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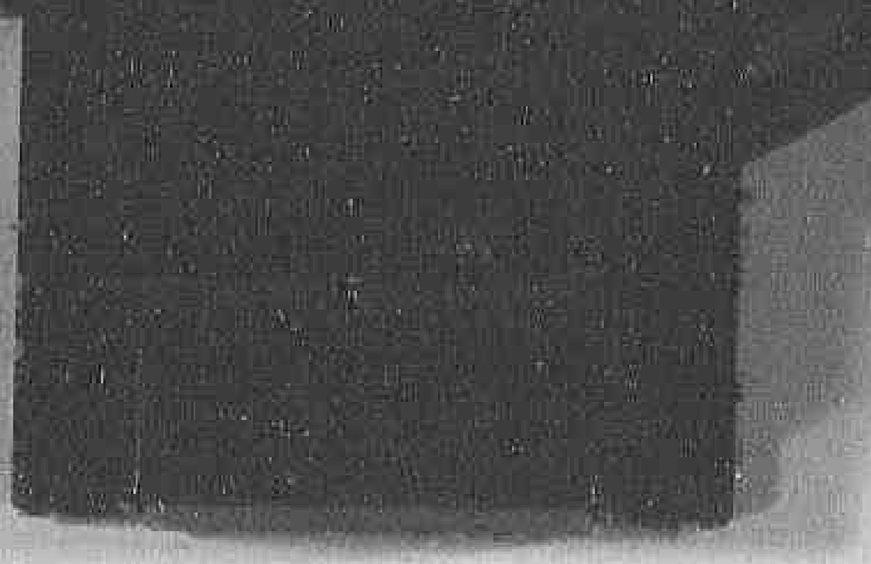

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@ 138 British Weapons

Aug. 1946 - Sept. 1947

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Q Branch

TO 71

TOP

Subject :- Steel Helmets.

5 Parkfield Avenue,
Bath,
Somerset.
17th September 1947.

To : O.C. 'A' Ord. Depot, R.A.O.C.

Copy to : [illegible]

REC 17 SEP 1947

Further to this office letter 000/3/92 of 11 Sept '47.

1. We have been advised that the quantity of 1163 Steel Helmets in 12 cases have been forwarded to Depot and will shortly be handed in to your Depot for Military Section, ENGLAND - WEST.

by

Yours faithfully,

[illegible],
Capt. A.A.O.C.,
OC BRANCH OFFICE.

P.S.
Ltr/etc.

P.T.O.
Diary.

RM

L & A 138/45

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T R A N S L A T I O N

FROM : DIRECTION OF ARTILLERY REF : 6056/A-3

TO : MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
COPY TO: ILFB FOR INFORMATION

65

This Department was instructed by the Ministry - letter No 34077/14088 of 2 Aug 47 - to send all the steel helmets in good conditions and atually in our depots: - to the OC "X" Ordnance Stores and Equipment Disposal Unit of Mestre.

Please supply a closed railway car for the transport of the helmets as soon as possible:

addresser: Direction of Artillery - Florence

addressee: OC "X" Ordnance Storer and Equipment Disposal Unit, Mestre

Loading point: Florence - Porta a Prato

Unloading point: Mestre

Weigh: 8000 kgs - volume 30 c.m.

loading: immediate

(sgd) ATTISANI
COLONEL

AM/

NA

IA 138/5

DIREZIONE DI ARTIGLIERIA DI FIR[illegible]
- ficio Amministrazione

Firenze, lì 3 settembre 1947

N° 6056/A-3 di prot.

AL MINISTERO DIFESA ESERCITO
Stamaggiore Trasporti

ROMA

RECEIVED - 9 SEP 1947
321 DATE

e.per conoscenza :

AL MINISTERO DELLA DIFESA ESERCITO
Direzione Generale Artiglieria
Div.A.M.C. - Sezione A.

ROMA

(rif.disp.min.34077/14088 del 2/8/1947)

O G G E T T O : Restituzione elmetti di acciaio inglesi.-

ALL'A.F.N.Q. - Italy Land Forces Brach = R O M A =
AL 5° B.L.U. OC. presso il 5° COMANDO MIL.TERR. UDINE =
AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE -Ufficio Servizi-FIRENZE

Questa Direzione deve spedire all'OC. "X" Ordnance Storer and Equipment Disonsal Unit di Mestre, in esito al disp.min.34077/14088 del 2/8/u.s., tutti gli elmetti di acciaio in stato d'uso attualmente esistenti in questi magazzini.-

Per tale spedizione si richiede un carro ferroviario chiuso che si prega voler assegnare con cortese sollecitudine.-

-ente mittente : Direzione di Artiglieria di Firenze
-ente destinatario : OC. "X" Ordnance Storer And Equipment Disonsal Unit - Mestre -
-stazione carico : Firenze - Porta a Prato -
-stazione di scarico : Mestre
-peso : Kg. [illegible] volare m 3

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e,per conoscenza :

AL MINISTERO DELLA DIFESA ESERCITO
Direzione Generale Artiglieria
Div.A.M.C. - Sezione A.
R O M A

(rif.disp.min.34077/14088 del 2/8/1947)

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-ente destinatario : OC. "X" Ordnance Storer And Equipment Disonsal Unit - Mestre -
-stazione carico : Firenze - Porta a Prato -
-stazione di scarico : Mestre
-peso : Kg. 6000 - volume m.³ 30.-
-carico : pronto subito.=

TRANSLATION
IN Time 0840 Date 10/9/47
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OUT Time 1955 Date 12.9.47

IL COLONNELLO DIRETTORE
(G.Attisani)

Q 137

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RECEIVED 6 AUG 1947 A45

SUBJECT :- Transfer of Infantry Weapons to the Italian Army.

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5 British Liaison Unit
Tel : UDINE Mil 1657
Ref : Ord 9/35
13 Aug 47

To : I.L.F.B. A.F.H.Q. ROME
(for attn Major LUCKETT)

Further to my Ord 9/31 dated 5 Aug 47 (copy to you).

1. Herewith copies of receipted vouchers for PIATS as requested.

To See	
A/Q	
"Q"	
Q Liaison	
Q Mob	
Q (Air)	
GS	

Capt
for Lt Col

UDINE
LHP/tw

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Diary

Less 1 & 2 brackets

To 'Q' Air for Shipping Instr

18 Aug '47 Key 15 Sept

A Q 138/6

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RECEIVED 5 AUG 1947

SUBJECT :- Arty Stores on loan to Italian Ar...

5 British Liaison Unit
Tel : UDINE Mil 1657
Ord 9/34

12 Aug 47

GOC 500 AOD.

AFHQ ILLB (late MMIA)
5 Italian Terr Comd

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1. Please find enclosed herewith AF G 982C (Pink Copy) duly signed in respect of :-

17 Pdr Mk I - II an Carr Mk I - Qty 12.

2. An additional 28 vouchers in respect of Arty Equpt issued on loan in Dec 46 will be forwarded to you immediately they are received from 5 Terr Comd.

To See	
A/Q	
"Q"	✓
Q 2	
Q (A)	
Ord	A/Ord

Captain
(L.H.PEARCE.)
Ordnance Officer

UDINE
IHP/tw

File

R. 7/8/47

I Q. 138/4F

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116 7 AUG 1947

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SUBJECT:- Transfer of Infantry Weapons
to the Italian Army.

5 British Liaison Unit,
Tele:- 1657,
CRO 3/31,

5 Aug 47

D.D.O.S.,
G.H.Q., C.M.F.

I.L.F.B.,(for attn Major Luckett)
R O M E ,
C.M.F.

With reference to conversation ~~xxxx~~ - xxxxx and this HQ letter CRO 3/31 of 29 Jul 47 (copy to you).

1. May the receipted vouchers for these stores please be forwarded to this office in order that copies can be taken for record purposes.

2. It is understood that the originals should have been forwarded to I.L.F.B. in the first instance with copies to you.

3. An early reply would be much appreciated.

Capt.,
(L.H. PEARCE),
for Lt.-Colonel,
G.S.

To See

A/Q	
"G"	

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LRGF V NEXS NR 182083

FROM 522 A.O.D. 17 NFT

TO I.LF.C. /AFHQ ROME

BT

RECEIVED 21 JUL 1947 1942 10 AM

GEM/MMIALO. UNCLAS . FROM BRADLEY FOR CURTIE . REPORT

FORWARDED . TEN THOUSAND PAIRS TROUSERS INDIAN PATTERN

RELEASED WILL BE FORWARDED SOONEST .

BT -7 NFT

~~REPTN TO I.LF.C. AFHQ ROME~~

~~AND FIRST LINE FOR CURTIES~~

SENT TA AR & TKSK

RD NR 2063 AT ~~0950~~ 0950 DEARTKUK

Reg 21.7.47.

Ltr containing info
by Ordnance

Curtis ORD
Q.022/LF
— Q138/LF

A Q138/LF

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch

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Tel: 478421
Ext: 407

Q/138/LF

19 July 47

See 62 and 63

HQ. 5 B.L.U.

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Subject:- Releases - British Infantry Weapons.

Further to this Hq letter Q/138/LF of 17 April and GHQ letter DUB/2614 of 3 April 47.

Please advise this HQ the number of projectors acceptable to the Italian Army and whether notification has been received that the Stores are ready for collection.

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Lt. Col.
A/HQ.

HRD/if

Copy to :- CO "X" CMD Stores and Expt Disposal Unit.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch
(Formerly MMIA)

Q. 138/12

Tel: 47821
Ext: 415

4 Jul 47

See (59)

Ministry of National Defence - Army

See (51)

Subject: Return of Steel Helmets.

Reference your 22695/9950 dated 23 May 47.

1. You are requested to consign all fully serviceable steel helmets to OC "X" Ordnance Stores and Equipment Disposal Unit, MESTRE.

2. Notification of despatch should be sent by post to OC 5 BIH c/o 5 Territorial Command.

3. Unserviceable helmets may be disposed of by you as scrap.

(52)

See

RAC

L. Col.

RAC/jw

Copy to: 5 BIH (to inform OC "X" O.S. & E.D.U.)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch
(Formerly AMIA)

Tel: 478421
Ext: 407

G.138/12

25 Jun 47

Ministry of National Defence - Army (L, 19 12 CLV)

Subject: Releases - British Technical Stores

1. Technical stores to be selected by 5 B.L.U., are available for issue from "X" Ordnance Stores & Equipment Disposal Unit, UDINE.

Authority: CRO CA/274 of 21 June 47.

2. Collection instructions have been issued by Ordnance Branch, CRO to 5 B.L.U. You are requested to ensure that collection is completed by 30 June 47.

HJL/jw

Major General,
Director.

Copies to: G(Ops & ED)
CRO

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25 JUN 1947
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ORDNANCE DIRECTORATE
G.H.Q. O.M.E.

Ref : DOS/36/8/B
Tel : Padua 22304
Date : 19th Jun 47

Subject :- Disposal of British Steel Helmets

To :- I.L.F.D.
A.F.H.Q.

1. Reference your Q.138/LF dated 13 June 47 the following disposal instructions are given.

2. All fully serviceable Steel Helmets should be adequately packed and consigned to O.C. 'X' Ordnance Stores & Equipment Disposal Unit, LEGHORN.

3. All non fully serviceable Steel Helmets can go to salvage.

(K.W. FEAR) Major.
DADOS (Ieves & Disps).
for Colonel.
D.D.O.S.

Copy to:- OC 'X' OS & E.DU
(Quantity involved is 57,630).

Rcy 23.6.47.

A.Q.138/LF

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LROY V LAEF NR R 235/21

-T- (ILFE) ITALIAN L[illegible] FORCES BRANCH AFHQ ROME

FROGHQ GHF 21174.

TO O C "X" O S AND E D U UDINE:

INFO I L F E AFHQ : OC 5 [illegible] L U :

ET

RECEIVED 23 JUN 1947 (DATE) 4.72

OS/274 . UNCLASS. FIRST. SUBJECT IS ISSUE OF TECHNICAL STORES TO ITALIAN ARMY .

SECOND. ISSUE CAN BE MADE OF [redacted] ITEMS SELCTED BY THIRD ADDRESSEE DEF BUT MUST BE COMPLETED BY 30TH JUNE. ITEMS MUST NOT BE ON W O SHORT LIST.

THIRD . FIVE CPIES PRICED SIGNED AND RECEIPTED VOUCHERS MUST BE FORWARDED THIS DIRECTORATE FOR ALL STORES ISSUED.

FOURTH . FOR SECOND ADDRESSEE. TELECON HEAD - FEAR REFERS

ET

SENT NC 58 AT 1928B RWP

RD AT - 1930 - 29th.

To Sig

Release See (37)

Copy to: Copy to Rec'd 23.6.47. A. G (50) OKD/7/LF 12 BLU.

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RECEIVED 20 JUN 19[illegible] (DATE)

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[illegible]

5 Telephone Liaison Unit
Tel : LONDON 1955
000/10/36

17 Jun 47

GIV/a 000 (A)

1. It has been reported to this HQ from Italian Ministry of National Defence - Army that the RE Dump located at La CECILIA near [illegible] is shortly due to be released to the Italian Air Force.

2. Amongst other stores, this dump contains a certain amount of bridging material, electric motors, piling and wood, all of which are of great importance to the Italian Army.

3. May this information now be confirmed and if direct release to the Air Force is intended, may the decision please be reconsidered in order that at least that part of the Depot where the material is stored be passed to the Ente Militare so it is contented that the material therein to the Allied Authorities.

Major,
for Lt. Col.
GS.

To See

A/Q	
"Q"	
Q Liaison	
Q (AL)	

Copy to: [illegible] HLFB AFHQ ROME

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AG/pdd

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Diary.

R 226/9

I.O. 138/LF

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch
(Formerly MMIA)

Tel: 478421
Ext: 415

Q. 138/12

13 Jun 47

5 BIU

Subject: Release RE Stores

1. It has been reported to this HQ from Italian Ministry of National Defence - Army that the RE dump located at LA CECCINA near PORDENONE is shortly due to be released to the Italian Air Force.

2. Amongst other RE stores, this dump contains a certain amount of bridging material, electric motors, piping and wood, all of which are of great importance to the Italian Army.

3. You are required to ascertain the facts and, if direct release to the Air Force is being made, request CMH to reconsider their decision.

Please notify results.

See 54

RAC

R. A. Colonel,
A.Q.M.G.

RAC/jw

Copy to: Ministry of National Defence - Army (ref conversation Lt Col OLIVETTI - Major BYATT)

Rec 12.6.47

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch
(Formerly MMIA)

Tel: 478421
Ext: 397

Q. 138/LF

13 Jan 47

GHQ, CMF

Subject: Disposal British steel helmets

1. The Italian Ministry of National Defence - Army has reported that a total of 57,630 British steel helmets have now been handed in by Italian units and that due to shortage of suitable premises these helmets cannot be appropriately stored.

2. May disposal instructions please be issued.

Major General,
Director.

ZFB/jw

Copy to: Ministry of National Defence - Army (ref your letter 22695/9950 of 23 May 47)

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transfer to Q

TRANSLATION

From: M.of D.
To : ILTs

Ref: 22695/9950
Date: 23 May 1947

Subject: British metal helmets.

Further to letter 88826/20229 of 23/11/46.

Reference last paragraph but one of the a/m letter we would inform you that another 18.693 British helmets have been handed in by the Italian units.

Said helmets have been stored in the depots of the following units:

6.371 helmets at the Arty Depot of Solbiate Olona
1.240 " at the Arty Detached Section of Brescia
639 " at the Tornaforte Barracks, Cuneo
10443 " at the Arty Directorate of Florence.

A total of 57.630 British helmets has been, therefore, handed in.

As said helmets, due to the shortage of premises, cannot be always appropriately stored, we beg you to inform us of your decision on the matter.

A/Q
"Q"
Q Liaison
Q Maint
Q (Air)

EG

sgd. Properzi
Gen

R 9/6/47

A 01381/F

Ministero della Guerra DIFESA
Esercito
Direzione Generale Artiglieria
Divisione A.N.C. Sez. A
Prot. N° 22643/9950 Allegati

23 MAG. 1947

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Al LA A.F.N.Q. LAND FORCES BRANCH
= R O M A =

Risposta al Foglio del
Div. Sez. N°

OGGETTO Elmetti metallici inglesi.-

RECEIVED 2 JUN 1947 679

Seguito 88826/20229 : 23.11.45.-

Sciogliendo la riserva di cui al penultimo capoverso del foglio citato, si comunica che sono stati versati dai reparti italiani, altri 18.693 elmetti britannici.-

Tali elmetti sono stati accantonati nei magazzini dei seguenti enti:

n.	6.371 -	presso	Magazzino Art. SOLBIATE OLONA
"	1.240 -	"	Sezione St. Art. BRESCIA
"	639 -	"	Caserma Tornaforte CUNEO
"	10.443 -	"	Direzione Artigl. FIRENZE

In totale pertanto sono stati versati n. 57.630 elmetti britannici.-

Poichè tali materiali, data la deficienza di locali, non sempre possono essere tenuti accantonati come si dovrebbe, si prega voler far conoscere le proprie decisioni in merito.-

TR...

IL MINISTRO

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RECEIVED 2 JUN 1947 Dal

Seguito 88826/20229 : 23.11.45.-

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IN Time 1100 date 3/6
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OUT Time 1115 date 7/6

IL MINISTRO
(Gen. F.C. Properzj)

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Tel: PADUA 22273

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

8159/Q1

27 May 47

Subject: Equipment - Survey
Batteries Italian Army

To : AFHQ Italian Land
Forces Branch

484

Reference your SD/109/1 dated 20 May 47.

It is regretted that there is no equipment available.

sgd. (W.D.A. CLARE), Lieut-Colonel,
for Lieut-General,
Commander-in-Chief,
GHQ CMF.

WDAC/AH

Copy to: 12 BLU
G(SD)
'Q'

To See	
A/Q	
"Q"	
Q Liaison	
Q Maint	
Q (AE)	

Reg'd in 31/5/47
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A.F.H.Q. ITALIAN LAND FORCES BRANCH 21 1005 B

CHQ C.M.F.

5 BLU

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FURTHER TO THIS H. 1140 OF 2 MAY SUBJECT ACC. STORES (.)
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE ARMY HAVE NOW SELECTED S I L V E S T R I BKS
AT ROMAGO AS RECEIVING DEPOT

A.138/LF

E.F.BYATT Major

ROUTINE

See 145

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch

Tel: 489081
Ex. 201

SD/109/1

20 May 47

GHQ C(SD)

Subject: Equipment Survey Batteries Italian Army.

Ref this Hq letter Sd/109/1 of 15 Aug 46 and GHQ letter 8159/Q.1 of same date.

Please advise this HQ if any equipment has now become available, according to the provisions of para 2 of the above mentioned GHQ letter.

This equipment is urgently required by the Italian Army to bring the Artillery now to a state of efficiency, since their holdings of Survey equipment are immediately non-existent.

Major General,
Director.

SCC/mm

Copy to: 12 MLU
'Q'
GHQ

To See	
A/Q	
"Q"	
Q Liaison	
Q M[illegible]	
Q (AE)	

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(48)

TRANSLATION

Ref: 1/2090
Date: 11/5/47

From: M.of D.
To : I.L.F.B.

(45)

Subject: Release of materials of general use, kitchen equipment and barrack stores. -

Reference letter Q.G./325 dated 25 April last of G.H.Q. - C.M.F. addressed to I.M.A.S. and to 5 B.L.U. for information. -

Approval is given for the release of materials referred to in table "D" attached to a/m letter.

Said material can be stored at Rovigo at the Military District (Silvestri Barracks). -

See (47) A (45) (46) 1 H 9

sgd. LIUZZI
Gen

RAG

Reg. in.
14/5/47

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MINISTERO DELLA DIFESA
STATO MAGGIORE DELL'ESERCITO
Ufficio Servizi - Sezione S.M.

Prot. n. 1/2090/Serv. Roma, li 7 maggio 47

OGGETTO: Cessione di materiali di servizio generale, cucine e casermaggio.-

ALLA ITALIAN LAND FORCES BRANCH

= R o m a =

Rif. f. n. Q.G./325 del 26 aprile c.a. del G.N.Q. - C.M.F. diretto all'I.L.A.S. e per conoscenza 5° B.I.U.

Si dà benestare per la cessione dei materiali di cui alla tabella "D" allegata al foglio in riferimento.-

Detti materiali possono essere concentrati a Rovigo presso il Distretto Militare (Caserma Silvestri).-

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REPUBBLICA ITALIANA

SOTTOCAPO DI S.M.DELL'ESERCITO

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(47)

I L F B AFHQ (POSSIBLY MMIA)

B 1630 2

GEN

5 BDU

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YOUR Q8325 OF 26 APRIL 47 (.)

WAR MIN AGREES AND ACCEPT ALL ACCOMMODATION STORES AVAILABLE (.) RECEIVING DEPOT U D I N E OR SUCH OTHER DEPOT AS SELECTED BY 5 TERRITORIAL COMMAND (.) FOR 5 BDU (.) SIGNAL GHQ DIRECT DEPOTS SELECTED

See 149

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ROUTINE

Q BLANCH ILFB AFHQ

(46)

Extract From

"Q" LIAISON LOG XVI DATED __/__/47

Ministry of National Defence - Army - Liaison Log No XVI

(41)

1. Release Eng. Stores - 25.4.47

Q(AE)
Q138

Informed Col. MELONI of signal from G.H.Q. to effect that no action had yet been taken on removal of Engeneer Stores from Villa VICENTINA and Mestre and that these dumps would be handed over to ARAR.

Col. Meloni could not understand this as this matter had been given priority and would take it up with 5 Terr. Comd immediately.

It was later confirmed that the stores were in fact being moved and that estimated date of completion would be 5 - 6 May.

7. Accm. Stores for Army in NE Italy - 30.4.47

AQ
ORD
AQMG
Q138

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Gave Col. Meloni gist of such stores (taken from War Accm schedules) and asked whether these were acceptable.

Col. Meloni most decidedly accepts such stores and would get 5 Terr. Comd in conjunction with 5 B.L.U. to arrange for location of depot.

Col. Meloni would like this communication in writing together with, if possible, a list of stores in question.

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Ministry of National Defence - Army - Liaison Log No XVI

See 42 43 44

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Col. Meloni most decidedly accepts such stores and would get 5 Terr. Comd in conjunction with 5 B.L.U. to arrange for location of depot.

Col. Meloni would like this communication in writing together with, if possible, a list of stores in question.

See (45)

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Land Forces

SEE 47

LROF V MEXS NR 252164 OVR 1

FROM CMO CMF 2611328

TO IMAS

INFO 5 BLU

DT

QE325. UNCLASSIFIED.

REF LETTER 9148/31 DATED 26 MAR 47 NOT TO IMAS SUBJECT ACCOMMODATION STORES FOR IEALIAN ARMY IN ME ITALY.

ONE EXCEPT FOR CERTAIN ITEMS APPROX 50 PER CENT OF REQUIREMENTS TO TABLE D OF CMF WAR ACCOMMODATION SCHEDULES 1945 FOR 15000 TROOPS MAY BE AVAILALE SHORTLY. THESE ARE DISPERSED THROUGHOUT ITALY AND NECESSARY TO CONCENTRATE SOONEST. MOST DESIRABLE THAT ITAIAN ARMY SHOULD RECEIVED THESE DIRECT INTO THEIR DEPOT

TWO. REQUEST AGREEMENT AND NOMANATION OF RECEIVING DEPOT. ?

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SEE 47

LROF U MEXS NR 252154 OVR 1

FROM GHQ CMF 261100B

TO IMAS

INFO 5 BLU

BT

QG325. UNCLASSIFIED.

REF LETTER 9140/Q1 DATED 26 MAR 47 NOT TO IMAS SUBJECT ACCOMMODATION STORES FOR ITALIAN ARMY IN NE ITALY.

ONE EXCEPT FOR [redacted] CERTAIN ITEMS APPROX 50 PER CENT OF REQUIREMENTS TO TABLE D OF CMF WAR ACCOMMODATION SCHEDULES 1945 FOR 16000 TROOPS MAY BE AVAILALE SHORTLY. THESE ARE DISPERSED THROUGHOUT ITALY AND NECESSARY TO CONCENTRATE SOONEST. MOST DESIRABLE THAT ITAIAN ARMY SHOULD RECEIVED THESE DIRECT INTO THEIR DEPOT

TWO. REQUEST AGREEMENT AND NOMINATION OF RECEIVING DEPOT. ?

THREE. REQUEST AGREEMENT TO TEXXX TABLE D OF CMF WAR ACCOMMODATION SCHEDULES 1945. THIS INCLUDES IN [redacted] PARTICULAR 3 BLANKETS PER MAN. IF ANY ITEMS NOT REQUIRED REQUEST EARLIEST INFORMATION

BT

SENT NR 252154 1200 CR AR TKS KK

RD NRS. 2154 2156 2155 2213 2147 2182 2149 2150 AT [redacted] 1200

JA K K AR K K

5 Tcr Cond in conjunction
5 BLU

A 2138/LF

28-10-35

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C O P Y

LROF V MEXS NR 262744

FROM 5 B.L.U. 261100B

TO ADOS IFLV// ILFB AFHQ RCME

See 43-42-41

BT

AQ/12/99 (.) UNCLAS (.) ENGINEER EXPENSE STORES FROM VILLA VICENTINA BEING LOADED ON 25 (TWENTY-FIVE) WAGONS DAILY (.) E D C END OF MONTH (.) DESTRE E D C 15 MAY (.)

BT

SENT NR 262744 RDT E K

RD NR 2744 AT 2125 DB EKK

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IIFB., AWTO (Formerly MMLA)

25 10/5 B

5 BIII

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Q. 137

UNCLASSIFIED

REF GEO QC 303 OF 231040B AND THIS HQ Q.138/LP OF 14 APR 47 (.) INSURE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL STORES BEING GIVEN IMMEDIATE ATTENTION (.) REPORT LATEST POSITION

See A.F.

Q.138/LP

IMPORTANT

H.R. HUCKETT, Major

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ILFB.,AFHQ (Formerly MMIA) 25 10 15 B

GHQ.,CMF

Q.136 UNCLASSIFIED

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REF YOUR QG 303 OF 231040B (.)

ALL ENGR DEFENCE STORES RELEASED TO MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENCE - ARMY 14 APR 47 (.) THEY ASSURE ALL ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR COLLECTION

Q.138/LF

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Q.136 UNCLASSIFIED

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REF YOUR QG 303 OF 231040B (.)

ALL ENGR DEFENCE STORES RELEASED TO MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENCE - ARMY 14 APR 47 (.) THEY ASSURE ALL ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR COLLECTION

Q.138/LF

IMPORTANT

"Q"

H.R. Luckett Major

H.R. LUCKETT, Major

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Q Liaison
Q Main
Q (AE)

LROF V MEXS NR 232220 P P QVR1

FRO GHQ CMF 231040B

TO LACAE ROME

INFO 5BLU

BT

QG303(.) U N C L A S S S(.)

FOR ITALIAN LAND FORCES BRANCH (.) [redacted] OUR 6400/Q20F

31 MAR 47 SUBJECT ENGR DEFENCE STORES (.) NO STORES HAVE YET BEEN

MOVED FROM [redacted] EITHER LOCATION (.) THE DEPOTS WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO

ARAR IN NEAR FUTURE (.) PRESUME MINISTRY OF DEFENCE MAKING

ARRANGEMENTS WITH ARAR TO EARMARK ITEMS THEY REQUIRE (.)

PLEASE CONFIRM SOONEST

BT

SENT N BY ' EDDIE ' AT 1740 HRS

RD NR 2220 AT 1740 DB B K

41 742.

LO spoke MELONI 25/4

See Enclosure 25/4 to 4214

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Land Force

RECEIVED 24 APR 1947 (SAFE)

See 36

Dept. Mov. Mr. A 24.4.47. 40940

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PLAT

19" PLAT LOCATED

21 See

34 " No mention in
" BLM Progress Report
40. of the 520 PLATS

MJ 9-21-7

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Italian Land Forces Branch

Zeta 480001
Date 407

G/136/ESE
17 Apr 47

FAO
AFHQ.

See 60

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Subject:- Veterans - British Infantry Records.

With reference to para 3 G(A) letter G/136/ESE dated 3 Apr 47 addressed to CO "A" Coy Rcvrs and Repr Personnel Depot, duty to you.

Please advise this HQ the number of Projectors which are acceptable to the Italian Army.

[signature]
Lt Col.
AG.

RAT/ef

Copy to:- CO "A" Coy Rcvrs and Repr Personnel Depot.

R 7/4/47

Extract From

"Q" LIAISON LCO _____ DATED _____ 4

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3. Release Engineer Stores - 15.4.47

Handed in Release Note Q.138/LF dated 14 Apr 47 to Col MELONI releasing a quantity of Engineer stores. Pointed out to Col Meloni that he was to ensure that stores located in Villa Vicentina were to be moved by 21 Apr 47 and those at MESTRE by 15 May 47 prior to disposal of to ARAR. 1380

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Extract From

"G" LIAISON LOG _____ DATED _____ 4.

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5. TENTAGE 27 March

Handed Gen PELLIGRA letter G.138/LF this date to inform him of release of 700 tons tentage from 500 A.O.D. and despatched to Udine. Peligra expressed thanks said he would instruct 5 Territorial Command to take over from 5 BIH.

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Release Rec'd made
18/4/47.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch

Q (37)

Tel: 489081 INT/241

Ext: 518 16 Apr 47

MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENCE - ARMY -

Subject: API Equipment

The following Air Photograph Interpretation equipment has been released by GHQ to the ITALIAN Army:

Section V2

Boards	Drawing Imperial	4
Cases	Map Cylindrical	1
Compasses	Proportional	
	6 inch	2
	12 inch	1
Curves	Drawing, Sets	
Glasses	Magnifying, Hand	
	4 inch	4
	3 inch	1
	2½ inch	1
Instruments	Drawing, Sets	4
	Rec. Ivorine 6 inch	4
	R.A. Fan No 1 Mk 1	1
	Circle	1
Scales	Wooden Box. 12 inch	4
	Gunters R.A. 40 inch (steel)	1
	Square Metal	-
Rules		
	12 inch	2
	Roller 18 inch	1
	Straight 18 inch	1
Set squares	Celloloid	
	6 inch 45 deg	1
	8 inch 45 deg	-
	10 inch 45 deg	1
	12 inch 60 deg	-
	10 inch 60 deg	2

To See	
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"Q"	
Q Liaison	
Q Maint	
Q (AE)	

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Section Y2

Boards	Drawing Imperial	4
Cases	Map Cylindrical	1
Compasses	Proportional	
	6 inch	2
	12 inch	1
Curves	Drawing, Sets	
Glasses	Magnifying, Hand	
	4 inch	4
	3 inch	1
	2½ inch	1
Instruments	Drawing, Sets	4
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	12 inch	2
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	Straight 18 inch	1
Set squares	Celloloid	
	6 inch 45 deg	1
	8 inch 45 deg	-
	10 inch 45 deg	1
	12 inch 60 deg	-
	10 inch 60 deg	2
Parallels		
	6 inch	4
	12 inch	1
	Rollers	1
Straight Edges Steel		
	36 inch Mk II	2
	48 inch	1
Squares T. Wooden		
	45 inch Mohogany	1
	36 inch Mohogany	1
	18 inch Steel	-
Misc.		
Books	Tables Photogrammetric	6
	Interpretation of Air Photo's	3
Trimmers	Photo	2
Clocks	Dark Room	1

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Scales Micrometer (Various)
Photographs assorted for training

Arrangements have been made for physical transfer via 5 BLU.

Please indicate to 5 Territorial Region your wishes as to eventual destination of these stores.

A.R. Gauthier
Lt Col
GS

for Major General,
Director.

ARCS/rr

Internal: 'Q'
GRD.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch
(Formerly NMIA)

Tel: 409041
Ext: 470

Q. 138/MP
14 Apr 47

Ministry of National Defence - Army

Subject: Releases - British
Engineer Stores

1. The following Engineer Stores are available for collection from 624 Field Park Coy., VILLA VICENTINA and at Engineer Stores Base Depot MESTRE.

Authority: CMQ SD/2146/4 of 27 Feb 47
CMQ 640*/22 of 31 Mar 47

SERIAL NO	ITEM	QTY	DESTINATION
1	Screw Pickets, Long	60,000	(a)
2	" " Short	28,000	(a)
3	Angle Iron Pickets, Long	120,000	(a)
4	" " " Short	56,000	(a)
5	Barbed Wire	250 tons	(a)
6	Dannert Wire	26,000 coils	(a)
7	Sandbags	3½ millions	(a)

Note: (a) To be notified by Ministry of National Defence - Army.

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Ministry of National Defence - Army

See (4)

Subject: Releases - British
, Engineer Stores

1. The following Engineer Stores are available for collection from 624 Field Park Coy., VILLA VICENTINA and at Engineer Stores Base Depot MESTRE.

Authority: CHQ SD/2146/4 of 27 Feb 47
CHQ 640[illegible]/32 of 31 Mar 47

SERIAL NO	ITEM	QTY	DESTINATION
1	Screw Pickets, Long	60,000	(a)
2	" " Short	28,000	(a)
3	Angle Iron Pickets, Long	120,000	(a)
4	" " " Short	56,000	(a)
5	Barbed Wire	250 tons	(a)
6	Dannert Wire	26,000 coils	(a)
7	Sandbags	3½ millions	(a)

Note: (a) To be notified by Ministry of National Defence - Army.

2. Collection instructions are being issued by Engineer Branch, CHQ to HQ 5 BLU. You are requested to ensure that the stores at VILLA VICENTINA are moved by 21 Apr 47 and those at MESTRE by 15 May 47 as after those dates the dumps are due to be disposed of to ARAR.

Major General,
Director.

HRL/jw

Copies to: HQ 5 BLU (for action ref this HQ Q.101 of 25 Jul 46)

Internal: G (OPS & SD)
G (TRG)
"Q" Accounts (confirm receipt of vouchers to "Q")
PW
ORD
REME
Liaison

14/4/47

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Italian Land Forces Branch - A.F.H.Q.

Tel: 489081
Ext: 467

RE/4/1/LF

10th April 1947.

To: Comdt. Italian Engr. School
Civitavecchia.

Subject: - Deficiencies of Stores.

These stores refer to my letters RE/4/1/LF of 17th and 18th March 47, copies of which were sent to you. Please sign vouchers on receipt of stores and return to this office for record.

for Major General,
Director.

JCO'F/pef

Copies to:

Internal - 'Q' SD.

To See	
A/Q	
"Q"	
Q Liaison	
Q Maint	
Q (AE)	

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Subject:- Interim Report.

MEMO
500 A.O.D.
File MEMO/5.
2 April 47.

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Land Forces Branch (MLA) A.F.H.Q. ROME (3 copies)

5 B.L.U. ROME.

1. The first party of Italian officers have now completed their visit to 500 A.O.D. CECA and left the depot on the 2 April 47.

2. Although these officers were originally only supposed to do a 'sight seeing tour' in order to sum up probabilities, they have fortunately been able to a quantity of firm acceptances.

3. In response to urgent requests from Col. CARBONA (Artillery) I attempted to get surplus A/T and HEAT ammunition from GHQ. S.T.A. as none is held by this depot. They could not supply but they informed me that a certain Maj. BROCKMANS (GHQ(Ammo/Gld)) was willing to help and asked that he be contacted direct by M.M.I.A.

4. Col. PICCARI (Engineers) was worried because this depot holds no sapper or pioneer stores. I have made enquiries and it transpires that R.E's. are responsible for their own disposals plan. Could this please be taken up by M.M.I.A. with Chief Engineer CMF.

5. I am informed that M.M.I.A. have sent all their tyre recuperating machinery to B.A.O.R. and U.K.

6. I feel, personally, by informal talks with Sub-Depot Commanders that there will be far more stores available than was at first thought. This situation will probably be greatly clarified in a month or six weeks time.

7. Approximately 60 Wagon loads of Tentage were dispatched to La CARRIA or ROME on 29 March. A similar quantity will follow imminently.

8. Materials offered and accepted to date are listed below.

9. Other materials are in course of acceptance.

10. Vote 7 and 8 stores will be coming up for disposal at regular and frequent intervals from now on.

11. In connection with para 10 above it is requested that Maj. PICCARI himself (serving) be returned to CMAZ immediately to sign acceptance for these vote 7 and 8 stores; and also for stores that have been offered to other members of the commission whilst they were here but for which Global Surplus Disposal forms could not be prepared before their departure although the offers were accepted verbally.

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11. Final acceptances:-

Description	Unit	Qty
Hessian dyed blue 56"	Yds	6,230
Rifle & Machine Gun Oil.	Gall	250
Flags Distinguishing Tank Green & White	EA	285
Flags Distinguishing Tank Red & Yellow	EA	216
Conveyors Gravity Runway 6" Pitch 8' Length.	EA	2,500
Stretchers Ambulance Mk.II	EA	3,000
Tents I.P.Latrines Walls	EA	858
Screens Latrine Large	EA	2,900
Brushes Scrub Hand Union Grade III	EA	9,600
Condenser X 695 A	"	16
" X 5.B.	"	10
" X.4.0.	"	12
Resistance Variable 1.35 Ohms	"	1
Condensers 25A	"	8
" Variable 2-60. X 15 A	"	4
" " X36	"	2
Handle Dial Assy No.14	"	4
Handles No.6	"	16
Holders Valve 4 Pin No.2	"	8
Insulators W.T. Stand-off No.22	"	8
Nuts ¼-In No.3	"	16
Resistances 200-200 Ohms	"	5
" " 16,400 Ohms No.1	"	1
Condensers X 150	"	6
Plugs 6 Point No.5	"	8
Training Set W.T.	"	4
Receivers Watch C.L.R.	"	1,401
Holders Valve 7 Pin No.1	"	13
Socket AGD Line	"	54
" " Microphone	"	8
" " Phone	"	4
Aerial Coil Change	"	6
M.C. Coil Change	"	5
Supply Unit No.1 Mk.I	"	24
Control Unit No.1 Mk.I	"	3
" " No.2 Mk.I	"	27
Receivers Class B No.1 Mk.2/1	"	1
Aerial Handle Rods	"	28
" " Rod Bushes Mounts	"	160
Case Cover's Valve Inspect.	"	31
" " " " Washer	"	80
Chart's Correction	"	3
Connectors	"	34

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Description	Unit	Qty
Tuning Units Handles Tuning	I.	8
" " Sprints Check Large	I.	10
" " " " Small	I.	9
" " " Condenser Drive	I.	8
" " " Slow Motion Drive	I.	8
" " Switches Dial Light A	I.	6
" " " " " B	I.	6
Brush Arm No. 1	I.	6
" " No.2	I.	6
Contact A-30.	I.	6
Contact Rod Asm	I.	6
Switches and Knobs	I.	8
Contacts Long	I.	36
" Short No.1	I.	46
" " No.2	I.	23
Springs	I.	6
Inductances 1st Detector Tuning	I.	2
" " " Oscillator "	I.	6
" " 2nd " " "	I.	5
Panel Valve retaining screw special	I.	8
Tuning Units Handles Fine Control	I.	8
Distance Pieces No.5	I.	16
Handles No.91	I.	26
Lens Plano Convex	I.	18
Plates No.48 Escutcheon	I.	26
Rings Lifting No.1	I.	6
Inductances 2nd Oscillator Tuning	I.	2
" " if Transformer	I.	3
M.O. Tuning Coil Blank	I.	1
" " " " Spring	I.	6
Plates Safety Glass No.1	I.	16
Handles Aerial Trimer	I.	10
" Cond. Blue	I.	8
" " Red	I.	8
" " Bars.	I.	8
" " Locking Screws	I.	2
Knobs: Remote Control Units 3 Ek.I	I.	12
Catches No.1	I.	8
" No.2	I.	10
Covers Front		
Bolts Special	I.	14
Covers Rear		
Plate Glass	I.	10
Covers Rear	I.	8
Pins A.S.D. 2 Point	I.	3
" " 4 "	I.	6
Socket Aerial	I.	6
" A.S.D. 3 Point	I.	6
" " 4 "	I.	6

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Description	Unit	Qty
Handles Switch Rine	I.	8
Holders Lamp	I.	14
" Valve AZS 70 and Carrier	I.	10
" " " 70 " "	I.	10
Plug AZ30 No.1		
" " No.2	I.	7
Aerial Tuning Coil Unit	I.	5
" " Coil Winding Contracts	I.	6
Anode Tap Holder Tuning Assemb.	I.	6
" " " " Contact Ass	I.	8
" " " " Guide Tubes	I.	7
Rods Pick up No.1	I.	1
Screws M BRASS No.6 Special No.2	I.	60
Strips Retaining No.2	I.	24
Blocks Terminal 3 Point No.1	I.	12
" " 3 " " 2	I.	12
" " 3 " " 3	I.	12
" " 3 " " 4	I.	12
Carriers No.1 Tuning Earthing	I.	12
Condensers 25.P	I.	10
Valves T.V. Type AZ3.6.	I.	2
" " " " AZ30 I	I.	120
" " " " AZ.20	I.	236
" " " " AZ3 25A	I.	599
Twin No.88 Dk.1	I.	15
Wireless Sets No.19 Aerial Feeder Ass.No.7	I.	31
Connectors 6 Point No.6	I.	10.

Edw Bradley.
Major. RRISKS.

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of Defence. REF: 4/951/Serv.

TO: Land Forces Branch. DATE: 2 April 1947.

SUBJECT:- Return of "Sten" automatic carbines.

Reply to letter Q.138.LF of 8 February last.

We forward 5 copies of receipts issued by the British military authorities for the handing over by Naples Artillery Directorate of 2439 "Sten" automatic carbines to British stores.

sgd. MELONI
Col.

See (20T)

Q Records Please prepare statement & M.I.D - 4 273. ✓
credit for 2439 STEN Carbines 790.
800.
2439

R.A.G.

Done 27/6

2439 ✓

To See	
A/Q	
"Q"	
Q Liaison	
[illegible]	
Q (AE)	

See

A Q 138/LF

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MINISTERO DELLA DIFESA
STATO MAGGIORE DELL'ESERCITO
Ufficio Servizi-Sez.Art-Genio

Prot.n.4/951/Serv. Roma, li 2 aprile 1947

OGGETTO: restituzione moschetti automatici "Sten".-

ALL'A.F.H.Q.
LAND FORCES BRANCH- all.5- ROMA
e, per conoscenza:
AL G A B I N E T T O SEDE
-allegati omessi-
ALLA DIREZIONE GENERALE ARTIGL. SEDE
-allegati omessi-

Risposta lettera Q.130.LF dell'8 febbraio c.a.-

Si trasmettono n.5 copie di ricevute rilasciate dalle autorità militari britanniche comprovanti il versamento di n.2439 moschetti automatici "Sten" effettuati dalla Direzione artiglieria di Napoli ai magazzini britannici.-

d'ordine
IL CAPO UFFICIO SERVIZI
- Col. N. Meloni -

REPUBBLICA ITALIANA

MINISTERO DELLA DIFESA - STATO MAGGIORE ESERCITO - UFFICIO SERVIZI

11 APR 1947

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DIREZIONE ARTIGLIERIA DI NAPOLI
Deposito Materiale di Gricignano

Servì per ricevuta alla Direzione Artiglieria di Napoli (Magazzino di Gricignano) per i seguenti materiali che si consegnano al Depot 557 B.O.D.

Sten	Nº	576
Caricatori per detti	"	2790
Macchinette carica caricatori	"	502
Estrattori a mano	"	333
Cinghie per detti	"	571
Casse da imballo diverse	"	43

Napoli 14/11/46

CAPO UFFICIO AMMINISTRAZIONE
(Rag. Capo di Vecchio)

REPUBBLICA ITALIANA

P. R.
Received
E. Pickford
R.S.D. 3 B.O.D. 14/11/46

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DIREZIONE ARTIGLIERIA DEL COMANDO
MILITARE DELLA CAMPANIA

Serve per ricevuta alla Direzione Artiglieria di Napoli (Magaz=
zino di Gricignano) per nº 24 casse contenente i seguenti materiali
allegati che si consegnano al 557 B.O.D.

Caricatori per Sten	Nº	1400
Estrattori a mano	"	1104
Apparecchio di caricamento	"	1744
Impugnatura a pistola	"	290

Gricignano lì 8.10.46

MINISTERO DELLA DIFESA ESERCITO ITALIANO CAPO UFFICIO AMMINISTRAZIONE

P. R.
Sgt. Houghton S

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DIREZIONE ARTIGLIERIA DEL COMANDO
MILITARE DELLA CAMPANIA

Serve per ricevuta alla Direzione Artiglieria di Napoli (Magazzino di Grigegnano) per nº 44 casse contenente i seguenti materiali inglesi che si consegnano al 557 Dep. B.O.D.

Sten con cinghie Nº 273 ✓
Caricatori per detti " 8640

Grigegnano li 7/10/46

P. R.
Sgt Moughton S

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DIREZIONE ARTIGLIERIA DEL COMANDO
MILITARE DELLA CAMPANIA

Servè per ricevuta alla Direzione Artiglieria di Napoli (Magazzino di Gricignano) per n° 43 casse contenente i seguenti materiali inglesi che ci consegnano al 557° B.O.D. Sub Depot

Sten con cinghie N° 790

Gricignano li 4.10.46

P. R.
Sgt Moughton S

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DIREZIONE ARTIGLIERIA DEL COMANDO TRUPPE DELLA CAMPANIA

Serve per ricevuta alla Direzione Artiglieria di Napoli (Magazzino di Gricignano) per n° 40 casse contenente i seguenti materiali alleati che si consegnano al 557 Depot P.O.D.

Sten con cinghie N° 800

Gricignano lì 3.10.46

P.R.
Sgt Moughton S

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Tel: PADUA 22677

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

6400/Q2

31 Mar 47

SUBJECT: Engineer Stores.

TO : Italian Land Forces Branch
AFHQ ROME

Further to this GHQ letter of even number dated 17 Mar 47 and with reference to your letter SD/109/1/A/LF dated 25 Mar 47.

1. Authority is given for the transfer to the Italian Army of the following quantities of Engr Stores:-

1	Screw Pickets Long	60,000
2	" " Short	28,000
3	Angle Iron Pickets Long	120,000
4	" " " Short	56,000
5	Barbed Wire	250 tons
6	Dannert Wire	26,000 coils
7	Sandbags	[illegible] millions

2. The issue will be accounted for in accordance with instructions contained in GHQ letter 8159/Q1 dated 3 Mar 47.

3. Collection instructions will be issued by Engrs this GHQ to 5 BLU. The stores are located with 624 Fd Pk Coy VILLA VICENTINA and at ES (B) D MESTRE: you are requested to ensure that the stores at VILLA VICNETINA are moved by 21 Apr 47 and those at MESTRE by 15 May 47, after which date the dumps are due to be disposed of to ARAR.

To See	
A/Q	
"Q"	
Q Liaison	
Q Maint	
Q (AE)	

Sgd.
(F.G.R. VINCENT) Major
for Lieut-General
Commander-in-Chief
GHQ CMF.

Copy to: 5 Blu
Engrs
8159/Q1

AQ.138/LF

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LECF V LAEE HR 62/28

T FRO[illegible]ALO 500 AOD HFT

TO LFC [illegible]ALO APHC ROME

ET

HOSTS FOR WARREN FROM COL PICONE. PENDING FURTHER CONFIRMATION

CLOTHING DAY CONFERENCE LOADING ON TENTH APRIL. DESPATCH OF

TENTAGE IMMEDIATE 500 TONS LOADED TO DATE BY ARRANGEMENT COMMITTER

UDINE TENTAGE WILL BE RAILED TO STAZIONE [illegible] PER LA CARNIA YEAR

UDINE

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SENT HR 62 BY BELL AT 1343

1030 50

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REC'D 11 MAR 1945

To See	
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Q Liaison	
Q Mail	
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EMIA LO 500 A O D

5 BLU UDINE ,INFO: LEB AFHQ ROME

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Commenced loading tertage 24 March. Rate of loading 12 waggons daily on 700 tons per week. These stores may arrive as 1 complete train or may arrive by daily detail for further information contact Q movements or Udine. Waggon numbers follow later. For second addressees. Please inform warn in. See 27

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AS RESULT OF REQUEST FROM WAR MINISTRY E T A IS SENDING 700 TONS TENTAGE TO YOU E T A U D I N E 2 APR (.) INTENDED FOR USE BY 5 COMILITER FOR TROOPS IN TRANSIT DURING HANDOVER (.) ENSURE PROMPT ACCEPTANCE CMA SORTING AND ISSUE AS REQUISITE (.) B R A D L E Y IN PICTURE AT G R A Z

.138/LF

R O U T I N E

"Q"

~~W. PIDSLEY, Colonel.~~

R A CURTIES LT COL.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch

(27)

Tel: 439031
Ext: 407

G/13B/IF
27 May 47

SEC 38

Ministry of National Defence - ARMY.

Subject:- Tentage.

See 24 and 25 May 47

1. With reference to your request for tentage for 5 Territorial Command, UDINE.

2. Information has been received that 700 tons of tentage has been released from 500 AOD 24 May 47 and will arrive UDINE 2 Apr 47.

3. Tentage has been consigned to 5 TCV.

HNL/wf

Major General
Director.

Copy to:- Liaison. Ref conversation KENYON/LUCETT.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch

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Tel: 463581
Ext: 218

GD/109/*/A/22

25 March 47

G I Q (E copies)

Subject:- Engineer Stores.

ATTACHED

See B'

Ref. your 6400/Q2 dated 17 March.

The ITALIAN Army require ALL the Engineer Stores listed in your s/q letter.

Pay arrangements please be made with 5 E.L.O. for earliest transfer from BARI to 5 Territorial Command.

for Major General
Director.

A.R. Lowrie Lt Col
GS

ARC/AT

Copy to:-
Ministry of National Defence - Army
5 E.L.O.

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26A

Tel: PADUA 22178

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

6400/92

17 Mar 47

SUBJECT: Engineer Stores

TO: IMAS(LFSS)

G(SD)

See 31

With reference to para 8(c) of minutes attached to G(SD) Branch letter SD/2146/4 dated 27 Feb 47.

Stocks of Engineer Stores now available are:-

Srew Pickets	Long	60,000
" "	Short	28,000
Angle Iron Pickets	Long	120,000
" " "	Short	56,000
Barbed Wire		250 tons
Dannert Wire		26,000 coils
Sandbags		$3\frac{3}{4}$ millions

Will you please state, as soon as possible the Italian Army requirements of these stores.

Sgd

J.A. TILDESLEY, Captain.
for Brig IC Adm.

Internal Distribution

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TO/LFS AFNG

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C25 UNCLASSIFIED (.) FOR COL [redacted] PIDSLEY FROM

THURBURN (.) YOUR C115 OF 22 MAR (.) LOADING OF 7ZG

TONS TENTAGE FOR H BEGIND BRAZ TODAY (.) BEING CONSIGNED NC 5 CLU

UDINE AT REQUEST MAIA LO (.) ETA UDINE 2 APR

ET

SENT BR I 25/55 F.L.

Q/58.

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IPS, AFHQ (FORMERLY MMIA)

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BTA
MMIA LO 500 AOD GHQ
5 BLU

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FOR BRIG THURBON FROM PIDSLEY S T O P

SUBJECT IS TRANSFER OF SURPLUS TENTAGE FROM 500 AOD TO ITALIAN ARMY

S T O P ITALIANS URGENTLY NEED TENTAGE FOR A REGIMENT 4000 STRONG

IN UDINE AREA IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO TAKE OVER FROM ALLIES ON R DAY

S T O P NONE AVAILABLE HERE AND POLICY IS TO ASSIST TAKE OVER OF ZONE

-A- AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE S T O P COULD YOU PICK OUT AND TRANSPORT BY

RAIL OR ROAD TO TARVISIO AN APPROPIATE AMEUNT OF SERVICABLE TENTAGE

TO ARRIVE LATEST 10 APRIL S T O P IF APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE M M I A

LO NOW AT GRAZ COULD FIX DETAILS WITH 5 BLU AND ITALIAN ARMY AT

TARVISIO

Q022/6F
~~Q.602/1F~~

I M P O R T A N T

" Q "

W.PIDSLEY, COL

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Military Affairs Section
Land Forces Sub Section

13-A

Tele : 489081
Ext : 467

RE/4/1 LF

18 March 47.

'E' Branch,
GHQ, CMF.

Subject : Equipment - Italian Engineers.

1. The Italian Engineer School at CIVITAVECCHIA has a set of F.B.E. but, at present, no propulsion units. Four 8 h.p. Petter engines are available but it is necessary for at least 4 propulsion units with flexible hose to be issued so that they can carry out training with powered F.B.E. rafts etc.

2. Can you please say if 4 units (complete with brackets) and flex hose:can be issued on transfer to the Italian Engineers from British sources.?

Major General,
Director,

Copy to :-

External:- Comdt. Italain Engineer School, CIVITAVECCHIA
Internal:- G(SD)
G(Trg)
'Q'

To See
A/Q
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Q Liaison
Q Maint
Q (AE)

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(23)

TRANSLATION

From: IMAS

To : M. of W.

Ref: Q. 138/LF

Date: 8/2/47

(86)

Subject: Return of Sten automatic carbines.

Ivor Jennings

Reference your letter 4/2495/Serv dated 24/8/46.

I) Please inform this HQ at your earliest convenience of the number of Sten automatic carbines returned, in order that a credit may be applied for on your behalf.

2) You will appreciate that the gross quantity submitted will be supported with receipts held by you in respect of their being handed in to British Depots.

See (4)

Sgd. CURTIES
Lt/Col.

From: M. of D.

Ref: 9I02/03:25

To : Naples Artillery Directorate.

Date: 20/2/47

We beg you:

- to immediately inform us of the number of Sten automatic carbines returned to British Depots;
- to forward copies of the receipts confirming the returns of Stens made by your Directorate to British Depots.

Sgd. CAMPAGNA
Col.

UR

Q138/F
Rec 26-3-47

COPIA/ap

AMC = IMAS = 3SS
Q.138/LF 8 febbraio 1947

OGGETTO: restituzione di moschetti automatici Sten.-

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA (tramite Ufficiale di collegamento)

Riferimento vostro foglio 4/2495/Serv. del 24-8-1946.-

1. Si prega comunicare a questo Comando, non appena possibile, il numero dei moschetti automatici Sten restituiti, onde potere inoltrare richiesta di accredito a vostro favore.

2. Codesto Ministero si renderà conto che il totale notificato dovrà essere conprovato dalle ricevute a sue mani dalle quali risulti che le suddette armi sono state versate a magazzini britannici.-

p. IL MAGGIORE GENERALE= DIRETTORE
F.to T.Col. CURTIES

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MINISTERO DELLA DIFESA (Esercito)
Direzione Generale Artiglieria Div.A.N.C. Sez.A

N° 9102/03425 di prot. Roma, lì 20 febbraio 1947

ALLA DIREZIONE ARTIGLIERIA DI NAPOLI
(seg.richiesta telefonica del 17 c.m.)
e, per conoscenza:
AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE NAPOLI
ALLO S.M.E. - Uff. Servizi S E D E

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Pregasi :

- comunicare urgentemente il numero dei moschetti automatici Sten restituiti ai magazzini britannici
- trasmettere copia delle ricevute comprovanti i versamenti degli Sten effettuati a suo tempo da codesta Direzione ai magaz

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IL DIRETTORE CAPO DIVISIONE
f° Col. C.Campagna

IN 0950
Data 20/8
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Land Forces Branch
Ex M.M.I.A.

Tel : 489081
Ext : 467

RE/4/1 LF
17 March 47.

SEE 55
SEE 24"A

'E' Branch,
G.H.Q.,C.M.F.

Subject : Bailey Pontoon Eqpt. issued to Italian Engineers.

1. The set of Bailey Pontoon Eqpt. recently issued and despatched from E.S.B.D. MESTRE to the Italian Engineer School at CIVITAVECCHIA has been received and the parts now checked in detail. The following deficiences have been noted :-

		Vouchered	Received	Deficient
(a)	Braces, sway	38	32	6
(b)	Chesses, junction	48	47	1
(c)	Clamps, transom	128	125	3
(d)	Posts, footwalk	64	62	2
(e)	Anchors 112 lbs	32	27	5
(f)	Crossbars for Anchors	32	NIL	32

2. The Guard that arrived at MESTRE to accompany the equipment found that the wagons had been sealed and that it was not possible to check before leaving MESTRE. The wagons arrived sealed at CIVITAVECCHIA.

3. The deficiences are not essential but it would be appreciated if the items as under could be made good.

To S.
A/Q

(a) Braces, sway - 6
(b) Clamps, transom - 3
(c) Anchors 112 lbs - 5
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for Major General,
Director.

JGC'F/jln

Copy to:-
External :- O.C. ESBD Mestre
Comdt. Italian Engineer School, CIVITAVECCHIA.

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G(SD) M W Hope Brig.

M.W. HOPE, B.G.S.

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Turin Military Territorial Command. REF:607/Mat.

TO: M.M.I.A. DATE: 11 March 1947.

SUBJECT:- "Sten" machine carbines.

Further to verbal communications received in the past from 1 B.L.U., we forward enclosed receipt relative to the handing over of the u/m material by Turin Artillery Directorate to D.A.D.O.S. 218 Sub-Area Riccione:

- MACHINE CARBINES STEN	590
- MAGAZINES STEN	130
- CASES SMALL	15
- CASES LARGE	1.

The handing over took place further to the order issued by 1 Military Territorial Command - Services Office - in letter 03/199/II dated 12.1.1947.

sgd. GAY
Col.

Sel 327

R.A.G.

A Q 138/5

Reg 28-3-47.

REPUBBLICA ITALIANA

COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI TORINO

COMANDO ARTIGLIERIA

RECEIVED 25 MAR 1947 (DATE)

Prot. N. 607/Mat. 1-B Allegati 1 Torino, 11 Marzo 1947

Risposta al foglio del

OGGETTO: Moschetti automatici "Sten".-

ALLA M. M. I. A. ROMA

Giusta comunicazioni verbali ricevute a suo tempo dal 1° B.L.U. si trasmette l'unito buono relativo al versamento dei sottonotati materiali, effettuato dalla Direzione Artiglieria di Torino al D.A.D.O.S. 218 SUB - AEREA - RICCIONE:

- MACHINE CARBINES STEN .....n° 590
- MAGAZINES STEN ....." 130
- CASES SMALL ....." 15
- CASES LARGE ....." 1.

Il versamento è stato eseguito in seguito ad ordine impartito dal 1° Comiliter -Ufficio Servizi- con foglio n° 03/199/II in data 12.1.1947.-

d'ordine
IL COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO
(Paolo Gay)

TRANSLATION IN Time 1200 Date 26/3

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(Paolo Gay)

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IN Time 1200 Date 26/3
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OUT Time 0900 Date 28/3

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ISSUE and RECEIPT VOUCHER

Issue Voucher No. and Date: A/ORD/98 2 JAN 47

NOTE.—Voucher must accompany the Stores when practicable

Receipt Voucher No. and Date:

Account:—

For Office Stamp

Account:—

No. of Sheets ONE Sheet No. ONE

Issued by:— COMANDO TERRITORIALE TORINO.

Issued to:— R.S.D. D.A.D.O.S. 218 ARMA, RICCIONE.

Date and Mode of Conveyance

Carriers or Convoy Note No. and Date

Authority for Issue:— D.A.D.O.S. 08/A/31 DATED 25 OCT 46.

Ledger Folio (1)	Cat. or Part No. (2)	DESIGNATION (3) Section or Sub-Section	Quantity (4)	Description and marks on packages (5)	For Store Depot use only. S. (6)	R. (7)	D. (8)	U. (9)	Rate (10)	Value (11) £	s.	d.
		MACHINE CARBINES STEN.	5908 588		COPIA PER:- H.Q. M.M.I.A. ROME.							
		(MOSCHETTI AUTOMATICI STEN)										
		MAGAZINES STEN.	120									
		CASES SMALL	15									
		" LARGE	1									
		To be returned by Italian Transport.										
		British Liaison Unit.										

Army Form G 1033 (in books of 100)

Of consignor on original and triplicate, and of consignee on duplicate.

(Signature of consignor or consignee)

D.A.D.O.S. 218 Sub-Area.

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM: GHQ CMF 111235 A

TO : LAND FORCES SUB SECTION (LATE META) ROME

INFO: AFHQ RESTRICTED

QG107

SUBJECT: EQUIPMENT FOR ITALIAN ARMY (.)
ONE (.) HAVE AVAILABLE AT U D I N E 500 PIAT (.) UNDERSTAND ITALIAN ARMY REQUIRE THESE (.) REQUEST CONFIRMATION OF ACCEPTANCE AND PROPOSALS FOR COLLECTION (.) WEAPONS

TWO (.) SMALL QUANTITIES OF PIAT AMMUNITION WILL BE AVAILABLE AT M E S T R E ON FINAL HAND OVER (.)

THREE(.) YOUR PRESENT DEFICIENCY IN .303 WILL ALSO BE COVERED BY QUANTITIES AVAILABLE AT M E S T R E ON FINAL HANDOVER TOGETHER WITH APPROX HALF MILLION ROUNDS .300 (.)

FOUR (.) THE ABOVE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT BY AFHQ BEFORE DESPATCH FX75414 DATED 8 MAR EXCEPT .300 BROWNING WHICH WAS TOO SMALL TO BASICALLY EFFECT THAT SIGNAL AMMN

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12 Mar 1947
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Accepted for 21

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Military Affairs Section
Land Forces Sub Section

Tel: 489081
Ext: 467

SD/109/1/A/LF

10 March 47

Ministry of National Defence- Army.

Subject:- Defence Stores for Italian Army.

Ref. your 5/159/Serv of 2 March 1947.

1. GHQ are not prepared to hand over mines of any type to the Italian Army as, owing to the time that they have been in storage, they consider them no longer safe.

2. As regards wiring stores please see our letter IMAS/R/47/1/LF of 5 March to GHQ, a copy of which was forwarded to your Ministry.

3. You will be informed of progress.

M L Stephens
Major-General
Director.

Copy to:-
'Q'
'RE'

To See
A/Q
"Q"
Q Liaison
Q Maint
Q (AE)

10/3/47

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SECRET

SD/109/1/A
Q
RE.

From: M.of D.
To : IMAS

Ref: 5/159/Serv
Date: 2/3/47

Subject: Anti-tank mines and anti-man mines for "Mantova" and "Folgore" Divisions.

In regard to the contemplated transfer of "Mantova" and "Folgore" Divisions, intended to occupy Veneto area, we point out the opportunity that such units be equipped with anti-tank and anti-man mines and also of entrenching equipment for constructing defensive obstacles.

Please consider the possibility that a quota of the above mentioned materials be released on the spot, drawing it from the quantity stored at Allied Depots of Veneto and Venezia Giulia

The General Attached
G.Liuzzi

A.R.M.G.

Write A.M.G. (copy to 5 BLO and SORE)

Must Italian dep would be judged to take the com available field defence material pending Board visit .pointed, + existing material in the Udine Area + that accumulating Italian stores in rear to be BLO for implementation of the plan.

10/3/47

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Q Liaison	
Q Maint	
Q (AE)	

RDC 401

RD/109/2/LP

10 Mar 47

HQ for G(SD)

Subject: H.A.A. Equipment for the Italian Army

It is the aim of this HQ to equip the Italian Army with one troop of 3.7 H.A.A. guns for training purposes; this equipment should consist of 4 guns complete with 2 sets of RADAR No 1 Mk II fire control.

The equipment received so far comprises:

(a) The guns
(b) The RADAR (2 receiving and 2 transmitting sets)
(c) Two predictors
(d) One plotters Composite.

These items have been transferred to the Italian Army as listed and are not complete with full attachments and accessories to enable them to be used.

There is, unfortunately, no A.A. specialist officer in this HQ and it is therefore not possible to request these accessories item by item. The equipment required, however, which is indispensable, comprises the following:

(a) The RADAR attachment and accessories for the 2 Predictors (including the heads).
(b) The accessories for the Plotters Composite (instruments etc).

Please inform this HQ if this equipment is available and may be transferred to the Italian Army.

R 8/3/47

Major General,
Director.

RDC/rm

Distribution: RD/109/2/LP
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12 A.L.A.

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EX/109/1/18
18 March 47.

Ministry of National Defence - Army.

14-B

Sub-ects- RADAR Equipment.

Ref your 1/909/Gen of 28 Feb 47.

1.
In reply to a verbal request received from the Inspector of Artillery this Sub-section applied to CRE on 13 Feb 47 for the loan of RADAR experts.

2.
A reply was received that it was reported no officers with the required qualifications are available.

3.
The Inspector of Artillery was informed of this decision in our Trg/42/272 of 25 Feb 47.

Hall/Gen

Major General.
Director.

Copy to: G(Trg)
'Q'

To See	
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Q Liaison	
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Military Affairs Section
Land Forces Sub Section

(15)

Tel: 489081
Ext: 467

IMAS/R/A/1/LF

5 March 1947

GHQ E Branch.

Subject:- Defence Stores for Italian Army.

Representation has been made from the Italian War Ministry that they urgently require wiring stores (barbed wire and pickets) and would be glad to take over all quantities of these stores which are held by the Allies surplus to their own requirements.

Can you please inform me if such surplus stores are held and if so the approx. amount that would be available for transfer to the Italian Army.

As they would be required in the UDINE area the transfer could be arranged through the Agency of 5th Br. Liaison Unit, of this Mission, at UDINE.

per it

for Major General
Director.

Copies:- Italian Ministry of Defence- Army
O.C. 5 B.L.U. for inf.

Internal:- A/C
S/D

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L.Q. 38/LF

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COPY

TRANSLATION

14-A

From: M. of D.

To : IMAS LEES

Ref : I/909/Serv

Date: 28/2/47

Subject: RADAR equipment.

Ref your telephone request of the 25/2/47.

1. In order to train Italian personnel on RADAR equipment, this SM asks the assistance of two British officers (or NCOs), one specialised in the employment and the other in the electromechanical side.

Said personnel should carry out a training course, which could last approximately 12 weeks.

The course would take place at Civitavecchia at the Artillery School Detachment.

2. It is not possible, for the moment, to supply data on the spare parts required, as it is necessary that a thorough examination and selection of the apparatuses be made by competent personnel, which at present are not at the disposal of the Italian Army. This work can be carried out only after the Italian personnel receive the necessary training on the equipment and when the existing sets of the Montecorvino Depot are permanently transferred to the Military Administration.

Sgd. LUZZI
Gen.

U/S

SD DISTRIBUTION: SD/109/1
G(Trg)
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To See	
A/Q	
"Q"	
Q Liaison	
Q Maint	
Q (AE)	

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ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS
Italian Military Affairs Section
Land Forces Sub Section
(Formerly MMIA)

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Tel: 489081
Ext: 415

A. 130/LF

28 Feb 47

Statcentre, MELF

Subject: Transfer of 7th Vehicles to Italian Army

39 in Q/203-1 Jacket

Further to our A. 283 dated 26 January 46

Attached at Appendix "A" is a list of Carriers Universal, M.M.G., 3" Mortar, and T Towing, which have been transferred to the Italian Army.

Authority: GHQ 9153/1/Q1 dated 12 December 46.

Roc

for Major General,
Director.

PW/jw

Copy to: GHQ (less Appendix "A")

28/2/47

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Military Affairs Section
Land Forces Sub Section

Tel : 489081
Ext : 467

IMAS 4/2/ LF.

27 Febuary 47.

'E' Branch, GHQ CMF.

Subject :- Vouchers - Bailey Pontoon Set.

1. Attached is one copy of EB(B)D MESTRE Voucher No B/1865 of 8 Feb 47 pertaining to a set of Bailey Pontoon Eqpt. issued to the Italian Engineer School CIVITAVECCHIA duly signed by the Commandant of the School.

2. Only two copies of this voucher were received by me under your letter MG/6/1268 dated the 8 Feb 47 and the School only received one copy direct. It is only possible therefore to return you one signed copy of the voucher in receipt as a copy is retained by the School and one is required for record here.

Voucher passed to Q/ACS - 27/2/47.

for Major General,
Director.

JGO'F/jln

Internal
Copy to :- 'Q' Branch - One copy of voucher is forwarded herewith.

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Extract From

"G" LIAISON LOG 1 X DATED 25/2/47

Lt Col OLIVETTI 24. 2. 47.

Requested Col Olivetti to hasten reply to Q.138 dated 30 Dec on the subject of "Holdings of British and Italian Weapons". A&NG Q.138

Col Olivetti stated that Ministry of War figures were not accurate and were now being straightened out.

Lt Col OLIVETTI 24. 2. 47. (4)

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11-A

TRANSLATION

From: M. of Defence

Date: 18/2/47

To : IMAS

Ref: 4/531/Serv

Subject: Return of substituted British weapons.

4 per BA and 12

In reply to letter Q 138/LF dated 8th inst.

1.- In order to give precise data, we felt it necessary to revise the returns of weapons forwarded by all Corps of the Army and all the issues of British weapons made after October 1945.

2.- The s/m work is still being carried out and, as soon as completed, the requested data will be forwarded.

To See	
A/Q	
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Q Liaison	
Q Maint	
Q (AE)	

Sgd. MELCHI
Col.

R.A.G.

Reg'd Letter Rec'd

I Q 138

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OL/ap Traslato

26 FEB 1947

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MINISTERO DELLA DIFESA
STATO MAGGIORE DELL' ESERCITO
Ufficio Servizi-Sez.Art-Genio

Prot.n.4/531/Serv. Roma,lì 18 febbraio 47

OGGETTO: restituzione di armi britanniche sostituite.-

ALL'ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS
I.M.A.S.- LAND FORCES SUB SECTION ROMA
-risp.lettera Q.138/LF dell'8 corr.)

1° - Per poter fornire dati precisi si è resa necessaria la revisione delle situazioni delle armi trasmesse da tutti i Corpi dell'Esercito e di tutte le distribuzioni di armi britanniche effettuate dall'ottobre 1945 -

2° - Il lavoro suaccennato è ancora in corso e, non appena ultimato, verranno trasmessi i dati richiesti.-

d'ordine
IL CAPO UFFICIO SERVIZI
- Col. N. Meloni -

STATO MAGGIORE ESERCITO - REPUBBLICA ITALIANA - UFFICIO SERVIZI

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To See	
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Q Liaison	
Q Major	
Q [illegible]	

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ZFN TEL CHI 132457A FEB 47

TO LYNN

INF

STEVENS 02245. FOLLOW RE STANLEY. CALL DIRECT YOU 55 FEB

ET

ZZD Ref

Re 20/2/47

Ref [illegible]

WP

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1 Q 138/LF

JD JT 2815 JK F J J

RECEIVED 24 FEB 1947
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SUBJECT:- Release of British Equipment to Italian Army.-

(13)

5 British Liaison Unit
Tele:- 1657
ORD/2/

17 Feb. 47

A.D.O.S.,
Land Forces Sub Section.

Reference your Q/138/LF of the 10 Feb. 47.-

1. It is confirmed that the issue vouchers referred to in your a/q letter were despatched to your HQ., under cover of 'X' ORD. Stores & Equipment Disposal Unit letter ORD/3/C/2 of the 27 Jan. 47.-

2. In the event of their non receipt at your HQ. will you please notify this Unit and steps will be taken to secure further copies of the vouchers in question from 'X' E.D.U.-

FIELD
BEHS/mq

To See	
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"Q"	

Capt.
Lt. Col.,
GS.

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Capt.
Lt. Col.,
GS.

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To See	
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BIAS LETS:

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SECRET

REF YOUR SD 0648 DATED 15 (.)

ONE (.) ITALIANS ACCEPT ALL REPEAT ALL ARE LISTED IN YOUR SD 0710 OF 21 JAN AS AMPLIFIED BY YOUR SD 0648 DATED 15 (.) AMX FURTHER CHARTERED BUILDING AVAILABLE LATER WILL ALSO BE ACCEPTED (.)

TWO (.) REF YOUR PARA FOUR PLEASE SUPPLY DETAIL OF AMX AVAILABLE CREWS AS IT URGENT DEPARTURE S ITALIANS MUST ALERT CREWS EVEN WITHOUT CONFIRMATORY AMX (.)

THREE (.) GENERAL AQ PROPOSES VISIT YOU ARRIVING HX FLAGSTAFF 25

To See
A/Q
"Q"
Q Liaison
Q Maint
Q (AL)

IMPORTANT

C(SD) Branch

Lt-Col A.R.C.SOUTHEY

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Military Affairs Section
Land Forces Sub Section

Tel: 489081
Ext: 401

SD/109/1/LF

17 Feb 47

(MG) for G(SD)

Subject: Artillery Equipment.

Please inform this HQ if it is possible to release the following equipment to the Italian Army.

Set Squares Adjustable R.A. Qty. 6

It is understood that this equipment is available at the R.S.D. at Udine.

Major General,
Director.

SGO/mm

To See	
A/Q	WP
"Q"	ROE
Q Liaison	
Q Maint	
Q (Air)	P

Copy to: G(Trg)
'Q'
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TRANSLATION

"Q"

8-A

FROM: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE = ARMY =

REF: 1/731/Serv

TO : L.F.S.S.

DATE: 16 Feb 1947

SUBJECT: RADAR EQUIPMENT

Ref your letter SD/109/1 dated 16 Jan 1947

1. The technical commission entrusted with the task of identifying the RADAR apparatus existing in the depot of Montecorvino, has forwarded, on completion of its work, the following proposals:-

a) - to purchase the marine type RADAR C L M K to be used for study purposes.

b) - To purchase the (LW) A A N ½ Mk 3 RADAR ears., of which 30 or 40 of the existing 155 can be made efficient.

c) - To purchase the type R D F A A N . 1 Mk 2 (G L T Mk 2 G L R Mk 2) RADAR, of which 152 apparatus with 30 generators exist (only those that have generators for Artillery firing are required).

2. This S.M. confirms the point of view already expressed for the purchasing of the above material, but it would be necessary that British specialist personnel should train Italian personnel on the functioning and repair of the apparatus.

It would also be necessary that the British Authorities supply the missing spare parts which cannot be recovered from the existing sets.

3. For the purpose of examining all various aspects of the matter, this S.M. is of the opinion to hold a meeting at which we would appreciate the presence of a representatives of your IMAS, who could give the necessary explanations for the settlement of the matter in question.

To See	
A/Q	
"Q"	
Q Liaison	
Q Maint	
Q (AF	

(Sgd) LIUZZI, Gen.

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

SERIAL NO 2191 SECRET

IMPORTANT DTG 151150 A

FROM: GHQ CMF

ACTION: IMAS . INFO AFHQ.

SD 0848 SECRET (.) YOUR SD/109/2 OF 11 JAN (.)

SUBJECT TO ALTERATIONS IN QTY ALL AMMN QUOTED IN OUR SD 0718 OF 21 JANUARY MAY BE OFFERED TO ITALIANS LESS THE FOLLOWING SERIALS (H) 37 MM HE SERIAL (1) 37 MM AP SERIAL (X) 5.5 IN CHARGE 1/2 SERIAL (Y) 5.5 IN CHARGE 3/4 (.) FURTHER QUANTITIES OF OTHER SERIALS MAY BECOME AVAILABLE LATER(.) SECOND (.) REQUEST FIRM REPLY BY 22 FEBUARY SINCE DISPOSAL OF AMMN WILL OTHERWISE BE RETARDED (.) WE PROPOSE TO MAKE PART OF 12 OAC MESTRE AVAILABLE FOR ITALIANS (.)

THIRD (.) A SEPERATE SIGNAL IS BEING DESPATCHED TO YOU ON THE AVAILABILITY OF VEHS (.)

FOURTH (.) PLEASE INFORM ITALIANS THAT THE ADDITIONAL GUNS AND AMMN FOR POST PEACE TREATY ARMY CANNOT BE SUPPLIED BY US (.) ALTHOUGH WE MIGHT PRODUCE GUNS THEY WOULD BE USELESS WITHOUT AMMN (.) ADDITIONAL MAINTENANCE CAN ONLY BE SUPPLIED THROUGH CIVIL IMPORT PROGRAMME (.) THESE CONDITIONS APPLY TO ALL NATURES OF EQUIPMENT (.)

FIFTH (.) REQUEST YOU SEND REP TO GHQ SOONEST AFTER RECIEPT OF SIGNAL REFERRED TO IN PARA THREE ABOVE TO DISCUSS TAKE OVER OF EQUIPMENT AND AMMN (.)

SIXTH (.) COORD 'Q' (.)

I.Q.138

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Extract From

"Q" LIAISON LOG 7 DATED 10-2-47

See (12) (3) See 11A

Lt Col OLIVETTI 10.2.47

Handed in letter Q 138/IF dated 8 Feb 47 on the subject of "Return of superceded British weapons", asking Col Olivetti to expedite the info required. Col Olivetti is taking this matter up but stated there would be a little delay as units would have to report what quantities of such arms had been depatched to W/shops for repair. AQMG Q(AE) 138 Q

See also 0038 see (11) 3J.

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Extract From:

"Q" LIAISON LOG 7 DATED 10-2-47

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See IIA 42

Lt Col OLIVETTI 10.2.47

Handed in letter Q 138/IF dated 8 Feb 47 on the subject of "Return of Sten automatic Carbines". Pointed out to Col Olivetti that it was of great importance for M of W to report the exact number of Stens returned as any discrepencies would remain as a debit charge to the Italian Govt. AQMG 138 Q

Sp. Ebsworth, who will again take up with OLIVETTI 10/2

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COPY

Tele No : PADUA 22328

Subject : Equipment for the Italian Interim Army

TO : Allied Force Headquarters, Italian Military Affairs Section, Land Forces Sub Section.

Copy to : 'Q'
Ord

G(SD) Branch,
GHQ CMF.

SD/2146/6

10 Feb 47.

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1. Reference your letter SD/109/1/IF dated 4 Feb 47.

2. It is regretted that as all existing stocks of Height and Range Finders are earmarked for UK, no issues can be made available for the Italian Interim Army.

Lieutenant General,
General Officer Commanding in Chief.

PIU/KRG

SD DISTRIBUTION: SD/109/1/IF
G(Trg)
'Q'
GRD

To See	
A/Q	
"Q"	
Q Liaison	
Q Maint	
Q (A)	

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Military Affairs Section
Land Forces Sub - Section
(formerly M.M.I.A.)

(6)

Tel : 449084
Ext : 259

G.138/12
10 Feb 47

S.H.A.E.F.

Subject : Release of British Equipment to Italian Army.

1. It is requested that you press "X" C.S. & S.H.A.E.F. to provide you with 2 copies of vouchers for issues refered to below, which vouchers should be sent to this H.Q sonnet:-

(a) Ref G.138 of 30 Dec 46. - Predictors, 3.7 AA Qty 2

(b) Ref G.138 of 13 Dec 46. - Arty 25 pdrs Qty 12

(c) Ref G.137 of 28 Jan 45. - Arty 12 pdrs Qty 12

2. These vouchers should bear the counter signature of a responsible Italian officer.

Dec 13

Dec 23

for Lt. Col.
AMMI.

LDW/ps

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BUCK SLIP

FILE NO 13824 (5)

DATE	SECTION OR SERVICE FROM	TO	ACTION REQUIRED
6 Feb	Q	Q ~~Q6~~ Q2	Q138 for J Ref (25) Please obtain from War Nav report on progress mission Stars (one of which have been returned to Light in North Italy) in rde. that Combat Shipping Teehers may be prepared Rose

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Military Affairs Section
Land Forces Sub - Section
(Formerly M.M.I.A.)

Tel : 489081
Ext : 259

Q.138/17
8 Feb 47

Ministry of War

Subject : Return of Sten Automatic Carbines.

Reference your 4/2495/Serv dated 23-1-46.

1. Please inform this H.Q. at your earliest convenience, of the number of Stens returned in order that a credit may be applied for on your behalf.

2. You will appreciate that the gross quantity submitted will have to be supported with receipts held by you in respect of their being handed in to British Depots.

Approved on 3rd Packet.

Rac

Major General,
Director.

M.I.A.F./ps

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AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Military Affairs Section
Land Forces Sub - Section
(Formerly M.M.I.A.)

Tel : 489081
Ext : 259

Q.138/LF
8th Feb 47

Ministry of War (by LO)

Subject : Return of superseded Br Weapons.

Reference this H.Q letter 003.Q dated 20 Dec 46.

Will you please expedite the information requested in order that the return and creditcey of the arms may be arranged.

Rae
Major General,
Director.

HJOP/pa.

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SUBJECT: Release - British Equipment.

5 British Liaison Unit,
Tele:- 1657,
ORD/1/82,

5 Feb 47

"Q",
HQ., M.M.I.A., ROME.

References are Collection Notes 138 Q of the 13 Dec 46, 138 Q of the 30 Dec 46 and 138 Q of the 28 Jan 47.

1. All guns and equipment detailed on your a/q Collection Notes were handed over to 5 Territorial Command (see paras 2 & 3 below) on 20 Jan 47 from "X" ORD Stores and Equipment Disposal Unit, UDINE.

2. The predictors referred to in your 138 Q of the 30 Dec 47, were handed over minus Radar Imputors; they having been removed on W.O instructions immediately prior to collection.

3. There are some 80 cases of equipment for the 17pdrs C.Q.F. which are expected at the time of writing on rail ex GRAZ, BTA.

To S.	
A/Q	
"Q"	
Q Liaison	
Q Mtn	
Q (All)	

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Retained on Q/138 copy on 4" Jacket

Capt.,
ORDNANCE,
for Lt-Colonel, GS.

R 10/2/47.

A Q.138

Extract From

"Q" LIAISON LOG 7 DATED 4-2-47

2-A

Lt.Col.OLIVETTI 4.2.47

Requested clarification on M.of W. request for special equipment lists for HQ, 25 pdr,A/tk and Lt.A.A. Regts.Col.CLIVETTI stated that whereas lists were provided for the Gruppi previously,the Arty units in the Divs had been increased to almost Br. Army standard(less 1 bty) and that the M.of W. had no idea on this standard what the special equipment consisted of.

CRD AQMG 138 Q

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Allied Forces Headquarters
Italian Military Affairs Section
Land Forces Sub Section

Tel: 489081
Ext: 401

SD/109/1/LF

4 Feb 47

SEE 7

CMQ for C(SD)

Subject: Special Trg Issue of M.A.A.
Eqpt for ITALIAN Interim Army.

Ref your letters MSD/81/3/A of 3 Apr 46, (Para 4) and 29 Apr 46.

1. It is stated that issue of the undermentioned equipment to the Italian Army has been authorised by the War Office.

(a) Predictors

(b) Height - Range Finders

(c) Under Eqpt.

2. Items (a) and (c) have been issued to the Italian Army, but (b). Height and Range Finders, are still outstanding.

3. Please inform this HQ whether this equipment is available for issue, and if so, may it be released as soon as possible.

To See	
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Q [illegible]	
Q [illegible]	

SGO/mm

Copy to: G(Trg)
"Q"
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Major General
Director.

Extract From

"Q" LIAISON LOG 7 DATED 1-2-47

1-A

Lt.Col. OLIVETTI 1.2.47

Handed in letter 138Q of 28 Jan on Releases of Br.Equipment. Release was for 12 17pdrs.

DAQMG
(AE)
138 Q

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Q U I
TRANSLATION

To Seb

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FROM MINISTRY OF WAR — REF: 1/238/Serv

TO : ARMY HEADQUARTERS — DATE: 21 Jun 47

SUBJECT: Radar Equipment

Further to verbal agreements

Ref letter 31/109/1 dated 16/1/47 from MCLA.

1. MCLA has informed us that a British officer (Captain [illegible]), an expert in Radar and capable of carrying out both the duties mentioned in paras a) and b) of para 1 of the a/m letter, will leave to-day for Naples.

2. As the Italian officers entrusted with the same inspection will also leave to-day, and will report to the Artillery Directorate of the Naples Military Territorial Command, the Chief of the Services Office of said Military Territorial Command has been phoned in order that he may inform

- the Artillery Directorate to keep in touch with the a/m Italian officers, informing them of the arrival of the British expert;

- the 10 ZAV to instruct the British officer to report, as soon as he arrives, to the Artillery Directorate in order to make agreements with the Italian officers regarding the inspection to be carried out.

3. We request you:

- to order that, on completion of the inspection, the meeting mentioned in para 4 of the a/m letter from MCLA, be held in Rome;

- to inform this HQ on the results of the inspection and of the aforesaid meeting.

IL CAPO SEZIONE
(illegible)

Sgd. Mauri, Gen

(2) one for Maj. [illegible]
CMD
Engr
SC/109/1/AM

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3/2/47
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I 0138

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SUBJECT : Release - British Equipment.

5 British Liaison Unit.
Tel :- 1687
ORD/1/82,
5 Feb 47.

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"Q"
HQ MMIA Rome.

References are Collection Notes 138Q of the 30 Dec 46, 138 Q of 13 Dec 46 and 138 Q of 28 Jen 47,

1. All guns and equipment detailed on your A/Q collection notes were handed over to 5 Terr Comd, (see paras 2 and 3 below) on 20 Jen 47 from "X" ORD Stores and equipment Disposal Unit, UDINE.

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Capt
ORDNANCE
for Lt Col GS

UDINE
BEHS/CTS

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FILE
DIARY

O1/39

Telephone :
ROME 489081 Ext 415

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC (MMIA) CMF.

138 Q.

28 Jan 47.

Ministry of War

Subject: Releases - British Equipment.

1. The following equipments are available for collection from 'X' ORD Stores & Equipment Disposal Unit, UDINE (Tel: Udine 1648)

Authy :-
GSD/2146/7 of 18 Nov 46.
GHQ/EM159/Q dated 15 Nov 46.
DOS/2614 of 5 Dec 46.

Serial No	Item	Qty	Destination
1	Arty O.Q.F. 17 Pdr	12	(a)

Note (a) - Destined for mixed Btys of Internal Security Bdes.
This HQ letter SD/109/1 dated 13 July 46 refers.

2. Collection will be effected by the Ministry of War.

Major General,
GOC MMIA.

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Ministry of War

Subject: Releases - British Equipment.

1. The following equipments are available for collection from 'X' ORD Stores & Equipment Disposal Unit, UDINE (Tel: Udine 1648)

Authy :-
GSD/2146/7 of 18 Nov 46.
GHQ/G159/Q dated 15 Nov 46.
DCS/2614 of 3 Dec 46.

Serial No	Item	Qty	Destination
1	Arty O.Q.F. 17 Pdr	12	(a)

Note (a) - Destined for mixed Rtys of Internal Security Bdes. This HQ letter SD/109/1 dated 13 July 46 refers.

2. Collection will be effected by the Ministry of War.

Major General,
GOC MMIA.

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HJOP/ps

Copies to : 5 BLU (for action, ref this HQ Q.191 of 25 July 46)
"X" ORD STORES & EQUIPMENT DISPOAL UNIT. CMF (Ref your ORD 3/C/2 dated 24 Jan 47)

Internal: G (Ops & SD)
G (Trg)
"Q" Accounts (Confirm receipt of vouchers for "Q")
ORD
REME
Liaison

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Telephone:
Rome 489881 Ext 334

LAND FORCES SUB COMM, AC (NMLA) GTF

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4 Jan 47

Ministry of War.

Subject :- Releases - British "A" Vehicles.

1. The following vehicles complete with kits are available for collection from 12 Vehicle Park (FORLI).

Authy:- GHQ 9153/1/Q1 of 12 Dec
DOS V.R./8986 of 28 Dec.

Serial No.	Item	Qty	Destination
1	Carriers	1001	(a)

Note (a) - To be taken over in Situ.

2. Collection will be effected by the Ministry of War.

R.O'Connor Lt Gen
Major General
GOC NMLA.

HOJP/cam

Copies to: - 6 BLU (2) (For action: ref this HQ Q.181 of 25 July 46).

Internal: - G (OPS & SD)
G (TRG)
"Q" Accounts (Confirm receipt of Vouchers to "Q")
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1. The following vehicles complete with kits are available for collection from 12 Vehicle Park (FORLI).

Authy:- GHQ 9153/1/Q1 of 12 Dec
DOS V.R./8986 of 28 Dec.

Serial No.	Item	Qty	Destination
1	Carriers	1081	(a)

Note (a) - To be taken over in Situ.

2. Collection will be effected by the Ministry of War.

R A Cantrell for Cmt
Major General
GOC MMIA.

HOJP/cam

Copies to: - 6 BLU (2) (For action: ref this HQ Q.181 of 25 July 46).

Internal: - G (OPS & SD)
G (TRG)
"Q" Accounts (Confirm receipt of Vouchers to "Q")
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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War. REF: 4166/141

TO: M.M.I.A. DATE: 18 January 1947.

SUBJECT:- Ammunition for Sten machine carbine.

In reply to letter 138/Q dated 30 December last, we would inform you that this Ministry wishes to retain the 9 mm. Parabellum ammunition, as said ammunition can be equally used for the Beretta automatic carbine cal.9 mod.38/A.

sgd. PROPERZJ
Gen.

R.A.G.

To:
A/Q
"Q"
Q Liaison
Q Maint
Q (Air)

Registered 29/1/47
Q Mag.

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I.Q. 138

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Lt.Col. OLIVETTI 16.1.47

Took up the question of Armourers Tools with Col.OLIVETTI.
There appears to have been a complete misunderstanding over this question. A supply of Armourers tools were collected by 10 Terr Comd. SME Services Br issued instructions to Army Directorate for the issue of same to CAFs etc who in turn delegated the Terni Arms Factory, being the most competent, to deal with this matter. THEIR was under the impression that the tools would be despatched by 10 Terr Comd to them.

AG(M)
138 Q
2319.

The question has now been solved and Terni have been instructed to collect same and distributs.

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Gen.PELLIGRA 13.1...

Informed Gen.PELLIGRA of the offer of appox 90 tons of Khaki drill available to the It.Army in 500 A.O.D. should this be required.

Gen.PELLIGRA gladly accepted this offer but would appreciate/ knowing the numbers of the articles of clothing involved and the price.

OFD
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Lt.Col.OLIVETTI 1.1.47

Col.OLIVETTI requested that Special Equipment lists be given to the M of W for the following units as these were not possessed by them:

Arty Regt HQ (25 pdrs)
A/Tk Regt HQ
Lt A/A Regt HQ

ACTION ORD ADJ

2217 138 9

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Q 30

SUBJECT: Releases British.

10 British Liaison Unit
POSILLIPO NAPLES
Tele: 12060 NAPLES
A/Q General

14 Jan 47

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16 JAN 1947

Land Forces Sub Commision AC.,
(MMIA) ROME C.M.F.

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1. Your ref 1382 dated 3 January 47. We are at a loss to understand that progress on releases have not baen received at HQ on the majority of these releases.

2. Your own letters stated that the stores have been collected on the following Folio numbers. Your para 1 in each Folio. 43,14,24,28,39,40,51,52,2,3,16.

3. We have given clearance on the following Folio numbers as follows:-

79,81.	our ORD 11 dated 26 August 1946.
45.	our ORD 11 dated 22 July 1946.
16.	our ORD 11 dated 13 July 46 & 1 Aug. 46.
30.	our ORD 11 dated 22 July 1946.

4. Folio 9 was advised as not available as all stores had been disposed before release received from G.H.Q.

5. Folio 80 & 81 we have already advised cannot be completed as vehicles are not available at Capua. Correct details will follow in the course of a few days as the up to date position. 16

6. No vouchers are held at 10 B.L.U. but are sent to Q accounts as soon as signed by Italian Representative.

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WAV/DT

To See	
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"Q"	
Liaison	
ORD	
REME	
S & T	

Lt col,
GS.

16/1/47

AQ.138

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IMMEDIATE

Subject : TRANSPORT RELEASES - BRITISH ORIGIN.

6 British Liaison Unit
Tel: 28032
Ref: Q/4/3
10 Jan. '47

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

Reference your 138 Q of 3 Jan. '47.

Herewith information requested.

1. (a) Q Veh Release Note
AVR/8938. 16 July 46

(b) Ord Veh Release Note
DOS/8938. 17 July 46

(c) Quantity - 29 Staghounds.

(d) Collected by O.A.R.E., issue vouchers as follows :-

12 V.P. /I.V./102 of 10 - 9 - 46

12 V.P. /I.V./103 of 11 - 9 - 46

12 V.P. /I.V./104 of 12 - 9 - 46

2. (a) Q Veh Release Note
AVR/8942. 19 July 46

(b) Ord Veh Release Note
DOS/8942. 23 July 46.

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To See
A/Q
"Q"
Q Liaison

3 JAN 1947

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Reference your 138 Q of 3 Jan. '47.

Herewith information requested.

1. (a) Q Veh Release Note AVR/8938. 16 July 46

(b) Ord Veh Release Note DOS/8938. 17 July 46

(c) Quantity - 29 Staghounds.

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12 V.P. /I.V./102 of 10 - 9 - 46

12 V.P. /I.V./103 of 11 - 9 - 46

12 V.P. /I.V./104 of 12 - 9 - 46

To See	
A/Q	
"Q"	
Q Liaison	
Q [illegible]	
Q (AT)	
ORD	
REME	
S & T	

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2. (a) Q Veh Release Note AVR/8942. 19 July 46

(b) Ord Veh Release Note DOS/8942. 23 July 46.

(c) Quantity - 170 Carriers Universal.

(d) Collected by O.A.R.E., issue vouchers as follows :-

Please ask for shipping tickets

12 VP/IV/92 of 22 - 8 - 46.	Qty.	20
93 of 24 - 8 - 46	"	20
94 of 27 - 8 - 46	"	20
95 of 29 - 8-46	"	20
97 of 31 - 8-46	"	20
99 of 4 - 9 - 46	"	25
100 of 6 - 9 - 46	"	25
101 of 7 - 9 -46	"	20
		170

R 13/1/47 [illegible]

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3. It is regretted that collection was only reported in monthly Progress Report, and not made the subject of a separate letter.

4. It is stressed that vouchers are cleared immediately by the issuing Depot (12 Vehicle Park) on the date of collection , signatures as required being obtained " on the spot ". Thus no delay occurs, and detailed action by this unit in accordance with your Q 101 of 25 Jul.'46, becomes unnecessary.

D. A. Bain.

Major. DAA & QMG.
6 BLU.

WHW/sr

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Lt.Col. OLIVETTI 7.1.47

Obtained the following details as to holdings of Br.weapons in the It.Army :- O(AE) 138 Q

25 pdrs	315	17 pdrs	125	6pdrs	192
40 m/m	225	3.7 AA	5	5.5Med	5
Arty trailers	573.				

Pistols .38	3258	Rifles .303	142834
Thompson SMG	34183	Brens	8132
Mortar 2"	910	Mortr 3"	650
Piats	3264		

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Lt.Col. OLIVETTI 2.1.47

Col.OLIVETTI brought up the question of the "Washington" rifles held by 9th Inf.Regt. BARI and asked whether any action could be taken to replace these as they were different to those held by any other unit thereby necessitating different training.

ACTION
AQMG
Q(AF)
138 Q

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Lt.Col. OLIVETTI 2.1.47

Handed in letter 138 Q dated 30 Dec on the subject of Holdings of Weapons. Requested that the returns of holdings of It. and Br. weapons as detailed in the appendices be prepared and submitted soonest. AQMG 138Q

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TRANSLATION

Ref : 50818/DT/5a-41

FROM : Ministry of War.

Date : 7-8-46

TO : 10 Mil Terr Command Naples

INFO : M.M.I.A. Rome
Arms Factory Terni.

SUBJECT : Release of Technical Equipment.

1. The technical Equipment as per appendix 'A' has been released by 16 Base Workshops Naples, and is actually dumped at 10 B.L.U. H.Q.

Authority letter GHQ 8159/Q1 of 16/5/46
GHQ 7209 of 10-7-46.

2. This equipment is composed of :

Serial No	Articles	Quantity
1	Armourers Tool	as per appendix 'A'

and must be immediately sent to Arms Factory of Terni.

3. The Arms Factory of Terni is in charge of the distribution of this technical equipment (intended for Br.Arm repairs) in proportion with the weapons held by the following units and in respect of their needs

Central Military School
C.A.R.
Internal Security Division
Non divisioned Regts.

For the Minister
P.G.Properzi

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Certified to be a true copy

for Chief Director of Division
(Fuscaldi Lt.Col.)

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t No		Designation		Quantity
	5863	Testing,straightness of bore,ML2 "Morter and 2" bomb thrower, MK II		1
	5102	Gauge,testing,straightness of bore,ML3"Morter MK I(a)		1
	3016	Bags armourers,SA MK I		2
	3052	Braces,armourers, MK III		3
	3056	Bits cleaning No 2		2
	3469	Drifts,armourers No 2		2
	3472	" No 5		2
	3495	Floats Small		2
	3503	Gauges,Armourers,.052 in		2
	3506	.064 in No 1		2
	3510	.067 in		2
	3512	.074 in No 1		2
	6830	.4 in		2
	6831	.41 in		2
BC	3519	Hammer point No 2		2
ED	6458	Plug .301 in		2
BC	3542	.307 in		2
	3545	.308 in No 2		2
	3548	.310 in		2
	3549	.352 in		2
	3550	.358 in		2
	6840	.55 in		2
	3551	Lead		2
	3554	Rods Mk II		2
	3557	Stockbolt		2
	3560	Striker point No 1		1
	6845	Striker point No 3		2
	3606	Keys, sight		1
	3621	Mandrills No 2		1
	3622	No 3		1
	3632	Pincers, armourers	prs	4
	3651	Taps No 1 Plug		1
	3652	Taper		1
	3653	No 2 Plug		1
	3654	Taper		1
	3655	No 3 Plug		1
	3656	Taper		1
	3657	No 4 Plug		1
	3658	Taper		1

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	6830	.4 in		2
	6831	.41 in		2
BC	3519	Hammer point No 2		2
BD	6458	Plug .301 in		2
BC	3542	.307 in		2
	3545	.308 in No 2		2
	3548	.310 in		2
	3549	.352 in		2
	3550	.358 in		2
	6840	.55 in		2
	3551	Lead		2
	3554	Rods Mk II		2
	3557	Stockbolt		2
	3560	Striker point No 1		1
	6845	Striker point No 3		2
	3606	Keys, sight		1
	3621	Mandrills No 2		1
	3622	No 3		1
	3632	Pincers, armourers	prs	4
	3651	Taps No 1 Plug		1
	3652	Taper		1
	3653	No 2 Plug		1
	3654	Taper		1
	3655	No 3 Plug		1
	3656	Taper		1
	3657	No 4 Plug		1
	3658	Taper		1
	3659	No 5 Plug		1
	3660	Taper		1
	3661	No 6 Plug		1
	3662	Taper		1
	3671	No 11Plug		1
	3672	Taper		1
	3673	No 12Plug		1
	3674	Taper		1
	3675	No 13Plug		1
	3676	Taper		1
BB	3911	Rods,cleaning - Pistols,No 2 Mk I		2
BC	3918	Saws, clearing		2
	3925	Screwdrivers - Armourers - Large		2
	3926	Small		2
	3929	Extractors, screw		2
	3932	Forked No 1		2
	3933	Forked No 2		2
	3934	Forked No 3		2

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Part No	Designation	Quantity
BC 8458	Spanners, tubular, Mk I	2
3966	Tools - Bore - Bushes	2
3968	Rods	2
4025	Rods No 1	2
4027	Rods No 2	2
4029	No 4	2
4036	Sticks	3
4045	Foresight - Cramps - No 1 - Mk II	1
4051	Punches	2
4065	Sight line	2
4068	Scribers	1
4075	Spring Extractor - No 1	1
4100	Wad	2
4114	Vices, parallel, armourer	2
BD 4198	Brushes, rod, cleaning cylinder -303 in MG Mk II	4
BE 9207	Mops, rop, cleaning cylinder-303 in MG Mk II	6
2502	Plugs, clearing - Vickers, .303 in MG Mk I	1
9203	Rods, cleaning, Cylinder, Bren, 303 in MG Mk I	2
9280	Combination - Bren .303 in MG Mk I	4
BG 4702	Keys, tube, pistol grip, Besa MG Mk I, Plugs clearing Besa - 7.92 mm MG Mk II	1
QB 0720	Cartridges SA Dummy - .303 in U, Mk V	30
0726	7.92 mm, U, Mk I	20
13200	Stud, 1/4 in to 5/8 in	1
14570	Indicators, Dial test	1
14571	Gauges dial	1
17061	American Thread - Biheragon rin type,	
	double ended 7/16 in x 1/2 in	6
17065	25/32 in x 13/16 in	6
17067	1.1/16 in x 1.1/8 in	6
17095	open jaw, 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 11/16	6
17099	3/4 in x 7/8 in	6
17101	15/16 in x 1 in	6
FA18406	Tools, screwcutting - ANC - Taps Plugs 3/8 in	2
18407	7/16 in	2
18409	9/16 in	2
18425	Second 1/4 in	2

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4100	Wad	2
4114	Vices, parallel, armourer	4
BD 4198	Brushes, rod, cleaning cylinder -303 in MG Mk II	6
EE 9207	Mops, rop, cleaning cylinder-303 in MG Mk II	1
2502	Plugs, clearing - Vickers, .303 in MG Mk I	2
9203	Rods, cleaning, Cylinder, Bren, 303 in MG Mk I	4
9280	Combination - Bren .303 in MG MK I	
BG 4702	Keys, tube, pistol grip, Besa MG Mk I, Plugs clearing Besa - 7.92 mm MG Mk II	1
	Cartridges SA Dummy - .303 in U, Mk V	30
QB 0720	7.92 mm, U, Mk I	20
0726		1
13200	Stud, 1/4 in to 5/8 in	1
14570	Indicators, Dial test	1
14571	Gauges dial	
17061	American Thread - Bihexagon rin type,	6
	double ended 7/16 in x 1/2 in	6
	25/32 in x 13/16 in	6
17065	1.1/16 in x 1.1/8 in	6
17067	open jaw, double ended 5/16 in x 3/8 in	6
17095	7/16 in x 1/2 in	6
17096	9/16 in x 5/8 in	6
17097	19/32 in x 11/16	6
17098	3/4 in x 7/8 in	6
17099	15/16 in x 1 in	6
17101	Tools, screwcutting - ANC - Taps Plugs 3/8 in	2
TA18406	7/16 in	2
18407	9/16 in	2
18409	Second 1/4 in	2
18425	5/16 in	2
18426	Taper 5/16 in	2
18451	7/16 in	1
18453	9/16 in	1
18455	ANF Sets - No2 (see Schedule 150/1)	2
18457	BSF Sets - No 1 (see Schedule 154/1)	1
18725	No 2 (" " 155/1)	2
18726	BSW Sets - No 1 (" " 80/1)	1
18911	No 2 (" " 80/1)	1
18912	No 3 (" " 157/1)	25
18913		69
BC 3016	Bags Armourers SA MK I	60
3052	Braces " MK III	9
3056	Bits, cleaning No 2	69
3495	Floats, Small	69
3506	Gauges Armourers .064 inch No 1	
3515	" " .074 inch No 2	

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Part No	Designation	Quantity
BC 3519	Hammerpoint No 2	69
BD 6458	Plug .301 inch	62
BC 3560	Striker Point No 1	55
3606	Keys, Site	19
3632	Pincers Armourers	10
3925	Screwdrivers " large	69
3926	" " small	69
3929	Extractor Screw	69
3932	Screwdrivers Forked No 1	12
3933	" " " 2	1
3934	" " " 3	7
3966	Tools Bore Dushes	138
3968	" " Rods	3
4025	Cleaning Rods No 1	7
4029	" " " 4	18
4036	" Sticks	44
4045	Cramps No 1 MK II	60
4047	Tools, Spring Extractor No 1	69
4114	Vices, Parallel, Armourers	28
Section QZ		
QB 0720	Cartridges, SA, dummy .303 inch	60

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LAND FORCES SUB COMM, AC (MMIA) CMF

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Jan 47.

6, 10 and 12 BLU'S

Subject :- Release - British O.S.

1. It is necessary that documentation in regard to releases made to the Italian Army be brought up to date before the end of the current month.

2. The reports on the progress of a number of releases have not yet been received.

3. Will you please check on releases referred to in attached appendix and report progress in collection with relevant details as to date, Voucher No and receiving Unit.

HOJP/cem

Lt-Colonel,
AQMG MMIA.

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GHQ Q Ref & date	GHQ Ord release & date	MMIA Folio	MMIA Date	BIU concerned	No of items	
Q Veh Release Note AVR/8938 16 July 46	Ord Veh Release note DOS/8938 17 July 46	80	22 July 1946	6	1	29 Staghounds au fol 28
Q Veh Release Note AVR/8942 19 July 1946	Ord Veh Release note DOS/8942 23 July 46	82	29 July 1946	6	1	170 Carriers au fol 28

CHQ Q Ref & date	CHQ Ord release & date	MMIA Folio	MMIA Date	RHU concerned	No of items	
Q Release Note AVR/8937 16 July 46	Ord Veh Release Note DOS/8937 17 July 46	79	22 July 1946	10	1	10BLU ord 11 of 26 Aug 46
Q Veh Release Note: AVR/8939 16 July 46	Ord Veh Release Note DOS/8939 17 July 46	81	22 July 1946	10	2	10BLU ord 11 of 26 Aug 46
8159/Q1 9 Aug 1946	—	43	30 Oct 1946	10	1	
Q 8159/Q1 9 Aug 46		9	12 Aug 1946	10	2	
Q 8159/Q1 3 July 46	DOS/7209/ Plans 3 July 46	14	20 Aug 1946	10	2	
Q 8159/Q1 7 May 46	DOS/7209 8 June & 13 June 46	24	29 Aug 1946	10	9	
Q 8159/Q1 7 May 46	DOS/7209 21 Aug 46	28	14 Sept 1946	10	1	
Q 8159/Q1 7 May 46	DOS/1411 11 July 46	39	28 Sept 1946	10	19	
8159/Q1 7 May 46		40	30 Sept 1946	10	10	
Q Release	Ord					2308 BLU

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16 July 46	17 July 46					
Q Veh Release Note: AVR/8939 16 July 46	Ord Veh Release Note ✓ DOS/8939 17 July 46	81	22 July 1946	10	2	10 BLW ORD 11 of 26 Aug 46
8159/Q1 9 Aug 1946	— ✓	43	30 Oct 1946	10	1	
Q 8159/Q1 9 Aug 46		9	12 Aug 1946	10	2	Items Not available out of [illegible]
Q 8159/Q1 3 July 46	DOS/7209/ Plans 3 July 46 ✓	14	20 Aug 1946	10	2	
Q 8159/Q1 7 May 46	DOS/7209 8 June & 13 June 46 ✓	24	29 Aug 1946	10	9	
Q 8159/Q1 7 May 46	DOS/7209 21 Aug 46 ✓	28	14 Sept 1946	10	1	
Q 8159/Q1 7 May 46	DOS/1411 11 July 46 ✓	39	28 Sept 1946	10	19	
8159/Q1 7 May 46	✓	40	30 Sept 1946	10	10	
Q Release Note 8159/Q 3 July 46	Ord release note ✓ DOS/7209 3 July 46	45	19 July 1946	10	3	2307 BLW ORD 11 of 22 July 46
8159/Q1 16 May 46	DOS/7209 2 June 1946 ✓	51	24 July 1946	10	2	
8159/Q(AE) 16 May 46	DOS/7209 10 July 46 ✓	52	25 July 1946	10	1	

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GHQ		MMIA		BIU concerned	No of items	
Q ref & date	Ord release & date	Folio	Date			
8159/Q(AE) 7 May 46	DOS/7209 12 June 46	✓ 2	7 Aug 1946	10	2	
8159/Q1 13 June 46	DOS/7209/ Plans 13 June 46	✓ 3	7 Aug 1946	10	5	
	Ord release note: DOS/7209 21 May 46	✓ 16	21 June 1946	10	9	10 BLU ORD 11 of 13 Jul + 1 Aug 46
	Ord release note: DOS/7209 2 June 46	✓ 16	21 June 1946	10	8	
	Ord release note: DOS/7209/ Plans 13 June 46	✓ 30	9 July 1946	10	3	10 BLU ORD 11 of 22 Jul 46
	Ord Veh Release note DOS/VR/4274 16 July 46	80	29 July 1946	10	6	See P30
	Ord Veh Release note DOS/ VR/4270 16 July 46	81	29 July 1946	10	14	See P30

Detail to follow 2205

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GHQ ♀ Ref & date	GHQ Ord release & date	GHQ Folio	MMLA Date	MMLA BHU concerned	No of items
	Ord Veh Release note VR/8850 6 March 46	12	12 March 1946	12	1
	Ord Release note DOS/7209/ Plans 18 July 46	31	10 July 1946	12	2
	Ord release note DOS/7209 23 May 46	111	30 May 1946	12	1
	Ord release note: DOS/7209 23 May 46	117	31 May 1946	12	1
	Ord release note: DOS/7209/ 6 June 46	17	22 June 1946	12	5
	DOS VR/4218 30 May 46	75	4 June 1946	12	2

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TRANSLATION

From: M.of W. Ref: 4/3790/Serv
To : Addressees
MMIA (for information) Date: 31/12/46

Subject: Distribution of guns of British origin to the Artillery Batteries of Infantry Brigades. -

Ref. letter SD/109/2 dated 13/12/46 from MMIA. -

1. With the a/m letter (copy attached) and letter 1387/Q of the same date (copy of which is attached only for the Artillery Inspectorate) MMIA reported the release of twelve 25 pdrs and twelve 17 pdrs. -

2. As, from the a/m letters, it appears that the 25 pdrs are available at the "X Ord. Stores and Equipment Disposal Unit" of Udine (telephone Udine 1648) and it is probable that also the 17 pdrs are available at the same stores, we beg you to order as soon as possible that:
- all the guns (which should be complete with accessories but not sighting instruments) be withdrawn and taken on charge by the Udine Detached Artillery Section;
- the twelve 17 pdrs be sent to Piacenza and stored at the Artillery Directorate as a maintainance reserve;
- the twelve 25 pdrs be issued as follows:
  - four for each Artillery Battery of the "Aosta" and "Reggio" Brigades;
  - 2 for the Battery of the "Calabria" Brigade;
  - 2 for the Artillery School (which in accordance with letter n° 4/3179/Serv dated 20/10/46 from this SM temporarily handed over a same quantity to the "Calabria" Brigade. Said handing over will therefore become final); -
- the required sighting instruments be sent to the Artillery Batteries of Infantry Brigades, the Artillery School and the Piacenza Artillery Directorate taking these from those stored at the Naples Artillery Directorate and recovered at 3 Sub-depot from the disbanded 557 BOD. -

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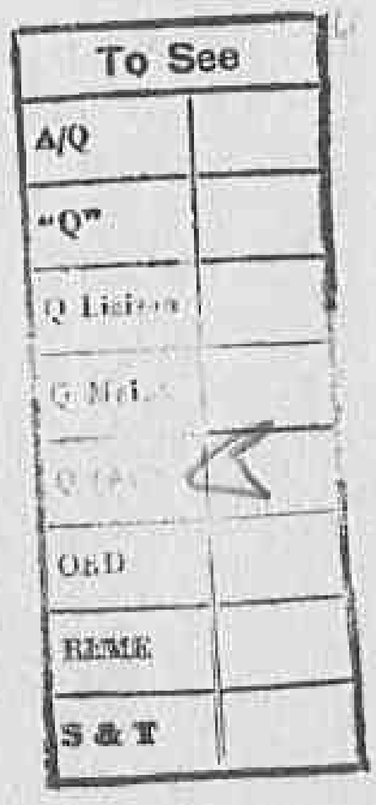
3. - The four 25 pdrs mentioned in letter 82863/19698 dated 30/11/46 from the Artillery and MT General Directorate, at present being repaired at the Piacenza Artillery Directorate should be held by the latter as a maintainance reserve and no longer forwarded to the batteries of the "Aosta" and "Reggio" Brigades.

4. - In conclusion we beg:
- the Artillery and MT General Directorate to inform us of the instructions which will be issued regarding the matter;
- the Military Territorial Commands of Rome and Palermo and the Artillery Inspectorate to inform us on completion of the handing over of the 25 pdrs, assigned with the present letter to the batteries of the Infantry Brigades and to the Artillery School.

5. - Requests for transport should be made to the S.M.'s Transport Office. -

sgd. Liuzzi
Gen.



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30 Dec 46

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MINISTRY OF WAR (by LO)

Subject: Holdings of Weapons.

1. You are requested to please complete attached appendices "A" and "B" and return to this H.Q. at the earliest possible date.

2. It is probable that in the near future you will be asked to show the holdings, W.E. and deficiencies of both the Army and the CC based on:

(a) revised Staff Tables, after the projected changes from British to Italian weapons (pistols, M.C's, M.G's and Mortars) have been effected;

(b) additional needs of the Post-Treaty Army.

You are therefore advised to prepare the data for such a request in order that it may be available with minimum delay.

NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Comd.

NEF/ra

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Appendix 'B' to MMIA letter
13 dated 30 Dec 46

HOLDINGS OF ITALIAN WEAPONS

Date _____

Serial No			ITEM	HOLDING Army	OC	TOTAL
~~1~~			~~Revolver 1.35~~			
~~2~~			~~Glisenti~~			
~~3~~			~~Beretta 6.35~~			
1	4		Beretta 7.65			
2	5	✓	Beretta Mod 34, 9 mm			
3	6	✓	Musket 1891			
4	7	✓	Beretta M.C. Mod 38, 9 mm			
5	8	✓	BREDA M.C. Mod 30, 6.5 mm			
6	9	✓	BREDA M.G. Mod 37, .8 mm			
7	10	✓	Mortar, Mod 35, 45 mm			
8	11	✓	Mortar, Mod 35, 81 mm			
9	12	✓	Grenades			

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Appendix 'A' to MMIA letter
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HOLDINGS OF BRITISH WEAPONS

Date _____

Serial No (1)	I T E M (2)	Holdings (3)
1	Pistols, Revolver .38	
2	Rifles .22	
3	Rifles .303	
4	Rifles .303 Snipers	
5	Thompson M.C.	
6	Bren L.M.G.	
7	Vickers M.M.G.'s	
8	Mortars 2"	
9	Mortars 3"	
10	Mortars 4.2"	
11	Mortars P.I.A.T.	
12	Pistols, Signal	
	ARTILLERY	
13	6 Pr	
14	17 Pr	
15	25 Pr	
16	40 mm Lt AA	
17	3.7 mm Hy AA	
18	5.5" Medium	
19	114 mm Hy	
20	115 mm Hy	
21	183 mm Hy	
22	Coast Defence MM	
23	75 mm	
24	76 mm	
25	S.P. A/Tk 3"	
26	105 mm, Mk 7	
27	37 mm	
28	3" Naval	

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22 Dec 46

Ministry of War (by LO)

Subject: Releases - British Equipment.

1. The following equipments are available for collection from "X" ORD Stores & Equipment Disposal Unit, UDINE (Tel: Udine 1648).

Authy:-
G3D/2146/6 dated 4 Dec 46.
DOS/2614 dated 10 Dec 46.

Serial No.	Item.	Qty.	Destination.
1	V4/OS GA Predictors 3.7ins AA, No1, MK III	2	(a)

Note (a) - Collection will be effected by Ministry of War for despatch to School of Artillery.

EJOP/cam

Major General,
GOC MMIA.

Copies to : 5 BLU (for action; ref this HQ Q.101 of 25 July 46).
"X" ORD STORES & EQUIPMENT DISPOSAL UNIT., CMF (Ref your ORD 5/C/2 dated 19 Dec 46).

Internal: G (Ops & SD)
G (Trg)

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Major General,
GOC BMLA.

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"X" ORD STORES & EQUIPMENT DISPOSAL UNIT., CMF (Ref your ORD 5/C/2 dated 27 Dec 46).

Internal: G (Ops & SD)
G (Trg)
"Q" Accounts (Confirm receipt of vouchers to "Q").
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GHQ for DOS

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REF GHQ 0 DRAWER VEHICLE RELEASE NOTE VR/8984 DATED 13 DEC STOP

URGENTLY REQUEST ORD DIRECTORATE RELEASE

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H.J. HSAD, Lt.Col. A.D.C.S.

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/ VIA RADIO BELLOSGUARDO //

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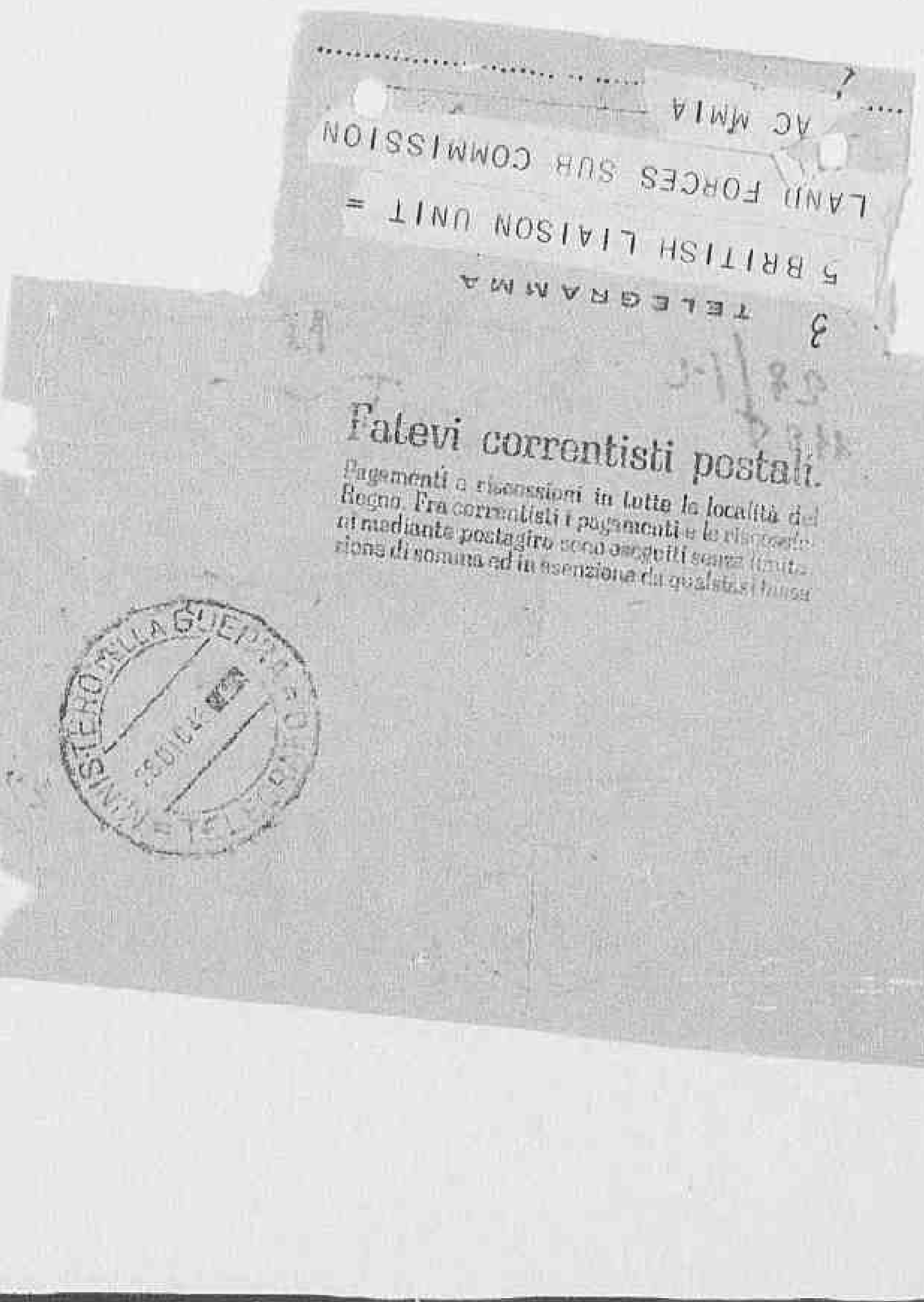

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(W) For Information (INFO)

— Message Instructions — | — OR

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Originator's No. Q.59

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~~REF YOUR AG/44/71~~ (.) ORE (.) DISPOSAL OF ITEMS SHOULD BE EFFECTED THROUGH X ORD STORES AND EOFT DISPOSAL UNIT (.) TWO (.) SM SERV ORDER IS VALID

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20 Dec 46

H.Q. 6 B.L.U.

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Subject: Rifles and Bayonets.

Ref your letter Q/7/1 dated 28 Nov 46.

1. This H.Q. has been informed that no further MKI rifles will be issued from British stocks.

2. The question regarding bayonets forms part of the larger policy of making up over-all shortages of the Italian Army, and is at present being considered by higher authority.

Lt-Colonel,
AQMG MMIA.

HOJF/ra

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To See 6783.

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ONE (.) WHERE ORDERS TO CONTAIN ARRANGEMENTS ABOVE SIGNAL (.) TWO (.)

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TRANSLATION

FROM : Ministry of War. Ref : 50818/DT/5a-41

TO : 10 Mil Terr Command Naples Date : 7-8-46

INFO : M.M.I.A. Rome
Arms Factory Terni.

SUBJECT : Release of Technical Equipment.

1. The technical Equipment as per appendix 'A' has been released by 16 Base Workshops Naples, and is actually dumped at 10 E.L.U. H.Q.

Authority letter GHQ 8159/Q1 of 16/5/46
GHQ 7209 of 10-7-46.

2. This equipment is composed of :

Serial No	Articles	Quantity
1	Armourers Tool	as per appendix 'A'

and must be immediately sent to Arms Factory of Terni.

3. The Arms Factory of Terni is in charge of the distribution of this technical equipment (intended for Br.Arm repairs) in proportion with the weapons held by the following units and in respect of their needs

Central Military School
C.A.R.
Internal Security Division
Non divisioned Regts.

For the Minister
P.C.Properzi
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Certified to be a true copy

for Chief Director of Division
(Tuscoldi Lt.Col.)

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Part No	Designation	Quantity
CM 5863	Testing,straightness of bore,ML2 "Mortar and 2" bomb thrower, MK II	1
CM 5102	Gauge,testing,straightness of bore,ML3"Mortar MK I(a)	1
BC 3016	Bags armourers,SA MK I	2
3052	Braces,armourers, MK III	3
3056	Bits cleaning No 2	2
3469	Drifts,armourers No 2	2
3472	No 5	2
3495	Floats Small	2
3503	Gauges,Armourers,.052 in	2
3506	.064 in No 1	2
3510	.067 in	2
3512	.074 in No 1	2
6830	.4 in	2
6831	.41 in	2
BC 3519	Hammer point No 2	2
BD 6458	Plug .301 in	2
BC 3542	.307 in	2
3545	.308 in No 2	2
3548	.310 in	2
3549	.352 in	2
3550	.358 in	2
6840	.55 in	2
3551	Lead	2
3554	Rods Mk II	2
3557	Stockbolt	2
3560	Striker point No 1	1
6845	Striker point No 3	2
3606	Keys, sight	1
3621	Mandrills No 2	1
3622	No 3	1
3632	Pincers, armourers prs	4
3651	Taps No 1 Plug	1
3652	Taper	1
3653	No 2 Plug	1
3654	Taper	1
3655	No 3 Plug	1
3656	Taper	1
3657	No 4 Plug	1
	Taper	1

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	6830	.4 in		2
	6831	.41 in		2
BC	3519	Hammer point No 2		2
BD	6458	Plug .301 in		2
BC	3542	.307 in		2
	3545	.308 in No 2		2
	3548	.310 in		2
	3549	.352 in		2
	3550	.358 in		2
	6840	.55 in		2
	3551	Lead		2
	3554	Rods Mk II		2
	3557	Stockbolt		2
	3560	Striker point No 1		1
	6845	Striker point No 3		2
	3606	Keys, sight		1
	3621	Mandrills No 2		1
	3622	No 3		1
	3632	Pincers, armourers	prs	4
	3651	Taps No 1 Plug		1
	3652	Taper		1
	3653	No 2 Plug		1
	3654	Taper		1
	3655	No 3 Plug		1
	3656	Taper		1
	3657	No 4 Plug		1
	3658	Taper		1
	3659	No 5 Plug		1
	3660	Taper		1
	3661	No 6 Plug		1
	3662	Taper		1
	3671	No 11Plug		1
	3672	Taper		1
	3673	No 12Plug		1
	3674	Taper		1
	3675	No 13Plug		1
	3676	Taper		1
BB	3911	Rods,cleaning - Pistols,No 2 Mk I		2
BC	3918	Saws, clearing		2
	3925	Screwdrivers - Armourers - Large		2
	3926	Small		2
	3929	Extractors, screw		2
	3932	Forked No 1		2
	3933	Forked No 2		2
	3934	Forked No 3		2

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Part No	Designation	Quantity
BC 8458	Spanners, tubular, Mk I	2
3966	Tools - Bore - Bushes	2
3968	Rods	2
4025	Rods No 1	2
4027	Rods No 2	2
4029	No 4	2
4036	Sticks	3
4045	Foresight - Cramps - No 1 - Mk II	1
4051	Punches	2
4065	Sight line	2
4068	Scribers	1
4075	Spring Extractor - No 1	1
4100	Wad	2
4114	Vices, parallel, armourer	2
BD 4198	Brushes, rod, cleaning cylinder -303 in MG Mk II	4
BE 9207	Mops, rop, cleaning cylinder-303 in MG Mk II	6
2502	Plugs, clearing - Vickers, .303 in MG Mk I	1
9203	Rods, cleaning, Cylinder, Bren, 303 in MG Mk I	2
9280	Combination - Bren .303 in MG MK I	4
BG 4702	Keys, tube, pistol grip, Besa MG Mk I, Plugs clearing Besa - 7.92 mm MG Mk II	1
QB 0720	Cartridges SA Dummy - .303 in U, Mk V	30
0726	7.92 mm, U, Mk I	20
13200	Stud, 1/4 in to 5/8 in	1
14570	Indicators, Dial test	1
14571	Gauges dial	1
17061	American Thread - Bihexagon rin type,	
	double ended 7/16 in x 1/2 in	6
17065	25/32 in x 13/16 in	6
17067	1.1/16 in x 1.1/8 in	6
17095	open jaw, 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 11/16	6
17099	3/4 in x 7/8 in	6
17101	15/16 in x 1 in	6
FA18406	Tools, screwcutting - ANC - Taps Plugs 3/8 in	2
18407	7/16 in	2
18409	9/16 in	2
	Second 1/4 in	2

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4100	Wad	2
4114	Vices, parallel, armourer	2
BD 4198	Brushes, rod, cleaning cylinder -303 in MG Mk II	4
BE 9207	Mops, rop, cleaning cylinder-303 in MG Mk II	6
2502	Plugs, clearing - Vickers, .303 in MG Mk I	1
9203	Rods, cleaning, Cylinder, Bren, 303 in MG Mk I	2
9280	Combination - Bren .303 in MG MK I	4
BG 4702	Keys, tube, pistol grip, Besa MG Mk I, Plugs clearing Besa - 7.92 mm MG Mk II	1
QB 0720	Cartridges SA Dummy - .303 in U, Mk V	30
0726	7.92 mm, U, Mk I	20
13200	Stud, 1/4 in to 5/8 in	1
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17101	15/16 in x 1 in	6
FA18406	Tools, screwcutting - ANC - Taps Plugs 3/8 in	2
18407	7/16 in	2
18409	9/16 in	2
18425	Second 1/4 in	2
18426	5/16 in	2
18451	Taper 5/16 in	2
18453	7/16 in	2
18455	9/16 in	1
18457	ANF Sets -- No2 (see Schedule 150/1)	1
18725	BSF Sets - No 1 (see Schedule 154/1)	2
18726	No 2 (" " 155/1)	1
18911	BSW Sets - No 1 (" " 79/1)	2
18912	No 2 (" " 80/1)	1
18913	No 3 (" " 157/1)	1
BC 3016	Bags Armourers SA MK I	25
3052	Braces " MK III	69
3056	Bits, cleaning No 2	60
3495	Floats, Small	9
3506	Gauges Armourers .064 inch No 1	69
3515	" " .074 inch No 2	69

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Part No	Designation	Quantity
BC 3519	Hammerpoint No 2	69
BD 6458	Plug .301 inch	62
BC 3560	Striker Point No 1	55
3606	Keys, Site	10
3632	Pincers Armourers	10
3925	Screwdrivers " large	69
3926	" " small	69
3929	Extractor Screw	69
3932	Screwdrivers Forked No 1	12
3933	" " " 2	1
3934	" " " 3	7
3966	Tools Bore Bushes	138
3968	" " Rods	3
4025	Cleaning Rods No 1	7
4029	" " " 4	18
4036	" Sticks	44
4045	Cramps No 1 MK II	60
4047	Tools,Spring Extractor No 1	69
4114	Vices,Parallel,Armourers	28
Section QZ		
QB 0720	Cartridges,SA, dummy .303 inch	60

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TRANSLATION

From: M.of W. Ref: 4/3647/Serv

To : All Mil.Terr.Commands Date: 6/12/46
MMIA (for information)

SIGNAL

Automatic Sten guns eventually ~~possessed~~ held by the units under your command must be placed at the disposal of the respective BLUs for further forwarding to Udine BLU, should they be held by the Military Territorial Command of Turin, Genoa, Milan, Bologna, Bolzano, Udine, and Florence; for further forwarding to Naples BLU should they be held by Rome, Naples, Bari and Palermo Military Territorial Commands. -

sgd. Meloni
Col.

V.R.

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(W) For information (INFO)

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COMANDO RAVVICINATORI UDINE COL CLARETACHI

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18 Dec 46

Ministry of War

SEE 19-AT

Subject: Releases - British Equipment.

1. The following equipments are available for collection from "X" ORD Stores & Equipment Disposal Unit, UDINE (Tel: Udine 1648)

Authy:-

GSD/2146/7 of 18 Nov 46. old 69
GHQ/8159/Q dated 15 Nov 46.
DOS/2614 of 3 Dec 46. 78 old. J.3.

Serial No.	Item	Qty	Destination
1	Arty O.Q.F. 25 Pdr.	12	(a)

Note (a) - Destined for mixed Btys of Internal Security Bdes. This HQ letter SD/109/1 dated 13 July 46 refers.

2. Collection will be effected by the Ministry of War.

R.A. Bunting Lt Col
for Major General,
GOC MMIA

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HJOP/jw

Copies to: 5 BLU (for action; ref this HQ Q.101 of 25 July 46)
"X" ORD STORES & EQUIPMENT DISPOSAL UNIT., CMF (Ref your ORD 3/C/2 dated 6 Dec 46)

J.3.

Declassified E.O. 12005 Section 3-402/NNDG NO. 785020

Subject: Releases - British Equipment.

1. The following equipments are available for collection from "X" ORD Stores & Equipment Disposal Unit, UDINE (Tel: Udine 1648)

Authy:-

GSD/2146/7 of 18 Nov 46. old 69
GHQ/8159/Q dated 15 Nov 46.
DOS/2614 of 3 Dec 46. 78 old. 5.3.

Serial No.	Item	Qty	Destination
1	Arty O.Q.F. 25 Pdr.	12	(a)

Note (a) - Destined for mixed Btys of Internal Security Bdes. This HQ letter SD/109/1 dated 13 July 46 refers.

2. Collection will be effected by the Ministry of War.

HJOP/jw

for Major General,
GOC MMIA
2287

Copies to: 5 BLU (for action; ref this HQ Q.101 of 25 July 46)
"X" ORD STORES & EQUIPMENT DISPOSAL UNIT., CMF (Ref your ORD 3/C/2 dated 6 Dec 46) 84 old 3.3.

Internal: G (Ops & SD)
G (Trg)
"Q" Accounts (Confirm receipt of vouchers to "Q")
ORD
REME
Liaison

24 Jan 47
for 25 lbs

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Lt.Col. OLIVETTI 13/12/46.

Handed in Q.138 of 13 Dec releasing twelve 25 pdrs from "X" Ord Stores & Equipment Disposal Unit UDINE. Col Olivetti stated that this number should have read 14 and that this had already been corroborated by G (3D) this HQ. There was also to be a release order for twelve 17 pdrs to come.

DACMG
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Subject: RIFLES & BAYONETS

6 British Liaison Unit
Tel: 217 Area 119
Ref: Q/7/1
28th Nov. '46

To: Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E .

See 11

1. There are at present within units of 6 Territorial Command, 1681 rifles other than pattern MK I.

2. Spares for these rifles are not available, and therefore their maintenance is not possible. Further, the majority are inefficient and useless as training weapons to be fired on the range.

3. It is known that a large quantity of MK I rifles are at present at RSD ex POLCORPS, JESI, and it is requested that if possible, authority for exchange on a one to one basis be arranged.

4. Additionally it is understood that a quantity of bayonets for MK I rifles are held in RSD, 217 Area DADOS dump.

5. As units in this Command are deficient of bayonets, may action please be taken to press release for disposal to the ITALIAN Army.

W.A. Brown
Major DAA & QMG
6 BLU

WHW/ls

AQ 438

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Military Affairs Section
Land Forces Sub - Section
(Formerly M.M.I.A.)

FW 0132 LF

Tel : 439061
Ext : 253

G.136/12
6 - Feb 47

Ministry of War.

Subject : Return of Sten Automatic Carbines.

Reference your 4/295/Serv dated 23-6-46.

1. Please inform this H.Q. at your earliest convenience, of the number of Stens returned in order that a credit may be applied for on your behalf.

2. You will appreciate that the gross quantity submitted will have to be supported with receipts held by you in respect of their being handed in to British Depots.

Major General,
Director.

ES/GC/yns

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Telephone:
Rome 489081 Ext 415

LAND FORCES SUB COMM, AC (MMIA) CMF

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12 Dec 46

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1 H.L.U.

Subject: Return of Sten Machine Carbines.

Ref A/CMD/3 of 3 Dec 46.

1. This H.Q. letter of even reference dated 12 July 46 is still effective.

2. The CC are reported to be in possession of these normal arms which are all of Italian manufacture; the S.M.C.s should therefore be handed in to DADOS 217 Sub Area as requested.

3. Please forward a copy of the receipt to ADOS this H.Q.

HFOP/ra

Lt-Colonel
AQMG MMIA

Copy to/ CMD
CC.

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Subject :- Return of Sten Machine Carbines.

1 British Liaison Unit,
A/ORD/3.
3 Dec., 1946.

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

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J.2.

Reference your Q.136 dated 12 July, 1946.

1. Instructions have been received from D.A.D.O.S., 217 Area stating that all Sten Machine Carbines, MKs. II, III and V withdrawn from the Italian Army are to be handed in to R.S.D. for onward transmission to U.K.

2. No.s 1 and 2 Territorial Commands were notified accordingly, and the former have 64 S.M.C.s ready for return.

3. The C.C., however, were issued with Berretta Arms in June, and in July requested permission from Commander, C.C., Rome to retain S.M.C.s; this request was granted.

4. May a ruling please be given as to whether these S.M.C.s come under the 'exchange for TMC 45' scheme, or whether the C.C. are to hold them until further notice.

5. Copies of correspondence from G.H.Q., 3 District and 217 Area are attached for your information, and easy reference.

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Q.(M2)	✓
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Copy to ORD

S. Morgan Sgt.
2282
Ordnance Warrant Officer.

Note
Refs 912 Feb 56
Reports completion
of arrangements for 12/12/46.

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10/12/46
Re-

Ref 938

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C O P Y.

To:- 217 Area 446/447.

DADOS DUMP 217 Area
Ref :- OS/A/31
Date:- 25 October 46.

Subject :- Sten Machine Carbines.

DAA & QMG 6 B.L.U.
QMG HQ 4 B.L.U.
QMG HQ 7 B.L.U.
QMG HQ 1 B.L.U.

1. Attached copies of DOS/2125/3 of 11th Oct. '46, and HQ 3 District 03/39/5(100) dated 15 Oct. '46 are forwarded for information and necessary action.

2. This office will be notified as early as possible the number of serviceable and unserviceable Sten Machine Carbines being withdrawn from Italian Units and returned by addressees to R.S.D.

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Sgd. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
for Major
(N.F. BUTCHER)
DADOS 217 Area.

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C O P Y.

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

Subject :- Sten Machine Carbines.

Ref: DOS/2125/3
Tel: PADUA 22320
Date: 11 Oct 46.

ADOS 3 District.

Ref your OS/102 dated 26 Sept 46.

1. All serviceable and repairable Sten machine carbines of Mks. II, III and V (S/Lmt Serial 209) withdrawn from the Italian Army are required for return to U.K. Stores should be consigned to OC, 99 OSD, WENDOVER.

2. OSTT No. 4509 has been allotted for this consignment, which will be shipped from Venice. Please notify this Directorate as soon as the number of cases, tonnage etc is known.

Signedxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

(D.B. BAKER) Capt.
for Brigadier
D.O.S.

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Copy to :- DADOS Movem GHQ.

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C O P Y.

Subject :- Sten Machine Carbines.

3 District
Tel Ext 83
OS/39/5(100-)

15 Oct 46.

10 BLU

ADOS Naples Area
DADOS 217 Area
OC RAOC.

Further to my Signal OS/102 of 26 Sept 46.

1. Copy of DOS letter DOS/2125/2 of 11 Oct 46 is forwarded for necessary action.

2. Second to fourth addressees will ensure that all serviceable and repairable Sten Machine Carbines withdrawn from Italian Army, are notified to DOS in accordance with para 2 of the a/m letter.

3. It is anticipated that large quantities of these items will be held by BLUs. Addressees will, therefore, ensure that this letter is brought to notice of all BLUs within their respective boundaries.

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Maj for Lt Col
ADOS
(W.H. DARBYSHIRE)

Copy to :- DOS GHQ CMF.

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TRANSLATION

Ref: 4/3542/Serv

From: M.of W.
To : Addressees
MMIA (for information)

Date: 26/11/46

NT

Subject: Equipment of British origin. -

G.H.Q.

Further to circular 4/3209/Serv dated 30/10/46 and ref. to circular 4/3242/Serv dated 26/10/46 of this S.M. for the units which are in receipt. -

In order to explain the points of the a/m circulars - and whilst waiting for instructions to be issued on British equipment, we would point out that:

1) - the basic pouches W/E 37 are an individual issue for all ORs of the infantry except~~ing those who are~~ MEN armed with pistols.
They are interchangeable and each one may contain 2 complete Bren-gun magazines or a certian quantity of hand grenades, or a certain quantity of ammunition for other small arms. One of the reasons for the size of these pouches is that each one may contain 2 complete Bren-gun magazines as the scale of issue is 150 rounds for each gun (1) and evidently cannot be carried by the Bren-gun team alone.

- the utility puches front and rear are manufactured in such a way that each one may contain 3 complete Bren-gun magazines or a certain quantity of hand grenades or three 2" mortar bombs. They are not an individual issue but a unit issue and are normally carried by vehicles. They are employed in combat by the soldiers who supply the ammunition, who wear them in order to take from the vehicles to the firing line (especially for Bren LMGs and for automatic carbines) the unit ammo. scale of issue, i.e. the first line scale of issue which does not constitute the weapon scale of issue.

- the cartridge carriers for non-infantry units, as it appears from their name, are an individual issue for all ORs who are not of the infantry, except~~ing~~ those armed with pistols.

Each one of these pouches is divided into 2 compartments and each compartment contains one clip or 5 rounds for rifle.
Each soldier should be issued with 2 pairs of pouches (total 4) which allow for the carrying of 40 rounds.

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we beg you to inform all the units concerned.

(1) - first scale of issue for each Bren LMG: 1500 rounds, of which 750 are the scale of issue for the weapon and 750 are the scale of issue of unit. -

sgd. Liuzzi
Gen.

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COPY RESTRICTED. (78)

ORDNANCE DIRECTORATE
GHQ. CMF.

Subject: Transfer of Artillery Eqpt to the Italian Army

Ref: DOS/2614
Tel: PADUA 22320
Date 3 Dec 46.

TO : DDOS HQ BTA (3 copies)
OC X OS & EDU (2 copies)

See 1 J.4.
2 J.4
See 8H our letter
"

1. Please issue to the Italian Army the following equipment:-

(i) from 500 AOD Gun Park - OQF 17-pr qty 12.
(ii) from X OS & EDU - OQF 25 - pr qty 12.

2. Standard towed equipments in serviceable condition and complete so far as possible to G.1098 scale will be issued. Deficiencies on the 25 prs will be made good so far as possible from present availabilities in X OS & EDU. Inabilities will NOT be demand from 500 AOD as adequate stocks are already held for MMIA in 557 BOD. The acceptance of equipments in an inferior or doubtful condition will be voluntary on the part of the Italian Army. If necessary arrangements will be made for their representatives to inspect the guns before issue.

3. For first adressee. The 17-pr eqpts will be consigned as soon as possible to OC X OS & EDU. On their receipt the latter will notify ADOS MMIA immediately they are ready for collection.

4. On the instructions of "Q" Branch this GHQ, vouchering will be done in accordance with AFHQ letter AG.400/031 GDS-O dated 6 Oct 44, para 1 12 (a) (copies attached) , although the issues will officially be regarded as on loan.

5. In addition to the original signed vouchers to be forwarded to MMIA, another signed copy of each voucher is required for the Financial Adviser (Br) GHQ CMF.

6. Receipted copies of vouchers for Financial Adviser (Br) GHQ and ADOS MMIA will be priced where possible and accompanied by a schedule with each bundle of vouchers, the schedule to give details of the sections and issue vouchers in each bundle.

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Q(AF)	✓

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(D.B. BAKER) Capt.
for Brigadier
D.O.S.

Copy to: DQMG GHQ, CMF. : Reference your GHQ/8159/Q1 dated 15 Nov and confirming conversation Major Ascroft/Capt. BAKER.

G (SD) GHQ, CMF.: Reference your SD/2146/7 dated 24 July 46.
Financial Adviser (Br) GHQ, CMF.
ADOS (Plans)- for file DOS/7209.
ADOS Land Forces Sub Commission, MMIA.

ORD Dist:
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R/5/12/46

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Telephone :
Rome 483084 Ext 334

MAIN HEADQUARTERS ADVANCE, AG (SECRET) GHQ

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16 Nov 46

Ministry of War.

Subject : [illegible]

1. Reference is made to General Commander-in-Chief Directive's letter 3034.3/G of 31 Oct 1946.

2. It is confirmed that at the present moment the materials mentioned in your letter under reference are "frozen" pending release by the Chief Disposals Officer and that AMAR is acting as "custodian" of this equipment. However, it is anticipated that in the very near future, this material will be formally handed over to AMAR, at which time your representative should make arrangements for the transfer of this equipment to the Italian Army.

3. As it is most desirable that these stores be obtained for Alpine troops, you are requested to notify this Headquarters if any further difficulties are anticipated or encountered.

Major General,
GOC, MMIA

JAM/Zn

Copy to : Ord.

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LHOF V MEBY NR 119

FROM 10 BLU

INFO 'Q' MMIA,

BT

QS/63 . NO [redacted] AUTHORITY WITHDRAW GUN SPARES RECEIVED ESSENTIAL C.D.O. NAPLES RECEIVED THIS FROM C.D.O. ROME BEFORE WE CAN MOVE

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SENT NR 119 MEP B K

RD NR 118 AT 1226 AHT AR K

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RECEIVED 5 Nov 46 2274

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TRANSLATION

63 (4)

From: M.of W.
To : MMIA

Ref: 30943/VC
Date: 31/10/46

SFE 66

Subject: Mountain clothing. -

Further to the verbal information of the Liaison Officer of this General Directorate, we would inform you that the ARAR of Naples has pointed out that the material stored at Poggioreale Depot (equipment for mountain troops) cannot be handed over as it is still at the disposal of the British Authorities. -

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sgd. Pelligra

5/11/46

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TRANSLATION

63 AT

FROM: M. of W.

TO : M.M.I.A.

REF: 30464/VC

DATE: 31/10/46

SUBJECT: Withdrawal of Allied material from Gricignano.

TO SEE
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Q. 2
O.C.D
CCMG

G.F.

Further to verbal communication made by the L.C of this Directorate, we would inform you that:-

a) Allied material from Gricignano Depot which concern the artillery service, are being dispatched to the Infantry Divisions.-

b) On completion of the dispatch mention in a) above, which at present absorb available personnel and transport, we shall proceed with the withdrawal of equipment concerning the Commissariat (i.e. packs, water bottles, straps, gaiters.)

5/11/46 RO

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Sgd PELLIGRA
Gen.

(Check ORD)

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(63)

Subject: Release of Gun Stores.

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

Q.006

30 October 1946

TO : CHIEF DISPOSALS OFFICER,
Via della Botteghe Oscure 46

Reference conversation CURTIES - REID. May a special release be approved of stores listed at Appendix A from 3 Sub Depot, 557 Base Ordnance Depot.

These are urgently required at the School of Artillery by the War Ministry and have been selected by a representative of MMIA.

It is understood you can only advise ANAR to permit the withdrawal of these stores. May the NAPLES rep of ANAR be so informed.

Colonel
M.M.I.A.

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RAC/fw

Copy to: 10 BIU
12 BIU

INTERNAL: G(Trg)
Ord
File G.133

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Appendix A to HMIA letter
Q.006 dated 30 October 46

LIST OF STORES FOR 5.5 GUN REQUIRED FROM 3 SUB DEPOT 557 B.O.D.

ITEM	QUANTITY
Oil Bucket	1
Air Line	1
Pulling Back Gear	1
Rammer	1
Hand Spikes	1
Piassaber Brush	4
Clinometer Field	1
Drag Ropes	1
Firing Lanyard	4
Plane Testing	1
Post Aiming	1
Air Bottles	2 (1 Rd 1 Square)
STOP Running Back	4
Pressure Gauge	1
Tools Artillery 200 + 206 + 235 +	1
Spanner 762 + 876 +	1 each
" 871 + 877+	1 each
" 872 + 878 +	1 each
" 874 + 342 +	1 each
" 875 +	1 each
Sealing Collar Wrench	1
Breach Mechanism Spanners	1
Isolating Valve	1
Packings, assorted	1
Connectors Valve-oil	1
Tyre Pressure 20 - 120 lbs Gauge	1
Keys M.V. Corrector	1
Gun mats	1
Selveges	4
	4

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Subject: WEAPONS FOR ITALIAN ARMY.

6 British Liaison Unit
Tel: 217 Area 119
Ref: Q/7/1
28th Oct. '46

To: Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E .

595
3 Oct 1946 MMIA
No. 34
2nd Packet.

Reference your Q138 of 12 Jul. '46.

For your information, D.A.D.O.S., 217 Area, has requested notification of the number of serviceable and unserviceable Sten Machine Carbines being withdrawn from ITALIAN units of the Territorial Command, and being returned to R.S.D.

May it please be confirmed by return that these arms may be handed in forthwith, irrespective of whether .45 Thompson Machine Carbines have been issued in lieu.

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O.C.	WHW/ls
REME	

Depots w/Imp. Units & 2nd Gr. He has already refused in area that 6 Terr Comd have handled in all D.A. Wires.
Thanks Tapsell.
NFA. JPW

31/10/46

MAJOR DAA & QMG
6 BLU

A 913269

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TRANSLATION

From: M.of W.
To : Bologna Mil.Terr.Command
MMIA (for information)

Ref: 4/3242/Serv

Date: 26/10/46

Subject: British web equipment.

The British web equipment is formed of many pieces in order to comply with the various needs (marching, travelling by train and by road, combat, guards, etc.) and also for troops having various duties (riflemen, MMG teams, etc.). - For each necessity and for each duty only the proper webbing must be worn.

In particular, the ammunition pouches are made to hold 100 rounds and are not worn by soldiers armed with "Bren" LMGs, who wear instead the proper pouches.

Instructions together with sketches and photographs will be forwarded as soon as possible.

Meanwhile Corps can always approach the BLUs of the respective Military Territorial Commands for explanations. -

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sgd. Liuzzi
Gen.

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TRANSLATION

FROM: M. of W.

REF: 4/3220/Serv

TO : Arty and MT Gen. Dir.
M.M.I.A. (for information)
(Ref. verbal agreement with Maj. Charrington and Maj. Byatt).

DATE: 24/IO/46

SUBJECT: British guns for Arty batteries of Inf. Brigades.-

Further to letter 4/3179/Serv. dated 20/IO/46 and ref. letter 4/2366/Serv. dated 14/8/46 from this SM. for those who are in receipt.-

1) As stated in appendix attached to a/m letter 4/3179/Serv. dated 20/IO/46, and due to the temporary unavailability, the distribution of 25 pdrs guns to the Artillery batteries of Infantry Brigades must, for the present moment, be limited to 2 guns.

The above is pointed out because the Army, as stated in letter 4/2366/Serv dated 14/8/46, has yet to receive 14-25 pdrs guns, twelve 17 pdrs guns and two trailers N° 27.

2) Said equipment will not be released by British Depots as in the British Depot at Pontecagnano, recently handed over to the Army, and in the Sub Depot of Montecorvino, recently handed over to ARAR (the material therein has been frozen), there are all the necessary parts and accessories to assemble the guns still required.-

3) Consequently, taking advantage of the presence of artillery officers and NCOs of Infantry Divisions and Artillery Schools at Naples, who are experienced in British material, we beg you to order that:

- the fourteen 25 pdrs; the twelve 17 pdrs and 2 trailers still required, be assembled as soon as possible with the parts and accessories selected.
- they be forwarded as soon as assembled, as follows:
- the two other 25 pdrs guns to the Infantry Brigades;

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- one 25 pdrs guns to the "Cremona" Infantry Division;
- two 25 pdrs guns to the Artillery School, these will be temporarily issued to the "Calabria" Infantry Brigade;
- the two trailers: to the Lecce Academy;
- the five remaining 25 pdrs guns and the twelve 17 pdrs guns to the Piacenza Artillery Directorate, for the formation of the prescribed reserve.

4) We attach a copy of the return regarding British guns on issue to the Army for the Artillery and M.T. General Directorate.

Sgd. MELONI
Col.

DR.

EB/ Pl. speak. Clarretta re other memorandum.
RAR
13 Nov.

TO SWC
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TRANSLATION

5.9.

From: M.of M.
TO : Arty and MT Gen.Dir.
MMIA (for information)

Ref: 4/3175/Serv

Date: 20/10/46

Subject: British armament for Artillery batteries of Infantry Brigades.

SEE 65-B

1) British armaments and ammunition corresponding to the scale of issue laid down in the attached table should be distributed as s soon as possible to the Artillery batteries of each of the Brigades "Aosta", "Reggio" and "Calabria".

2) We beg you to issue ~~the competent~~ accordingly instructions, bearing in mind that, according to the availability of transport, armaments and ammunition should be received simultaneously by the batteries.

3) As far as sights and various types of shells are concerned, we beg you to issue orders to the effect that their selection ~~will~~ be carried out by the Naples Artillery Directorate through the personnel of the Infantry Divisions, temporary transferred, for said task, to the afore mentioned Directorate (see telegramme 4/3003/Serv dated 1st inst. from this S.M.). -Anyhow the armaments must be sent complete with sights and various types of shells.
Request for transport will be made to this S.M. - Transport Office -

4) Please inform this S.M. upon completion of forwarding the arms and ammunition to each battery.
The Military Territorial Commands concerned will acknowledge receipt of the arms and ammunition by the batteries.

SEE 64

Gen. Liuzzi

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Affari 31/10

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& Quartieri Q 136.
G (Ops.) Ord
G (T.) "

30/10/46

Q 138

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Encl. to letter 4/3179/Ord dated 20/10/46.

SCALE OF ISSUE OF ARMAMENTS AND AMMUNITION OF BRITISH SOURCE FOR AN ARTILLERY BATTERY OF INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Arms		Ammunition		
Denomination	Quantity	1st line	Training (for one training cycle)	TOTAL
25 pdrs	4 (1)	688(2)(3)	250 (3)	938
17 "	4	360(4)(5)	320 (5) (4)	680
.27 type trailers	9		-	-
Bren LMGs	6	9000 (6)	8240 (7)	17240
PIATS	6	108 (8)	84 (9)	192
Rifles	149	7450 (10)	6060 (11)	13510
Automatic carbines	16	3.00 (12)	3940 (13)	7140
38. pistols	11(14)	198 (14)	308 (15)	506
Signal pistols	5	100 (16)	30 (17)	130

NOTE:

(1) Due to the temporary unavailability, only 2 guns will be assigned to each battery at the present moment. The 4 required for the batteries of the "Aosta" and "Reggio" brigades will be handed over to them by the Artillery School of Bracciano. The 2 for the "Calabria" brigade will be temporarily handed over to it by the Artillery School.
(2) of which: 576 HE - 64 Smoke - 48 AP
(3) issue for 4 guns: 165 HE - 45 smoke - 20 AP
(4) All AP
(5) Issue for 4 guns
(6) of which: 6600 are of 303 type in MK VII ctn.
1800 " " " " " " " tracer
600 " " " " " " " incendiary
(7) estimated: 50 rounds for every soldier of which 40 ord. and 10 tracer and for each arm 45 ord. cartridges and 45 tracer for the tactical exercises.
(8) of the type HE/AT MK II
(9) 6 bombs for the training of 2 soldiers for each mortar and 2 bombs for each mortar for tactical exercises of the type HE/AT MK II 2264
(10) of the type 303 in MK VII bdr (ord.)
(11) 20 cartridges for each man and 20 cart. for each arm for tactical exerc
(12) only type: 45 in TSMC (ord.)
(13) 30 cartridges for each man to be trained and 20 cart. for each arm for tactical exercises.
(14) "Beretta" pistols cal.9 will be distributed as soon as [illegible] available.
(15) 28 cartridges for the training of each man armed with pistol.
(16) of which: 60 of 1" illuminating - 20 signal red and 20 signal green
(17) estimated for a total of 6 cartridges for each arm for tactical exercises 20 ~~illuminating~~ 6 cases - 5 signal green and 5 signal red.

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TRANSLATION

From:- Ministry of War

To:- MMIA

Ref:30561/70

Date:- 18 Oct 46

Subject;- Clothing stored in the Maresciaro Depot (Naples)

Upon verbal communication from Lt.Col.Nabiaai AMdo, we beg you to kindly approach the "Disposals Office" in order that we be informed as soon as possible of the decision adopted by the British Ministry of Supply regarding the handing over to ANAR the stores in the Maresciaro Depot (Naples)

As already stated, we would appreciate in particular - to be able to withdraw as soon as possible the following items that exist in said Depot:-

- Boots
- B.D. uniforms
- Greatcoats

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Already dealt with
See Wolverhampton log
& reply accordingly
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From: M.of W.
To : Addressees
MmlA (for information)

Rel: 4/3121/Serv
Date: 17/10/46

SUBJECT: Arty accessories of Allied source or issue to the Mil. Academy and to the Arty School.

Further to letter 4/3022/Serv dated 4th inst. for those who are in receipt.

1. The Military Academy and part of the Breccione Artillery School lack the artillery accessories - including sights - of Allied source.

2. The two above mentioned units that require the accessories in question have the following guns on their charge:

	Mil. Academy	Artillery School
- 25 pounders	4	-
- 17 "	4	-
- 6 "	4	-
- 40 mm.	4	16
- 3,7	-	5
- 5,5	-	5

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3. We beg:

- the Naples Mil. Terr. HQ to order the Arty Directorate under its command to carry out in N° 3 Sub-depot at Pontecagnano the selection, assembly and forwarding of the accessories required by the Military Academy and the Arty School, besides those for the Infantry Divisions;

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- the Artillery School HQ to send as soon as possible to the Naples Arty Directorate 1 officer and 4 NCOs (each of these having a knowledge of material of 25,17,6 pounders and 40mm.) in order to carry out the selection, assembly and forwarding of the accessories needed by the Artillery School and by the Military Academy, to which the material should be sent with priority above all the other units.

4. Please confirm that the instructions contained in para 3 have been carried out and inform this SM when the material has been sent.

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
ORDNANCE (BRITISH)

Subject:- Sten Machine Carbines.

Ref : OS/200/1
Tel : Rome 843053
Date: 17 Oct. 1946.

To :- H.Q., M.M.I.A.

1. Copy of C.M.Q. letter DOS/2125/3 of 11 Oct. '46 is forwarded for necessary action.

2. It is anticipated that large quantities of these items will be held by FLUs. You will, therefore, ensure that this letter is brought to notice of all FLUs within their respective boundaries.

3. Please treat as most urgent.

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

COPY

Subject:- Sten Machine Carbines.

Ref : DOS/2125/3
Tel : PADUA 22320
Date: 11th Oct 46

ADOS 3 District.

Ref your OS/102 dated 26th Sept. '46.

1. All serviceable and repairable Sten machine carbines of Mks II, III and V (S/List Serial 209) withdrawn from the Italian Army are required for return to U.K. Stores should be consigned to OO, 99 OSD, WEEDON.

2. OSIT No. 4509 has been allotted for this consignment, which will be shipped from Venice. Please notify this directorate as soon as the number of cases, tonnage etc is known.

Signed .....

(D.B. BAKER) Capt
for Brigadier
D.O.S.

Copy to:- DALOS Moves GHQ

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Subject :- Materials - Engineer School.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
FF A.
11 October '46.

To :- C.I.,C.M.F., CIVITAVECCHIA.
'G' Branch, M.M.I.A.

1. With reference to Stores Voucher No. C/8012 and Maj. CHARIAT'S letter dated 1 September '46, the sub-joined copy of CMF, letter reference MMC/6/1182 dated 8 Oct. '46 is forwarded for your information and action as found necessary.

J.C. [illegible] Major,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

TO SFB
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COPY

EMBASSY BRANCH
C.M.F.
C.M.F.

Tel: ROMA 22282 MMC/6/1182

8 Oct 46.

Subject:- Engineer Equipment for the Italian Army.

To. :- Land Forces Sub Commission ACC ROMA

Ref your FF 4 of 19 Sep.

8 MS(M) have replied re discrepancies raised by you as follows :-

1. Axes hand 20 No. Not available for issue. Shown on voucher in error.
2. Hauls PE Helves 20 No. These were issued on Convoy Note D 2590 - see sheet 2.
3. Decking pieces -
   Kapok Bridge 1 No. Now available for issue.
4. Lamps Blec. 40 No. Not available for issue. Shown on voucher in error.

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(Signed) [illegible] Capt RE.
for Brigadier
Chief Engineer.

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LROF V MEXS 2267/10 / I M P O R T A N T /
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FROM CHQ CMF 101730A
TO M M I A
INFO 5 BLU
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SDO0072 RETRICTED . REFERENCE 5 BLU LETTER G106/41 OF 26 SEP .
CONSIDER EQPT SHOULD BE SUPPLIED BY ITALIAN WAR MINISTRY . RECORDS
SHOW QUANTITIES SUPPLIED TO ITALIAN ARMY SUFFICIENT TO MEET DEMAND .
SIGNAL URGENTLY WHEN EQPT CAN BE SUPPLIED .
BT

SENT CPH B

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FILE (45)

M.I.T.A. 7 B

4 D.L.U. DOLIARO

Q.1069 See AIA UNCLASSIFIED

Q/ORD/17 STOP FOR WHITE FROM BRADLEY STOP HAVE FLOWN WITH ORD DUMP 217 AREA FOR TWO FURTHER LORRY LOADS MIXED STORES INC CLOTHING AND M T SPARES TO BE COLLECTED STOP ARRANGE WITH COLONEL ZIENKA AND BURNETT TO SEND TWO THREE TONNERS TO COLLECT AT ORON STOP VEHICLES TO REPORT W.O. 1/c DUMP STOP SUGGEST BURNETT ACCOMPANIES VEHICLE.

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TRANSLATION

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FROM: Ministry of War. REF: 19932/VC

TO: Naples Mil. Terr. Command. DATE: 5 October 1946.
M.M.I.A. for information.
(ref Q/138 of 28/9)

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SUBJECT:- Withdrawal of Allied equipment.

You are requested to arrange for the immediate withdrawal from the Allied Stores at Cricignano (Aversa) of the u/m material released to this Ministry by M.M.I.A., in letter referred to above:

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LUCKETT/EBSWORTH phone. L.O. will sp. to M. of W.
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see original

The Naples Military Territorial Command is requested to do all possible to assign the Commissariat Directorate concerned the necessary transport.

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sgd. PELLIGRA
Gen.

8/10/46

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TRANSLATION

44-IST

FROM: M. of W. REF: 4/3022/Serv.

TO : Mil. Territorial Command Naples. DATE: 4th Oct. '46

M.M.I.A. for information.

SEE 58-T

SUBJECT: Artillery material for divisional artillery regiments newly formed and for units of artillery specialists of infantry divisions.-

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Ref. signal N° 4/3003/Serv. dated 1st inst. from this S.M.

1) As stated in signal referred to above, on monday the 7th inst., one art. officer and four art. NCOs of each infantry division will have to report to Naples' Artillery Directorate and proceed to N° 3 Sub Depot of Pontecagnano Depot to select and collect sights instruments, loading equipment, accessories and spares required to complete to scale the new divisional artillery regiments and the units of artillery specialists of each infantry division.-

2) The selection and collection of the material will have to be carried out in the presence of Capt. Clark of IO L.L.U. who will have at his disposal competent ordnance personnel sent to Naples on monday by M.M.I.A.- Other British officers will be at Naples during the following week to ~~supervise~~ the work and eventually furnish their help.

The necessary labour and transports will be supplied by you.-

The scale of issue of sight instruments, loading equipment and spares for the new divisional artillery regiments and the units of artillery specialists of the divisions are shown in the taking on charge books which the British officer will take with them on completion of the new W.E. of the infantry division.-

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4) As soon as the material earmarked for a division are gathered, they will have to be despatched by the Art. Directorate to the place where the guns have been sent.-

5) Due to the importance of the work and the urgency of completing the W.E. of the divisions, we point out the advisability that a systematic and continuous work should be done by the personnel going to Naples. Said personnel will return to their units on completion of the work.-

5) Kindly inform us as soon as the material is despatched to each division.-

Sgd. OLIVETTI
Col.

G.F.

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Subject : Releases British Equipment.

LAND FORCES SUB COMM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
Tel. 489081 Ext. 407

Q . 138

5 Oct 46

TO : Ministry of War.

1. The following equipments have been collected from 3 Sub Depot, PONTECAGNANO and taken to Depot at GRICIGNANO D'AVERSA.

Authority : - GHQ 8159/Q1 of 9 Aug 46.

SERIAL NO.	ITEM	QTY.	DESTINATION
1	Bren Gun Magazines	2000	(a)

Note (a) to be notified by War Ministry.

2. You are requested to notify HQ 10 Territorial Command destination of above mentioned equipments.

H.R. LUCKETT, Major
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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Copy to : HQ 10 BLU (for action ref this HQ Q.101 of 25 Jul 46)

INTERNAL : G(Ops & SD)
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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War. REF: 67214/DT

TO: 10° M.T.C. Naples. DATE: 30 September 1946
M.M.I.A. For info.

SUBJECT:- Release of technical equipment.

In case it has not arrived, we forward copy of letter 50815/DT of 7 August 1946 in which instructions were given for the withdrawal and sending to the Arms Factory at Terni of technical equipment released by 16 Base Workshops at Naples.

We beg your Command to kindly hasten the withdrawal of said equipment (armourers' kits) from 10 B.L.U. (Villa Pasquino - Via Fiorillo 28 - Torre del Greco) contacting Capt Rindl (same address).

sgd. PROPERZJ
Gen.

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Subject: Stores obtained from 57 Area.

Headquarters
4 B.L.U.
B O L Z A N O
Ref: Q12

See also 45

30 Sept.46

To : Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.
(MMIA) ROME.

Can thank you
AB
7 Oct

1.- Attached herewith list of mixed stores, tool kits, clothing and etc obtained from 57 Area by this unit. 57 Area is now disbanded.

2.- These articles are being distribtuted under BLU supervision to units in the area ~~to units~~ who are known to require these items.

3.- The Italian Army is accepting these on signature.

E.W. Bradley Major.

E.W. BRADLEY
MAJOR INNISKS
for Lt.Col. GS.

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List of Stores obtained from 57 Area and handed over to 4 Comilter.

Cookers Portsble No 1	Qty	6
Cotainers Portable 6 Galls	Qty	8
Insulators Containers 6 Galls	Qty	6
Buckets 13"	"	52
Ladles Cooks	"	18
Spoons Serving	"	9
Forks "	"	3
Slices Egg	"	3
Plates Dinner	"	64
Containers Italian Pattern	"	3
Kettles Camp	"	8
Shovels	"	10
Axes Hand	"	2
Mattocks	"	6
Lamps Hurricane	"	9
Cotainers Portable 1 Gall	"	6
Cookers No 3	2	1
Lamps Tilley	"	1
Clothing Assorted Sacks (very large)	"	9
Kits of Hand Tools Fitters	"	33
Boxes Filled Welders	"	1
Chests Tool Filled Electricians	2	1
Chests Tool Filled Inst. Mechs	"	2
Chests Tool Filled Carpenters	"	9
Buffer Oil Qts	"	22
Ext. Fire. TT ~~Filled~~ Refills		18
Chests Filled with Misc Tools		7
Chests Tool Filled Armourers		1
Screwcutting Sets Complete		3

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Containers Italian Pattern		"	3
Kettles Camp		"	8
Shovels		"	10
Axes Hand		"	2
Mattocks		"	6
Lamps Hurricane		"	9
Cotainers Portable 1 Gall		"	6
Cookers No 3		2	1
Lamps Tilley		"	1
Clothing Assorted Sacks (very large)		"	9
Kits of Hand Tools Fitters		"	33
Boxes Filled Welders		"	1
Chests Tool Filled Electricians		2	1
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Chests Tool Filled Armourers			1
Screwcutting Sets Complete			3
Case of Austin 3 Ton Spares			1
Case of Roller and Ball Bearings			1
Case of Assorted Screwdrivers			1
Case of Saws Hack			1
Case of Wheel Spanners			1
Case of Sox Spanners			1
Batteries Dry 162/3 Volt			9
Cells Dry X			48

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Repair Kit for Onan Charging Set	1
Telephones Field	1
Regimental Medical Pannier Full	1
Satchel Medical Officers Full	1
Sights Dial No 7 Mk II	3
Boots Ankle New Prs	10

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SUBJECT:- Releases British Equipment.

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Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.,
M M I A
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Q.138

30 September 1946

TO : Ministry of War

1. The following equipments have been collected from 3 Sub Depot, PONTECAGNANO and taken to Depot at CRICIGNANO D'AVERSA.

Authority :- GHQ ESD/81/3D of 6 Jun 46
GHQ 8159/Q1 of 7 May 46.

SERIAL NO.	ITEM	PART NO.	QTY.	DESTINATION
1	Bren Wallets Spare Parts, Empty	BE 9343	2726	(a)
2	Bren Holdalls	BE 9445	3183	(a)
3	Bren Magazines 303 MG 30 Rds	BE 8801	170971	(a)
4	Bren Boxes Magazines 303 MG Mk I	BE 6096	3198	(a)
5	Bren Slings	AA 1640	5000	(a)
6	Bren Cans Oil MG Mk III	BE 6167	650	(a)
7	Rifles Slings Web	AA 1657	38804	(a)
8	Bottles Oil Mk V	BA 6320	41602	(a)
9	Piat Springs Main Mk I	BB 5476	492	(a)
10	Thompson SMG Magazines 30 Rds		32544	(a)

Note (a) to be notified by War Ministry.

2. You are requested to notify HQ 10 Territorial Command destination of above mentioned equipments.

HRL/cw.

H. R. LUCKETT, Major,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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Copy to : HQ 10 BLU (for action ref this HQ Q.101 of 25 Jul 46)

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Subject : Releases - British Equipment.

LAND FORCES SUB COMM.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
Tel.489081 Ext.407
Q.138
28 Sep 46

TO : Ministry of War.

1. The following equipments have been collected from 2 Sub Depot, 557 BOD, NAPLES and taken to Depot, at GRICIGNANO D'AVERSA.

Authority : ESD/81/3D of 6 Jun 46.
8159/Q1 of 7 May 46.
DOS/1411 of 11 Jul 46.

Serial No	Item	Qty	Destination
1	Belts Waist 37 pattern large	40,100	(a)
2	Braces 37 pattern left normal	40,050	(a)
3	Braces 37 pattern right normal	40,050	(a)
4	Straps shoulder Haversacks 37 pattern left	40,000	(a)
5	Straps shoulder Haversacks 37 pattern right	40,100	(a)
6	Pouches Basic 37 pattern Mk III	80,030	(a)
7	Haversacks WE 37 pattern AR	40,000	(a)
8	Frogs Bayonet WE 37 pattern	40,010	(a)
9	Carriers Water Bottle WE 37 pattern	40,030	(a)
10	Water Bottle Mk III	7,000	(a)
11	Pouches Utility Front	8,015	(a)
12	Pouches Utility Rear	8,020	(a)
13	Frogs Bayonet 37 pattern	23,000	(a)
14	Cases Binocular WE 37 pattern	4,051	(a)
15	Haversacks small officers 37 pattern	2,020	(a)
16	Pouches ammunition revolver	2,003	(a)
17	Holsters revolver	1,930	(a)
18	Holsters pistol signal	116	(a)
19	Anklets Web pairs	[illegible]	(a)

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17	Holsters revolver	1,930	(a)
18	Holsters pistol signal	116	(a)
19	Anklets Web pairs	50,000	(a)

Note (a) to be notified by War Ministry.

2. You are requested to notify HQ.,10 Territorial Command destination of above mentioned equipments.

H.R.LUCHETT, Major
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

HRL/lm

Copy to : HQ.,10 BLU - for action ref this H.Q. Q101 of 25 Jul 46.

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5 British Liaison Unit
Tel 1547
G 103/45-

9 Sept 46

Subject:- Weapons held by 8 Alpini Regt.

Land Forces Sub Comm Ao (MMIA) ROME (4)

Copies to:- Main 13 Corps
Rear 13 Corps
HQ 1 AGRA
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Diary

1. Further to para 8 this Unit letter G 103 dated 1 Sept 46 herewith statement showing present holdings of British Weapons by Units of 8 Alpini Regt.

2. For information addressees. It is expected that the deficiencies will be made up in the near future as part of the plan to re - equip the Italian Army with British Weapons, with the exception of 81 mm Mortars and BREDA MG which are to be held instead of 4.2" Mortars and VICKERS MG which are unobtainable.

Lt Col
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Major,
G.S.

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SECRET SECURITY AREAS HELD BY 8 ALPINI REGT
AS AT 7 SEPT 44

Unit	Pistol 38		T. M. G.		Rifle 303		Sniper's Rifle		Bren		P.I.A.T.		2" Mortar	
	Wt	Held	Wt	Held	Wt	Held	Wt	Held	Wt	Held	Wt	Held	Wt	Held
FERRARA Bn	41	-	162	-	472	472	7	-	48	48	15	15	9	-
TOLMEZZO Bn	41	-	162	-	472	472	7	-	48	48	15	15	9	-
L'AQUILA Bn	41	25	162	65	472	350	7	4	48	62	15	11	9	15
HQ 8 ALPINI REGT	21	-	12	-	86	88	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-
8 MORTAR COY	5	-	25	-	24	90	-	-	5	5	2	2	-	-
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SUBJECT:- Releases British Equipment.

Land Forces Sub Commission AC.,
M M I A
R O M E
Q.138

7 September 1946

TO : Ministry of War

1. The following equipments have been collected from RSD, 557 B.O.D., NAPLES and taken to Depot at GRICIGNANO D'AVERSA.

Authority : - ESD/D1/3D of 6 Jun 46
8159/Q1 of 7 May 46
DOS/ 7279 of 21 Aug 46

SERIAL NO.	ITEM	QUANTITY	DESTINATION
1	Mortar 2 inch.	208	(a)

Note : (a) to be notified by the War Ministry.

2. You are requested to notify H.Q. 10 Territorial Command destination of above mentioned equipments.

HRL/ow.

H.R. LUCKETT, Major,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to : HQ 10 BLU (for action ref this HQ Q.101 of 25 Jul 46) 2244

Internal: G(Ops & SD)
G(Trg.)
Q Accounts
OFD
REME
Liaison

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(25)

TRANSLATION

From: M.of W.
To : Arty and M.T. Gen.Dir.
MMIA (for information)

Ref: 4/2495/Serv

Date: 23/8/46

Subject: Withdrawal of Sten automatic carbines and their handing over to British Depots.

Ref. letter, from this S.M., No.4/2399 dated 10th August 46 and letter 4/2443 dated 17th August 46 to the Units concerned.

I - Further to the above letters and following the request submitted by M.M.I.A., we beg you to issue the necessary instructions for the withdrawal of the 2442 Sten automatic carbines, which were distributed to the CARs and to the 2 Infantry Battalions which have replaced the two Alpine Battalions "Aosta" and "Aquila" in the "Legnano" Division.

2.- In particular:
a)- the Sten automatic carbines must be withdrawn and forwarded, complete in every respect, to the Naples Artillery Directorate as soon as each CAR (scale of issue - 192 carbines) and each of the 2 battalions of the "Legnano" Division (scale of issue - 165 carbines) have received, in replacement, the "Thompson" SMGs whose issue has been ordered in the above letter.
b)- The Naples Artillery Directorate, having received the Sten carbines, will arrange to have them forwarded to the Sub Depot n° 3 of the 557 B.O.D. - Naples.

3.- Please confirm the transfers and the handing over of the weapons.

TO
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Liuzzi
Gen.

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SUBJECT:- Releases - British Equipment.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.,
M M I A
R O M E
Q.138

29 August 1946

TO : Ministry of War

1. The following equipments have been collected from RSD, 557 BOD NAPLES and taken to Depot at CRICIGNANO D'AVERSA.

Authority:- ESD/81/3D of 6 JUN 46.
8159/01 of 7 MAY 46.
DOS 7209 of 5 JUN 46.
DOS 7209 of 13 JUN 46.

SERIAL NO.	ITEM	QUANTITY	DESTINATION
1	Rifles No.1	38,718	(a)
2	Slings rifle	25,200	(a)
3	Carriers cartridge	44,870	(a)
4	Frogs Bayonet	32,300	(a)
5	Bottles Oil	25,355	(a)
6	Pullthroughs cord	25,750	(a)
7	Pullthroughs c/w weights	17,500	(a)
8	Bayonets	38,718	(a)
9	Scabbards	38,718	(a)

Note (a) to be notified by the War Ministry.

2. You are requested to notify HQ 10 Territorial Command destination of above mentioned equipments.

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29 August 1946

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Note (a) to be notified by the War Ministry.

2. You are requested to notify HQ 10 Territorial Command, destination of above mentioned equipments. 2242

HRL/cw.

H. R. BICKETT, Major,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to : HQ 10 BDE (for action ref this HQ Q.101 of 25 JUL 46

Internal: G (Ops & SD)
G (Trg.)
Q Accounts Confirm receipts of vouchers to Q
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Liaison

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(2)

SUBJECT:- Return of 2490 Item Machine Carbines.

Land Forces Sub Commission AC.,
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q.138

26 August 1946

TO : HQ British Liaison Unit

Ref Q.138 dated 21 August 46 addressed War Ministry, copy to you and recent conversation Egerton - Curtiss.

1. You will arrange with 10 Territorial Command for the Stens to be inspected by an officer to be detailed by you before return to 557 E.O.D.

2. It is suggested that special arrangements are made for these weapons to be overhauled cleaned and oiled before final inspection and packing. 10 Territorial Command should report to the War Ministry weapons discovered to be damaged or dirty on arrival at Naples.

Containers will be provided by the War Ministry and should include a packing note endorsed by your representative "For M.M.I.A.".

3. As the return of these weapons is a matter of urgency 10 Territorial Command should be advised to hasten delivery where necessary.

It is suggested delivery to 557 E.O.D. be made in batches of 500 at a time. You will assist the Italian Authorities to obtain a clear receipt on an Ordnance Voucher and forward one copy to this HQ for accounting purposes.

RAC 2241
R.A. CURTISS, Lt. Col.,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy : War Ministry (by L.O. Major Ellsworth)
: A/C.

RAC/ow.

Subject : Italian Army Equipment.

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HQ 3 British Liaison Unit.

Land Forces Sub Commission AC.
MMIA - ROME.

Ref Q/37/20.

22 Aug 46.

RECEIVED 26 AUG 1946 1627

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your Q 138 dated 15 Aug 46, and the contents noted.

2. In asking for the issue of British Equipment to the LEGNANO Division, it was not the intention of this HQ to do so in an irregular manner, and the position as explained in your Q 003 dated 25 May 46 was already clearly understood.

3. When our Q/37/20 of 2 Aug 46 was originally drafted, it was intended for despatch to MMIA, copy for information to 3 DIST, and at the bottom of the letter, copy to 3 Terr Comd and LEGNANO Div. It was decided to send a copy to 3 DIST as it was considered it may have been of help to them in the earmarking of this equipment for issue to us, should we have obtained authy through MMIA.

4. This decision was made in view of the run down of British stores in the theatre, as mentioned in your Q 003 dated 25 May 46.

5. Apparently, the Italian typist who transcribed the letter, omitted MMIA as the action addressee and this error was unfortunately overlooked when the letter was presented for signature.

6. It was not the intention of this HQ to attempt to by-pass your headquarters in this matter, and the inconvenience to all concerned, by such action, is fully appreciated.

7. Our error in this matter is sincerely regretted.

8. May the issue of the required equipment to LEGNANO Div please receive your consideration.

Well well!
ROC

MILAN.
HB/LGB.

Maj.
DAA and QMG.

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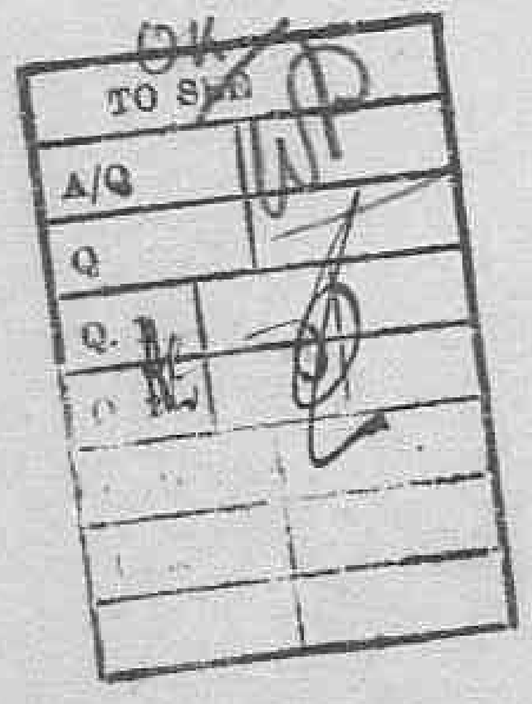

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SUBJECT : Withdrawal of Sten Machine Carbines

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q.138

21 August 1946

TO : Ministry of War

(2)

Ref this H.Q. letter ED/109/2 dated 14 June 46.

1. Under reference Q.138 dated 7 Aug 46 Carbines Thompson Sub Machine Gun quantity 21142 were released to you, being the balance to make up the total entitlement plus 12 months maintenance at quiet rates.

2. Instructions have now been received from C.M.Q. that the 2599 Sten Machines Carbines held should be withdrawn and returned to Ordnance Officer R.S.D. 557 B.O.D. Naples.

See (25)

H.R. BICKETT, Major
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to: H.Q. 10 EME - to report on completion of withdrawal.

Internal: G (Ops & SD)
G (Trg)
ORD
Liaison.

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HRB/ra

(14)

SUBJECT:- Release - British Equipment.

Land Forces Sub Commission AC.,
M.M.I.A. ROME.
Tel.489081 Ext.407
Q.138

20 August 1946

TO : Ministry of War.

1. The following equipments have been collected from 3 Sub Depot 557 BOD NAPLES and are now in Depot at GRICIGNANO D'AVERSA

Authority : ESD/81/3D of 6 Jun 46
8159/Q1 of 3 Jul 46
DOS/7209/Plans of 3 Jul 46

SERIAL NO.	I T E M	QTY.	DESTINATION
1	Mortar 3 inch.	56	H.Q. Central Military School - CESANO.
2	Mortar 3 inch.	348	(a)

Note : (a) to be notified by War Ministry.

2. You are requested to notify H.Q. 10 Territorial Command destination of Serial 2.

H.R. Luckett Major

H.R. LUCKETT, Major,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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1. The following [illegible] 557 BOD NAPLES and are now in Depot at [illegible]

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

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Copy to : HQ 10 BLU (For action ref this HQ 9101 of 25 Jul 46)

Internal: G (Ops & SD)
G (Trg.)
Q Accounts (Confirm receipt of vouchers to Q)
ORD
REME
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HRL/ow.

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SUBJECT : Movement of British origin for Italian Army

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q.138

15 August 1946

TO : GENERAL HEADQUARTERS. 4A

Ref your letter 8152/1 of 10 August 1946.

1. The mistake is regretted.
The attention of O.C. 3 D.L.U. has been directed to the irregularity which will not occur again.

2. The nation appears to have been prompted by the fact that when "Legnano" was under command 2 District the D.L.U. corresponded direct with that H.Q.'s.

for Major General
M.M.I.A.

PAG/ra

Copy to: H.Q. 3 District (your AB4/Q of 7 Aug refers). 2237

(10)

SUBJECT : Italian Army Equipment.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q.138

15 August 1946

TO : 3 B.L.U.

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1. Reference is made to your Q/37/20 of 2 August 46 addressed to 3 District on the subject of issuing British Equipment to the "Legnano" Division.

2. G.H.Q. has commented on this irregular correspondence and directed that you be instructed to cease writing direct to any Allied H.Q. on this subject.

3. Such instructions should be unnecessary.
Your attention is directed to this H.Q. Q.003 25 May 46, in which the position regarding the equipment of the Italian Army was fully explained. This letter does not appear to have received your attention.

4. You did not send a copy of your letter to this H.Q. and had your request resulted in the direct release of the equipment to the "Legnano" Division, the result would have been an inequitable distribution of available equipment.

This has already occurred in the case of ammunition for the same reason and in the same Division and because of your direct action (without reference to this H.Q.) with H.Q. 2 District.

Such action is directly contrary to Policy and constitutes unwarranted interference with War Ministry affairs.

5. An explanation is required to reach this H.Q. not later than 25th August 1946.

W. Pidsley -

2236

Colonel A/Q
M.M.I.A.

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Colonel A/Q
M.M.I.A.

RAC/ra

See 18A

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TRANSLATION

From: M.of W.
To; Arty and MT Gen.Dir.
MMIA (for information)

Ref: 4/2366/Serv.

Date: I4/8/46

Subject: Settlement of scale of issue of 25 and I7 pounder guns and Artillery trailers.

Further to and amending letters 4/I854/Serv. and 4/2II9/Ser dated respectively 5/7 and I8/7/46 .

I. The MMIA, replying in the attached copy of the letter (only for the MT and Artillery General Directorate and the Artillery Inspectorate) to the second of the above letters, has laid down the final numbers of 25 and I7 pounder guns and Artillery trailers which will be released to the Italian Army.

2. In respect of the above we request you to kindly order as follows:

a)- 25 pounders

I4 are still to be released and not 33 as stated in MMIA's letter, attached. The misunderstanding has been clarified.

Of the above:

- I2 will remain temporarily stored at the Naples Artillery Directorate pending issue to Infantry Brigade Artillery Groups;
- one will be sent to the 7 Artillery Regiment belonging to the Cremona Division (I)
- one will be sent and stored at the Piacenza Artillery Directorate as a reserve for maintainance, together with the other four to be withdrawn from the School of Artillery, whose final scale of issue (including the Civitavecchia detachment) is laid down as 56 guns instead of 60.

The scale of issue for the Lecce Military Academy is finally

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The scale of issue for the Lecce Military Academy is finally laid down as 4 guns.

b)- I7 pounders

Up to date II3 have been released. Total requirement for the Army has been laid down as I26. Therefore, I2 have still to be released.

Of the II3 guns already released, 60 are still at Naples (2) - Of these 60:

- 45 will be sent to the Units shown in the first paragraph of the above mentioned letter, with the exception of the Artillery School to which, ower and above the 2 guns already sent for the Civitavecchia detachment, another 3 guns instead of 8 will be later sent to Bracciano. The scale of issue and total number for the School of Artillery is laid down finally as I6 guns instead of 2I;
- 2 will be sent to the Lecce Military Academy whose scale of

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issue is laid down finally as 4 guns;
- I2 will be temporarily stored at the Naples Artillery Directorate pending issue to Infantry Brigade Artillery Groups;
- Itogether with the I2 that are still to be released i.e. total of I3, will be sent and stored at the Piacenza Artillery Dir.; as a reserve for maintainance.

c)- Trailers

573 have been released up to date whilst the total requirement for the Army has been laid down as 575. Therefore, 2 are still to be released.
Of the trailers already released, 27 are at present at Naples in the Gricignano stores and with the 2 which are still to be released gives the total of 29.
Of these 29 trailers:
- 2 will be sent to the Lecce Academy, the scale of issue previously laid down as 6, will be modified accordingly.
- 27 will be temporarily stored at Naples pending issue to Infantry Brigade Artillery Groups (9 trailers per group).

3. Please issue the necessary instructions informing this S.M. when transfers have taken place and finally settled.

Liuzzi
Gen.

NOTE;.

(I) The "Cremona" Division has received I5 up to date instead of I6, the number required to complete scale of issue.

(2) 4 in the Gricignano stores and 56 at the railway station.

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S.M. when transfers have taken place and finally settled.

Liuzzi
Gen.

NOTE;.

(1) The "Cremona" Division has received 15 up to date instead of 16, the number required to complete scale of issue.

(2) 4 in the Gricignano stores and 56 at the railway station.

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G(SD) Inf.
G(T) Inf.

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SUBJECT:- Web Equipment Basic Sets.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.S.
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
A.138

12 August 1946

TO : [redacted] Liaison Unit

Ref your Ord/11 of 10 July 1946.

1. In addition to the 40,000 sets reported as collected the following stores have been approved for issue under CIL 6139/1 of 9 August 1946 :

Equipment LC Sven 2,000
Basic Web Equipment Sets 15,000

2. These are the last to be issued before 557 Bde closes down.

3. Obtain and forward evident Depot issue notes.

See 1A
when duly received
RAC

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

2233

Copy : for Military G (SD)

Note Basic Web Equipment position in an follows :

(SD/109/1) Collected on 10 Aug 46 52,000
Collected on 10 Aug 46 40,000
To be collected vide ab. 15,000
Total. 107,000

RAC/cw.

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

SUBJECT: Equipment of British Origin for Italian Army

8159/Q1

10 Aug 46

TO: MMIA

RECEIVED 13 AUG 1946 (DATE) 1249

The attached copies of correspondence from HQ 3 ELU and 3 District are forwarded. Will you please ensure that ELU's do not correspond direct with any HQs on the subject of Equipment to the Italian Army.

In so far as the provision of the equipment requested 25,000 sets of web equipment have recently been released to you. Our 8159/Q1 dated 6 Aug and 9 Aug refer. It is regretted that no further issues can be authorised.

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W.D.A. CLARE, Lieut-Colonel,
for Brig i/c Adm.

WDAC/MG

Copy to HQ 3 District - Your 484/Q of 7 Aug refers.

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Q B

SUBJECT:- Eqpt of British Origin for Italian Army

3 District
Ext 10752
484Q

7 Aug 46

Q GHQ CMF

Ref tele conversation of todays date Capts WHITEHEAD-STEWART.

Attached copy letter of HQ 3 Brit Liaison Unit Q/37/20 dated 2 Aug 46 is forwarded to you for information and approval please.

4C

(G.STEWART) Capt,
for Maj Gen,
Comd.

GS/is

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8C

SUBJECT:- Eqpt Of British Origin for Italian Army

Hq 3 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Tel: 152965 (Ext 25)

Q/37/20

2 Aug 46

TO :- 3 District

1. A request has been received from HQ Legnano Inf. Div. for the issue to them of the following items of British Army eqpt:

Gas capes	450
Packs	400
Haver sacks	350
Straps, haver sacks, right	400
Straps, haver sacks left	400
Straps, packs, right	350
Straps, packs, left	350
Belts, Web	650

2. This eqpt is required to replace deficiencies within existing stocks and particularly to ensure a minimum uniformity of eqpt within the division until such time as Italian Army eqpt is available in in sufficient quantity.

3. May your authority please be given for the release of these required items.

Re 10
Re 1819

Sgd: Maj.
DA & QMG.

Copy to:- 3 Terr. Comd (Ref your 06/5984 of 1 Aug 46)

Hq Legnano Inf. Div.

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

Subject:- Equipment for Italian Army

8159/Q1

9 Aug 46

To:- MMIA

RECEIVED 10 AUG 1946 (DATE)

1. Reference your verbal request to Ord this GHQ for the following items:-

Magazines LMG Bren	2000
Basic Web Equipment Sets	15000

These items will be issued.

2. It is regretted that due to the closing down of 557 BOD no further demands can be accepted.

W.D.A. CLARE, Lieut-Colonel,
for Brig i/c Adm.

WDAC/CE

Copy to:- ORD - Your DOS/2101/30 ORD 2/15 dated 31 Jul 46 refers.

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TRANSLATION

From : Ministry of War

Ref: 50818/DT/5a-41

TO : 10 Mil. Terr. Command Naples

Date: 7/8/46

INFO : M.M.I.A. Rome
Arms Factory Terni

SUBJECT : Release of Technical Equipment.

1. The technical Equipment as per appendix "A" has been released by 16 Base Workshops Naples, and is actually dumped at 10 B.L.U. HQ.

Authority letter GHQ 8159/Q1 of 16/5/46
" " GHQ DOS 7209 of 10/7/46.

2. This equipment is composed of:

Serial No.	Articles	Quantity
1	Armourers Tool	as per appendix "A"

and must be immediately sent to Arms Factory of Terni.

3. The Arms Factory of Terni is in charge of the distribution of this technical equipment (intended for Br. Arm repairs) in proportion with the weapons held by the following units and in respect of their needs

Central Military School
C.A.R.
Internal Security Division
Non divisioned Regts.

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For the Minister
P.C. Properzj.

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for Chief Director of Division
(Fuscaldi Lt.Col.)

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TRANSLATION

FROM : Ministry of War — Ref : 51234/DF 5a - 41

TO : M M I A — Date : 7 August 46

SUBJECT ;- Release technical equipment.

Ref. your 0.138 of 25.7.46

1) The u/m. technical equipment must be allotted to the u/m. addressees :

Serial No.	Article	Quantity	Destination
I	Armourers tool	as per appendix "A"	Arms Factory, TERNI
II	Vehicles tool	as per appendix "B"	O.A.R.E., Bologna

Signed for the Minister
Gen. U. RUSSO

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Subject: Releases - British Equipment

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

Tel: 489081 Ext 407

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7 August 1946

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. The following equipments have been collected from 3 Sub Depot, 557 BOD, NAPLES and are now in Depot at GRICIGNANO D'AVERSA.

Authority: ESD/81/3D of 6 June 1946.
8159/01 of 13 June 1946.
DOS/7209/Plans of 15 June 1946.

Serial No	Item	Quantity	Destination
1	Bren L.M.G.	46	HQ Central Military Schools, CESANO
2	" "	414	(a)
3	Pistols Signal	222	(a)
4	PIATs	350	(a)
5	Rifles E.M.	40	(a)

NOTE: (a) To be notified by War Ministry.

2. You are requested to notify HQ 10 Territorial Command the destination of Serial Nos 2, 3, 4 and 5.

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DOS/7209 of 12 Jun 46.

Serial Nº	Item	Qty	Destination
1	Carbines Thomson Sub Machine .45	321	HQ.Central Military Schools, CESANO. (a)
2	" " " "	20821	

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FROM G(SD) CMF

TO MMIA

F70093.SECRET.FOR GENERAL GOULBURN.FROM CHIEF OF STAFF.

REFERENCE EQUIPMENT OF ITALIAN ARMY.

ONE.I HAVE BEEN INTO THE PROBLEM SINCE OUR CONFERENCE OF 30 JULY AND FEEL THE MAIN FACTORS ARE (A) ISSUES OF STORES TO ITALIAN ARMY FROM 557 BOD NOW WOULD SERIOUSLY DELAY CLOSING D POT AND CAUSE FURTHER DOV OF PERSONNEL. IN ANY CASE AS MMIA COULD NOT GET AN OVERALL PICTURE OF CONTENTS OF DEPOT UNTIL FINAL LISTS ARE COMPLETE ONLY PIECEMEAL RESULTS COULD BE EXPECTED.IT IS CLEARLY TO BEST ADVANTAGE OF ALL CONCERNED IF 557 BOD CLOSES DOWN QUICKLY

(B) THE HANDOVER OF COMPLETE (SPBT?) DEPOTS OR BUILDINGS DIRECT TO ITALIAN ARMY WOULD NOT ONLY CONTRAVENE THE SPIRIT OF OUR INSTRUCTIONS BUT WOULD COMMIT ITALIAN ARMY TO RESPONSIBILITY FOR LARGE QUANTITIES OF USELESS STORES.USEFULNESS OF STORES IN 557 BOD IS VERY LIMITED OWING TO UNBALANCED NATURE OF STOCKS.

TWO. WE HAVE TODAY RECEIVED SIGNAL FROM TROOPERS OBSERVING THAT WE HAVE BEEN ISSUING NOT ONLY GLOBAL SURPLUSES IN THEATRE TO ITALIANS AND THAT IT MAY BE NECESSARY FOR US TO SHIP BACK LARGE QUANTITIES OF STORES AT EXPENSE OF ITALIAN ARMY.

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THREE.IN ANY CASE FEEL THAT YOU WILL WANT TO CONCENTRATE O POLICY FOR EQUIPMENT PEACE TREATY ITALIAN ARMY AND IN SO DOING WILL HAVE TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT FUTURE MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT SELECTED.PIECEMEAL ISSUES OF BRITISH EQUIPMENT WILL NOT THEREFORE BE OF REAL HELP TO YOU.

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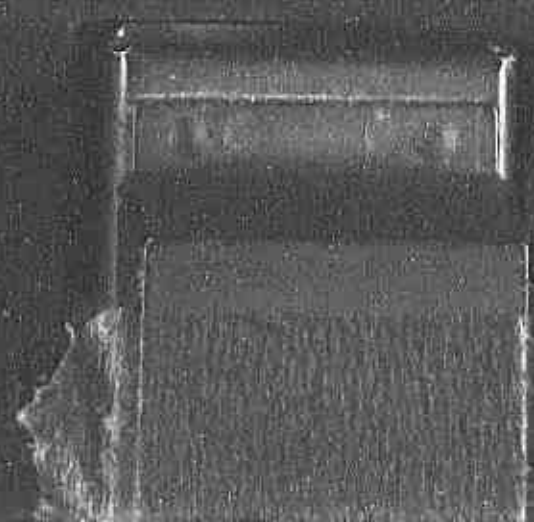
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