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Subject: Maintenance - Italian Army.

G.H.Q. C.M.F.

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Ordnance Directorate.

Further to this branch letter of even number dated 29 May 46.

1. Attached is a further list showing the requirements of the Italian Army for Assured Tools.
2. Please arrange to issue these tools in accordance with para 2 of 8159/01 dated 16 May 46.
3. Please also arrange for an immediate issue to 1501A, against this list, of 22 Assured Tool Kits.

BMD/SL.

B.A. CARRILL, S.O. 100,
for Brigadier, D.O.C.

HQ LAND FORCES Sub Commission (MIA) ✓

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

122

Ref. AG/53.3/16

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1 June 1946

SUBJECT : Mine Detectors.
TO : M.M.I.A.

See 96 Act

Some time ago when the scheme for mine clearance in Italy was being organised 1000 Mine Detectors were obtained from American and British sources for the Ministry of War for their mine clearance squads. The detectors were paid for the charge for same debited to the Ministry of War.

The Ministry of War are desirous of obtaining more detectors. As however the channels through which the detectors were obtained formerly are now closed would you consider submitting indents through your channels on behalf of the Ministry of War.

Attached for your perusal is copy of a letter received from the Ministry of War (with translation).

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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Miss M. Carr
N. CARR, Brig.
VT CA Section.

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Copy to Ministry of War
(Direzione Generale del Genio)
Via XX Settembre
(attention Generale Supino)
Your letter 124/EP of 21 May refers.

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TRANSLATION

FROM : MINISTRY OF WAR
TO : A.C. (Civil Affairs Section)
APO 394-Major I.S.Reakes -

REF : 121/S.P.

DATE : 27 May 1946

SUBJECT :- US and UK minedetectors.-

Further to verbal communications which have taken place from time to time regarding the above mentioned subject, we will be very pleased to know whether there still exists the possibility of purchasing US & UK minedetectors, under the same terms as those supplied in September 1945 to the Italian Administration ; 950 detectors to-day in distribution in B.C.M. areas.

In the affirmative case we would like to know what steps are to be taken in order to have the supply.

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sgd. Brig. P. Supino.

FROM V. MEYER NR 315 IMPORTANT (PVT DUPLICATION)
FROM 13 SWISS LIAISON UNIT - 221500
TO LAND FORCES SWA F. COMMISSION AS MAIN DOME (RSD)

UNCLAS. 30 REF 13 REF 30 OF 23 MAY. DATA 2.
RIFLES INCLUDE POINT 38 AND PISTOLS. SIGNAL. MORTARS INCLUDE 2 IN
RIF 3 IN. LMGs INCLUDE 150. PROPORTIONS NOT YET KNOWN.
AVAILABILITY MORTARS AND LMGs NOT THOUGHT ~~1~~ BOUNTFULL

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RD NR 315 (G.W.A.) 1532000

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SIGNAL 9128

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NR 380313 IMPORTANT
 10 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT 301500
 LAND FORCES HQ - COMMISSION, AC, MILA, ROME (GSP)

UNCLASS (.) 30 (.) REF 10 DLE 30 OF 23 MAY (.) PARA 2 (.)
 REVOLVERS INCLUDE POINT 32 AND PISTOLS SIGNAL (.) MORTARS INCLUDE
 2 IN. AND 3 IN (.) LMG'S INCLUDE TSMG (.) PROPORTIONS NOT YET
 AVAILABILITY MORTARS AND LMG'S NOT THOUGH EIGHTY-FIVE

SEWT NR 813 1001 US AR AND TKS

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SUBJECT :- Maintenance Italian Army

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.

H.M.I.A.

B O N E

✓ 0.130

31. May 1946

TO : G.H.Q. For 4001.

Further to your 0130/3.1 of 16 May 1946 and this HQ 0.130 dated 23 May 1946.

1. On appendix "A" attached please find details of Armourers' Tools required to meet the commitments of servicing and repairing the British Infantry Weapons with which, G.H.Q., Central Military Schools Internal Security Divisions and Independent Regiments are being equipped.

2. May this H.Q., be notified when these tools can be made available.

R. C. C. M. L. A. C.

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1. Major General
H.M.I.A.

Internal : H.M.I.A.
C.M.S.
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United States No.	No. Station	Designated for	Inspected Location and Amt. Recd.	Inspected Date
NO 1360	Corridor road	21	AS	66
NO 1361	No. 1	21	AS	66
NO 1362	No. 2	21	AS	66
NO 1363	No. 3	21	AS	66
NO 1364	No. 4	21	AS	66
NO 1365	Sign, light	21	AS	66
NO 1366	Station, Remains	21	AS	66
NO 1367	Structure	21	AS	66
NO 1368	Structure	21	AS	66
NO 1369	Large	21	AS	66
NO 1370	Small	21	AS	66
NO 1371	Structure, tower	21	AS	66
NO 1372	Post	21	AS	66
NO 1373	No. 1	21	AS	66
NO 1374	No. 2	21	AS	66
NO 1375	No. 3	21	AS	66
NO 1376	Station, Remains	21	AS	66
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Serial Part No.	Description	Required for	Required Am. Mins.	Total Mins
BC 4062	Striker -	21	48	59
BC 4063	No. 1	21	48	59
BC 4065	No. 2 HK II	21	48	59
BC 4066	Striking Bolt	21	48	59
BC 4067	Pin	21	48	59
BC 4068	Flange, parallel, universal	21	48	59
BC 4069	Section 1.1	21	48	59
BC 4070	Solenoid, spring for HK I	21	48	59
BC 4071	Solenoid, spring, universal, for HK I	21	48	59
BC 4072	3/32 in HK I	21	48	59
BC 4073	Pin, universal, universal, for HK I	21	48	59
BC 4074	Section 1.2	21	48	59
BC 4075	Pin, HK I	21	48	59
BC 4076	Pin, HK I	21	48	59
BC 4077	Pin, HK I	21	48	59
BC 4078	Pin, HK I	21	48	59
BC 4079	Pin, HK I	21	48	59
BC 4080	Pin, HK I	21	48	59
BC 4081	Pin, HK I	21	48	59
BC 4082	Pin, HK I	21	48	59
BC 4083	Pin, HK I	21	48	59
BC 4084	Pin, HK I	21	48	59
BC 4085	Pin, HK I	21	48	59
BC 4086	Pin, HK I	21	48	59
BC 4087	Pin, HK I	21	48	59
BC 4088	Pin, HK I	21	48	59
BC 4089	Pin, HK I	21	48	59
BC 4090	Pin, HK I	21	48	59
BC 4091	Pin, HK I	21	48	59
BC 4092	Pin, HK I	21	48	59
BC 4093	Pin, HK I	21	48	59
BC 4094	Pin, HK I	21	48	59
BC 4095	Pin, HK I	21	48	59
BC 4096	Pin, HK I	21	48	59
BC 4097	Pin, HK I	21	48	59
BC 4098	Pin, HK I	21	48	59
BC 4099	Pin, HK I	21	48	59
BC 4100	Pin, HK I	21	48	59

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Candela

Order Item No.	Description	Regulated Size	Individual Size, Color, and Style	Total Size Required
PA 12102	Shirt, Brown -	24	46	46
PA 12103	Sh. 2	24	46	46
PA 12104	" 5	24	46	46
PA 12105	" 10	24	46	46
PA 12106	" 15	24	46	46
PA 12107	" 22	24	46	46
PA 12108	" 25	24	46	46
PA 12109	" 30	24	46	46
PA 12110	" 33	24	46	46
PA 12111	" 34	24	46	46
PA 12112	" 47	24	46	46
PA 12113	" 52	24	46	46
PA 12114	" 56	24	46	46
PA 12115	Shirts -	24	46	46
PA 12116	Sh. 2 -	24	46	46
PA 12117	Sh. 2 -	24	46	46
PA 12118	Sh. 2 -	24	46	46
PA 12119	Sh. 2 -	24	46	46
PA 12120	Sh. 2 -	24	46	46
PA 12121	Sh. 2 -	24	46	46
PA 12122	Sh. 2 -	24	46	46
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PA 12200	Sh. 2 -	24	46	46

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2A 13312	San Joaquin, covered end 14x16 1/2 in.	21	48	69
2A 13314	San Joaquin, covered end 14x16 1/2 in.	21	48	69
2A 14025	San Joaquin, covered end 14x16 1/2 in.	21	48	69
2A 14125	San Joaquin, covered end 14x16 1/2 in.	21	48	69
2A 14112	San Joaquin, covered end 14x16 1/2 in.	63	144	307
2A 14113	San Joaquin, covered end 14x16 1/2 in.	63	144	307
2A 15004	San Joaquin, covered end 14x16 1/2 in.	21	48	69
2A 15002	San Joaquin, covered end 14x16 1/2 in.	21	48	69
2A 15126	San Joaquin, covered end 14x16 1/2 in.	21	48	69
2A 15124	San Joaquin, covered end 14x16 1/2 in.	21	48	69
2A 15205	San Joaquin, covered end 14x16 1/2 in.	21	48	69
2A 15206	San Joaquin, covered end 14x16 1/2 in.	21	48	69
2A 15277	San Joaquin, covered end 14x16 1/2 in.	21	48	69
2A 16015	San Joaquin, covered end 14x16 1/2 in.	21	48	69
2A 16226	San Joaquin, covered end 14x16 1/2 in.	21	48	69
2A 16557	San Joaquin, covered end 14x16 1/2 in.	21	48	69
2A 16130	San Joaquin, covered end 14x16 1/2 in.	21	48	69
2A 16232	San Joaquin, covered end 14x16 1/2 in.	21	48	69
2A 17012	San Joaquin, covered end 14x16 1/2 in.	21	48	69
2A 17226	San Joaquin, covered end 14x16 1/2 in.	21	48	69
2A 17227	San Joaquin, covered end 14x16 1/2 in.	21	48	69
2A 17228	San Joaquin, covered end 14x16 1/2 in.	21	48	69
2A 17229	San Joaquin, covered end 14x16 1/2 in.	21	48	69
2A 17251	San Joaquin, covered end 14x16 1/2 in.	21	48	69

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Subject : Released.

1ST US FORN SUB COM. A.C.
(H.M.I.A.)
Tel. 47403
Q.133
30 May 1946.

To : Ministry of War.

1. Under ref G.H.Q. DCM/7203 of 23 May 46 the u/s vehicles have been released on loan to the Italian Army ex 557 B.C.D.

Trailer Arty No. 27

Qty. 42.

2. 10 BLZ and 12 MBZ will assist you to arrange collection. Please report completion to this H.Q.

See 114


C.E. HPG, Major
For Major General
H.M.I.A.

Copy to : 10 BLU
12 BLU

INTERNAL : C(Trg)
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G.H.Q. S.M.S.

SUBJECT: Eqpt for the Italian Army

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29 May 46

ORD DIRECTORATE (2)

Confirming conversation MALINET - CATTELL and
FODEN - CATTELL.

Please arrange to release the following items to
the Italian Army.

QF 17 pr guns Qty 4

Spares for Staghound Arm Car as
detailed in Appx 'O' to MIA letter
Q003 dated 22 May 46.

BAFO/VEL.

Copy to: MIA
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B.A. CATTELL, S. Comdr.,
for Brigadier,
DAG.

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TRANSLATION

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

REF: 32352/6630
DATE: 27/5/46

SUBJECT: Deficiencies of British weapons.

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We forward the enclosed list ^{showing} ~~reporting~~
the deficiencies of British weapons, as ~~shown by the last~~
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Units	Pistol 0.38	Rifles	Thompson carbines	BREN LMGs	2" Mortars	3" Mortars	Piat mortars	Signalling pistols	6 pounder guns	17 pounder guns	25 pounder guns	40 m/m guns	Encl.
"FRIULI" Division	-	-	95	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
"LEGHANO" Division (1)	18	497	497	49	81	-	12	5	4	-	-	-	-
"CREMONA" Division	61	-	129	-	14	3	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
"MANROVA" Division	-	-	55	27	74	-	54	-	3	-	-	-	-
"FOLGORE" Division	19	56	121	12	7	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alpine Bn. "AOSTA"	3	18	15	-	7	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total deficiencies	101	571	842	88	189	3	78	7	7	-	-	-	-

(1) Including the 2 Bns recently ^{assigned} ~~plotted~~ and Alpine Bn "Aquila"; excluding

Encl. in letter 32352/6630													
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97	95	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
-	497	49	81	-	12	5	4	-	-	-	-	-	8
-	129	-	14	3	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	55	27	74	-	54	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	121	12	7	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8	15	-	7	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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3ns recently ^{assigned} ~~allotted~~ and Alpine BN ^{The} "Aquila"; excluding Alpine ^{BN} "Aosta".

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SUBJECT :- Equipment - New Issues.CONFIDENTIAL

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23 May 46

Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C.,
(MILIA) ROME ('Q' Branch)

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Revolvers (etc) 9000
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MG's 6000
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5. Unless Italian War Ministry provide :-

- (a) Transport
 (b) Plenty of labour
 (c) Plenty of guards

the above schedule will fall down.

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SUBJECT:- Technical Equipment for Italian Base Workshops.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.O.,

E.M.I.A.

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23 May 1946

TO : CIG For C.I.

Reference your 8159/1 dated 16 May 46.

1. In accordance with para 1 of the above quoted letter, please find attached at Appendix "A" the requirements of Technical Equipment for Italian Base Workshops.

2. To meet the requirements of servicing and repairing the British Infantry weapons with which Italian Security Division, Inf. Regts., and C.A.B's etc. are being equipped, it is essential that the necessary American Tools are made available.

A list is being prepared of the items required and which are not available from Italian Army resources. This will be forwarded at the earliest possible date.

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E.M.I.A.Internal:- RAC
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Appendix "A" to .138 of May 1946

PART NO.	DESIGNATION	QUANTITY
CR 3863	Testing, straightness of bars, M12 "Master and 2" back threads, M12	1
CR 5102	Gauge, testing, straightness of bars, M12, Karbur M12 I (a)	1
BO 3036	Rags, measuring, M12 M12	1
3038	Rags, measuring, M12 M12	1
3036	Rags, measuring, M12 M12	1
3469	Rags, measuring, M12 M12	1
3472	Rags, measuring, M12 M12	1
3495	Rags, measuring, M12 M12	1
3515	Rags, measuring, M12 M12	1
3506	Rags, measuring, M12 M12	1
3510	Rags, measuring, M12 M12	1
3512	Rags, measuring, M12 M12	1
6830	Rags, measuring, M12 M12	1
6831	Rags, measuring, M12 M12	1
BO 3519	Rags, measuring, M12 M12	1
BO 6458	Rags, measuring, M12 M12	1
BO 3452	Rags, measuring, M12 M12	1
3545	Rags, measuring, M12 M12	1
3548	Rags, measuring, M12 M12	1
3549	Rags, measuring, M12 M12	1
3550	Rags, measuring, M12 M12	1
6840	Rags, measuring, M12 M12	1
3551	Rags, measuring, M12 M12	1
3554	Rags, measuring, M12 M12	1
3557	Rags, measuring, M12 M12	1
3560	Rags, measuring, M12 M12	1
BO 6845	Rags, measuring, M12 M12	1
3676	Rags, measuring, M12 M12	1
3621	Rags, measuring, M12 M12	1
3622	Rags, measuring, M12 M12	1
3632	Rags, measuring, M12 M12	1
3633	Rags, measuring, M12 M12	1
3634	Rags, measuring, M12 M12	1
3635	Rags, measuring, M12 M12	1
3636	Rags, measuring, M12 M12	1
3637	Rags, measuring, M12 M12	1
3638	Rags, measuring, M12 M12	1
3639	Rags, measuring, M12 M12	1
3640	Rags, measuring, M12 M12	1
3641	Rags, measuring, M12 M12	1
3642	Rags, measuring, M12 M12	1

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Part No.	Description	Quantity
NO 3458	Spacers, tubular, RK I	2
3966	Tools - bore - brushes	2
3968	" " "	2
4001	" " "	1
4025	Cleaning - Pins	1
4027	" " "	2
4029	" " "	2
4036	" " "	2
4038	" " "	3
4051	Foreight - Cramps - Sol - Mt. II	1
4055	Punches	2
4058	Right line	2
4068	Barbiers	2
4075	Boxing Extractor - No. 1	1
4100	" " "	1
4114	" " "	2
NO 4198	Vices, parallel, answer	2
6120	Brushes, rod, cleaning cylinder - 303 in MS Mt. XI or	4
NO 9207	" " "	6
8870	" " "	6
8883	" " "	6
8902	" " "	1
6199	" " "	1
9204	" " "	1
9205	" " "	1
9208	" " "	1
NO 4702	" " "	1
NO 0720	Combination - Brn .303 in MS Mt. I	1
0726	Keys, tube, pistol grip, Brn MS Mt. I	1
	Plugs, cleaning Brn - 7.92 in MS Mt. II	1
	Cartridges 8.5 mm - .303 in U. Mt. V	30
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13100	Screws, rigid No. 10 (see schedule 1391/1)	3	BORDERS
13200	Steel, 1/8 in x 5/8 in	3	
13300	Gauges, cyl. r. former 2 in to 6 in	1	
14570	Indicators, dial test	1	
14571	Gauges dial	1	
15183	Richters - Metric Outside - 0 in to 25 in	1	
15185	25 in to 50 in	1	
17061	Armature Thread - Bihomogen can type double ended	1	
17065	7/16 in x 1/2 in	6	
17067	25/32 in x 13/16 in	6	
17095	open jar, double ended 5/16 in x 3/8 in	6	
17096	7/16 in x 1/2 in	6	
17097	9/16 in x 5/8 in	6	
17098	19/32 in x 15/16 in	6	
17099	3/4 in x 7/8 in	6	
17101	15/16 in x 2 in 1 in	6	
PA16104	Tools, screwcutting - ABC - Taps Flaps 1/4 in	2	
18105	5/16 in	2	
18106	3/8 in	2	
18107	7/16 in	2	
18108	9/16 in	2	
18109	9/16 in	2	
18125	second 1/4 in	2	
18126	5/16 in	2	
18129	7/16 in	2	
PA 18130	1/2 in	2	
18151	1/2 in	2	
18152	5/8 in	2	
18153	3/8 in	2	
	7/16 in	2	

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Part No.	Description	Quantity
18453	AIR Sols - No. 2	2
18457	AIR Sols - No. 1	1
15725	AIR Sols - No. 2	2
15725	AIR Sols - No. 2	1
10310	AIR Sols - No. 0	1
15711	AIR Sols - No. 1	1
10312	AIR Sols - No. 2	2
15713	AIR Sols - No. 3	1

AIR Sols - No. 2 (see Schedule 139/4)
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MINISTRY OF WAR
Engineer Corp Department
General Managing Office

21 - 5 - 46

Ref. 121/EF

Subject: American and British Mine Detectors
To : A.C. - CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
for attention to Major S. Reakes

Reference verbal communications on the subject, we should be glad to know if there is still the possibility to buy American and British mine detectors with the formalities under which on September 1945 the Italian Administration was supplied with the 950 ones, to-day in distribution to the zones B.C.M.

In this case we should like to know the procedure to follow as to obtain the supply.

The General I/C
(P. Supino)

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref. AC/53.3/1G

1 June 1946

SUBJECT : Mine Detectors.

TO : M.M.I.A.

Some time ago when the scheme for mine clearance in Italy was being organised 1000 Mine Detectors were obtained from American and British sources for the Ministry of War for their mine clearance squads. The detectors were paid for by or the charge for same debited to the Ministry of War.

The Ministry of War are desirous of obtaining more detectors. As however the channels through which the detectors were obtained formerly are now closed would you consider submitting indents through your channels on behalf of the Ministry of War.

Attached for your perusal is copy of a letter received from the Ministry of War (with translation).

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

/s/ J. Stewart Reakes Maj
for M. CARR, Brig.
VP CA Section.

Copy to Ministry of War
(Direzione Generale del Genio)
Via XX Settembre
(attention Generale Supino)
Your letter 121/SP of 21 May refers.

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SUBJECT:- Equipment - Issues to Italian Army.

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

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21 May 1946

TO : GHQ for 2.

With reference to stores released under DOS/2614 of 15 April 46.

1. It has come to notice that the optical instruments collected by the Italian Army from 3 Sub-Depot, 557 B.O.D. PONTECAGNANO on 25 April 46 for use at the Artillery School are for the greater part beyond local repair and of no value for training purposes. Extracts from a DADME report are attached at Appendix "A".

2. The lack of maintenance stores for British equipment held by the Italian Army renders it difficult to recondition these instruments nor can they be returned to a British workshop.

3. The difficulties confronting the Ordnance staff are fully appreciated but it is requested that wherever possible stores issued to the Italian Army are subjected to a preliminary inspection before issue.

Copy to:- 12, B.L.U.

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Major General,
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EXHIBIT FROM REPORT ON INSTRUMENTS

DIAL SIGHTS

1. No. 9 Mk. I Inst. No. 1025

Optical parts are very dirty.
Fungus growth appears to have
attacked Graticule surface.
Eye piece loose.
Instrument in wrong case.
Condition:- Very bad, covered
in rust and dirt.

2. No. 9 Mk. I Inst. No. 271

Optical parts are very dirty.
Locking nut, retaining Slipping
Skin is not functioning.
Crosshead bent.
Condition:- Very bad, covered
in rust and dirt.

3. No. 9 Mk. I Inst. No. 2295

Optical parts are very dirty.
Crosshead bent and loose.
Instrument in wrong case.
Condition:- Very bad, covered
in rust and dirt.

5. No. 7 Mk. II Inst. No. 23733

Optical parts are dirty.
Lens chipped.
Locking nut, retaining slipping
Skin not functioning.
Backlash on Crosshead.
Condition:- Fair.

11. No. 7A Mk. II Inst. No. 12565

Optical parts very dirty and
scratched.
Eye guard missing.
Instrument in wrong case.
Condition:- Poor.

13. No. 7A Mk. II Inst. No. 25793

Optical parts very dirty. **2120**
Eye guard perished.
Condition:- Bad.

The Definition of Optical systems on all Instruments is poor,
caused through dirt and moisture.

Instruments 1 and 2 are **unservicable**, and from
their appearance it would seem that they have been submerged in water.

2. No. 9 Mk. I Inst. No. 271

Optical parts are very dirty.
Locking nut, retaining slipping.
Skin in not functioning.
Crosshead bent.
Condition:- Very bad, covered in rust and dirt.

3. No. 9 Mk. I Inst. No. 2295

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Crosshead bent and loose.
Instrument in wrong case.
Condition:- Very bad, covered in rust and dirt.

5. No. 7 Mk. II Inst. No. 23733

Optical parts are dirty.
Lens chipped.
Locking nut, retaining slipping.
Skin not functioning.
Backlash on Crosshead.
Condition:- Fair.

11. No. 7A Mk. II Inst. No. 14565

Optical parts very dirty and scratched.
Eye Guard missing.
Instrument in wrong case.
Condition:- Poor.

13. No. 7A Mk. II Inst. No. 25793

Optical parts very dirty. **2120**
Eye guard perished.
Condition:- Bad.

The Definition of Optical systems on all Instruments is poor, caused through dirt and moisture.

Instruments 1 and 2 are **unservicable** and from their appearance it would seem that they have been submerged in water.

Instruments 3 and 11 are better, but never the less in a bad condition.

Instruments 1 and 3 are in what appears to be tool cases, with the result that they are not protected in case of knocks.

Instrument 11 is housed in a No. 6 Dial Sight base, allowing considerable movement, damage will ensue in case of a knock.

G.H.Q. C.M.F.

SUBJECT: BOFORS Eqpt for III Army8159/Q.118 May 46ORD B (5 copies)

Reference this Branch letter 8159 of 7 May.

In view of War Office signal 56999 Q(E)2 of 7 May
BOFORS eqpt. incl associated stores and Tractors IAA will NOT
be handed over to ITALIAN Army pending further Instrs from W.O.

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J.J. PROUDFOOT, Maj,
for Brigadier,
DQM.G.

Copy to: Land Forces Sub Commission (MMIA) HQ AC ROME ✓
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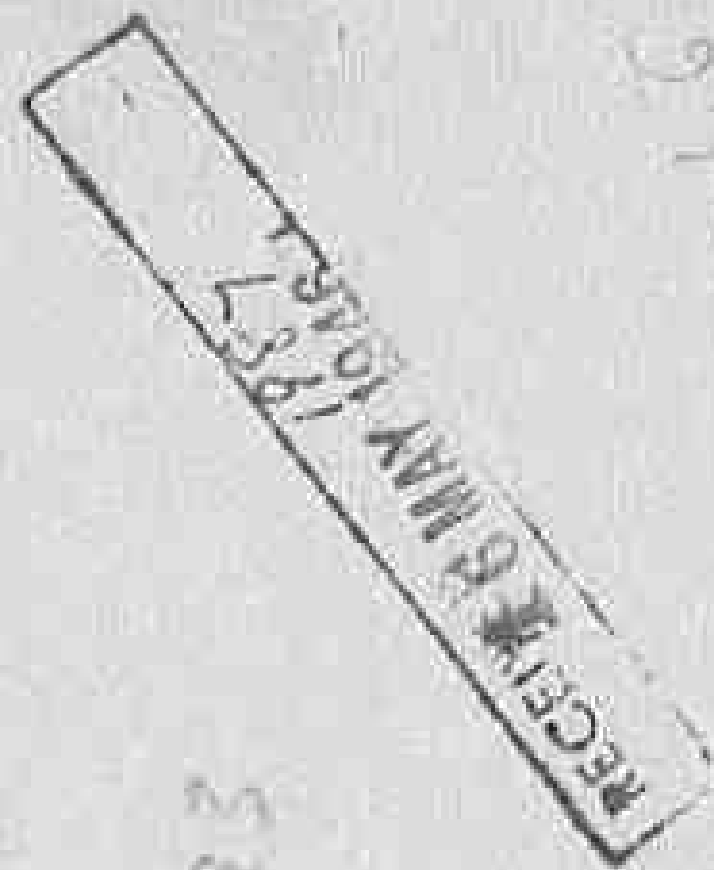
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BELTS WEB WAIST 120 (.) BRACES LEFT 40
HAVERSACKS W.E. 200
STRAPS SUPPORTING HAVERSACK LEFT 660
STRAPS SUPPORTING HAVERSACK RIGHT 140
POUCHES RADIO 3400
CASES PISTOL 91
CARRIERS CARTRIDGE PISTOL 91



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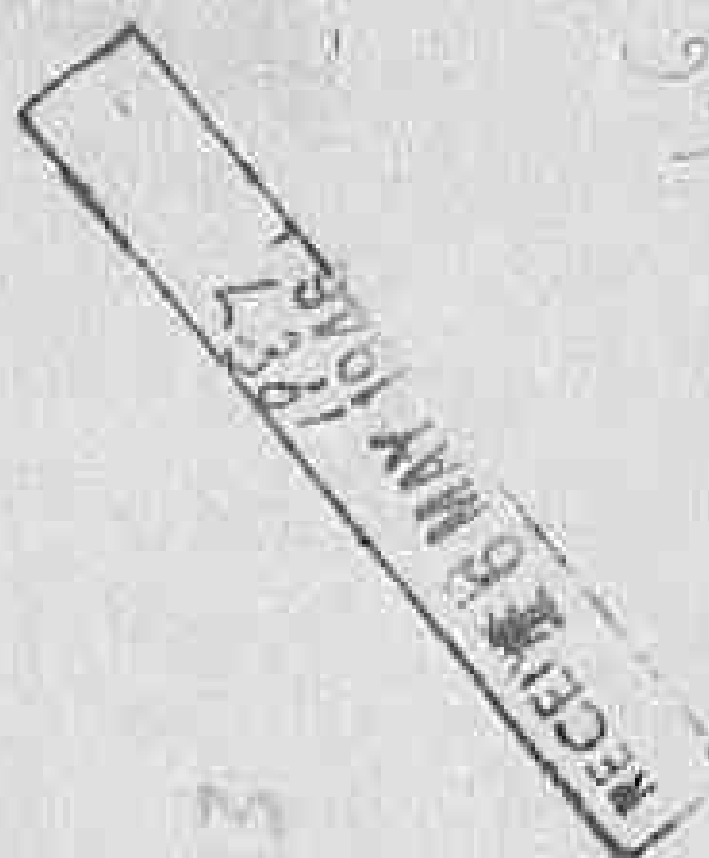
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Subject: Technical Equipment for
Italian Base Workshops.

Land Forces Sub Commission, (MMIA)
HQ Allied Commission, RCTE (2 copies).

G.H.Q. C.M.F.

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16 May 46.

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Reference your SD/109 of 28 Mar 46.

1. The throw up of tools ex RME Wsps has been examined and the results are attached at Appendix "A". Please notify this HQ of your requirements. *See 100*
2. On receipt of this information Ord Directorate will arrange for 3 Sub Depot 557 BOD to prepare priced vouchers and forward five copies to CREME 16 Base Wsps who will make arrangements to issue direct to ADOS MSLA.

ADOS MMIA will return two receipted priced copies together with covering list showing voucher numbers to Ord Directorate this CHQ for onward transmission to Financial Adviser.

4. The balance of the equipment will be disposed of to meet existing British commitments.
5. A further availability of tools will arise in 557 BOD when remaining stocks in the Depot are declared surplus to the Ministry of Supply. It is not possible in the interim to calculate or segregate surpluses for further hand-over direct to the Italian Army.

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W.D.A. CLARE, Lt. Col.,
for Major General,
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Appendix "A" to 8159/QL dated
10 May 46.

Part No.	Designation	Quantity
CM 5863	Testing, straightness of bore, ML2" Mortar and 2" bomb thrower, Mk II	2
CM 5102	Gauge, testing, straightness of bore, ML 3" Mortar Mk I (a)	2
-BC 3016	Bags, armourers, SA Mk I	28
-3052	Braces, armourers, Mk III	103
-3056	Bits Cleaning No. 2	62
-3469	Drifts, armourers No. 2	48
-3472	No. 5	160
-3495	Floats Small	11
3503	Gauges, Armourers, .052 in	8
-3506	.064 in No. 1	131
3510	.067 in	7
-3512	.074 in No. 1	107
6830	.4 in	36
6831	.41 in	35
-BC 3519	Hammer point No. 2	82
-BD 6458	Plug .301 in	64
BC 3542	.307 in	17
3545	.308 in No. 2	15
3548	.310 in	14
3549	.352 in	17
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- 3056	Bits Cleaning No. 2	48	3
- 3469	Drifts, armours No. 2	160	2
- 3472	No. 5	11	2
- 3495	Floats Small	8	2
3503	Gauges, Armourers, .052 in	131	2
- 3506	.064 in No. 1	7	2
3510	.067 in	107	2
- 3512	.074 in No. 1	36	2
6830	.4 in	35	2
6831	.41 in	82	2
- BC 3519	Hammer point No. 2	64	2
- BD 6458	Plug .301 in	17	2
BC 3542	.307 in	15	2
3545	.308 in No. 2	14	2
3548	.310 in	17	2
3549	.352 in	9	2
3550	.358 in	43	2
6840	.55 in	5	2
3551	Lead	11	2
3554	Rods Mc II	15	2
3557	Stockbolt	56	1
- 3560	Striker point No. 1	63	2
6845	No. 3	20	1
- 3606	Keys, sight	5	1
3621	Mandrels No. 2	8	1
3622	No. 3		

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Part No.	Designation	Quantity
— EC 3629	Pincers, armourers	19
3651	Taps No. 1 Plug	14
3652	Taper	2
3653	No. 2 Plug	22
3654	Taper	4
3655	No. 3 Plug	5
3656	Taper	18
3657	No. 4 Plug	10
3658	Taper	12
3659	No. 5 Plug	27
3660	Taper	29
3661	No. 6 Plug	10
3662	Taper	28
3671	No. 11 Plug	5
3672	Taper	20
3673	No. 12 Plug	4
3674	Taper	9
3675	No. 13 Plug	17
3676	Taper	9
BB 3911	Rods, cleaning - Pistols, No. 2 Mk I	114
BC 3918	Saws, cleaning	14
— 3925	Screwdrivers - Armourers - Large	174
— 3926	Small	232
— 3929	Extractors, screw	234
— 3932	Forked No. 1	14
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3658	Taper	12	1
3659	No. 5 Plug	27	1
3660	Taper	23	1
3661	No. 6 Plug	10	1
3662	Taper	28	1
3671	No. 11 Plug	5	1
3672	Taper	20	1
3673	No. 12 Plug	4	1
3674	Taper	9	1
3675	No. 13 Plug	17	1
3676	Taper	9	1
BB 3911 Rods, cleaning - Pistols, No. 2 Mk I			
BC 3918 Saws, cleaning			
— 3925 Screwdrivers - Armourers - Large			
— 3926	Small	174	2
— 3929	Extractors, screw	232	2
— 3932	Perked No. 1	234	4
— 3933	No. 2	14	2
— 3934	No. 3	3	2
8458 Spanners, tubular, Mk I			
— 3966	Tools - Bore - Bushes	9	2
— 3968	Rods	12	2
4001	Cleaning - Funnels	180	2
— 4025	Rods No. 1	4	1
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Part No.	Designation	Quantity
BC 4027	Rods No. 2	4
4029	No. 4	20
4036	Sticks	47
4045	Foresight - Cramps - No. 1 - Mk II	61
4051	Punches	10
4065	Sight line	6
4068	Scribers	4
4075	Spring Extractor - No. 1	116
4100	Wad	25
4114	Vices, parallel, armoured	30
BD 4198	Brushes, rod, cleaning cylinder -.303 in MG Mk II or Bren .303 in MG Mk I	30
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BE 2207	Mops, rod; cleaning cylinder -.303 in MG Mk II or Bren .303 in MG Mk I	9
8829		6
2503	Plugs, clearing -.303 in MG Mk I or Vickers, .303 in MG Mk I	49
2502		0
4199	Rods, cleaning, cylinder, Bren, .303 in MG Mk II or Mk I+	25
9204		66
9203		79
9280	Combination - Bren .303 in MG Mk I	22
BG 4702	Keys, tube, pistol grip, Besa MG Mk I, Plugs clearing Besa - 7.92 mm MG Mk II	90
QB 0720	Cartridges S.I. Dummy -.303 in U, Mk V	3
0726	7.92 mm, U, Mk I	3
13180	Screw, rigid No. 10 (see Schedule 1391/1)	1
13200	Stud, 1/4 in to 5/8 in	3

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4100	Wad		25	2
4114	Vices, parallel, armoured		30	3
BD 4198	Brushes, rod, cleaning cylinder -.303 in MG Mk II	or	30	4
6120		Bren .303 in MG Mk I		
BE 9207	Mops, rod; cleaning cylinder -.303 in MG Mk II	or	9	6
8829		Bren .303 in MG Mk I		
2503	Plugs, clearing -.303 in MG Mk I	or	49	1
2502		Vickers, .303 in MG Mk I	3	1
4199	Rods, cleaning, Cylinder, Bren, .303 in MG Mk II	or	25	2
9204		Mk I+	66	2
9203		Mk I	79	4
9280	Combination - Bren .303 in MG Mk I		22	1
BG 4302	Keys, tube, pistol grip, Besa MG Mk I, Plugs clearing Besa - 7.92 mm MG Mk II		90	3
— QB 0720	Cartridges SA Dummy - .303 in U, Mk V		3	2
0726		7.92 mm, U, Mk I	3	3
13180	Screw, rigid No. 16 (see Schedule 1391/1)		1	3
13200	Stud, 1/4 in to 5/8 in		1	1
13800	Gauges, Cylinder, Mercer 2 in to 6 in		1	1
14570	Indicators, Dial test		2	1
14571		Gauges dial	1	1
15185	Micrometers - Metric outside - 0 mm to 25 mm		1	1
15186		25 mm to 50 mm	1	1

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Part No.	Designation	Quantity
17061	American thread - Bi-hexagon ring type, double ended - 7/16 in x 1 1/2 in	7
17065	25/32 in x 13/16 in	24
17067	1.1/16 in x 1.1/8 in	21
17095	open jaw, double ended 5/16 in x 3/8 in	20
17096	7/16 in x 1 1/2 in	60
17097	9/16 in x 5/8 in	55
17098	19/32 in x 11/16 in	53
17099	3/4 in x 7/8 in	52
17101	15/16 in x 1 in	24
TA 18404	'Tools, screwcutting - AWC - Taps - Plugs - 1/4 in	2
18405	5/16 in	1
18406	3/8 in	10
18407	7/16 in	10
18408	9/16 in	4
18409	5/16 in	7
18425	Second 1/4 in	5
18426	5/16 in	5
18428	7/16 in	2
18429	1/2 in	1
18450	Taper 1/4 in	1
18451	5/16 in	12
18452	3/8 in	2
18453	7/16 in	2
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Part No.	Description	Quantity	Unit
17101	15/16 in x 1 in	24	6
18404	Tools, screwcutting - ANT - Taps - Plugs - 1/4 in	2	2
18405	5/16 in	1	2
18406	3/8 in	10	2
18407	7/16 in	10	2
18408	9/16 in	4	2
18409	9/16 in	7	2
18425	1/4 in	5	2
18426	5/16 in	5	2
18428	7/16 in	2	2
18429	1/2 in	1	2
18430	1/4 in	1	2
18451	5/16 in	12	2
18452	3/8 in	2	2
18453	7/16 in	11	2
18455	9/16 in	6	2
18467	ANT Sets - No. 2 (see Schedule 150/1)	3	1
18725	BSF Sets - No. 1 (" " 154/1)	2	2
18726	No. 2 (" " 155/1)	1	1
18910	BSW Sets - No. 0 (" " 156/1)	1	1
18911	No. 1 (" " 79/1)	1	1
18912	No. 2 (" " 80/1)	2	2
18913	No. 3 (" " 157/1)	3	1

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SUBJECT:- Equipment for Italian Interim Army.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,
M.M.I.A.
ROME Tel. No. 478103
Q.138
13 May 1946

TO : ORD

Reference GHQ letter 8159/Q1 of 7 May 46.

1. It appears from para 1 of the above quoted letter that "Q" Branch, GHQ have agreed in principle to the issue of equipment as well as weapons. Since, however, there is no mention in the above quoted letter of any specific quantities of webbing equipment, it is assumed that this will be arranged as outlined in para 2 of the GHQ letter which states "These issues will be made direct from British Depots to the Italian Army under arrangements to be agreed by Ordnance Directorate with M.M.I.A. direct".

2. Therefore it is requested that you arrange with Ordnance Directorate that the following quantities of web equipment is made available at the British Depots at the same time as the weapons:-

ITEM	QUANTITY
Equipment, Basic, sets (less Mess tins and large Packs)	40,000
Pouches, utility, sets	8,000
Slings, rifle	23,000
Frogs, bayonet	23,000
Cases, binocular	4,000
Cases, compass	4,000
Pouches, ammunition, revolver	2,000
Haversacks, small, Officers	2,000
Slings T.M.C.	2,000
Holsters, revolver	1,850
Holsters, Pistol signal	1,850

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GHQ Interim Army

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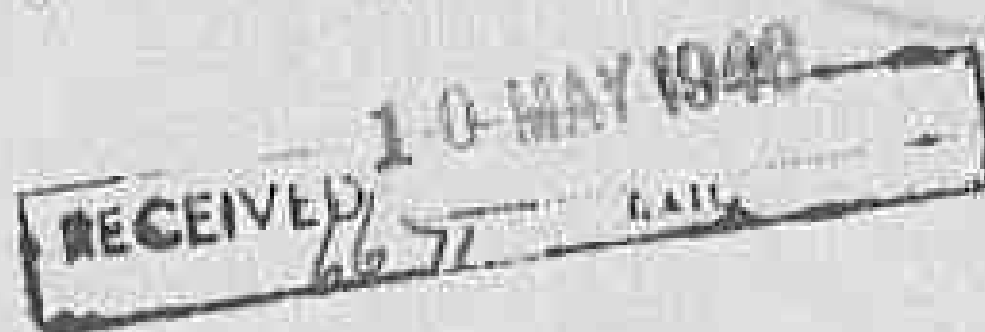
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Edw. W. Bradley
Major, Innisks,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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G(SD),
G(THE),
10 B.I.U., NAPLES

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SUBJECT :- Optical Instruments.



12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel : ROME 66318/9)

Ref : AQ/6/2/1538

9 May 1946

To: H.Q.,
Land Forces Sub Com_{in} AC (LDIA)

See 95

1. Attached is a report by DADME, 12 British Liaison Unit on Optical Instruments recently collected by the School of Artillery, BRACCIANO from No. 3 Sub Depot, 557 B.O.D. Pontecagnano.
2. The majority of instruments inspected are beyond local repair and are of no value for training purposes.
3. It would be appreciated if steps could be taken to ensure that equipment loaned to the Italian Army is in serviceable condition.

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

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Sheet 1 of 3

RRPOK ON INSTRUMENTSDIAL SIGHTS.1. No. 2 Mk. I Inst. No. 1025

Optical parts are very dirty.
Fungus growth appears to have attacked Graticule surface.
Eye piece loose.
Instrument in wrong case.
Condition:- Very bad, covered in rust and dirt.

2. No. 9 Mk. I Inst. No. 271

Optical parts are very dirty.
Locking nut, retaining slipping
Skin is not functioning.
Crosshead bent.
Condition:- Very bad, covered in rust and dirt.

3. No. 9 Mk. I Inst. No. 2295

Optical parts are very dirty.
Crosshead bent and loose.
Instrument in wrong case.
Condition:- Very bad, covered in rust and dirt.

4. No. 7 Mk. II Inst. No. 14256

Optical parts are dirty.
Condition:- Fair.

5. No. 7 Mk. II Inst. No. 23733

Optical parts are dirty.
Lens chipped.
Locking nut, retaining Slipping
Skin not functioning.
Backlash on Crosshead.
Condition:- Fair.

6. No. 7 Mk. II Inst. No. 14817

Optical parts dirty.
Graticule chipped.
Condition:- Fair.

7. No. 7A Mk. II Inst. No. 14987

Optical parts dirty.
Condition:- Fair.

8. No. 7 Mk. II Inst. No. 32014

Optical parts dirty.
Backlash on Crosshead.
Condition:- Good.

9. No. 7A Mk. II Inst. No. 12209

Optical parts are very dirty. 2110
Condition:- Bad.

10. No. 7A Mk. II Inst. No. 28873

Optical parts are dirty.
Condition:- Fair.

11. No. 7A Mk. II Inst. No. 14565

Optical parts very dirty and scratched.
Eye guard missing.
Instrument in wrong case.

Appendix B. C. M. 1171A Notes
Q1385 Slings

3. No. 9 Mk. I Inst. No. 2295
Optical parts are very dirty.
Crosshead bent and loose.
Instrument in wrong case.
Condition:- Very bad, covered in rust and dirt.
4. No. 7 Mk. II Inst. No. 14256
Optical parts are dirty.
Condition:- Fair.
5. No. 7 Mk. II Inst. No. 23733
Optical parts are dirty.
Lens chipped.
Locking nut, retaining Slipping
Skin not functioning.
Backlash on Crosshead.
Condition:- Fair.
6. No. 7 Mk. II Inst. No. 14817
Optical parts dirty.
Graticule chipped.
Condition:- Fair.
7. No. 7A Mk. II Inst. No. 14967
Optical parts dirty.
Condition:- Fair.
8. No. 7 Mk. II Inst. No. 32014
Optical parts dirty.
Backlash on Crosshead.
Condition:- Good.
9. No. 7A Mk. II Inst. No. 12209
Optical parts are very dirty. 2110
Condition:- Bad.
10. No. 7A Mk. II Inst. No. 28873
Optical parts are dirty.
Condition:- Fair.
11. No. 7A Mk. II Inst. No. 14565
Optical parts very dirty and scratched.
Eye guard missing.
Instrument in wrong case.
Condition:- Poor.
12. No. 7 Mk. II Inst. No. 6301
Optical parts are dirty.
Excessive Backlash in traversing gear - approx. 1.

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Sheet 2 of 3

REPORT ON : INSTRUMENTS

DIAL SIGHTS13. No. 7A Mk. II Inst. No. 25723

Optical parts very dirty.
Eye guard perished.
Condition:- Bad.

14. No. 7 Mk. II Inst. No. 29573

Optical parts dirty, lenses
require re-balsaming.
Condition:- Fair.

15. No. 7 Mk. II Inst. No. 28627

Optical parts very dirty.
Traversing gear binding.
Locking nut, retaining Slipping
Skin is not functioning.
Backlash in Crosshead.
Eyeguard perished.
Instrument in wrong case.
Condition:- Fair.

16. No. 7 Mk. II Inst. No. 23342

Optical parts dirty.
Upper prism appears to be
cracked.
Backlash in Crosshead.
Eyeguard perished.
Instrument in wrong case.
Condition:- Fair.

17. No. 7A Mk. II Inst. No. 11518

Optical parts very dirty, lenses
require re-balsaming.
Condition:- Fair.

18. No. 7A Mk. II Inst. No. 10864

Optical parts dirty, lens chipped.
Condition:- Fair.

19. No. 7 Mk. II Inst. No. 21893

Optical parts dirty.
Backlash on Crosshead.
Condition:- Poor.

20. No. 7 Mk. II Inst. No. 28364

Optical parts dirty.
Backlash on Crosshead.
Reader Plate, screw missing.
Eyeguard ~~missing~~, missing.
Condition:- Fair.

21. No. 7A Mk. II Inst. No. 17007

Optical parts dirty, lens chipped
Instrument in wrong case.
Condition Fair.

22. No. 7A Mk. II Inst. No. 10065

Optical parts dirty.

Condition:- Fair.

16. No. 7 Mk. II Inst. No. 23342

Optical parts dirty.
Upper prism appears to be cracked.
Backlash in Crosshead.
Eyeguard perished.
Instrument in wrong case.
Condition:- Fair.

17. No. 7A Mk. II Inst. No. 11518

Optical parts very dirty, lenses require re-balsaming.
Condition:- Fair.

18. No. 7A Mk. II Inst. No. 10864

Optical parts dirty, lens chipped.
Condition:- Fair.

19. No. 7 Mk. II Inst. No. 21893

Optical parts dirty.
Backlash on Crosshead.
Condition:- Poor.

20. No. 7 Mk. II Inst. No. 28364

Optical parts dirty.
Backlash on Crosshead.
Reader Plate, screw missing.
Eyeguard ~~missing~~, missing.
Condition:- Fair.

21. No. 7A Mk. II Inst. No. 17007

Optical parts dirty, lens ^{chipped} chipped.
Instrument in wrong case.
Condition Fair.

22. No. 7A Mk. II Inst. No. 10065

Optical parts dirty.
Graticule badly chipped.
Condition:- Good.

23. No. 7A Mk. II Inst. No. 22141

Optical parts very dirty.
Condition:- Good.

24. No. 7A Mk. II Inst. No. 158

Optical parts very dirty.
Graticule chipped.
Backlash in Crosshead.
Condition:- Good.

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REPORT ON INSTRUMENTSSheet 3 of 3

1. The Definition of Optical systems on all Instruments is poor, caused through dirt and moisture.

Instruments 1 and 2 are in appalling condition, and from their appearance it would seem that they have been submerged in water.

Instruments 3, 9 and 11 are a little better, but never the less in a bad condition.

Instruments 1 and 3 are in what appears to be tool cases, with the result that they are not protected in case of knocks.

Instrument 11 is housed in a No.6 Dial Sight base, allowing considerable movement, damage will ensue in case of a knock.

Instruments 16 and 21 are housed in a No.6 Dial Sight Case allowing too much movement of instrument, this is liable to cause damage.

Instruments 13 and 19 are the only instruments that could be stated as being in a poor external condition, the rest of the instruments are either good or fair. All the instruments detailed above are covered in dirt.

2. Further reports on remaining instruments will follow, when they have been examined.

Robert J. Young

Major R.E.M.E. 2108
D.A.D.M.E.

12 B.L.U. for the Italian
Central Military Schools.

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G.H.Q., C.M.F.

8159/01

7 May 46

SUBJECT:- Equipment for Italian Army.
Interim.

TO : ORD Directorate (5 copies)

Reference ESD/81/3 of 29 Mar 46, Minute 2.

1. Approval is now given by para 7 of AFHQ signal N° 1135 (not to all) for the issue forthwith of the balance of weapons and equipment required by the Italian Interim Army.

2. These issues will be made direct from British Depots to the Italian Army under arrangements to be agreed by Ordnance Directorate with MTA direct.

3. The issues will officially be regarded as 'on loan' but the normal Ord procedure of issues will NOT be followed. Instead the vouchering will be as for issues to the Italian Army prior to 14 Nov 45. Previous issues made 'on loan' are governed by this policy, and outstanding vouchers will be amended accordingly. Items concerned are listed in Appendix "A" to this letter. Copies of lists attached to bundles of vouchers in accordance with normal repayment procedure should be forwarded to this HQ for Financial Advice (Gr).

4. The equipment now to be issued is detailed at Appendix "B" to this letter. Normal maintenance will not be sealed, but major items only will be issued.

5. It is emphasised that issues are to be made from surplus only, not at the expense of the British, S. African or Greek stocks. However issues will be made if necessary from stocks which would otherwise be returned to UK vide para 4 of War Office letter Q(AM)5/373 of 28 Feb 46.

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SGD. W.D.A. OILARD, Lieut-Colonel,
for Brigadier,
DOMG.

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G(Trs)
Lead Forces Sub Commission (MATA)
HQ Allied Commission ROME

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SGD. W.D.A. CLARE, Lieut-Colonel,
For Brigadier,
DOMS.

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APPENDIX "A" TO 8159/Q1 DATED
MAY 46.

AUTHORITIES DETAILING ITEMS ISSUED TO ITALIAN
INTERIM ARMY ' ON LOAN ' WHICH ARE NO LONGER
SUBJECT TO ORD ' ON LOAN ' PROCEDURE.

CHQ letter reference	Date	Equipment	Remarks
✓ 8159	8 Feb 46	Weapons for CARS	
✓ FX 60362 (Sig)	8 Feb 46	Staghounds and Daimler Scout Cars	Ex ARG
✓ 8159	12 Feb 46	Weapons for Inf Bns	
✓ 8159	15 Feb 46	Arty Tractors and Sights Dial	
✓ ESD/81/3/A	26 Feb 46	Armd OPs Qty 2	Release Note No 8850
8159	4 Mar 46	Web Eqpt for Cars	
✓ ESD/81/3B	3 Apr 46	25 pr Eqpts w/o Muzzle brakes Qty 2	
✓ ESD/81/3A	9 Apr 46	Appx A Inf and Arty weapons	Appx B Sig eqpt already issued, as amended by ESD/81/3H of 19 Apr 46.

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APPENDIX "B" TO 8159/01 DATED MAY 46.

EQUIPMENT NOW AUTHORISED TO BE ISSUED
DIRECT TO ITALIAN INTERIM ARMY

Letter Ref:	Date	Equipment	Remarks
MMIA Letter SQ 054	21 Feb 46	Appendix "C" Coln 9 Vehs	To be provided from surpluses especially those at 13 Veh Pk (Ord letter DOS/5/21/3 of 2 May 46 refers)
GHQ Letter 8159	12 Mar 46	Appendix "A" Coln (c) Weapons.	Excl 4.2 in Mor. Figs amended by ESD/81/3 of 6 May 46.
GHQ letter 117/3 (RA Branch)	22 Mar 46	Balance of requirement in Appx "A" "B" and "C" not shown as available ex British School of Artillery.	Excl Predictors, Height and Range finders, and RADAR eqpt ESD/81/3A of 3 Apr 46, 29 Apr 46 and War Office signal 18810 GS(W) 1 of 1 May 46 refers.
8159	20 Apr 46	Tools as available	ESD/81/3B of 5 Apr 46 refers.
ESD/81/3B	9 Apr 46	Med Arty Eqpt incl tractors	8159/0 of 18 Apr 46 refers.
ESD/81/3B	29 Apr 46	Para 2 60 Portees Type B	NOT on loan
ESD/81/3H	30 Apr 46	Big Eqpt for roads	8159 of 2 May 46 refers as amended by ESD/81/3H of 4 May 46.
ESD/81/3J	6 May 46	Tyres and Tubes	As available from recent War Office Global Surplus
SD 3191.	7 May 46	ARTY TRAILERS 42.	8159 of 9 May 46 refers.

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See 88A
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TRANSLATION

FROM : HQ ARTILLERY SCHOOL (STORES OFFICE) ^{-Bracciano-} REF.03/518 DATE 1st.May 46
TO : WAR MINISTRY R O M E " 23064/4576
LandForces Sub.comm. AC R O M E " Q.136 of 26/3/46

SUBJECT : 25 lbs. cannons.-

On 25/4/1946 this School carried out the withdrawal of 21 of 25 lbs cannons - with their relative charging equipment - without , however , returning the other 21 ; as per agreement with 12 BLU of Cesano.

sgt. Col.Cmdg.School
Marcello Palma

*g/b
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A Q.136

9/5/46 R-2104

TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War.

REF: 30178/5836

TO: H.Q. Central Military Schools
M.M.I.A. for info.

DATE: 24 Apr 46

SUBJECT:- 25 pdr Guns.

Ref your Q/138 of 11th April 46.

In partial alteration of instructions contained in letter 23064/4576:3/4/46 we would inform you that the M.M.I.A. has temporarily suspended the handing in of the twenty-one 25 pdr guns without front brakes.

The 25 pdr guns with front brake must be drawn just the same.

sgd. RUSSO
Gen.

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REF YOUR Q/37/44 OF 11 APRIL 46 STOP WAR MINISTRY
 REPLY IS INCORRECT STOP BUT NOT CONCERNED STOP INDENT
 SHOULD GO TO COMMISSION THEN TO WARREN FOR CONSOLIDATION
 AND SUBMISSION BULK DELIVER TO M.E.I.A. STOP REQUEST TO TAKE
 ACTION AGAIN ACCORDINGLY.

Q. 138

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Pentone

E. W. BRADLEY, MAJOR



RECEIVED 15 APR 1946
3301SUBJECT :- Ranging Equipment for 3.7" A.A. Guns.12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel : ROME 66318/9)

Ref : AQ/6/2/1396

To: H.Q.,
Land Forces Sub Comd AC (MMIA).

12 April 1946.

1. Orders have been received for the return of the No. 1 Predictor, the Height and Range Finder and their associated stores.
2. It is understood that this part of the equipment is regarded as 'Secret' and is not available to the Italian Army.
3. The No. 1 Predictor was available to the public in 1938.
4. It is difficult to appreciate what useful purpose can be served by a 3.7" AA Gun with no ranging equipment.
5. May this matter be given consideration please.

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

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AQ 138

15.4.46
[Signature]

Subject : EQUIPMENTS - 25 Pdr.

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

Q. 138

11 April 1946

TO : Ministry of War.

Ref your 22054/4576 of 3 April 1946.

1. Permission has been granted for the qty 21 25 Pdr. equipments without muzzle brakes (Freni di bocca) to be retained, at least temporarily, by the Central Military School. The new equipments complete with muzzle brakes will be collected nevertheless.

2. In view of the above your arrangements for the collection of the qty 21 equipments equipped with muzzle brakes should be amended.

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

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EMB/lm

SUBJECT: Metre grids.HQ 3 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Tel: 152965 (Ext-25)

Q/37/14

11 Apr 46

HQ M.M.I.A.

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Legnano Inf Div forwarded a demand for 100 Metre Grid regulation type to the War Ministry. The following reply was received:-

QUOTE. As at present we are using the British regulation type Metre Grids we ask you to fwd the request to your Terr. Comd. for onward transmission to the BLU att.

UNQUOTE.

The full nomenclature of the Metre Grids is METRE GRID 1/25000 for ARTILLERY BOARD (30 3/4" by 30 3/4") Ordnance Survey Office 1937.

Please state what action is to be taken re the supply of these Grids.

MILAN
JIM/LOMAJ
DAA and QMG

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LRF

11 APR 1946

LROF V LAEE NR 82 QVR 1/2 T MSNO QVR 3

FROM AFHQ 101743

TO SCHOOL OF ARTILLERY CMF

INFO EAAC NMIA

QSH BT

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*Passed by phone to
Hq 50th PRICE
12 BLV. 2/18/46*

UNCLASS. FROM RA BRANCH GHO CMF. AUTHY IS GIVEN
FOR TRANSFER TO NMIA OF EQUIPMENT ENUMERATED IN APPENDICES
A B C & D TO SCHOOL OF ARTILLERY LETTER S A 4/24 DATED 14 MAR 46.
(G(SD) & Q ORD A// Q ORD - RA BRANCH 117/3
(APPENDICES A B C & D) DATED 22 MAR 46 REFERS)
PREDICTORS HEIGHT & RANGEFINDERS AND RADAR WITH ALL ASSOCIATE D STORES
WILL NOT BE TRANSFERRED BUT WILL BE RETURNED TO 537 BOD
FORTHWITH

BT

SENT 2055 KJC DB

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS

CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES

Tele : Freedom 254

G(SD)

SUBJECT: Special Trg Eght for ITALIAN Interim Army

ESD/84/3B

TO : Q (AE)

9 Apr 1946

Q.1

Copy to; Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (MIA)

RA

ORD (3 copies)

Reference ESD/84/3 B of 4 Mar para 6.

1. MED ARMY eqpt is authorised for issue as follows:-

Eqpt.

Q.ty.

Guns, O.B.L. 5.5" complete with Troop and Section Stores and Maintenance for one year.

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Tractors, A.E.C. 4 x 4 complete with maintenance equipment for one year.

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5.5" Shell, 100 lbs

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Cartridges, Ch II

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Cartridges, Ch IV

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Fuzes, 117

340

Fuzes, 231

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Tubes, P.S.S.

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Reference ESD/81/5 B of 4 Mar para 6.

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Copy/ra.

Sgd. M.W. MACLEOD,
Major General,
Chief of General Staff.

Q 138

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS

CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES

GIA

Tele : FREEDOM 254

G (SD)

SUBJECT: Trg Eqpt for ITALIAN Interim Army

ESD/84/3 A

Q(AE)

9 Apr 1946

Copy to: Sigs
Ord (3 copies of Appxs)
Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. MMIA

Reference conversation PROUDFOOT - ENGLIS of 9 Apr.

1. Attached Appxs give certain trg requirements for the ITALIAN Interim Army:-

Appx "A" - Inf Weapons
Arty

Appx "B" - Sig Eqpt (agreed by Sigs)

2. Issue of the Inf Weapons and Sigs Eqpt is particularly urgent - as the eqpt is required at the Central Training School at CESANO by 25 Apr.

3. It is pointed out that MMIA has been faced with considerable difficulties in getting the ITALIAN trg programme under way and you are asked to do all you can to ensure that this eqpt is released in time.

Sgd. M.W.M. MACLEOD,
Major General,
Chief of General Staff.

Copy/ ra

see 5-B
see SQ 054
Para H3

SEE 69 2096
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TRANSLATION

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

REF: 23991/5020
DATE: 9/4/46

SUBJECT: 25 pdr.-guns.

Info requested by your M.M.I.A. in para 5 of letter Q/136 dated 26/3 1946, was forwarded with letter 25064/4576 dated 3/4/46, copy of which is enclosed.

sgd. Properzi
Gen.

From: M.of W.
To : Central Schools H.Q. - Cesano.

Ref: 25064/4576
Date: 3/4/46

- 1 - MMIA has ordered that the 21 twenty five pounder guns on charge to your H.Q. be handed in to Gun Park 55 Base Ordnance Depot, Naples and the same number of guns (25 pounders) with iron brake be drawn in their place.
- 2 - The movement of the guns will take place by road. Considering that the number of tractors does not permit of effecting the movement in one journey only, two journeys will be effected.
- 3 - Give the Ministry and M.M.I.A. due ^{of the} warning dates when the exchange of materials will be effected at Naples Depot.

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sgd. Properzi
Gen.

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M.H.I.A.

3 D.L.U. MILAN

Q.902

UNCLASSIFIED

REF YOUR PROGRESS REPORT STOP NINGS RIVER QTY
2052 DISPATCHED BY RAIL EX WAYING ON 16 MAR IN RAIL
TRUCK NUMBER 1012035 STOP IF NOT ARRIVED TRACE THROUGH
MOVEMENTS MILAN.

Q138

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E.C. BRADLEY, MAJOR

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS

CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES

TELE NO: Freedom 254

G(SD)

SUBJECT: Technical Tools and Equipment for
ITALIAN Interim Army

ESD/84/3 B

5 Apr 1946.

TO : "Q"

Copy to: Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. MMIA
ORD (with 3 copies of attachments to MMIA letter ME/31 of 9 Mar)
REME.Ref attached copy of MMIA letter ME/31 of 9 Mar (forwarded to
this Branch under MMIA letter SD/109 of 28 Mar.1. The Italian Army is having considerable difficulty in maintaining
its vehs and eqpt - partly owing to shortage of tools etc.2. Please do all you can to provide the items in question as soon
as possible, and correspond direct with MMIA on the subject.3. For MMIA

Your signal SD 3171 of 3 Apr noted.

Sgd. M.V.M. MACLEOD,
Major General,
Chief of General Staff.

Copy/ra

See 83
See 89 054
FON 43

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS

CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES

Tele No : Freedom 254

G(SD)

SUBJECT : Technical Tools and Equipment for
ITALIAN Interim Army

ESD/81/3 B

TO : 'Q'

5 Apr 46

COPY TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission AC, (MMIA)
ORD (with 3 copies of attachments to MMIA letter ME/31 of 9 Mar)
REME

33/ME31

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S/9050.

W.M. INGLIS, Major GS
for
SGD. M.W.M. MacLeod,
Major General,
Chief of General Staff.

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Noted
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13/4/46

TRANSLATION

FROM: M.OI W.
TO : M.M.I.A. (Ref. letter of this SMRE
n° 4/513/Sv dated 15/3 last)

REF: 4/797/Serv
DATE: 4/4/46

- 1) - The H.Q. of the Military Central Schools has informed us that, for the carrying out of the courses referred to in the a/m letter, the School of Arty under our command lacks various materials among which the following are needed immediately:
- | | | |
|--|------|---|
| - Arty tool kits for 25 pounder gun barrel | - n° | 2 |
| - " " " " 17 " " " | - " | 2 |
| - " " " " 6 " " " | - " | 2 |
| - " " " " 40 mm " " " | - " | 2 |
- 2) - We would point out the advisability of kindly urging the assignment of the a/m materials.

sgd. Meloni
Col.

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REME

Can any redistribution take place
of the above named tool kits which are presently
held in the Inf divs. 8th Bn 17/4

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Will contact EME's. Blue
and try to arrange collection
from Swiss.
Will advise developments
of the
25/4.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES

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TELE NO: FREEDOM 254

G(SD)

SUBJECT: 25 pr for ITALIAN Interim Army.

ESD/81/3 B

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. MMIA

3 Apr 1946

Copy to: "Q"
ORD

See 83
See FILE 5905H
FOR 1043

Ref our letter ESD/81/3B of 15 March 46, and ref conversation Lt Col.
HEAD - ENGLIS 2 April.

1. MMIA have asked to keep the 21 No 25 pr eqpts without muzzle brakes.
2. Authority is given for temporary retention of these eqpts pending final decision when MMIA's requirements are known.
3. Issue of eqpts with muzzle brakes will continue.

Sgd. M.W.M. MACLEOD,
Major General,
Chief of General Staff.

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10/5/46

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Translation

From M. of W.
To Central Mil. Schools HQ.
for info M.M.I.A.

Ref. 23064/4576

Date 3/4/1946

Subject 25 Pdr. Guns.

Reference letter Q/I38 dated 26/3/1946

- 1) The M.M.I.A. has ordered that the 21 25 pdr. guns on charge to this HQ be handed into the 557 Base Ord. Depot Gun Park at Naples, and, from the same park, be drawn the same number of 25 Pdr. guns fitted with front brakes.
- 2) The transfer of the guns will take place by road. In view of the fact that the number of tractors does not permit ~~the~~ the transfer in one single journey, 3 journeys will be made.
- 3) Inform the Min. of War and The M.M.I.A. in time of the dates during which the exchange of the material will take place at the Naples Depot.

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TRANSLATION

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

REF: 23223/4791
DATE: 3/4/46

SUBJECT: Tolmezzo Battalion of 5th Alpine Rgt.

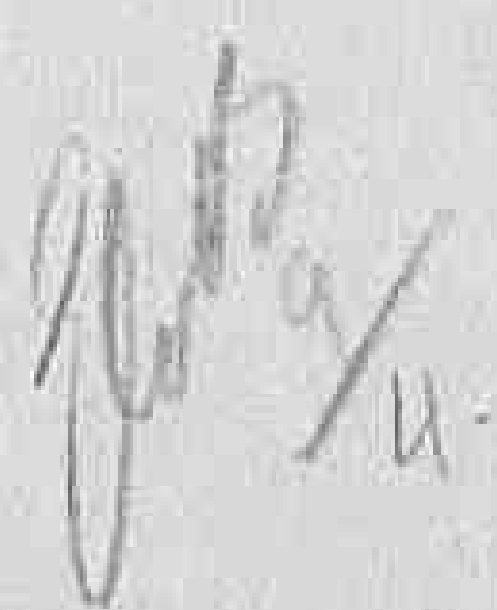
We report that we have complied with the request of your Mission,
contained in the telegram Q/889 dated 29/3/46.

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sgd. Properzi
Gen.

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Translation .

From M.of W.

To M.M.I.A.

Ref. 4/79I/Serv.

Date 3/4/46.

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Subject Automatic Carbines for the 5° Alpine Regt. "Tolmezzo"
Battalion.

Reply tele. Q/889 dated 29/3/46.

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- 1 - The 5° Alpine Regt "Tolmezzo" battalion is the already 517° Guard battalion still under command of 13° Corps.
 - 2 - Regarding the aforesaid battalion, the Mil. Terr. HQ at Udine, in view of the special services which the unit is carrying out in "A" zone, requested, on the 8.3.46, from the Gen. Art. and M.T. Dir. a further 24 automatic carbines (6 per company) over and above those already on the scale of issue, this S.M. gave its approval for the release of the weapons immediately.
 - 3 - We can therefore consider the request for 20 automatic carbines submitted by your mission in tele to which we reply already complied with.
 - 4 - We ask the Gen. Art. and M.T. Dir. should the allocation referred to in the a/m be still not effected, to kindly give instructions concerning the matter and, if it has been effected, to kindly hasten the dispatch of the 24 automatic carbines requested by the Mil. Terr. HQ at Udine for the "Tolmezzo" battalion.

DAK

Col. N. Meloni.

9/4/46
A Q/138

9.4.46
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(5/T)

TRANSLATION

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

REF: 4/74/Serv.
DATE: 1/4/46

SUBJECT: Return of British weapons.

Ref. to verbal request made by Maj. Baumann and further to letter I/5273/Serv dated 28/12/45, we enclose the return regarding British weapons in charge of:

- Infantry Divisions
- Central Schools
- C.A.R.s
- Alpine Battalion "Aosta"

Alpine Bn. "Aquila" is included in the "Legnano" Division, to which it belongs.

In the return are also included the weapons of the 2 Infantry Battalions (formerly Guards) assigned to "Legnano" Division.

sgd. Liuzzi
Gen.

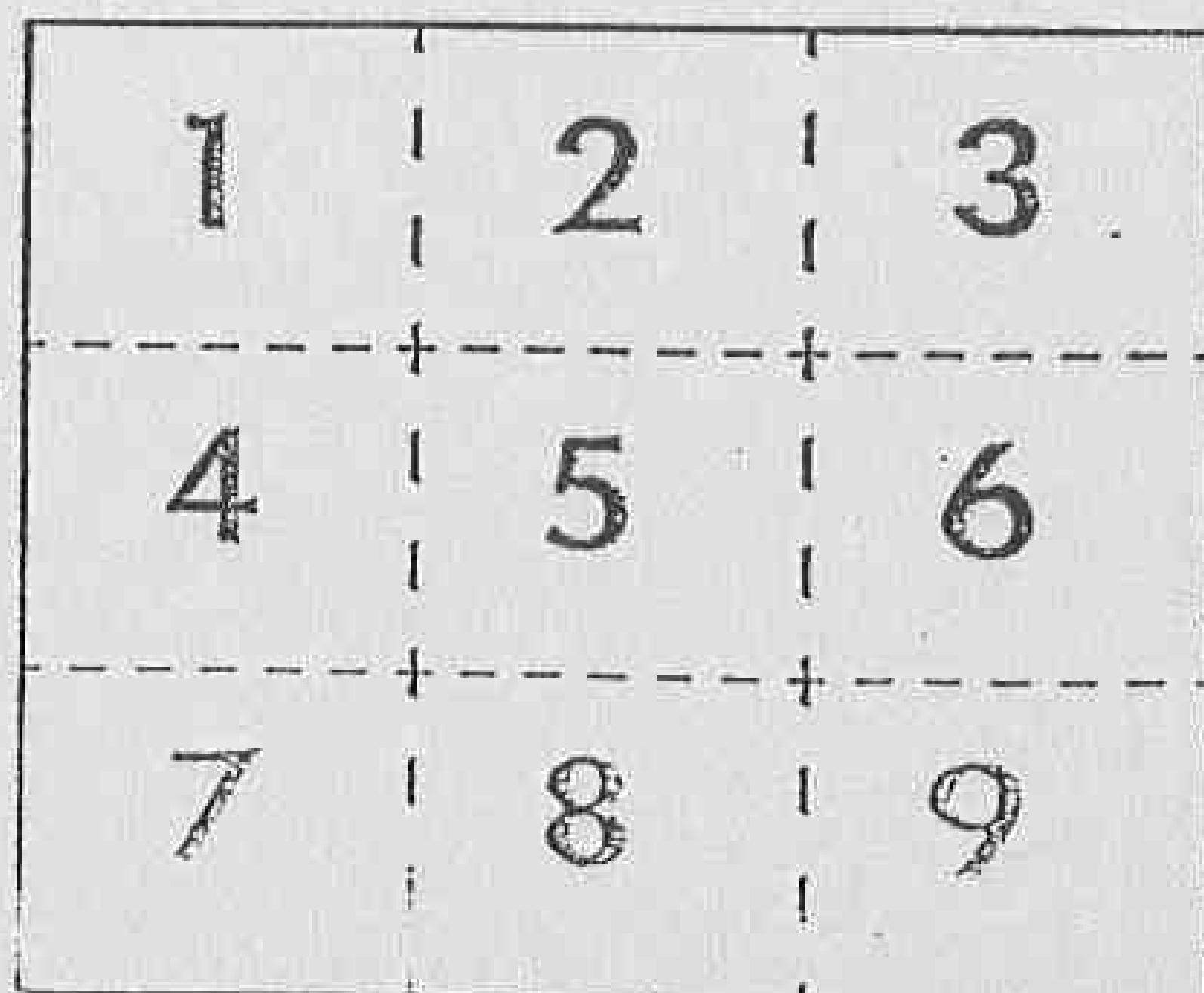
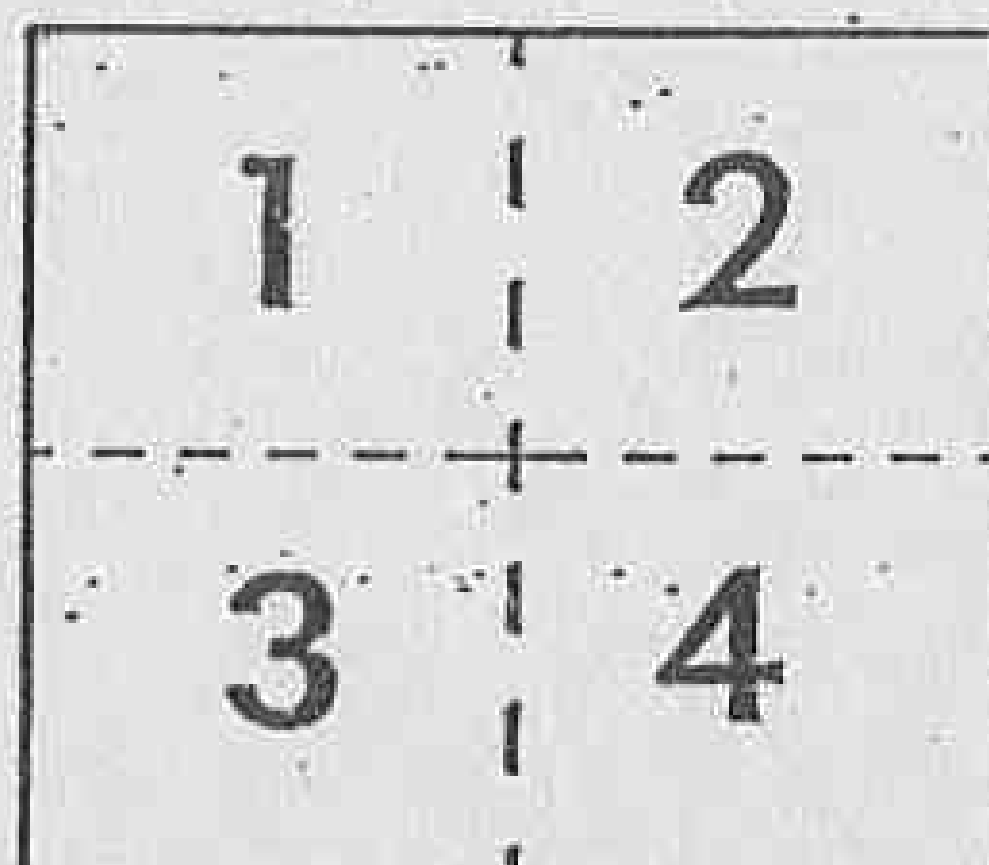
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LEFT TO RIGHT, AND TOP TO BOTTOM.

SEE DIAGRAMS BELOW.



PROSPETTO RELATIVO ALLA SITUAZIONE DELL'ARMAMENTO BR

ENTI E REPARTI	Pist. 0,38	Fucili 0,303	Fucile mitra Thom- pson	Carab. "Sten"	Fucile mitra "Bren"	Mortai da 2"	Mortai da 3"	Mortai Piat	P d e
Div. "Friuli"	440	6582	2535	-	503	134	41	179	
Div. "Legnano"	439	5582	1933	284	515	72	44	150	
Div. "Cremona"	370	5774	2496	-	497	124	40	166	
Div. "Mantova"	453	5624	2624	-	502	36	40	124	
Div. "Folgore"	412	5434	2535	-	501	133	40	183	
Btg. Alp. "Aosta"	28	524	127	-	64	16	4	16	
Centri Addestr. <i>Reclute</i>	1001	45100	-	2112	2112	209	-	528	
Suole Centrali	49	5573	364	-	233	58	26	136	
T o t a l e	3192	80193	12664	2396	4927	782	235	1482	

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ZIONE DELL'ARMAMENTO BRITANNICO ALLA DATA DEL 1° MARZO 1946

Mortai da 3"	Mortai Piat	Pistole da se- gnalaz.	Cannone da 6 libbre	Cannone da 17 libbre	Cannone da 25 libbre	Cannone da 40 m/m	Mortai da 4,2	Mitra pesan. da Q303	Fucili di precis.
41	179	66	36	8	34	11	-	-	16
44	150	71	34	8	32	12	-	-	30
40	166	39	36	8	32	12	-	-	12
40	124	56	33	8	32	12	-	-	24
40	183	58	36	8	33	12	-	24	20
4	16	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	528	264	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26	136	66	24	7	23	8	-	-	34
235	1482	620	201	47	186	67	-	24	136



Enclosed with letter 4/74I/Serv. dated 30/3/46

Return of the British weapons as at

Units	Pistol Rifle 0.38	Pistol Rifle 0.303	"Thompson L.M.G.	"Sten" Carbine	"Bren" L.M.G.	2" Mortars	3" Mortars
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1st March 1946

"Piat" Mortars	Signalling Listols	6 Pounder gun	17 Poun- der gun	25 Poun- der gun	40m/m gun	4,2 Mortars	0.303 Heavy M.M.G.	Precision Rifles
179	66	36	8	34	11	-	-	16
150	71	34	8	32	12	-	-	30
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At a conference held at M.V.I.A. on the
21st MARCH 1946
to discuss

MAINTENANCE STORES REQUIRED BY THE ITALIAN ARMY TO LAST FROM
15th NOV 1945 UNTIL 31st DEC 1947 (excluding the 60 days
maintenance pack already prepared)

ATTENDED BY:

Lt. Col. R.A. CURTIES R.A.
Lt. Col. W.L. MEDLAM. Kings
Lt. Col. A.R.C. SOUTHEY O.B.E., R.E.
Lt. Col. A.J. HEAD R.A.O.C.
Major E.W. BRADLEY. Innisks
Col. PIGONE
Ten. Col. JAMMARINO
Ten. Col. NARISSI
Ten. Col. CADONI
Ten. Col. COLOMBA
Mag. SERGIO

A.Q.M.G.
G-1 (Trg)
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A.D.O.S.
D.A.Q.M.G. (1)
Div. Gen. del Genio
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Div. Gen. di Commis.
Stato Mag. RE. Uf. Ser.
Div. Gen. d'Artiglieria
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and contain the items considered essential to maintain the
fighting efficiency of the unit concerned. Such items as cannot
be produced by the Italian Government should therefore all be
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10. A. Q. M. G. (F)

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4. In certain cases it may be that the items can be produced by the Italian Government, but, not in sufficient quantity prior to December 1947. A special list should be prepared of such items.
5. For simplicity it is proposed to deal with complete sections or sub-sections of the Ordnance Vocabulary. This may result in certain sections being omitted from the list of requirements although individual items may in fact be required. Such items must form the subject of a separate request.

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6. It is recommended that, as soon as possible, a special equipment list be prepared for each unit; showing items provided from (a) Italian (b) British sources. Such lists will be of the greatest assistance in enabling Territorial Commanders to make their requirements known to the Ministry.

7. It is desirable that the present time when requests are being made for the issue of maintenance stores that the deficiencies known to exist in the five infantry divisions are reported. It is assumed that these divisions were complete to scale as regards British weapons on the 14th November 1946 whereas, in fact, it is known that certain deficiencies (i.e. Bayonets) exist.

EWE/lm

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SUBJECT : Exchange of Sentiments - 25 Pdr.

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LAND FORCES SIB COMMISSION A.G.
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q.438

2 April 1946

TO : Ministry of War

Ref this HQ letter Q.438 of 26 March 1946.

May a reply please be given immediately to para 5
of the above quoted letter.

Elms

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

WJB/ra

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Subject : DEFICIENCIES - BAYONETS.

LAND FORCES SUB COMM.A.C.
(M.F.I.A.) ROME.
Tel. 478163

Q . 138

1 April 1946

TO : Ministry of War.

Ref your 4/684/Serv. of 24 March 1946.

1. It is regretted that these bayonets cannot be issued owing to shortage in this theatre.
2. This deficiency will be borne in mind by this H.Q. and bayonets will be obtained as and when they become available

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

EWB/lm

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Tr Olation

From N. of W.

To M.M.I.A.

Ref. 4/703/Serv.

Date 29/3/46

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Subject Accessories for 2" Mortars granted by the Central
Schools to Various C.A.Rs

1. Further to instructions from this S.M., issued for the purpose of meeting C.A.R. armament requirements, the Central Schools HQ has dispatched during the last few days to 1°, 2°, 3° and 8° C.A.Rs a total of 53 2" mortars.
2. The aforesaid weapons, as regards being in a working condition, lack the accessories and spare parts shown in the attached list.
3. The Central Schools HQ has pointed out that when, previously the mortars were taken on charge having been received from allied stores they were already without the missing parts but the deficiencies were not noted due to the fact that personnel belonging to units under their command, very inexperienced in British weapons, were not in a position to report the matter.
4. We ask you to kindly arrange the allocation of the missing accessories and spare parts as ~~2077~~ as possible.

DAK

G. Liuzzi.

A 9138

1/4/46

Allegato 1 foglio 103/100 in data 19.3.46

Denominazioni		CAR 1 Cas. Mon.	CAR 2 Fos- sano	CAR 2 Cu- neo	CAR 3 CO- mo	CAR 3 Bro- scia	CAR 8 Orvis- to	Totali
Mortai da 2 poll.	(inviati)	14	10	5	10	5	9	53
2" MORTARS	(defic.)	=	=	=	=	=	=	=
Casse per mortai	(inviati)	11	8	4	8	4	7	42
CASES FOR MORTARS	(defic.)	3	2	1	21	1	2	11
Cong.di puntamento	(inviati)	8	7	4	7	4	5	35
RANGE FINDERS	(defic.)	6	3	1	3	1	4	18
Scovoli	(inviati)	6	4	2	4	2	4	22
SWARS	(defic.)	8	6	3	6	3	5	31
Bacch.per pulizia	(inviati)	7	5	2	5	2	5	26
CLEANING RODS	(defic.)	7	5	3	5	3	4	27
Cinghie per mort.	(inviati)	4	3	1	3	1	3	15
BELTS FOR MORTARS	(defic.)	10	7	4	7	4	6	38
Cuffie di volata	(inviati)	8	6	2	6	2	6	30
GUN-CAP	(defic.)	6	4	3	4	3	3	23
Cas.pezzi di ric.	(inviati)	8	7	4	7	4	5	35
SPARE PARTS BOXES	(defic.)	6	3	1	3	1	4	18
Moschettoni	(inviati)	17	13	6	13	6	11	66
"MOSCHETTONI"	(DEFIC.)	11	7	4	7	4	7	40
Ampollini grandi	(inviati)	8	7	3	6	3	6	33
e piccoli	(defic.)	6	3	2	4	3	3	20
OIL BOTTLES LARGE AND SMALL								



Accessori contenuti nelle cassette parti di ricambio.

*Spares contained in the spare part boxes**alligato al f. 4/53 ha. in data 19.5.54.*

Denominazione		CAR 1 Cas. Mon.	CAR 2 Fos- sano	CAR 2 Cu- neo	CAR 3 Co- mo	CAR 3 Bre- scia	CAR 8 Orvie- to	Totali
Nottolini	(Inviati)	9	6	4	7	4	5	35
DOGS	(defic.)	5	4	1	3	1	4	18
Pistoni	(inviati)	=	1	=	=	=	=	1
PISTONS	(defic.)	14	9	5	10	5	9	52
Molle per pistoni	(inviati)	10	6	3	4	3	5	31
SPRING FOR PISTONS	(defic.)	4	4	2	6	2	4	22
Punte del percus.	(inviati)	7	5	2	2	4	3	23
FIRING PIN POINTS	(defic.)	7	5	3	8	1	6	30
Perno della punt.p)	(inviati)	9	7	3	4	3	2	28
PIN for firing pin points	(defic.)	5	3	2	6	2	7	25
Molla punta perc.	(inviati)	11	5	3	5	4	4	32
SPRING for firing pin point	(defic.)	3	5	2	5	1	5	21
Molla del nottol.	(inviati)	11	7	3	8	4	4	37
DOG'S SPRING	(defic.)	3	3	2	2	1	5	16
Molla principale	(inviati)	3	=	=	=	=	=	3
WATER SPRING	(defic.)	11	10	5	10	5	9	50
Molla di scatto	(inviati)	8	6	2	4	4	4	28
SEAR SPRING	(defic.)	6	4	3	6	2075	5	25
Piastrine	(inviati)	1	=	1	=	=	=	2
SMALL PLATES	(defic.)	13	10	4	10	5	9	51



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M.H.L.A.

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MINISTRY OF WAR

Q.809

RESTRICTED

13 CORPS VIA 5 Hqs URGENTLY REQUEST IMMEDIATE PROVISION
OF TWENTY MACHINE GUNNERS FOR FORWARD BY 5 ALPINE REGT
STPD PLEASE TAKE EARLIEST ACTION TO PROVIDE AND INFORM
THIS HQ SINCE NO MACHINE GUNNERS AVAILABLE IN 5 CORPS

SEE 43

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IMMEDIATE

G(30)
C.138*Edw Bradley Mayo*

E.V. BRADLEY, Major.

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COPY INCOMING SINGAL

FROM 5 HLU 281130B
 TO LIMA ROBE
 GR72 BT

AC/45 . TOLMEZZO EN URGENTLY REQUIRE ONE HUNDRED INT REFS TO MAKE EN
 UP TO STRENGTH OWING TO DEMOB OF 1921 CLASS . 13 CORPS REQUEST IMMEDIATE
 ASSIGNMENT OWING TO IMPORTANT ROLE OF THIS UNIT AT THIS TIME .
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Translation

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

Ref. 4/724/Serv.
Date 28/3/46.

Subject Deficiencies of British Weapons.

Enclosure I

Reference verbal request made by Maj. Baumann we forward the attached list in which is shown the deficiencies of British armament in Infantry Divs and the "Aosta" Alpine battalions which appear in the latest returns received.

The "Aquila" Alpine battalions, are included in the "Legnano" division, under whose command it is at this moment.

We will forward further information as soon as the returns are received in respect of the month of March.

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SPECCHIO RELATIVO ALLA DEFICIENZA DELLE ARMI BRITANNICHE PRESSO LE DIVISIONI DI FANTERIA

R e p a r t i	Pistole 0,38	Fucili 0,303	Carabine Thompson	Fucil.mitr. Bren	Mortai da 2 p.	Mortai da 3 p.	Mortai piat.	Pistole segnalaz.	Cannoni da 6 libbre	Cannoni da 17 libbre	Cannoni da 25 libbre	Cannoni da 40 m/m	Mortai da 4,2	Mitragl.
Divisione "Friuli"	-	-	93	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	207	-	-
Divisione "Legnano"	16	369	420	49	88	-	12	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Divisione "Cremena"	61	-	157	2	15	-	7	15	-	-	-	-	-	-
Divisione "Mantova"	-	-	121	26	87	-	49	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
Divisione "Folgore"	19	56	121	12	7	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Btg. Alpini "Aosta"	3	18	15	-	7	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totale deficienze	99	443	927	89	210	-	75	22	3	-	-	1	-	-



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Subject: EXCHANGE OF EQUIPMENTS - 25 PAR.

LAND FORCES HQ COMD. A.C.
(M.L.I.A.)
Rome.
Tel. 4/8103

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26 March 1946

TO : Ministry of War. (by 10)

1. Under authority of G.L.O. letter 512/81/3B of 15 March 46 authority has been granted for M.L.I.A. to hand in 25 the equipments quantity 21 in exchange for a similar number fitted with mine brakes (Front 41 pieces). The relevant Ordnance Branch release 4a signal (as copy to you) 100/2614 of 14 March 1946. All these equipments concern the Artillery School MASSILLANO.

2. It is suggested that the equipments for exchange be towed by vehicles of the Artillery School to the GUN PARK 557 BASE ORDNANCE DEPOT EATON, where the exchange can take place, the same vehicles then towing back the new guns.

3. If it is considered by you that the amount of patrol that would be consumed is prohibitive of this arrangement being feasible; it is then suggested that a rail bid be placed by you to effect the exchange.

4. It is pointed out that the arrangement in para 2 has advantages over that in para 3 since it is believed that the type of wagon known as a 'Flat', necessary to transport these equipments, is in short supply.

5. It is requested that H.O. be kept informed of the arrangements made and the proposed date of exchange.

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Under authority of D.M.G. letter 113/01/33 of 15 March 46 authority has been granted for M.V.A. to haul in 25 TAV equipments quantity 24 in exchange for a similar number fitted with rattle wheels (froni di bocce). The relevant ordinance branch release in signal (no copy to you) 103/2614 of 16 March 1946. All these equipments concern the Artillery School ~~MASSICIA~~. *Page 10*

2. It is suggested that the equipments for exchange be towed by vehicles of the Artillery School to the GUL PARK 557 BASSO ORMANO DEPOE HALLS, where the exchange can take place, the same vehicles then towing back the new guns.

3. If it is considered by you that the amount of petrol that would be consumed is prohibitive of this arrangement being feasible, it is then suggested that a rail bid be placed by you to effect the exchange.

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M.V. BRAMATI,
Major Insigne
for Major General
M.V. F.A.

Copy to : 12 B.I.V. CASSANO. *✓*
: GED.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS

CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES

TELE NO : FREEDOM 254
 SUBJECT : Equipment for Interim ITALIAN Army
 TO : Lord Forces Sub Commission, A.C. (MCTA).
 C(SD),
 DSD/81/5A
 7/5 March 1946

Note to be acknowledge receipt by hand on 18 Mar of the following:-

1. Amm

(a) 1 letter dated 25/2/46 "Estimated Amm Requirements for training for ITALIAN Interim Army - Period ending 31 Dec 46" (Your ref - Nil)

(b) It is requested that these figures do NOT include the trg amn requirements for the Carabinieri as given in your SD/109/1 of 5 Mar i.e. 300 Browning 806,000 rds, 37 mm 3,600 rds.

These figures will be added to the main list.

2. Explosives

(a) Copy of a letter entitled "Engg eqpt for the ITALIAN Army" (Your ref RE/4 of 11 Mar)

(b) This is taken for your reply to minute 12 of minutes of the Conference of 27 Feb issued under our ref DSD/84/3B of 2 Mar.

(c) Estimated requirements are NOT given, but you said on 18 Mar that you considered supply of explosives from Allied Sources was NOT required.

3. Sig Stores

(a) A letter entitled "Sig Stores" (Your ref X511 of 16 Mar).

(b) This is taken as your reply to minutes 13 and 24 of minutes referred to in para 2 above.

(c) Appx 'A' is taken to exclude requirements for the Carabinieri forwarded in your letter SD/109 of 13 Mar which cancelled Section 'B' of Appx 'A' to your letter SD/109 of 28 Dec and will be considered in conjunction with the latter.

(d) Appx 'B' is stated to be incomplete. It is also taken to cover the

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1. Amend

(a) I have amended Estimated Arm Requirements for training for ITALIAN Interim Army - Period ending 31 Dec 46" (Your ref - Nil)

(b) It is requested that these figures do NOT include the trg arm requirements for the Carabinieri as given in your SD/109/4 of 5 Mar 46. 300 Browning 806,000 rds, 57 mm 2,260 rds.

These figures will be added to the main list.

2. Explosives

(a) Para 2 of a letter entitled "Engr eqpt for the ITALIAN Army" (Your ref RE/4 of 17 Mar).

(b) Para 13 of your reply to minute 12 of minutes of the Conference of 27 Feb 1946 under our ref ASD/84/3B of 2 Mar.

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(d) Appx 'B' is stated to be incomplete. It is also taken to cover the reply required to minute 30(b) of the minutes referred to in para 2. As our Ord branch is very fully employed, no action will be taken on this until the complete requirement is received. Please send this as soon as possible.

4. Eng. Eqpt

(a) A letter entitled "Engr Eqpt for the ITALIAN Army" (Your ref RE/4 of 11 Mar).

(b) This is taken as

(i) Your reply to minutes 22 and 27 c (iii) of the minutes referred in para 2 above.

(ii) Your proposal for operational engr eqpt to be held by the Army.

(iii) Part of the breakdown of Tech vehs (see para 5 below) shown in the SET's for the Army (your ref SD/109 of 6 Dec) in respect of Compressors.

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On the assumption that you wish these to be Trucks and NOT Trailers, they will be added to your list in para 5 below.

(c) Bulldozers are special eqpt and the question of authorising them for the Army will be taken up separately.

(d) This letter will be the subject of a separate communication.

5. Tech Vene

(a) A list entitled Revised Figures of requirements in Technical Vehicles by the ITALIAN Interim Army" (Your ref - Nil).

(b) This list does not include the vehs mentioned in para 4(c) above - which will be added to it.

(c) This list will also be the subject of a separate communication.

6. Med Equip and Stores

(a) A list entitled "Medical Supplies - ITALIAN Army" (Your ref M/4/243 undated).

(b) This subject does not appear to have been raised before, and will be the subject of a separate communication.

7. Outstanding Items

(a) Replies are still outstanding to the following minutes referred to in para 2 above:

27.01.41 and (Mf) - Med Arty and HMA
28.01.41 (C) - Eng Rept and Stores
28.01.41 - See para 3 above

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(b) It is agreed that the lists required by mins 30(a) and (c) in 7(a) above will be submitted as two lists, an Interim and a final list.

8. Method of sending requirements

Receipt of a number of unco-ordinated and unconsolidated lists of demands causes a considerable amount of additional staff work at this HQ. It would be very much appreciated if you would co-ordinate such lists at your HQ in future, and also send at 4 copies of each.

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(b) This list does not include the vehs mentioned in para 4(c) above - which will be added to it.

(c) This list will also be the subject of a separate communication.

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(b) This subject does not appear to have been raised before, and will be the subject of a separate communication.

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(i) (1) and (2) - Med Dept and Stores
(2) (1) and (2) - Med Dept and Stores
(3) (1) and (2) - Med Dept and Stores
(4) (1) and (2) - Med Dept and Stores
- REME 6/4/44

(b) It is noted that the lists required by mins 30(a) and (c) in 4(a) above will be submitted in 30 mins, an Interim and a final list.

8. Review of pending requirements

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ME/b/h(2)

Review
h M. J. M. MACLEOD,
Major General,
Chief of General Staff.

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GSD/84/3

MINUTES OF A CONFERENCE

ON THE

PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE INTERIM ITALIAN ARMY

Held at GHQ CAMP AT 1100 HRS 27 FEB 46

<u>Chairman</u>	Major	INGLIS	GSO.2 (SD)4, GHQ
<u>Present</u>	Lt Col	SWINBY	GSO.1 (SD), MIA
	Lt Col	CURRIES	AS, MIA
	Lt Col	HEAD	ADCS, MIA
	Lt Col	RAUSEY	G-4 MTOUSA
	Major	COLVILLE	Q.1, GHQ
	Major	PARLOHAN	Q(GEM), GHQ
	Major	RODEN	ORD.3, GHQ
	Captain	PROUDFOOT	Q(IE), GHQ
<u>Secretary</u>	Captain	LOWE	GSO.3 (SD)4, GHQ

1. The Chairman apologised for the GSO.1 (SD) not being in the chair, owing to another engagement.

2. The object of the Conference was to provide information on the current position - with a view to compilation of a comprehensive review on the subject. 2067

This review is to be put before the Chief of Staff JFHQ.

It is understood that GOC MIA is asking for a very high level integrated conference on the subject - and it is hoped that this review will provide the relevant data required.

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- G-2 JFHQ
- G-3 JFHQ
- G-4 JFHQ
- Q GHQ
- G-4 MTOUSA

but which has not yet been put to the Chief of Staff.

Chairman Major INGLIS GSO.2 (SD)4, CHQ

Present Lt Col SOUTHEY GSC.1 (SD), MIA
 Lt Col CURRIES AQ, MIA
 Lt Col HEAD ADOS, MIA
 Lt Col RUSSEY G-4 MTOUSA
 Major OCVILLE Q.1, CHQ
 Major MACLACHLAN Q(CEM), CHQ
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This paper (att as Appx 'A' - G(SD) copy only) will require redrafting as a result of this conference - but it showed what has had been agreed to date.

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4. AQ MIA then gave a review of the present position regarding the equipment for the Interim Italian Army, based on a paper MIA ref S/Q 054 undated (att at Appx 'B' - G(SD) copy only).
5. It was agreed that many of the points raised could not be discussed at this conference, but would have to be decided at the conference referred to in para 2.
6. It was decided to continue the discussion on the basis of the existing policy, as laid down in AFHQ Directive AG (94.714G(SD)-C of 2 Nov 45 and the conference went on to discuss the points in the agenda.

The following decisions or recommendations were agreed.

INTERIM ITALIAN ARMY (less CIRIBINIERI)

7. WEAPONS

Of Italian origin

- (a) AFHQ policy is to equip CO. AR Finance Guards, etc with indigenous weapons.
- (b) All Small Arms should be handed over direct to Interim Italian Army immediately.
- (c) This proposed hand-over should include the 34,000 (figure given by AQ MIA) PERREA machine carbines in the dump in the BERETTA factory at CARDONE, now controlled by 2 District.

AQ MIA said that they could definitely control distribution and prevent weapons getting into wrong hands

- (a) AQ MIA urged that heavy weapons should NOT be destroyed but held, pending a decision on the policy for equipping the final Italian Army. It would be a pity to destroy these weapons if manufacture was going to be allowed at a later date.

8. Of Allied origin

- (a) AFHQ policy will almost certainly be (See para 3) that ALL weapons are to be BRITISH origin.

Action

G(SD) to get AFHQ approval

As for (b)

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INTERIM ITALIAN ARMY (less CARABINIERI)

7. WEAPONS

OF ITALIAN origin

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8. OF Allied origin

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| (a) | AWHQ policy will almost certainly be (See para 3) that ALL weapons are to be BRITISH origin. | |
| (b) | The total quantity of Rifles, 2" and 4.2" Mortars required is NOT available from theatre stocks. | |
| | AWHQ should recommend War Office to provide balance of Rifles and 2" Mortars from elsewhere. Re 4.2" Mortars. See (c) (i) below. | G(SD) |

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Action

(c)

- (i) It appears that 4.2" Mortar amm is not going to be available to the Interim ITALIAN Army. This amm is in very short supply and it is reported that production is ceasing very soon.

Stocks of U.S. equivalent do not exist in this theatre

G(SD) will investigate.

G(SD)

- (ii) AG NITA said that in the event of amm for 3" Mortar not being available (see minute 10 (b)) the ITALIANS were quite prepared to use their own 81 mm mortar instead of our 3" Mortar.

Q(CEN) to report quantity of ITALIAN 81 mm mortars available.

Q(CEN)

G-4 HTOUSA to report availability of U.S. 81 mm mortar amm.

G-4 HTOUSA
G(SD)ASSUMPTION

9.

Of ITALIAN origin

Amn of ALL nations is in process of hand over direct to the Interim ITALIAN Army.

10.

Of Allied origin

- (a) This will be BRITISH supply in view of minute 8(a).

- (b) Theatre stocks of 2", 3" and 4.2" MOR amm do NOT allow issue to ITALIANS, and so

amm will have to be imported.

AFHQ will make recommendations to War Office when information required by minute 8 (c)(ii) is available.

C(SD)

- (c) U.S. 81 mm mortar amm see minute 8 (c) (ii)

- (d) AFHQ policy to be recommended to the War Office in provision of

(one month at contact rates
(two months at quiet rates

C(SD)

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Q(CEM) to report quantity of ITALIAN 81 mm mortars available.

G-4 MTOUSA to report availability of U.S. 81 mm mortar ann.

ADMINISTRATION

9.

Of ITALIAN origin

Ann of ALL natures is in process of hand over direct to the Interim ITALIAN Army.

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AHQ will make recommendations to War Office when information required by minute 8 (c)(ii) is available.

- (c) U.S. 81 mm mortar ann see minute 8 (e) (ii)

- (d) AHQ policy to be recommended to the War Office is provision of

{ one month at contact rates
 { two months at quiet rates
 { twelve months at trg rates

If War Office agree, total will be handed over direct to Interim ITALIAN Army as soon as possible,

Qty involved estimated at 27,000 tons (ref GHQ letter 4109/2-1 of 22 Jan).

AQ HIA raised no objections regarding transfer.

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3(CEM)

G-4 MTOUSA
 G(SD)

G(SD)

G(SD)

ENCLOSURESAction

11.

Of ITALIAN origin

All handed over.

12.

Of Allied origin

Likely that ITALIAN supply will be satisfactory. If not presumably will be BRITISH supply.

MMIA to investigate regarding ITALIAN supply.

MMIA

VEHICLES

13.

AQ MMIA made statement regarding chronic situation existing in this respect which is now the factor limiting the efficiency of the Interim ITALIAN Army.

Main points were:-

(a) Existing method (as laid down in AMB policy letter of 2 Nov 45) by which all surplus Allied vehs go to Ministry of Supply for disposal via RAR has resulted so far in Interim ITALIAN Army getting precisely NIL - because

(i) ITALIAN Government is NOT interested in the Army.

(ii) There is NO military representative on RAR. See also para 20.

(b) Suggested solution to (a) is to amend the policy to allow direct transfer to Interim ITALIAN Army of a proportion of surplus vehs. Direct transfer is especially desired in the case of 'A' vehs.

(c) Maintenance situation is appalling.

It was agreed at the GHQ 'Q' Conference on 11 Dec 45 (minute 4 (a)) that

"60 days spares incl major assemblies, tyres and tubes, subject to availability, will be issued as soon as possible"

Precisely NIL received to date. (But see minute 24).

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(d) Position fully set out in MMIA letter SO 054 of

existing in this respect which is now the factor limiting the efficiency of the Interim ITALIAN Army.

Main points were:-

- (a) Existing method (as laid down in MILA policy letter of 2 Nov 45) by which all surplus Allied vehs go to Ministry of Supply for disposal via IIR has resulted so far in Interim ITALIAN Army getting precisely NIL - because

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Precisely NIL received to date. (But see minute 24).

- (d) Position fully set out in MILA letter SQ 054 of 21 Feb 45 (att as appx 'C' - C(SD) copy only).

Even if (b) adopted - situation will NOT be altered fundamentally.

'A' Vehicles

It was agreed that these should be BRITISH supply to avoid complication over weapons and amm.

/15. 'B' Vehicles.....

'B' VehiclesAction

(a) It was agreed that tractors for 25 pr and 40 mm eqpts should be BRITISH supply in view of eqpts being so.

(b) Present availability of BRITISH and U.S. vehs was given to HMA rep by 'Q' and G-4 MCHS.

(i) BRITISH Vehicles - at a very rough estimate 3,000 vehs of C1 2 and below are likely to be declared to Ministry of Supply between now and 1 Jul 46.

(ii) U.S. Vehicles - Approx 2,000 vehs immediately.

(c) The method by which the ITALIAN Government can obtain U.S. vehs was explained. (Att at Appx 'D' for HMA only).

Note again minute 13 (a).

16. HQ HMA stated that owing to spares situation, Interim ITALIAN Army would like to have any vehs of ITALIAN origin now held by BRITISH units, in preference to BRITISH vehs.

'Q' rep said that all such vehs should have been withdrawn under terms of CHQ letter of 31 Aug.

'Q' will investigate and ensure that action is completed if not already done.

SIGNAL EQUIPMENT

17. Requirements of Wrls sets as set out in HMA letter SD/109 of 28 Dec 45 can be met by issue of No.38, No.19 and No.9 (Gen) sets.

NOTE 1. No.52 sets are NOT available as stated in CHQ letter ESD/81/3B of 28 Jan 46.

2. Summary in Appx 'C' of HMA letter above should read line 2

"22 sets coln (a) 286 2063

18. Agreed desirable to standardise sets in Interim ITALIAN Army by issuing No.38 and No.19 sets in place of existing No.18 and No.22 sets.

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(c) The method by which the ITALIAN Government can obtain U.S. vehs was explained. (Att at Appx 'D' for MIA only).

Note again minute 13 (a).

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SIGNAL EQUIPMENT

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- NOTE
1. No.52 sets are NOT available as stated in GHQ letter SD/81/3B of 28 Jan 46.
 2. Summary in Appx 'A' of MIA letter above should read line 2

"22 sets" in (a) 286 2063

Agreed desirable to standardise sets in Interim ITALIAN Army by issuing No.38 and No.19 sets in place of existing No.18 and No.22 sets held.

NOT known if these extra qtys are available. MIA to say what qtys involved.

War Office will be asked to give security clearance, if required, for No.38 and No.9 (Cdn) sets

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MIA

G(SD)

DAF

Action

20. AQ MHA said that the same snag occurred with Wrls sets as with vehs (see minute 13 (a)) and asked if wrls sets could be handed over direct to military eqpt.

G(SD)

21. AQ MHA asked for release of some sets immediately for direct issue to the Central Military Schools.

Issue to be on loan until some settlement arrived at regarding hand over policy (see minute 20).

Chairman thought this could be done and would investigate

G(SD)

Meanwhile MHA to state exact requirements.

MHA

ENGINEER EQPT

22. Position unsatisfactory in respect of

Dzers (D 4 type)

Compressors (incl tools)

Position requires clarification as neither of above appear to have been authorised.

MHA
G(SD)MAINTENANCE

23. AFHQ should approve issue of 12 months maintenance based on present authorised SEP's.

At present maint is based on holdings on 14 Nov 45. (ref para 12 of AFHQ directive of 2 Nov 46 and minute 2 (a) of GHQ 'Q' Conference of 11 Dec 45).

G(SD)

24. 60 days RT and Arty spares (based on 14 Nov 46 holdings) are now boxed in ORD depots awaiting release by CDC ITALY.

G(SD) will do utmost to get this through quickly.

G(SD)

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Position unsatisfactory in respect of

Doxers (D 4 type)

Compressors (incl tools)

Position requires clarification as neither of above appear to have been authorised.

MIA
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23.

AMBQ should approve issue of 12 months maintenance based on present authorised GET's.

At present maint is based on holdings on 14 Nov 45. (ref para 12 of AMHQ directive of 2 Nov 46 and minute 2 (a) of GHQ 'Q' Conference of 11 Dec 45).

G(SD)

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60 days RT and Arty spares (based on 14 Nov 46 holdings) are now boxed in ORD depots awaiting release by CDC ITALY.

G(SD)

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See again 13 (a).

26.

AG MIA pressed most strongly for very early issue of spares for eqpt (chiefly weapons) specially released for CAR's (ITALIAN Recruit Trg Establishments) - see minute 29.

G(SD)

G(SD) will investigate.

27.....

ActionPROVISION OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES FOR SPECIAL TRG

27. (a) Ref MLI: letter SD/109 of 6 Dec 45 para 5.

ATHQ has approved in principle, and the policy is to make a special issue for Med Arty and Hy Ad Trg.

- (b) Regarding the Hy Bridging Trg. It appears that this means pontoon bridging with Bailey eqpt.

As it is very unlikely that sufficient eqpt can be turned over to the Interim ITALIAN Army, it seems likely that the decision will be to provide facilities at BRITISH Engr Trg Establishments.

The subject requires further investigation.

GSC.1 (SD) MLI agreed that an "all or none" policy was best.

- (c) GSC.1 (SD) MLI is to forward complete list of requirements under three heads:-

(i) Med Arty

(ii) Hy Ad

(iii) Pontoon Bridging

based on the assumption that the Interim ITALIAN Army is to be entirely self-reliant in this respect.

- (d) A separate letter on this subject is being sent to MLI

TRAINING

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Q/136 of 18 Feb 46

Q/003 of 19 Feb 46 (less slings and helmets)

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O/135 of 18 Feb 46

O/003 of 19 Feb 46 (less slings and helmets)

(b) This eqpt will be handed over on the same basis as were the issue for CAR's.

i.e. "on loan pending settlement of final policy"

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MMIA is to forward complete lists of requirements, excl anything already authorized, to be treated as a final demand on this HQ, including

- (a) Special weapons a.g. D.M. weapons (.22 Rifles (incl .22 ann))
- (b) Sig Eqpt (NOT incl in your SD/109 of 28 Dec 46) (NOT in list under minute 21)
- (c) Any other eqpt/stores.

MMIA

EQUIPMENT AND VEHs HELD BY BR-I-ITI UNITS

- (a) Policy remains unchanged that all BRITISH eqpt and vehs will be withdrawn from BR-I-ITI units when disbanding prior to personnel being handed over to the ITALIAN Government.

- (b) MMIA will make this point clear to all concerned.

MMIA

SPECIAL ISSUE OF TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT

40 APR. asked if they may retain certain special tech eqpt for inspection of certain eqpts a.g. Arty.

This work has been done until now by BRITISH inspection teams on loan.

MMIA will send list of requirements.

MMIA

CARABINIERIWeapons

See minute 7.

Arm'd Cars

- (a) Since the conference, authority has been received to make full issue of Staghduns.

Numbers will be withdrawn.

- (b) Ann for Staghduns

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Weapons

See minute 7.

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Armored Cars

(a) Since the conference, authority has been received to make full issue of Stagbunds.

Numbers will be withdrawn.

(b)

Arm for Stagbunds

(i) G-3 AMHQ consider arm not necessary for 37 mm or 2" bomb thrower (or 36 M grenades normally issued with veh).

Admittedly the Interim ITALIAN Army can allot 37 mm etc arm to CO. RR from their stocks (when received) but this would be against express wish and advice of AMHQ.

AQ MIA said MIA would raise this with AMHQ.

(ii) Recommended scale of issue of .300 Browning arm to be the same as for Interim ITALIAN Army (see minute 10 (d)).

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Maintenance for these vehs

- (a) Has so far not been provided for.

Already several numbers off road for lack of spares.

- (b) Spares should be issued to incl veh, weapons (.300 Browning) and wrls set (No. 19 set) on same scale as for other eqpt.

36. Wrls sets are to be provided from GEN.

Remaining availability of GEN unknown.

Q(CEN) will give MMIA latest info.

GENERAL

37. Agreed that in future ALL correspondence for GENQ will be addressed to G(SD) to ensure co-ord.

Other branches of this HQ will NOT deal with MMIA correspondence.

"Follow Up" correspondence may continue to go direct to 'G' and ORD.

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A letter has been sent to AMHQ on this subject (MMIA 2/104 of 26 Feb 46 - att at Annex 'G' - G(SD) copy only)

CONCLUSION

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"to bring the ITALIAN Army to a high state of efficiency in the shortest possible time"

cannot be achieved without a considerable change in existing policy for equipping that Army.

Action

Q(CEN)

MMIA
G(Ops) }
G(Trg) } to
G } note
ORD }

Remaining availability of CEF unknown.

Q(CEC) will give MMIA latest info.

GENERAL

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Some points for consideration are set out in Appx 'P' (att for MMIA only).

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ActionMMIA
G(SD)

- (b) It is considered that an integrated conference at the very highest level is urgently required, in order to consider the subject of equipment for the Interim ITALIAN Army

GIC, CMT
2 Mar 46.

Secretary.

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TRANSLATION

FROM: M.ofW.
TO : M.M.I.A.
(ref. to request made
verbally by Lt. Col. Olivetti)

REF: 4/684/Serv.
DATE: 24/3/46

SUBJECT: Deficiencies in armaments CARs

The military Territorial Command of Naples reported that, on the handing over of the 45.100 rifles MK (Enfield) released by the Depot of Pontecagnano (557 BOD), ~~the~~ 20000 bayonets completing the ~~series~~^{series} of armament ~~have~~^{were} not ~~been~~ issued.

kindly urging the We beg you to consider the advisability *of* ~~have a~~ further allocation of 20.000 bayonets ~~made~~^{made} to make good the above ~~named~~ deficiency.

d. Gen. Liuzzi

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REF YOUR 8/46 OF 19 MAR STOP ARMS TO BE PREPARED FOR ISSUE
 IMMEDIATELY ON RECEIPT STOP PROVISION OF FORS OBLIGING
 MATERIAL MAINTENANCE RTO BEING MADE.

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E.V. BRADLEY, MAJOR

E.V. Bradley, Major



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FROM: 11 BLU OPERATIONAL PRIORITY.
 TO: HQ MMIA ROME
 U/C GR 29 BT.

G/46 IMMEDIATE MAY WE PLEASE HAVE A REPLY TO OUR PAL/G/17DATED 12 MARCH ⁴⁶ AS ~~AS~~ EARLY AS POSSIBLE X FROM 11 BLU X

ACTION TO HQ MMIA ROME BT 191425

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FROM ORD GHQ CMF (ORD 2/13) 19---
TO (1) OO 3 SUB DEPOT 557 BOD
INFO (2) COO 557 BOD (3) LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION (MMIA)
(4) G(SD) (5) 'Q'

QSH BT

DOS/2614 (.) UNCLASSIFIED (.) AUTHORITY HAS BEEN GRANTED FOR MMIA
TO HAND IN 25 PR EQPTS QTY 21 IN EXCHANGE FOR SIMILAR NUMBER FITTED
WITH MUZZLE BRAKES (.) THESE EQPTS WERE EARMARKED IN OUR DOS/2614
DATED 11 MARCH (.) R/NO A/1/78 IS ALLOTTED TO THIS ISSUE (.)
FOR G(SD) , 'Q' AND MMIA (.) ESD/81/3B DATED 15 MARCH REFERS

BT

SENT NR 5 NH B

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War

REF: 4/637/Serv.

TO: All addressees
M.M.I.A. for info.

DATE: 17.3.46

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SUBJECT: Equipment for the CARs.

Further to letters 4/326/Sv of 16th.Feb., and 4/300/sv. of 17th.Feb., and further to conversation of 16th.inst. with Naples Military Territorial Command (Lt.Col.Costantino).

1. - With the letter of the 8th.inst, copy attached, the MMIA approached 557 B.O.D. for the assignment of the stores (equipment) necessary for the completing of the equipment of the personnel of the CARs.

The Naples Military Territorial Command is requested to order that:

- the Artillery Directorate under Command draw the stores immediately and subsequently dispatch them to the CARs with the procedure previously established for the weapons.

2. - Despatch must be effected at the following rates:

- a) - Regulation belts
- b) - Braces, left, patt.37
- c) - Braces, right, patt.37
- d) - Haversacks, patt.37
- e) - Straps, haversack, left, patt.37
- f) - Straps, haversack, right, patt.37
- g) - Water bottle covers
- h) - Water bottles

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at the rate of 4,400 for each CAR.

- i) - Rifle ammunition pouches : 8,800 for each CAR
- l) - American pistol ammo.pouches, patt.37
- m) - American pistol holsters, patt.37

at the rate of 90 for each CAR.

- n) - Bayonet scabbards

at the rate of 4,180 for each CAR.

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3. - In relation to the location of the 1st. and 5th. CARs (which have detachments), the dispatch must be effected at the rate of 2/3 to the H.Q. of the CARs (Cuneo, Modena) and 1/3 to the detachments (Fossano, Sacile), while in the case of the 3rd. CAR, the dispatch must be effected at the rate of 1/2 to Como and 1/2 to Brescia.

4. - The remainder of the stores, corresponding to the following quantities, must be stored and held at disposal at the Naples Artillery Directorate.

3,600 sets of the items in letters a - b - c - d - e - f - g - h ;

7,200 sets of the items i letter "i" ;

20 sets of items in letter "n".

no remainder in the case of the items in letters "l" and "m".

From ~~of~~ these quantities, the following will have to be subsequently subtracted and are to be dispatched to the "Legnano" Division together with the weapons:

1,600 sets of the items included in letters "a" to "h" ;

3,200 sets of the items in letter "i" ;

20 sets of the items in letter "n".

Sgd. MELONI

Col.

O. Danin Sgt.

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Translation

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

Ref. 4/513/Serv.
Date 15/3/46.

Subject Technical Inspections and Repairs to British
Armament Stores used in the Italian Army.

Further to letter 4/220 dated 9/2/46 and with reference to
agreements reached during the meeting held at your mission
on the 26/2/46.

I - Artillery and small arms repairs.

Light repairs will be carried out by infantry division mobile
workshops or by corp armourers for troops not on divisional strength.

We suggest that medium repairs be carried out:

- a) Concerning the artillery:
at the arsenal section at Piacenza;
- b) Concerning small arms

at the artillery Directorates at

Turin for Mil. Terr. HQs	I and II
Venice " " " "	IV " V
Bologna " " " "	III " VI
Rome " " " "	VII " VIII
Naples " " " "	IX " X

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and at the R.E. Arms Factory at Terni for the more
complex repairs that the aforesaid artillery directorate
may not be in a position to carry out.

In the naming of the aforesaid artillery directorates and the assignment
to the same of the various military territorial we have also borne in
mind any future requirements.

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The W/Es of the aforesaid artillery directorates and R.E. Arms at Terni factory are sufficient to carry out the new work

Concerning any necessity for big repairs the replacement of the weapon, as agreed, will be requested.

2 Training of the Necessary Technical Personnel.

a) We suggest that two courses are formed:

The first, for the training of technical inspection personnel for artillery and respective ammunition at the Artillery School at Bracciano;

The second, for the training of personnel for artillery and small arms repairs, at the Mechanics and Art. Tradesman School at Civitavecchia;

b) We suggest that the aforesaid courses last for six weeks and the one for personnel in charge of repairs be carried out twice commencing respectively on the 1^o of April and the 20 May 1946.

c) Personnel suggested to attend the courses:

Technical Artillery Inspection Course:

officers belonging to the technical Artillery service	5 in one turn
Chief technician	5
Chief Tradesmen	2030 5 1/4 15/5
Interpreters	1
Total	16

Artillery and Small Arms repairs Courses:

Artillery officers	18/49 men for each of the two
N.C.O.s	10 turns of the course which will
Chief technicians	14 commence on the 1 st 1/4 and
Chief tradesmen	56 the 20/5 respectively
Interpreters	5 (15 interpreters will follow
total	103 both turns

Personnel to be sent on the courses will be drawn from those already on the W/E of the establishments and the artillery directorates who are to carry out inspections and repairs.

3 Technical Instruments and Spare Parts for Check and Repair of Small Arms and Artillery.

The C.Os in charge of the five divisional workshops have met at Rome and from the reports received has emerged the necessity to complete the W/E issue of technical instruments as soon as possible due to the fact that the aforesaid workshops all have various deficiencies in respect to the issue laid down.

The General Artillery Directorate will report the present requirements of each divisional workshop, the Central Schools as well as the requirement to permit the chief armourers belonging to the C.A.Rs a small number of technical instruments and spare parts as soon as possible.

4 We ask you to inform us as soon as possible any measures which will be adopted.

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CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCE

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Tel No. Freedom 254

15 Mar 46.

SUBJECT : 25 Pdr - Exchange.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA) ✓

COPY TO : Q } Ref Ord letter DOS/2614 (Ord 2/13) of 11 Mar 46.
Ord)

Reference request by Lt. Col. CURTIES the other day.

Authority is given for you to hand in 21 No.25 pdr eqpts in exchange for a similar number fitted with muzzle brakes.

WMI/lt/G(SD)

M. W. M. MARSHALL
Major General,
Chief of General Staff.

Q1 with Ord.
Inform War Office 12 Oct 46
details
RAC

20 Mar.

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LRK3 V MEDY NR 140159
 FROM ORD 10 BLU (NAPLES) 140900
 TO ADOS HQ MMIA (ROME)

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OS30 . UNCLD . SORTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF ARMS FOR CARS BEGAN
 13 HAGK PROGRESS SATISFACTORY . AGRESS REPORT TO FOLLOW

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

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3153 18 APR 1946
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Ref:PAI/G/17.

12 March 1946.

Subject :- British Arms and equipment - C.A.R.

To :- H.Q. M.M.I.A.
C.M.F.

Q.

We have now been informed that British Arms
will be arriving on 20 March 46.

It is presumed that "spares", armourers tools,
and "4x2" etc. will also be arriving at the same time.

May we please have confirmation on this matter.

R.E. Hector

R.E. HECTOR, Major
G.S.O. II.,
11 B.L.U.

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Yes, I think
is the letter, but please see
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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

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Ref: PAL/G/17.

12 March 1946.

Subject :- British Equipment for Recruits - C.A.R.

To :- H.Q. M.E.I.A.
C.M.F.

1. May we please be informed if any steps are being taken to provide the C.A.R.'s with supplies of British type webbing-equipment.

2. It is understood, that up to now, only Italian equipment is being supplied, which of course, will be of little use, as the Recruits are being supplied with British arms.

R.E. Hector
R.E. HECTOR, Major
G.S.O. II.,
11 B.L.U.

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26 MAR 46

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18-3-46

SUBJECT:- Maintenance - British Weapons.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,

M.M.I.A.

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12 March 1946

TO : War Ministry

1. At a conference held at M.M.I.A. on 26 Feb 46 it was agreed that the Ministry would:-

- (a) continue the existing 2nd line repair facilities as organised on British lines in the Inf Divs. ✓
- (b) decide that the maintenance of vehicles and weapons was to be kept separate in 2nd and 3rd line workshops outside the Inf Dive. ✓
- (c) confirm the selection of PIACENZA as location of Base workshops for 3rd line repairs to artillery weapons. ✓
- (a) notify M.M.I.A. location of workshops selected for 2nd line repairs to weapons (both British and Italian). In the interests of economy consideration to be given to one such workshop serving more than one Terr. Comd. ✓
- (c) Confirm that full use was being made of the technical data and trained personnel available in the Inf Divs. It was suggested by M.M.I.A. that the Ministry arrange a conference to be attended by senior technical officers from each Inf Div where policy could be laid down.

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- (b) arrange technical training of:-
 - (i) Supervisory personnel for 2nd and 3rd line workshops.
 - (ii) Armourers and gun fitters.

3. Your vision para. 1 are requested.

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Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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DATE	NAIURE-OF STORES	FROM	TO
5 Mar	Blouses Grade III 50,015	557 B.O.D.	591 ITI Clothing Dpt Naples
"	Trousers " " 50,015	"	"
15 Jan	Shirts H&B Grade I New	557	Deposito Militare Speciale
"	Trousers "K.D. " "	"	V.E. Rome
4 Apr	Boots-Ankle J-III	"	"
8 Apr	Boots half plain 50,000	"	591 ITI Clothing Dpt Naples
7 Apr	Trousers B.D. P/W 70	"	8 BR. ITI Clothing Dpt
"	Blouses " " 40	"	"
7 & 28 Feb.	4,005 Boots Gde III	"	8 Bulk Depot Frattaminore
"	10,000 Blouses BD Dyed	"	"
"	10,000 Trousers BD	"	"
25 Feb	1904 Vests Woolen Gde III	"	10th ITI Salvage Depot
5 Feb	1 Covers Fires 1050 x 16	BAOS 59 AREA	713 Regt HQ
5 Feb	10 Gloves Knitted	"	"
"	10 Blouses B.D.	"	"
"	10 Trousers B.D.	"	"
"	10 Greatcoats	"	"
24 Jan	352 Vests Cotton Gde III	557 B.O.D.	8th ITI Depot Frattaminore
"	404 Drawers Wool " "	"	"
"	3184 Caps F.S. Dyed	"	"
"	319 Shirts Wool	"	"
"	1,445 Shirts Bush	"	"
"	1,570 Pullovers	"	"
2 Jan	4,300 Shirts Wool	"	"

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LRKB V MEDY NR 090219

FROM 10 B L U 090900A
TO M M I A ROME

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CAR/Q/2 UNCLASSIFIED (.) FURTHER TO OUR CAR/Q/2
DATED 8 MAR (.) WARRANT OFFICER NOW KNOWN TO BE
STOCKFIELD

BT

SENT GAL 1541 AR K
RECD CB 1641.

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RECEIVED 11 MAR 1946
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LRKE V MEDY NR020495
FROM 10 ELU : 081600A
TO MMIA ROME

CAR/XYZ UNCL SUBJECT IS WEAPONS FOR CARS. WARRANT OFFICER REPORTED
TODAY STILL AWAITING STOCKFIELD. 3 SUB DEPT WILL NOT ISSUE ARMS
UNTIL MONDAY 11 MARCH. TWENTY BOX TRUCKS ARRIVE MAPLES TUESDAY
FITTED ON WEDNESDAY. ALL ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR BREAKING BULK

BT ----
XW AR....K....

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 BARLINT 10 B L U FOR SPECIAL DUTY STOP 10 B L U WILL GIVE THEM
 GOOD W A P L B B ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE TO BREAK BULK AND
 DISPATCH WEAPONS TO Q A R'S STOP URGENT HIGH P PRIORITY BE
 GIVEN THIS ~~WEAPON~~ TASK

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R.A. CURTIS, Lt.Col.,

TRANSLATIONFrom: M.of.W.Ref: 4/220/serv.To: M.M.I.A.Date: 9/2/46

Subject: Technical Inspections and repairs to Allied armement material in use.-

- 1.- It is essential to start, as soon as possible, technical inspections to Artillery material in possession of the Infantry Divisions so that to be in a position to determine which of the guns require repairs and, according to the class of repairs, arrange the carrying out of small repairs at the units and major repairs at military workshops.-
- 2.- It is moreover essential to have, for all Allied armement already in use and for that which will be issued in the near future, a small stock of spare parts.-
- 3.- In accordance with the a/m requirements, we beg you to consider the advisability of arranging a meeting, in the near future, ~~to which~~ ~~which~~ ~~will~~ ~~be~~ ~~attended~~ ~~by~~ ~~some~~ ~~officers~~ ~~from~~ ~~this~~ ~~office~~, so that the following points may be agreed upon:
 - The issue of data and technical means for the carrying out of the inspection to Artillery, constructive drafts and ~~artillery~~ spare parts for the Artillery and other individual ~~unit~~ weapons.
 - The organisation of a theoretical-practical course for technical officers, chief technicians, chief armourers and specialists of military establishments.-
 - The preparation of what has to be constructed in the military establishment referred to above;
 - The beginning of inspections to guns in possession of the Infantry Divisions.-

Fab/Err

(Sgd) Gen. Giorgio Liuzzi.-

