255
" 76 " "	"	10
" 88 " "	"	45
" 105 " "	"	298
" 152 " without fuse	"	4
Bombs for mortar 60 m/m charged with fuse	"	1920
" " 81 m/m "	"	1090
Various bombs for mortar	"	1160
Various mines charged	"	7
Fuses for aerial bombs	"	120
Aerial bombs small cal.	"	24
Aerial torpedoes small cal.	"	61
" bombs medium "	"	12
" " 250 kilos	"	2
" " big cal.	"	2

BRITISH ARMO

Ordinary cartridge bag 75 m/m with fuse and primer	No	3
Case shot 75 m/m charged	"	11
Ordinary shells 75 with fuse	"	1206
A. piercing shells 75 charged with fuse and with rotating band	"	99
Shells 105 m.p. with fuse	"	3

Shells 75 m/m charged with fuze	30
" 75 "	3265
" 88 "	10
" 105 "	48
" 152 "	298
Bombs for mortar 60 m/m charged with fuze	4
" " 81 m/m "	1920
Various bombs for mortar	1090
Various mines charged	1160
Fuzes for aerial bombs	7
Aerial bombs small cal.	120
Aerial torpedoes small cal.	24
" " " "	61
" " " "	12
" " " "	2
" " " "	2

BRITISH AMMO

Ordinary cartridge bag 75 m/m with fuze and primer
 Case shot 75 m/m charged
 Ordinary shells 75 with fuze
 A. Piercing shells 75 charged with fuze and with rotating band

Shells 105 a.p. with fuze
 Ordinary shells 105 charged with fuze
 Fuse for shells
 Mortar bombs 42 m/m charged
 " 60 m/m with fuze
 " 88 m/m " "
 Antitank cartridge bags 37 m/m
 Cartridge bags 47 m/m charged with fuze
 A. Piercing shells 50 m/m "
 Ordinary shells 75 m/m charged with fuze
 " 88 m/m " "
 Shells 135 m/m charged inefficient
 " 152 m/m " without fuze

3	11	57	12	59	3	8	70	66	42	489	620	50	10	267	507	2	4
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BRITISH AMMO

Shells 150 m/m charged without fuse	1
Mortar bombs 42 m/m charged with fuse	10
" " 47 m/m charged with	280
" " 50 m/m " with fuse	5
" " 81 m/m "	75
Aerial bombs, 500 Kilos, unexploded	1
" " medium cal.	11

(36)

Subject : Salvaged Allied Ammunition.LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.O.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
Tel. 478163

Q . 131

16 May 46

TO : Commandement Militaire Francais en Italie.
ROME.

1. The attached list of French ammunition salvaged by the Italian Army and located in the BOLOGNA Artillery Directorate is forwarded for your information.
2. May disposal instructions please be issued directly to the Italian Ministry of War.

E.F. BYATT
E.F. BYATT,
Major I.C.
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

Copy to : Ministry of War (your letters Dir. Art. e Motorizzazioni
38710/6514 and 38715/6515 dated 6 May 46 refer)
: Liaison Section A.F.H.C. / ROME.

KFB/lm

27B

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1204

FRENCH AMMO

105 shells without fuse	No	58
120 " charged	"	44
152 " without fuse	"	120
Fuze, various types	"	500
Shells 75 charged with fuse	"	423
Shells 609 charged without fuse	"	44
" 149 " " "	"	350
" 152 " " "	"	259
" 220 " " "	"	100
Fuzes various types	"	150

1203

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Subject : Salvaged Allied Ammunition.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMA.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
ROME.
Tel. 47103

Q . 134

16 May 46

TO : A.P.H.Q.

1. The under-mentioned list of British ammunition salvaged by the Italian Army and located in the communes of KNEIO, NERTUNO, CISTERNA and ABRILLA is forwarded for your information.

2. May disposal instructions please be issued.

Calibre

75 A/Tank shells	No	181
81 Phosphorus bombs with primer	"	118
80 Shells without rim and primer	"	1054
88 Smoke shells without rim and primer	"	161
115 Shells without rim and fuse	"	43
140 " " " "	"	607
149 Shells without fuse	"	20
45 Mortar bombs	"	280

Alvares

R.F. DIATTA,
Major I.C.
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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Copy to : 8 B.L.U. ROME.

: Ministry of War (your letter reference Art c Not.
S.M. 1/5793 dated 10 May 1946 refers).

salvaged by the Italian Army and located in the communes of
MELIO, MENTUO, CISTERNIA and ABRILIA is forwarded for your
information.

2. May disposal instructions please be issued.

Calibre

75 A/Tank shells	No	184
81 Phosphorus bombs with primer	"	118
88 Shells without rim and primer	"	1064
88 Smoke shells without rim and primer	"	161
115 Shells without rim and fuse	"	43
140 " " "	"	607
145 Shells without fuse	"	20
45 Mortar bombs	"	280

Alfaro

E.P. BLATT,
Major I.C.
For Major General
M.P.I.A.
1803

Copy to : 3 B.L.U. Rome.

: Ministry of War (your letter, Direzione Art e Mat.
33121/6793 dated 10 May 1946 refers).

KFB/lm

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SUBJECT:- Disposal of Ammunition -

Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MIA) -

3 District
Tel Ext 82
OS4/4002 (197)

16 May 46

Ref your Q131 of 10 May 46.

1. The Grenades No. 74 and Fuzes held at the Italian Depot, TARANTO, are not required by British Army and it will be appreciated if the Ministry of War will arrange disposal under your technical supervision.
2. These natures should be demolished without any attempt to salvage components: if any Grenades are showing signs of exudation, the complete box should be destroyed without removal of the amn since the Nobels 823 filling contains a high percentage of nitro-glycerine and is sensitive.
3. Will you please address all correspondence relating to the disposal of amn to ADOS this HQ in order to avoid delay in registration of incoming mail?

TO SMC	
N/Q	
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RECEIVED 16 MAY 1946

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AG 131

Capt for Lt Col
ADOS
(W W HESELTINE)

1201

(3/4 AT)

TRANSLATION

FROM: M. of W.
TO : M.M.I.A.

REF: 32136/6591
DATE: 14/5/46

SUBJECT : British Cartridge bags.

Further to letter IS011/2622 dated 5/3 last and as regards to the request made by your Commission, we enclose the particular markings which are on the packing cases and on the a/m cartridge-bags, being at the Depot Fiani di Modena (Nucleus of Catona) of the detached Section Arty of Cosenza.

Fuller

Sgd. PROPERZI
Gen.

TO: M.M.I.A.	
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AG 131

DETACHED SECTION ARTY OF COSENZA
- Office of Ammo. -

Markings which are on the packing cases and on British
cartridge bags.

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Fuze: n° 199 IV vad 1/43 F.P.O. C. 40 A F.G.N.

Give: are painted on it: 13 X, a green disk with letter B 8029
black ring with bourrelet in the middle painted in green
with letter T.M.T. -

Cartridge case: batch 13839313 1-1

Base cover: there is engraved 101 37 GUN
25 1

RIB LR, /942 C F also on the base cover
painted H.E S.M.K. EX. 43

Primer: there is engraved n° 11.III TEC. 10/12 X/2/43 TAWBIO

Cover: of heavy cardboard, with letters painted in yellow
n° 23 I M.C. LPD = 42

Packing case: metallic and having the capacity of two cartridge
bags each.

Forward part: on the s/m packing case the following data are
painted in yellow: 1199

138045 (Q) in the middle F.P.O. 37 HE 1-1
01

on the packing case the last letters are different
F.Z.D. 199

Back part: also painted in yellow n° 192 132FUZE 4 DOMBS 42 MOR.HE

Right side: is painted 228 30120 1392 4.IM

Left side: the same initials are marked as in the right

Lid: they are engraved outside RHWC 0235 11 1942

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Subject:- Disposal of Amn

3 District
Tel Ext 82
OS4/4002

Land Forces Sub-Commission AC (LMTA)

14 May 46

Ref your Q.131 of 11 May 46.

1. The amn listed in your a/q letter is not required by Allied Forces and it will be appreciated if the Italian War Ministry will assume responsibility for disposal under your supervision.

2. The following natures should be destroyed irrespective of condition :-

- (a) Demolition stores, including charges and all ancillaries (detonators, igniters etc)
- (b) Propellant charges of Mortar Bombs.
- (c) Grenades hand, rifle, pistol and A/Tk.
- (d) All SAA

3. If the War Ministry requires to recover salvage from component parts of other natures, it must be noted that none of the amn reported has been inspected by an IGO for safe condition. May any necessary advice in this respect be given by your HQ please ?.

4. From the description given it would appear that nationalities have been confused and calibres quoted suggest that Italian amn is included (eg 81mm Mortar Bombs small and large capacity).

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A Q131

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

1198

TRANSLATION

FROM : MINISTRY OF WAR

REF : 26941

TO : M.M.I.A.

DATE : 11 May 1946

SUBJECT : Sale of Explosives to private industry.

With reference to para 4 of A.Q./23/1 dated 18th. Feb. 1946, we forward return of the explosives sold during the month of April.

sgd. for the Minister

MINISTRY OF WAR
ARTILLERY AND MOTOR. GENERAL DIRECTION
STORES OFFICE

DATE	BLACK POWDER	QUANTITY	DEPOT	HANDED TO	PURPOSE
April 46	Mixed Balistite	1000 kg.	Artillery Dir. of Messina	Firm Vitali Domenico	Constructions
April 46	Black Powder	25 kg.	Artil. Cdo. of Military HQ Torino	Alessandria District	Soliting tree trunks

sgd. for the Minister

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13/5/46

Subject : Allied Ammunition - Disposal.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.T.A.)
ROMA.
Tel. 478103

Q. 134

11 May 46

TO : 3 District.

See 32

1. Attached list refers to British and American ammunition stored at the depots specified under Italian Army control.

2. May disposal instructions for these munitions please be issued.

BRITISH AMMO

- Group of Ammo. Depots ROVES - CERATI (Cuneo).

Aerial Bombs 500 lbs. without helm

" " 1000 lbs.

Trinitrotoluene conical detonators gr. 40

Shells for mortar m/m 50 (various types)

Rocket bombs m/m 54 short with cylindrical helm (various types)

" " m/m 59 long with winged helm (various types)

Shell for mortar m/m 60 various types with 41 propelling charges, incomplete)

Rocket bombs m/m 59 long with cylindrical helm

Shell for mortar m/m 61 small capacity various types (propelling charges)

Shells for mortar 81m/m large capacity various types, incomplete, propelling charges)

Rocket bombs 90 with cylindrical helm various types

- Group of Ammo. Depots SAVONA - ALBA.

150 m/m Shells with fuzes complete

Mortar shells 81 mm. small capacity, fuzed,

105 m/m Shells fuzed

AT-4 9/4.1. shells

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3

1700

218

72

236

220

183

620

51

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30

244

150

240

554

BRITISH AMMO- Group of Ammo. Depots BOVES - CERATTI (Cuneo).

Aerial Bombs 500 lbs. without helm	38
" " 1000 lbs.	3
Trinitrotoluene conical detonators 8x.40	1700
Shells for mortar m/m 50 (various types)	213
Rocket bombs m/m 54 short with cylindrical helm	72
" " m/m 59 long with winged helm (various types)	236
Shell for mortar m/m 60 various types with 41 propelling charges, incomplete	220
Rocket bombs m/m 59 long with cylindrical helm	183
Shell for mortar m/m 81 small capacity various types (propelling charges)	620
Shells for mortar 81m/m large capacity various types, incomplete, propelling charges	51
Rocket bombs 90 with cylindrical helm various types	118683

- Group of Ammo. Depots SAVONA - ALBERE.

150 m/m Shells with fuses complete	30
Mortar shells 81 mm., small capacity, fused,	244
105 m/m Shells fused	150
AT= M 9/A.I. shells	240
Mortar bombs 50 m/m with fuse	554
81 Bombs, large capacity, fused	86
" "	36
Various type bombs for mortar	100
Rocket HEATH 5 A 3	90

- Group of Ammo. Depots GIOVO - LIGURE.

Mortar bombs 60 m/m	3
Fuzes 75/H and 105/H	13

Group of Ammo. Depot of SAINCORE (Toscano).

Hand grenades for signalling	8
Bomb for Mortar 81 m/m	154

BRITISH AMMO

- Ammo. Depot of GENGIO (SAVONA).

Grenades 152/13 with fuze (inefficient)

179

AMERICAN AMMO

-Group of Ammo. Depot of SALVONE (Tossano).

Hand grenades

Signalling grenades

Incendiary circular grenades

Cartridge bags 75 m/m with fuze

" " 75 a. piercing,

" " 75 with fuze

" " 76 a.p.

Shells 57 m/m with fuze

" 57 a. piercing

" 75 with fuze

" 75 a.p.

" 105 with fuze

" 105 a.p.

" 155

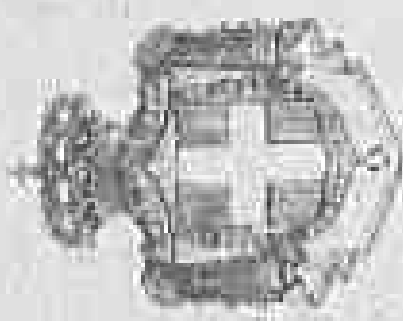
Aerial bombs = 1 small, 1 medium, 1 big 3

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- Ammo. Depot of GENGIO (SAVONA).

Cotton ribbon for MG. with 250 cartridges, labelled "THE BUSSEL".

SpB
D. W. 11195,
Major Inniske
for Major General
W. H. L. L.



Ministero della Guerra

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELL'ARTIGLERIA E
LOTTA ANTIAEREA

Divisione Artiglieria
Ind. 33124/67

OGGETTO

Materiale di ricambio inglese.

Risposta al Tg. del
Dir.

See 35

Alle LORO UFFICIE SUB COORDINATA

del Gen. (Artiglieria)

30.1.46

229A

For such decisions as your Mission considers best, we would inform you that the following ammunition (English) which has been collected in the area of the communes of Angio, Nettuno, Opulidia, Calerna, is stored in the depot of the 1st. Arty. Research Center.

Calibre

Quantita

Art. Various shells

Phosphorus bombs with primer

Shells Various without rim and primer

Smoke shells without rim and primer

Various shells without rim and fuel

Shells without fuel

45 mortar bombs.

Bombe per mortale 45

Shells without fuel

45 mortar bombs.

Bombe per mortale 45

Shells without fuel

45 mortar bombs.

Bombe per mortale 45

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2. II MINISTRO AQ131

(E.O. 12065)

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TRANSLATION

FROM: M.O.F. N.
TO : MMIA

REF : 35117/6788
DATE: 10/3/46

SUBJECT: Salvaged Allied Ammo. as at 31/3/46.

The u/m Allied ammo. was reported by Arty Directorate of Florence to be classified as being in bad state of conservation.

This is forwarded to you for whatever decisions you deem necessary to take on the matter:

British ammo:

- Aerial bombs 12 Kilos	n° 99
- " " 100 Lbs	" 18
- " " 250 "	" 221
- " " 500 "	" 154
- " " 1000 "	" 43
- Air-torpedoes 20 "	" 66
- " " 90 "	" 3

Caliber

- 50 - bombs for mortars	" 647
- 52 - " " "	" 300
- 81 - " " " with fuze	" 6296
- 81 - " " " without fuze	" 219
- 81 - " " " phosphorous	" 85
- 106 - " " " with fuze	" 3504
- 106 - " " " phosphorous	" 1130
- 106 - " " " smoke generating	" 511
- 106 - " " " A.E. with fuze	" 872
- 55 - incendiary grenades with fuze	" 8
- 55 - a.piercing grenades	" 6
- 75 - cartridge bags smoke generating	" 332
- 75 - grenades	" 20
- 76 - tracing grenades	" 177
- 76 - grenades	" 22
- 88 - grenades with fuze	" 5493
- 88 - smoke generating grenades	" 1285
- 90 - a.piercing, tracing grenades	" 172
- 115 - smoke generating grenades	" 43
- 140 - grenades	" 1888

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- 183 - grenades

N° 176

American Ammo:- caliber

- 75 -	charged grenades with fuze and without band	n°	162
- 105 -	" " " " " "	"	726
- 105 -	" " without " " " "	"	102

French Ammo:

- 81 - cast iron bombs for mortars

n° 1890

sgt. Properzi
Gen.

1192

Subject : Allied Ammunition - Disposal.

LAND FORCES SUB COM.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROMX.
Tel. 478103

O . 131

10 May 46

TO : 3 District.

See 34

1. The Italian Ministry of War reports that the following items of British ammunition are located at the depot of the Artillery Directorate, TARANTO.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Condition</u>	<u>Qty</u>
Grenade, Antitank, ST.1.	Bad	118
Fuses, grenade, contact.	Poor	378

2. Will you please give disposal instructions for these items.

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

EWB/lm

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TRANSLATION

FROM : MINISTRY OF WAR
TO : M.M.I.A.

REF : 31939/6408

DATE : 7 May 1946

SUBJECT : Allied Ammunition.-

On the 24/4/1946 the under mentioned a munition of allied origin was found to be lying at the Artillery Direction of Taranto :

- Antitank grenades STI British No.118 in bad condition
- Contact fuse grenades British No.378 in poor condition

The above is communicated to your Commission for the decision as to disposal of this Ammo.

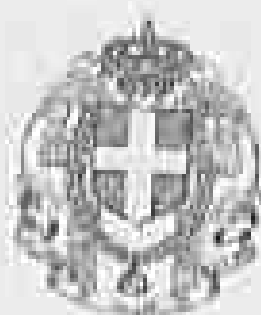
for the Minister
sgd.Gen.P.G.Properzj

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TO : M.M.I.A.	
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Ministero della Guerra

DIREZIONE GENERALE ARTIGLIERIA

e RICOPIAZIONE

Divisione A.M.C. / 1^a M.

Reg. 132715/6 M. 1

Roma 6 MAG. 1946

Al. 1^a Leg. M. 1^a Sub.
Commissione I.C. (M. 1^a L.A.)

Responsabile del
Dir. 1^a M.

Oggetto: Minigionamento alleato proveniente
da ricupero.

Salvato d'Art. 1^a M.

Per le decisioni di codesta Commissione
si invia l'elenco del materiale di ricupero,
segnalato giacente presso la Direzione di Arti-
glieria di Bologna, alla data del 8/4/1946.

*For the decisions of your Mission we
forward a list of salvaged material held
by the Bologna Artillery Directorate at*

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

8-4-46

Gen. U. Russo

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SALVAGED ALLIED AMMO.

stored at Bologna Arty Directorate as at 8/4/46.

AMERICAN AMMO.

Cartridge bags 75 with fuze	n°	30
Shells 88 charged with fuze	"	21
" 105 " " "	"	321
" 105 " without fuze	"	3
Mortar bombs 60 m/m with fuze	"	676
" " 60 m/m electric	"	33
" " 81 m/m with fuze	"	6
Fuzes for aerial bombs	"	10

BRITISH AMMO.

Ordinary cartridge bag 75 m/m with fuze and primer	"	3
Case shot 75 m/m charged	"	11
Ordinary shells 75 with fuze	"	32
A. piercing shells 75 charged with fuze and with rotating band	"	99
Shells 105 a.p. with fuze	"	3
Ordinary shells 105 charged with fuze	"	8
Fuze for shells	"	70
Mortar bombs 42 m/m charged	"	66
" " 60 m/m with fuze	"	42
" " 81 m/m " "	"	489

FRENCH AMMO.

105 shells without fuze	"	58
120 " charged	"	44
152 " without fuze	"	128
Fuzes, various types	"	500

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Ministero della Guerra
DIREZIONE GENERALE ARTIGLIERIA
e Motorizzazioni

Divisione *Artiglieria*
Pret. *B2716/6* *Allegato 1*

Oggetto: Munizionamento estero proveniente
da recupero.

Roma 6 MAG 1946

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All. 1a L. M. FORCES SUB
COMMISSIONE A. S. (MIA)

R. C. E.

Reparto di del.

Dir. *Pa* *N°*

For the decisions of your mission, we
forward a list of salvaged Allied ammo,
held by the Bologna Artillery Directorate
on 8-3-46.
into existence presso la Direzione di Arti-
gliaeria di Bologna, alla data dell'8/3/46

IN	AT
<i>Indirizzo 1230</i>	
<i>99</i>	<i>data 9/5</i>
OUT	<i>Time 1230</i>
	<i>Data 3/5</i>

F. IL MINISTRO
(F. G. PROPERTI)

Don U. Russo

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Q 10	☐
Q 11	☐
Q 12	☐
Q 13	☐
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SALVAGED ALLIED AMMO.

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American ammo.

Cartridge bags 37 m/m charged with fuze	n°	371
" " 37 m/m " " "	"	28
" " 75 m/m " " "	"	320
" " 76 m/m " " "a. piercing	"	63
" " 105 m/m " " "	"	30
Ordinary shells 37 m/m charged with fuze	"	80
Shells 75 m/m charged with fuze	"	3265
" 76 m/m " " "	"	10
" 68 " " " "	"	48
" 105 " " " "	"	298
" 152 " without fuze	"	4
Bombs for mortar 60 m/m charged with fuze	"	1920
" " 61 m/m " " "	"	1090
Various bombs for mortar	"	1160
Various mines charged	"	7
Fuzes for aerial bombs	"	120
Aerial bombs small cal.	"	24
Aerial torpedoes small cal.	"	61
" bombs medium "	"	12
" " 250 kilos	"	2
" " big cal.	"	2

British ammo.

Antitank cartridge bags 37 m/m	"	820
Cartridge bags 47 m/m charged with fuze	"	50
a. piercing shells 50 m/m "	"	10
Ordinary shells 75 m/m charged with fuze	"	267
" " 68 m/m " " "	"	507
Shells 135 m/m charged inefficient	"	2
" 152 m/m " without fuze	"	4
" 180 m/m " " "	"	1
Mortar bombs 42 m/m charged with fuze	"	10
" " 47 m/m " "	"	280
" " 60 m/m " with fuze	"	5
" " 61 m/m " " "	"	75
Aerial bombs, 500 Kilos, unexploded	1136	1
" " medium cal.	"	11

French ammo.

Shells 75 charged with fuze	"	423
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Shells 100 charged without fuze

" 149 " " "

" 152 " " "

" 220 " " "

Fuzes various types

no 44

" 350

" 259

" 100

" 150

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(29)
Subject : Disposal of Ammunition.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.E.I.A.) ROME.
Tel. 478103

Q . 131 6 May 46

TO : Ministry of War.

Ref your 23888/4878 of 4 April 46.

The Allied ammunition located at the Italian Artillery Experimental Centre NETTUNO is not required by the Allied Forces. It will therefore be appreciated if you will assume responsibility for disposal.

(Authy 3 Dist. letter 084/4002(186) of 3 May 46.)

Get Bradley. Blaps.
E.W. BRADLEY,
Major Inniske
for Major General
M.E.I.A.

Copy to : 8 B.L.U. ROME.

EWB/lm

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Subject:- Disposal of Amn

3 District
Tel Ext 82
OS4/4002(186)

3 May 46

Land Forces Sub-Commission AC
M.M.I.A.

Ref your Q 131 of 10 Apr 46.

1. The amn located at the Italian Artillery Experimental Centre, NETTUNO, is not required by Allied Forces. It will therefore be appreciated if the Italian War Ministry will assume responsibility for disposal.
2. Will your HQ please supervise disposal to the extent of supplying any technical advice required by Italian authorities ?.

H/lp

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6 MAY 1946

W.W. Heselbine
Capt for Lt Col
ADCS
(W.W. HESSELBINE)

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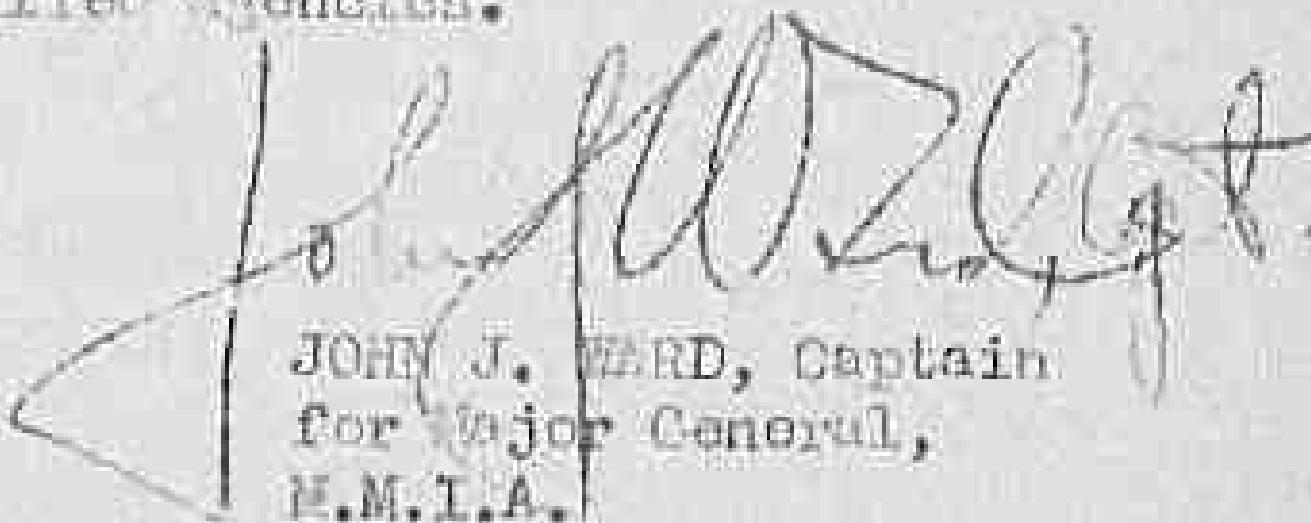
SUBJECT :- Clearing, lifting & recovering explosives

Land Forces Sub Commission AC.,
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
G. 131
/ May 1946

TO : Minister for War

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

- 1.- Civilian Firms, which conducted battlefield salvage under U.S. Army contracts in effect prior to 28 February 1946 should be allowed to retain materials of ammunition and components collected under said contracts, unless otherwise provided under existing Italian laws, which are applicable to all Italian nationals notwithstanding any contracts made by such nationals with Allied agencies.


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

Copy to : HQ. FBS.
APO 782 U.S. Army
(Your IG 471 BFORD of 18 April 1946, subject:
Collection of Abandoned Ammunition refers)
List "A"
List "B"

1182

25AT

TRANSLATION

FROM : M. of W.
TO : M.N.I.A.

REF: 30131/5768
DATE: 27/4/46

SUBJECT: Allied Salvage Ammo.

TO SEE	
A/Q	/
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Q 1	/
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We enclose, for your decisions, the list of British and American Salvage Ammo., as notified by Genova Mil. Terr. HQ. as at 1st April 1946.

BRITISH AMMO

SEE 30

- Group of Ammo. Depots BOVES - Cerati (Cuneo).

Aerial Bombs 500 lbs. without helm	38
" " 1000 lbs.	3
Trinitrotoluene conical detonators gr. 40	1700
Shells for mortar m/m 50 (various types)	218
Rocket bombs m/m 54 short with cylindrical helm	
(various types)	72
" " m/m 59 long with winged helm (various types)	1236
Shell for mortar m/m 60 various types with 41 propelling	
(charges, incomplete)	220
Rocket bombs m/m 59 long with cylindrical helm	183
Shell for mortar m/m 81 small capacity various types	
(propelling charges).	620
Shells for mortar 81 m/m large capacity various types,	
incomplete, propelling charges)	51
Rocket bombs 90 with cylindrical helm various types	283

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- Group of Ammo. Depots Savona - Altare.

150 m/m Shells with fuzes complete	30
Mortar shells 81 mm., small capacity, fuze,	244
105 m/m Shells fuze	150
AT = M 9/A. 1. shells	240
Mortar bombs 60 m/m with fuze	554
81 Bombs, large capacity, fuze	86
81 "	36
Various type bombs for mortar	100
Rocket HEATM 6 A. 3	80

- Group of Ammo. Depots Giovo -Ligure.

Mortar bombs 60 m/m	3
Fuzes 75/H and 105/H	13

- Group of Ammo. Depot of Salmore (Fossano)

Hand grenades for signalling	8
Bomb for Mortars 81 m/m	154

- Ammo. Depot of Cengio (Savona).

Grenades 152/13 with fuze (inefficient)	179
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AMERICAN AMMO.

- Group of Ammo. Depot of Salmore (Fossano).

Hand grenades	26
Signalling grenades	58
Incendiary circular grenades	50
Cartridge bags 75 m/m with fuze	472
" " 75 a. piercing,	243
" " 76 with fuze	32
" " 76 a.p.	6
Shells 57 m/m with fuze	1
" 57 a.piercing	6
" 75 with fuze	20
" 75 a.p.	35
" 105 with fuze	1450
" 105 a.p.	24
" 155	1

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Aerial bombs = 1 small, 1 medium, 1 big 3

Ammo. Depot of Cengio (Savone).

Cotton ribbon for M.M.G. with 250 cartridges, labelled "THE BUSSEL".

PROPERZI
Gen.

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Subject : Sale of Artillery to the SIDOR firm at MILAN.

(25)

LAND FORCES SUP COMD. AG.
(M.E.I.A.) ROME.
Tel. 478193

Q. 131

27 April 46

To : Ministry of War.

Ref your 23737/4367 of the 3 April 46.

1. The A.C. Contract for the collection of scrap by the above named firm was terminated on 12 Jan 46.
2. SIDOR agrees to hand back the guns quoted in your letter (ref. above) in exchange for other scrap.
3. You should now deal directly with the SIDOR firm to obtain possession of these guns.

E.W. Brantley
E.W. BRANTLEY,
Major Innicks
for Major General
M.E.I.A.

Copy to : AG. (for Executive Commissioner).

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EWB/lm

ECONOMIC SECTION

Date 23 APR 1946

Fr	To	Fr	To
Acting Vice President		Chief Commissioner	
Deputy Vice President		Executive Commissioner	
Chief Staff Officer		Civil Affairs Section	
Adm. Correspondence		Establishments Section	
Adm. Pers. Officer		G-1 (A)	
Message Center		G-1 (B)	
Sup. Op. VC/Office			
C. & A. Br.			
Food & Agriculture Br.			
Ind. Utilities Br.			
Tr. & Shipping Br.			
Finance Br.			
Commerce Br.			
For appropriate action		Information	
Please see me		Investigation & Report	
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Circulation & return		File	
Signature		Concurrence	

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Please use Routing & Work Sheet for comments.

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A Q 131

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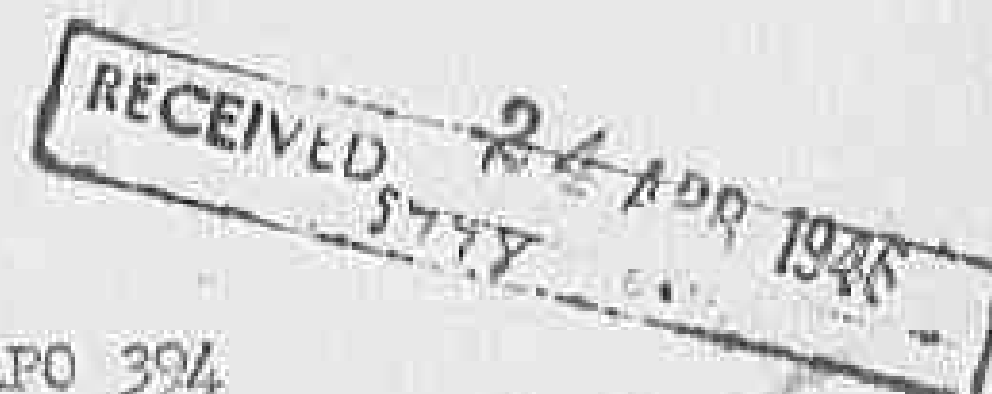
HEADQUARTERS
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
APO 782 U.S. ARMY

FROM
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AG 471 BFORD

APR 18 1946

SUBJECT: Collection of Abandoned Ammunition



TO: Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO 394

1. Reference is made to MTOUSA cable G25926 dated 26 February 1946, which prohibits granting or continuance of contracts or agreements whereby civilian concerns may engage in the collection of abandoned ammunition.

2. Upon receipt of reference cable, this headquarters terminated the authority which had been extended Polverifici Giovanni Stacchini, of 256 Via Cavour, Rome, by letter this headquarters, dated 13 December 1945. Consequently, said concern immediately suspended all such collection activity.

3. It is believed that Polverifici Giovanni Stacchini should be allowed to possess and dispose of any and all materials of ammunition and components collected under terms of the letter referred to in paragraph 2, prior to the effective date of cancellation of that letter's authority on 28 February 1946.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:


GORDON W. GILLIAM
Captain A.C.D.
Assistant Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

Ref: ES/1.40

9 April 1946

SUBJECT: Letter of transmittal

TO : Lt. Col. M.C. Dorney - Chief Ammunition Div.
Ordnance Section Hq. P.B.S. APO 782 U.S. Army

Tel. 390

1. Reference our conversation of this morning, I am returning the attached correspondence to your office.

FOR THE ACTING VICE PRESIDENT:

Norman R. Smith
NORMAN R. SMITH
Major AGO
Chief Staff Officer

Encl: Letter from P.B.S.

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HEADQUARTERS
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
APO 782 U.S. ARMY

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FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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ACM/CEM/45-I

APR 181600 D

FROM C E M ALCON MILAN SIGNED AUDAS
TO HQ ALCON ROME FOR ~~XXXXX~~ DUNLOP

UNCLASSIFIED.

Ref your 2571 date 17th April.

Consider & sider contract terminated 12 January 46 on agreement with Italian Government ARAR to whom all battlefield scrap then passed ARAR agreed sider receive part collected scrap in payment for collection expenses therefore sider dumps as per ACM 45/I/484 dx dated 15th January 46 release to sider as reimbursement dump included German & Italian wrecked ACK ACK guns no required by military mission Italian army. Sider agrees to hand over in exchange for other x scraps copy of campsider contract and relevant correspondence follows

H/2172

APR 190900 B

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REF AME CHARLES SIGNATURE OF TRAPONE CONTRACT WITH FORM LITER VIA AIRMAIL
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SIX PD SIX ONE FIVE AME SIGNATURE OF THIS CONTRACT PD NO COPY
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PLEASE INSTRUCT BLANK AT ABOVE ADDRESS THAT CONTRACT IN QUESTION BEING
FINAL DECISION OF ACTING CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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I Q 126

Copy to: --Land Forces S/C (LMA) --
(Your Q 126 of 11 April 46 refers).

ROUTED

Office of the Acting Chief Commr

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TRANSLATION

FROM: M. of W.
TO : MMIA

REF: 25325/GM
DATE: 17/4/46

SUBJECT: Sale of explosives to private industry.

*Copy
8/4
if necessary*
With reference to para 4 of ~~the~~ letter
AQ/23/1 dated 18/2/45, we enclose the return showing the
explosives sold during March.

sgd. Properzi
Gen.

20/4/46
H/C
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A Q131

Ministry of War
Arty. General Directorate

Date	Materials	Quantity	Depot	To which consigned	For what purpose
March 1945	Ballistite	Kg. 20	Arty. Directo rate- Verona	Commun of Velo Veronese	Manufacture of mi- nes for road works
" "	Detonating ruze(type 8)	Nº 30	"	"	"
" "	Slow combu- stion cord	m. 50	"	"	"

sgd. Properzi
Gen.

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SUBJECT: Disposal of Chemical Warfare Stores

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
Q/135
17 April 1946

TO : Ministry of War

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1. Reference General Artillery Directorate letter
26214/5223 of 11 April 1946.

2. Authority for the destruction at sea of the
chemical warfare material mentioned in your letter under
reference has now been given in this headquarters letter
Q 135 of 16 April 1946, subject "Chemical Warfare Materials
of Italian Origin".

John J. Ward
JOHN J. WARD,
for Major General
MMIA

John J. Ward
Copy to: Q 131—

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RECEIVED

18 APR 1946

Subject:- Disposal of Ammunition3 District
Tel Ext 117
OS4/4002(168)

16 Apr 46

Land Forces Sub-Commission AC MELA

DOS GHQ CWP (ORD 4)

Ref your Q 131 of 10 Apr 46 addressed to AFHQ.

1. Since many of ^{the} natures listed in the Appx to your a/q letter cannot be identified from the description, it will be necessary to arrange inspection before disposal instructions can be given. Will you please give location details and map reference of the Italian Artillery Experimental Centre, NETTUNO ?.

2. All locations of amm for disposal should be referred to ADOS this HQ and not to GHQ or AFHQ. It will be appreciated if this channel of reporting is used as requested in my OS4/4002(148) of 21 Mar 46.

Particular given
on phone
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John 107A on 1st Feb 46
W.W. Hezelme
Capt for Lt Col 8
ADOS

(W.W. HEZELME)

A Q131

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TRANSLATION

FROM: M.of W.
TO : M.M.I.A.

REF: 29214/5223
DATE: 11/4/46

SUBJECT: Sale of explosive charges, etc.

File NA on 515

Further to letter 2727/455 dated 11/1/46, we would inform you that the Depots under our command, have informed us of the increasing deterioration of the explosive charges, etc., which are a danger both to the Depots' personnel and to the civilian population.

We beg you, therefore, to inform us - as is requested with a/m letter - if this Ministry can proceed with the sale to private industry for reconstruction, or with destroying the explosive charges in question.

sgd. Campagna
Col.

A 9131

13/4/46
1167

Subject : SALE and DESTRUCTION of ITALIAN ARTILLERY.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.N.I.A.)
ROME.
Tel. 478103

Q . 126

11 April 1946

TO : A.C. (for Executive Commissioner).

1. The Ministry of War have reported that the firm SIDER of Via Appiani 32, MILAN, have destroyed qty. 20 guns calibre 88/55 which were located in the factory area at AGRATE, BOLZANO.

2. The same firm also have in their possession, at the places stated below, the following artillery :-

Camp. No.		Qty.
3	(CANDRIALI) 88/63 guns.	16
"	9 (COSTA di COGNOLA) "	16
"	10 (MARTIGNANO) "	8
"	38 (CASTELROTTO) "	2
"	38 (") Italian 9/53 guns.	10.

3. The Italian Ministry of War has appealed to this Sub-Commission to approach the Executive Commissioner with a view to obtaining the cancellation of the A.C. contract disposing of these weapons to SIDER (A.C. MILAN N/COM. 45 1/404 of 15 Jan 46). The Ministry of War claim all these guns as Italian Government property stating that they were purchased either from GERMANY prior to the Armistice or are of Italian manufacture (in the case of the 90/53 guns).

4. May this contract please be cancelled and the guns restored to the Italian military authorities, pending a decision by the Combined Chiefs of Staff on the future arming of the Italian Artillery, in view of GHQ letter DSD/866/1 of 14 May 46 (copy 1166)

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2. The same firm also have in their possession, at the places stated below, the following artillery :-

Camp. No.		Qty.
8	(CANDRIALI) 88/65 guns.	16
" 9	(COSTA di COGNOLA) "	16
" 10	(MARTIGNANO) "	8
" 38	(CASTELNOTTO) "	2
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Copy to : G(SD)
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SEE 230
P. 1166
Major General
H.M.I.A.

TRANSLATION

FROM: M. of W.
 TO : M.M.I.A. (for info)
 (Ref. letter Q/131 dated 4/3/46)

REF: 22414 - 7.4.7
 DATE: 10/4/46

SUBJECT: Ammo and materials stored at Vulcania Society.

Further to letter 38298 dated 1/10/45 of
 your Ministry.

- 1 - MMIA has authorised the transfer of ammo and materials stored at Vulcania Society premises to Detached Section Arty of Brescia
- 2 - We order that Detached Section Arty of Brescia provide for withdrawing a/m ammo and materials, which are those shown in the list enclosed with the letter Ar/ch dated 14/7/45 of Vulcania Society.
- 3 - On completion of withdrawal your Detached Section will send to this Ministry the precise list of materials withdrawn, which list will be sent by this Ministry to M.M.I.A.
- 4 - Use the collaboration of the Brescia Detached Office of liquidations (M. of W.).

sgd.

Russo
Gen.

See 536
 9/23/46

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 12/1/46
 See 1165

TRANSLATION

FROM : M. of W.

REF: 22418
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TO : M.M.I.A.

DATE: 10/4/46

*Q131 of 4 mar
report*

SUBJECT: Ammo and materials existing at Vulcania Society
of Brescia.

With another letter, forwarded separately
to your M.M.I.A. for info, we have given
instructions for the withdrawal of the a/m
ammo and materials.
On completion ^{of the withdrawal} the list requested will be
forwarded.

Q131

Sgd. RUSSO
Gen.

1164

12/4/46

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SUBJECT:- British and American Ammunition.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Tel. No. 489081 Ext. 407

→ C.131

10 April 1946

TO : A.F.H.Q.

See 76

1. The Italian War Ministry have informed this H.Q. that British and American ammunition, as shown in the attached Appendix, is located at the Italian Artillery Experimental Centre, BRITFIO.
2. The War Ministry are prepared to dispose of this ammunition provided they receive the necessary authority.
3. May disposal instructions please be issued.

Ch. Bradley Major

M.W. BRADLEY,
Major, British,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to:- S.B.I.S.,
Ministry of War (year 23888/4578 of 4 Apr 46 refers), 1163

HQ/ex

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Allied Ammo. stored at 1st Research Arty Centre of Nettuno

American

- Shells 75' burst on impact without rim, loaded, n°	6
- Cartridge bags, 75 m/m, with percussion fuze, loaded, n°	7
- " " 75 m/m, without rim, with percussion fuze,	" 4
- Shells 240 m/m, without rim, and without fuze,	" 7
- " 203 m/m, " " " " " "	" 3
- " 75 m/m, " " with percussion fuze,	" 630
- " 90 m/m, " " time fuze,	" 24
- " 75 m/m, " " and without fuze,	" 152
- " 75 m/m, with rim, and double-effect fuze,	" 13
- " 75 m/m, without rim, and " " "	" 68
- " 75 m/m, " " percussion fuze,	" 395
- " 105 m/m, " " without percussion fuze,	323
- " 90 m/m, with rim and time fuze,	n° 52
- " M 9 A.1. loaded,	" 383
- " 37 G mod 54, loaded, with fuze,	" 112
- " 105, loaded, with percussion fuze,	" 65
- " 105 m/m, loaded, with double-effect fuze,	" 89
- " 81, full charge, loaded, with fuze,	" 1229
- " 60 m/m, loaded, with fuze,	" 1297
- " 40/60, Bofors, loaded, with fuze,	" 45
- " 75 loaded with percussion fuze	" 100
- " 81, small charge, loaded, with fuze,	" 1049
- " 155 m/m, loaded, without fuze,	" 30
- Rockets, M6A1, loaded,	" 9
- Perforating shells, 75 m/m, loaded,	" 63
- " " 105, burst on impact, loaded,	" 39
- Shells, 105 m/m, loaded, with time fuze,	" 2
- " 105 m/m, " without rim, and with double effect fuze,	1162
- Shells 155, m/m, without rim, and double effect fuze,	" 1278
- " 105 loaded, with fuze,	" 255

English

- Shells 120 m/m, loaded, with fuze,	n° 66
- " 140, without rim, and without fuze,	" 2
- " 88 " " " " "	" 1978
- " 88 " " " with fuze,	" 200
- " 88, smoke, without rim, and without fuze,	" 500
- " 81, loaded with phosphor, with fuze,	" 3157
- Aerial bombs, 500 pounds,	" 3

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- Shells 88, loaded, without fuze.	n ^o	2
- " 88, without rim, and without fuze.	"	43

French

- Shells 155, long, loaded, without fuze.	n ^o	555
- " 155/14, loaded, without fuze.	"	281
- " 75, loaded, without fuze.	"	110
- " 75, taped, loaded, without fuze.	"	110
- " 75/5I, loaded, without fuze.	"	48
- Cartridge bags 75/5I, loaded, without fuze.	"	14

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SUBJECT: Disposition of American Ammunition
in BOLOGNA Artillery Directorate.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.O.,
 M.M.I.A.

R G N E

Q.132

8 April 1946

TO : Ministry of War

1. Reference is made to General Artillery Directorate letters 1479/1571 of 25 January 46 and 15926/2837 of 2 March 46.
2. Authority has been granted by HQ, P.B.S. for American ammunition listed in your above mentioned letters to be disposed of by the Italian Ministry of War.
3. HQ, P.B.S. in granting this authority require that immediate action be taken to destroy or demilitarize this ammunition.

[Signature]
 S. W. Bittaker,
 Major General,
 for Major General,
 M.M.I.A.

Copy to: 6 B.L.U. (our Q.131 of 6 Feb 46).

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Translation

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

Ref. 23888/4878

Date 4/4/46. 167

Subject Allied Ammunition. SA 27

The allied ammunition referred to in the attached list is at the Nettuno Artillery Experimental Centre, which we report to your mission for any action they may think to take on the matter.

DAK

P.G. Properzj.

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A 9131

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SEE 18-

Translation

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

Ref. I9I30/4048
Date 4/4/46.

Subject Transfer of Ammunition from Depots on the Outskirts
of Genoa.

Reference letter Q/I3I dated 8/2/46 and further to letter I3597/2030 dated 21/2/46 from our ministry informing you that the Italian and foreign ammunition reported in letter 56718/437 dated 17/1/1946 has been cleared from the Rivalta Scrivia, Salmour and Occimiano depots, with the exception of the 95 tons of French ammunition which, as reported in letter 8515/1184 dated 1/2/46 has been withdrawn by the French Naval Delegation at Genoa and taken to France.

DAK

P.G. Properzj.

A Q131

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- granate da 75 senza corona con spol. a percuss.	630
- granate da 90 senza corona con spol. a tempo	24
- granate da 75 senza corona e senza spoletta	152
- granate da 75 con corona e spoletta a d.e.	13
- " " " " " " " "	68
- " " " " " " a percuss.	395
- " " " " " " senza spoletta	323
- " " " " " " senza spoletta a tempo	52
- " M.9.A.I. cariche	383
- da 37 G. mod. 54 cariche con spoletta	112
- " 105 cariche con spoletta a percuss.	65
- " 105 " " a d.e.	89
- bombe da 81 a grande capacità amer. cariche con spoletta	1.229
- bombe da mm. 50 cariche con spoletta	1.297
- granate da 40/50 perfor. cariche con spoletta	45
- granate da 75 cariche con spoletta e percussione	100
- bombe da 81 di p.o. cariche con spoletta	1.049
- granate da 155 cariche senza spoletta	20
- racchette M.6.A.I. cariche	9
- granate perforanti da 75 cariche	63
- granate perforanti da 105 e.p. cariche	39
- granate da 105 cariche con spoletta a tempo	2
- granate da 105 cariche senza corona e con spoletta a d.e.	276
- granate da 155 senza corona e senza spoletta	1.276
- bombe da 105 cariche con spoletta	255

I n f o s e

- bombe da 120 cariche con spoletta	65
- granate da 140 senza corona e senza spoletta	2
- granate da 88 senza corona e senza spoletta	1.978
- granate da 88 senza corona e con spoletta	200
- granate da 88 sncke senza corona e senza spoletta	500
- bombe da 81 cariche a fosforo con spoletta	3.157
- bombe aereo da 500 libbre	3
- granate da 88 cariche senza spoletta	2
- granate da 88 senza corona e senza spoletta	43

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Tracce

- granate da 155 lunghe cariche senza spoletta	535
-- granate da 155/14 cariche senza spoletta	201
- granate da 75 cariche senza spoletta	110
- granate da 75 rastrellate cariche senza spoletta	110
- granate da 75/51 cariche senza spoletta	46
- cartocci granate da 75/51 cariche senza spoletta ...	14

Translation

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

Ref. 23737/4807

Date 3/4/46.

SEE FILE 131 FILE 25

Subject Sale of Artillery to the Sider at Milan.

The Bolzano Artillery HQ has reported that the 'Materie Prime Siderurgiche(Sider) at Milan - Via Appiani N 22 - has destroyed 20 88/55 guns which were in the factory area at Bolzano(Agruzzo locality)

The aforesaid firm asked to prove the legality of the operation carried out has produced a contract drawn up with the HQ Allied Commission W.M.D.Milan Officer on the 15/1/1946, N° A.C.-M/Com 45 I/484 from which it appears that among the stores purchased is included the following artillery;

Camp N 8 (Candriai)	88/55 guns		N	16
" " 9 (Coste di Cognola)	ditto		N	16
" " 10 (Martignano)	"		"	8
" " 38 (Castelrotto)	"		"	2
" " 38 (- ")	Italian 90/53 guns		"	10

We point out that the 88/55 guns are to be considered as Italian property, since properly purchased by the Italian Government in Germany; and in effect the coastal-A.A. defences of the main towns in northern and central Italy were armed with these guns.

We report the above for information, and for any action that your mission may think to take on the matter.

DAK

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P.G. Properzj.EMB
11/4

SEE 20A

P 9131

SEE 25

P. H. H. H.

Subject : Disposal of British Amn

HQ No 2 District CMB

Tel : Milan Auto 12735

To : Director CEM Branch HQ AC,
Industry Sub Commission AC.

CMD/4402

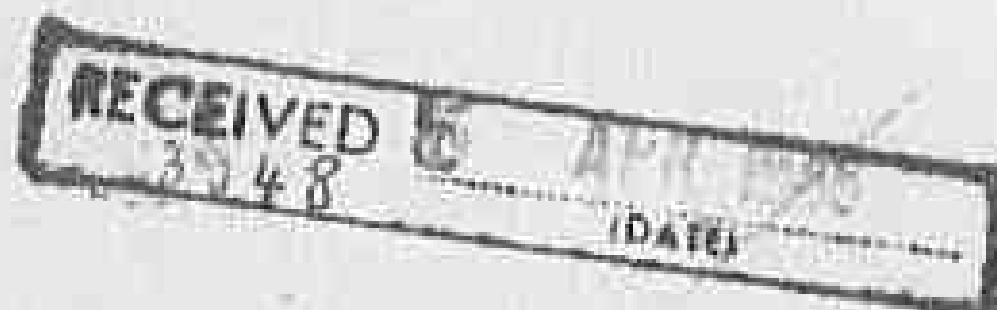
3rd April 46.

1. It has been reported by the Italian Ministry of War that the following British amn is located in the Cernino depot of the Italian Artillery Directorate of Verona.

25 pdr Shell	2082
4.5 in Shell	371

2. As the amn is surplus to British requirements, will you please arrange for it to be handed over to a civilian firm for breaking down.

3. A receipt in duplicate should be rendered to this office, on completion of the transaction.



A. Wright

/AM
Copies : DOS GHI CMB
L.F. Sub Comm AC(MIA) Rome-
your Q131 of 29 Mar refers.
"Q" - your 1019/Q2 of 1 Apr refers.

Captain,
(AF Wright),
for Lt Col. ADOS.

1155

I Q131

SUBJECT: Battlefield Clearance

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M A
Q/131
2 April 1946

TO : Commanding Officer
Peninsular Base Section
APO 782 U.S. Army

1. Further to this Headquarters letter of 18 March 1946, file and subject as above.

2. Battlefield clearance of an emergency nature (e.g. removal of unexploded bombs) can be carried out by the following Italian Army Units located within the territory covered by Peninsular Base Section:

Unit	Location
7th Shell And Bomb Clearance Section	Florence
702nd Detached Artillery Section	Grosseto

Above units are composed of a military cadre and attached civilian labor.

3. Routine battlefield clearance has been entrusted to the following civilian firms, subject to Italian Military supervision:

Firm	Location	Area of Responsibility
Appaltatrice Bertoli	Marina Petrasanta (Lucca)	Lucca, Pistoia & Apuania Province
Soc.An. Immobiliare Appalti	Florence	Arezzo Province
Ing. Ghelardi & Stupenengo	Florence	Florence Province
Vannucci Umberto & Figlio	Florence	Siena & Grosseto Province
Ing. Carlo	Florence	
Soc.An. Manutenzioni & Costruzioni Stradali	Florence	Leghorn Area
Soc. Ezio Loni & Figli	Florence	Pisa Province

JOHN T. WARD, Capt.
for Major General
MMIA

Copy to: 7 BLU

SUBJECT: Fuzes and Detonators for
Bomb Clearance Work.

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

R O M E

Q/131

30 March 1946

TO : Ministry of War.

87A on 1st JULY
1. Reference is made to General Artillery Directorate letter 15697/2675 of 1 March 1946.

2. It has been confirmed that the fuzes and detonators in question are stored, not at Osoppo depot, as reported by 5 Territoriale Command, but at Medeuza depot, as originally reported by MMIA.

3. Osoppo depot has already passed to the control of 5 Territorial Command and we are informed by 5 BLU that Medeuza depot will be handed over to 5 Territorial Command shortly.

4. Upon completion of the handover, you may distribute the fuzes and detonators stored in the depot as you see fit.

[Signature]
JOHN S. WARD
for
Major General
MMIA

Copy to:

5 BLU (your AQ/56/49 of 26 March)
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HEADQUARTERS
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
APO 782

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RECEIVED 1- APR 1946
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AG 471 EFORD

SUBJECT: Disposition of Abandoned Ammunition

TO: Commanding General, Military Mission, Italian Army, APO 394
FOR: Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.

1. Reference is made to your letter dated 6 February 1946, subject, "American Ammunition," copy of which is attached herewith.

2. An Ordnance Officer of this Command has visited the Italian Artillery Directorate at Bologna; his inspection reveals that the American ammunition on hand there is unfit for use. The Italian Colonel in charge of the Artillery Directorate gave assurance that, upon receipt of authority to do so, he would have these stocks destroyed. This headquarters therefore authorizes that all American ammunition in this dump be so destroyed.

3. It is requested that the Italian Ministry of War be instructed to proceed with the destruction of all stocks of American ammunition on hand in the Bologna dump. It is further requested that surveillance be maintained to assure that all such stocks are actually destroyed, to such extent that no further military usefulness remains.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

1 Incl: Ltr, "American Ammo."
(Ref. Par. 1 above)

Gordon W. Gilman
GORDON W. GILMAN
Captain A.G.D.
Assistant Adjutant General

1152/46
Q131

ORDNANCE

Ord

Subject : American Ammunition.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.

M.M.I.A.

R C M E

Q . 131 - 1

6 February 46

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

1. The Italian Ministry of War have informed this H.Q. that the following U.S. Ammunition is located in dumps under the Italian Artillery Directorate at BOLOGNA. They wish to know the U.S. Army wants it to be disposed of.

2. It is requested that you arrange for its disposal in conjunction directly with the Italian Artillery Directorate at Bologna.

Munizionamento Americano :

Cartocci granata	da 37 con spoletta.....	"	30
"	" 74.....	"	552
"	" 75.Perforanti.....	"	25
"	" 75 ordinari.....	"	30
Granate da 75 senza spoletta.....	"	"	25
" 75 con spoletta.....	"	"	30
" 88 "	"	"	1,355
" 100 "	"	"	524
" 105 "	"	"	509
" 149 "	"	"	8
Spolette.....	"	"	80
Bombe per mortaio da 42.....	"	"	100
" " 60.....	"	"	1,710
" " 80.....	"	"	100
" " 81.....	"	"	1,223
" " 90.....	"	"	70

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" " 75 con spoletta....."	30
" " 88 " "....."	1.356
" " 100 " "....."	4
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" " " 81....."	1.223
" " " 90....."	70
" " " 100....."	1.513
" " " 105....."	3
" " " 120....."	8
" " " 122....."	350
Bossoli da 105....."	30
Mine....."	408
Bombe di aereo....."	11

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

Copy to : 6 B.I.U. (for Artillery Directorate, Bologna)
Ministry of War (your 4179/1071/AMC/M of 25 Jan refers)

EWB/lm

Subject : BRITISH AMMUNITION - DISPOSAL.

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

Q . 131

29 March 1946

TO : 2 District.
Info : 4 B.L.U. BOLZANO.

1. The Italian Ministry of War have notified this H.Q. that the following artillery ammunition of British origin is stored in the CERAINO depot of the Italian Artillery Directorate of VERONA.

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
88m.m unfused(probably 25 pdr.ammo)	2082
120m.m unfused(probably 4.7 A.A. ammo)	371

2. May disposal instructions for this ammunition please be given.

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

EWB/lm

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Translation

From M. of W.

To M.M.I.A.

Ref. 19601

1780

Date 27/3/46.

(97)

H.W. 2 April 46

Subject Clearing, Removal and Recovery of Explosives.

- 1 - Reference letter Q/131 dated 18/3/46.
- 2 - In the territory under the jurisdiction of the 7° Mil. Terr. HQ (Florence) the clearing of explosive devices of an urgent nature is being carried out by the 7° and 702° Bomb and Shell disposal sections (units made up of military personnel and civilians) assigned by the S.M.R.E. to the Dir. of Art. at Florence and the Detached Art. Section at Grosseto.
- 3 - The methodical clearing and recovery of war materials left in the a/m territory is instead in charge of the u/m firms, under the control of the Military Administration.
- | | |
|---|---|
| - Soc Appaltatrice BERTOLI
Viale Morin 24
<u>Marina Pietrasanta (Lucca)</u> | Province of Apuania area
(1155 Km) |
| - Soc. An. Immobiliare Appalti
Via Roma 3 <u>Florence</u> | Province of Arezzo area
(3201 Sq Km) |
| - Ditta Ing. GHELARDI + STUPENEGO
Via Roma 4 <u>Florence</u> | Province of Florence area
(3879 Sq. Km) |
| - Ditta VANNUCCI Umberto +
Figlio Ing. Carlo
Via Pagnini 10 <u>Florence</u> | Province of Grosseto area
(4500 Sq. Km) |

P.T.O. A Q131

29.3.46 R2

Dir. Gen. Art. and M.T.
sheet

- Soc. An S/A.M.A.C.O.S.
Manutenzioni e Costruzioni
Stradali
Via Martelli 5 Florence

Province of Leghorn area
(1219 Sq.Km.)

- Soc. Appaltatrice BERTOLI
Viale Morin 24
Marina Pietrasanta (Lucca)

Province of Lucca area
(1775 Sq.Km)

- Soc. Ezio Loni e figli
Via Pippo Spano 8 Florence

Province of Pisa area
(2440 Sq.Km)

- Soc. Appaltatrice BERTOLI
Viale Morin 24
Marina Pietrasanta (Lucca)

Province of Pistoia area
(952 Sq.Km)

- Ditta VANNUCCI Umberto
Figlio Ing. Carlo
Via Pagnini 10 Florence

Province of Siena area
(3820 Sq.Km)

DAK

P.G. Properzj.

Translation

From M. of W.

Ref. 207895/II

To N.M.I.A.

Date 26/3/46.

81

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

The Mil. Terr. at Bolzano has reported that allied squads -
in charge of enemy artillery demolition - have destroyed, during the
last few days, 6 90/53 Italian static guns, modern artillery which
could be usefully employed by the Italian army.

Since previous instructions communicated by your mission
do not lay down - at least for the time being - the demolition of
Italian artillery, I ask you to kindly consider the advisability of
avoiding that the a/m work of destruction continues in the future.

DAK

(XXXXXXXXXX)

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See (15)

NA RAG

1148

A 131

27 3 46

SUBJECT: - Fuzes and Detonators for Bomb Clearance Work.

5 British Liaison Unit
C.M.F.

A2/56/49

26 Mar 49

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

Ref your Q 131 of 22 March.

1. The C.E.M. dump at MEDEUZZA is still controlled by 13 Corps. No ammunition may be removed from this dump until it is handed back to the Italian Army via A.M.G. channels. This handover is expected shortly.
2. Four Ammunition dumps previously guarded and controlled by 13 Corps have now been transferred to 5 Territorial H.Q. They are the CODROLFO, OSOPEO, S.MARGHERITA and VALBRUNA dumps, all in 13 Corps area.
3. When the MEDEUZZA dump is handed over to 5 Territorial H.Q. the fuzes and detonators required for Bomb Clearance and stocked there will be available to the Italian Army.

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FRS/rv

Major,
DAA & QMG.

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

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FRS/rv

SEE II
W. Selby
Major,
DAA & QMG.
1147

A 9131

22.4.46

Subject : DISPOSAL OF AMERICAN AMMUNITION.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
Tel. 478103

Q . 131

26 March 1946

TO : Ministry of War.

Ref your 14113/2175 AMO of 16 Feb 46 and our Q131 of 5 March 1946.

1. Authority has been granted by H.Q., P.B.S. for all American ammunition listed under the first reference above to be disposed of by the Italian Ministry of War.

2. H.Q., P.B.S., in granting this authority, require that immediate action be taken to destroy or demilitarize this ammunition.

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

1146

EWB/ln

SUBJECT:- Destruction Italian Weapons.

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

→ Q.131
26 March 1946

TO : War Ministry

Reference is made to your 18132/3611 of 20 Mar 46 and 18077/
3557 same date.

1. The matter has been taken up with the Allied Authorities and
Italian weapons will be returned to the War Ministry whenever located.

2. It is understood that in the cases mentioned the destruction
was due to mistaken identification.

Rac 1145
R.A. CURRIES, Lt.Col.,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

HAC/ar

SUBJECT:- Destroyed Italian Weapons.

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

Q.131

26 March 1946

TO : H.Q. 2 District

1. It has been reported by War Ministry that cases are occurring of Italian weapons being destroyed. Instances cited are of guns blown up in the CASEROTTO (Vallée Isère) area in February and at ARBIZANO also in February.

2. As this is contrary to the AFHQ Directive it is requested all concerned may be so informed.

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

Copy to:- 4 B.I.U.,
2 B.L.U.

RAC/ar

1144

(19)

TRANSLATION

FROM: M. of W.
TO : M.M.I.A.

REF: 19986/42 - 15
DATE: 25/3/46

SUBJECT: British Ammo.

The following ammo. ^{is} stored at the Arty. Directorate of Verona, Depot of Ceraino:

n° 2082 shells 88 m/m without fuze

" 37I " 120 m/m " "

The above ^{information} is forwarded for whatever decisions you may deem necessary to take on the matter.

Gen. Properzi

91143

A 9134

(3)

Subject : English Cartridge Bags.

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

→ M . 131

25 March 1946

TO : Ministry of War.

Ref your 15011/2622 of 5 March 1946.

1. It is requested that the COSENZA detachment supply details of the markings on the packages or bags .
2. Please state if these bags are filled or empty.

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

1142

BWB/la

Translation

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

Ref. I8I32/36II

Date 20/3/46.

SEE 5

(LT)

Subject 38I Battery at Arenzano.

For any action that your mission may think to take in the matter
we forward copy of the report received from the Artillery HQ.
belonging to the Mil.Terr.HQ. at Genoa.

DAK

Gen.U.Russo. 1141

A 913A

Translation

From Mil. Terr. HQ. Genoa.
to Min. of War.

Ref. IO47

Date 8/3/46.

Subject 38I Battery at Arenzano.

With reference to your letter dated 14/12/45, I report that during the afternoon of the 20 Feb. two British officers reported to the storeman in charge of the guard of the 38I battery at Arenzano who, after producing a bilingual pass and informing him that they had orders to blow up the two gun barrels, commenced to prepare small explosive charges in proximity of the barrel, and then blew them up.

Damage suffered by the two barrels consists of a hole, ~~XXXXXX~~ of about 5 cms in diameter, in the lower part of the barrel, about 30 cms from the muzzle.

The two officers said they were returning to Castello Raggio di Cornigliano.

I have an idea that this fact is tied up with an order ~~14840~~ during the last few days by the Allied Command at Milan to the A.R.A.R. Delegation at Genoa, to proceed to the recovery of two German 38I guns at Arenzano, to which order the Delegation, following an inspection carried out after the s/m episode, replied that it concerned Italian materials.

I reported the matter at once to the 2° B.I.U. at Genoa, pointing out that it concerned Italian materials.

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I have an idea that this fact is tied up with an order ~~14844~~ during the last few days by the Allied Command at Milan to the A.R.A.R. Delegation at Genoa, to proceed to the recovery of two German 381 guns at Arenzano, to which order the Delegation, following an inspection carried out after the a/m episode, replied that it concerned Italian materials

I reported the matter at once to the 2nd B.L.U. at Genoa, pointing out that it concerned Italian materials, guarded by Italian personnel, the destruction of these was to be excluded in accordance with the instructions contained in circular Q/23/I4 dated 11/10/45 and Q/23/I dated 12/10/45 from the M.M.I.A., I have asked 2nd B.L.U. to kindly issue instructions in order to avoid any more destructions of this kind.

Mil. Terr. HQ. at Genoa informed.

DAK

U. Almici.

Translation

From M. of W.

To M.M.I.A.

(17)

Ref I8077/3557

Date 20/3/46.

Subject Destruction of 90/53 Guns in the Castelrotto
(Valle Isarco) Area.

We forward copy of the report received from the Bolzano Mil. Terr.
HQ for any action your mission may think to take in the matter.

DAK

Gen. U; Russo.

See file
102 e 98
1st jacket

A 9.136

1139

Translation

From Mil.Terr.HQ Bolzano
To 4° B.L.U.

Ref. 04/3327/Serv.
Date 5/3/46.

Subject Destruction of 90/53 Guns in the Castelrotto
(Valle Isarco) Area.

The Artillery HQ reports that Allied squads - in charge of demolishing enemy artillery - has blown up 6 90/53 Italian guns in the Castelrotto(Valle Isarco)area.

Bearing in mind that the instructions communicated by M.M.I.A. to the Min.of War did not include at least for the time being, the destroying of Italian artillery,I ask you to kindly examine the possibility of approaching the authorities concerned with the object of avoiding that any more Italian ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ modern artillery(i.e. the a/a 90/53 guns)which could be made use of in order to arm our own army - is destroyed before the peace treaty has settled the position of the army.

DAK

S.G. Negroni 1138

