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Q 131 Clearance + Disposal of Ammo 4th jacket

Nov. 1946 - Aug. 1947

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'2' BUCK SLIP

FILE No ME/43/12/LF

DATE	SECTION OF SERVICE		ACTION REQUIRED
	FROM	TO	
16.8.47.	REME	GI	<p style="text-align: center;">-16</p> <p>Reference para 5 of 6 B L U report.</p> <p>1. A complete inventory was taken of <u>all</u> equipment, both vehicle and wireless test, at the time of the hand over between Reps of 711 Telecomm. W/shop and 6 BLU, a copy which is held in REME files this HQ.</p> <p>2. REME GHQ has been approached with a view to providing a replacement for Cpl. MARSTON (Wireless Mech.) but state this is quite impossible - knowing the REME personnel position I regret this is true.</p> <p>3. I have spoken to the M. of D. regarding the storing of the special Tools and have their assurance these will be delivered direct to SAN FELICE, 6 BLU are watching this point.</p>
	<u>G.O.C.</u>		
1.	Have spoken ADONE who says the Italian <u>Marasciallo</u> is <u>abuna</u> very good <u>work</u> in <u>Marston's</u> place + is a competent mechanic.		Lt. Col. A.D.M.E.
2.	See 3 above.		<u>HEU</u>

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch
(Formerly ISIA)

Tel: 478421
Ext: 415

U.131/LF

25 Aug 47

Ministry of Defence - Army

SUBJECT: Disposal of ammunition

Reference your 219558/II dated 21 Aug 47.

1. As already explained verbally the question of disposal of ammunition of Austrian origin was referred to G.H. by this HQ on 13 June 47.
2. A.M.G. decided that the terms of A.H.Q. Directive of 2 Oct 45 did not apply to this ammunition and reserved the right to dispose of it to a civilian firm.
G.H. upheld this decision in their signal 35 127 of 17 June 47.
3. As your claim is based on the contention that the ammunition was the legal property of the Italian Army prior to 1940 it would appear that the matter now rests with the Italian Government.

RAC/jw

RAC
Major General,
Director.

Copy to: 5 ELU (ref A/56/173 of 26 July 47)

Reg. 25.8.47
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TRANSLATION

SIGNAL

From: Ministry of Defence.
To : I.L.F.B.

Ref: 219558/II.
Date: 21 August 1947.

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Further to signal 218289/S.M. dated 30 July last. Please urgently inform us of your position, as regards the instructions given by Udine A.M.G., to release to Messrs Derio munitions existing at Osoppe Depot.

MG
See (14)
action taken by letter and
signal to the G.M. but
decision finally given against
Army. No other appeal open
except through Italian Government
sgd SUPRIO
Gen.
All 10
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To S	
A/Q	
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Q (M)	
Q (AF)	

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TRANSLATION

SIGNAL

From: Ministry of Defence - Army Gen Secretariat
To : I.L.F.B.

Ref: 218289/SM.
Date: 30 July 1947.

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Ref signal 9959/S/9/4 dated 23 July last; further to signal 216262/II dated 8 July last, we inform you that after peremptory order received from the local A.M.G., the Udine Territorial Command has had to release the munitions existing in the depot of Osoppo to Messrs Lorio.

sgd SUPINO
Gen.

GM

To S	
A/U	
"Q"	
Q Liaison	
Q Signal	
Q Staff	

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SUBJECT: - C.E.A.

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5 British Liaison Unit
Tel: UDNE 1553
A/56/173

26 Jul 47

Q Branch
G.H.Q.

RECEIVED 28 JUL 1947

Ref your signals Q G 067 dated 13 Jun and Q G 127 of 17 Jun 47.

1. Repeated requests both verbal and written, including a personal interview (Gen CAPPA - Lt Col WARDEN) have been made, but without satisfactory results.
2. Gen CAPPA states that the Ministry of Defence - Army have ordered him not to handover the Ammunition pending further instructions.
3. This HQ has taken a great deal of trouble over this case, which has been outstanding for some considerable time. It is evident that on this level at any rate a deadlock has been reached.
4. If the question of the disposal of this ammunition is considered to be one of importance, it is clear that someone with the necessary authority must tell the Ministry of Defence to cancel their instructions to Gen CAPPA.

To S	AR	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q

Arthur
Lt-Col,
G.S.

Fd
AIGW/rd

Copy To: - A.P.Hq I.L.F.B. (ref your Sig Q151 dated 13 Jun)
A.S.G. UDNE Province

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Diary

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IQ 131/LF

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TRANSLATION

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From: Ministry of Defence.
To : I.L.F.B.

Ref: 216262.
Date: 8 July 1947.

SIGNAL

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Ref. letter 8153/S/9/4 dated June last.

Further to letter 213406/II dated 8 June last.

Despite the interest shown by your AFHQ in a signal to this General Secretariat, we have now been informed that Udine Military Territorial Command, by order of local A.M.G., have had to hand over 29.000 shrapnels 100/17 from the Osoppo to Messeres Dorio named by A.M.G.

Please intervene in the matter in order to safeguard the requirements of Army, as requested in letter 213406/II.

sgd SUPINO
Gen.

GM/e5

See (10) (14) +18

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SAN FELICE and FORLI Vehicle

Parks

PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF

JULY, 1947

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Police Staff
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1. SITUATION.

Make & Type	SAN FELICE		FORLI		GRAND TOTAL	REMARKS
	Cl. 1	Cl. 2	Cl. 1	Cl. 2		
Sherman 1B/105.....	11				11	
" 1/75.....	6				6	Incl. 1 ex LECHIGN
" 1D/17 par.....	3				3	
" 1I/75.....	7				7	Incl. 3 ex LECHIGN
" 1II/75.....	12	5			17	
" 1III/Dozer.....	1				1	
" 1V/75.....	95	2			97	
" 1W/17 par.....	25				25	
S.P. 17/105.....	11	23	43		77	1 to BRACCIANO
" 1H0/3".....	1	23			24	1 to BRACCIANO
Staghound 1/37.....	24	30	50		104	+ 8 CENTRAL SCHOOLS
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" 1/75.....							6	Incl. 1 ex LECHORN
" II/17 pdr.....							3	
" II/75.....							7	Incl. 3 ex LECHORN
" III/75.....			5				17	
" III/Doser.....			1				1	
" V/75.....			95				97	
" VI/17 pdr.....			25				25	
S.P. M7/105.....			11	23	43		77	1 to ERACCIANO
" M10/3".....			1	23			24	1 to ERACCIANO
Staghound I/37.....			24	30	50		104	+ 8 CENTRAL SCHOOLS
" II/3" Non.....			11	1	5		17	
" AA.....			2	1	1		4	
Greyhound/37.....			19	8	1	17	65	
S.C.Ford MK II.....			8	4	2	5	24	
" MK III.....					2		2	
" Hunter MK I.....					1		1	
" MK II.....					2		2	
Stuart Race.....						3	34	x2 4th Cl.
Sherman IV.....						6	13	ex LECHORN
						25x		

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2. PERSONNEL(a) British

(1) Officers 1 Capt. REAG

(2) Cpls 1 Cpl. Tele-Spoch.

(b) Italian

No change.

3. ACCOUNTING

Nothing to report.

4. MAINTENANCE

During the current month, time has been largely spent in the inspecting and re-construction of the proposed base workshop site at SAN FELICE. All available military labor has been employed in clearing bomb damaged buildings and the general area.

From the loss, a limited maintenance squad has been working on A.F.Vs., finding out "weathering troubles" for the maintenance programs, and an average of 4 A.F.Vs weekly, have been serviced in detail, and re-painted.

5. EQUIPMENT

On the 23 Jul. '47, one Leyland Refractor Machinery Lorry, Type Z, was collected from 714 Telecom W/Shops, R.S.M.C., and has now been installed at SAN FELICE.

Cpl. MARSTON, (wireless mech., R.S.M.C.), is at present checking the serviceability of the equipment, and training a senior ITALIAN N.C.O. in its use. It is not the intention to hand over this vehicle to the ITALIAN Army, until such time as it is considered that the valuable equipment can be used and maintained by them without causing damage but such equipment will be at its disposal. In this connection, Cpl. MARSTON will be proceeding on Class "A" Release 14 Aug. '47, and as it is doubtful whether the ITALIAN N.C.O.'s training will be completed by that date, it would be appreciated if steps could be taken for a suitable replacement (tradesman).

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5. EQUIPMENT

On the 25 Jul. '47, one Leyland Recovery Machinery Lorry, Type 2, was collected from 711 Tolson W/Shops, R.M.H.E., and has now been installed at SAN FILICE. Col. MARSON, (wireless coach, R.E.H.S.), is at present checking the serviceability of the equipment, and training a senior ITALIAN H.C.O. in its use. It is not the intention to hand over this vehicle to the ITALIAN Army, until such time as it is considered that the valuable equipment can be used and maintained by them without causing damage but such equipment will be at its disposal. In this connection, Col. MARSON will be proceeding on Class "A" Release 14 Aug. '47, and as it is doubtful whether the ITALIAN H.C.O.'s training will be completed by that date, it would be appreciated if steps could be taken for a suitable replacement (tradesman).

VI COMMUNER states that ALL special tools released from PUNSCACIANO, are to be stored at O.A.R.E., under orders given by the Ministry of War. As these tools would be of the utmost use to the A.F.V. W/Shop, SAN FILICE, and VI COMMUNER states he is unable to query this decision, it would be appreciated if you would advise the Ministry of War, that it is considered they should be placed at the disposal of W/Shop, SAN FILICE, forthwith. Sufficient storage room is available for tools not required to be used at this present time.

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6. GENERAL

A number of applicable instructional diagrams and literature, have been received from A.F.V. Publications Section, R.A.C. School, BOWLINGTON, and these have been handed to VI COMLITER. The nomenclature (in Italian), of parts has been super-imposed on the diagrams and action is being taken to translate the instructional literature.

Ministry of War requested VI COMLITER to offer his views as to the establishment of a Base Workshop for repairs of A.F.V.s, at BOLOGNA. VI COMLITER reply, (translation), is attached as Appendix "A" to this report.

Two S.P. guns (17 and M10, were despatched by rail to IRACCIANO, 20 Jul. '47.

Major DAA & QMG
6 JUL

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Appendix "A" to 6 B.L.U. PROGRESS REPORT for the month
of JULY, on SAN FELICE and FORLI A.F.V. Parks.

From: Territorial Command - B O L O G N A
To: The Ministry of War - R O M E
N.02/3419 21.7.47

Subject: W/SHOP FOR MAJOR REPAIRS OF COMBAT VEHICLES.

Reference to attached letter W.52714 dated
24.6.47 of the General Inspectorate of Motorisation.

The necessity for a W/shop for the major repairs
of combat vehg. - tanks, light and heavy armoured cars,
armoured lorries, carriers - is evident.

The repair of the three major components would
be carried out in this w/shop, e.g. repairs on the hull
and engine; repairs on the armament and other accessories;
repairs on internal and external lines of communication,
telephone, radio. -

In this manner the production would be on a
standard basis and would create specialised personnel.

Having agreed upon this it is necessary now to
examine which site in Bologna Territorial Command Area,
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- (b) W/shop personnel;
- (c) W/shop facilities;
- (d) Installations;
- (e) Time necessary to transform the premises into a W/shop.

The Artillery installations existing in this Territory that can be taken into consideration, are the Arsenal in PIACENZA and the ex-Pirotecnico in BOLOGNA.

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The Arsenal in Piacenza has undoubtedly the necessary lay-out, except for the engine overhaul.

It has, though, a large staff, a small part of which is highly specialised in artillery repairs, and the remainder is not sufficiently skilled to be quickly trained into another branch of repairs.

It is also far away from BOLOGNA, and it would take considerable time and money to move to PIACENZA the equipment to be repaired.

The ex-Pirotecnico has the advantage of being in a suitable location; it has not a good staff trained on mechanical repairs, it lacks personnel trained on engine repairs, it has a good set up for light mechanical repairs, but lacks machinery for heavy mechanical repairs and for engine repairs and hull repairs. The installation is also not suitable for the proposed repairs.

It is also impossible to better the installation as the 3rd Artillery Barracks is still being used by the Allies who will not release it in the near future.

By combining the 2 installations, we perceive that:-

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- The Arsenal in Piacenza is not favourably located and the staff is not so suitable as that in the Pirotecnico; it has more machinery available and has a better installation.
- Both establishments lack almost totally personnel and machinery for engine repairs.

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Both establishments would take a comparatively long time to be transferred for the purpose required.

The situation offered by the ex-Pirotecnico would be much better if it were possible to find in Bolo UMA another military installation which could offer the necessary staff, machinery and accommodation. -

This installation exists and is the 6th Repair Unit. In this unit the ex-Pirotecnico would find the necessary skilled personnel in automobilistic repairs and a large part of the necessary machinery, and a suitable accommodation.

Also, as the two installations are near each other, it would save considerable time in the transferring of the W/shops.

If this solution were accepted, it would be necessary to find some other establishment to take care of the automobilistic repairs of 6 Territorial Command. As an interim solution until another w/shop could be set up, I think that the 15 Repair Unit in PLACENZA can take care of all the necessary work.

When this is accomplished, it would be necessary to set up an organisation for the repair of the lines of communication. This would not present great difficulties.

With regard to the Service Station to be set up

at the V.P., I think it is useful to regard the similar

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- Mechanics - with small units;
- 1st Line W/Shop - I.A.D.;
- 2nd " " - Brigade W/Shop;
- 3rd " " - H.A.W/shop.

The V.P. W/Shop should be a 3rd line W/shop.

The duties would be:-

- Changing of components;
- Create specialised military personnel to be sent to Unit

W/shop and IADs as soon as they are organized. Naturally, the majority, if not all the personnel, should be military or militarized.

The set-up for this W/shop would be given by the Americans three months after R Day with the disbandment of the 86 Coy H.A.W. -

Therefore, I propose to organize:

- In BOLDONA, a territorial installation for the major repairs of combat vehs. by uniting the ex-pirotechnic and the 6th Repair Unit, and adding a radio laboratory.

- At the V.P., a Base W/shop with the equipment issued by the Americans with the 86 Coy H.A.W.

signed

General Commander

F.A. PIVANO

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of Defence.

REF: 36536/GM.

TO : I.L.F.B.

DATE: 14 June 1947.

SUBJECT:- Selling of explosive to the private industry.

Reference to n.4 of letter AQ 23/1 dated 18 February 1945, we forward a return of explosives sold to private industry in May 1947.

sgd MENGHINI

GM

To See	
A/Q	
"Q"	<i>Ruby</i>
Q. Bureau	
Q. Army	
Q. Navy	
Q. Air Force	
Q. War Rel. Admin.	
Q. War Rel. Admin. (Civ. Control)	
Q. War Rel. Admin. (Economic Warfare)	
Q. War Rel. Admin. (Foreign Affairs)	
Q. War Rel. Admin. (Internal Security)	
Q. War Rel. Admin. (Public Health)	
Q. War Rel. Admin. (Transportation)	
Q. War Rel. Admin. (War Rel. Admin. (General))	

Ruby

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List of explosive sold to private industry

Date	Explosive	Quantity	Depot	Delivered	Purpose
10V 1947	Nitrocellulose powder	Kg 50040	Military Pyrotechnic Depot of Capua	B.P.D. Firm	Use in mine works.
				egg	HEMICHINI

Rome June 1947

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Extract From

"Q" DEATHSHEET DOC XIX DATED 23/6/47

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DISPOSAL OF AMMO

19.6.47

ACMG
Q.131/1F

6. Referred Lt Col MONAG to Min of Def Letter 213406/II dated 8 June and informed him that this HQ had taken this matter up with GHQ strongly supporting Min of Def claim that the ammo in question could not be considered as GER but as Min of Def property. 21.6.47 - Informed Col MONAG that GHQ had decided against this claim and that the ammo would be handed over to CIV firms for breaking up.

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LRCF V MEXS 172432

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FROM GHQ CNF 171623B

TO 5 DLN , ANG UDINE

INFO G5 SECTION AFHQ ROME (FOR ILFB)

BT

CG 127 (.) UNCLASSIFIED (.)

SUBJECT IS AUSTRIAN 12 CN ANN AT OSOPPO (.)

TERMS OF THIS GHQ SIGNAL CG 227 OF 13 JUN 47

ARE CONFIRMED

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RE NR 2422 DB 2242 BK

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I. LAND FORCES BRANCH

LROF VLAE NR 6 R 153/17
FROM AMG UDINE 170915B
TO GHQ CMF
INFO G5 SECTION FOR ILFB AFHQ
5 BLU (BY HAND)

RECEIVED 18 JUN 1947

BT

S/275 (.) RESTRICTED (.) REF YOU QG106 OF 141130(,)
ITALIAN MILITARY CLAIM TO THIS AMMO NOT RECOGNISED BY THIS HQ (.)
ITALIAN ARMY CANNOT USE AMMO FOR TRAINING ~~PURPOSE~~ PURPOSE AND
WANT IT ONLY FOR BARTER PURPOSES (.) MANY CONFLICTING ARGUMENTS ~~SHOULD~~ ^{HAVE BEEN}
USED TO SUPPORT CASE FOR RETENTION (.) I AM STRONGLY OPPOSED
TO ANY FORM OF COMPROMISE AND URGE THAT 13 COPRS RELEASE ORDER
1013/6/Q DATED 19 MARCH 46 SHOULD STAND (.) IF AGREED PLEASE DIRECT
ACCORDINGLY WHEN AFHQ POLICY LETTER AG 386.3Q (AE) DATED 2 OCT
45 WILL BE IMPLEMENTED

REPTMS NR 6 QVR 2 170915 TT //55 S /274 QG106 141130 13 1013/6/Q
19 46 AG 386.3Q (AE) 2 45
SENT NR 6/18/ AT 0058 B TR

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L.L.P.B. (AFHQ)

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YOUR CG 057 CP 13 JUNE (.) WAR MIN APPEAL BASED ON CLAIM
 AUSTRIAN AMN IN QUESTION BECAME PROPERTY ITALIAN ARMY PRIOR
 TO 1940 (.) THIS CLAIM RECEIVED RECOGNISED BY A H G (.)
 A P H Q POLICY NOT QUESTIONED BUT UNDER PARA 8 C OF LETTER
 QUOTED BY YOU ITALIAN MILITARY AUTHORITIES HAVE RIGHT TO
 MAKE OWN CONTRACT FOR BREAKING DOWN (.) REQUEST APPEAL
 RECEIVE CONSIDERATION LETTER FOLLOWS

Q. 151/IE

YOUR CG 087 OF 13 JUN 60 (*)
 AUSTRIAN ARM IN QUESTION BECAME PROPERTY ITALIAN ARMY PRIOR
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IMPORTANT (1) ROUTINE (2) & (5)

"Q"

R.A. Curtiss
 R.A. CURTISS, Lt Col

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch
(Formerly MMIA)

Tel: 478421
Ext: 415

G. 131/LP

13 Jun 47

GHQ., CMF (for "O")

Subject: C.E.M.

Reference 5 BIII letter AQ/56 dated 10 June 47 (copy attached for easy reference).

1. The Ministry of National Defence - Army claim that this ammunition is not C.E.M. as it was formerly Italian Army property having been captured during 1914/18 hostilities.
As the ammunition was not used by the German armed forces during the last war their claim appears valid.
2. Request 5 Territorial Command be authorised to retain and dispose of the ammunition as if of Italian Military origin.

RAC/jw

Rac
Major General,
Director.

Copy to S.BLU.

Recy 13.6.47

LROF V MEXS NR 132191 QVR 3
FROM GHQ CMF 131120 B
TO 5 BLU : AMG UDINE
INFO G5 SECTION AFHQ ROME (FOR LAND FORCE BRANCH)
BT

Q 3975
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QG087 . UNCLASS . SUBJECT IS ~~AW~~ AUSTRIAN 10 CM AMN AT
~~PIRELLA~~. OSOPPO . 5 BLU LETTER AQ/56 OF 10 ~~10000~~ JUN 47.

CONFIRMED THAT ORIGINAL 13 CORPS ~~177~~ RELEASE ORDER 1013/6/Q OF 19
MAR 46 STILL STANDS AS THIS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ~~AW~~ AFHQ POLICY

LETTER AG 386.3 ~~Q(AW)-0~~ ^{Q(AE)-0} OF 2 OCT 45 FOR CIVIL
REHABILITATION. CONSIDER DISPOSAL SHOULD BE EFFECTED SOONEST

BT
CCN READ LINE LINE BUT ONE
LETTER AG 376.3 Q(AE)-0 IMI Q(AW// Q(AE)-0 2 OCT
SENT TA B2
RD NR 2191 AT 1422 DB BBK

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SUBJECT: C.M.M.

5 British Liaison Unit,
Tele: UDIMS 1555.

AV/56

10 Jun 47.

G.H.Q. C.M.F. (A)

I.L.F.B. (A.C.) Q.

1. Difficulties have arisen in respect of approx. 29,095 rounds of 10 cm. Shrapnel ammunition of Austrian origin.
2. A.M.G. UDIMS Province say the ammo is listed as GEM in serial 45 Material Release Order by Rear 13 Corps 1012/6/4 dated 19 Mar 46 and is now located at the OSOFIO Dump.
3. 5 Territorial Command have repeatedly requested that this ammo. be reserved for the Italian Army and it is understood the War Ministry are finally requesting that the ammo. be so allocated.
4. The Provincial Commissioner UDIMS Province however insists that the ammo. be handed over at once on sale to the civilian firm of Dorio for purposes of breaking down.
5. Everything possible has been done to settle this dispute locally and amicably but the latest communications from both sides make it clear that intervention of higher authority is indispensable.
6. May this matter please receive early consideration therefore?

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AG/IV

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Diary

Albani
Lt. Col.,
G.S.

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- 4. The Provincial Commissioner UDINE Province however insists that the ammo. be handed over at once on sale to the civilian firm of Dorio for purposes of breaking down.
- 5. Everything possible has been done to settle this dispute locally and amicably but the latest communications from both sides make it clear that intervention of higher authority is indispensable.
- 6. May this matter please receive early consideration therefore ?

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Assedi Lt. Col.,
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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of Defence.

REF: 213406/II

TO: I.L.F.B.

DATE: 8 June 1947.

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SUBJECT:- Selling of ammunition to a civilian firm.

The Udine Military Territorial Command informs us that, on request of 5 B.L.U., it has instructed the Arty detached Section of Udine, to arrange for the delivery of the half of the 29.000 shrapnel 100/17 existing in the Depot of Osoppo, to a civilian firm nominated by A.M.G. of Udine.

As it concerns munitions:

- which although they are of Austrian origin cannot be considered as war booty but belonging to the Italian Military Admin., for it was recovered in the war of 1915-18, as has been already recognised by A.M.G. of Udine;
- the German Army did not use it in the recent campaign in Italy,

we beg your I.L.F.B. to intervene so that the release of the ammunition in question be avoided.

We have ordered - awaiting for your instructions - that said ammunition be frozen, if possible.

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of Defence

REF : 4/864/Serv.

TO : I.L.F.B.

DATE: 15 May 1947

SUBJECT:- Bombs for PIAT Bomb thrower - faulty fuzes.

Further to letter 4/120/Serv. of 20 January 1947.

1. Proper tests have been carried out at the Arty Experimental Centre of Nettuno to ascertain the cause of the failure to explode of bombs for PIAT bomb thrower which have occurred in the units.
2. The perfect working of fuzes n. 426 has been proved in all the tests, while that of fuze n. 425 has been found faulty in that, it did not explode against a wooden target cm 2.5 thick, but only against a steel plate placed vertically to the firing line.
3. Further to the report dated 26 October 1946 following S/Sgt GRESSON's inspection of the ammunitions at "Legnano" Div. H.Q. (by order of MMIA) it has been found that the period of effectiveness of bombs having the plastic explosive charge based on nitroglycerine is two years, and that such bombs manufactured at the end of 1942 or 1943 are apt to "sweat" nitroglycerine with possible danger of premature explosion.
The bombs in question possessed by the Italian Army are 93.883 and 82.862 fuzes mod. 425.
4. As a result of the above statement in paras 2 and 3, this S.M. has already ordered units to cease using the a/m fuzes and bombs made in 1942-43 and 1944, and deem it advisable to destroy them.

Please inform us if you have any objections.

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sgd. LIUZZI
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
 Italian Land Forces Branch
 (Formerly MILIA)

Tel: 489084
 Ext: 415

G.131/IF ✓

15 March 47

Ministry of National Defence - Army

Subject: Disposal of Ammunition.

Reference is made to your 12104/4651 of 15 March 1947.

1. The relevant Allied Directive on this subject is AFHQ AC.386.3 Q(AR)-6 of 2 October 1945, a copy of which is in your possession. The policy laid down therein is as follows:-

- (a) German, Italian, and unserviceable Allied ammunition is to be disposed of as speedily as possible.
- (b) Component parts of the heavier nature of ammunition may be used in the civil rehabilitation of Italy.

2. Responsibility for putting this policy into effect was clearly laid down as resting on the Italian Government except in the case of the provinces of Udine and Venezia Giulia where Allied Military Government continued to operate.

3. The selection of the salvage firm, disposal of the proceeds of sale etc, are matters for decision by the appropriate responsible authority as defined above, and to whom any dispute concerning ownership should be addressed.

4. No instructions have been received by this Headquarters relevant to your enquiry concerning any charge which may be rendered by the Allies for the ammunition in question.

As regards Italian ammunition it is considered this is included in the terms of the Directive which ordered the return of Military equipment of Italian origin to the Italian Government.

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Major General
Director.

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TRANSLATION

From: M. of D.
To : IMAS

Ref: 12104/4651
Date: 15/3/47

Subject: Ammunition reported by the British Ministry of Supply.-

The ARAR General Directorate informed this Ministry, in the past, that it had received information from the Allied Command in letters OS4/4002 dated 8/12/45; OS4/4002 (114) dated 8/12/45; AC of 7/12/45, regarding the existence of ammunition to be 5706

defuzed and the remaining material to be used for civilian purposes.

The above ammunition should be found in depots located as follows: Arce - the left side of the road coming from Naples, in the centre of the town; Arce right side of the road coming from Naples; 3 miles south of Arce on the right side of the road coming from Naples; 6 miles to the south of Arce on the left side of the road coming from Naples; 2 miles to the north of Roccasecca on the left and right side of the road coming from Naples; in the town of Roccasecca on the right side of the road coming from Naples; at the gun powder factory of Pontana Liri.

The ammunition at the gun powder factory of Pontana Liri was placed at the disposal of this Ministry by MMIA in letter Q/131 dated the 14th January 1946, and at the disposal of ARAR in letter OS4/4002(114) dated 8/12/45 from the British Ministry of Supply, we therefore beg you to state who is the owner of the ammunition in question.

The Ministry of Defence, entrusted by ARAR, instructed the Territorial Commands under its command, which were concerned, to ascertain the existence of the depots left. Such examination revealed that in the clearance of the territory the ammunition of said depots had also been cleared, as the spoiled and scattered ammunition did not appear as a depot, nor did it appear that there was any guard, as nobody seems to have opposed the said clearance.

The ARAR General Directorate which was informed of the results of the investigations carried out, is worried about the future debiting by the Allies for the release made to it of the ammunition in question.

This Ministry is of the opinion that nothing should be

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debited to the Italian Government, because, as stated above, the ammunition left unguarded was spoiled and found in such a state that the responsible authorities were obliged to clear it. The cost of this operation, that had to be taken for public safety by the Military Authorities, was only partly covered by the sale of the material realised by the defuzing of the cleared ammunition. We await your kind reply. -

sgd. Properzi
Gen.

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War.

REF: 13777 G.M. (1)

TO: I.M.A.S. L.F.S.S.

DATE: 12 February 1947.

SUBJECT:- Sale of explosives to private firms.

With reference to para 4 of letter A.Q. 23/1 dated 18 February 1945, we forward return of explosives sold to private industry during the month of January 1947.

sgd. PROPERZJ
Gen.

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TRANSLATION

From: M. of W.
To : MMIA

Ref: 2423/GM
Date: 21/1/47

Subject: Sale of explosives to private industries. -

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With reference to para 4 of letter A.Q.23/1 dated 18/2/45, we forward herewith the return of the explosives sold to private industries during the month of December 1946. -

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
DIREZIONE GENERALE ARTIGLIERIA
UFFICIO GESTIONE MATERIALI

- Elenco degli esplosivi ceduti all'industria privata. -

Data	Materiale	Quantità	Deposito	A chi consegnato	A
Dicembre 1946	Donarite in estivo stato di conservazione	Kg. 3000	Direzione Artiglieria Verona	Ditta Fratelli Perina	Pa
" "	Fritolo proveniente da scaricamento proiettili	Kg. 110	Direzione Artiglieria Torino	Impresa Ing. RESCHI di Torino	Per ne ne sul lia
" "	Polvere nera	Kg. 600	Direzione Artiglieria di Albenga.	Impresa Generale Costruzioni e Ricupari di Genova	Per

P. IL MINISTRO
Gen. P. G. Procopio



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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
 DIREZIONE GENERALE ARTIGLIERIA
 UFFICIO SEZIONE MATERIALI

Medi esplosivi ceduti all'industria privata.

Quantità	Deposito	A chi consegnato	A quale scopo
Eg. 3000	Direzione Artiglieria Verona	Bitta Fratelli Perina	Fertilizzante azotato
Eg. 110	Direzione Artiglieria Torino	Impresa Ing. RESCHI di Torino	Per lavori di demolizione inerenti alla costruzione del ponte ferroviario sul Po in località Moncalieri.
Eg. 600	Direzione Artiglieria di Albenga.	Impresa Generale Costruzioni e Riscuoperi di Genova	Per lavori stradali

P. IL MINISTRO

Gen. P. G. Preparat

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Telephone:
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LAND FORCES S&A COMD, AG (MIA) CMT

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13 Jan 47

Ministry of War.Subject: CLEARANCE & DISPOSAL OF AMO.

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Ref your letters 75847/13225 dated 12 Nov 46 and
92370/22372 dated 18 Dec 46, and confirming conversation
Col. CAMPBELL Major SYATT.

1. In view of the instructions issued by 5 HQU and
former AMO contracts it is recommended that the MANGIAROTTI
firm be allowed to complete the withdrawal of the ammunition
allotted them.

2. On completion of this withdrawal, MANGIAROTTI firm
will not be allowed to take any further interest in recovery
of ammunition unless so authorized by you.

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[Signature]
Major-General,
GOC, MIA.

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War.

REF: 92350/22372

TO: M.M.I.A.

DATE: 18 December 1946.

SUBJECT:- Ammunition existing at the ammunition depot at Codroipo.

This Ministry begs your Commission to kindly give a reply to the request in the last paragraph of letter 76847/18225 of 12 November 1946.

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War.

REF: 75050

TO: M.M.I.A.

DATE: 15 December 1946.

SUBJECT:- Ammunition depots of Genoa Military
Territorial Command.

Reply to letter Q/131 of 8.10.1946.

Genoa Military Territorial Command in accordance with instructions given by this General Directorate further to a/m letter, has issued the following orders:

- substitution of the military guards at the Begato and Bruciato Forts with civilian guards;
- formation of mixed guards (military and civilian) at the F. Tecci, F. Cengil, F. Lodrino, Pietrabruna, Boves-Cenati, Salmour, Valgrana and M. Burot depots;
- substitution of the permanent guard by a casual guard at F. Castellaccio.

Account has been taken in the organisation of these guards of the impossibility of reducing them, but, for reasons due to their location, they must be formed as independent detachments. For these last the training of the personnel apart from guard duties has not been overlooked.

The number of guards detailed is in accordance with the recommendations of the British Gen Graham who at the meeting of 27.10.1946, took the opportunity of ordering military guards at ammunition depots ~~AND~~ to take into account future emergency situations.

The concentration of the ammunition in the principal depots ³⁰ is being carried out with the disbandment of the depots at Boves-Cerati, Val Gavano, Valle Armea, F. Bruciato, F. Cengio.

The disbandment of these depots is dependent upon possible deficiencies of M.T. units, work in progress of mine clearance and recovery of arms and the difficulty of road traffic in winter for certain depots situated in the mountains.

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Regarding the destruction of ammunition not needed or deteriorated, this General Directorate has authorized Genoa Military Territorial Command as regards disposal to assign it directly to the civilian firms which are already arranging the disposal or dismantling of ammunition.

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TRANSLATION

From: M.of W.
To : MMIA

Ref: 88298/GM
Date: 13/12/46

Subject: Sale of explosives to private industries. -

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With reference to para 4 of letter A.Q. 23/1 dated 18th February 1945, we forward herewith a table of the explosives sold during the month of November. -

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LIST OF THE EXPLOSIVES RELEASED TO PRIVATE INDUSTRIES

Date	Material	Quantity	Depot	To whom issued	Reason
11/46	Picric acid in cartridges	100 kilos	Udine Mil. Terr. Command Society	Tul Electric	Mine works for electric installations in the Comune of Clausetto.
"	Blasting Romite in cartridges	100 kilos	"	"	"
"	M.A.T. in charges	1000	Shell filling factory of Baiano di Spoleto	} Attilio Ferretti Fruscati	} Public utility works.
"	M.B.T. in charges	1000			
"	T.N.T. in charges	1400			
"	German Trotyl in charges	800			

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FROM: M. of W.

REF: 84131/20310

TO : M.M.I.A.

DATE: 30/11/46

SUBJECT: Visit to ammo. dumps by officers of
the French Army.

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Florence Arty Directorate, informs us in letter 6156/T.2 of the 19th inst. that Capt. FERNAD ROMMELAERE of the French Army visited the ammo. dumps under its command on the 19th inst., to ascertain the quantity of French ammo. existing in them.

At the dump at Calenzano, besides requesting that the French Material found there be left at his disposal, he also included in said material 680 shells of various calibers between 150 and 240 of German make.

This Ministry would point out that ~~the~~ German war salvaged ammo. is Italian property and informs your Commission of the above for such clarifications that you deem necessary to give on the matter.

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TRANSLATION

FROM: M. of W.

REF: 76847
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TO : M.W.I.A.

DATE: 12/11/46

SUBJECT: Ammo stored at the ammo depot of Codroipo.

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Further to the handing over of the ammo. depots of Valbruna-Osoppo - S. Margherita, Coseat (Codroipo) (which were handed over by the Allies to the Mil. Admin. on 25, 26 and 27 March 1946) this Ministry issued various instructions regarding the neutralizing of the ammo. no longer required.

Among others, orders were given to the Artillery Directorate Venice to sell and empty the ammo. existing at the Coseat depot. The aforesaid Directorate now informs that they cannot comply with the orders given as almost all the ammo is being handed over to the Mangiarotti firm of Codroipo further to an order issued by the 5th British Liaison Unit, Udine, in letter AQ/60/I87, dated 31/8/46, (copy attached).

In consideration of the above, we beg you to inform us whether said handing over of ammo. is approved by the Allied Command as this Ministry (the depot having been handed over to Italian Authorities) thinks that they should be entitled to avail themselves also of the ammo. contained in that depot.

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TRANSLATION

FROM: 5° British Liaison Unit
 TO : Mil. Terr. Command Udine
 SUBJECT: Dismantling of ammo.

REF: AQ/60/187

DATE: 31/8/46

Kindly authorise Mangiarotti firm to withdraw
 ammo from the Codroipo depot as per list enclosed.

Sgd. JOHNSTON
 Maj.

Rag. G. Mangiarotti

Codroipo - tel.- House - 19
 Factory 38

Codroipo, 15/8/46

Cartridges 37 m/m	3.564	q1. 78,40
" 50 m/m	1609	" 40,22
" 75 m/m	2694	" 215,52
Shells 100	3344	" 434,72
" 105	21562	" 3449,92
" 122	1033	" 1556,80
" 170	286	" 143,00
" 280	90	" 225,00
Air bomb of various calibers about		" 300,00
	Total Q1.	6648,18

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Sgd. MANGIAROTTI

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TRANSLATION

FROM: M. of W.

REF: 84480

TO : M.M.I.A.

DATE: ? November 1946

SUBJECT: Sale of explosives to private industry.
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With reference para 4 of the letter
AQ/23/I dated 18 Feb. 1945, we enclose the return of
the explosives sold during October.

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MINISTRY OF WAR
GEN. DIRECTORATE OF ARTY & MOTORISATION
OFFICE OF MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

DATE	ITEM	QUANTITY	DEPOT	TO WHOM HANDED <i>over</i>	FOR WITH REASON <i>Remarks</i>
Oct. 1946	Trinitrotoluene	Kg. 240	Detached Sect. Artillery of Cosenza-Depot of Vadue.	Gustavo Santoro Cosenza Firm.	Use for mine works
" "	Trinitrotoluene Detonating cord Slow combustion	Kg. 100) n. 200) <i>and</i> m. 300 (Mil. Terr. Command of Turin	Civil Engrs. Office of Alessandria	Execution of Strengthening work of the right bank of Po. River
" "	Salvaged trini- trotoluene Ballistite	Kg. 20.000) Kg. 2.000)) Factory for (charging projectils at Balano di Spoleto.	B.P.D. Firm.	The trinitro- toluene used for mine work of public utility The ballestite is manufactur- ed again and turned into shot powder.

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Sgd. PROPERZI
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