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

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Subject: Ammunition Examiner

Ref : DOS/T/9/6/(4)
Tel : Padua 22154
Date: 25 Nov 46

To: Col 'A'
G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon C.M.F.

M.M.L.A. required most urgently a S/Sgt Ammunition Examiner (Italian speaking if possible).

The Italian Army hold approximately 15000 tons of British Ammunition which amount is likely to be doubled in the near future.

MMA application is considered essential and urgent. Will you please arrange for a special application for immediate drafting of same from U.K.

Amendment to W.E. is to be applied for.

See F.17 Jnt.3

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(G. R. ANGELL) Major
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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War.

REF: 86139

TO: M.M.I.A.

DATE: 21 November 1946.

SUBJECT:- Maintenance of British ammunition on issue to Italian units.

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In reply to letter 139 Q of 15.11.1946 and further to letter 85782/DG of 18 November, we enclose copy of letter 86021 dated 19 November addressed to all Artillery H.Q.s of Military Territorial Commands.

We point out that:

- 1) - The lack of open areas renders convenient storage of ammunition difficult.
- 2) - Orders have already been given some time ago to units concerned that:
 - a) - priority of storage must be given to ammunition of British origin;
 - b) - all u/s material must be sold, in order to gain space.

sgd. PROPERZJ
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R.A.G.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMM, AC (MILIA) CMF

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Nov 46

Ministry of War.

Subject : RELEASES - AMMUNITION.

1. In order to make good deficiencies arising from past issues against British commitments, issue of the following natures can now be made from 12 Ordnance Ammunition Coy. NESTRE.

Authority - GHQ Issue Order No. 12/O/135 dated 20 Nov 46

NATURE	QUANTITY
37mm HE M63 Tzd M58	5000
37mm APC M51	1000
37mm Cannister	1000
Dets Fuze Junct Branch	1320
Igniters Percussion	600
3" Mor. HE 6x100 Brit	1818
" " " Aust	2994
" " " Cdn	576
" " " Smbke Short Range	2586

2. May early collection of above mentioned ammunition be arranged and this HQ. be given a copy of your disposal instructions.

HRL/lm

Copy to : HQ. 5 BLU - to report completion of collection
12 OA Coy.

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Major-General,
GOC, MILIA.

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Tel: PADIUA 22273

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

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22 Nov 46

SUBJECT: British Ammunition for
Italian Army

TO: Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MMIA)

Reference your 139 Q dated 14 Nov 46.

1. It is agreed that some assistance to the Italian Army in the maintenance of ammunition is most desirable. It must however be stressed that once British Ammunition has been handed over to the Italian Army it is no longer a British responsibility, though through your Mission advice and assistance in training is given.

2. Action will be taken by this GHQ to add one ammunition Examiner (S/Sjt) to your WE, and War Office are being asked to provide a suitable NCO. It is regretted that the general shortage of ammunition personnel will not allow an Ammunition Examiner to be posted or loaned from present theatre resources; these are at present fully occupied with British Ammunition, which, as you will realise, has all to be prepared for disposal or shipment from the theatre before British troops leave ITALY.

3. For the same reason it is regretted that other personnel cannot be loaned to MMIA e.g. MARU's which you suggested.

4. In so far as ammunition directives are concerned, these are personal issues to ICO's and ammunition examiners and the Staff Sergeant referred to in para 2 above will be in possession of all relevant documents of classification lower than Secret; Ord GHQ are arranging to send to ADCS MMIA information of classification Secret or higher. It will be necessary to screen information contained in some publications before their contents are passed to the Italian War Ministry; as a general guide no information on future developments or proposed modifications to improve performance should be given, but only such information should be passed as is necessary for the safe handling and efficient use of ammunition actually in the hands of the Italian Army.

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(G.E.R. BASTIN), Brigadier,
Brigadier i/o Administration.

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FROM GKG CWF 19-A

TO NMIA

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CS/0154. UNCLAS. FIRST. SUBJECT AMN. FURTHER TO MY CS/0367 OF 9 NOV
AND YOUR REPLY OF 14 NOV. SECOND. FOLLOWING AMN RELEASED UNDER ~~1~~
~~2~~ ISSUE ORDER 12/P/135 OF EVEN ~~1~~ DATE NOW IN POST. THREE. 37-MM HE
QTY 5000. 37-MM APC QTY 1000. 37-MM CANN ~~1~~ QTY 1000. IGNITERS PERCH
QTY 600. 3" MORHE SHORT RANGE QTY 5335. 3" ~~1~~ MOR SMOKE QTY 2520.
DETS FUZE ~~1~~ JUNCT CAPS QTY Q/ 1320. FOUR. PLEASE ARRANGE EARLY
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LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC (MELA) CMT

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List B

Subject: Ammunition - Care & Maintenance

1. Subsequent to 15 November 1945 the Italian Army was deprived of the normal maintenance afforded British Combatant Units in the care of ammunition.

The Italian personnel familiar with British Ammunition were few in number and have since been further reduced by release of the older classes.

Considerable quantities of British Ammunition have in the intervening period been transferred to the Italian Army and in many cases have been "field stocks" exposed to weather and stored under anything but ideal conditions.

This ammunition represents the Italian Army holdings of "training" and "war reserve".

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- (c) Careful inspection of existing stocks.

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Attention should particularly be paid to

- (a) unauthorised holdings.
- (b) conditions of storage.
- (c) inspection reports and action being taken thereon.

Thereafter reference to this subject should be included in your Monthly Progress Report unless the circumstances justify a separate letter

Internal:

ORD - G(SD) - G(Trg).

Colonel,
Colonel A/O MIA.

C O P Y

SUBJECT : Arm Inspection.

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

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31 October 46

TO : LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
(MFA) ROME.

1. Attached please find report on a recent inspection of the arm of British origin held by Legnano Div, which was carried out by a 13 Corp Arm Examiner.
2. The report has been discussed with Arty Directorate Terr Comd, and the recommendations of the Examiner are being put into effect.

Sgd. Maj.
DAA and QMG.

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Following our letter to A.H. and your talk with War Ministry, will you now write all BLUs.

That (a) Inspection by 3. reveals a poor state of affairs

(b) A.W. has been asked to be done 25/28

(c) We must be as named etc. (see copy of 1340/16M)

(d) BLUs to give this special attention and report by 5 Dec what they have done, what they want to do.

Maybe it could a really essential bit of work W.P.

GENERAL REPORT ON AMMUNITION ON CHARGE TO "LEGNANO" Division.

GORLE

✓ Ammunition stored at Gorle under magazine conditions was found in the main to be well maintained. There are however several instances where the Italian staff have caused damage through ignorance. These errors have now been rectified. (1)

✓ On attached stock list it will be seen that 2" and 3" mortar ammunition, especially the latter, show a high percentage of unserviceable ammunition. This is due, not to bad storage, but to the fact that approximately eighteen months ago a circular was issued by S.I.C.C. GHQ to the effect that firing trials have shown that only certain types of Mortar are made up with tails sufficiently strong to resist the higher augmenting charges introduced. A large reconversion programme was carried out but the ammunition at Gorle was not recalled for conversion. It cannot therefore be regarded as 1st or 2nd Line ammunition and, where found unserviceable has been shown as 'instruction ammunition'.

(2) The same may be said for stocks of PIAT bombs. Early types were filled with a plastic filling containing a high percentage of nitro-glycerine, since superseded by a TNT combination. The early bombs have since been given a 'life' of 2 years. The majority of bombs shown as unserviceable have manufacturing dates late 1942, and 1943, and are exuding nitro-glycerine which renders them liable to spontaneous detonation on firing. 2" mortar HE and Smoke have been pilfered regularly in Base Ammunition Depots and the majority of unserviceable rounds shown are without primary cartridges.

25 Pdr shell, HE and Smoke, have been stored in the open without any covering against inclement weather. This has resulted in a high wastage due to rust in the case of HE shell and complete unserviceability due to the filling absorbing water in the Smoke shell. All shell held on charge both at Gorle and Monpiano should be stored under cover or arrangements made for the issue of tarpaulins.

No demolition stores have been shown as unserviceable as all of these natures not considered suitable for 1st and 2nd Line have been handed over to the Italian Engineers for training.

MONPIANO

✓ Storage at Monpiano is entirely exposed, with the exception of PIAT and mortar which are in the sole remaining magazine. If it is intended to continue using Monpiano as the dump for Artillery ammunition covered accommodation must be provided. Also, since the explosion in July of this year no maintenance has been carried out and 25 Pdr shell is not stacked in a manner conforming to Magazine or Field Storage Regulations. Stacks should be limited to 6 tons (120 boxes) at intervals of not less than 10 yards in groups not exceeding 12 stacks with a minimum of 50 yards between groups. (3)

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Ammunition stored under magazine conditions has been well maintained and is in excellent conditions. The grenades shown as for instruction purposes only are a temporary packing of detonators introduced during the war and cannot be relied on to give consistent results in use. They are however completely safe for training purposes.

40 m/m ammunition is in a highly dangerous condition due to the fire having sensitised the fuses and should not be touched pending ruling from higher authority.

LODI

Ammunition held at Lodi is again under field storage conditions but in view of the small quantities involved it is recommended that Lodi be amalgamated with Gorle. The majority of unserviceable totals at this Depot are due to the effect of storage in the open without suitable covering.

LEGNANO

The ammunition on charge to companies is being stored actually in the barracks housing troops. This is entirely at variance with storage regulations besides being a dangerous practice. There is however a good magazine in the Barrack precincts, at present being used to house surplus

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ammunition regarded as a training holding. It is suggested that this ammunition be distributed throughout the division to make up shortages where applicable the remainder being held as a training pool. Certain deficiencies in company holdings at Legnano have already been made up in this manner under guidance, but the final total of surplus ammunition was not available at the time of my visit.

VARESE

This ammunition is under magazine storage and extremely well maintained. The WCO i/c is competent and well versed in storage and natures.

VICEVANO

Again, this Bn has ammunition ~~and~~ magazine storage and in all instances under competent supervision. There are no suggestions to make.

GENERAL

It is suggested that all units holding ammunition be notified that ammunition filled phosphorous is dangerous and liable to combustion if coming in contact with the air. These stores may be identified by one or a combination of the following marks :-

W.P. PHOS CSAM FM or a broad white band painted on the boxes.

Natures concerned are Grens 77, Grens 80 3" Mortar Smoke and smoke generators No 24.

Ammunition of this type should be stored away from other natures and stacked in such a manner that a free circulation of air keeps stacks well ventilated. They should not be more than five tiers in height with sufficient space between each stack to enable a person to move freely. Fire buckets of water, two for each stack should be within easy reach. A daily surveillance of boxes and a quarterly inspection of contents for discoloration (denoting exudation of filling) will reduce prior risks to the minimum. HE filled stores should not be mixed with Smoke ammunition. Igniter sets detonators and demolition equipment should be kept as far away as possible from phosphorous ammunition.

If possible steps should be taken to ensure that Italian officers and senior ranks concerned with the administration and maintenance of ammunition be kept informed of any circulars or instructions which may from time to time be received concerning segregations of ammunition of doubtful category.

26 Oct 1946

Sgt. L GREGSON S/Sgt.

STOCK RETURN - GORLE DUMP BERGAMO

NATURE	Holding as per 13 Corps	Serviceable	Unserviceable	For Instruction	TOTAL
2" Mortar HE	10709	3420	1098	-	4518
2" Mortar Smoke	11737	5688	4644	-	10332
2" Mortar Ill.	896	594	360	-	954
2" Moratr Red	344	252	108	-	360
2" Mortar Green	390	252	18	-	270
Bombs PIAT	11043	10422	7122	-	17544
Gren Hand M 36	2612	1416	1248	-	2664
Gren Hand M 69	950	-	170	-	170
Gren A/Tk 74	105	-	90	-	90
Gren Smk No 77	3092	2074	1020	-	3094
Gren Smk No 80	240	96	48	-	144
Gren Smk No 83	52	48	-	-	48
Gren A/Tk No 75 Mk 1	2052	-	1668	-	1668
Bombs Inc. 1 1/2 lb	75	72	-	-	72
Carts Sig 1" Ill	232	144	-	-	144
Carts Sig 1" Red	458	84	-	-	84
Carts Sig 1" Green	420	84	-	-	84
Generators Smk No 8	800	7	-	-	7
Ammonal (Bulk)	15 x 25 lbs	15 x 25 lbs	-	-	375 lbs
Cuncotton 1 lb slabs	80 x 14 lbs	60 x 14 lbs	-	-	840 lbs
Plastic HE 808	944 lbs	280 lbs	-	-	280 lbs
Fuze Safety No 11	2952 ft	- none held -	-	-	200
Dets elec No 33	200	200	-	-	200
Fuze inst.	300 ft	- none held -	-	-	5
Mines Shrapnel	28	5	-	-	5
Mines A/Tk	6	GERMAN A/TANK MINES:			
6 Pdr 7 cwt HE	362	48	1630	-	2828
6 Pdr 7 cwt AP	3793	2828	-	-	264
17 Pdr AP	384	128	136	-	288
40 m/m AP	288	288	-	-	1392
40 m/m HE	1440	552	840	-	5976
Carts 25 Pdr Normal	7832	5544	432	-	560
Carts 25 Pdr Super	560	64	496	-	9374
Shell 25 Pdr HE	7172	1412	7962	-	1268
Shell 25 Pdr Smoke	680	468	800	-	257
Chges Dem (Beehives)	208	248	9	-	97
Chges. Dem. American	72	- none held -	-	-	
Mines A/Tk Mk 5	10	60	37	-	
SAA 303 BDR	210,000	163,000	} 15 Tons loose unserviceable S.A.A. 2525		
TRAC	61,152	49,920			
Inc.	19,968	18,720			
CTN	234,624	214,656			
	2694	2694			
SAA 380 Rev.	166,060	122,088			
SAA 45 T.S.M.G.					

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STOCK RETURN - GITEVANO

NATURE	SERVICE -ABLE	UNSERVICE -ABLE
SAA .45 T.S.M.G.	-----	8000
Bombs ML 2" Mortar HE	162	114
Smoke	nil	
I11	17	90
Bombs ML 3" Moratr HE	366-Instn only	402
Smoke	42	156
Bombs P.I.A.T.	132	126
Gren A/Tk No 75 Mk 1 & 11	60	240

With the exception of the above-noted natures this Batta is up
to 1098 holding.

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Bombs P.I.A.T.	48
Bombs ML 2" Mortar HE	234
Smoke	36
Green	18
Bombs ML 3" Mortar HE	384
Smoke	54
Gren Hand No 69	34
Gren A/Tk No 75 Mk 1	504

All other ammunition held on charge is serviceable. According to Adjutant at Varese their holding is up to strength, therefore replacement of above mentioned natures should bring this holding up to 100% serviceable.

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C O P YSTOCK RETURN - (LODI)

NATURE	SERVICE -ABLE	UNSERVICE -ABLE	REMARKS
Carts 40 m/m HE	1248	1464	
Bombs ML 3"Mortar HE	-----	1898	
Carts 17 Pdr APC	160	12	
Carts 6 Pdr APCBC	1626	-----	
HE	-----	204	
SVDS	24	-----	
Bombs P.I.A.T.	216	282	
ML 2"Mortar HE	3892	2920	
Smoke	2646	936	
Shell 25 Pdr HE	440	720	
Smoke	196	100	
Bombs ML 3"Mortar Smoke	606	336	

In view of the small quantities of serviceable ammunition held at Lodi, and also the fact that it is only open storage it is recommended that this ammunition be transferred to Gorle.

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STOCK RETURN - GORLE OF AMMUNITION HELD BUT
NOT SHEWN ON 13 CORPS STOCK LIST.

NATURE	SERVICE -ABLE	UNSERVICE -ABLE	FOR INSTRUCTION ONLY
Bombs ML 3" Moratr HE	-----	4536	294
Smoke	444	3130	1956
Ammonal 4oz charges	252	-----	-----
2 1/2oz ditto	648		
Primers Guncotton	20,100	-----	-----
Fuze Inst. Detonating	13,200 ft		
SAA .50 Belted	96 x 110		

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C O P YSTOCK RETURN - MONPIANO BRESCIA.

NATURE	SERVICE -ABLE	UNSERVICE -ABLE	FOR INSTRUCTION ONLY
Bombs P.I.A.T.	rds		
filled TNT & 808	36	897	-----
Bombs ML 2" Mortar HE	1152	36	-----
Smoke	342	-----	-----
-ds- Signal green	72	-----	-----
red	72	-----	-----
Gren Hand M 36	2316	216	84

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AMMUNITION REMAINING AFTER EXPLOSION JULY 1946

Shell 25 Pdr HE	7840	2280	-----
Smoke	-----	1140	-----
Shot 25 Pdr AP	-----	44	-----
Shell & Cart 25 Pdr (carrier pack-obsolete)		113 x 2 rds	
Carts 40 m/m		1800) DANGEROUS - NOT TO BE MOVED PENDING AUTHORITY 13 Corps	
Carts 17 Pdr AP		503 Shot only - cartges fired.	
HE		18	
Gren Hand M 36	nil		

ALL OTHER NATURES SHEWN ON CORPS STOCK LIST DESTROYED BY FIRE.

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C O P YSTOCK RETURN OF AMMUNITION HELD BY 2nd & 3rd BATT.68th INFANTRY REGT.2nd Bn MONZAUNSERVICEABLE

Bombs ML 3" Mortar HE	556
Smoke	32
Bombs P.I.A.T.	156
Bombs ML 2" Mortar HE	223
I11	133
Smoke	206
Green	7
Red	5
Gren A/Tk No 75 Mk 1	470
Smoke No 77	68
Hand M 36	84
Hand No 69	170

The above-noted unserviceable ammunition when replaced should bring this Battalion up to authorized holding.

3rd Bn CREMONA

Bombs P.I.A.T.	94
Bombs ML Mortar 3" HE	666
Smoke	78
2" HE	176
Smoke	325
Gren A/Tk No 75 Mk 1	228
Smoke No 77	20
Hand No 36	116
Hand No 69	30

As for 2nd Battalion.

Storage at both these places is adequate and the NCOs in charge are conversant with storage and maintenance.

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C O P YDETAILS OF SURPLUS AMMUNITION HELD AT LEGNANO.

The following figures should not be confused with 1st and 2nd Line holdings. They are solely concerned with a large quantity of surplus ammunition regarded by the units as "Training reserve". In actual fact, the majority of ammunition which remains at Legnano is suitable for 1st Line holdings.

The unit were instructed to make up their own 1st and 2nd Lines from this surplus, and to submit figures to this H.Q. shewing (a) natures still required to complete to scale, (b) full figures of surplus remaining.

LEGNANOUNSERVICEABLE

Bombs ML 3" Mortar HE	1170
Smoke	732
Bombs P.I.A.T.	798
ML 2" Mortar HE	234
Smoke	84
Gren Hand M 36	696
Smoke No 77	900
A/Tk No 75 Mk 1	24
Smoke 80	48
Hand No 69	34
Carts SAA .50 belted	4380

There appeared to be some confusion at the unit concerning authorised holdings. It is suggested that this matter be taken up with the unit concerned.

S/SJT

Ammunition Examiner 13 Corps.

C O P YESTIMATED TONNAGES OF UNSERVICEABLE AMMUNITION"LEGNANO" DIVISION.

GORLE	<u>TCNS</u>	
MONPIANO	200	
LODI	74	(inc. 40m/m)
LEGNANO	50	
MONZA	30	
CREMONA	15	
GITEVANO	15	
VARESE	6	
	<u>5</u>	
	395	

Ammunition for destruction
by demolition (i.e. Gren No 75-) 100

Phosphorous filled ammunition
-to be moved separately from HE- 100

Total Tonnage 595

C O P YGENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS RE STOCKS HELD BY UNITSINSPECTED BY AMMUNITION EXAMINER.

In view of the large surpluses of ammunition disclosed by my inspection, especially that held at LEGNANO, and bearing in mind anticipated expenditure in training programmes envisaged for the ensuing 6 months, the following recommendations are put forward.

1. All units which have received an inspection should be circularised asking for a return shewing surplus and deficient ammunition. This will give a working basis for assessing requirements and also indicate any large surplus which it is not considered practicable to hold.
2. When final clearance has been carried out it should be possible to concentrate all 1st and 2nd Line ammunition at Gorle, which has covered accommodation and is the most easily accessible by road. Field storage (i.e. storage in the open with elephant shelters or waterproofed sheets as protection) is not recommended where this can be avoided, due to the severity of the winter and the resultant high percentage of wastage through deterioration. Also, the magazines at Gorle are efficiently provided with lightning conductors. This fact is mentioned in the light of an accident in 13 Corps Area recently through an open stack being struck by lightning resulting in the loss of 1 B.O.R. and several German SEP labour.
3. A reserve of training ammunition, built around those natures shown on stock returns as being fit "for instructional purposes only", and kept in a separate dump. For this purpose there appears to be adequate space at Lodi, providing covered accommodation is available or can be provided.
4. The NCO i/o Ammunition at 3 C.A.R. COMO has been on three month course at 501 B.A.D. BARI and is extremely capable. Could this NCO be sent round to main dumps, when/if constituted, to advise on stacking and general maintenance.

S/SJT28/10/46

Ammunition Examiner 13 Corps.

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Telephone:

1-409001 ext 415

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AD (AMIA) CMF

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15 Nov 46

WAR MINISTRY (by 10)

1. The attached report received from 3 III regarding ammunition on charge to Legnano Division is forwarded.

2. It will be observed that the report has been discussed with Arty Directorate 3 Territorial Command from whom no doubt you will have heard concerning any assistance required to improve the present unsatisfactory conditions.

3. This III has requested higher authority that British technical personnel may be made available and you will be informed as soon as such assistance can be given.

4. You will agree the following measures are urgently necessary :

- (a) Training of sufficient technical personnel to ensure ammunition stocks are regularly examined.
- (b) Transfer without delay of ammunition from field storage conditions to magazines designed for the purpose.
- (c) Destruction of dangerous and unserviceable ammunition.

5. It is requested this III be informed of the progress made in the above tasks and that copies of instructions on the subject be sent to AMIA.

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ab for cont. RAC

Major General

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 - (c) Destruction of dangerous and unserviceable ammunition.
5. It is requested this HQ be informed of the progress made in the above tasks and that copies of instructions on the subject be sent to MILA.

Copy to: C(Ops)
C(Trg)
Ord

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86 for cont. RHC
see in supply.

Major General
GOC
MILA

Telegrams:
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14 Nov 46

General Instructions (a)

SECRET

Subject: British Mission for the Italian Army.

1. The Italian Army being armed with British weapons, holds certain stocks of British munitions. These supplies recently made it no less evident that these stocks are being seriously misused, or that proper precautions are being taken against the risk of sabotage, or against failure in performance should this ammunition ever be used.

2. A limited number of inspections by a qualified British examination committee has recently been made, by mutual arrangement between my staff and British personnel who happened to be available locally; and although these inspections are far from being complete or adequate, they have shown that considerable risks are involved on account of lack of information, training and proper care. Mistakes are attached of magnitude "A".

3. I am able to advise the War Ministry on how to rectify two of these faults, but neither they nor I are in a position to put the matter on a completely satisfactory basis without additional technical assistance.

4. I therefore recommend that the following steps be taken to ensure that the Italian Army is made reasonably efficient in respect of its ammunition supply:

- (a) that relevant mission directives are sent to this for transmission to and action by the appropriate departments of the Italian War Ministry.
- (b) that a qualified examination committee (Staff Inspector) should be posted to this permanently for inspection and action.
- (c) that in order to put the matter on a satisfactory basis before next spring, sufficient personnel (possibly one or two S.I.I., 'c') should be loaned to this to work under the direction of the S.I.I.

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3. I am able to advise the Air Ministry on how to rectify some of these faults, but whether they are I am in a position to put the matter on a completely satisfactory basis without additional technical assistance.

4. I therefore recommend that the following steps be taken to ensure that the Italian Army is made reasonably efficient in respect of its attendance supply:

- (a) that relevant examination directives are sent to MILA for transmission to and action by the appropriate department of the Italian Air Ministry.
- (b) that a qualified examination committee (Staff Sergeant) should be posted to MILA permanently for inspection and advice.
- (c) that in order to put the question in a satisfactory frame before such a committee, sufficient personnel (possibly one or two M. A. S. 's) should be loaned to MILA to work under the direction of the A. I. S. .
- (d) that provision should be made for the replacement of examination considered dangerous or unsatisfactory.

5. In the meantime I am taking all possible steps with the means at my disposal to improve the standard of examination maintenance, and to ensure availability.

Very truly
yours
S. (M)
and

W. Bullman

Major General
D. I. S. M. A.

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✓ - Introduction started at 10:00 AM. The speaker was very good in the main to be well indicated. There are some technical limitations the speaker about how much data can be shown.

It. On admission about 1500 is still to be seen that in old j' cotton production, especially by the Indians, that a high percentage of "undesirable" specimens. This is because so few specimens, but to the fact that specimens are approximately 10 months ago a specimen was found by "A. B. C." On the effect that strong colors have upon this only certain types of bodies are exhibited, this undoubtedly stems to protect the bodies containing dangerous substances. A large proportion of specimens was carried off but the remainder of them was not recorded for preservation. It cannot therefore be recorded as far as the specimen and, there "and" preservation has been taken as "undesirable specimen".

The mean may be small for studies of this burden. Early types were filled with a plastic filling containing a high percentage of nitro-glycerine, since recommended by a few contributors. The early books have since been taken out of 0 series. The majority of books have no nitro-cellulose been contributing them into 1912 and 1915, and are causing nitro-glycerine which remains thus liable to spontaneous detonation on firing. No mention in any table have been collected regularly in any standard books and the majority of non-recommended books and related reference material.

average of 300,000 in ordinary cases, with the exception of 117 and 180, which are in the same remaining category. It is to be understood for comparison that the average for ordinary cases is 300,000, and for 117 and 180, which are in the same remaining category, is 300,000.

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It is suggested that all further testing be suspended until a procedure is developed for determining the number of samples to be collected by each of the stations of the following order:-

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so that a constant μ from 77 to 100 is chosen, and the

with a plastic filling containing a high percentage of nitrocellulose, since surrounded by a two corded wire. The early boxes have shown a "life" of 2 years. The majority of boxes shown as comparable have manufacturing dates into 1942 and 1943, and are emitting nitrocellulose which remains from liable to spontaneous detonation on firing. The number of and boxes have been pilfered regularly in two ammunition depots and the majority of nonviable rounds shown are without primary cartridges.

Summary

3. Storage of ammunition is entirely exposed, with the exception of one lot of boxes which are in the sole remaining magazine. If it is intended to continue using this lot of ammunition for military operations, it is recommended that no more be stored. Also, when the explosion in July of this year no ammunition has been carried out and it shall be not stored in a manner conforming to Department of War storage regulations.

4. Ammunition stored under present conditions has been well protected and is in excellent condition. The number of boxes shown as for inspection purposes only are a temporary measure. Ammunition inspection during the war and cannot be relied on to give consistent results in use. They are however completely safe for handling purposes.

Conclusions

5. It is suggested that all units holding ammunition be notified that ammunition stored in magazines is dangerous and liable to explosion if coming in contact with the air. These should be submitted by one or a combination of the following means:-

a. This could be as a broad letter sent printed on the 2513

figures concerned are pages 77, items 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

6. There should be taken to ensure that the condition of the boxes and the main contents with the ammunition and information of ammunition be kept informed of any deterioration or deterioration which may occur from time to time be involved concerning maintenance of condition of the boxes and contents.

7. In all, over 30 tons of material are shown stored in the area.

H.M.R.A.

G.M.Q. C.M.M.

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YOUR 0-18067 OF 9 NOV REMAINS STOP

ISSUE AND 7 OTHER ALSO AVAILABLE IN MEXICO SHOULD BE

MADE AS MEXICO STOP 5 DAY BILL. ARRANGE WITH 5 COMPLETION

STOP REQUEST DELETED. HAMILTON

YOUR 02/0067 OF 9 NOV 1978 STOP

PLEASE ADVISE OTHER AGENTS AVAILABLE IN MONTROVIA SHOULD BE

MADE AS REQUEST STOP 5 SUB WITH ARRIVAL OF M 5 COMBAT

STOP REQUEST DETAILS RAILROAD

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INTERNAL USE

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Telephone :
Rome 489084 Ext 334

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AG (MILIA) CHIEF

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14 Nov 46

Ministry of War.

Subject : RELEASES - AMMUNITION.

1. You are informed that 5 BLU is making arrangements for the collection by VENICE Artillery Directorate of the following nature of ammunition from 12 Ordnance Ammo Coy. MESTRE.

NATURE	QUANTITY
Shell B.L. 5 .5" 100 lbs	100
Carts B.L. 5 .5" 2 charge	75
" " " 4 charge	25
Fuzes 117	100

2. Ammunition is for the use of the School of Artillery and will be dispatched forthwith.

JJM/lm

Copy to : HQ. 5 BLU - to report collection
DDOS HQ. 13 Corps
12 OAC
12 BLU

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Major General,
GCC, MILIA

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FROM SHQ CMT

TO HMLA

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FOR DDOS. FROM ORD.

FIRST. WE HAVE FURTHER STOCKS OF AMMUNITION AVAILABLE.

SECOND. PLEASE STATE WHETHER 5 BLU ARE STILL NEAREST UNIT TO
MISTRE AND THAT THE ISSUE SHOULD BE MADE TO THEM.

THIRD. ~~RE~~ DETAILS WILL FOLLOW ON RECEIPT OF THIS INFORMATION

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TRANSLATION

From: M.of W.
To : MMIA

Ref: 76767/18266
Date: 2/11/46

Subject: Release of British ammo. by n° 12 OAC
of Mestre (Venice). -

Ref. letter Q/139 dated 21 Oct. 46. -

Part of the 37 m/m ammo for Staghound armoured cars has been distributed to the Carabinieri in order to complete the W/E scales of issue.

The remaining ammo. (3180 H.E. rounds and 2000 machine-gun rounds and also the ammo. accessories listed in the letter referred to above) has been stored by the Venice Arty Directorate, at Marghera Fort. -

sgd. Properzi
Gen.

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Q. 139

Subject : Release - Ammunition.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
M.F.I.A.
R G W E
Q.139

21 Oct 46

TO : Ministry of War.

Ref Q.139 dated 27 August 46.

SEE 74

1. It is reported that the ammunition detailed ;
Authority - GHQ Issue Order N°128/101 dated 23 Aug 46

<u>NATURE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
37mm.ME M63 Fnd M38	5,000
37mm.APC M51	8,000
37mm.Cammister	2,000
Detn. Fuse Branch Junction	1,320
Igniters Peron	600
Igniters Elec.	2,935

has now been collected and is stored at PONTE MARONERA.

2. May this HQ be given a copy of your disposal instructions.

Rac

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

RAC/lm

Copy to : 5 R.L.V.

INTERNAL : G(TRG)

2207

Subject : P.O.L.

9. British Liaison Unit,
Bari.

Telephone : 13869.

Ref : 65/95.

14th October.

To : M.M.I.A. (Rome)

Reference your Q. 139 of the 9th October
(copy to this office) please note there is now No British
Petrol Depot in Bari.

2. Reference your Q; 139 of the 12th September
(last paragraph) we can find no trace of G.H.Q. 2117/S.T.2.
in this office.

P.S. Tipple
(P.S. Tipple.) Major.

DAA & CMG.

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TO :	
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From: C.I.P.
To : M.of N.

Ref: 8114
Date: 12/10/46

Subject: Issue of POL to Italian military vehicles. -

Further to our letter 7281 dated 23/8/46 we would inform you that all the supplies issued by the ANIC Refinery of Bari to the n° 1 Special Transport Company of Rome for the transport of ammunition from 501 BAD has been considered as an issue by CIP and not by the Allies.

Therefore no restitution should be made to the Allies, while the Military Administration must arrange for the admin. settlement of the receipts which our Provincial Agency of Bari has debited to n° 1 Special Transport Company for all the quantity which they have drawn from the ANIC Refinery.

sgd. D'Amelio

From: M.of N.
To : MILA

Ref: 66/4363/32
Date: 21/10/46

Reply to letter Q/139 dated 9/10/46.

For your information we would point out that the question regarding POL supplied in Puglia to the 1 Special Transport Company will be settled directly between this S.M. and CIP.

sgd.

Meloni
Col.

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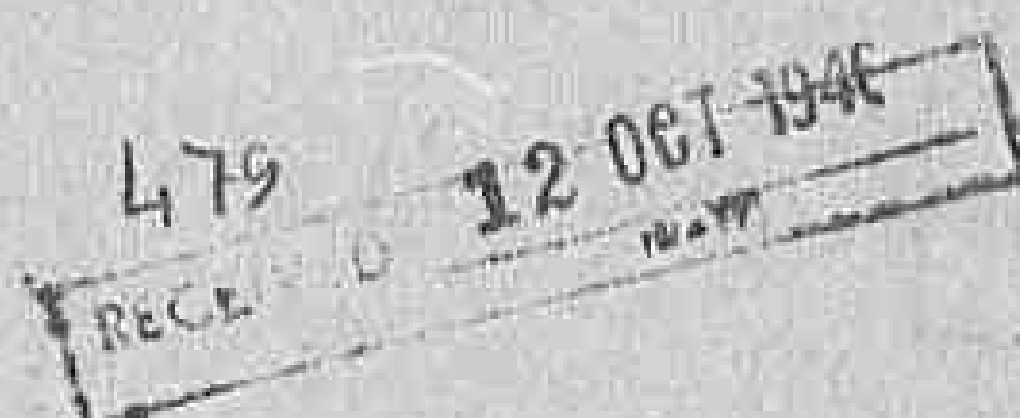
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AC/56 (.) UNCLASS (.) REF YOUR Q 139 DATED 27 AUG 1946 (.)
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 M A R G H E R A (.) DISPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS AWAITED

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Subject:- P.O.I.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.S.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O S E
Q.139

9 Oct 46.

To :- MINISTRY OF WAR.

Ref your letter 6C/4079/42 dated 25th Sept 46.

1. The petrol, lubricants and gasoline in question should be returned to the British Petrol Depot in BAH.
2. G.M.W. will make all necessary arrangements for you and will give you any such assistance as you may require.

[Signature]
R.E. WYATT, Major,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to:- G.M.W.
(Further to our Q139
dated 12 Sept 46).

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TRANSLATION

FROM : Ministry of War (S.M.R.E.)

Ref: 6c/4079/Q2

TO : M.M.I.A.

Date: 25 Sept 46.

INFO : C.I.P.

(Further letter 6c/3898/Q2 of 8 Sept 46).

SUBJECT : Release of P.O.L.

Ref your Q.139 of 12 Sept 46.

1. The P.O.L supplied by Allied Authorities in Puglia, for 1st Special Transport Coy vehicles, used for the transport of ammunition, will be returned through assignments:

Petrol and Lubricant by C.I.P., Bari

Gasoline by Military Depot of Puglia.

2. The handover to a British Depot will be supervised by Military Territorial Command of Bari, instructions in this respect will be imparted.

3. It is requested M.M.I.A. to notify this Ministry to which depot this assignment is to be made.

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Sgd. Col. N. Meloni.

ST suggest
depot at Bari
by arrangement Q.139

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Subject : Releases -- Ammunition.

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

Q . 139

19 Sept 46.

TO : HQ., 5 BLU.

Ref your AQ/56/113 dtd 4 Sept 46.

1. The 37mm amm referred to in this HQ's letters even reference dtd 22 Jul and 22 Aug 46 was part of the amm collected by 5 Italian Territorial Command on 3 Sept 46.

2.	36	52	Originally released	Collected 3 Sept 46
Ctges. 37mm Cannon		630		2000
" APC M51		3133		8000
" APC HE M63		2961		5000.

3. In view of the above it will be appreciated that there will be no further authority issued to 1200AC for 37mm amm until stocks become available.

H.R. LUCKETT
H.R. LUCKETT, Major
for Major (98411)
M.M.I.A.

HRL/lm

SUBJECT: Ann Inspection.

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

Q/37/21

TO: LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME

31 Oct 46

1. Attached please find report on a recent inspection of the ann of British origin held by Legnano Div, which was carried out by a 13 Corp Ann Examiner.
2. The report has been discussed with Arty Directorate Terr Cmd, and the recommendations of the Examiner are being put into effect.

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GENERAL REPORT ON AMMUNITION ON CHARGE TO "LEGNANO" DivisionGORLE

Ammunition stored at Gorle under magazine conditions was found in the main to be well maintained. There are however several instances where the Italian staff have caused damage through ignorance. These errors have now been rectified.

On attached stock list it will be seen that 2" and 3" mortar ammunition, especially the latter, shew a high percentage of unserviceable ammunition. This is due, not to bad storage, but to the fact that approximately eighteen months ago a circular was issued by S.I.O.O. GHQ to the effect that firing trials have shewn that only certain types of Mortar are made up with tails sufficiently strong to resist the higher augmenting charges introduced. A large reconversion programme was carried out but the ammunition now at Gorle was not recalled for conversion. It cannot therefore be regarded as 1st or 2nd Line ammunition and, where found serviceable has been shewn as 'instruction ammunition'.

The same may be said for stocks of FIAT bombs. Early types were filled with a plastic filling containing a high percentage of nitro-glycerine, since superseded by a TNT combination. The early bombs have since been given a 'life' of 2 years. The majority of bombs shewn as unserviceable have manufacturing dates late 1942 and 1943, and are exuding nitro-glycerine which renders them liable to spontaneous detonation on firing. 2" mortar HE and Smoke have been pilfered regularly in Base Ammunition Depots and the majority of unserviceable rounds shewn are without primary cartridges.

25 Pdr shell, HE and Smoke, have been stored in the open without any covering against inclement weather. This has resulted in a high wastage due to rust in the case of HE shell and complete unserviceability due to the filling absorbing water in the Smoke shell. All shell held on charge both at Gorle and Monpiano should be stored under cover or arrangements made for the issue of tarpaulins.

No demolition stores have been shewn as unserviceable as all of these natures not considered suitable for 1st and 2nd Line have been handed over to the Italian Engineers for training.

MONPIANO

Storage at Monpiano is entirely exposed, with the exception of FIAT and mortar which are in the sole remaining magazine. If it is intended to continue using Monpiano as the dump for Artillery ammunition covered accommodation must be provided. Also, since the explosion in July of this year no maintenance has been carried out and 25 Pdr shell is not stacked in a manner conforming to Magazine or Field Storage Regulations. Stacks should be limited to 6 tons (120 boxes) at intervals of not less than 10 yards in groups of not exceeding 12 stacks with a minimum of 30 yards between groups.

Ammunition stored under magazine conditions has been well maintained and is in excellent condition. The grenades M 36 shewn as for instruction purposes only are a temporary packing of detonators introduced during the war and cannot be relied on to give consistent results in use. They are however completely safe for training purposes.

40 m/m ammunition is in a highly dangerous condition due to the fire having sensitised the fuzes and should not be touched pending ruling from higher authority.

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LODI

Ammunition held at Lodi is again under field storage conditions but in view of the small quantities involved it is recommended that Lodi be amalgamated with Gorad. The majority of unserviceable totals at this Depot are due to the effects of storage in the open without suitable covering.

LEGNANO

The ammunition on charge to companies is being stored actually in the barracks housing troops. This is entirely at variance with storage regulations besides being a dangerous practice. There is however a good magazine in the Barrack precincts, at present being used to house surplus ammunition regarded as a training holding. It is suggested that this ammunition be distributed throughout the division to make up shortages where applicable the remainder being held as a training pool. Certain deficiencies in company holdings at Legnano have already been made up in this manner under my guidance, but the final total of surplus ammunition was not available at the time of my visit.

VARESE

This ammunition is under magazine storage and extremely well maintained. The NCO i/c is competent and well versed in storage and natures.

VIGEVANO.

Again, this Battn has ammunition in magazine storage and in all instances under competent supervision. There are no suggestions to make.

GENERAL.

It is suggested that all units holding ammunition be notified that ammunition filled phosphorus is dangerous and liable to combustion if coming in contact with the air. These stores may be identified by one or a combination of the following marks :-

W.P. PHOS CSAM FM or a broad white band painted on the boxes.

Natures concerned are Grens 77, Grens 80 3" Mortar Smoke and Smoke Generators No 24.

Ammunition of this type should be stored away from other natures and stacked in such a manner that a free circulation of air keeps stacks well ventilated. They should not be more than five tiers in height with sufficient space between each stack to enable a person to move freely. Fire buckets of water, 2 for each stack should be within easy reach. A daily surveillance of boxes and a quarterly inspection of contents for discolouration (denoting exudation of filling) will reduce fire risks to a minimum. HE filled stores should not be mixed with Smoke ammunition. Igniter sets, detonators and demolition equipment should be kept as far away as possible from phosphorus ammunition.

If possible steps should be taken to ensure that Italian Officers and Senior ranks concerned with the administration and maintenance of ammunition be kept informed of any circulars or instructions which may from time to time be received concerning segregations or ammunition of doubtful category.

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Alfred

26 OCT 1946

STOCK RETURN - GORLE DULP BERGAMO

NATURE	Holding as per 13 Corps	Service- able	Unser- viceable	For Instruction	TOTAL
2" Mortar HE	10709	3420	1098	---	4518
2" Mortar Smoke	11737	5688	4644	---	10332
2" Mortar Ill.	896	594	360	---	954
2" Mortar Red	344	252	108	---	360
2" Mortar Green	380	252	18	---	270
Bombs PIAT	11043	10422	7122	---	17544
Gren Hand M 36	2612	1416	1248	---	2664
Gren Hand M 69	950	---	170	---	170
Gren A/Tk 74	105	---	90	---	90
Gren Smk No 77	3092	2074	1020	---	3094
Gren Smk No 80	240	96	48	---	144
Gren Smk No 83	52	48	---	---	48
Gren A/Tk No 75 Mk 1	2052	---	1668	---	1668
Bombs Inc. 1 1/2 lb	75	72	---	---	72
Carts Sig 1" Ill	232	144	---	---	144
Carts Sig 1" Red	458	84	---	---	84
Carts Sig 1" Green	420	84	---	---	84
Generators Smk No 8	800	7	---	---	7
Ammonal (Bulk)	15 x 25 lbs	15 x 25 lbs	---	---	375 lbs
Cumooton 1 lb slabs	80 x 14 lbs	80 x 14 lbs	---	---	840 lbs
Plastic HE 808	9 1/4 lbs	280 lbs	---	---	280 lbs
Fuze Safety No 11	2952 ft	---	none held	---	200
Dets elec No 33	200	200	---	---	200
Fuze inst.	300 ft	---	none held	---	5
Mines Shrapnel	28	5	---	---	5
Mines A/Tk	6	GERMAN A/TANK MINES!	---	---	48
6 Pdr 7 cwt HE	362	48	1630	---	2828
6 Pdr 7 cwt AP	3793	2828	---	---	264
17 Pdr AP	384	128	136	---	288
40 m/m AP	288	288	---	---	1392
40 m/m HE	1440	552	840	---	5976
Carts 25 Pdr Normal	7832	5544	432	2497	560
Carts 25 Pdr Super	560	64	496	---	9374
Shell 25 Pdr HE	7172	1412	7962	---	1268
Shell 25 Pdr Smoke	680	468	800	---	257
Chges Dem (Beehives)	208	248	9	---	97
Chges Dem. American	72	---	none held	---	97
Mines A/Tk Mk 5	10	60	37	---	97
SAA 303 HDR	210,000	163,000	---	---	---
TRAC	61,152	49,920	---	---	---
Ino	19,968	18,720	---	---	---
CIN	234,624	214,656	---	---	---
SAA 380 Rev.	2694	2694	---	---	---
SAA 45 T.S.M.G.	166,060	122,088	---	---	---

15 tons loose unserviceable
S.A.S.

STOCK RETURN - CITEVANO

NATURE	SERVICE -ABLE	UNSERVICE -ABLE
SAA .45 T.S.M.G.	---	8000
Bombs ML 2" Mortar HE	162	114
Smoke	nil	
Ill	17	90
Bombs ML 3" Mortar HE	366 -Instn only	402
Smoke	456 42	156
Bombs P.I.A.T.	132	126
Gren A/Tk No 75 Mk 1 & 11	60	240

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With the exception of the above-noted natures this Battn is up to 1098 holding.

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STOCK RETURN - VARESE

NATURE	UNSERVICEABLE
Bombs F.I.A.T.	48
Bombs ML 2" Mortar HE	234
Smoke	36
Green	18
Bombs ML 3" Mortar HE	384
Smoke	54
Gren Hand No 69	34
Gren A/Tk No 75 Mk 1	504

All other ammunition held on charge is serviceable. According to Adjutant at Varese their holding is up to strength, therefore replacement of above mentioned natures should bring this holding up to 100% serviceable.

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STOCK RETURN -(LODI)

NATURE	SERVICE ABLE	UNSERVICE -ABLE	REMARKS
Carts 40 m/m HE	1248	1464	In view of the small quantities of serviceable ammunition held at Lodi, and also the fact that it is only open storage it is recommended that this ammunition be transferred to Gorle.
Bombs ML 3" Mortar HE	---	1898	
Carts 17 Pdr APC	160	12	
Carts 6 Pdr APCBC	1026	---	
HE	---	204	
SVDS	24	---	
Bombs P.I.A.T.	216	282	
ML 2" Mortar HE	3892	2920	
Smoke	2646	936	
Shell 25 Pdr HE	496 440	720	
Smoke	196	100	
Bombs ML 3" Mortar Smoke	606	336	

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STOCK RETURN - CORLE- OF AMMUNITION HELD BUT
NOT SHEWN ON 13 CORPS STOCK LIST

NATURE	SERVICE -ABLE	UNSERVICE -ABLE	FOR INSTRUCTION ONLY
Bombs ML 3" Mortar HE	---	4536	294
Smoke	444	3130	1956
Ammonal 4oz charges	252	----	----
2 1/2oz ditto	648	----	----
Primers Gunotton	20,100	----	----
Fuse Inst. Detonating	13,200 ft		
SAA .50 Belted	96 x 110		

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STOCK/ RETURN - MONFIANO BRESCIA.

NATURE	SERVICE -ABLE	UNSERVICE -ABLE	FOR INSTRUCTION ONLY
Bombs P.I.A.T.	897 rds		
filled TNT & 808	36	897	---
Bombs ML 2" Mortar HE	1152	36	---
Smoke	342	---	---
-do- Signal green	72	---	---
red	72	---	---
Gren Hand M 36	2316	216	84
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AMMUNITION REMAINING AFTER EXPLOSION JULY 1946

Shell 25 Pdr HE	7840	2280	---
Smoke	---	1140	---
Shot 25 Pdr AP	---	44	---
Shell & Cart 25 Pdr (carrier pack-obsolete)		113 x 2 rds	
Carts 40 m/m		1800	
		DANGEROUS - NOT TO BE MOVED PENDING AUTHORITY 13 Corps	
Carts 17 Pdr AP		503	Shot only - cartges fired.
HE		18	
Gren Hand M 36	nil		

ALL OTHER NATURES SHOWN ON CORPS STOCK LIST DESTROYED BY FIRE.

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STOCK RETURN OF AMMUNITION HELD BY 2nd & 3rd BATT'S.68th INFANTRY REGT.2nd Bn MONZAUNSERVICEABLE

Bombs ML 3" Morar/ HE	556
Smoke	32
Bombs P.I.A.T.	156
Bombs ML 2" Mortar HE	223
Ill.	133
Smoke	206
Green	7
Red	5
Gren A/Tk No 75 Mk 1	470
Smoke No 77	68
Hand M 36	84
Hand No 69	170

The above-noted unserviceable ammunition when replaced should bring this Battalion up to authorised holding.

3rd Bn CREMONA

Bombs P.I.A.T.	94
Bombs ML Mortar 3" HE	666
Smoke	78
2" HE	176
Smoke	325
Gren A/Tk No 75 Mk 1	228
Smoke No 77	20
Hand No 36	116
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As for 2nd Battalion.

Storage at both these places is adequate and the NCOs in charge are conversant with storage and maintenance.

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DETAILS OF SURPLUS AMMUNITION HELD AT LEGNANO

The following figures should not be confused with 1st and 2nd Line holdings. They are solely concerned with a large quantity of surplus ammunition regarded by the unit as "training reserve". In actual fact, the majority of ammunition which remains at Legnano is suitable for 1st Line holdings.

The unit were instructed to make up their own 1st and 2nd Lines from this surplus, and to submit figures to this H.Q. showing (a) natures still required to complete to scale, (b) full figures of surplus remaining.

UNSERVICEABLELEGNANO

Bombs ML 3" Mortar HE
Smoke

Bombs P.I.A.T.
ML 2" Mortar HE
Smoke

Gren Hand M 36
Smoke No 77
A/Tk No 75 Mk 1
Smoke 80

Hand No 69
Certs SAA .50 belted

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732
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234
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There appeared to be some confusion at the unit concerning authorised holdings. It is suggested that this matter be taken up with the unit concerned.

[Signature]
S/SJT
Ammunition Examiner 13 Corps

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ESTIMATED TONNAGES OF UNSERVICEABLE AMMUNITION"LEGNANO" DIVISION

	<u>TONS</u>	
GORLE	200	
MONPIANO	74	(inc. 4Cm/m)
LODI	50	
LEGNANO	30	
MONZA	15	
CREMONA	15	
GITEVANO	6	
VARESE	<u>5</u>	

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Ammunition for destruction
by demolition (i.e. Gren No 75) 100

Phosphorous filled ammunition
-to be moved separately from HE- 100

Total Tonnage 595

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GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS RE STOCKS HELD BY UNITSINSPECTED BY AMMUNITION EXAMINERREAR 13 CORPS

In view of the large surpluses of ammunition disclosed by my inspection, especially that held at Legnano, and bearing in mind anticipated expenditure in training programmes envisaged for the ensuing 6 months, the following recommendations are put forward.

1. All units which have received an inspection should be circularised asking for a return showing surplus and deficient ammunition. This will give a working basis for assessing requirements and also indicate any large surplus which it is not considered practicable to hold.
2. When final clearance has been carried out it should be possible to concentrate all 1st and 2nd Line ammunition at Corle, which has covered accommodation and is the most easily accessible by road. Field storage (i.e. storage in the open with elephant shelters or waterproofed sheets as protection) is not recommended where this can be avoided, due to the severity of the winter and the resultant high percentage of wastage through deterioration. Also, the magazines at Corle are efficiently provided with lightning conductors. This fact is mentioned in the light of an accident in 13 Corps Area recently through an open stack being struck by lightning resulting in the loss of 1 H.O.R. and several German SEP labour.
3. A reserve of training ammunition, built around those natures shown on stock returns as being fit "for instructional purposes only" and kept in a separate dump. For this purpose there appears to be adequate space at Lodi, providing covered accommodation is available or can be provided.
4. The NCO i/c Ammunition at 3 C.A.R. COMO has been on a three month course at 501 B.A.D. BARI and is extremely capable. Could this NCO be sent round to main dumps, when/if constituted, to advise on stacking and general maintenance.

28/10/46


S/SJT
Ammunition Examiner 13 Corps.

Subject:- Ammunition.

5 British Liaison Unit
Tel 1555
AQ 56/116

10 Sept 46

M.M.I.A. ROME

Ref your Q 139 dated 23 Aug 46.

Ammunition has been drawn and forwarded to the
Arty School at BRACCIANO on 20 Aug 46.

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Major,
DAA & QMG.

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URGENT: Issues of P.O.L.

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Land Forces Air Operations A.C.P.
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12 September 1946

TO: The Ministry

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Reference your 60/3850/2/A of 5 September 1946.

1. The transfer of munition from British stocks to the Italian Army Depot at Verona necessitated the assignment of Italian Army Transport.
2. At your request G.I.L. were asked to make available the P.O.L. required, the provision of which would otherwise have necessitated considerable delay.

21 — G.I.L. agreed to make the P.O.L. available in this letter 2401/1 of 17 June and instructed each branch to be made to G.I.L. and recorded accordingly.

24 — You were notified under this P.O.L. signal 1/572 dated 26 June 46, a relevant extract of which reads as follows:

"REQUIREMENTS FOR THE REQUISITIONING OF P.O.L. STOCKS IN THE ITALIAN ARMY DEPOT AT VERONA, ITALY, AS A RESULT OF THE TRANSFER OF P.O.L. STOCKS FROM THE ITALIAN ARMY DEPOT AT VERONA TO THE ITALIAN ARMY DEPOT AT VERONA."

3. It was intended by G.I.L. that the Italian Army should be permitted to obtain from G.I.L. an emergency issue of P.O.L. additional to the usual issue.

This must now be adjusted as specified in the G.I.L. letter 217/102 under reference.

ATT

see 66-T

RAC

For/for.

1. Major General,
 G.I.L.

Copy to: G.I.L.
 J.A.L.B.

Internal: 13.

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COPY

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS C.M.F.

S.T. BRANCH

2117/ST2

Tel: FREEDOM 471

8 August 1946

SUBJECT: FOL Issues to the Italian Military

CIP Head Office
 c/o No 1 Petroleum Inspectorate
 C.M.F.

1. The following FOL issues were made from British Petrol Points at Bari to Italian Military transport engaged on the movement of ammunition earmarked for the Italian Army from 501 BAD.

M.T. Petrol	1766 Imp galls
Derv	528 " "
HD 30	132 " "
HD 50	250 " "
C 600	57 " "
Grease No 2	100 lbs

2. These issues were made solely because at the time of this movement the stocks of FOL at the disposal of the Italian War Ministry proved to be insufficient, and in order to assist in the completion of this commitment, the above issues were authorised, for future repayment from the Italian War Ministry stocks.

3. It is now desired to rectify disposition and it is requested that the above quantity be physically handed back to a British Depot.

4. Please inform this Directorate of the arrangements that can be made to effect this transfer.

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5. Vouchers supporting the above issues are attached.

Brigadier
 Director of Supplies & Transport

Copy to: M.M.I.A.

Chief Inspector No 1 Petroleum Inspectorate C.M.F.

TRANSLATION

From ~~the~~ Ministry of War
 To :- MMIA
 Info :- CIP (ref letter 7281 of 23 Aug 46)

N° 6C/3898/Q2/S
 Dated 8 Sept 46

135 Subject:- Issue of POL to Italian Military Vehicles.

We forward, herewith attached, copy of letter N° 7281 dated 23 Aug 46 of CIP relative to the return of POL issued in Puglia by the Allied Authorities to 1st Special Tpt Coy for the transport of ammunitions from Terlizzi to Bitonto.

As it is known, in a meeting held in MMIA it was decided that the amounts of POL necessary for the a/m transport should be issued by the Allied Depots, and the relative orders were issued by MMIA in signal Q/972 of 26 June 46.

After the beginning of the movement, MMIA ordered verbally that the amounts of POL required for the transport should be issued by SMRE, and SMRE issued the necessary orders.

As a result of the above, this SMRE's opinion on the matter is that the POL issued by the Allied Depots to 1st Special Tpt Coy must be debited to MMIA and therefore not POL will be returned by this SMRE to the same Depot.

Please let us know the decisions on the matter of that L.F.S.C.

Sgd Generale Liuzzi.

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TRANSLATION

From :- C.I.P.
To :- Ministry of War

No 7281
Dated 23 Aug 46

Subject:- POL for Italian Military Vehicles.

We forward, herewith attached, copy of the letter 2117/ST2 received from GHQ CMF ST Branch, in which the a/m HQ ask the return to a British Depot of the amounts of POL handed to 1st Special Tpt Coy for the transport of ammunitions.

Further to telephone conversations, we ask your Ministry to let us know your opinion on the matter and give us details for an answer to the Allied HQ, specially pointing out the reasons for your Ministry would not agree on the same request.

We take the opportunity to inform you that Bari Area has let us know that during the month of July 46 the following issues of POL to 1st Special Tpt Coy have been effected after the request of 56 Sub Area.

1.7.46	Benzina	Kg.	3.016
"	Gazolio	"	2.028
10.7.46	Benzina	"	3.000
"	Gazolio	"	8.960
"	"	"	2.400
11.7/46	Benzina	"	2.940

The a/m issues, after the request of the Allies HQ located in the refinery ANIC of Bari, have been effected for account of the Italian Ministry of War, and therefore our Provincial Agency located in the same Area has ordered the issue of a regular debit voucher to the 1st Special Tpt Coy.

Sgd C.I.P.

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FROM 5 B.L. U. 281000B
TO 12 O.A. C. MESTRE
INFO M. M. I. A. ROME
BT

AQ/56 (.) UNCLASSIFIED (.) 5 ITALIAN TERRITORIAL COMMAND REPORTED
THAT 6500/7000 X 37 MM NOT COLLECTED BECAUSE YOU HAVE NO INSTRUCTION
FOR RELEASE (.) PLEASE NOTIFY THIS HQ AS SOON AS YOU RECIEVE AQ/81

BT
SENT (J.R.G.)
RD KMH 1310 ARKKK
TKS A LOT PAL CHOW FOR NOW
CHOW
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SUBJECT: Releases - Ammunition.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.,
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
C.139

27 August 1946

TO : Ministry of War

1. In order to make good deficiencies arising from past issues against British commitments, issue of the following natures can now be made from 12 Ordnance Ammunition Coy., JESTRE

Authority - GHQ Issue Order No. 124/101 dated 23 Aug 46

NATURE	QUANTITY
57 mm. E M63 Fzd M58	5,000
37 mm. APC M51	8,000
37 mm. Cannister	2,000
Dets. Fuze Branch Junction	1,320
Igniters Peron	600
Igniters Elec.	2,935

2. It is understood the above mentioned ammunition will be removed to Forte Marghera Depot at San Giuliano near Mestre, under the jurisdiction of Directorate of Artillery, Venice.

HRL/cw.

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

Copy to : HQ 5 BU - to report completion of collection
DDOS HQ 13 Corps

TO : Ministry of War

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Authority - CHQ Issue Order No. 124/101 dated 23 Aug 46

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DDOS HQ 13 Corps
12 CAC

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H. R. HICKETT, Major
for Major General,
M.F.I.A.

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SUBJECT: Ammunition.

Lord Roberts Gun Commission A.C.,
 V.M.I.A.
 Rome
 Q.139

23 August 1946

TO : Ministry of War

1. In order to make good deficiencies arising from past issues against British commitments, issues of the following nature can now be made from 12 Ordnance Ammunition Company, MEYERS

	<u>Quantity</u>
O.A. .22 RF	6,000 rounds
Simulators Gun Flash	10,500
Igniters Simulators G F Elect. No. 90	10,500
Cartridges .380 Revolver	5,664
Bombs 2 in. Bomb Thrower	28,200
Grenades 36 R. Hand	1,522

Collected
 refd to
 20 AUG
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2. It is understood the above mentioned ammunition is required by the School of Artillery, BRAGLIANO and is being consigned there by 5 Territorial Command.



H.R. JONES, Major,
 for Major General,
 V.M.I.A.

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Copy to: HQ 5 BDE - This HQ 5/03/514 of 1 Aug & 5/03/515 of 6 Aug refers -
 Your HQ/56/91 of 3 Aug 46 and HQ/56/93 of 8 Aug. also
 refers -

Internal: HQ 12 BDE
 Internal: 3 (Trg.)
 Liaison

DRL/ov.

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SUBJECT: Ammunition.

Land Forces Sub Commission AG.,
M.N.I.A.
R o m e
Q.139

22 August 1946

TO : Ministry of War

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Further to this H.Q. letter even reference dated 22 Jul 46.

1. Information has been received that the 37 mm. ammunition is now available for immediate issue at 12 Ordnance Ammunition Coy, MESENE.
2. Please arrange early collection by 5 Territorial Command.

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H.R. DICKERT, Major,
for Major General,
M.N.I.A.

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Copy to : HQ 5 DIV - to report completion of collection.

Internal: Liaison

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SUBJECT:- Transfer Ammunition to the Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Commission AG.,
M.M.I.A.
Rome
Q.139

22 August 1946

TO : Ministry of War

1. Reference your letter No.58715/M/639 of 12 August 1946 in which you ask for explosives for training.
2. Please see our Q.139 of 24 July 1946 in which it was stated bulk transfer of ammunition had been completed. What is available is thus at your disposal.



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

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Internal: G(trg.)

HRH/cw.

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 SUBJECT:- Ammunition.

5 British Liaison Unit.
 Tel.: 1555

AC/56/104

20 Aug 46.

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

RECEIVED 24 AUG 1946
 157 18478

1. Ref your signal dated 1 Aug., 6000 rds cartridges
 SA 22 RF have been collected from 12 OAC MESTRE and
 forwarded to the School of Arty, BRACCIANO. *see by (Tg) xys L*

2. Items referred in your Q 139 of 22/7/46, not yet
 collected as 12 OAC have no instructions for their release.

These pending issue Order direct to Bld Q xys

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Tomson
 Major,
 DAA & QMG.

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SUBJECT:- Transfer Ammunition to the Italian Army.

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

✓ 4.139

16 August 1946

TO : War Ministry (by L.O.) 45

1. Ref your 3394/7518 of 5 August 46 in which you ask for release of following ammunition for training :

6	pdr.	No. 207
17	pdr.	" 199
25	pdr.	" 602
40	mm.	" 928 (in magazines)
3,7	inch.	" 8
5,5	inch.	" 20

2. Please see our 4.139 of 24 July 46 in which it was stated bulk transfer of ammunition had been completed. What is available is thus at your disposal.

3. As regards 37" + 54" your requirements should be made known to "G"(2) MMIA by WRE as no allocation of these calibres is being made.

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RAC

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

Internal : "G"(1)

RAC/aw.

TRANSLATION

From:- Ministry of War
To:- MMIA

Ref No: 58715/M/639

Date: 12 August 46

Subject:- Explosives for the Pioneer School at Civitavecchia

The Pioneer School at Civitavecchia has made a request to this Office for the following explosives for training the Demolition Coy. under its command

Light British Bangalore Torpedoes	100
Beehive charges	150
Friction and time primers (German and American)	1000
Windproof matches	100
VIS detonators for booby-traps	1000
Trip wire for "mine-yards"	1000
British comb charges	100
Limpet charges MX 2	200

Of the abovelisted explosives this Office has only the windproof matches at its disposal which will be sent to the Pioneer School.

We request your MMIA to kindly examine the possibility of allocating the remaining British stores the aforesaid School as soon as possible.

sgd. Crivaro
Minister

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A. Q. 139

TRANSLATION

FROM : Ministry of War

Ref: 33944/7518

TO : M.M.I.A.

Date: 5 August 1946

SUBJECT: Ammo for training purposes.

The release of the under mentioned ammunition is requested
for the training of ITI Arty Unit, issued with British weapons:

6	pdr	No 207
17	"	" 198
25	"	" 602
40	mm	" 928 (in magazines)
3.7	inch	" 8
5.5	"	" 20.

Arty School
Bracciano

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For the Minister P.G. Properzi

2473

Subject: Italian Army Ammunition Depot TERLIZZI

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

Q.139

30 July 1946

TO

: L.O.

Major Byatt

Reference attached correspondence and report from 9 BLU
please discuss with War Ministry, as a matter of urgency, the
suggestions put forward therein.

Rae

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

Copy to: 9-BLU (ref 64/109 of 24 July)

AQMG

Gen Properi contacted and suggestions
put forward. Accepted.

SMRE (confirmed Lt Col ALORA) have issued
instructions re tpt.

GENIO will deal with rest

Rae

1/8/46

42 a.

Subject: Transfer Ammunition to Italian Army.

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

Q.139

24 July 1946

TO : WAR MINISTRY

Reference your 15260/2818 of 2 March 1946 and further to this HQ Q.139 of 26 April 1946.

1. It is reported that bulk transfer of such ammunition as is available in 501 BAD to the Italian Army Depot at TERLIZZI has been completed.

The balance due will be released in due course probably from stocks now located in VENEZIA GIULIA.

2. The lack of POL in sufficient quantity is said to be holding up the distribution of this ammunition in accordance with your pre-arranged plan.

3. It will be agreed that the Army reserves of ammunition should reach the respective Depots with the minimum of delay in order that they may be stored under the best possible conditions and in the maximum security.

You are accordingly advised to

- (a) reduce the holdings of the TERLIZZI Depot to a minimum as soon as possible.
- (b) arrange for the safe custody of all ammunition in transit.
- (c) insist on the best possible storage arrangements at the receiving Depots.

4. You are requested to furnish the information called for under paragraph 4 of Q.139 of 26 April 1946.

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Copy to: List "B"

INTERNAL:

G(SD)
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Major General
Major General
M.M.I.A.

C O P Y

SUBJECT : Report on Ammunition Depot

9 British Liaison Unit
B A R I
Telephone - 11458

64/109

24 July 1946

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TO : 9 Terr HQ.
Copy to: Land Forces Sub Commission
A.C. (M.F.I.A.) Rome
(C. Branch)

1. The attached report by the DAA & QMG is forwarded.
2. In order that the move of ammunition to Divisions and Military Schools may proceed smoothly and expeditiously, Terlizzi Depot should be organised without delay. With this end in view it is recommended that S/Ten Macchioro Italo is given every assistance possible.
3. It is suggested that the following action should be undertaken without delay:-
 - (a) A car or jeep allotted to S/Ten Macchioro from 9 Terr Comd.
 - (b) 7 vehicles placed at his disposal from the Special Tapt Coy.
 - (c) A telephone installed at Terlizzi on 9 Terr Exchange.
 - (d) A fire service organised.
4. In addition a request should be made to the S.M.E. to allot 5 railway waggons daily until further notice, while the Special Tapt Coy should be asked to make arrangements for replacing worn out tyres in the near future.

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(H. Ferro) Major GS.
Comd. 9 B.L.U.

COPY

Report on the

Italian Ammunition Sub Depot

The following points arose during my visit to the Italian Ammunition Sub Depot at Terlizzi on the 24 July 46, and cover the organisation and administration of the depot and the arrangements for dispatch of amn by rail.

1. Organisation of Depot

(a) The Depot is commanded by S/Ten Macchione Italo. I do not consider that conditions existing in the depot at present reflect on his organising ability and capacity to carry out his duties efficiently. He appears to have been handicapped mostly by circumstances outside his control.

(b) According to the O.C. the establishment of the depot is 1 Officer and 36 ORs. The actual strength is 1 Officer and 50 ORs including 2 under Officers. The O.C. states that a further 5 under Officers are required to obtain maximum efficiency. In view of the size of the depot this seems a reasonable demand. The additional u/officers would count against present deficiencies in establishment.

(c) The arrangements for storage of ammunition presents a big problem at the moment. 13,000 tons of British ammunition were received during the period 1 June to 15 July. Resources for the handling of this amount of amn on reception appear to have been insufficient for the task, and reception was further complicated by lack of familiarity with British types of amn.

Considerable rearranging and restacking of amn is now necessary before the storage arrangements are satisfactory. The O.C. estimates this operation will take six weeks, and that provision of 6x3 tonners and an additional 36 civilian labours, each for 50 working days will be required.

The O.C. is preparing a work table and plan to be ready by 26 July for the revised amn layout, and I recommend that a priority is given to the provision of transport and labour facilities required for this purpose.

2. Administration.(a) Transport

There is no transport on the establishment of the depot, the area of which extends over 15 kilometres of road.

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2. Administration.

(a) Transport

There is no transport on the establishment of the depot, the area of which extends over 15 kilometres of road. A vehicle is required by the O.C. if he is to exercise effective supervision of the area. A vehicle is also required for maintenance and internal administrative tasks within the depot. One vehicle of the 15 cwt type could meet both these requirements at a minimum.

(b) Intercommunication.

The depot has no telephone facilities. A telephone requires to be installed at the HQ Office.

(c) Fire Precautions.

Fire appliances were to be drawn from Bari the same day. Transport requirements and telephonic communication as mentioned above should be considered from this angle also.

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(d) Amn Shelters.

Ammunition is at present deficient of sheltering. Adequate provision should be made from the sheltering of 501 B.A.D. now in course of transfer to the Italian Army.

5. Ammunition Dispatches.

- (a) Ammunition dispatches to the Divisions is proceeding. Approx 400 tons of amn have been dispatched since 1 July. As the loading capacity of the depot is 50 tons daily, increased availability of railway stock is required to expedite dispatches.
- (b) The C.C. states that the availability of transport for lifting amn from Terlizzi to railhead may decrease on account of difficulty in obtaining petrol supplies, and owing to the deterioration of tyres on bad road surfaces and difficulty in repairs and replacements. H.Q. M.M.I.A. is asking the Ministry of War to authorize a daily quota of 80 galls of petrol to meet this just requirements.

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Sgd. (J. Milner) Major
DAA & CMC

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Subject: Italian Army Transition Branch

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LAND FORCES AND COMMISSION AD
(M.M.L.A.)

Q.439

30 July 1946

TO : L.A.O.

(39)

Reference attached correspondence and report from 9 BLU
please discuss with War Ministry, as a matter of urgency, the
suggestions put forward therein.

R.A.

R.A. DEPT. Lt Col
for Major General
M.M.L.A.

Copy to: 9 BLU (ref 62/109 of 24 July)

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SUBJECT:- Ammunition.

RECEIVED 30 JUL 1946

5 Italian Territorial Command.
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5 British Liaison Unit.
Tel.: 1555

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26 Jul 46.

1. Attached for your information and necessary action is a copy of a letter from M.M.I.A. (Ref Q.139 dated 22nd July 46) and a Release Note for the collection of 6500/7000 x 37mm ammunition from 12 O.A.C. MESTRE.

2. Will you please notify this H.Q. as soon as collection is carried out.

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Major,
DAA & QMG.

Copy to:- M.M.I.A. (Your Q.139 dated 22 July 46 refers).

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30/7/46.

Subject : Report on Ammunition Depot.

To : 9 Terr HQ.
Copy to : Land Forces Sub Comm,
A.C. M.M.I.A. Rome.
(2 Branch).

9 British Liaison Unit,
BARI.
Telephone - 11458

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24 July 46.

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29 JUL 1946

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(C Branch).

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TO SSB	
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W. Ferro
(H. Ferro) Major GS.
Comd 4 B.L.U.

See (41)

Q139

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Report on the
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2. Administration.

(a) Transport.

There is no transport on the establishment of the depot, the area of which extends over 15 kilometres of road.

A vehicle is required by the O.C. if he is to exercise effective supervision of the area.

A vehicle is also required for maintenance and internal administrative tasks within the depot.

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One vehicle of the 15 cwt type could meet both these requirements at a minimum.

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(b) Intercommunication.

The depot has no telephone facilities. A telephone requires to be installed at the HQ office.

(c) Fire Precautions.

Fire appliances were to be drawn from Bari the same day. Transport requirements and telephonic communications as mentioned above should be considered from this angle also.

(d) Ann Shelters.

Ammunition is at present deficient of sheltering. Adequate provision should be made from the sheltering of 501 B.A.D. now in course of transfer to the Italian Army.

3. Ammunition Dispatches.

(a)

Ammunition dispatches to the Divisions is proceeding. Approx ~~5,000~~ ^{2,000} tons of ann have been dispatched since 1 July. As the loading capacity of the depot is 50 tons daily, increased availability of railway stock is required to expedite dispatches.

(b)

The O.C. states that the availability of transport for lifting ann from Terlizzi to railhead may decrease on account of difficulty in obtaining petrol supplies, and owing to the deterioration of tyres on bad road surfaces and difficulty in repairs and replacements. HQ M.M.I.A. is asking the Ministry of War to authorise a daily quota of 80 gallons of petrol to meet this ~~just~~ requirement.

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J. Milman

(J. Milman) Major,
DAA & OMG.

JM/sg

Subject: Transfer Ammunition to Italian Army.

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

Q.139

24 July 1946

TO : WAR MINISTRY

Reference your 15260/2818 of 2 March 1946 and further to this HQ Q.139 of 26 April 1946.

1. It is reported that bulk transfer of such ammunition as is available in 501 BAD to the Italian Army Depot at TERLIZZI has been completed.

The balance due will be released in due course probably from stocks now located in VENEZIA GIULIA.

2. The lack of POL in sufficient quantity is said to be holding up the distribution of this ammunition in accordance with your pre-arranged plan.

3. It will be agreed that the Army reserves of ammunition should reach the respective Depots with the minimum of delay in order that they may be stored under the best possible conditions and in the maximum security.

You are accordingly advised to

- (a) reduce the holdings of the TERLIZZI Depot to a minimum as soon as possible.
- (b) arrange for the safe custody of all ammunition in transit.
- (c) insist on the best possible storage arrangements at the receiving Depots.

4. You are requested to furnish the information called for under paragraph 4 of Q.139 of 26 April 1946.

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TO : WAR MINISTRY

Reference your 15260/2818 of 2 March 1946 and further to this HQ Q.139 of 26 April 1946.

1. It is reported that bulk transfer of such ammunition as is available in 504 BAD to the Italian Army Depot at TERLIZZI has been completed.

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4. You are requested to furnish the information called for under paragraph 4 of Q.139 of 26 April 1946.

Copy to: List "B"

INTERNAL:

G(SD)
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Major General
H.M.I.A.

(36)

Subject: Ammunition.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(L.F.A.)
Tel. 48908: Ext. 407

2 - 139

20 July 46

TO: Ministry of War.

1. In order to make good deficiencies in a previous issue, approx 6000/7000 rounds of 17mm ammunition will shortly become available at 18 C.I.B. MINTRE.

2. You will be informed of the date when this ammunition will be ready for removal and it is suggested it be assigned to the installation nearest to MINTRE.

LW 22/8

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Major General
L.F.A.

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Copy to: S.H.B. - to report progress.

SEE 64

INTERNAL: Liaison.

See 40

Key spoke Ld OLIVETTI / LUCASTI (BYATT) 20/8/46
Mgtw reported to make necessary arrangements for
providing a Depot to receive arms from 170 AC.
See files 151 and 153 on D/OS/26

Subject : Sten Ann.

LAND FORCES SUB COMD. AG
(M.H.I.A.) ROHE
Tel. 489081 Ext. 497

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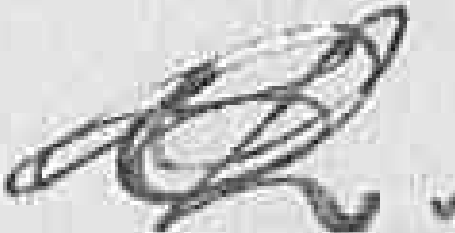
5 July 46

TO

: F.O.
: 3 B.L.U.

Reference your office letter Q/37/21 dtd 27 Jun 46.

1. Sten Carbines are being withdrawn on the issue of Thomson MO, therefore the issue of further Sten ann is not considered necessary.


H.P. HACKETT
Capt. Gen. List
for Major General
M.H.I.A.

HRL/lm

2460 *And*

Subject : Hand Grenade Primers.

File
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LAND FORCES SUB COMM.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
Tel. 489001 Ext. 407

Q . 139

5 July 46

TO : H.Q.
9 B.L.U.

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Attached hereto copy of Ministry of War letter
ref 23471/9194 of 24 June 46.

Please ensure that all available primers are
included in the bulk consignment of amm now being collected.

Sgd.

H.R. LUCKETT,
Capt. Gen. List
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

Copy to : Ministry of War

HRL/lm

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and

Subject : Ammunition.

9 British Liaison Unit,
BARI.

Ref 64/96

29 June 46.

To : Direzione d'Artiglieria, Bari.

Copy to : CC.RR. Legion, Bari.

9 Territorial H.Q.

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

501 B.A.D.

Reference our 64/78 of 6 June 46.

1. The 37 mm. reserve ammunition for the Artillery Directorate, Bari, may now be collected.
2. Please arrange to draw from 501 B.A.D. as soon as possible.

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H. Ferre
(H. Ferre) Major GS.
Comd. 9 B.L.U.

HF/gf

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SUBJECT: Sten Amn.

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

HQ M.I.A.

Q/37/21

27 Jun 46

1. Further to our signal ref Q 290 dated 17 Jun 46.
2. We are informed that the testing of parabellum amn has resulted in several minor accidents, and Legnano Div therefore do not intend to draw the 160,000 rounds allotted to them from the Arty Directorate at PIACENZA.
3. At the time we first requested the Legnano be issued with STEN amn, it was then a matter of operational urgency, because of the impending elections and the anticipated disturbances.
4. This emergency having passed, and it being confirmed that the Arty Directorate of PIACENZA does not hold any STEN amn, may the Ministry of War please be requested to authorise the issue to Legnano Division of 160,000 rounds of STEN amn from some other amn depot.
5. As an interim measure Legnano Div have arranged to have a qty of STEN amn held by the C.A.R. to be transferred to them in case of emergency.

MILAN
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TO: REC	
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DAA and QMG

Reply that problem does not arise as all stens are being withdrawn in exchange for M1919

Ltr 3820 5/7/46

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M.H.I.A.

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MINISTRY OF WAR

Q. 972

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SUBJECT AMBUSHION LEFT BEHIND VERLICH STOP REVEREND YOUR 64/89 OF 25
 JUNE STOP UNDER CHQ AUTHORITY 4001/01 OF 17 JUNE ~~DISCLOSED HERE~~ AUTHORIZED
 MAKE REASONABLE RELEASES OF POL FROM MILITARY STOCKS TO ITALIAN VEHICLES
 TREATED SUCH AS ISSUES TO CIP STOP INSURE THIS STATE IS UNDERSTOOD
 AND PUT INTO EFFECT STOP COORDINATE ACTION TAKEN

Q. 206

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Q. 159

Sgt.

Major C.E. King.

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Further to a check carried out of all hand-grenades on charge, the "Legnano" Infantry Division has noted that the following quantities of primers are missing:

- n° 1511 for bombs type 36
- " 334 " " 69
- " 47 " " 75
- " 3113 " " 77

The cause of the trouble is due to the fact that the hand-grenades were sent in boxes separate from those containing the primers, which, most likely, have been omitted or some of the cases of primers lost.

We inform your Mission of the above for any action you may take for the purpose of completing the hand-grenades in question.

QAL

sgd. Properzi
Gen.

TO: SAC	
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REMARKS	

27/6/62 Inform of BLV in order 0425
all available in being
that later one assigned 139
collected. QAL

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

4001/Q1.

22 Jun 46.

Subject: Closing out of Amm Depots.

MMTA.

Reference your signal Q 969 dated 21 Jun 46. Herewith our 4001/Q1 of 2 Jun 46, as requested.

DRW/DY.

Wheeler

D.R. WHEELER, Lieut.,
for Major General,
MGA.

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SUBJECT: Clearance of 501 BAD

TO: HQ 3 District (3)

G.H.S., C.M.F.

4001/Q1

22 Jun 46

1. This instruction sets out the policy which is to be followed for the clearance of 501 BAD: it supersedes GHA letter 4001/Q1 dated 26 Apr 46.

JUNE 46

2. The whole of the BAD resources, with the exception referred to in para 3 below, will be concentrated on the dumping of ammunition sentenced for dumping. This dumping will be completed by not later than 30 Jun 46.

3. Burning and demolition will continue at its present rate, and the limited number of outstanding issue orders to BTA and 13 Corps will be completed.

4. To meet the requirements referred to in paras 2 and 3 above and to cover the movement of civilian labour and miscellaneous internal commitments, ST at GHQ are so adjusting the current schedule of moves and disbandments of RASC transport units as to permit the allocation to 501 BAD of a daily lift of 900 tons.

JULY 46

5. It is intended to close out 501 BAD by not later than 15 Jul 46, and to effect this it is estimated that 501 BAD will need a daily lift of 800 tons during the period 1 - 15 Jul.

6. This tonnage will cover

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- (b) burning and demolition
- (c) internal working

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7. The sources of provision of this lift are at present under consideration, and are dependent upon such currently indeterminate factors as the programme of withdrawal of 27 and 28 Coys RASC and the ability of the Italian Army to assist in para 5(a) above. You will be notified later of the detailed arrangements.

8. Attached at Appendix 'A' is a statement of outstanding commitments.

W.D.A. CLARE

W.D.A. CLARE, Lieut-Colonel,
for Major-General,
MCA.

HCO/AG

Copy to: GCO 501 BAD : Q(Mov) : ORD 4 : ST 3

Appendix 'A' to 4001/Q1
dated 2 Jun 46

JUNE 1946 (all figures are as at 27 May)

Awaiting Dumping	12,000
For burning or demolition	2,800
Outstanding issue orders	3,000

JULY 1946 (all figures are as at 1 Jul)

To be concentrated for ITALIAN Army	13,000
For burning or demolition	1,400

NOTES

- (a) With the exception referred to below all other ammunition held in 501 BAD will be handed over to CDO in situ.
- (b) Disposal instructions for 8,000 tons US ammunition are awaited but it is NOT expected that the disposal of the ammunition will involve a transport commitment.

Subject : Ammunition - Progress Report.

9 British Liaison Unit,
BARI.
Telephone : 11458.

64/89/

20 June 46.

To : H.Q.

M.M.I.A.

Ref Q.139 of 14 June 46, herewith progress report as at
0900 hrs 18 June 46.

1. Maggiore Bonelli, a War Ministry representative, arrived in Bari on 18 June 46. Arrangements have been made for him to meet the Depot Comd. 501 B.A.D.

2. P.O.L. will be required from local supplies, i.e. from C.I.P. Bari, who furnish all British requirements in this area. The local director of C.I.P. has been requested to contact the Ministry of War for authority to issue.

3. In the meantime the move of ammunition from 501 B.A.D. to Terlizzi is shown in the following return. Italian ammunition figures at Terlizzi remain the same as per return forwarded under 68/86 dated 13 June 46.

British Ammunition.

.303 Belt Mk VII
9 mm Para
.303 Ctn
.303 Bdr
.303 Incend

Balance.

11,408,500
2,869,760
4,772,352
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.303 Ctn
.303 Bdr
.303 Incend
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2" Mor Smoke
2" Mor Red Smoke
40 mm AA
.45 Auto Steel

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Inf.
(H. Ferro) Major GS.
Comd. 9 B.L.U.

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REF: YOUR C 40149 AND 1001/1 OF 17 JUNE STOP NO TRADE
YOUR 1001/04 OF 2 JUNE STOP MESSAGE FORWARDED COPY

See 21

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E.F. HARRIS, Major

(18)

IMMEDIATE.G.H.Q. C.M.F.4001/01.17 Jun 46.Subject: Clearance of 501 BAD.HQ 3 District (3).

Further to our letter of even number dated 2 Jun 46,
para 7.

1. The ITALIAN War Ministry has agreed to provide the transport necessary to concentrate the ammunition earmarked for the ITALIAN Army.
2. MMIA have been instructed to arrange in conjunction with you for the movement of the necessary transport units to the BARI area in order that they may be in a position to commence work on 1 Jul 46.
3. You are authorised to make reasonable releases of POL from military stocks to ITALIAN vehicles participating in this work, if the limited stocks at the War Ministry's disposal are inadequate. Such issues will be treated as issues to CIP and recorded accordingly.

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W.D.A. CLATE
W.D.A. CLATE, Lt. Col.,
for Major General,
MGA.

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19/6/46
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TRANSLATION

FROM : M. of W.

TO : M.M.I.A.

REF : 4/1706/Serv

DATE : 15/6/46

SUBJECT: Training Ammo.

1. In reply to your letter No SD/109/3 dated 6th inst. As already stated in our previous letter No 1501/Serv dated 29/5/46, the 5 Inf Divisions were not issued with the complete scale of ammo, not even by the 1 Nov 1945 and consequently their operational efficiency was weak.
- Said efficiency was further weakened through using part of the ammo, held for training purposes.-
- We beg your to kindly consider that:-
- in order to maintain, for the Divisions, the standard of efficiency wished for, it will be necessary to have at all times a adequate quantity of ammunition which permits training requirements to be met with regular continuity, without having to use the first and second line scale of issue of ammo.
 - The operational efficiency of units is prejudiced by both the lack and incomplete scale of issue of ammo, and by the lack or insufficient training for combat.

2. We agree that within the 10.000 tons of ammunition being issued at present by the 501 B.A.D. of Bari, it will not be possible to complete the 1st and 2nd line scale of issue for Infantry Div. and to supply at the same time, regularly and continuously, ammunition to all Units of the Army, which require same for training purposes.

In such situation and with the intention of securing in advance the completion of ammunition scales answering to any operational requirement, it will be necessary to limit greatly, or even postpone the use of ammunition for training purposes (which will harm the efficiency of units) until the necessary supply of ammunition for all the requirements of the army, are secured.

3. Whilst pointing out the above, we beg your M.M.I.A. to examine the possibility of granting to the Italian Army a sufficient quantity of ammunition not only to make up the present deficiencies, but also to supply all units with the essential quantities for this year's

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- of the ammo, held for training purposes.
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 - The operational efficiency of units is prejudiced by both the lack and incomplete scale of issue of ammo, and by the lack or insufficient training for combat.

2. We agree that with the 10,000 tons of ammunition being issued at present by the 504 B.A.D. of Bari, it will not be possible to complete the 1st and 2nd line scale of issue for Infantry Div. and to supply at the same time, regularly and continuously, ammunition to all Units of the Army, which require same for training purposes.

In such situation and with the intention of securing in advance the completion of ammunition scales answering to any operational requirement, it will be necessary to limit greatly, or even postpone the use of ammunition for training purposes (which will harm the efficiency of units) until the necessary supply of ammunition for all the requirements of the army, are secured.

3. Whilst pointing out the above, we beg your M.M.I.A. to examine the possibility of granting to the Italian Army a sufficient quantity of ammunition not only to make up the present deficiencies, but also to supply all units with the essential quantities for this year's training. It seems that as the present moment; this is an impossibility, due to the fact that the 27,000 tons of ammunition, of which release was pre-announced in letter Q/103, dated 26/1/46 and which included the estimated requirement for a twelve months' period of training, were later reduced to only 10,000 tons. Subsequently, it will be necessary, having calculated the consumption of ammunition for one year's training of all the troops, to ensure each year a timely issue of the corresponding quantity of ammunition.

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Sgd. LUZZI,
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See Q/139
M.M.I.A. 38.01

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FROM 3 BLU 1715000
TO HQ MEXIA

BT
0200 (.) U/C (.) REF YOUR 10067 OF 15 JUNE (.) SUBJECT ARM FOR
LEGNAO STONE (.) PARABELLUM ARM AVAILABLE IS GERMAN ORIGIN (.)
LEGNAO HAVE REQUESTED ARTY DIRECTORATE OF 3 TEST COND TO TEST SUITAB-
ILITY OF THIS ARM FOR USE WITH STONE (.) RESULT OF TEST WILL BE KNOWN IN
FEW DAYS (.) ~~LEGNAO~~ LEGNAO DO NOT WANT TO DRAW UNTIL ASSURED SAFE FOR
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REPORT 1419

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FROM AFHQ 172016 B

TO NMIA

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C 49194 UNCLAS FROM Q GNC CNT .

YOUR Q 139 DATED 14 SUBJECT CONCENTRATION ANN 521 BAD FOR HAND OVER
TO ITALIAN ARMY .

ONE . PARA ONE NOTED .

TWO . PARA TWO REFERS PARA THREE OUR 4601/Q1 DATED 22 ADDRESSED
DISTHREE COPY YOU

THREE . PARAS THREE AND ~~four~~ NOTED BUT IMPOSSIBLE TECHNICAL REASONS
AGREE YOUR PROPOSALS .

FOUR . ARRANGE IMMEDIATELY IN CONJUNCTION DISTHREE MOVE OF
INSUFFICIENT TPT UNITS TO BARI AREA TO PROVIDE DAILY LIFT 400 TONS
EFFECTIVE 1 JUL . REDUCTION FROM 300 REFERENCE PARA TWO OUR
4189/Q1 DATED 06 MADE POSSIBLE AS RESULT USE BRITISH TPT ON DAYS
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TRANSLATION

S I G N A L

URGENT

FROM : HEAD OF STAFF

REF : 1/1760/Serv.

TO : ~~MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA~~
COMILITER BARI
M.W.ART.DPT.ROME

DATE : 15.6.46

info : MEMIA ROME

MEMIA HAS ARRANGED IMMEDIATE RELEASE ALLIED AMMO TO BITONTO DEPOT
 STOP AMMO HAS TO BE TRANSPORTED TO TERLIZZI DEPOT AND AT THE
 SAME TIME RAILING WILL BE INITIATED AS PER FORESEEN ASSIGNMENTS
 STOP TOMORROW MORNING 16TH INST AN AUTOSECTION DIRECTED TO BITONTO
 WILL LEAVE FROM ROME AND WILL BE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY A SECOND
 AUTOSECTION STOP SAID VEHICLES WILL SECURE TRANSPORT FROM BITONTO
 TO TERLIZZI AND LOAD FROM RAILING STOP PETROL WILL BE SUPPLIED ?
 BY ALLIES STOP CONVOY WILL BE ALSO ESCORTED BY AN OFFICER MINISTRY
 OF WAR ARTILLERY DEPARTMENT STOP HEAD OF STAFF 110015

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SUBJECT AMIN FOR STERN LEGNANO STOP SEE Q.139 30 MAY ATOP WAR
MINISTRY RELEASED ON 28 MAY 160000 - 9 PARABELLIUM FROM PLACENZA
STOP CONFIRM ISSUE HAS BEEN MADE.

SEE 17

Q.139

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R.A. Curties

R.A. CURTIES. Lt.Col.

SUBJECT:- Italian Army - Issue of ammunition.

Land Forces Sub Commission AC.,
M.M.L.A.
R O M E
Q.139

12 June 1946

TO : G.H.Q.

Ref your 4109/Q1 dated 6 June 1946.

1. The War Ministry have agreed to assist with transport the concentration of ammunition earmarked for the Italian Army which it is desired to hand over in situ at the Terlizzi depot.
2. You are requested to authorise under the circumstances the issue of P.O.L. for this special task if sufficient can not be made available from the limited stocks at the War Ministry's disposal.
3. In the interests of economy you are requested to authorise the Depot Commander 501 RAD to restrict the double handling to small arms ammunition and grenades. It is suggested that details be left to the Depot Commander who will have the assistance of Major Aylward MLLA in his dealings with the War Ministry representative.
4. In order that the hand over of the Depot may not be retarded the War Ministry are prepared to take over the heavier ammunition (eg 25 pdr) in its present location and to arrange with ARAR for its removal after control has passed to ARAR.

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TO : G.H.Q.

Ref your 4109/01 dated 6 June 1946.

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W. A. K. P. H. A.
Major General
M.M.I.A.

Copy to : War Ministry (ref. Q. 139 of 26 Apr 46)
9 BLU

Internal: "C"
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with copy of folio 13 attached.

SUBJECT: Ammunition Stocks.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q.139
26 April 1946

TO : War Ministry

137 in 1st J. 15 4/39

1. Reference your 15260/2818 of 2 Mar 46 and further to our Trg/42/1 of 28 Mar 46 (copy list "B"), release has now been obtained for approx. 10,000 tons ammunition from 501 B.A.D.

The discrepancy between this quantity and the originally estimated as available is due chiefly to the fact that mortar ammunition of any calibre is not at present to be issued.

2. Separate instructions will follow regarding Mortar ammunition and any further Allied surplus ammunition which may later become available.

The quantity now released is estimated to cover your immediate requirements.

Bulk may be broken at 501 B.A.D. and your representative should be instructed as to details of initial distribution to Territorial Commands.

3. Details as to natures and quantities are being sought but should be obtained direct by your representative from 9 B.L.U. in conjunction with the Depot Commander.

4. You are required to arrange for rail move and for safe custody during transit and should report in due course:-

- (a) breakdown of loads arranged to each Territorial Command.
- (b) completion of delivery to Unit or Depot concerned.
- (c) Remaining deficiencies by types against your estimated requirements for period ending 31 Dec 1947.

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W. C. C. C. C.
Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to:- "C",
ORD.

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W. C. C. C. C. C.
Major General,
U.M.I.A.

Copy to:-

"G",
ORD,
List "G",
9 B.L.U. (action para 3).

RAC/ar

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

4109/01

6 Jun 46

SUBJECT: Italian Army - Issue of AmmunitionTO: Allied Commission
Land Forces Sub Commission (LFA)

Your Q 139 dated 3 Jun 46.

1. It is for all practical purposes impossible for both the Italian War Ministry and ARAR to take over ammunition in situ at 501 BAD. As therefore ARAR have to take over more than 100,000 tons, and the War Ministry some 13,000 tons only, the only practical course is for ARAR to take over in situ and for the ammunition earmarked for the Italian Army to be concentrated separately and then similarly taken over in situ.

2. To effect this concentration a transport lift of 800 tons daily is required for the period 1 to 15 Jul. This transport cannot be provided from British sources and the Italian Army must accordingly assist in this operation. Detailed arrangements for the provision of this lift will be arranged by DPT GHQ in conjunction with your AIST.

3. No serviceable ammunition which would be of value to the Italian Army is being handed over to ARAR or otherwise disposed of.

4. Present releases plus ammunition which will become available on the withdrawal of British and Polish troops from Italy, are adequate with few exceptions for

(a) First and Second line holdings for weapons issued subsequent to 1 Jun 46.

(b) Training expenditure until 31 Dec 46.

(c) Reserve holdings of one month at contact and two months at quiet rates for the current Order of Battle of the Italian Army.

and represent fulfillment of our promises to the Italians.

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3. No serviceable ammunition which would be of value to the Italian Army is being handed over to ARAR or other-wise disposed of.
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W.D.A. CLARE, Lieut-Colonel,
for Major-General,
MGA.

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W.D.A. CLARE

A. P. 139
11/6/46
W.D.A.

Subject: Ammunition for CC.ME Legions.

British Legion Unit,
B.M.I.

Telephone: 13065

64/78.

6 June 44.

To: Memorandum D'Artillerie Bari.

Copy to:

CC.ME Legions Bari.

9 Barr HQ.

Land Forces Sub Group AS Rome.

501 E.S.S.2.

Ref our 64/64 of 25 May at Para 1.

1. Ammunition figures of 37 are available for the Artillery Directorate
Bari as reserve to read as follows:-

HE	-	3200
APC	-	35794
Can	-	2520

2. This reserve ammunition will not be collected until further
instructions are issued by this office. This is to ensure that the
other allocations are met in full.

J. B. Flower 2640.

(J.B. Flower) Major.

Copy to:

C. S. H. Haggan Earl.

9 Terr 60.

Lead for our old Comm AC Romp. —

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Ref our 64/54 of 25 May 46 Para 1.

1. Amend figures of 17 mm available for the Artillery Directorate
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HB	-	0200
APC	-	35794
Can	-	2520

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J. B. Howard
 2440.

(J. B. Howard) Major.
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11/6/46
 W.A.

Subject: Ammunition for the Italian Army.

9 Division Liaison Unit,
BARI.
Telephone - 13809

64/74.

3 June 46.

To: 9 Terr HQ.

Copy to:

Land Forces Sub Comm AG,

M.M.I.A. Rome.

501 B.A.D. (att part 5).

Further to our 64/65 of 28 May 46.

1. 501 BAD have now started concentrating certain types of ammunition, such as mines, at their sub depot which is nearest Terlizzi.
2. When this concentration has been completed, 501 BAD will inform this office who in turn will notify 9 Terr HQ in order that the date of handover may be fixed.
3. Until this handover takes place, the Italian authorities are in no way responsible for this ammunition.
4. This ammunition will be handed over in situ.
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J. B. Aylward
(J.B. Aylward) Major,
D.A.A. & C.M.G.

JBA/ag

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5/6/48
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SUBJECT: Italian Army - Issue of Ammunition.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,

M.M.L.A.

ROME

O.159

3 June 1946

NO : C.H.O.

1. It is pointed out that the transfer of ammunition to Italian Army Depots (Ord. Directorate DCS/26/8(4) of 26 Apr 46 refers) would be facilitated if the War Ministry representative were enabled to take this over in situ and make up train loads in accordance with their own completed plan for distribution.

2. It appears however that the C.C. 501 B.A.D. is anxious to transfer the Italian Army consignment to an adjacent site and hand it over complete. This involves the move of a considerable tonnage from BUCCHIO to TERNI for which inadequate transport is available.

The result would appear to be delay and some waste of effort. May the objections to the alternative suggested above be re-examined and instructions issued which will facilitate the transfer of this ammunition needed to build up the Italian Army Reserve stocks.

3. It is reported that A.R.A.R. are taking over a considerable quantity of ammunition in situ.

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L. Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to:- 9 B.L.U., BARI

Internal: OSD

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SUBJECT : AMMUNITION FOR CO. RR. LEGIONS.

3 British Liaison Unit,
B A R I.
Telephone - 13069

6/2/64

28 May 46

TO : CC.NR. Legion Bari.
 Direzione D'artiglieria, Bari

CCNY to : Land Forces Sub Commission (MILA) Rome.
 501 B.A.D.
 2 Terr. HQ.

Q130
Folio 42

Re: telephone conversation of 28 May (Lembo - Narasco) and further to our 64/52 of 16 May 46.

1. Ammunition as below is available for collection from 501 B.A.D.
w.e.f. 28 May 46.

To Palermo.	37	100	2000
Rome		100	1040
Naples		100	4000
Milan		100	2030
		100	2000
		100	1040
		100	5000
		100	2600
		100	840
		100	420
Cesano (Central Trg School)		100	15000
		100	840
Arty Directorate Bari		100	5000
(As Reserve)		100	5000
		100	5000

Spd 12

Prosp. 1000 ft.

2. Owing to there being insufficient CC.R.R. personnel for escort duties until after June 2nd, the CC.R.R. Legion Band will arrange for railway waggons to be available on 4 June and it is suggested that loading begins on that date.

5. The CC.MM. Legion Dori is responsible for providing escorts as necessary for the above ammunition.

504 E.A.D.
2 Terr. HQ.

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Ref telephone conversation of 28 May (Lombo - Narasco) and further to our 64/52 of 15 May 46.

1. Ammunition as below is available for collection from 504 E.A.D. w.e.f. 28 May 46.

To Palermo.	37 mm	APC	2000
Rome		HE	1040
Naples		APC	4000
		HE	2080
		APC	2000
Milan		HE	1040
Bari		APC	5000
		HE	2600
		APC	840
		HE	420
Cesano (Central Trg School)		APC	15800
Arty Directorate Bari		HE	8340
(As Reserve)		APC	5000
		HE	5820
		CLM	1620

2. Owing to there being insufficient CC.MR. personnel for escort duties until after June 2nd, the CC.MR. Legion Bari will arrange for railway waggons to be available on 4 June and it is suggested that loading begins on that date.

3. The CC.MR. Legion Bari is responsible for providing escorts as necessary for the above ammunition.

4. The ammunition for the Bari Legion and the reserve to be held by the Direzione D'artiglieria Bari may be collected immediately, as well as 1,500,000 rounds of .30 mm which still remains to be collected and which is presumably part of the reserve held by the Direzione D'artiglieria Bari.

5. An officer to be detailed by the CC.MR. Legion Bari will be responsible for signing for all the ammunition mentioned in this letter.

6. This is the final consignment of ammunition for the CC.MR. Legions.

Sec 11. (J.B. ALBERT) Major.
DA 4 33.

Subject : Ammunition.

RECEIVED 30 MAY 46
1510

9 British Liaison Unit,
BARI.
Telephone - 13869

64/68.

28 May 46.

To : Land Forces Sub Comm AC
(MMIA) Rome.

SR 1st J.
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1. Difficulty is being experienced in obtaining breakdown figures of the ammunition for the Italian Divisions etc.
2. At the moment only one such list has been received by this office, (a copy of which was attached to our 64/45 of 10 May 46)
3. It would be appreciated if you would forward immediately any that may have been issued since the one mentioned in para 2 and in future send us a copy direct of any consignments as soon as they are made known to you.

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(J.B. Aylward) Major
D.A. & J.B.

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MESSAGE FORM

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Date-Time of Origin

OFFICE DATE STAMP

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(W) For Information (INFO)

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Subject : Ston Gun Amn.

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

Q. 139

30 May 46

TO : 3 R.L.U. MILAN.

Ref your Q.287 dtd 28 1200 and telcom Major QDD/
Capt. LUCHESE even date.

1. Attached hereto copy of letter received from Ministry of War, in answer to suggestion of this H.Q. that necessary number of rounds be transferred from nearest Army Directorate to 'Legnano' Inf Div, for the two guard battalions.
2. Advice should be rendered to this H.Q. when transfer of amm has been completed.


H.R. LUCHESE,
Capt. Gen List
M.E.I.A.

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FROM : MINISTRY OF WAR
TO : M.M.I.A.
Info : W.M. Cabinet
W.M. Artil. & Mot. Gen. Dir.

REF : 4/1498/Serv.

DATE : 28 May 46Subject : STEN Gun Ammo.

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Your ref. Q.139 of 23 May 46.

The "Legnano" Inf. Div. have been authorized to draw from Artill. Dir. of Piacenza 160 thousand cartridges cal. 9 for the necessities of the two new assigned battalions.

sgd. Col. M. Meloni

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R.A. CURTIS, LT. COL.

Subject : Ammunition.



9 British Liaison Unit,
BARI.
Telephone - 13869

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28 May 46.

To : Land Forces Sub Comm AC
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TRANSLATION

FROM : MINISTRY OF WAR

TO : MMIA

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 TO HQ MMIA
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28 MAY 1968

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