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Q. 139

British Ammo

Nov. 1945 - July 1947

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SUBJECT: Disposal Surplus Amn  
to Italian Army.

Tel: MESTRE 27060

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

4004/Q1

23 Jul 47

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TO: Italian Land Forces Branch AFHQ

RECEIVED 28 JUL 1947  
49 (DATE)

Ref your Q.139/LF dated 14 Jul 47.

It is regretted that no forecast of amn availabilities  
will be possible until a firm date for 'R' Day is announced.

*D.G. Parkins*

(D.G. PARKINS) Major,  
for Maj Gen,  
GOC CMF.

DGP/KGS.

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SUBJECT - : Disposal of Surplus Arm. to Italian Army.

5 British Liaison Unit,  
Tel. : UDINE 1657,  
ORD/9

23 July 47.

ARMQ  
Italian Land Forces Branch.

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28 JUL 1947

(23) (22)

Reference your D. 139/LF of 14 July 47 copy to this Unit, and my even No. dated 13 July 47 copy to you.

1. Herewith copy of reply from D.D.O.S, CHQ, QAF (DOS/26/8(4) of 22 July 47) which is self explanatory.

UDINE  
Fd  
/ml.

Diary.

See Q letter plus 25

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L. Pearce  
Capt., Cpx.  
(L.H. PEARCE),  
for Lt.-Col,  
GS.

| To 30 |  |
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24A

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

Subject :- Disposal of Surplus Amn  
to Italian Army.

Ref : DOS/26/8(4)  
Tel : Mestre 27166  
Date : 22nd July 47

To :- 5 B. L. U.

1. Reference your ORD/9/24 dated 18th July 47, it is advised that 'Q' GHQ are dealing with the queries raised in ILFB letter Q 139/LF dated 14 July 47 and that when a decision is given a copy will be forwarded to you.

Delta file 25

(K.W. FEAR) Major.  
DADOS (Amn).  
for Colonel.  
D.D.O.S.

Q  
 SUBJECT: Place of Surplus Am to Station Am

5 British Liaison Unit  
 Tel: 1000 1007  
 May 2/24

18 Jul 47

S.D.O.A.  
 HQ CEF.

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Sec. 22

Reference IEFB letter 0.139/18 dated 14 July 47 addressed to G.H.Q. (Copy attached for your reference.)

1. It would be appreciated if the present position regarding hand over of Fock 'A' MMRK and information re stocks could be notified to this Unit.

2. It is understood also that there is a large quantity of 303 mm in Fock 'A'. May this be confirmed please.

3. May instructions be given that copies of vouchers are forwarded to HQ IEFB as soon as possible after transfer has taken place.

| To             |  |
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| A/Q            |  |
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| Q Liaison      |  |
| Q Maint        |  |
| Q (AE) Liaison |  |
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Copy To: HQ IEFB AMM BMS

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ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS  
Italian Land Forces Branch  
(Formerly M.M.I.A.)

Tel : DUTLAX  
Ext : 445

C.139/TF

14 Jul 47

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, G.F.(2)

SUBJECT : Disposal surplus ammunition to Italian Army.

Reference CG.107 of 11 March 47.

It is requested that a forecast of ammunition which will be available at MESTRE for hand over to the Italian Army may be forwarded for the information of the Italian Defence Ministry.

Previous forecasts are considered out of date and this information is now urgently required.

The latest ord vouchers to reach this Headquarters are DOS/VR/3,5 - 9, and 14.

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for Major General,  
Director.

Copy to : 5 PLU  
Internal: Ordnance.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
Italian and French Forces French  
(Formerly MHA)

Rel: IMPLEX  
Ref: 435

Q.139/12 ←

14 July 47

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, CEF. (2)

Subject: Disposal surplus ammunition to Italian Army.

Reference your Q.107 of 11 March 47.

It is requested that a forecast of ammunition which will be available at MERTON for hand over to the Italian Army may be forwarded for the information of the Italian Defence Ministry.

Previous forecasts are considered out of date and this information is now urgently required.

The latest Cef vouchers to reach this Headquarters are DES/VA/3.5 + 9, and 14.

See (25)

*R. R. R.*  
Major General,  
Director.

Copy to: 5 HBU

Internal: Circulation.

C O P Y

(21)

SUBJECT: Ammunition - Ballistic Data.

From: M.I.4 Colonel

No: M.I.4.c./19/0/18/47

June 1947

To : Land Forces Section,  
A.F.H.Q.

Your No. SD/109/3 Date: 3 Apr 1947

Reference your above quoted memorandum.

The 22 Ball Cartridge is supplied to the Army by the Trade, and in consequence no Process Manuals or production data are available in the War Office.

Please advise the Italians to get in touch with the sole manufacturers of the Cartridge, Messrs I.C.I.\* who will supply them with the information direct.

Lt.Col., G.S.

\* at I.C.I. House, London S.W.I.

COPY to

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Extract from

"Q" LIAISON LOG X VI DATED 1 / 47

2. Release Ammo - Fort SPINEA - 25.4.47Q(AE)  
Q139

Informed Col. Meloni that G.H.Q. had warned this H.Q. that several hundred tons of ammo held in FORT SPINEA would be available to Italian Army w. e. f. 26 April and that contacts were to be made with Depot Comdr. 5 B.L.U. had already been warned and were taking action.

Col. Meloni will follow this up.

Spec 19

Q(AE)  
Q139

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FROM : GHQ CMF

23 1530 B

TO : I L F B

INFO : HQ 86 AREA  
12 OAC  
5 BIU

REF : OS/769

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FROM DADOS (AMN) (.)

SUBJECT IS HANDOVER OF AMN TO ITALIAN ARMY (.)

FORT "B" READY FOR HANDOVER W E F 26 APRIL 47 (.)

PLEASE ARRANGE FOR REFS TO REPORT 12 O A C MESTRE

TO CHECK AND TAKE OVER ON DATE STATEDDistribution: ORD/9/LF  
Q.139/LFjw  
25/4/47

ORD dealing SM 25/4

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addos sp 00 5 BLU 25/4.  
They are to inform the HQ  
of quantities of supplies handed  
over. 25/4.

Extract from

LIAISON LOG \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_ 4

A/Q  
1390

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7. Ammunition deficiencies - 15.4.47

Discussed Ministry of National Defence letter 4/900/Serv dated 27 March 47 with Col MELONI and Lt Col OLIVETTI. Informed these officers that this HQ was well aware of their deficiencies but that the Ministry would have to be content to accept block releases which might or might not include all their deficiencies. Every effort was being made to make good such deficiencies. This was accepted.

b7c

## TRANSLATION

From: M. of D.  
To : Land Forces Branch

Ref: 4/900/Serv  
Date: 27/3/47

Subject: Ammunition deficiencies. -

Ref. your letter Q/139/LF dated 5/3/47. -

| To See    |  |
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| Q Liaison |  |
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1. - We have taken note of the type and quantity of ammunition to be released next month as stated in a/m letter. In consequence instructions have been issued for:

- the taking on charge and distribution of the said ammunition;
- the storing of the other quantities which, as previously stated, will be released further to the handing over of supplies by disbanded British units.

2. - We would point out, however, that the list attached to the a/m letter did not include the following types of ammunition, which are not available in Italian Army stores, and which for the completion of 1st and 2nd line scales of issue to units of the Army and to carry out the necessary training, we must have at least the quantities shown below as soon as possible:

- |                                               |                                                              |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| a) - Cartridges for snipers' precision rifles | { ordinary 1.200.000<br>tracer 100.000<br>incendiary 100.000 |
| b) - H.E. shells for 6 pdr guns               | 5.000                                                        |
| c) - " " " 17 " "                             | 2.000                                                        |
| d) - A.P. " " 25 " "                          | 2.000                                                        |
| e) - Additional super charges for 25 pdrs     | 2.000                                                        |
| f) - Signal pistol cartridges                 | { red 4.000<br>green 2.000<br>flare 21.000                   |

3. - We beg you, therefore, to finally draw the attention of the Supreme HQ to the contents of para 2 in order that, in relation to the requirements of the British Army, the

- 2 -

above mentioned quantities of ammunition be released to the Italian Army as soon as possible. -

sgd. Liuzzi  
Gen.

RAG

AMER LABS PERCHES BRANCH (Formerly MIRA)

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SD 5340

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REF TOUR CG 107 OF 11 MARCH PARA 3 (.) REQUEST INFORMATION  
APPROXIMATE QUANTITY 303 TO BE HANDLED OVER AT H E S 2 R E (.)  
REDUCED TOTAL ITALIAN REQUIREMENT IS 50 MILLION ROUBLES OF  
WHICH 15 MILLION ALREADY REPORTED AVAILABLE BY CGR IN SD 0718  
OF 21 JAN LEAVING UNRECOVERED REQUIREMENT OF A FURTHER 15  
MILLION ROUBLES AS REPORTED IN OUR SD/109/4/LE OF 13 FEB

COPT TO: G(220)  
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M W Hope  
S.V. REP, Brigadier

I Q. 139/LE

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Q 139/12

15 Mar 47

HQ  
5 BTH.Subject:-- Releases - Ammunition.

With reference to your AQ/59 of 111200 A.

1. Attached hereto copy of Q 139/12 and Appendix "A" dated 5 Mar 47.

HRL/wf

  
Lt Col,  
AQMG.

R. H. H.

## COPY BROWNING SIGNAL

FROM: GHI GHI

111235

A

TO : LAND FORCES SUB SECTION (LAFS) BOMB

INFO: AMM

RESTRICTED

03107

SUBJECT EQUIPMENT FOR ITALIAN ARMY (.)

ONE (.) HAVE AVAILABLE AT U S I N S 500 PIAT (.) UNDERSTAND  
ITALIAN ARMY REQUIRE THESE (.) REQUEST CONFIRMATION OF  
ACCEPTANCE AND PROPOSALS FOR COLLECTION (.)

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

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

FOUR (.) THE ABOVE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT BY AMM BEFORE DISPATCH  
EX 75414 DATED 8 MAR EXCEPT .300 BROWNING WHICH WAS TOO  
SMALL TO BASICALLY REFUSE THAT SIGNAL

12 Mar 1947

SD DISCUSSION: SD/109/2/LF  
SD/109/3/LF  
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R 15/5/47

A. 139/LF

Q 7065 809 (13)  
 REC'D 12 MAR 1947

LOG V NEWS 112459  
 FROM : S B L W 111230A  
 TO : INAS LTSS ROME  
 BT

AG/59. NOCLASS. REF YOUR ~~111230~~ 0139/ LF DATED 5 MAR. LETTER EVEN DATE  
 AND REF DEFERRED TO NOT RECEIVED

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 SENT NR 112459 33 B K  
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| Q 10th    |  |

19/5  
 R 12/3/47

A Q 151

~~111230 INAS LTSS ROME 111230A~~

see 16

Subject:- Ammunition HoldingsCONFIDENTIAL

B. 86 Area CMT

Q227

5 Mar 47

List 'A'

1. Agreed scale holdings of ammunition for all units is now
  - (a) First line ammunition only.
  - (b) Three months training ammunition at training rates.
2.
  - (a) Units will adjust their holdings to conform to para 1 above.
  - (b) Units will backload nearest all surplus ammunition to 12 Ord Amr Coy MESTIA notifying nature and quantities to 12 O.A.C. copy to DADOS this 30.
3. Units will submit demands to this HQ to meet any unit deficiencies to para 1 above.
4. Safety precautions as notified in GRC 804/44 will be complied with.

R D. Williams major

Lt - Col  
AA & QMG  
86 Area.

Q139

Extract from

"Q" LIAISON LOG XI DATED 6 March 47

Lt Col OLIVETTI

5. 3. 47.

Handed in letter Q. 139 dated 5 March on release of ammo being concentrated in N. Italy by GENQ.  
Col Olivetti very much appreciated the quantity but urged the War Ministry's great need for PIAT bombs.

ACME  
Q (Maint)  
Q. 139

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→ Q 139/IF  
5 Mar 47HQ  
5 BLN.Subject:- Releases - Ammunition.

Ref this HQ letter Q 139/IF to Ministry of National  
Defense-Army, dated 5 Mar 47, copy to you.

1. Please contact OC 12 OAC, MESTRE and arrange the  
actual takeover at the time appointed by GHQ.
2. Report completion to this HQ.

HRE/wt

Col,  
A/Q.R.  
5/3/47  
JMW

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Q 139/LP

5 Mar 47

Ministry of National Defence - ARMY.Subject:- Releases - Ammunition.

1. Attached hereto as Appendix "A" is a list of Ammunition (approx 3,500 tons) available for transfer to you at an early date.
2. Arrangements are being made by GHQ to concentrate this ammunition in two Italian Ports:-
  - (a) TERZO Hanger (Map Ref 6958) on Route 14, NE of MESTRE
  - (b) SPINER Port B( " " 5756) NW of MESTRE.
3. Advice will be received from GHQ of the date of hand-over, which will be between 1 - 30 April 47.
4. The depots will be handed over to you complete (including Italian caretaker and any of the civilian employees you may wish to employ).
5. You should also be prepared to accept later on any surplus 1st line holdings returned by disbanding British units to either of the above depots.

HRL/wf

  
Major General  
Director.

Copy to:- HQ 5 BIV

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Q Liaison

SEE 16-AT

R. 6/3/47  
JMA

## Appendix "A" to Q 139/1F of 5 Mar 47

| <u>Serial<br/>No.</u> | <u>Type</u>                   | <u>Qty.</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| 1                     | .303 CTN                      | 13,040,000  |
| 2                     | .303 INC                      | 1,166,282   |
| 3                     | .303 TRAC                     | 1,574,256   |
| 4                     | Signal Red                    | 21,504      |
| 5                     | Signal Illum                  | 41,206      |
| 6                     | 40 mm AP                      | 7,123       |
| 7                     | 40 mm HE                      | 36,284      |
| 8                     | .50 cal Brown                 | 325,000     |
| 9                     | 105 mm (M7) HE                | 18,556      |
| 10                    | 105 mm (M7) HE A TR           | 8,274       |
| 11                    | 105 mm (M7) Smoke             | 4,139       |
| 12                    | PIAT HE Bomb                  | 50,070      |
| 13                    | PIAT TRG Bomb                 | 3,010       |
| 14                    | PIAT Propelling Charges (TRG) | 23,300      |
| 15                    | CLIPS Loading                 | 24,500      |
| 16                    | 3.7 IN AA HE                  | 18,840      |
| 17                    | 4.5 IN MED HE Shell           | 21,052      |
| 18                    | 4.5 IN Charge 1 (MED)         | 5,090       |
| 19                    | 4.5 IN Charge 3 (MED)         | 14,010      |
| 20                    | 4.5 IN PUC MED                | 54,270      |
| 21                    | 4.5 IN TUB MED                | 97,640      |
| 22                    | 3 IN 10 SP HE                 | 9,482       |
| 23                    | 3 IN 10 SP AP                 | 8,310       |

Extract From"HQ" LIAISON LOG 10 DATED 26-2-47COL AVALLONE

26. 2. 47.

Reference Ministry of War letter 110/II/3, Dated 14 Jan on the subject of composition of salvo rounds, informed Col Avallone that the composition of gunpowder remained constant and amounts varied according to strength of report required.

END  
D. 139

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3-11-47

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HR/103/1/LS

18 Feb 47

E.L.S. for S(32)

Subject: Scopes of issue.  
1.7 inch A.S. Batteries.

1. Please inform this H.Q. if the undermentioned equipment can be made available to the Italian Army.

Test fuses for checking of  
mechanical gradations

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Ammunition

1000 rds.

2. This ammunition is for immediate training requirements only, and should be considered separately from the grand total indent for the Italian Army.

*Ham Bull*  
*Sep*

Major General,  
Director.

BSC/m

Internal: O(Trg)  
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*14/2/47*  
*gml.*

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| Q Maint   |                |
| Q (AE)    | <i>Q</i>       |
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*I Q139*

SUBJECT: Belgian Medicine

D.A.D.O.S. (am)  
C.H.S. C.H.N.

100. 1000 Ann City  
R.A.O.C. C.H.S.  
Memo: Western 31027  
Date: 7/2/47

Reference attached copy of correspondence received from 5 B.L.U.  
It is confirmed that the information submitted on the issue orders  
quoted have been collected.  
Would you please forward "printed vouchers" as requested.

COM NO: 5 B.L.U. C.M.P. (Attached copies of letter 10/56/43 of 3/2/47  
were forwarded by you in error.)  
Mr. Lord Forces sub Commission  
R O H E C.M.P.

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10/1/47

*Howards*  
Capt  
FORCES COMMISSIONING  
(R. J. Howard Capt.)

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| Q Major   |   |
| Q (AE)    | X |
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It is confirmed that the information enumerated on the issue orders quoted have been collected.  
Would you please forward "exiled teachers" as requested.

Copy to: 5 B.L.U. C.M.F. (Attached copies of letter N/55/43 of 3/2/47 were forwarded by you in error.)  
H. Lord Percus and Commission  
C.M.F.

RECEIVED 11 FEB 1947

*J. Howard*  
Capt  
Officer General  
(A. J. Howard Capt.)

| To S-2    |                                     |
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| A/Q       |                                     |
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R 11/2/47  
I. Q 139/47

ARMED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
Italian Military Affairs Section  
Land Forces Div Section

Ref: L-09001  
Ext: 415

TO: BIA

20 Feb 47

Subject: 105 mm ammunition

Reference year 19879/10/000 dated 29 Jan 47.

1.

| Calibre | Type    | Quantity | Approx. Weight |
|---------|---------|----------|----------------|
| 105 mm  | HE      | 30,068   | 615 Ton        |
| " "     | HE/A 12 | 456      |                |
| " "     | SMOKER  | 1,257    |                |
| TOTAL   |         | 31,781   |                |

2. The above ammunition is within the approved scale for Italian Army and subject to examination for serviceability, is required.

WPC

Major General,  
Director.

Copy to: GHI (for )  
Major BUCKLEY (ARIA 10 BPA)

Internal: 6 (23)  
WPC

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4/2/47

LAH

I.A.M.S. L.F.S.S. (formerly M.M.I.A.)

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TO: 12 O.A.C. MESTRE

INFO: 5 B.L.U.

REF: Q.97

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REFERENCE YOUR SIGNAL 12/A4 DATED 1 FEB 47 S T O P

SUBJECT IS PSA 5 POINT 5 TUBES S T O P AMMUNITION RECEIVED

Q.139/LF.

ROUTINE

'Q' BRANCH.

*File*

SUBJECT: Releases - ammunition.5 British Liaison Unit,  
Tele: - 4657,  
W/56/43,Lt., 12 O.A.G.,  
Rome, C.I.P.

3 Feb 47

RECEIVED 13 FEB 1947

1. Attached is copy of Land Forces Sub Comm AD(IA) letter 139 Q of the 30 Jan 47 to this HQ concerning the release to the Italian Army of the British ammunition referred to in HQ Issue Orders 12/4/46 of the 23 Aug 46, 12/0/46 of the 9 Nov 46 and 12/0/46 of the 20 Nov 46.

2. Will you please confirm that this ammunition enumerated in the a/c Issue Orders has, in fact, been collected and inform this HQ of any action already taken by you or of your intentions in the future regarding production of the "mixed v. orders" referred to in the attached M.S.I.A. letter.

DIME  
CEP/ene

COPY TO:-

HQ Land Forces Sub Commission,  
ROME C.I.P.

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Capt.  
GRIMMICE.

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I.Q. 139/47

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FROM AG 12 GAG CMF

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TO MC NHIA ROME

INFO 5 BLU CMF

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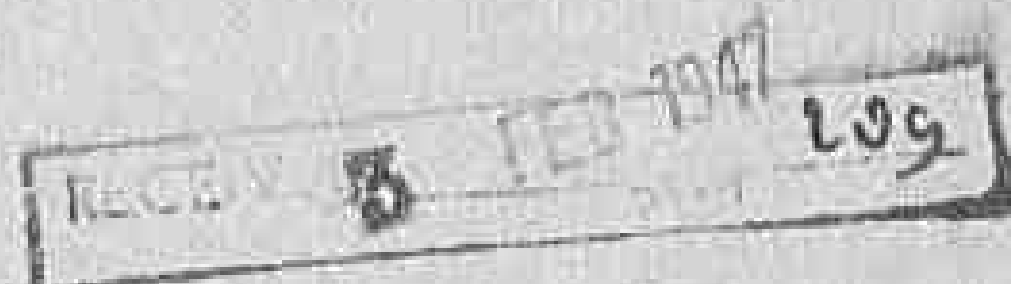
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 COLLECTED FROM RTO ROME STATION (ENDS)

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RD OSK 13300" KKH BS



collected Mon  
 station on 3/2/47  
 by Rgt. 44th  
 and passed on to 5th Army by.

R 3/2/47

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LRCA V MENT NR 33 *Jan* QWR2  
 FROM S B L U *SI* 3111088  
 TO 12 O A C CMT  
 INFO HQ M M I A

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C/115/123(.) UNCLASS(.) REF NY ~~3111088~~

C/115/122 OF 28 JAN(.) PLEASE CONFIRM ACTION

TAKEN COPY TO HQ MMIA (.) HQ MMIA REQUEST URGENT ACTION (.)

FOR MMIA (.) COPY ABOVE ~~REFERENCE~~ REFERENCE SENT TO YOU 28 JAN

BT

SENT NR 33 AT D K

RD NR 33 AT 1515 JA K K AR K

*&/DIST.* *Q(SD)*  
*A(TRG)*

*Jan 22*  
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*Jan 22*  
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FROM GNC CMT 301730

TO 32 Z CMT

INFO ~~WHA~~

QSH DT

03/355(.) UNCLASS(.) FROM DOS SECOND ADDRESS FOR ADOS (.)

FIRST (.) SUBJECT IS AMMUNITION EXAMINED FOR NMIA (.)

\* SECOND (.) WE HAVE NO AE AVAILABLE <sup>FROM</sup> LOCAL RESOURCES PRIOR TO  
MAR 15 DUE TO PRESENT COMMITMENTS (.)

THIRD (.) SUGGEST YOU SIGNAL WAR OFFICE REQUESTING THAT ONE

SGT BT DISPATCHED WAPLINSF FROM HOME FOR NMIA (.)

FOURTH (.) PLEASE STRESS URGENCY (.)

BT

SENT NR 302334 GPD

CCN READ AVAILABLE FROM IMI FROM IMI PRO

IS MONZ OK  
WHEN ?

LAST LINE BUT ONE READS FROM MONZ FOR NMIA (.)

HOMI IMI HOME

OK RE SLIM AT 2005 K

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| Q 1350 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Q 134  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Q 1351 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Q 1352 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Q 1353 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Q 1358 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Q 1359 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Q 1360 |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Q 1351

R  
3011/1351  
9139

RECEIVED 14 FEB 1947  
233

Subject:- Surplus 105 mm. Ammunition

RE British Troops in Austria  
Tel Ext:- 262  
Ref:- 10879/10/010  
Date:- 29 Jan 47

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (BMA) G.M.F. ✓

Copy to:- "A" G.A.C. (Austria)

1. The under mentioned 105 mm. ammunition is surplus to this theatre's requirements and is offered to you for the Italian Army, provided it is confirmed that this ammunition is within the authorised W.O. entitlement.

*Regd  
A/C*

*72,000  
4,000  
8,000*

| Cal.    | Type   | Quantity |                                      |
|---------|--------|----------|--------------------------------------|
| 105 mm. | HE     | 20,068   | } Approximate<br>Weight<br>616 Tons. |
| " "     | HE/ATK | 156      |                                      |
| " "     | SMOKE  | 1,227    |                                      |
| TOTAL   |        | 21,751   |                                      |

2. The above quantities are not firm since this ammunition will be subject to examination for serviceability before transfer to Italian Depots.

3. Confirmation of acceptance is invited.

| 10 Sep    |  |
|-----------|--|
| A/Q       |  |
| "Q"       |  |
| Q Liaison |  |
| Q Mater   |  |
| Q (A)     |  |
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*action taken  
on Folio 5*

Colonel,  
D.D.O.S.

*R  
4/2/47  
G.M.F.*

*139/LF*

*138/LF*

HQ NMIA

5 B.D.U.

Q 95.

30/7/55 A

File Q/139

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REFERENCE YOUR G/115/112 DATED 28 JAN 47 STOP TAKE  
IMMEDIATE PERSONAL ACTION TO DELIVER TUBES TO THIS HQ

Q/139.

Q BRANCH

H. F. O. PRINSLOO. MAJOR.

2557

(23)

Telephone :  
 Bomb 139084 Ext 334

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC, (MIA) CEF.

139 C. ←

Jan 47.

5 B. U.

Subject. Release of British Ammunition.

1. Will you please inform the C.C. of 12 AOC that this HQ has not yet received priced vouchers for the following releases :-

MIA ref Q/139 dated:

27 August 1946 to 5 B.L.O.

23 August 1946 " " "

14 November 1946 -" "

26 " 1946 " "

GHQ Issue Order:

12/4/101 of 23 August 1946.

" " " " " " "

12/1/134 of 9 Nov 1946

12/0/135 of 20 " 1946

2. For information: instructions were issued under Ref (45) 2576  
 DOL/7209 dated 24 July 1946. 12 AOC was not included in the address.

HJUP/ps

Lt Col.  
 AQMG, MIA.

LROF V MBHF 75 QVR 2  
 FROM 5 B L U 28--- A  
 TO 12 O A C CMF  
 INFO M M I A  
 BT

| TO SEE       |  |
|--------------|--|
| A/Q          |  |
| "Q"          |  |
| Q Liaison    |  |
| Q M. Liaison |  |
| Q (A)        |  |
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|              |  |
|              |  |

G/115/122 . U/C . SIGNAL FROM M M I A ~~STANIX~~ STATES 5 POINT 5 AMMO  
 RELEASED BY YOU ON ISSUE ORDER 12/T/14 OF NOV DID NOT INCLUDE TUBES  
 PSA303 . 150 TUBES URGENTLY ~~REQUIRE~~ REQUIRED . CAN YOU DESPATCH  
 QUICKEST MEANS TO HQ M M I A ROME . ~~TEXT~~ PLEASE CONFIRM TO THIS UNIT  
 COPY TO HQ M M I A THAT THIS POSSIBLE AND ACTION TAKEN .

BT

2555

SENT REG.G.B 1 (K)

PD BY S J J AT 0105

R29/1/47

109

29 JAN 1947

I 0.139



RECEIVED 25 JAN 1947  
13

LROF V MBMF 87

FROM 5 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT 231000A

TO M N I A

BT

G/115/117 (.) U/C (.) FURTHER TO MY G/115/111 ~~OF 8~~ JAN (.)

AMMUNITION COLLECTED 4 JAN (.)

BSENT (J.R.G.)

IML PSE WA G/115/111 PSE

~~G/115/111 OF 8 JAN (.)~~

RD NR 87 G.P. TIME :0345A KKK

610918-A

| To See    |  |
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| A/Q       |  |
| "Q"       |  |
| Q Liaison |  |
| Q Mater   |  |
| Q (AT)    |  |
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UP: 7/1/47  
2553  
I Q.139

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COMMUNIST INFORMATION  
G.H.Q. O.M.F.

Subject : Amunition Examiner

To : Col 'A'  
CH 2nd Echelon OMF

Ref : DDC/T/9/6(4)  
Tel : Pachu 22154  
Date : 15 Jan 47

RECEIVED 17 JAN 1947  
783

87 J.2

Reference our letter even number dated 25 Nov 46.

Can a date as to E.T.A. of this ammunition examiner  
please be given.

Copy to:- ADOS MEX.  
CH 2nd Echelon OMF  
ADOS (URG) CH 2nd Echelon OMF  
FILE : DDC/26/8 (4)

| To See    |     |
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| A/Q       |     |
| "Q"       | RAB |
| Q Liaison |     |
| Q Mtr     |     |
| Q (AC)    |     |
| ORD       |     |
| REME      |     |
| S & T     |     |

*Major*  
L (G.R. ARHILL) Major.  
DADOS (URG)  
for Brigadier.  
D.O.S.

2552 1/47 po

I. Q. 139

TRANSLATION

FROM: Art. Inspectorate

REF: IIO

TO : M.M.I.A.

DATE: 14/1/47

SUBJECT: Salvo rounds for 6 Pdrs, 17 Pdrs and 25 Pdrs guns.

As the ~~hand~~ book for 25 Pdrs guns 1940 edition does not contain instructions regarding the type and composition of gun powder used for salvo rounds, we beg you to supply said information so that we can prepare eventually said rounds.

With the occasion we beg you to give us also information regarding salvo rounds for 6 Pdrs and 17 Pdrs guns giving details on the type, the weight and composition of the propelling charge.

*OKD*  
*Can you say?*  
*RAS*

*139/46*

SGT. L. CARATTI

2551

| To See    |          |
|-----------|----------|
| A/Q       |          |
| "Q"       |          |
| Q Liaison | <i>W</i> |
| Q Maint   |          |
| Q (AE)    |          |
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*E B*  
*Presumably "blanks" amm*  
*is what they mean*  
*sendy span to ORB*  
*RAS*

*AQM G*

*Yes these are*  
*"blanks"*  
*JB*

*R*  
*22/1/46*  
*OKD*  
*AQ.139*

DUST

LRGP V ZONE 5  
FROM 5 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT 28030A  
TO AQMS MHIA  
CR -- BC

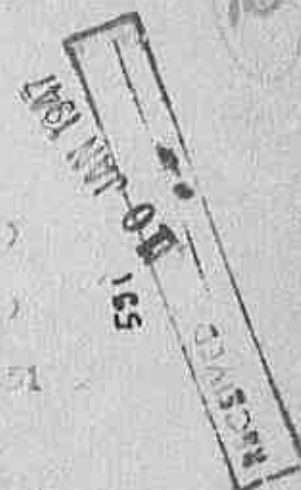
G/119/111 (.) UNCLAS (.) YOUR 2/65 OR ZKQ/139 OF 5 JAN (.)  
AMMUNITION HAS BEEN COLLECTED BY DIRECTORATE (.)  
AVAILING AVAILABLE RAILWAY TRANSPORT FOR DESPATCH TO CNE, 301  
ARTILLERY  
BT 28030A

CCND:-- YOUR 2/65 07139 OF 5 JAN (.) ---- DESPATCH TO

SENT:-- L. OR.. 9 K

RD NR 94 GP TIME : 0123A KKK

2607



SEE 20 WP

P. 10/1/47 Ro.

2550

SEE 18-A

A Q. 139

Telephone:  
Room 489001 Ext 415

LAND FORCE'S SUB COMM, AD (MEXIA) CEF

139 Q

8 Jan 47

G.H.Q. (for 01)

Subject: Ammunition - Italian Army

Reference para 2 of your 4109/41 of 22 Nov 46 and further to this HQ 139 Q of 5 Dec 46.

1. It will be of the greatest assistance in the final stages of our association with the Italian War Ministry if the services of a British Ammunition Examiner could now be made available. Is this possible?

2. The War Ministry have arranged courses of instruction and are endeavouring to the best of their ability to segregate bad or doubtful ammunition and to provide efficient storage for remaining stocks, but British guidance in this matter is badly needed.

RAG/jw

Internal: GRD

Major General,  
GOC

25.49

See Q. 131A  
file 22 SP  
+  
2/1/47  
RA

Lt.Col. OLIVETTI

2.1.47

Discussed with Col. OLIVETTI the question of the outcome of 9m/m parabellum ammo now that Sten Guns had been turned in asking whether these would be turned in or whether the Army could make use of this ammo in which case this HQ required to know on what weapons this ammo would be used. Col. OLIVETTI said he would confirm but believed that the ammo could be used on Beretta guns.

AQMG

Q(AE)

Q 139

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MCA

4 MCA

5 B.I.B.

Q.65

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Q.139 STOP PLEASE EXPEDITE REPLY TO LETTER 139 Q OF 16 DEC

*John Prinsloo*

H.J.O. PRINSLOO Major.

Q.139 —

2547

SIGSALFIAL. 1273  
 IMPORTANT. DTG 041230  
 FROM; GHQ CMF  
 ACTION; TROOPERS  
 INFO; MMIA.  
 OS/032 RESTRICTED.  
 FROM DOS FOR ORD 21.

| To See         |  |
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| A/Q            |  |
| "Q"            |  |
| Q Liaison      |  |
| Q Mater        |  |
| Q (A) <i>Q</i> |  |
| ORD            |  |
| REME           |  |
| S & T          |  |

462  
 6 JAN 1947

FIRST. SUBJECT IS AMMN FOR MMIA.  
 SECOND. PROPOSE ISSUE SUBJECT YOUR APPROVAL MMIA WITH FOLLOWING ITEMS  
 SURPLUS TO NEEDS(?) HERE AND NOT DETAILED BY YOU FOR SHIPMENT EX  
 THEATRE.  
 THIRD. 40 MM AP. POINT 45 AUTO. 37 MMHE. XX AP. CANNISTER  
 AMMONAL. FUZE SAFE NO 11. IGNITERS PERCN. STRIKING. ELECT. TUBES  
 SEALING. SWITCHES NO. 7 ELECT. TRAP WIRE. MINES A/TK MK 5 W/FUZES.  
 TUBES CAMOUFLET. DETS FUZE BRANCH JUNCT.  
 FOURTH. PLEASE CONFIRM.

*Q. 139*

*Q 139*

*G SD*

*ORD 4*

*for action*

*See Para 12*  
*No. 45 negative*  
*Q. 139*

*R 6/1/47*

2546

Telephone:  
Rm 139081 Ext 445

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AG (MRTA) CMF

139 Q

16 Dec 46

HQ 5 British Liaison Unit

Ref this HQ letter 139 Q dated 14 Nov 46.

Please inform this HQ whether the ammunition has been collected.

HOJP/jw

| TO SEND |  |
|---------|--|
| A/Q     |  |
| Q       |  |
| Q-1     |  |
| Q-2     |  |
| ORD     |  |
| MEMO    |  |
|         |  |

1st Col,  
AGMC, MRTA

2545

7756

✓ 139

DATE OF  
COLLECTION

I T S H

| FROM      | DATE OF<br>COLLECTION | I T S H                                                                                                                                                       | QTY                                                                       |
|-----------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 12 A.O.C. | 3 Sept 46             | 57 mm H&M 63 Fed Mk 38<br>AFC<br>Cartridge Mk 54<br>Fuse Branch Function<br>Ignitons Even<br>Ignitons Misc.                                                   | 5,000<br>6,000<br>2,000<br>1,320<br>600<br>2,955                          |
| 12 A.O.C. | 20 Aug 46             | S.A.<br>Simulators<br>Ignitons Simulators C.Y. Misc.<br>Cartridges .38 Revolver<br>Bombo 2" Bomb Thrower<br>Grenades Mk 36                                    | 6,000<br>10,500<br>10,500<br>5,664<br>38,300<br>4,522                     |
| 12 A.O.C. |                       | Shell BL 5.5 100 lbs<br>2 Charges<br>4<br>Fuses 147                                                                                                           | 100<br>75<br>25<br>100                                                    |
| 12 A.O.C. |                       | 57 mm H&M 63 Fed Mk 38<br>AFC Mk 54<br>Cartridge<br>Fuse Branch Function<br>Ignitons Even<br>3" Mortar Mk 6 x 100<br>Unit<br>Aust<br>Cin<br>Smoke Short Range | 5,000<br>1,000<br>1,000<br>1,320<br>600<br>1,818<br>2,955<br>576<br>2,536 |

Telephone:

Rm 489081 Ext 270

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AG (MMA) OMT

139 Q

5 Dec 46.

GHQSubject:- British Ammunition for It.Army.

Ref your 4109/Q1 dated 22 Nov.

1. This HQ is very grateful for the help offered in the matter of providing a suitable W.C.O. as Ammunition Examiner.
2. Ref your para 5, we would much appreciate early information and instructions on the ammunitions which will become surplus to British Army requirements in Italy and which, subject to War office approval, could be made available to the It.Army.

*[Signature]*  
Major General,  
GOC, MMA.

Copy to:- Int.G (SD)  
OED

BFB/ab

See 6

see 15

2543

COPY

TRANSLATION

1A1

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.

SP.

P. 79  
5.2

In reply to letter 139 Q of 15.11.1946 and further to letter  
35782/DC of 18 November, we enclose copy of letter 86021 dated 19 November  
addressed to all Artillery H.Q.'s of Military Territorial Commands. X

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  
Gen.

To see  
A/Q  
Q (AC)  
Q (Kw)

| To See    |      |
|-----------|------|
| A/Q       | WP   |
| "Q"       | NAC  |
| Q Liaison | 815. |
| Q Maint   |      |
| Q (AE)    | T    |
| ORD       |      |
| REME      |      |
| S & T     |      |

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Q139

TRANSLATION

(1B)

FROM: M. of W.

REF: 86021

TO : All Arty HQs of MTC

DATE: 19/II/45

SUBJECT: Inspections to ammo. Depots  
storing British material.

M.M.I.A. forwarded to this Gen. Directorate a report which No 3 BLU compiled further to an inspection to the ammo. on charge to the Legnano Div.

Said report includes:-

- a) a general report (see enclosure 1);
- b) a number of tables of which we enclose a draft (see encl. 2);
- c) a letter of recommendation of a general nature (see encl. 3).

The addressees are requested:-

- 1) to arrange urgently for a similar inspection to be carried out to all the Depots storing British ammo. located in the territory under their jurisdiction and to forward by the 20th Dec. a similar report to that made out by No 3 BLU. Said report will have to be compiled also for the Legnano Div. as the report received is old.
- 2) To issue instructions so that, as far as possible, the ammo. which are still stored temporarily in the open, be moved into closed depots.
- 3) To issue instructions for the destruction of dangerous or unserviceable ~~ammunition~~ ammo. 2541
- 4) To ~~submit~~ <sup>comply with</sup> the recommendation made in the general report (see encl. 1 page 2) and in enclosure 3. The employment of the senior NCO referred to in para 4 of said enclosure, will be regulated by this Gen. Directorate in accordance with the requests of the M.T.C.

*C. G.*Sgd. PROPERZI  
Gen.

Enclosure No 1GENERAL REPORT ON AMMO. ON CHARGE TO THE LEGNANO DIVISION.GORLE.

The ammo. stored ~~at Gorle~~ <sup>at Gorle</sup> in the Depots have been found generally in a good state of maintainance. There are however several cases in which the Italian personnel has caused damages due to lack of experience. These errors have been reported.

From the following tables, we note that the ammo. for 2" and 3" mortar, especially the latter, have a large percentage of propelling charges unserviceable. This is not due to bad storage but because of a bad structure of the wings. In fact about 18 months ago a circular issued by the S.I.O.O. H.Q. stated that the firing tests proved that only a few types of mortar ammo. have the wings sufficiently strong to resist ~~to~~ the highest charges. Orders have been issued so that they may be reinforced but those at Gorle have not been modified. These however cannot be considered as first and second line ammo. and are classed as training ammo.

The same can be said for the PIAT bombs the first types are refilled with plastic explosive which contain a high percentage of nitroglicerine then substituted with a composition of t.n.t.

Regarding the first types, a duration of two years has been estimated. Most of the bombs which are out of use, have been manufactured by the end of 1942 and during 1943 and perspire nitroglicerine which makes them liable to burst spontaneously on being fired. The high explosive ammo. for 2" mortars and also ~~smoke~~ bombs of the same type have been handled in the Base Depot, and most of the unserviceable ones lack the primary charge.

The ammo. for 25 Pdrs guns, smoke high explosive, have been piled up in the open and left uncovered. A heavy damage has resulted on account of rust for high explosive projectiles and on account of the complete unserviceable condition of the smoke bombs due to the absorption of water by the internal charges. <sup>all</sup> the ammo. on charge to Gorle and Mompiano should be moved under cover or covered with waterproof tarpaulins.

None of the ammo. declared u/s has been proposed for issue because all the ammo. which cannot be used for first and 2nd line, have been issued to Eng. Dpt. for training purposes.

MOMPIANO -

The ammo. at Mompiano are stored in the open except for mortar and PIAT ammo. which are stored in the only available depot.

- 2 -

Should we intend to continue to use Mompiano which is an Arty ammo. Depot, it will be necessary to arrange<sup>for</sup> the covering of same. Furthermore, after the explosion occurred in July last, no maintenance has been done and the 25 pdr. ammo. are not stored in accordance with the regulations for permanent depots or for field depots.

The stacks must have the max. weight of 6 tons (120 cases); distance between them approx. 9 metres. Each group of stacks must not have more than 12 and between each group there should be a distance of at least 28 metres.

The ammo. stored in the depot are well maintained and in excellent conditions.

Shells mod. 36 earmarked for training have their detonators in temporary packings, which is a war packing and cannot be trusted to give satisfactory results when used. However, they are completely secure for training purposes. The ammo for 40 m/m guns are very dangerous due to the fact that the fire effected the fuzes which must not be removed *pending* instructions to be issued by the superior authorities.

#### LODI -

*because* The ammo. held at Lodi are also stored temporarily because of its small quantity. We recommend to amalgamate said Depot with the one at Gorle. Most of the ammo. declared u/s in this Depot, became *und* of the storing in the open without being covered.

#### LEGNANO -

The ammo. on charge *to* the coys, are at present stored in the *OBs* premises. This is contrary to the instructions in force regarding storage of ammo. not considering that this practice is dangerous.

There is however a *good* Depot in the camp which at present is used to store ammo. earmarked for training.

We propose that these ammo. be issued within the *Division* to complete, as far as possible, scales of issue and hold the balance for training purposes. Several deficiencies in the scale of issue of companies of the Legnano have already been made good through this system but the whole of the ammo. in excess, was not known when I carried out the inspection.

#### VARESE -

The ammo. are stored in a Depot and are well maintained. The NCO i/c is competent and well trained on the storage procedure and on the types of ammo.

- 3 -

VIGEVANO -

Also this Bn. hold its ammo. in a Depot and these are kept in a satisfactory way under all aspects. No remarks ~~have~~<sup>ARE</sup> to be made.

GENERAL VIEWS -

We advise that all the units which have ammo on charge be informed that ammo. charged with phosphorus are dangerous and liable to burn should they be put in contact with air. These ammo. can be identified by one of the following markings or by their shape: W.P. PHOS. CSAN PM or a large white painted line on the packing.

The types of ammo. for which it is required to be observe this notice are: bombs 77; smoke bombs 80 for 3" mortars and the smoke generators No 24.

The ammo. of this type should be kept separate from the ammo. of other types and stored in such a way as to permit the circulation of ~~air~~ between the stacks.

They must not have more than ~~10~~ layers and between each of them there must be sufficient space for a person to move freely.

Water buckets, 2 per stake must be kept handy.

The risks will be reduced to the minimum if the cases are inspected daily and a quarterly inspection ~~is~~ carried out on contents so as to as certain whether there is a change of colour due to perspiration of the charges.

The piles of HE ammo. must not be mixed up with the piles of smoke ammo.

The sets of detonators and primers and the equipment used for the destruction of ammo. must be kept as distanced as possible from the phosphorus ammo.

If possible, steps should be taken so that the Italian Officers and others concerned with the management and maintenance of ammo. be acquainted with all circulars and instructions <sup>which</sup> are from time to time issued regarding maintenance in general and storing of ammo. of doubtful category.

26 Oct. 46.

L. GREGSON  
S. Sgt.

C.F.

Encl. 2 -

TABLE A -

DIV. OR CAR

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SCALE OF ISSUE OF THE  
DIV. IN VARIOUS DEPOTS.

| List of<br>ammo. | Depot<br>quantity | Depot<br>quantity | Depot<br>quantity | etc. | Total | Remark. |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------|-------|---------|
|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------|-------|---------|

N.B.- The remark column should show (for each depot) to which unit the  
ammo. are on charge.-

TABLE B - (To be completed for each depot).

Ammo Depot of .....  
(state the locality and whether it comes under Art. Directorate  
or Art. Det. section or a unit, regiment or battalion).-

| List of ammo | Quantity serviceable | Quantity u/s | To be<br>use<br>for tra<br>ining. | Total | Remark |
|--------------|----------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|-------|--------|
|--------------|----------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|-------|--------|

State in the remark column:-

- whether the depot has or has not the characteristics of a covered depot will all the requisites requested for a good conservation.
- Whether the depot has sufficient space.
- Whether it is advisable to continue to use the depot and in case it is not advisable to do so what instructions have been issued regarding a new location.

Enclosure 3 -GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS ON STORAGE OF AMMO. ON CHARGE  
TO UNITS INSPECTED BY THE AMMO. EXAMINER.13th CORPS.

Due to the excess quantity of ammo. noted during my inspection to the Legnano and bearing in mind the estimated expenditure for training purposes during next months, I recommend the following:

- 1) All Units inspected will have to compile a table showing excesses and deficiencies. Said table will be used as a basis for adjustment requirements and furthermore, the table should show the quantities in excess which practically cannot be held on charge.
- 2) When the final adjustment will be made, it will be possible to store at Gorle, all the ammo. of first and second line and this because Gorle offers good storage and is well equipped. Temporary storage (such as piling up in the open etc.) are not to be used as far as possible due to the cold weather and because of the high percentage of damages caused through deterioration.  
Furthermore, the Depot at Gorle ~~and~~ well equipped against lightning. This fact is pointed out because of <sup>the</sup> incident which occurred recently in the area of the 13th Corps. This incident, caused by lightning hitting a pile of ammo., brought about the loss of 1 B.O.R. and several Germans. 2536
- 3) A reserve of ammo. for training will have to be made with quantities which will be found suitable for such purpose. Said reserve will form a separate Depot. Lodi Depot, if available and if proper sheds can be secured, is particularly suitable for the purpose.
- 4) The NCO i/c ammo. at 3 CAR of Como attended a 3 months' ~~see~~ course at 501 BAD Bari and is very capable. It would be advisable that said NCO be sent to the present main Depots and to those which will be formed in order to give technical advices regarding storage and general maintainance.

Sgd. .... S/Sgt.

Ammo Examiner 13 Corps.

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