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Q 155 Recovery By French Authorities of Egypt.  
Etc. From Italy

Feb. 1945 - May 1947

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Extract from

"G" LIAISON LOG XVII DATED 12/5/47

RECOVERY OF FRENCH EQUIPMENT 5.5.47

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Informed Col MEXICO that the French Government had now decided to recover the French bridge located at LEGAYO and for this purpose it was suggested that French authorities should liaise direct with Government branch concerned. Col Mexico agreed and stated the Department concerned was:

Asiende Nacional Autonomas delle Strade Statali  
Ufficio Amministrativo Nr 3  
Via Manzoni, 10

and that the Ministry of National Defence - Army in their last letter 20/11/47 dated 6 March had asked what action had been taken but had received no answer. This information was passed to French authorities who will now take matters up direct.

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Extract From

"Q" LIAISON LOG \_\_\_\_\_ DATED \_\_\_\_\_ 4

2. RECOVERY OF FRENCH EQUIPMENT 25 March

Capt CONDE (FRENCH Army) and Lt PIZZINI (FRENCH Navy) called in on the eve of their departure for CAGLIARI (SARDINIA) where FRENCH Arms, Ammunition and Equipment had been collected for despatching to FRANCE.

One point they were not clear about was whether ITALIAN War Ministry understood that the cost of such collection and transport of material to the port of embarkation, would be defrayed by the ITALIAN Government until such time as all such questions are settled through diplomatic channels.

Accompanied these two officers to War Ministry and conferred with Lt Col MONACO who assured us that the Ministry was quite agreed in on this point and had already issued instructions to OC "Calabria" Inf Bde at CAGLIARI to receive the two FRENCH Officers and offer them every facility.

MONACO supposed that the equipment was actually in arms depots in and around CAGLIARI but that it would be transferred to the quayside for loading on to the FRENCH steamer due to call in on 27 inst.

FRENCH Officers appeared very pleased having quite anticipated opposition in the matter of defraying expenses.

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ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS  
Italian Land Forces Branch  
(Formerly MSIA)

Tel: 489081  
Ext: 270

Q. 155/18  
16 Apr 47

The French Representative  
with the Allied Authorities  
in ITALY, IIO L.A.C.A.B.

Subject: Recovery of French  
Equipment

Attached herewith for your information please find copy  
of a letter received from the Ministry of National Defence - Army on  
the subject of 3 wagons belonging to a French Armoured train.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Major General,  
Director.

KFB/JW

Copy to: MCITO (ORMOA) ROME  
AFD S.551 (Your HY-407 of 4 March 47 refers)

*[Handwritten Signature]*

(47)

TRANSLATION

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

Ref: 208188/II  
Date: 3/4/47

Subject: Rail trucks of French armoured train. -

From enquiries carried out it appears that there are 3 P.O.Z. rail trucks, which are French property, at the depot at Cimino (Taranto).

Instructions have therefore been issued to units under our command in order that the a/m material be returned to the French authorities, via Ventimiglia. -

See (5) (6)

sgd.

Supino  
Gen.

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To See	
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Q Liaison	see fol 6.
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cc/att. **MINISTERO DELLA GIUSTIZIA** **VERACI** (17)

Gabinetto

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Ord. 7208188 / II - Sig. G.

Roma,

Resposta al disp. del 4 MARZO U.S.

Dir. Sez. Aff. SCITTO-RY/470

OGGETTO: Carri ferroviari treno armato francese.

R C M A

ALL' A.F.H.Q. - ITALIAN LAND FORCES BRANCH -

e, per conoscenza:

ALL'EUROPEAN COMMITTEE INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION - PRESSO A.C. -

R C M A  
(Via Veneto)

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Da indagini effettuate risulta effettivamente che presso il deposito di Cimino (Paranto) esistono tre carri ferroviari P.C.A. di proprietà francese.

Sono state date pertanto disposizioni agli Enti dipendenti perchè il materiale predetto sia restituito alle autorità francesi, via Ventimiglia.

d'ordine  
IL CAIO DI GABINETTO

Supino

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IL CAPO DI CASINOTTO

Supino

Trascelti presso C.F.

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Extract From

"Q" LIAISON LOG \_\_\_\_\_ DATED \_\_\_\_\_ 4

C O P Y

Liaison Log with the Ministry of National Defence - Army

17th March 47 - 22nd March 47

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RECOVERY OF FRENCH EQUIPMENT.

17 March 47. IBERNAC Bridge over the ADICE. Informed Col. BERGE that this matter was entirely in the hands of the Ministry of Public Works to whom the FRENCH Representative should address his request.

Col. BERGE said he would speak to the officer dealing with this question (Capt COMDE) and get him to call on the writer.

Capt COMDE duly called and the matter explained to him. He will get FRENCH Embassy to approach Ministry of Public Works.

WAGONS OF FRENCH ARMoured TRAIN.

17 March 47. Reference letter from Divisional Officer EGITO (ORICA) ITALY to Ministry of Transport RCMR, dated 4th March 47, ref No. PX - 457 on above subject. Called at Ministry of National Defence - Army and discussed with Col. CAMPAGNA and Lt. Col. PERRACHIE. The latter who claimed to know all about these wagons, having taken part in discussions in ROME and TARANTO where he saw the wagons, stated that this Armoured train originally consisted of 6 wagons, 3 of which carried a gun, calibre 194 x 29 usch, the other 3 wagons (closed) to carry personnel, equipment and stores, have

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RECOVERY OF FRENCH EQUIPMENT.

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Col. HERGE said he would speak to the officer dealing with this question (Capt COFFE) and get him to call on the writer.

Capt CONDE duly called and the matter explained to him. He will get FRENCH Embassy to approach Ministry of Public Works.

WAGONS ON FRENCH ARMOUR TRAIN.

17 March 47. Reference letter from Divisional Officer EGITO (ORNOVA) ITALY to Ministry of Transport ROMB, dated 4th March 47, ref No. RY - 487 on above subject. Called at Ministry of National Defence - Army and discussed with Col. CAMPAGNA and Lt. Col. PEREACHE. The letter who claimed to know all about these wagons, having taken part in discussions in ROME and TARANTO where he saw the wagons, stated that this Armoured train originally consisted of 6 wagons, 3 of which carried a gun, calibre 154 x 29 each, the other 3 wagons (closed) to carry personnel, equipment and stores, have already been handed over to ITALIAN State Railways for despatching to FRANCE.

The guns in question, although of FRENCH manufacture, are part of a consignment of coast defence guns bought from the GERMANS and the Ministry is of the opinion that they should be removed from the wagons before these are handed over to the FRENCH.

PEREACHE had referred the matter to the General Staff and a decision was awaited.

3 WAGONS OF FRENCH ARMOUR TRAIN.

20 March 47. (see para. 17 March). He is informed by Lt. Col. PEREACHE that instructions had been given to Artillery Directorate of TARANTO, (through Artillery Directorate ROMB) to hand over the 3 wagons with the 3 guns to State Railways for despatching to FRANCE.

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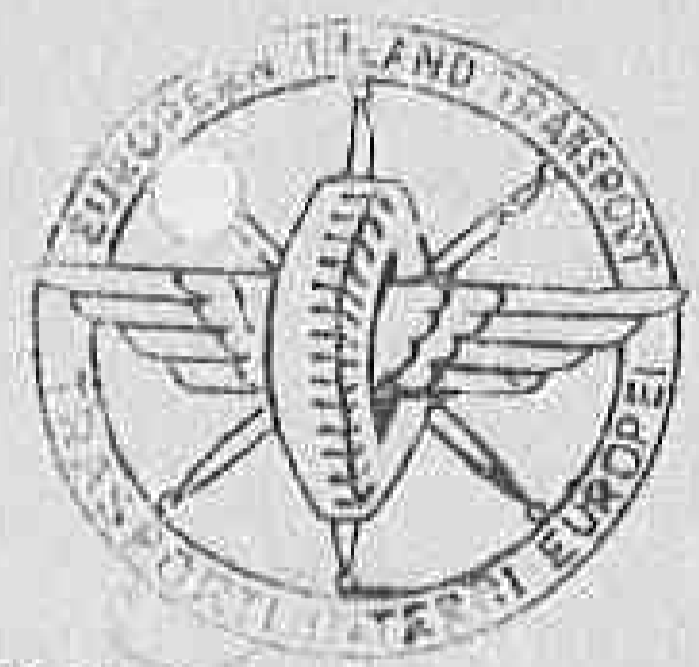
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ECITO (ORMOA) ITALY  
A.P.O. S. 551  
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Telegrams : ECITO ORMOA ROME  
telephone : 843,458  
Reference : RY - 407  
Subject : Three wagons of French armoured train.  
To : I.M.A.S.,  
L.C.A.B.,  
A.F.H.Q.,  
Rome.  
Copy to : The Minister of war,  
Rome.

Ministero dei Trasporti  
Piazza della Croce Rossa  
ROMA.

4 March 1947.

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The French Authorities have requested ECITO to ask that three wagons belonging to a French armoured train, which are alleged to be in the depot de Cimino (Artillery Direction of Taranto), be sent back to France through Ventimiglia.

It would be appreciated if the matter could be investigated and, on confirmation, if instructions could be issued for the wagons to be released to the Italian State Railways to be despatched to Ventimiglia.

In any case, we shall be most grateful if you will notify the result of the investigation.

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Confession  
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R. W. L. Fellowes

R. W. L. FELLOWES  
Divisional Officer  
ECITO (ORMOA) ITALY.

fraction Q 153

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MAR 13 1947  
A. J. M.

R 13/3/47  
A. Q. 155

Extract From

WORLD LIAISON LCC IX DATED 25/2/47 (H)

GUIDETTI

In 783.

File 6

Lt Col MONACO 24. 2. 47.

*(written on the original was Legation)*

Requested latest position regarding French bridge at Legnago.

Col Monaco stated that this was completely out of their hands and was the concern of Ministry of Public Works. Ministry of War have sent 3 bastioners and a fourth at my request to know what action Ministry of Public Works are taking. Ministry of War can help in no other way.

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COMMANDEMENT MILITAIRE  
FRANCAIS EN ITALIE

Detachment Liquidateur  
Recuperation et Materiel

No. 33/DI/REX

Rome, 8 February 1947

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From: Commandant Desportes,  
Commanding Detachment Liquidating  
French Military Command in Italy (RAAC Building)  
To: French Representative to Allied  
Military Authorities in Italy

May  
BYATT

Herewith attached is a report, regarding the restitution of the Legnago bridge by the Italians.

Finding in this affair evident unwillingness to comply, on the Italian side, I require that you would let the qualified Allied authorities know about it.

FROM -> Capt. B. W. F. A. H.  
French Rep. to Allied  
For No 223

/s/ L. Desportes

Detachment Liquidateur  
du CMPI  
Le Commandant

To See	
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TRANSLATION

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COMMANDEMENT MILITAIRE  
FRANCAIS EN ITALIE

Detachment Liquidateur  
Recuperation et Materiel

No. 34/DL/REG

Rome, 8 February 1947

*French W.D.*  
MEMORANDUM ABOUT A BRIDGE AT LEGNAGO  
*of French National*

- 21 February 1946 - Capitaine MARGUERITTE identified the above-mentioned bridge at Legnago.
- 21 March 1946 - Commandant MESNARD saw Colonnello MONACO at the Italian Ministry of War, the latter promised the restitution of the material.
- 22 March 1946 - Commandant MESNARD wrote a letter to Colonnello MONACO to confirm his visit.
- 13 May 1946 - Capitaine MARGUERITTE contacted the local Italian HQ at Bolzano. This HQ promised to let know the French Authorities a month later the date on which this material could be released to them.
- 24 June 1946 - After the month's delay, Capitaine MARGUERITTE, jointly with Capitaine de CONDE, went again to see Colonnello MONACO in Rome. They were received by Maggiore CACCIO who declared that he should contact the Ministry of Public Works, as this bridge equipment could not be recovered before the aforementioned could provide for some replacement.
- August 1946 - Lieutenant CALLOT, taking over from Capitaine MARGUERITTE, went to Legnago and wrote an inventory of all the equipment, representing 115 tons. He brought to the attention of the Italians that the equipment concerned was deteriorating quickly, the normal period during which it could be used continuously not passing 3 months at the most.
- 24 August 1946 - Lieutenant CALLOT gave a memorandum on the matter with inventory to the General, French Commander in Italy.
- 28 August 1946 - French Commander reported to French General HQ Paris that the situation had not made any progress.
- September 1946 - Capitaine de CONDE called on Colonnello MONACO who promised again that he would provoke an early answer from the Ministry of Public Works.

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- 21 January 1947 - Capitaine de CONDE' jointly with Capitaine de MAZAN saw Colonnello MONACO. Capitaine de CONDE' expressed the astonishment of French Authorities with the slow proceedings of Italian services and demanded a written answer.
- 8 February 1947 - So far no answer has been received.

for Commandant DESPORTES,  
Commanding Detachement Liquidating  
French Military Command in Italy,

/s/ G de Conde'

Detachement Liquidateur du CMMI  
Le Commandant

TRANSLATION



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LAND FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
Italian Military Affairs Section  
Land Forces Sub Section  
(Formerly MIA)

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Tel: 489084  
Ext: 415

155/LF  
8 Feb 47

Commandant,  
Militaire Francaise en Italie

Subject: Material of French origin

1. Referring to your letter No 1088/GM/RMC of 30 Dec 46 and as a result of my letter 155 Q of 10 Jan 47, the Italian War Ministry wrote to you (letter No 200752/II) on 14 Jan 47.
2. The War Ministry has further explained the misunderstanding to this Mission and has asked all Italian commands to report any further French material which may not have previously come to light.
3. The matter has been still further ventilated at a meeting between your representative (Capt de BAZAN) and the Italian General Proprizi at which an officer of this Mission was present.
4. I trust that the matter is now on a satisfactory basis and that outstanding details will soon be settled. Meanwhile will you please keep me informed of progress and inform me if my Mission can be of any further assistance in dealing with the War Ministry.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Major General,  
Director.

VE/jw

Copy to: Chief I.M.A.S. (AC file 4056/EC refers)

R 9/2/47

TRANSLATION

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From: M. of W.

To : MMIA

Subject : Material of French origin.

Reply to letter I55/Q of 10th inst.

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To	
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"Q"	RAG
Q Liaison	
Q Mater	
Q (AE)	

Ref: 20226I/II

Date: 29/I/47

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1.- We replied to the French Military Command in Italy regarding information about material of French ownership in letter 200753/II dated 14th January (sent for information to your Mission).

As stated in a/m letter, the statements of the French Command are partially inexact, in fact, the greater part of the material (in particular 191 of the 203 barrels) had been reported by this Ministry in letter of 25 June 1946.

The misunderstanding probably arises from the fact that the material was listed under the heading of Rome Military Territorial Command, under the command of which are included the parts existing in Sardinia.

For the remaining small quantity, we asked for information from units under our command, therefore we will forward further information later.

2.- Furthermore confirmation has been requested today from the Military Territorial Commands under our command regarding the possible existence of materials of French ownership which have not been the subject of previous reports.

R.A.G.

Sgd. SUPINO  
Gen.

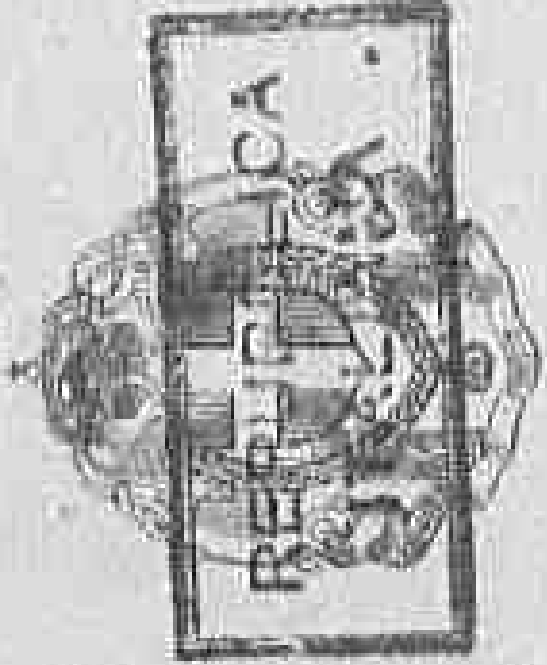
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# Ministero della Guerra

GABINETTO

N° 203261 / II di prot. Roma li, 29 gennaio 1947

O G G E T T O: Materiale di origine francese.-

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.H.I.A.)

R O M A  
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Risposta lettera n° 155/C del 10 corrente.-

1)- Con lettera n° 200753/II in data 14 gennaio (inviata per conoscenza a codesta Missione) si è provveduto a rispondere al Comando Militare Francese in Italia in merito alla segnalazione di materiali di proprietà francese.

Come specificato nella lettera citata, le affermazioni del Comando Francese sono parzialmente inesatte, infatti, la maggior parte del materiale (in particolare 191 delle 203 bocche da fuoco) era stata segnalata da questo Ministero con lettera del 25 giugno 1946.

L'equivoco è probabilmente sorto per il fatto che il materiale era elencato con l'indicazione Comando Militare Territoriale di Roma, nel cui territorio di giurisdizione sono compresi anche i parchi esistenti in Sardegna. Per la rimanente esigua aliquota, si è provveduto a chiedere chiarimenti agli enti dipendenti e pertanto si fa riserva di ulteriori notizie.

2)- In data odierna è stata altresì chiesta assicurazione ai Comandi Militari Territoriali dipendenti circa l'eventuale esi-

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d'ordine  
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

*Giuseppe Lupino*

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Telephone:  
489081 Ext 415

LAND FORCES SUB C , AC (MILIA) CME

155 Q

10 Jan 47

War Ministry (by IO)Subject: CEM of French origin

Further to this HQ letter Q.155 of 3 May 46.

1. It will be recalled that on or about the 24 June 46 an assurance was sought from you that the French Authorities had been notified of all French military material held in Italian Army Depots.

The then Chief of your Gabinetto stated that this would be done after all Territorial Commands had officially reported no further stores of this nature were held but no copy of this assurance has been received by this Mission.

2. It appears that the discovery of a considerable quantity of French material as listed in the letter No 1087/CEM/REC of 30 Dec 46 (addressed to the Minister for War by the French Military Commandant in Italy) was due only to the visit of a French recovery commission.

3. It is not understood why this should not have been reported by 8 Territorial Command and subsequently to the French Authorities as in the case (for example) of the stores at Turin. Your 55C41/6890 of 17 May 46 refers.

4. You are requested to explain and to state whether you are now in possession of official reports on this subject from all Territorial Commands.

5. It is further requested a copy of your reply to the letter quoted in para 2 be sent to this HQ for the information of the Chief Commissioner.

Sgd: W. P. BISHOP Colonel,  
for Major General,  
G.O.C. M.M.I.A.

Copy to: Allied Commission for Executive Commissioner (your 4036/EC refers)

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G.O.C. M.M.I.A.

Copy to: Allied Commission for Executive Commissioner (your 4036/EC refers)

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TRANSLATION

From: M. of W.  
To : MMIA

Ref: 4710/695  
Date: 18/1/47

Subject: Material of French origin. -

As known, a Commission of French Officers is visiting our Ammunition Stores and Depots in order to identify and request the restitution of the material of French origin. Said material (as it appears to this Ministry) will be subsequently assigned to private industries in order to be dismantled and disposed of.

As the a/m material has almost always been recovered from mopping up operations and mine field clearing operations, carried out by the Italian military administration and for which heavy expenses have been made for the collection, transportation and storing, we consider it advisable to point out that, on handing over said material, the Italian administration be re-embursed for the recovery expenses borne.

Whilst awaiting your reply this Ministry considers it advisable to postpone the handing over of the material in question. -

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*Suggest May Board*  
*take this up with*  
*French 41*  
*RAG*

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*27 Jan.*

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*28 Feb 1947*

sgd. Properzi  
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Gen.

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*Action in 6 files*

*25/1/47*

A. Q. 155

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Telephone:  
Room 489081 Ext 415

LAND FORGES SUB COM, AC (MIA) CEF

155 Q

20 Jan 1947

A.C. (for Executive Comm).

Subject: CEM of French Origin  
in Sardinia.

*cc file*

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Ref your 4036/EC.

Further to this HQ 155 Q dated 10 Jan 47

A copy of War Ministry reply to the French Military Command  
in Italy is enclosed for your information.

*RAC*  
Major-General  
GOC.

RAD/ra

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Extract From

"C" LIAISON LOG No. 5. DATED 17/11/47

Lt. Col. MONACO 1.47

Handed in letter 155 Q of 10 Jan on CEM of French origin. Requested Col Monaco to give any explanation of the report by French authorities to the effect that considerable quantities of French stores were held in Sardinia.

Col. Monaco stated that the report was not quite correct and that S Herr Comd had been asked for an explanation. Ministry of War letter 200753/210-3.5/II dated 14 Jan to French Comd copy to this HQ refers.

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TRANSLATION

From: M. of W. Ref: 200752/II  
To : French Military Command in Italy  
MMIA (for information) Date: 14/1/47

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Subject; Recovery of French material in Sardinia. -

Reply to letter 1087 dated 30/12/46

Not received by MMIA

a) - This Ministry reported the majority of the material with the list attached to letter 210971/II dated 25/6/46 (under paragraph "Rome Military Territorial Command" ( which includes Sardinia in its territory) are listed 191 of the 203 cannons recovered by Capt. Romelaere of your HQ). - Proper explanations have been requested from the units under its command regarding the remaining small quantity not reported. -

b) - With letter of even date, the units under its command have been approached in order to dispatch the material included in the list attached in your letter.

As previously agreed and carried out, the Italian Military Authorities will arrange for the transportation of the material to the port of embarkation. -

→ Joe [unclear]

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sgd. Supino  
Gen.

18/1/47 [unclear]

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I. Q. 155

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Telephone:  
Room 4B3031 Ext 415

LAND FORCE'S SUB COMM, AG (MILIA) COMF

155 Q -

10 Jan 47

War Ministry (by LO)

*see requisition*

Subject: CEM of French origin

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Further to this HQ letter Q.155 of 3 May 46.

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Major General,  
GOC.

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1. It will be recalled that on or about the 24 June and assurance was sought from you that the French Authorities had been notified of all French military material held in Italian Army Depots.

The then Chief of your Gabinetto stated that this would be done after all Territorial Commands had officially reported no further stores of this nature were held but no copy of this assurance has been received by this Mission.

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2. It appears that the discovery of a considerable quantity of French material as listed in the letter No 1057/CMF/REC of 30 Dec 46 (addressed to the Minister for War by the French Military Commandant in Italy) was due only to the visit of a French recovery commission.

3. It is not understood why this should not have been reported by 6 Territorial Command and subsequently to the French Authorities as in the case (for example) of the stores at Turin. Your 53041/6890 of 17 May 46 refers.

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4. You are requested to explain and to state whether you are now in possession of official reports on this subject from all Territorial Commands.

5. It is further requested a copy of your reply to the letter quoted in para 2 be sent to this HQ for the information of the Chief Commissioner.

see 116

St Paul's School 3732

Acc 75

Major General,  
GCO  
MIA.

RAG/jw

Copy to: Allied Commission for Executive Comm (your 4036/43 refers)

Seen by French Mission who aged this was a subsequent action

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COMMANDEMENT MILITAIRE  
FRANCAIS EN ITALIE

SECTION DE RECUPERATION

N° 1088/CMF/REC

Enregistré, le 6 Janvier 1946  
sous le n° 6118/27

Q  
Rome, le 30 décembre 1946

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Le Général LE COUTEULX DE CAUMONT,  
Commandant Militaire Français en  
Italie

à  
Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.  
M.M.I.A.

Sous-Couvert de Monsieur le Capitain  
de Vaisseau Représentant Français  
auprès de la Commission Alliée.

J'ai l'honneur de vous adresser ci-  
joint copie de ma lettre N° 1087/CMF/REC du  
30/12/46 au Ministère de la Guerre Italien.

Conformément à votre lettre Q I55  
du 3 mai 1946, je vous demande de vouloir bien  
donner tout l'appui que vous jugerez utile  
aux désirs exprimés par le dernier alinéa de  
cette lettre.

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P. O.-Le CHEF de Bataillon TROEMY  
Officier Supérieur adjoint

-P.J. Etat du Materiel reconnu en  
Sardaigne par le Capitaine ROMMELAERE



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COMMANDEMENT MILITAIRE FRANCAIS  
EN ITALIE

Rome, le 30 Décembre 1946

SECTION DE RECUPERATION

n° 4087 /OMF/REC

-COPIE-

AT  
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see

Le Général DE GOUTVILLE DE CAUMONT,  
Commandant Militaire Français en Italie,

A

Monsieur le MINISTRE de la GUERRE  
(Cabinet), ROME

AR 74

J'ai l'honneur de vous adresser ci-joint une situation des matériels qui ont été détectés en Sardaigne au cours d'une récente mission d'un Officier de mon Commandement. Je vous serais très obligé de vouloir bien en prescrire l'expédition à destination de l'établissement de Réserve Générale du Matériel de NICE.

A cette occasion, je ne puis passer sous silence combien je suis surpris de constater que des matériels d'une telle importance, puisqu'en n'y compte pas moins de 203 bouches à feu des différents calibres en excellent état, et 17 chars Soma, n'aient figuré sur aucun des états fournis par vos Services en exécution des prescriptions de la MIA dont vous faites état dans votre lettre n°210802/II en date du 19.4.46.

Je suis persuadé que vous estimerez comme moi, que ces états ont besoin d'être sérieusement revus et complétés.

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P. O. Le CHEF de Bataillon THOUMY  
Officier Supérieur adjoint

Signé : THOUMY

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COMMANDEMENT MILITAIRES FRANÇAIS  
EN ITALIE

SECTION DE RÉCUPÉRATION

n° 1084 /GSP/RNO

ÉTAT DU MATÉRIEL REÇU EN  
SARDAIGNE PAR LE CAPITAINE ROMMELAERE  
(Période du 1 au 23.12.46)

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| Désignation du matériel                                                                                                                             | Quantité | Lieu de stockage                                                                 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| -Canons de 47 Mle D 17 anti chars en bon état avec lunette de pointage, couvre culasse et bouche avec pièces de rechange, graissés et bien stockés. | 76       | 5 Prato Sardo 6 Telti<br>14 Anconer<br>24 Siliqua<br>5 Comprocola<br>21 Cagliari |
| -Canons de 75 de montagne, Mle D 17 avec appareil de pointage en bon état, graissés et bien stockés.                                                | 20       | 3 Prato Sardo 4 Cagliari<br>6 Siliqua 4 Telti<br>3 Comprocola                    |
| -Canons anti chars de 75 R 38 avec lunette de pointage en bon état graissés et bien stockés                                                         | 34       | 29 Prato Sardo<br>8 Siliqua<br>1 Cagliari                                        |
| -Canons de 155 Mle D 17 avec avant train en bon état, complets et graissés.                                                                         | 12       | 8 Prato Sardo<br>4 Telti                                                         |
| -Canons de 105-27 avec avant train complets et graissés                                                                                             | 4        | 4 Prato Sardo                                                                    |
| -Mortiers de 60 avec trepieds (tubes oxydés pouvant servir pour l'instruction après remise en état                                                  | 57       | 57 Prato Sardo                                                                   |
| -Chars Somua avec canons de 47-3A pouvant être remis en état                                                                                        | 17       | Dépot de réparation<br>17 de matériel auto de<br>AMBASANTA                       |
| -Tracteurs Scheneder à chenille                                                                                                                     | 8        | 8 --- d ---                                                                      |
| -Remorques porte char roues sans caoutchouc                                                                                                         | 5        | 5 --- d ---                                                                      |
| -Appareil d'écoute Mle B 34 avec remorque en bon état sur pneus neufs de 15x50 type S Sautter Harle Paris                                           | 6        | 6 Telti                                                                          |
| -Correcteur d'écoute avec remorque en bon état sur pneus neufs type S Sautter Harle Paris                                                           | 1        | 1 Telti                                                                          |

A Rome, le 24 Décembre 1946

Le Capitaine ROMMELAERE de la Section de  
Récupération.

Rommelàere

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SUBJECT : Disposal of French Arms.

LAND FORCES SB COMMISSION A.G.  
M.M.I.A.  
R O N E  
1.155

31 October 1946

10 : War Ministry

725

Ref your 75163/17589 dated 25 Oct 46.

- 1. The French Military representative is Captain FOREST whose offices in Naples are with the firm of VIRGOSA, San Giovanni.
- 2. Please confirm you have been able to contact this officer.

*Rac*  
Major General,  
M.M.I.A.

Copy to: 10 B.L.H.  
RAC/ra

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TRANSLATION

From: M.O.F W.  
To : MMIA

Ref: 75165/17389  
Date: 25/10/46

Subject: French ammo. stored in Italian Depots. -

Agreements were being reached between the Military Territorial Command of Naples and the French Detached HQ (Piazza dei Martiri 58 - Naples) regarding the return to 67 Depot of Aversa of French materiel salvaged by Italian authorities.

Since there is no French Authority at Naples we beg you to state which office we must contact to settle the matter. -

Captaine TOURET  
Viaza - San Giovanni - Naples.

sgd. Properzi  
Gen.

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TRANSLATION

From: M.of W.  
 To : Arty HQ - Mil.Terr.HQ, Naples.  
 MMIA (for information)  
 (Ref.letter Q/155 dated 31/10/46)

Ref: 81448/19162

Date: 16/11/46

Subject: Restitution of French equipment. -

With Reference to letter 6254 dated 9/10/46, we would inform you that the French military representative, with whom you must make contact for the restitution of the a/m equipment to the 67 Depot of Aversa, is Capt. TOURET whose office is at Naples at the Viscosa firm, San Giovanni. -

sgd/

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T R A N S L A T I O N

FROM : MINISTRY OF WAR (S.M.)

TO : AL ECHEO (ORMOA)

INFO : MANIA

REF : 326/T.L.

DATE : 14 Sept 46

SUBJECT: French locomotives in Italy.

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Ref misunderstanding in letter RV/404/3 of 6 June 43. Herewith clarification:

1. The above quoted letter refers as follows:

"These locomotives are of a type not generally used in Italy and it is supposed that they are War Booty of the Italo-French war. In this case they have to be returned and we are in a position to proceed with the exchange of Italian locomotives at present in France, even if the latter are the property of the Italian State Railways, and not the property of the Italian Army.

On the other hand said locomotives may have been purchased before the war by the Italian Army, in which case they have the right to keep them. It is requested that you investigate the matter and report same.

2. On information obtained by this S.M., it was not possible to obtain evidence of a pre-war purchase, therefore it is out of the question to set aside the supposition that these locomotives are War Booty, and consequently be returned. Owing, however, to the fact that an exchange has been offered with Italian locomotives, (the property of Italian State Railways) held in France, this S.M. will gladly proceed with this exchange and has issued the following instructions:

- (a) for the release of the locomotives,
- (b) for an agreement with Italian State Railways.

3. This S.M. is neither trying to keep anything, nor attempting to make an affair, but only to do his duty regarding what has been proposed by your office.

4. In the event that your office has any other propositions, we shall be very glad to examine them. 2725

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F. Q. 155

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SUBJECT: Disposal French Military Property.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.  
M.M.I.A.  
R O M E  
Q.155

16 September 1946

TO : Comandement Militaire  
Francais en Italie

1. The attached letter from Italian Ministry of War concerning French ammunition is passed to you for action.
2. Please arrange direct with the Italian Ministry of War for disposal of this material.

C.A. PIGGS, Capt.  
for Major General,  
M.M.I.A.

Copy to: AFHQ Liaison Sec. ROME

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Subject:- Disposal French Military  
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Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)  
R O M E  
Q.155

6 Sept 46.

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To :- Commandement Militaire  
Français en Italie.

1. The attached letter from It. Ministry of War concerning a French armoured railway gun is passed to you for action.
2. Please arrange direct with the It. Ministry of War for disposal of this material.

E.F. BYATT, Major,  
for Major General,  
M.M.I.A.

Copy to:- AFHQ Liaison Sec. ROME

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TRANSLATION

FROM : MINISTRY OF WAR

REF : 60607/13501

TO : MIA

DATE : 27 AUG 46

INFO : S.M.E. (Trpt)

*railway gun*

SUBJECT: - ~~an~~ Armoured car lying at CRTD. - (~~370~~ 370 kms North of Rome)

*Directorate General*

The General Direction of the Italian Railway ~~State~~, notify that for a long time, there is lying at CRTD Station, an armoured ~~car~~ *railway* gun, calibre (240) ~~mm~~ *mm* "Societe Constructions Batignoles et Conin, Paris."

*gun, calibre 240 marked as follows*

Having to proceed with the clearing of the railroad on which this french car is lying, ~~it~~ is requested MIA to indicate where it can be directed.

*Acte French train Sec*

For the Minister  
Gen. U. RUSSO

~~Stamp~~ ~~Stamp~~ ~~Stamp~~ *M. D.* ~~372~~ *155*

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War. REF: 60889/13291

TO: M.M.I.A. DATE: 24 August 1946.

SUBJECT:- French ammunition.

Bolzano C.M.T. has informed us that quantities of French ammunition exist in their dumps, listed under dumps in the attached list.

We beg your Mission to order the clearance of the ammunition in question from the said stores.

The clearance of the Batteria Bassa Incanal (Rivoli) and the T.Valle (Valeggio) dumps is particularly urgent, as the said stores containing only the a/m ammunition must be disbanded as soon as possible.

sgd. RUSSO  
Gen.

*Handwritten:* 20/8/46

R.A.G.

*Handwritten:* 16/9/46

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BOEHO (ORMDA) ITALY

A.P.O. S. 551

G.M.F.

Ministero dei Trasporti,  
Piazza della Croce Rossa,  
ROMA.

27 August 1946.

Telegram : BOEHO ORMDA ROME

Telephone : 343.458

Reference : RY - 404/3

Subject : French locomotives in DMXX.

To : The Ministry of War,  
Army Staff,  
Transportation Office,  
Rome.

Copy to : Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C.,  
M.M.L.A.,  
Rome.

*QMS file 637*

I beg to acknowledge your letter 285/11 of 4 August.

There appears to be some misunderstanding, as there is no question of any exchange of Italian locomotives from FRANCE for the electric locomotives LT 248, LT 269 and LT 249. It appears clear that such locomotives are not the bona fide property of the Italian Army.

It is considered most inadvisable, particularly in the present situation, to attempt to retain these locomotives, or to bargain for Italian locomotives to be returned by FRANCE in exchange.

It is requested that you treat this matter as urgent.

*R. W. L. Fellowes*

R. W. L. FELLOWES,  
Divisional Officer,  
BOEHO (ORMDA) ITALY.

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TRANSLATION

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FROM : MINISTRY OF WAR

REF : 55763/12623

TO : ARTILLERY DIR. Florence  
(ref. 3523/T.2 of 3/7/46)

DATE : 13.8.46

INFO : M.M.I.A. Rome  
AFHQ, French Mil. Liaison Co. in Ity, Rome  
Cabinet (Office II)  
ref. 54481/11508 of 19.7.46  
Head of Staff (ref. 54481/11508 of 19.7.46)

SUBJECT : French claim to scrap brass.-

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Herewith copy of letter Q.155 dated 30 July 1946 from M.M.I.A., regarding the above mentioned request, transmitted for cancellation of the reserve made at para II of signal 52994/10791 dated 20.7.46.

You are accordingly requested to complete immediately the balance of the quantity of scrap brass requested by the Delegation of the French Navy of Genoa with the quantity available as per letter 4975/A3 of 29.7.46.

Please confirm.

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for the Minister  
P.G. Properji

Certified to be a true copy

Col. G. Campagna.

10/8/46  
I Q. 155 3719

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TRANSLATION

From:- Ministry of War  
To:- ECITO (ORMOA)  
MMIA for information

Ref No:286/T.L.  
Date: 4 August 46

Subject:- French locomotives in Italy

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Reply to letter RY - 404/3 dated 17/7/46.

It has still not been possible to establish with certainty whether the benzo electric LT 248/LT 269 and LT 248 locomotives which are at present at the Milan Breda workshops, being repaired for the Italian Army can be considered as war booty.

Anyway, bearing in mind the views taken by your office in the above letter and the proposal to exchange them for the Italian locomotives belonging to the State Railway at present in France, this SM requests the Engineer General Directorate to order - within its power - that the Breda Workshops release the locomotives concerned to your office.

The release will take place, after arrangements with the State Railway and also concerning the type of Italian locomotive which we would like returned.

The Engineer General Directorate will deal with the State Railway for the administrative settlement of the exchange of material with which the two Transport and War Ministries are concerned.

sgd. Liuzzi  
Gen

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no. 120  
Aug 30  
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Subject:- Disposal of French Ammunition.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)  
R O M E  
Q.155

To :- Commandant Militaire  
Francais en Italie.

30 July 46.

IRB 131  
July 16

1. The Italian Ministry of War have reported the existence of the following salvaged French ammunition located at the Artillery Directorate of BOLOGNA:-

|                             |     |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| 105 m/m shells without fuse | 229 |
| "          with          "  | 11  |
| 152 "          "          " | 229 |
| 180 m/m shells              | 42  |
| 220 "          without fuse | 2   |

2. Please arrange direct with the Italian Ministry of War for disposal of this material.

*Seb*

*[Signature]*

R.F. BYATT, Major,  
for Major General,  
M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT : French claim to scrap brass.

LHD FORMS OUR COMMISSION A.O.  
M.M.I.A.  
ROME  
✓ 155

30 July 1946

TO : War Ministry.

Ref your 5401/11508 dated 19 July 1946.

1. The Allied policy is that war material located in Italy shall be restored to the Allied Government concerned or disposed of as thought best by that Government.

Material of Italian Military origin may be claimed by the War Ministry for the maintenance of the Italian Armed Forces.

2. The dispute in question is outside the competence of this Sub Commission as it depends on the correct identification of the material.

From the correspondence it appears that the French claim is based on an inventory prepared in the presence of the Italian Authorities at the Verseggs Depot in October 1945.

3. Any error in the computation of the scrap belonging to the French Authorities should have been pointed out at the time.

You are accordingly advised to adjust the matter on the basis suggested by the French Authorities.

Rae  
A. Major General  
M.M.I.A.

Copy to:

A.F.H.Q. Liaison Section  
Commandement Militaire Francais  
en Italie.

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RMG/rn

(60)

Subject:- Disposal of Ammunition.Land Forces Sub Comd. A.C.  
(M.N.I.A.)  
R O M E  
Q.155

29 July 46.

To :- Commandement Militaire  
Français en Italie.

Q131

1. The Italian Ministry of War have reported the existence of the following salvaged French ammunition located at the PIANELLONI Depot under command the FLORENCE ARTILLERY DIRECTORATE:-

|                                          |       |
|------------------------------------------|-------|
| French shells 182 mm                     | qty 1 |
| " " 210 "                                | " 1   |
| " " of various cal. from<br>65 to 115 mm | " 12  |
| " fuzes RYG mod.918                      | " 165 |

2. Please arrange direct with the Italian Ministry of War for disposal of this material.

*E.P. BYATT*  
Major,  
for Major General,  
M.N.I.A.

Copy to:- Ministry of War  
(your letter 34483/11514  
dated 19-7-46 refers).

EFB/ab

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TRANSLATION

FROM: M. of W.  
Gen. Directorate  
of Artillery

REF: 5481/11508

TO : M.M.I.A.

DATE: 19/7/46

SUBJECT: Brass scraps resulting from French ammunition cases.

- 1 - During October last, Captain Sorrente of the French Mission, authorised to visit the ammunition depot of Vergezze (Grosseto) to trace material of French origin, estimated that, out of the considerable <sup>amount</sup> of brass scraps, there existing, fifteen tons were to be considered of French origin as they consisted of ~~cases~~ <sup>ammo.</sup> of French production.
- 2 - Subsequently, after the Depot was re organised, it appeared that the French scrap amounted to 1,1 Tons and not 15 Tons as the above officer estimated on first sight.
- 3 - The considerable difference is explained by the fact that, when Capt. Sorrente estimated the material of French origin, he saw the French cases spread all over the top, and inferior layers afterwards, were found to be mainly of Italian scraps.
- 4 - With letter N° 522 G.M. dated 27 June 1946 (copy attached) <sup>25/7/46</sup> addressed to the Director of Art. Service in Florence (who supervise said depot), the Delegation of the French Navy of Genoa asked that the balance between the quantity found by this Administration and the quantity estimated by Capt. Sorrente be made good with brass held in stock in other Depots. <sub>R-</sub>

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- 5 - This Ministry, in submitting the matter to you for your decision, points out that if it were to adhere to the request of the French Delegation, it would give away Italian material which, according to Allied instructions in force, is the exclusive property of the Italian State.
- 6 - Kindly inform this office of the decisions taken by you on the matter.

Sgd. PROPERZI  
Gen.

G.F.

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TRANSLATION

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FROM: Delegation of the French Navy  
Genoa

REF: 522/E.M./4

TO : Col. Attisani  
Art. Director  
Florence.

DATE: 27 /6/46

SUBJECT; Brass scraps of French origin.

During the month of October 1945, the French Captain Sorrente, on visiting the Versegge depot, found a large quantity of brass scraps piled up and estimated to be well over 60 Tons of which, approx. 15 Tons were found to be of French origin and an inventory was made out in the presence of the Italian Authorities i/c of the Depot.

Eversince that date, 50 Tons of this scraps have been sold by you. When, at the beginning of this month, we went to withdraw our material, Col. Polito, O i/c the depot, was in a position to hand over only 1.1 Tons of brass scraps instead of the 15 Tons as previously ascertained.

I would be grateful to you if you would give instructions so that the missing quantity of brass scraps be replaced by other held in stock elsewhere and inform me on the steps taken by you regarding this matter.

Sgd. DOUET  
Commander.

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BOCETO (ORMOA) ITALY

A.P.O. S. 551

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RECEIVED 23 JUL 1946 O.M.P.  
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Ministero dei Trasporti,  
Piazza della Croce Rossa,  
ROMA.  
17 July 1946.

Telegrams : BOCETO ORMOA ROME  
Telephone : 863.551 - Ex. 9322  
Reference : BY - 404/3  
Subject : French locomotives in ITALY  
To : The Minister for War,  
ROME.  
Copy to : Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C.,  
M.E.I.A.  
ROME.  
(Q.155 8 July refers)

*See SH*

I would refer to correspondence with Land Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, under their reference Q.155, and your 4439/P of 15 June, concerning three shunting locomotives of French manufacture at present in Breda Works, MILAN, in damaged condition.

It would appear that these locomotives are not established as the purchased property of the Italian Army, and in the circumstances they should be returned to FRANCE.

It is asked that a letter of authority be given by your Ministry to this Organization for presentation to the Breda Works in MILAN, in order to secure the release of the locomotives, when arrangements will be made with the Italian State Railways to convey them to FRANCE.

It is emphasized that the locomotives are damaged and are likely to remain at Breda Works for a long time if no speedy action is taken, whereas their release and return to FRANCE will permit repairs to be effected and enable them to make some contribution to the transport of Europe as a whole.

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*23/7/46*

*ALL 63T*

*R. W. L. Fellowes 3711*  
R. W. L. FELLOWES  
Divisional Officer,  
BOCETO (ORMOA) ITALY.

*Q155*

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TRANSLATION

FROM : M. of W.

REF: 218046/11

TO : M.M.I.A.

DATE: 16/7/46

SUBJECT: Pontoon Bridge over the Adige at Legnago.

WP

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Reference letter Q/115 dated 2 July 1946.

Not being able to replace (as already known to your M.M.I.A.), the French Bridge over the Adige between PORTO and LEGNAGO with army material, we have notified the Min. public works.

We attach copy of letter 2299 dated 5 July 1946 which was sent in reply by the foresaid Ministry in which it is stated that the Venice OO.PP. has been informed.

Therefore we will inform you as soon as possible what action is to be taken on the matter.

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Sgd. LOMBARDI  
Col.

MAINT  
RAC

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RAC  
 French threaten to  
 remove the pontoon  
 bridge  
 now needs with  
 Italian guns and  
 Min of Public Works.  
 I do not know  
 who Venice OO.PP.  
 is. RAC

A PASS  
Ant.

TRANSLATION

FROM: Public Work Ministry

REF: 2299

TO : Ministry of War

DATE: 6/7/46

SUBJECT: Pontoon Bridge over the Adige at Legnago

Further to your letter we would inform you that; The Legnago Comune Town Council in the dated 15 June 1946, whilst reporting that a drop in the level of the river Adige has caused a traffic hold up, also points out the seriousness of the situation should the river reach its normal level, and asks this Ministry's help to rebuild the damaged bridge.

The a/m council has also requested that the present pontoon bridge be replaced with a larger and more efficient one due to the heavy road traffic which has to cross it.

The Venice OO.PP. has been approached on the matter requesting them to inform us what action is to be taken.

Sgd. ILLEGIBLE

3709

56

Subject: Disposal of Ammunition.

Land Forces Sub Com. I.S.  
(M.S.I.)  
S.C.M.S.  
C.155

18 July 48.

To: Commandement Militaire  
Francais en Italie.

1. The It. Ministry of War have reported the existence of the following salvaged French ammo located in (a) MAJANS DE BRONTO and (b) FLORINCE Army Directorates.

2. Please arrange direct with the It. Ministry of War for disposal of this material.

MAJANS DE BRONTO

50 m/m mortar bombs

700

FLORINCE

55 m/m shells AP

1585

Q131  
Total 825

*W. H. H. H.*  
M.S. HARRIS, Major,  
for Major General,  
M.S.I.A.

Copy to: Ministry of War  
(your letter 53505/10881  
dated 20 July and 53507/10889  
undated refer).

Q131  
Total 825

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Subject:- Materials of French origin.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)  
R O M E  
Q.155

8 July 46.

TO :- Commandement Militaire  
Français en Italie.

1. The It. Ministry of War have reported the existence of the following salvaged French ammo located in Home Artillery Directorate.

2. Please arrange direct with the Italian Ministry of War for the disposal of this material.

|     |                               |        |
|-----|-------------------------------|--------|
| 155 | shells, without fuse, French  | Nº1336 |
| 155 | " " cap, "                    | " 1023 |
| 155 | " short, without fuse, French | " 130  |
| 220 | " A.P. French                 | " 264  |
| 220 | " without fuse, French        | " 22   |

*W. Wyatt*  
R.F. WYATT, Major,  
for Major General,  
M.M.I.A.

Copy to:- MINISTRY OF WAR.  
(your letter Art & Mot  
45488/10064 dated 1 July  
refers).

RFB/ab

Q131  
Ldn 417

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SUBJECT:- Recovery French locomotives.

Land Forces Sub Commission AC.,  
H.M.I.A.  
R O M E  
Q.155

8 July 1946

TO : H.Q. BEINO (ORINDA)

Ref year HY - 401/3 of 6 June 1946.

1. The War Ministry refers that careful investigation has failed to establish the aunting locomotives of French manufacture as being the property of the Italian Army.

2. It is considered probable that they were among "war booty" transferred in 1942 from the Artillery Directorate at Piacenza to the Dreda W/S for repairs.

Rae

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

5705

Copy to : War Ministry (by L.O.) (4439/9 15 June refers)

Ames

24 - 29 JUNE 1946

*Alphonse Lombardi*  
LIAISON WITH WAR MINISTRY (& SMRE)

Stores of FRENCH origin : General talk to Lombardi about the present situation :

French Recovery Commission had compared list of stores seized by the Italians in France with the lists of stores returned to them by the Italian Army since the Armistice. The French were NOT persuaded that the Italians had yet handed over all the French materials held by them. They had pointed out that the only materials of any consequence (other than amm) which they had got back were the ones found by their own search parties earlier this year.

On the other hand the Italian War Ministry ( in the person of Lt.Col. MONACO) had stated that no further stores of French origin were held in Italian Army Depots or installations, beyond what had already been declared or was in the process of being handed over to the French.

Told Lombardi that MILIA had absolutely no direct interest in the matter whatsoever, but were acting as the authorised channel for the settlement of the question. It was a matter of reconciling the two points of view.

Asked Lombardi if there would be any difficulty on their part to the release of a declaration over the War Minister's signature to the effect that the Italian Army had no further stores of French origin.

After speaking to Monaco over the phone Lombardi stated there would be no trouble over this, but that he would first prefer to signal all territorial commands to secure their confirmation that nothing further had been found.

Also suggested to Lombardi that the French might be allowed to make a spot check in one or two depots just to satisfy their minds. Thereafter the matter to be considered closed once and for all.

Told Lombardi that the question has been discussed with the French along the same lines and it was believed that they would be satisfied with this solution.

Lt. Col. CARLI

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PISS  
Carli

Subj: French bridge over Adige.

(52)

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
(M.I.A.)  
H O W E  
0.155

2 July 46.

To: MINISTRY OF WAR.

3704/51

Ref. your signal 210828/2 undated addressed to IV COMILITER.

State

1. It is now understood as per IV COMILITER letter 55939/W addressed to you that no bridging material of suitable size and type can be found by them to replace the French bridge over the river Adige between PORTO and LERANO.
2. Your attention is drawn to the utmost importance and urgency of this matter and every effort should be made by you, together with any necessary co-operation from the civil Ministries, for this bridge to be replaced as its removal by French Authorities would be to the detriment of both IV COMILITER and the civil population in the area.
3. You are requested to keep this HQ informed of what action you propose taking over this question.

*MS.*

E.F. BEATT, Major,  
for Major General,  
M.I.A.

Copy to: 4 BLD BOLZANO

KFB/ab

See (53)

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TRANSLATION

COPY

FROM: MINISTRY OF WAR.

REF : 45488/10064

TO : M M I A

DATE : 1 July 46

SUBJECT/- Ammo of foreign origin.

In accordance with instructions by MMIA, we notify that in Riano Depot, dependent from Artillery Direction of Rome, are stored the ammunition as per attached list. Said ammunition appear to be in a bad state of conservation.

for the Minister  
Gen.U.RUSSO

French.

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|-----|------------------------|--------|--------|
| 155 | shells, without fuze,, | French | N°1336 |
| 155 | " " cap,               | "      | " 1023 |
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| 220 | " without fuze,        | French | " 22   |

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See 55  
See 0131  
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ESIMO (ORMA) ITALY  
A.P.O. S. 551  
C.M.F.

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Ministero dei Trasporti,  
Piazza della Croce Rossa,  
ROMA.  
28 June 1946.

Telegram : ESIMO ORMA ROME  
Telephone : 863.551 - Ex. 9322  
Reference : RI - 404/3  
Subject : French Locomotives in Italy.  
To : H.M.I.A., Allied Commission, ITALY.

46

Reference is to our letter of 6 June 1946.

We are being pressed on the matter of the French locomotives put into Breda Works for repair by the Italian Army, and would appreciate any information you may have gathered on the subject.

*cced*  
R. W. L. FALLOWERS  
Divisional Officer  
ESIMO (ORMA) ITALY.

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TRANSLATION

From: Arty Dir. - Piacenza  
To : M.of W.

Ref: 9133/Amma  
Date: 27/6/46

Subject: French Locomotives in Italy. -

Reference letter 4439/F dated 15th inst.

Despite careful search through documents recovered after destruction caused by war events it has not been possible to trace any document from which it is shown that the locomotives referred to in the attached copy of letter which was forwarded here were actually sent by this directorate to the Breda Firm.

Personnel serving at the time, questioned on the matter, have not been able to give any information.

S.T.

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| MEMO    |                           |

sgd. Gemmaro

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A Q155  
*[Handwritten signature]*

Copy

From: M. of W.  
To : Mil. Tpt. Delegation

Ref: 4439/F  
Date: 15/6/46

Subject: French locomotives in Italy.

We attach copy of letter RY 404/3  
from Ecito (Ormoa) Italy dated 6th inst. asking you  
to kindly carry out a careful investigation concerning  
the above: /

sgd. Bogliaccino  
Col.

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Copy

From: Mil. Tpt. Delegation - Milan  
To : M.of W.

Ref: OI/507/F  
Date: 27/6/46

50-AT

Subject: French Locomotives in Italy. -

Further to letter 4439/7 dated 15/6/46, an officer from this delegation has been sent to the arsenal and the Artillery Directorate at Piacenza concerning investigations regarding the French Locomotives T.L. 246, T.L. 269, T.L. 249, at present in the Breda W/S. The Military arsenal knows nothing about this material, the Artillery Directorate states that towards September, October and December 1942, some war booty French Materiels were in the directorate's dump and it is not excluded that the locomotives in question were part of these stores and which later on were transferred to the Breda W/S for repairs. The Artillery Directorate has not been able to give exact information due to the fact that most of the old personnel are no longer employed there; however further to your letter which will enable us to trace the person formerly i/c of the Depot, after which more precise information will be given to your transport office.

sgd. Simonelli

3609

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BOFFO (ORMA) ITALY  
A.F.M. S. 351  
O.M.F.

6 June 1946

Telegrams : BOFFO (ORMA) ITALY  
Telephone : 643,458  
Reference : HY - 464/3  
Subject : French locomotives in Italy  
to : U.S.I.A., Allied Commission, ITALY

During a survey of productive power of Italian factories, a representative of this organization discovered in the BERA Works at MILAN three small french-built shunting locomotives, and further enquiries reveal that they were sent to the BERA Works for repairs by the Italian Army.

It is stated that the Divisione Armiglierie Mecanica di serbatoio locomotives 41248 and 41249 to the BERA Works in October 1942, and by 249 on 12 December, 1942, and that they have remained there ever since.

These locomotives are of a type not generally associated with Italian usage, and it is thought possible that they may have been acquired as war booty during the Italian possession to France. If this is the case they should be repatriated, and we would be able to arrange an exchange for Italian locomotives at present held in France, although the latter are the property of the Italian State Railways, and not the Italian Army.

It may be, however, that these locomotives were acquired during the war by the Italian Army, in which case they have a perfect right to keep them without question. It would be appreciated if you would have some enquiries made into the matter and advise as of the actual facts in due course.

R/W.L. BULLOCKS  
Divisional Officer,  
BOFFO (ORMA) ITALY

U.S. AIR FORCE  
OFFICE OF THE  
ATTORNEY GENERAL  
WASHINGTON, D.C.  
C. C. G.  
MAILING ADDRESS  
*W. W. W.*

3698



0772

Subject: The Bridge between IEGHANO and PORTO .

Headquarters  
4 B.L.U.  
Belsero  
Ref 4/GB/11-19  
Tele 3647

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To : HQ M.M.I.A. ROME.

25 June 46

42

1. Your O. 214 dated 2 May, 1946 refers.
2. Attached herewith copies of correspondence received from 4 Territorial Command for your information.

*Ch. J. ...*  
Major  
for Lt. Col. GS

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MILITARY TERRITORIAL COMMAND BOLZANO (IV)  
General Staff - Service Office

Bolzano, 10 June 1946.

SIN/P  
Ref. G. / 7966 / Serv.

SUBJECT: The bridge between LERZANO and PORTO  
constructed with French material.  
TO : A.P.L.V. BOLZANO.

Our letter G. / 7063 / Serv. dated 15 May 46 refers.

Copy of the dispatch of the Engineers Directorate to the Ministry  
of War as to the communications held by this Command with the Ministry  
of War concerning the a/m bridge, is transmitted for information.

HEAD OF GENERAL STAFF  
(Col. Enrico Duranti)  
sgd.???

3696

Copy/E

Translation / IG

Appendix to letter CM/2966/Serv. of 18 June 46.

MINISTRY OF WAR  
ENGINEERS DIRECTORATE - MATERIAL DIV. SECT. 2

Ref. 55239/E

SUBJECT: Replacement of the French bridge on the Adige  
between PORDO and IZZANO.

TO : War Ministry, ROME.

INFO : Engineers Inspectorate.

Ref. tele CM/7538 of 18 May 46 of Territorial Command Bolzano.

The following is comm. listed in accordance with the Engineers Inspectorate:

- So far no bridge material of the right type and size has been recovered in order to replace the material of the French bridge over the river Adige between PORDO and IZZANO.
- Recent investigations have given negative results. - There is only an aliquot of a bridge I/R (10 tons), incomplete.
- As it is a question of a bridge in civil use, and considering the a/m joints, it is considered necessary to interest the Ministry of Labour in this matter.

HEAD OF SERVICE OFFICE  
Major Franco Andreis  
sgd ???

Director General  
sgd G. Crivaro.

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49

Subject: Materials of French Origin.

Land Forces Sub Comm. 4.4  
(R.F.L.A.)  
R.F.L.A.  
195

20 June 45.

To: Commandement  
Militaire Francaise  
en Italie.

SEE LB

1. The 10. Ministry of War have reported the existence of the following alleged French arms located in 1000th Army Command.

2. Please arrange direct with the Italian Ministry of War for the disposal of this material.

|                                           |       |
|-------------------------------------------|-------|
| Shells for 100 s/a Guns                   | 500   |
| " " 155 " " with caps                     | 100   |
| " " 150 " " " "                           | 70    |
| " " 155 " " " "                           | 100   |
| Cartridge for 37 s/a Guns                 | 2000  |
| " " 47 " " dnd                            | 200   |
| " " 37 " " ordinary                       | 10000 |
| " " 37 " " s.p.                           | 1000  |
| " " 75/34 " "                             | 25    |
| Shells for 100 s/a Guns                   | 10 73 |
| " " 75 " "                                | 300   |
| " " 81 " "                                | 2500  |
| Shells mod. 35 " "                        | 200   |
| Pases for 24/31 100, 17                   | 700   |
| " " 24/31 " 18                            | 400   |
| Cartridge cal. 8                          | 70000 |
| Shells once for 100 s/a Guns              | 300   |
| Caps for cartridge 155                    | 500   |
| Cylindrical covers for cartridges 2-9-173 | 50    |
| Propelling charges of French powder B     | 1000  |
| Pases for 24/30 R.S.S.                    | 100   |
| French Powder B                           | 100   |

*[Signature]*  
U.F. WATTS, Major  
for Major General,  
R.F.L.A.

Copy to: Liaison Section AFHQ-ROME  
11 DU

WJH/ab

MINISTRY OF WAR (YOUR  
Letter via Art 4 Reg 3

400/100 dated 1 June 45 (Ref no)

0776

TRAIN STATION

FORM

FROM: M. of W.

Ref: 39535/840

TO: M.M.I.A.

Date: 1/5/45

48

SUBJECT: Allied ammo salvaged in the area  
of Palermo Terr. Command as at 2/3/45.

For whatever decision you may take on the matter we rewrite hereunder the list of Allied ammo salvaged as at 2/3/45, and held in various Dumps of Palermo Terr. Command and which was reported to be almost entirely insufficient.

FRENCH AMMO.

|                                           |        |
|-------------------------------------------|--------|
| Shells for 220 a/m Guns                   | 508    |
| " " 155 " " with caps                     | 442    |
| " " 220 " " " "                           | 80     |
| " " 155 " " " "                           | 992    |
| Cartridge for 37 a/m Guns                 | 8534   |
| " " 47 " " aud                            | 220    |
| " " 37 " " ordinary                       | 18000  |
| " " 37 " " s.p.                           | 3200   |
| " " 75/34 " "                             | 25     |
| Shells for 152 a/m Guns                   | 1978   |
| " " 75 " "                                | 300    |
| " " 81 " "                                | 2850   |
| Mines mod. 36 " "                         | 200    |
| Fuses for 24/21 mod. 17                   | 720    |
| " " 24/34 " 18                            | 420    |
| Cartridge cal. 8                          | 279240 |
| Shells cases for 105 a/m Guns             | 586    |
| Caps for cartridge 155                    | 510    |
| Cylindrical covers for cartridges 2-c-155 | 63     |
| Propelling charges of French powder B     | 1452   |
| Fuses for 24/30 R.M.C.                    | 1320   |
| French Powder B                           | 700    |

*Sever*

sd. PROPERZI

File in Q155

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*M*

*SEE 44*

"G" BUCK SLIP

FILE NO

815547

| DATE    | SECTION OR SERVICE |    | ACTION REQUIRED                                                                                                                                                   |
|---------|--------------------|----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|         | FROM               | TO |                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 12 May  | Q                  | LO | <p>Please obtain written report from War Dept on your convenience</p> <p>RAC</p>                                                                                  |
| 17 June | LO                 | Q  | <p>May ROSSI returned attached letter and stated War Ministry reply under separate cover now ready and will be in MMIA hands in a day or so.</p> <p><u>cd</u></p> |

3092

0778

*see 70-T* *see 70-T* *see 70-T*



ECITO (ORMOA) ITALY  
A.P.O. S. 551  
C.M.F.

46

6 June 1946

Telegrams : ECITO ORMOA ROME  
Telephone : 843,458  
Reference : RY - 404/3  
Subject : French Locomotives in Italy  
To : M.M.I.A., Allied Commission, ITALY

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*LO*  
*see enquire*  
*RAB*

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It is stated that the Direzione Artiglieria, PIACENZA, despatched locomotives TL 248 and TL 269 to the BREDA Works in October 1942, and TL 249 on 12 December, 1942, and that they have remained there ever since.

*See folio 70T*

These locomotives are of a type not generally associated with Italian usage, and it is thought possible that they may have been acquired as war booty during the period of Italian opposition to France. If this is the case, they should be repatriated, and we would no doubt be able to arrange an exchange for Italian locomotives at present held in France, although the latter are the property of the Italian State Railways, and not the Italian Army.

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RECEIVED 11 JUN 1946

*R. W. L. Fellowes* *Army* *See 511*  
*A Q 3691*

R. W. L. FELLOWES,  
Divisional Officer,  
ECITO (ORMOA) ITALY

*11/6/46*  
*W.A.*

0779  
 Subject : Material of French Origin.

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

Q . 155


31 May 46

TO : Commandement Militaire Francais en Italie.

1. The u/m ammunition of French origin has been salvaged during April and is now located at the Italian Arty Directorate at BOLOGNA.

| <u>Type</u>               | <u>Qty</u> |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Shells 105mm without fuze | 299        |
| Shells 152mm without fuze | 129        |
| Fuzes of various types    | 825        |

2. Please arrange direct with the Italian Ministry of War for the disposal of this material.

  
 C.E. KING, Major  
 for Major General  
 M.M.I.A.

Copy to : Ministry of War (your 393882/7896 of 24 May refers)  
 : Liaison Sec AFHQ - ROME.  
 : GHQ (for C.E.M.S).

INTERNAL : ORD.

CEK/lm

Q131.215  
 Roma HQ  
 3690



AAAT

TRANSLATION

FROM : MINISTRY OF WAR

REF : 23990/5038

TO : FRENCH MILITARY HQ  
IN ITALY - ROME

DATE : 28 May 1946

COPY TO : NMIA - Rome

SUBJECT :- French origin antigas masks - Artillery Dir (Turin).

Ref. Q.155 of 24.4.46.

Referring to what has been notified to French Military HQ by NMIA with letter Q.155 of 2 April and to what verbally specified by Major THOUZY, it is kindly requested you let us know if your HQ wishes to draw the small quantity of french antigas material from Pozzolo Formigaro (Depot) - Alessandria, or to leave it at the disposal of this Ministry for its further destruction.

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sgd. Col. G. Campagna

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Subject : Materials of French Origin.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.  
M.E.I.A. ROME.  
Tel. 478103

Q. 155

28 May 46

TO : Commandement Militaire Francais en Italie.

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1. Reference is made to this H.Q.'s Q.155 of 5 April 46.
2. Details of material of French Origin to be found in the Italian Army Arty Directorate Depots at TURIN are shown at Appendix 'A' (copy to you only).
3. Please arrange direct with the Italian Ministry of War for the disposal of this material.

C.E. KING, Major  
for Major General  
M.E.I.A.

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Copy to : Ministry of War (your 33041/6890 of 17 May 46 refers).  
: Liaison Section A.P.H.Q. - ROME.  
: G.H.Q. (for C.E.M.S)

INTERNAL: ORD.

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TRANSLATION

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

REF : 33041/6890  
DATE : 17/5/46

SUBJECT: Materials of French make.

In reply to letter Q/155 dated 5/4/46.

In reply to the request contained in para 2 of the letter referred to, we enclose herewith the list of materials of French make, being in the Depots of Arty Directorate of Turin.

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Sgd. RUSSO  
Col.

Have French Authorities been informed.  
- speak RAC

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Q155

BIENCO DEL MATERIALE BELLO FRANCOSE ESISTENTE PRESSO I VARI MAGAZZI E DEPOSITI DIPENDENTI DALLA DIRMZIONE ARMIERIA DI TORINO

Magazzino di Bobbio Fellice

- polvere c.r.s. francese kg; 160 avr.  
- polvere anonal francese " 10 "

Deposito di Munizioni di Lombardore

- bombe per mortaio da 81 ordinare " 8.829  
 - bombe per mortaio da 81 fuoclene " 10.372  
 - bombe per mortaio da 81 opacite " 3.738  
 - cartocci da 13/2 a salve mod. 930 " 24.000  
 - cartocci da 25 carichi con carica lancio super, con proietto inerte " 500  
 - cartocci da 25 modello P.R. 34 carichi con proietti iner " 10.000  
 - cartocci da 75 carichi ogiva affusolata " 816.  
 - cartocci da 75 carichi perforanti a P.B. " 1.008  
 - cartocci da 75 carichi modello 15 " 27  
 - cartocci grandi da 75 carichi verniciati gialli " 144  
 - cartocci proietto da 75 carichi verniciati gialli " 18  
 - cartocci proietto da 75 " " 9  
 - granate da 75 mod. 18 F.A. cariche con fondello rast. " 115  
 - granate da 75 mod. 15 cariche verniciate nera fascia azzurra " 18  
 - granate da 75 cariche ogiva gialle e bicchiere rosso " 77  
 - granate da 75 monobl. cariche verniciate gialle fond. rast. " 717  
 - granate a pall. da 75 cariche con spoletta " 24  
 - granate monobl. da 90 cariche ord. " 8.630  
 - granate monoblocc. da 90 cariche con fondo rastrem, ogiva bianca " 340  
 - granate da 102 cariche " 9  
 - granate da 105 cariche verniciate gialle " 1.250  
 - granate da 138 cariche " 459  
 - granate da 200 cariche " 6  
 - granate da 330 cariche " 16  
 - spolette I 24/31 R.I. modello 17 " 1.700  
 - spolette I 24/31 R.J.G. " 585  
 - spolette I.24/31 I.T.R. " 977  
 - casse di legno per 4 bombe per mortaio da 81 " 900  
 " " " " " 1.500

Deposito di Munizioni di Lombardore

|                                                                                  |        |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| - bombe per mortaio da 81 ordinarie                                              | 8.329  |
| - bombe per mortaio da 81 fumogene                                               | 10.372 |
| - bombe per mortaio da 81 opacite                                                | 3.738  |
| - cartocci da 13/2 a salve mod. 930                                              | 24.000 |
| - cartocci da 25 carichi con carica lancio super. con proietto inerte            | 500    |
| - cartocci da 25 modello P.R. 34 carichi con proietti iner.                      | 10.000 |
| - cartocci da 75 carichi ogiva affusolata                                        | 816.   |
| - cartocci da 75 carichi perforanti a P.B.                                       | 1.008  |
| - cartocci da 75 carichi modello 15                                              | 27     |
| - cartocci grandi da 75 carichi verniciati gialli                                | 144    |
| - cartocci proietto da 75 carichi verniciati gialli                              | 18     |
| - cartocci proietto da 75 " "                                                    | 9      |
| - granate da 75 mod. 18 P.A. cariche con fondello rast.                          | 116    |
| - granate da 75 mod. 15 cariche verniciate nere fascia azzurra                   | 18     |
| - granate da 75 cariche ogiva gialle e bicchiere rosso                           | 77     |
| - granate da 75 monobl. cariche verniciate gialle fond. rast.                    | 717    |
| - granate a pall. da 75 cariche con spoletta                                     | 24     |
| - granate monobl. da 90 cariche ord.                                             | 8.630  |
| - granate monoblocc. da 90 cariche con fondo rastrem. ogiva bianca               | 340    |
| - granate da 102 cariche                                                         | 9      |
| - granate da 105 cariche verniciate gialle                                       | 1.250  |
| - granate da 138 cariche                                                         | 459    |
| - granate da 200 cariche                                                         | 6      |
| - granate da 330 cariche                                                         | 16     |
| - spolette I 24/31 R.I. modello 17                                               | 1.700  |
| - spolette I 24/31 R.J.G.                                                        | 585    |
| - spolette I.24/31 R.T.R.                                                        | 977    |
| - casse di legno per 4 cariche per mortaio da 81                                 | 900    |
| - " " " " " " " " " "                                                            | 1.500  |
| - " " " " " " " " " "                                                            | 300    |
| - " " " " " " " " " "                                                            | 180    |
| - " " " " " " " " " "                                                            | 200    |
| - " " " " " " " " " "                                                            | 96     |
| - " " " " " " " " " "                                                            | 70     |
| - " " " " " " " " " "                                                            | 150    |
| - " " " " " " " " " "                                                            | 116    |
| - " " " " " " " " " "                                                            | 836    |
| - controcasse di zinco n.3 mod. 906/923 per 40 cartocci da 25 m/m/ mod. 934 P/R/ |        |
| - granate da 75 cariche verniciate gialle                                        |        |

Magazzino di Rio Valmezziore

|                                                      |   |    |       |
|------------------------------------------------------|---|----|-------|
| - granate da 75 (mancanti della corona di forzamento | " | n° | 2.238 |
| - granate da 65                                      | " | "  | 705   |

Magazzino Sede

|                                                      |   |    |                      |
|------------------------------------------------------|---|----|----------------------|
| - bocche da fuoco da 75/17 mod. 19 con affusto       | " | "  | (9 senza otturatori) |
| - bocche da fuoco da 75/17 Scheider senza otturatore | " | n° | 3                    |
| - mitra S. Etienne con teppiede (da riparare)        | " | "  | 12                   |

Deposito di S. Francesco al campo.

|                                                                      |   |   |        |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---|--------|
| - bombe da 81 originale francese                                     | " | " | 2.890  |
| - bombe da m/m 60                                                    | " | " | 379    |
| - bombe da 81 con alette traforate                                   | " | " | 570    |
| - " " non traforate                                                  | " | " | 119    |
| - bombe da 150 P.B.                                                  | " | " | 264    |
| - cannelli a frizione mod. 1885                                      | " | " | 3.428  |
| - cartocci granata perforanti da 37 con cannello e bossolo d'ottone  | " | " | 44     |
| - cartocci granata da 47 da esercit. con cannelli e bossoli d'ottone | " | " | 48     |
| - cartocci granata da 75/17 mod. 28 francesi                         | " | " | 331    |
| - cartocci granata da 75/34 mod. 17 c; a con cann. e bossolo         | " | " | 2.455  |
| - cartocci granata da 75 mod. 31 perfor. con bossolo ottone          | " | " | 70     |
| - granate da 75/34 (corona 60 m/rastram. 2/3 senza tappi)            | " | " | 22.184 |
| - granate da 75 (corona 60 m/rastram con tappi)                      | " | " | 243    |
| - granate da 75 (corona da 42 m/m con tappi)                         | " | " | 453    |
| - granate da 75/15 mod. 28                                           | " | " | 321    |
| - granate da 65 corona 45 m/m P.R                                    | " | " | 128    |
| - granate da 75 spolettate corona da 40 m/m P.B.                     | " | " | 50     |
| - granate da 95 rastremate corona 50 m/m p.b.                        | " | " | 297    |
| - granata da 95 bianche e nere corona 70 m/m P.B.                    | " | " | 122    |
| - granate da 95 corona 12 m/m p.b.                                   | " | " | 99     |
| - granata da 95 spolettata corona a 12 m/m P.B.                      | " | " | 117    |
| - granata da 104 corona 70 m/m P.B.                                  | " | " | 7      |
| - granata da 120 corona 25 m/m P.B.                                  | " | " | 3.892  |
| - granata da 120 corona 65 m/m P.B.                                  | " | " | 228    |
| - granata da 120 corona 70 m/m P.B.                                  | " | " | 880    |
| - granata da 105 corona 80 m/m P.B.                                  | " | " | 6      |
| - spolette percuss. 24/31 modello 99/15 - 99/08 - 99                 | " | " | 5.167  |
| - spolette I 24/31 mod. 16 e mod. 18                                 | " | " | 16.235 |

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- bocche da fuoco da 75/17 mod. 19 con rifusto (9 senza otturatori) n° 3
- bocche da fuoco da 75/17 Scheider senza otturatore " 12
- mitra S. Etienne con tappiede (da riparare) " "
- Deposito di S. Francesco al campo. " 2.890
- bombe da 61 originale francese " 379
- bombe da m/m 60 " 570
- bombe da 61 con alette traforate " 119
- " " " non traforate " 264
- bombe da 150 P.B. " 3.428
- cannelli a frizione mod. 1885 " 44
- cartocci granata perforanti da 37 con cannello e bossolo d'ottone " 48
- cartocci granata da 47 da esercit. con cannelli e bossoli d'ottone " 48
- cartocci granata da 75/17 mod. 28 francesi " 331
- cartocci granata da 75/34 mod. 17 c;a con cann. e bossolo " 2.435
- cartocci granata da 75 mod. 31 perfor. con bossolo ottone " 70
- granate da 75/34 (corona 60 m/rastram. 2/3 senza tappi) " 22.184
- granate da 75 (corona 60 m/rastram con tappi) " 243
- granate da 75 (corona da 42 m/m con tappi) " 453
- granate da 75/15 mod. 28 " 321
- granate da 65 corona 45 m/m P.R " 128
- granate da 75 spolettate corona da 40 m/m P.B. " 50
- granate da 95 rastremate corona 50 m/m p.b. " 297
- granate da 95 bianche e nere corona 70 m/m P.B. " 122
- granate da 95 corona 12 m/m p.b. " 99
- granate da 95 spolettate corona a 12 m/m P.B. " 117
- granata da 104 corona 70 m/m P.B. " 7
- granata da 120 corona 25 m/m P.B. " 3.892
- granata da 120 corona 65 m/m P.B. " 228
- granata da 120 corona 70 m/m P.B. " 880
- granata da 105 corona 80 m/m P.B. " 6
- spoletta percuss. 24/31 modello 99/15 - 99/08 - 99/17/18 " 5.167
- spolette I 24/31 mod. 16 e mod. 18 " 16.299
- spolette a.d.e. 24/31 mod. 16 - 18 " 24.176
- spolette mod. 35 - 31/28 per bombe da 60 l. mod. 35 " 205
- spolette per bombe antitarro mod. 36 " 3

- Magazzini di Susa
- cariche di scoppio di melenite di Rs. 20 circa confezionate in custodia metallica " 50
- elementi di scoppiodi melenite di Sr. 100 circa confezionata in custodia cilindrica e prismatica" 1.000

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Magazzino di Orbassano:

- cannoni da 155/45 n. 2  
 - affusti " 2  
 - bocche da fuoco da 75/17 Schneider (senza culletta) 4  
 - cullette da 75/17 Schneider senza otturatore n° 5  
 - cassette per parti di ricambio per mitragl. da 25 mm/ " 11

Deposito di Alice Castello

- granate da 65 " 69  
 - bossoli d'ottone da 65 " 47  
 - granate da 75 mod. 900/915 " 5.296  
 - granate da 75 mod. 17 " 455  
 - granate da pallottola da 75 mod. 915 (di cui 618 spolett. " 818  
 - scatole a mitraglia da 75 " 287  
 - cartocci a bossolo da 75 " 580  
 - bossoli di ottone da 75 ultimi/ 190 " 413  
 - bossolo di ottone " " 250 " 558  
 - bossolo " " " 350 " 803  
 - cartocci granata da 75 mod. 900/915 " 4.471  
 - cartocci granata da 75 mod. 17 " 5.932  
 - cartocci granata a palletta da 75 " 114  
 - cartocci granata perforanti da 75 mod. 31 " 266  
 - cartocci semiperf. da 75 " 33  
 - granate da 105/15 ~~xxxxxxx~~ mod. 35 (di cui 1 con corona " 105  
 rotta " 25  
 - cartocci da bossolo da 105/15 mod. 35 carica massima " 80  
 - cartocci a bossolo da 105/15 mod. 35 carica minima " 1.432  
 - granate da 155 corte " 1.544  
 - granate da 155 lunghe " 14.106  
 - carichetta antivampa " 500  
 - cannelli a percussione corti " 806  
 - " " larghi " 189  
 - spolette " " distant da 105/15 " 10.367  
 - spoletta a d.e. 24/31 " 6.31  
 - spolette istantanee 24/31 corto ritardo " 455  
 - spolette a percuss. istantanee 24/31 " 104.000  
 - spolette istantanee 24/31 lungo ritardo " 36.000

Magazzino di Sangano

- cartucce a pall. cal. 7.5 " 104.000  
 - " " " 8 per fucili e mosch. " 36.000  
 - cartocci granata da 75 c.a. di cui 1013 spol. " 1.346  
 - granate da 105/35 (senza tappi) " 80

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- granate da 75 mod. 300/315  
- granate da 75 mod. 17  
- granate da pallottola da 75 mod. 215 (di cui 618 spolett.  
- scatole a mitraglia da 75  
- cartocci a bossolo da 75  
- bossoli di ottone da 75 al dms/ 190  
- bossolo di ottone " " " 250  
- bossolo " " " " 350  
- cartocci granata da 75 mod. 900/915  
- cartocci granata da 75 mod. 17  
- cartocci granata a palletta da 75  
- cartocci granata perforanti da 75 mod. 31  
- cartocci semiperf. da 75  
- granate da 105/15mm xxx mod. 35 (di cui 1 con corona  
retta  
- cartocci da bossolo da 105/15 mod. 35 carica massima  
- cartocci a bossolo da 105/15 mod. 35 carica minima  
- granate da 155 corte  
- granate da 155 lunga  
- carichetta antivampa  
- cannelli a percussione corti  
- " " lunghi  
- spolette " " esistente da 105/15  
- spolette a d.c. 24/31  
- spolette istantanee 24/31 corto ritardo  
- spolette a percuss. istantanee 24/31  
- spolette istantanee 24/31 lungo ritardo

Mazzino di benzina

- cartucce a pall. cal. 7.5  
- " " " 8 per fucili e mosch.  
- granate da 75 c.a. di cui 1013 spol.  
- granate da 105/35 (senza tappi)  
- granate oc. da 75 di cui 25 spolett.  
- bombe per mortaio da 81 (dirimenti)  
- bombe per mortaio da 81 asfissianti  
- bombe per mortaio da 81 (fumo)  
- cartucce da salve dal; 13,2  
- cartucce da segnalavice a luce bianca

2.250  
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Sezione Staccata Artiglieria Alessandria - (Magazzino Cittadella)

|                                                      |    |         |
|------------------------------------------------------|----|---------|
| - cartucce ord. franc. a pall. sez. cal. 8 m. 1886/B | n° | 190.000 |
| - cartucce " " " per mitra cal. 8                    | "  | 74.000  |
| - cartucce " " " Hotchkiss cl. 8                     | "  | 9.000   |
| - cartucce " " in cardo. per fuc. cal. 8             | "  | 230.000 |
| - cartucce " " perforanti cal. 13.2                  | "  | 5.995   |
| - carri bagaglio francesi                            | "  | 86      |

Sezione Staccata Artiglieria di Alessandria (Magazzino Ferrovia)

|                                                          |    |       |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----|-------|
| - cartocci granata da 75 misti con e senza cannelli      | n° | 1.782 |
| - granate da 75 di vario tipo (pare siano da esercitaz.) | "  | 497   |
| - cartucce a bossolo da 105 (di peso vario)              | "  | 6.168 |
| - bossoli di ottone da 105                               | "  | 1.800 |
| - granate cariche da 105 senza spoletta                  | "  | 248   |
| - spolette 24/31 mod. 17 B.C.F.                          | "  | 170   |
| - spolette a percuss. per bomba da 51 mod. 18            | "  | 1.500 |

Sezione Staccata Artiglieria di Alessandria (Magazzino Bormida)

|                                    |    |        |
|------------------------------------|----|--------|
| - cartocci granata da 75 francesi  | n° | 12.400 |
| - " " a bossolo da 105 francesi    | "  | 6.759  |
| - granate da 105 francesi          | "  | 372    |
| - spolette a percuss. mod. 24/31   | "  | 37.272 |
| - spolette a d.e. mod. 18 francesi | "  | 1.580  |

Sezione Staccata Artiglieria Alessandria (Magazzino Carezzano)

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| - spolette francesi mod. P.I.C. 24/11 | n° | 500 |
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REF DATA 4/25/41 - 12 BARRS 23 (.)  
 FROM MILITARY MESSAGES STATE THAT BRIGADE WILL NOT BE DEPLOYED  
 UNTIL REARLINE HAVE COMPLETED ARRIVAL BRIGADE IN REPLACEMENT (.)  
 FOR THIS PURPOSE FRONT STATE THAT ARRIVAL BRIGADE BRIGADE  
 MATERIAL POINT IN N. LINE (.) FROM ATTITUDE FRONT IN LINE  
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MINISTRY OF WAR

Rome 1st.may 1946  
ref.211675/II/210/6/3

See H3T

SUBJECT .- Material of French origin captured to the enemy.-

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Reply to your letter Q.155 dated 27th.ult.

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This Ministry, is awaiting to receive from the Military Territorial HQ's the particulars concerned, in order to give to your Mission the information requested in letter Q/155 of april 4th.

Action has been taken to hasten replies from the a/m.HQ's.

sgd.

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Q 155  
2/5/46  
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SUBJECT: S.E.M. of French Origin

Head Forces Sub-Commission A.O.,

M.M.I.A.

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3 May 1946

TO : Commandement Militaire Français  
en Italie

Your 466/CMB-408 of 22 April 46.

1. The War Ministry have been requested to expedite the submission of the information desired.
2. French material located in O.S.M. dumps has been reported to you as and when control has passed to the Italian Army. Under the terms of the A.F.S.O. Directive of 2 Oct 45 it was the responsibility of the Allied H.Q. concerned to release such material only to your representative.
3. As regards material of French origin located in Italian Army Depots the War Ministry have granted facilities for your accredited representatives to visit and inspect. It is probably that from this source you have information as to stores of French origin which have not been reported to this Mission.
4. It is presumed you are in direct contact with the Italian Authorities on this subject and should you require assistance from this Mission please notify your requirements.

*RAC*

M.A. CURTIS, M.C.O.L.  
for Major General,  
M.M.I.A.

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*RAC*  
 R.A. CURTIS, Lt. Col.,  
 for Major General,  
 M.H.I.S.

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Copy to: Liaison Section,  
A.F.H.Q.

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SUBJECT:- C.S.M. of French Origin.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.S.,  
H.M.I.A.  
R O M H

→ G.155  
3 May 1946

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TO : War Ministry

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1. Further to G.155 of 4 April and with reference to letter  
L38/GS/4 of 4 April addressed by the Chief of the French Military  
Mission to you.

2. It is requested that the present position as regards  
furnishing the information desired may be explained in order that  
this H.C. may notify the French Authorities.

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P.A. GUNNERS, Lt. Col.,  
for Major General,  
H.M.I.A.

Copy to:- L.O.

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Subject : G.E.M. of French Origin.

LAND FORCES SUB COMD. A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.) HOME.  
Tel. 478103

Q. 155 27 April 46

**URGENT**

To : Ministry of War.

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Ref our Q.155 of 4 April 46.

May an answer please be given immediately to the above quoted letter.

*See 417*

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

Copy to : Liaison Section A.P.H.Q.

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Subject: Bridge over Adige  
between LEGNAGO and PORTO.

Headquarters  
4 B L U  
BOLZANO  
Ref: 4/GB/11-12  
25 Apr 46

To: HQ Land Forces Sub Commission AC  
(MMIA) R O M E

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Herewith, for information and necessary action, copies of relevant correspondence re the situation, arising from the intention of the French Military Mission, to remove the a/q (pontoon) bridge.

Enclosures

Translations of:-

- (1) Mayor of Legnago's telegram 2266 of 20 Apr 46 to 4 Terr Comd. ATT
- (2) 4 Terr Comd letter 04/6236/Serv of 21 Apr 46 to 4 ELU. ATT
- (3) War Cabinet 210828/2, undated, to 4 Terr Comd (info: Director General Engrs) and fwd to 4 ELU under cover 4 Terr Comd letter 04/6225/Serv dated 24 Apr 46. ATT

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| BGS          |   |
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| DATE       | R/20/4 |

Rh. Jean  
Majo  
for Lt Col  
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A10 to Ref 04/6136/Serv  
of 20/4/46

Copy/F

Telegram

From: Mayor Massaggio of Legnago

To: Mil Terr HQ Bolzano

Ref 2266.

French Mil Mission intends to immediately recover floating bridge across Adige River which connects the chief Provincial town Legnago with neighbouring towns.

Due to total destruction of brick built bridge, floating bridge is only means of connection with main road and other branch roads of the provinces of Mantova, Padua, Vicenza and Verona.

Since removal of bridge would seriously affect a vast area the people of Legnago ask for the immediate intervention of the authorities so that incalculable inconvenience and probable public disorder may be avoided.

Signed  
Sindaco Massaggio

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TRANSLATION

4 Mil Terr HQ Bolzano

Ref: 04/6236/Serv

Apr 21/46

Subject: -French built bridge over the Adige between  
Legnago and Porto.

To: 4 B L U

An officer of the French Mil Mission in Italy visited the 23 Mil Engineers Detachment at Legnago to find out what French material still existed there. He asked Lt Col Grammatica of the above 23 Eng Det for the heavy bridge (on iron pontoons and with metal girders weighing 20 tons) which lies across the Adige between Legnago and Porto to be dismantled.

This is in order that the French materials of which the bridge has been constructed may be recovered. Considering that:

a) this floating bridge (due to the complete destruction during the war of a brick built bridge) is the only connection between the main (state) road and other important branch roads in the provinces of Mantova, Padua and Vicenza.

b) in the case of this bridge being removed the local population would be seriously inconvenienced (see copy of telegram from the Mayor of Legnago).

I have informed the Ministry of War so that they will immediately contact the authorities concerned re this matter.

I have also informed BLU of this matter so that they may contact MMIA about same.

Signed  
GOC Gen G. Negroni

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Translation

"Urgent - to Mil. Terr. HQ Bolzano.

War Cabinet Ref: 210828/2.

*See 47*

To: Mil Terr HQ Bolzano  
Director General Engineers for information.

Ref your tele. 04/0008/Serv of 18 Apr. Handingover of 40 French pontoons at Legnago is in order. Repeat contents of letter 207977/2 of 25 Mar which states that Bridge material being used has to be gradually returned but only when replaced by other material. We request you send to this Ministry a copy of receipts given by the French authorities when the material is handed over.

*See 52*

Signed

Col Lomabardi  
(S.O. War Cabinet)

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4 Mil Terr HQ Bolzano

Ref: 04/6225/Serv

24/4/46

To: 4 B L U for information and further to Ref: 04/6236 of 21 Apr.

Signed

Col E. Duranti

*ATT*

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TRANSLATION

FROM: French military Command in Italy  
TO : MMIA

REF: 466/OMF/4 = R  
DATE: 22/4/46

SUBJECT: recovery of French material in Italy.

See 40

1 - Further to a visit made on 4th April by Comdr. MESNARD to Major E.W. Bradley, I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated the 10th inst, by which you inform me of the existence of some projectiles held by the Italian Army at Nettuno.

2 - I take this opportunity <sup>to</sup> inform you that, over and above the material reported, Italian formations or depots still hold important quantities of material of which existence is not known by the Branches concerned of your Mission since these have not been reported.

This is how large calibres guns were found at GENES; SOMUA Armed Cars, in Naples area; and bridging material, in the FO area.

Similarly, it can be observed that some vehicles of French origin are still used by Italian formations.

3 - In accordance with instructions laid down in circular n° <sup>circumstances</sup> ~~the facts~~ AB/386/AE dated 2nd October 1945, it is stated that <sup>by</sup> which Italians retain material of French origin, must be considered illegal. Furthermore, it has been decided that material belonging to the United Nations should be returned to their respective country.

There is, however, a large balance between the quantities of material withdrawn in France (see the list forwarded to A.C. with covering letter n° 396/DNG dated 20th Sept. 1945) and the quantities of material returned to us.

On the other hand, lists of material of French origin held by the Italian Army, have been compiled by the Italian M.O.F.W.

Only one list, (sent with covering letter dated 19th inst.) which evidently shows part of said material, has been received.

4 - Therefore, I request that you may kindly approach the Branches concerned of the Italian Army, in order to hasten:  
- the forwarding of the complete list of material of French origin still retained;

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- and, with the least possible delay, the return of said material.

C.F.  
d.

sgd. Le Conteulx

See also  
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Subject : AMMUNITION OF FRENCH ORIGIN.

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

SEE 37

G. 155—

10 April 1946

TO : Commandement Militaire Francais en Italie.

1. The following ammunition of French origin is located at the Italian Artillery Experimental Centre NETTUNO :-

| <u>French</u>                                 | <u>No.</u> |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------|
| - Shells 155, long, loaded, without fuse,     | 555        |
| -- " 155/14, loaded without fuse,             | 281        |
| - " 75, loaded without fuse,                  | 110        |
| - " 75, tapered, loaded without fuse,         | 110        |
| - " 75/51, loaded without fuse,               | 48         |
| - Cartridge bags, 75/51, loaded without fuse, | 14.        |

2. Please arrange disposal directly with the Italian Ministry of War.

*John D. ...*

*Epw B*

B. V. BRADLEY,  
Major Innisks  
for Major General  
M.N.I.A.

Copy to : Ministry of War (your 23888/4878 of 4 Apr 46 refers)  
: Liaison Section AFHQ .ROME.

HRL/lm

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Subject : MATERIAL OF FRENCH ORIGIN.

LAND FORCES SUB COMM.A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.  
Tel. 478103  
O . 155 5 April 1946

TO : Ministry of War.  
Info : Commandement Militaire <sup>31A</sup> Francais en Italie.  
: Liaison Section A.P.H.Q. ROME.  
: G.H.Q. (your 5067D/Q (GEMS) of 29 March refers).

1. Notification has been received that items of French war material, having been concentrated by 45 MARU, are lying in Italian stores near TURIN.
2. Please report to this H.Q. exactly what items have been concentrated : in order that action to dispose of them may be initiated.

See 43

SEE 44

see 74

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

INTERNAL : ORD.

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TRANSLATION

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FROM: Chief of War Mission  
TO : M.of W.  
M.M.I.A. (for information)

REF: 418/CMF/4

DATE: 4th April 1946

10/4/46 W.P.

SUBJECT: Return of material of French origin.

See 39.

Further to a conversation which I had with Col. Monaco of your Cabinet and whom you advised me to approach in order that I may be able to follow the questions dealing with material of French origin held by the Italian Army, I have the honor to inform you that I shall have great interest in obtaining from you the lists of said material (which ~~have~~ been compelled by Branches concerned of your Ministry) and your views regarding the handing over of same.

~~partly~~ ~~partly~~ In practice, this problem has already been solved. This is how, for instance, at Naples, the handing over of material is carried out smoothly, thanks to the direct contacts which have been made between the local French Mil. Command and the Italian Art. Territorial H.Q.

But the main difficulty (that of the repair of said material) always persists as a whole.

Col. Monaco pointed out to me the practical difficulties which are to be solved by you (particularly with regard to maintenance and transport expenses).

Further to a request made by the French Embassy to the Italian Government, I have just been informed that you received new instructions which would permit, no doubt, to settle these questions within a brief delay.

Large differences still exist between quantities of material removed from France during the War by the Italian Authorities and quantities of material actually returned. It is understood that handing over operations being carried out, do not deprive the rights that France might have on other material.

Nevertheless, in order to hasten as much as possible the handing over, the French (War) Mission had to bear most of the expenses entailed by these operations and be contented with the recovery of material more or less damaged without waiting for it to be repaired.

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The position of France on this question of expenses born and of the depreciation of the material, it is understood, entirely confidential.

CR.

sgd. R. Mesnard

*Done verbally at meeting between  
Mesnard - Guenther - Parabley about 2nd April  
JMB 14/4*

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SUBJECT:- Recovery of C.S.H.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,  
N.M.I.A.  
R O M E  
Q.150

4 April 1946  
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TO : ~~G.H.A.~~  
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*Q.150 file 3 on 2nd folder*

Reference GM/3067D (GMS) dated 26 Mar 46.

1. The circumstances surrounding the alleged recovery of material of French origin by 2 Territorial Command are being investigated and your instructions on this subject are noted.
2. It is agreed that materials of enemy origin of a warlike nature are, according to the Directive of 2 Oct, to be rendered innocuous and assurance is given that such materials, if found in possession of units of the Italian Interim Army, will be so treated. Reports so far received indicate no such material has been put into use by the Italian Army.
3. As regards material of French origin this Sub-Commission has been in direct contact with the French Military Mission who have been given every assistance. AFHQ AG.386.3/051 GCP-0 of 15 Mar 45 refers.

Copies of future correspondence will be sent as requested to Liaison Section AFHQ.

*RAC*  
Major General,  
N.M.I.A.

Copy to:- H.Q. 2 District,  
Liaison Section, AFHQ,  
Q.155

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SUBJECT:- C.M.M. of French origin.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,  
M.M.I.A.  
R O M E  
Q.155  
4 April 1946  
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See 39

TO : War Ministry (By L.O.)  
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Reference is made to Q.155 of 5 Nov 45 and your 224299/21 of 16 Nov 45.

1. There is no record of copies of receipts given by the French Authorities having been received by M.M.I.A.

This applies also to the receipts referred to in Q/23/2 of 3 May 45.

2. May the matter be investigated and copies of such receipts as are in the possession of the Ministry be forwarded without delay.

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Rae  
Major General,  
M.M.I.A.

Copy to:- Liaison Section, AFHQ - with copies of relevant correspondence.

See Q.155A  
refer to: 1T }  
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          3T }  
          4T }

SEE 44      3606

SUBJECT : French Equipment - Anti-gas

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LAND FORCES S B COMMISSION A.G.  
M.M.I.A.  
ROME  
G.155

2 April 1946

TO : Commandement Militaire Francais en Italie

1. The following French materials are held at the FOZZOLO  
PESCHIERO (Alessandria) depot of the 7<sup>th</sup> ARIN Artillery Directorate  
(Italian):

| <u>Items</u>                  | <u>Condition</u> | <u>Quantity</u> |
|-------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Filters, respirator           | Bad              | 1200.           |
| Face Pieces, respirator       | Bad              | 460.            |
| Tubes, corrugated, respirator | —                | 300.            |
| Haversacks, respirator        | Good             | 300.            |

2. Please issue disposal instructions for these items direct  
to Col° CAMPAGNA of the Italian Ministry of War.

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See H.P.A.T.

*EWB*  
E.W. BRADLEY,  
Major Insides,  
for Major General,  
M.M.I.A.

Copy to:  
Ministry of War (go r 19512/2162 of 26 Mar 46 refers)

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Cpt LUQUET of a French Representative.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS CMF

Subject: Material of French Origin.

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 971

GHQ/5067D/Q(GEMS)

Land Forces Sub Commission AC (LWIA).

29 Mar 46

*John J. on 6150*

Further to our GHQ/5067D/Q(GEMS) dated 26 Mar 46.

1. Notification has been received of various items of French war material lying at stores and depositories concentrated by 45 MARU in dumps near TURIN.
2. It would be appreciated if steps would be taken to initiate disposal of these French war materials in accordance with the above letter.

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*A.R. Scragg*  
 A.R. SCRAGG, Major,  
 for Major General,  
 Major General, Administration.

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TRANSLATIONFROM: M. of W.  
TO : M.M.I.A.REF: 193I2/4I62  
DATE: 26/3/46SUBJECT: French gas-masks stored at the Arty. Directorate  
of Turin.

The Arty. Directorate of Turin has informed<sup>ed</sup> that, at the Depot of Pozzolo Formigaro (Alessandria) the following French material is stored:

- |                                                                |         |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| - Filters for French masks<br>in bad state of preservation     | N° 1200 |
| - Face pieces for French masks<br>in bad state of preservation | " 460   |
| - Corrugated tubes for French masks                            | " 300   |
| - Kits for French masks<br>in good state of preservation       | " 300   |

Please inform us if a/m materials must be kept at disposal of the French Military Mission in Italy.

sgd. Campagna  
Col.

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Subject : Ammunition of French Origin.

LAND FORCES SUB COMD. AC  
(M.M.I.A.) ROME

Q. 155  
14 March 1946

TO : Commandement Militaire Francais en Italie.

Info : Ministry of War.

1. The following ammunition of French origin is held in dumps under the control of the Italian Artillery Directorate, BOLOGNA.

| <u>TYPE</u>            | <u>QTY</u> |
|------------------------|------------|
| 75m.m Shells and Fuses | 54         |
| 152m.m " " "           | 271        |
| 220m.m " without Fuses | 116.       |

2. Please arrange disposal directly with the Italian Ministry of War.

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*[Handwritten signature]*  
E.W. BRADLEY,  
Major Innisks  
for Major General  
M.M.I.A.

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Subject : Materials of French Origin.

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Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
M.M.I.A.  
R O M E  
Q . 155



26 February 46

To : Commandement Militaire Francais en Italie (Maj. Manard)  
Info : Ministry of War (your 51307/M/621 of 21 Feb 46 refers)

1. It has been reported by the Italian Ministry of War that explosives of French origin are stored at the ammunition depot at SPILLENBERGO.
2. These explosives consist of various types of hand grenade quantity 9197.
3. Please arrange direct with Italian War Ministry disposal of these explosives and inform this H.Q. of measures decided upon.

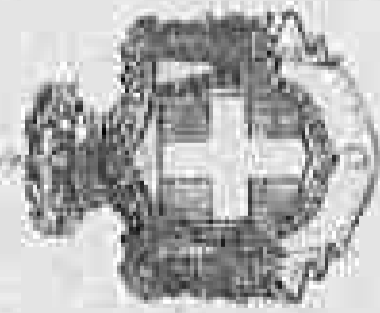
*E. W. Bradley*

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

EWB/lm

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Ministero della Guerra

Direzione Generale Genio

Divisione Materiali  
Prot. 51307/16224/gate

Roma 21 FEB 1948

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ALL THE LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION  
A.C. (M.M.I.L.)

ROMA

Proposta al Topico del  
Genio

OGGETTO: Materiali di provenienza francese.

*Materials of French Origin  
at the Anversa Depot of SPILIMBERGO are stored*

Presso il deposito munizioni di Spilimbergo sono giacenti  
*the following explosives of french origin -*  
i seguenti esplosivi di origine francese:

- *French hand grenades with zinc cover - gross weight of*  
Petardi francesi con custodia di zinco del peso lordo  
Kilos 0.190 di Kg. 0,190..... n° 5668  
*French hand grenades with zinc cover - gross weight: kilos 0,40*  
Petardi francesi con custodia di zinco del peso  
" 25,29
- *French hand grenades with zinc cover - gross weight: kilos 1,240*  
Petardi francesi con custodia di zinco del peso  
" 1000

Please Your Mission apply concerned French

Si prega codesta Missione di compiacersi, ove nulla osti,  
*Authorities on order that be effected. The*  
interferare le competenti autorità francesi per il recupero  
*recovery of a/an materials, as per the arrangement*  
del materiale di cui sopra, giusto quanto a suo tempo concordato  
*agreed with you as regards the material of french origin -*  
per i materiali da guerra di origine francese.

Trandola  
P. C. M.

P. IL MINISTRO

Capo  
oficers

Oggetto: Materiale di provenienza francese.

*Materials of French Origin*

*At the Amunaro Depot of SPILIMBERGO are stored*

*the following munitions of Spilimbergo sono giacenti i seguenti esplosivi di origine francese:*

- French hand grenades with zinc cover - gross weight of*
- Petardi francesi con custodia di zinco del peso lordo*
- Kilos 0.190 di Kg. 0,190..... n° 5668*
- French hand grenades with zinc cover gross weight: kilos 1,240*
- Petardi francesi con custodia di zinco del peso lordo di Kg. 0,140..... n° 2529*
- French hand grenades with zinc cover gross weight: kilos 1,240*
- Petardi francesi con custodia di zinco del peso lordo di Kg. 1,240..... n° 1000*

*Please Your Mission apply concerned French*

*Si prega codesta Missione di compiacersi, ove nulla osti, di autorizzare in ordine che si effettui il recupero inferessare le competenti autorità francesi per il recupero del materiale di cui sopra, giusto quanto a suo tempo concordato con la guerra di origine francese.*

*Spilimbergo  
P. (2) Jm*

P. IL MINISTRO

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SUBJECT: French Ammunition.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,  
M.M.I.A.  
R O M E  
Q.155  
1 February 1946  
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TO : Commandement Militaire Francais en Italie (Maj. MANARD)  
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INFO : Ministry of War (your 9361/1612 of 12 Feb 1946 refers)

1. The following ammunition of French origin is held in the depots of the detached section at NUCERO, SARDINIA:-

| <u>CALIBRE</u> | <u>QUANTITY</u> |
|----------------|-----------------|
| 105/27         | 5493            |

2. Please make arrangement directly with the Italian Ministry of War as to the disposal of this ammunition.

*Sub B.*  
N.W. BRADLEY, Major,  
Imiska.  
for Major General,  
M.M.I.A.

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Subject : French Respirators.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.  
M.M.I.A.  
R O M N  
Q . 155

1 February 46

To : Commandement Militaire Francais en Italie (M.I. MARSD)

Info : Ministry of War.

Ref this HQ letter Q.155 of 18 Jan 46.

1. The respirators in question are stored in the munition depot at Acquatraverse.
2. This depot is under command of the ROME ARTILLERY DIRECTORATE. *Italian War Ministry*
3. Please make direct arrangements for the inspection of these respirators with the above named directorate.
4. When transfer is completed please inform this H.Q.

*Eds 3628*

E.V. BRADLEY,  
Major Innisks  
for Major General  
E. W. I. A.

*R/No 11*

To : Commandement Militaire Francais en Italie (Maj. MAWARD)

Info : Ministry of War.

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Ref this HQ letter Q.155 of 18 Jan 46.

1. The respirators in question are stored in the munition depot at Acquafredda.
2. This depot is under command of the ROME ARTILLERY DIRECTORATE, Italian War Ministry
3. Please make direct arrangements for the inspection of these respirators with the above named directorate.
4. When transfer is completed please inform this H.Q.

*File 2618*

E. W. BRADLEY,  
Major Innisks  
for Major General  
H. V. I. A.

*R/40/1/10/46.*

LWB/LH

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Translation

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

Ref. 3898/1057.  
Date 28/1/46.

Q 155 of 18 Jan '46  
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Subject French Respirators.

As a result of the a/m letter we inform you that the French respirators in question are stored in the Munition Depot at Acquatraversa under the command of the Art. Directorate at Rome.  
We await your instructions.

DAK

G. Campagna.

Jan 15/2

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Subject : French Reservations.

LADY FORCES SUP COM. A.C.  
M.I.A.  
R.O.N.B.  
Q. 155

10 January 15

To : Ministry of War.  
For info. Major General Commandant Militaire Francais  
en Italie.

Ref your 52219/270 of 15/1/45.

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Please supply to this H.Q. the exact location of the 25000 French reservers for onward transmission to the Commandant Francais en Italie.

The French Military Mission will make an inspection of the reservers, and in the event of their requiring them to be returned to the French Army, they will make arrangements for their withdrawal from the Italian depot directly with the Italian Ministry of War.

*File B*

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M. J. BARRY,  
Major General  
for Major General  
M. J. A.

To : Ministry of War.  
For info. Major General Commandement Militaire Francais  
en Italie.

Ref your 52219/270 of 15/1/45. 23-7

Please supply to the U.S. the exact location of the 25000 French respirators for onward transmission to the Commandement Francais en Italie.

The French Military Mission will make an inspection of the respirators, and in the event of their requiring them to be returned to the French Army, they will make arrangements for their withdrawal from the Italian depot directly with the Italian Ministry of War.

*Lib.* 3006  
M. V. BRADY,  
Major Inspector  
for Major General  
E. M. I. A.

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TRANSLATION

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From: M.O.I.W;  
To: M.M.I.A.

Ref: 52219/270  
Date: 15/1/46

Subject: French respirators.

In one of the depots under the command of Rome Artillery Directorate the availability of about 25,000 respirators of French origin with accessories and spare parts, has been pointed out.

Said respirators were abandoned by the German troops while they were withdrawing from Rome and have been kept up to now in the same depot as the Italian unserviceable respirators.

We beg you to kindly inform us if said material must be placed at your disposal or if it can be mixed with Italian material of the same type.-

R. ERRERA. Cpl

(Sgd) Gen. Properzi.

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fw. P. 155*

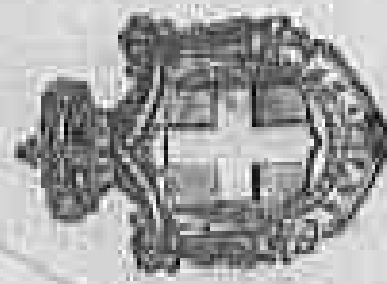
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cc/ann.

*Frank La Rocca N.Y.C.*

# Ministero della Guerra

GABINETTO



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n° 228110 / II di prot.

Roma li, 22 dicembre 1945

O G G E T T O: recupero di materiali militari francesi.

Allegati: n° 13 *Recovery of French mil. equip.* 40

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.S. (MIA)

ROMA

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Re your R/155 dated 15th inst.  
Riferimento lettera n° 0/155 del 15 corrente.

*Enclosed please find 13 papers duly signed  
Si trasmettono n° 13 lasciapassare controfirmati ed intestati  
a quelle persone sottoelencate: and made out in favour of the  
individuals:*

- Capitano di Vascello DELPEUCH
- Capitano di Corvetta YBERT
- Capitano di Corvetta BOUJON
- Ingegnere M.F. CANNES
- Ingegnere M. CALIENNE
- Ingegnere M. SORRENTE
- Ingegnere PESCE
- Ingegnere POGGI
- Ingegnere ROLANO
- Ingegnere VIGIER
- Ufficiale Interprete YACOVLEVITCH
- Ufficiale Interprete FERÉ
- Second Maître NICHOLS

TRANSMISSION	
1-1	Time 11.30
	Date 27/12
1-1	Time (Fero) 27/12

Per il successivo inoltro alla Sub Commissione Navale.  
*for onward transmission to the Naval Sub. Commission.*  
d'ordine  
II CAPO DI CABINETTO *2004*

Allegati: n° 13

Inventory of naval materiel

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ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.(MMIA)

R O K A

~~~~~  
Riferimento lettera n° 9/155 del 15 corrente.

Invited please find 13 papers duly signed  
Si trasmettono n° 13 lasciapassare controfirmati ed intestati  
alle persone sottolencate: and made out in favour of the  
individuals:-

- Capitano di Vascello DELFEUCH
- Capitano di Corvetta YBERT
- Capitano di Corvetta BOUJON
- Ingegnere M.F. CANNES
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- Ingegnere M. SORRENTE
- Ingegnere PESCE
- Ingegnere POGGI
- Ingegnere ROMANO
- Ingegnere VIGIER
- Ufficiale Interprete YACOVLEVITCH
- Ufficiale Interprete FERRE
- Second Maître MICHELS

| TRANSMISSION |                          |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| 14           | Time 11.30<br>Date 27/12 |
| 11           | Time 1.00<br>Date 27/12  |

per il successivo inoltrò alla Sub Commissione Navale.  
In onward transmission to the Naval Sub. Commission.

d'ordine  
II CAPO DI BARINMENTO

*Sturmf.*  
Sub Com

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27/12 R.C.

Number 28/12/45.

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SUBJECT : Recovery of French Military Equipment

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.  
( M.M.I.A. )  
R O M B  
O. 155  
December 1945

TO : Ministry of War

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Re: our letter of even reference dated 28 Nov 45.

1. Acknowledged receipt of passes, forwarded in your 227550/11 of 9/46.

2. You are requested to issue further passes for the undersigned:

- Cap. De Vaisseau DELMUCHE, Chef de Mission
- Cap. de Corvette LHERI
- Cap. de Corvette BOUROI
- Ingenieur E. F. CANNES
- Ingenieur G. CALMINE
- Ingenieur R. SOUVERTE
- Ingenieur PESCE
- Ingenieur FOGGI
- Ingenieur BOIANO
- Ingenieur VIGINA
- Off. Intorp. NENE
- Cap. D'Etat. YAGOVLEVITCH
- Second Maître MICHELIS.

3. Please issue them through M.M.I.A., who will pass them to the Naval Sub Commission.

*Handwritten signature*

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

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December 1945

TO : Ministry of War

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- Ref our letter of even reference dated 28 Nov 45.
- 1. Acknowledged receipt of passes, forwarded in your 277550/11 of 960d.
- 2. You are requested to issue further passes for the unaccompanied individuals :

- Capt. De Vaissseau DELTUO'H, Chef de Mission
- Capt. de Corvette YVES
- Capt. de Corvette BOUTON
- Ingenieur M. P. CAHNS
- Ingenieur M. CALLENE
- Ingenieur M. SORREZ
- Ingenieur PESCE
- Ingenieur FOGGI
- Ingenieur BONATO
- Ingenieur WINER
- Off. Intorp. FERE
- Off. Intorp. IACOVLEVITCH
- Second Maître NICHOLS.

- 3. Please issue them through M.M.I.I., who will pass them to the Naval Sub Commission.

*Handwritten initials*

R.A. CURRIES, Lt. Col.  
 Coy Major General  
 M.M.I.I.

Copy to: All BLU's (attached specimen pass as outlined in para 3 of Q.155 dated 28 Nov 45.)

Naval Sub Commission

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION  
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

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NSC/4215  
10 December 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.  
To : Land Forces Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission. ✓  
Subject: Recovery of French Military Equipment.  
Reference: (a) Land Forces Sub-Commission ltr. Q.155 of  
28 November 1945.

1. Further to NSC/4148 dated 3 December 1945,  
it is requested that the following French naval personnel  
be added to the list in reference (a):

✕ Cap. De Vaisseau DELPEUC'H, Chef de Mission  
Cap. de Corvette YBERT  
Cap. de Corvette BOUJON  
Ingenieur M. P. CANNES  
Ingenieur M. GALLENNE  
Ingenieur M. SORRENTE  
" PESCE  
" POGGI  
" ROMANO  
" VIGIER  
Off. Interp. PERE  
Off. Interp. YACOVLEVITCH  
Second Maitre MICHELS.

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*Al. Hamu*

REAR ADMIRAL  
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War

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TO: M.M.I.A. (ref. Q/155 of 28.11.45)

197.  
REF: 227330/11

DATE: 9.12.45

SUBJECT: Recovery of French Military materials

We forward herewith 5 countersigned passes made out to the following officers of the French Navy:

- Lieut. Commander DOUET
- Naval Engineer PINAULT
- Lieutenant, Reserve, CHAIZE
- Commander SOUGON
- Lieutenant BURELLI

for forwarding to the Naval Sub Commission, A.C.

We also forward, as requested, 14 copies of the said passes for forwarding to Allied Liaison Units (B.L.U.)

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The passes referred to in para. "A" of your Q/155 of 28.11.45, have been forwarded to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs direct.

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Sgt. LOMBARDI

We forward herewith 5 countersigned passes made out to the following officers of the French Navy:

- Lieut. Commander DOUET
- Naval Engineer PINAULT
- Lieutenant, Reserve, CHAIZE
- Commander SOUGON
- Lieutenant BURELLI

for forwarding to the Naval Sub Commission, A.C.

We also forward, as requested, 14 copies of the said passes for forwarding to Allied Liaison Units (B.L.U.)

The passes referred to in para. "A" of your Q/155 of 28.11.45, have been forwarded to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs direct.

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Sgd. LOMBARDI

Colonel.

C. Danin Cpl.

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 Received by  
 [Signature]  
 [Signature]

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Transmission

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FRANCIS MILITARY MISSIONS TO ITALY

TECHNICAL MISSION FOR NATIONAL DEFENCE

Rome, 6 December 1945

No 579/DNG

General LE COURVAISIER DE CAUMONT  
Chief of the French Military Missions to Italy

to

The Chief of the Allied Commission  
c/o Capitaine de vaisseau, Representative of the French Government  
to the Allied Commission

Q.

Subject : Salvage of French material in Italy  
reference : 1) memorandum n. 39/DNG of September 20th, 1945  
2) letter A.M.H. dated September 25th, 1945  
3) letter A.M.H. dated November 11th, 1945  
4) letter M.M.I.A. n. 159, dated November 28th 1945  
enclosure : 1 list

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As from the document mentioned in ref. 4, we consider we must once more mention the present composition of the French salvage Military Missions, in accordance with the agreements made with A.M.H.

It would be well for the composition of such missions to be brought to the attention of the Italian Ministries concerned, thanks to your kind intervention.

If it is necessary, we shall appoint new officers to bring to an end the salvage operations for French material. We should of course make agreements either with A.M.H. or with yourself according to the place where such officers would have to work.

I state that chief Engineer Gandillon and his aids, Commander Desportes and Captain Ordioni, mentioned in the enclosed list, belong to my staff and are entrusted with the co-ordination of the 'Mar', 'Air Force', 'Navy' and 'Merchant Marine' missions.

The S.R.S.F. mission formed by Mrs. Simonnot and David is in connection with Transport Sub Commission and in close contact with my missions, but doesn't belong to the command of the French Military Missions to Italy.

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General LE COURVAISIER DE CAUMONT  
Chief of the French Military Missions to Italy

s. Le Courvaix

Ex. Com's Dist - 13 Dec.

Action - LAND FORCES 5/6 ✓

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Q. 155

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## TRANSLATION

FROM: French Military Mission in Italy

REF: 579/DNG

TO: A.C.

DATE: 6.11.45

SUBJECT: Recovery of French materials in Italy

- Reference: 1) our memo.395/DNG of 20.9.45  
2) AFHQ letter of 8.9.45  
3) AFHQ letter of 11.11.45  
4) M.M.I.A. letter Q155 of 28.11.45

Enclosure: 1 list.

Further to the letter quoted in (4) above, we think it necessary to specify once more, the actual composition, following agreement reached at AFHQ, of the French Military recovery Missions.

It would be advisable if the composition of these Missions was brought, by your Mission, to the knowledge of the Italian Ministries concerned.

We may, if necessary, appoint new officers to bring to a rapid and satisfactory conclusion the operations of recovery of French materials. We shall give consideration to agreements reached between AFHQ and your Mission regarding the area in which these officers are to be employed.

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- Declassified E.O. 17065 Section 3-402/NNDG No. 785020
- 2) AFHQ letter of 8.9.45
  - 3) AFHQ letter of 11.11.45
  - 4) M.M.I.A. letter Q155 of 28.11.45

Enclosure: 1 list.

Further to the letter quoted in (4) above, we think it necessary to specify once more, the actual composition, following agreement reached at AFHQ, of the French Military recovery Missions.

It would be advisable if the composition of these Missions was brought, by your Mission, to the knowledge of the Italian Ministries concerned.

We may, if necessary, appoint new officers to bring to a rapid and satisfactory conclusion the operations of recovery of French materials. We shall give consideration to agreements reached between AFHQ and your Mission regarding the area in which these officers are to be employed.

I would point out that Chief Engineer GANDHILHON and his assistants, Commander DESPORTES and Captain CRDIONI, who are shown on the attached list, form part of my General Staff and have the duties of coordinating the "War" "Air" "Navy" and "Merchant Marine" Missions.

The S.N.C.F. Mission, composed of Messrs. SIMONNOT and DAVID, is dealing with the Transport Sub Commission and is in close contact with my mission, but does not form part of the H.Q. of the French Military Missions in Italy.

14/11/45  
C. Danin Cpl.

Sgd. LE COUTEULX DE CAUMONT. G.O.C.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

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NSC/4148  
3 December 1945

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.  
To: Land Forces Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.  
Subject: Recovery of French Military Equipment. 16  
Reference: (a) Land Forces S/C, AC (NMA) ltr Q.155 of 28 Nov. 1945.

1. With regard to reference (a), the list of French Naval Authorities appears satisfactory. The Land Forces Sub-Commission will be notified of any changes which may be necessary or requested by the French Naval Authorities.

*H. St. J. Butler*  
H. ST. J. BUTLER,  
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,  
FOR REAR ADMIRAL  
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.



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Subject:- Recovery of French Military equipment.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.  
(M. M. I. A.) ROME.  
C. 455.  
28 November, 1945.

To:- Commandement Militaire Français En Italie, ROME.

With further reference to your letter of 20 September 45 and this H.Q. letter 455 of 2 Nov 45, the Italian War Ministry state that they have been informed the following officers represent the French Government:

- Major Monard, Representative of the War Ministry.
- Captain Delpech, Representative of the Navy Ministry.
- Lt. Col. Desb., Representative of the Ministry for Air.
- Captain Bonis Representative of the Ministry of Public Works (Merchant Navy)
- Mr. Faulet Representative of the Ministry of Public Works, (National Railways).

In addition, the names of the following officers have been obtained from the Naval Authorities:

- Capitaine de Frigate DORSE
- Ingeieur du Genie Maritime PELOUSE
- Lieutenant de Vaisseau de Reserve CHAIZE
- Capitaines de Corvette SAUCON
- Lieutenant de Vaisseau BRESILI.

You are requested to state if you wish the Italian War Ministry to issue passes to any additional officers other than those listed above.

Please acknowledge receipt.

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*RAC*  
S.A. CURTIS Lt. Col.  
for Major General,  
M. M. I. A.

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Copy to:- Naval Sub Commission A.C. (Your HQ/A029 of 16 Nov 45 refers. Do you desire any addition to the names given above?)

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Subject: Recovery of French Military Equipment.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.  
(M. M. I. A.) ROME.  
✓ 0.155  
28 November, 1945.

To: Commandement Militaire Francais En Italie, ROME.

Reference your letter of the 20th September 45. It has come to notice that in the Soc Fabbrica Nazionale d'Armi at Brescia are believed to be 12,000 rifles of French origin.

The factory in question is under the control of the Headquarters 2 District, and not under Italian War Ministry.

*R. A. Curties*  
R. A. CURTIES Lt. Col.  
for Major General,  
M. M. I. A.

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Subject:- Recovery of French Military Equipment.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.  
(M. M. I. A.)  
RCMR.

9.1.55  
18 November, 1945.

To:- Ministry of War.

Reference is made to your 224690/11 of the 23 Nov 45.

1. It is noted that in your circular 224293/11 of the 16 Nov 45, Territorial Commands have been invited to give the accredited representatives of the French Government facilities to recover war material of French origin. It is noted that you have issued instructions that copies of receipts are to be forwarded to this H.Q.

2. You are requested to issue passes to the undermentioned individuals:

List "A"

Major Messard, representative of the War Ministry,  
Captain Delpuech, representative of the Navy Ministry,  
Lt. Col. Gros, representative of the Ministry for Air,  
Captain Bonis representative of the Ministry of Public Works,  
(Merchant Navy)  
Mr. Paulot representative of the Ministry of Public Works,  
(National Railways).

List "B"

Capitaine de Frigate DUMET  
Ingenieur du Genie Maritime PENNAULT  
Lieutenant de Vaisseau de Reserve CHAIZE  
Capitaine de Corvette SOUCY  
Lieutenant de Vaisseau BURELLI.

3. Please issue those on List "A" through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and those on List "B" through M.M.I.A., who will pass them to the Naval Sub Commission A.C. 14 copies of the specimen pass are also required by M.M.I.A., in order that Liaison Units may be informed.

*Althaus*

R.A. CHETTES Lt. Col.  
For Major General,  
M. M. I. A.

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It is noted that you have issued instructions that copies of receipts are to be forwarded to this H.Q.

2. You are requested to issue passes to the undermentioned individuals:

List "A"

- Major Mosnard, representative of the War Ministry.
- Captain Delpuech, representative of the Navy Ministry.
- Lt. Col. Gros, representative of the Ministry for Air.
- Captain Baris, representative of the Ministry of Public Works (Merchant Navy)
- Mr. Poulot, representative of the Ministry of Public Works (National Railways).

List "B"

- Capitaine de Frigate DOUTT
- Ingenieur du Genie Maritime PIMABIE
- Lieutenant de Vaisseau de Reserve CHAMIZ
- Capitaine de Corvette SOUCON
- Lieutenant de Vaisseau BURELLI.

3. Please issue those on List "A" through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and those on List "B" through M.M.I.A., who will pass them to the Naval Sub Commission A.C. 14 copies of the specimen pass are also required by M.M.I.A., in order that liaison units may be informed.

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*R. A. Curtiss*

R.A. CURTIS Lt. Col.  
(ex Major General)

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Copy to: ALL B.L.Us.

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TRANSLATION.

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From : Ministry of War.

Ref. 224690/11

To : M.M.I.A.

Date. 23 Nov 45.

Subject : French Stores in Italy. (11)

In accordance with the instructions of your Mission, contained in letter No. Q/155 of 5 instant, this Cabinet has arranged for the issue to the Military Territorial Commands of the instructions which are contained in circular No. 224299/11 of the 16 instant, a copy of which is enclosed.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has now informed us that the following form the French Commission which has recently arrived in Italy;

- |                 |                                                        |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Major Vesnard,  | representative of the War Ministry.                    |
| Capt. Delpuech, | " " " Navy "                                           |
| Lt. Col. Gros   | " " " Ministry for Air.                                |
| Capt. Bonis     | " " " Ministry of Public Works<br>(Merchant Navy).     |
| Mr. Poulot      | " " " Ministry of Public Works.<br>(National Railways) |

Before accrediting the said personnel at the Military Territorial Commands and issuing to them the passes as prescribed in paragraph 6 of said letter Q/155, will your Mission kindly give their approval and issue further instructions on the matter.

(signed) LOMBARDI.

*Darius Epl*

*17000 french rifles  
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d'armes  
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TRANSLATION.

From : War Ministry.

Ref. 224299/11

To : All Addressees.

Date 16 Nov 45.

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Subject: Recovery of French Materials in Italy.

1. The Allied Authorities have agreed to the sending to Italy, of French Army and Navy representatives to carry out the recovery of French War materials, including those which in the past have been properly purchased by the Italian Government.

The H.Qs addressed are requested to permit free entry to Depots of the said representatives provided they are in possession of a proper pass, countersigned by this Ministry. We will inform you later of the names of representatives and the type of pass.

2. When the materials to be recovered may include those which, while being of French manufacture, have been properly purchased by the Italian Government, separate despatch notes or receipts must be made out, signed by the French Military Authorities.

Copies of all the receipts will have to be forwarded to this Cabinet, for successive transmission to M.M.I.A. which will take them into consideration in the event of the matter being examined further.

3. It appears moreover, that some French Naval stores are at present being held in Army Stores also. The H.Qs. addressed are requested to inform this Cabinet of all eventual information regarding such stores, which may be recovered by the French Naval Authorities.

(signed) JACINI

Minister for War.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Navy Sub Commission APO 394

NSC/4029.  
16th November, 1945.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.  
To : Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission  
(M.M.I.A.) ✓

Subject : Recovery of French Material in Italy.

Enclosure (a) : List of personnel of the French Naval Delegation in Italy and their zones of operation.

Reference (a) : Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission (M.M.I.A.) letter Q/155 dated 2nd November, 1945.

Enclosure (a) is forwarded herewith for information in accordance with paragraph 2 of reference (a).

*H. St. J. Butler*

H. ST. J. BUTLER,  
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,  
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,  
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

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LEGATION NAVALE FRANCAISE EN ITE

Chef : Capitaine de Vaisseau DELPEUC'H

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Zone d'operation

Capitaine de Vaisseau DELPEUC'H  
Delegue Naval Francais en Italie

Capitaine de Fregate DOUET  
Chef d'Etat Major

Ingenieur du Genie Maritime PINAULT  
Salvage Officer

Officier interprete FERE  
Officier d'ordonnance

Lieutenant de Vaisseau de Reserve CHAIZE  
Marine Marchande

Ingenieur Mecanicien GALLENNE  
Ingenieur Direction Travaux SORRENTE  
----- PESCE  
----- FOGGI

Officier interprete YACOVLISVITCH

Ingenieur Mecanicien Principal CAUNES

Capitaine de Corvette YBERT  
Capitaine de Corvette SOUGON  
(remplacant du C.C. YBERT)

Lieutenant de Vaisseau BURELLI  
Ingenieur Mecanicien ROMANO  
Lt de Vaisseau de reserve VIGIER

Toute l'Italie  
y compris  
SARDAIGNE  
et SICILE

Ports de l'Italie N.W.  
(de LIVOURNE a la  
frontiere francaise)  
del'Italie N.E.  
(d'ANCONA a TRIESTE)

Ports de l'Italie  
du Sud

(de PIOMBINO a ANCONA)  
y compris la SICILE)

Enclosure (a) to Navy Sub Commission letter NSC/4029.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Navy Sub Commission APO 394

NSC/4029,  
16th November, 1945.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.  
To : Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission  
(M.M.I.A.)

Subject : Recovery of French Material in Italy.

Enclosure (a) : List of personnel of the French Naval Delegation in  
Italy and their zones of operation.

Reference (a) : Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission (M.M.I.A.)  
letter Q/155 dated 2nd November, 1945.

Enclosure (a) is forwarded herewith for information in  
accordance with paragraph 2 of reference (a).

H. ST. J. BUTLER,  
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,  
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,  
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

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DELEGATION NAVALE FRANÇAISE EN ITALIE

Chef : Capitaine de Vaisseau DELAUNAY

|                                                                                                      | <u>Zone d'operation</u>                                                                                           |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Capitaine de Vaisseau DELAUNAY<br>Délégué Naval Français en Italie                                   |                                                                                                                   |
| Capitaine de Frégate DUBREUIL<br>Chef d'Etat Major                                                   | Toute l'Italie<br>y compris<br>SARDAIGNE<br>et SICILE                                                             |
| Ingenieur du Genie Maritime PINAULT<br>Salvage Officer                                               |                                                                                                                   |
| Officier interprete FERRIS<br>Officier d'ordonnance                                                  |                                                                                                                   |
| Lieutenant de Vaisseau de Reserve CHAIZE<br>Marine Marchande                                         |                                                                                                                   |
| Ingenieur Mecanicien GALLIENNE<br>Ingenieur Direction Travaux SOUSSE<br>----- PASSE<br>----- ROGEE   | Ports de l'Italie N. E.<br>(de LIVOURNE a la<br>frontiere française)<br>de l'Italie N. E.<br>(d'ANCONA a TRIESTE) |
| Officier interprete YACOVLEVICH                                                                      |                                                                                                                   |
| Ingenieur Mecanicien Principal GARNIER                                                               |                                                                                                                   |
| Capitaine de Corvette YBERT<br>Capitaine de Corvette BOGON<br>(remplacant du C. G. YBERT)            | Ports de l'Italie<br>du Sud                                                                                       |
| Lieutenant de Vaisseau BURELLI<br>Ingenieur Mecanicien ROSSIGNOL<br>Lt de Vaisseau de reserve VIGIER | (de POMEPE a ANCONA)<br>y compris la SICILE                                                                       |

Enclosure (a) to Navy Sub Commission letter NSC/4029.



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Subject:- Recovery of French Material in ITALY.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.  
(M. H. I. A.) ROME.  
Q.155  
5. November, 1945.

To: War Ministry.

221706/LF  
Reference is made to your 210.5.15 dated 19 October 45.

Representatives of the French Military and Naval Authorities have full authority to recover war material of French origin which is now located in ITALY. M.M.I.A. is responsible that the information sought by the French Authorities is made available by you.

Particulars of the accredited French representatives, both Naval and Military, are being obtained from the French Authorities and will be forwarded to you as soon as received. Permits to enter Italian Army depots will then be made available for issue through M.M.I.A. to the individuals concerned.

In the case of the French Navy Material Recovery Mission, considerable progress has already been made. It is understood that French Naval material is also to be found in Italian Army Depots. Any information concerning such material should be forwarded to this H.Q. in order that the French Naval Authorities may be enabled to arrange recovery.

With regard to the French material which may have been purchased by the Italian Government but is now included among items which the French Authorities intend to recover, your attention is drawn to this H.Q. letter Q/25/1 dated 26 May 45, the relative extract from which is quoted below:

" In the case of war material which the Italian government claims to have bought from the French, separate shipping tickets or receipts may be made out for signature by the French Military authorities at the time transfer of said material is made. Such receipts will then be available for inspection in the event of this matter being considered at a later date."

You are particularly requested to ensure that copies of all receipts obtained from the French Authorities are forwarded to M.M.I.A. in order that a record may be kept of material so transferred.

Territorial Headquarters should be instructed that duly accredited French representatives in possession of a pass counter-signed by the War Ministry will be given facilities to enter depots with the object of identifying and recovering war material of French origin.

2. Particulars of the accredited French representatives, Naval and Military, are being obtained from the French Authorities and will be forwarded to you as soon as received. Permits to enter Italian Army depots will then be made available for issue through M.M.I.A. to the individuals concerned.

3. In the case of the French Navy Material Recovery Mission, considerable progress has already been made. It is understood that French Naval material is also to be found in Italian Army Depots. Any information concerning such material should be forwarded to this M.C. in order that the French Naval Authorities may be enabled to arrange recovery.

4. With regard to the French material which may have been purchased by the Italian Government but is now included among items which the French Authorities intend to recover, your attention is drawn to this M.C. letter Q/25/4 dated 26 May 45, the relative extract from which is quoted below:

" In the case of war material which the Italian government claims to have bought from the French, separate shipping tickets or receipts may be made out for signature by the French Military authorities at the time transfer of said material is made. Such receipts will then be available for inspection in the event of this matter being considered at a later date."

5. You are particularly requested to ensure that copies of all receipts obtained from the French Authorities are forwarded to M.M.I.A. in order that a record may be kept of material so transferred.

6. Territorial Headquarters should be instructed that duly accredited French representatives in possession of a pass countersigned by the War Ministry will be given facilities to enter depots with the object of identifying and recovering war material of French origin.

*W. P. ...*

Major General,  
M. M. I. A.

See (13)

5/27/45

Subject: Recovery of War Material of French Origin.

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Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.  
(M. M. I. A.) ROME.  
Q.155  
4 November, 1945.

TO: All M.M.I.A. L.Os.

French Military and Naval Authorities are seeking to recover war material of French origin in Italian Army depots.

M.M.I.A. is responsible that the information required by the French Authorities is made available by the War Ministry and that the necessary facilities are granted to the French representatives.

Particulars of the accredited French representatives both Naval and Military are being obtained and permits to enter Italian Army depots will be issued by the War Ministry to them through M.M.I.A. You will be informed of the names of the individuals concerned. Such individuals will be given every assistance in the performance of their duty.

Should Territorial Headquarters be approached by French officers on this subject, the above method should be explained, and unless provided with an official permit, permission to enter Italian Army depots will not be granted. French officers concerned should be informed that they must first make application to their own Headquarters for the necessary permit.

*R.A. Curties*

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

Copy to:- 2 District  
3 District  
13 Corps.

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Subject : Recovery of French Material in ITALY.

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

✓155      ←      2 Nov. 45.  
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To : Commandement Militaire Francais En Italie, R O M E.

1. Reference your letter of 20 Sep 45. The Italian War Ministry have already been requested to notify this office of the location of any French material at present located in Italian Army Depots. Any such information received will be forwarded to you.
2. It is necessary that this office obtain a copy of the receipt given by the French representatives. The Italian War Ministry have represented that amongst French material now in Italy there are many articles purchased by the Italian Government from the French Government. Where ~~that~~ cannot be readily identified or are included in material which the French Authorities arranged to recover the Italian War Ministry has been advised that separate receipts should be obtained.
3. It will be appreciated that at the present time the War Ministry are fully engaged in themselves recovering Italian Army property which is now held as part of captured enemy equipment. In order, however, that the necessary facilities may be made available to the French authorities you are requested to notify this office the names of the officers delegated by you to represent the French Government and to indicate in advance the place which it is desired to visit.

*Rac*  
R.A. CURTIES, Lt.Col.  
for Major General,  
M.M.I.A.

/ago

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Subject : Recovery of French Material in ITALY.

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Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.,  
M.M.I.A.,  
H O M E.  
Q/155

2. Nov. 45.

To : Navy Sub Commission, A.C.

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Reference your NSC/3775 dated 16 Oct 45.

1. The Ministry of War have been notified that the French Navy Material Recovery Mission wish to be granted facilities to recover naval material held in Italian Army Depots. Any information obtained from the War Ministry will be forwarded.
2. It is requested that this M.Q. be notified particulars of the individuals representing the French Government in this matter and be given some indication in advance of the area in which they wish to work.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Navy Sub Commission APO 394

NSC/3775.  
16th October, 1945.

FIRST ENDORSEMENT on  
Delegation de La Marine Francaise  
dans les ports du Golfe de Genes  
letter No. 209 E.M.I. dated  
1st October, 1945.

Q

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.  
To : Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission.  
(M.M.I.A.)

Subject : Recovery of French Naval Material.

Forwarded for information with the request that the Ministry of War be instructed, to inform all the Italian Army Units concerned of the existence and purpose of the French Navy Material Recovery Missions, and to request them to afford the French every facility and assistance in the operation of their duties.

2. With regard to the French Material held in Allied depots, instructions covering this request have already been issued to Allied Army Commands in Italy by Allied Force Headquarters.

*C. Williams*

REAR ADMIRAL,  
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

*RAC*  
*Col ✓*  
*31 Oct.*

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ANNEXE  
A LA LETTRE No. 209 E. M. I. du 1er Octobre 1945.

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LISTE DES DEPOTS SOUS CONTROLE "MILITAIRE" ITALIEN OU ALLIE EN ITALIE  
OU SE TROUVE DU MATERIEL NAVAL FRANCAIS.

LA SPEZIA.

Depots : Laboratoire d'essais et experiences pyrotechniques  
( pres S. BARTOLOMEO)

Centro Chimico Romito Magra,

Forts : Pezzino Alto  
Bagliari  
Fort Pianelloni

GENES.

Depots : Belvedere  
Fulvi-Cotone

Forts : Begato  
S. Tecla  
Lagaccio Superiore  
Angeli  
Castellacio  
Granarolo

BUSALLA.

Depots : Centro Chimico Riunito

SAVONE.

Forts : Moglie  
Bruciatto  
Scarato  
Capo Vado  
Madonna Monte  
Madonna Angeli  
Tecci  
Capanno Govo (pres de Forte Scarato)

ALBENGA.

Depots : Caserma Lucca  
Prato Grande

CUNEO.

Depots : Cerati Boves

BOLZANO.

Depots : Foreign Ammunitions Point 2  
Engineer Dump 1

VAL DI TURES.

Depot : Magasin 33 a CAMPO TURES (Nord de BRUNICO)  
Magasin 38-46 et 77 a CAMPO TURES.

VERONE.

Depot : Engineer Dump 247.

MANTOUE.

Depot : Ammunitions Point 1 a BOSCO FONTANE.



Translation.

From:- M. of W.

Ref:-221706/II

To:- MMIA.

Date:- 19th. October 45

Subject:- Recovery of French material in Italy.

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According to information received recently from Territorial Commands of Northern Italy, it appears that a French Commission, authorized by the Allied Commission, is recovering French material (especially Artillery and MT material) even if these material have been previously duly purchased by the Italian Government.

In my opinion, this procedure is irregular since said material should be considered as being solely the property of the Italian Army.

I beg you, therefore, to examine the question and advise this Ministry as to how the Territorial Commands should behave in respect of the above requests.

*[Handwritten initials]*

*2/5/10/1*

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(Sgt) Tacini.

Translation. See (61)

French Army Command  
in Italy  
Office of the General

Rome, September 20, 1945

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Memorandum

concerning Army material  
taken out of France by Italian  
authorities.

Enclosed: ABSTRACT of the  
first lists sent to  
CMFi by the French  
Ministry of War

With letter P/23/1 MMIA of May 26<sup>th</sup>,  
the Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C. ordered the  
Italian Ministry of War to turn over to French au-  
thorities all the material of French origin recovered  
in Italy.

Amounts returned at Naples up to  
this moment consist of only small quantities re-  
covered at depots in Southern Italy.

The French Commanding General in  
Italy has just received from the French War Ministry  
the first set of lists concerning material taken  
out of France since 1940 by Italian authorities. The  
enclosed document gives a summary description  
of the contents of these lists.

The importance of the problem which  
is now created by the recovery on the part of  
France of the material in question, cannot fail  
to be recognized by officials of the Allied Commission.

(2)

The authoritative intervention of these officials with the Italian government is therefore requested in order to

- a) obtain information concerning the location and condition of the material taken from France.
- b) put French officers in touch with the specialists appointed by the Italian government:
  - 1. to make possible a study, in common, of detailed lists of materials which the French Command is charged with recovering.
  - 2. to carry out the necessary search in agreement with each other.
- c) ensure that proper measures are taken to turn over the French material to French authorities in Italy at such delivery points as will be indicated.

General Le Conteulx de Caumont  
French Military Commander in Italy  
(Signature)

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TranslationMaterials taken out of France

(Abstract of the first lists sent to C. M. F. i.  
by the French War Ministry)

Materials service

Sundry M.T. with many accessories: 4,250  
military saddlery (sundry pieces): 142,300,000

Arms and ammo:

|                                                                                          |             |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 570 guns & gun carriages, assorted                                                       | } 12.500 t. |
| 616,000 shells (75 of 340 mm), airplane bombs<br>ca. (ant) casings (50 of 500 kilos ca.) |             |
| 170,000 rifles, 11,500 automatic weapons<br>(L/MG's and MG's)                            |             |
| 100,500,000 Infantry cartridges, 800,000<br>hand grenades                                |             |

Engineers service

|                                                                                  |            |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| machinery, electric and other<br>(propulsion motors, power plants, motors, etc.) | } 4,000 t. |
| Sundry tools, items of iron, metal plate, wood<br>and raw materials              |            |

Signal equipment

|                                                                                          |                                                     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Telephone and telegraph equipment<br>(3,500 sets, 450,000 kilos of wire, etc.)           | } 3028<br>2,500 cubic<br>metres ap-<br>-proximately |
| Wireless communication equipment<br>800 E and R stations, motors,<br>power plants, tubes |                                                     |
| Optical and carrier pigeon material                                                      |                                                     |

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Medical Service

Sundry appliances  
(for laboratory, for measuring,  
for heating, etc.)  
Ingredients, medicaments and  
raw materials

} 1,500 cubic  
metres approxi-  
mately

P.M. General Service

Raw materials : (wood, leather, horse hair, etc.)  
Clothing (Winter & Summer uniforms, under-  
wear, clothing of leather, boots)  
Personal and camp equipment, bedding  
Furniture :  
(chairs, benches, tables, etc.)

} 40,000  
cubic metres  
approximately

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Q. Please B.F. files  
 on recovery of FRENCIT  
 was material taken by  
 the Italians.

W. P. Dsley

Colonel

21 Sep

See also para 5d  
 of para 6 g folio 96 in  
 file Q 95.

Translation of attached please  
 & put on correct file

W.P.

25 Sep

} Officers & OR staffs  
 apman. get schedule & scales  
 meeting.  
 see report, hite unit.

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*Handed to Doc. by Captain  
on 21 Sep*

COMMANDEMENT MILITAIRE FRANÇAIS  
EN ITALIE

Rome, le 20 Septembre 1945

LE GÉNÉRAL

⑥

MEMORANDUM

Relatif au matériel militaire  
prélevé en France par les  
Autorités Italiennes

Pièce jointe =  
EXTRAIT  
des premières listes  
adressées au CMFI par  
le Ministère de la  
Guerre Français

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⑤ file Q 23/1 folio 439.

Par lettre Q/23/1 MMIA du 26 Mai, la Land Forces  
Sub Commission, A.C. avait prescrit au Ministère de la  
Guerre Italien la remise aux Autorités Françaises de tout  
le matériel d'origine française retrouvé en Italie.

Les restitutions n'ont porté, jusqu'à présent à  
Naples que sur de faibles quantités retrouvées dans les  
dépôts du Sud de l'Italie.

Or, le Général Commandant Militaire Français en  
Italie vient de recevoir du Ministère de la Guerre Fran-  
çais une première série de listes concernant le matériel  
prélevé en France depuis 1940 par les Autorités Italiennes.  
Le document ci-joint donne une indication sommaire con-  
cernant le contenu de ces listes.

Le problème que pose dès maintenant la récupéra-  
tion par la France du matériel en cause revêt une impor-  
tance qui ne saurait échapper aux Autorités de l'Allied  
Commission.

La haute intervention de ces autorités auprès du  
Gouvernement Italien est sollicitée en conséquence en vue:

a) d'obtenir des renseignements sur l'emplacement et  
la situation du matériel prélevé en France,

b) de mettre en rapport des Officiers Français avec  
les spécialistes désignés par le Gouvernement Italien :

.... / ....

| TRANSLATION |                              |
|-------------|------------------------------|
| IN          | {<br>Time 10.15<br>Date 24/9 |
| OU          | {<br>Time 16.30<br>Date 27/9 |



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COMMANDEMENT MILITAIRE FRANÇAIS  
EN ITALIE

- 2 -

LE GÉNÉRAL

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1°/ pour permettre une étude faite en commun des listes détaillées des matériels que le Commandement Français a pour mission de récupérer;

2°/ pour procéder d'un commun accord aux recherches nécessaires.

c) d'obtenir que les mesures appropriées soient prises pour remettre le matériel français aux Autorités Françaises en Italie aux points de livraison qui seront indiqués.

Le Général Le COUTEULX de CAUMONT,  
Commandant Militaire Français en Italie

Le Couteulx

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MATERIEL PRELEVE EN FRANCE

( Extrait des premières listes adressées au C.M.F.I. )  
( par le Ministère de la Guerre Français )

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SERVICE DU MATERIEL

Véhicules automobiles divers avec nombreux accessoires : 4.250  
Harnachement militaire (pièces diverses) : 142.300.000

Armement et munitions :

570 canons et voitures canons divers  
616.000 obus (75 à 340) bombes avions (50 à 500 Kgs.)

12.500 T.

douilles

170.000 fusils, 11.500 armes automatiques (FM et mitrailleuses)

100.500.000 cartouches d'Infanterie, 800.000 grenades à main

SERVICE DU GENIE

- Machines électriques et autres (propulseurs, groupes électrogènes, moteurs etc....)

4.000 T.

Outillage divers, objets en fer, tôle, bois et matières premières

TRANSMISSIONS

Matériel téléphonique et télégraphique (3.500 appareils, 450.000 Kgs. fil etc....)

Matériel radio-télégraphique

(800 postes T et R, moteurs, groupes électrogènes tubes à vide)

Matériel optique et colométophile

2.500 METRES tubes environ

SERVICE DE SANTE

Appareils divers

( de laboratoire, de mesure, de chauffage etc.... )

Ingrédients, médicaments et matières premières

1.500 METRES cubes environ

SERVICE DE L'INTENDANCE

Matières premières : (laine, cuir, crin, etc..)

Habillement : (tenues de drap, toile, linge de corps, vêtements de cuir brodequins....)

Equipement, matériel de campement et de coucha

40.000 METRES cubes environ

Armement et munitions :

570 canons et voitures canons divers  
 616.000 obus (75 à 340) bombes avions (50 à 500 Kgs.)  
 douilles  
 170.000 fusils, 11.500 armes automatiques (FM et mitrailleuses)  
 100.500.000 cartouches d'Infanterie, 800.000 grenades à main

12.500 T.

SERVICE DU GENIE

- Machines électriques et autres  
 (propulseurs, groupes électrogènes, moteurs etc....)  
 Outillage divers, objets en fer, tôle, bois et matières premières

4.000 T.

TRANSMISSIONS

Matériel téléphonique et télégraphique  
 (3.500 appareils, 450.000 Kgs. fil etc...)  
 Matériel radio-télégraphique  
 (800 postes E et R, moteurs, groupes électrogènes tubes à vide)  
 Matériel optique et colombeophile

2.500 METRES cubes environ

SERVICE DE SANTE

Appareils divers  
 ( de laboratoire, de mesure, de chauffage etc....)  
 Ingrédients, médicaments et matières premières

1.500 METRES cubes environ

SERVICE DE L'INTENDANCE

Matières premières : (laine, cuir, crin, etc..)  
 Habillement : (tenues de drap, toile, linge de corps, vêtements de cuir brodequins....)  
 Equipement, matériel de campement et de couchage.  
 Matériel d'ameublement :  
 (armoires, bancs, tables etc.....)

40.000 METRES cubes environ

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Subject: French Arms and Ammunition  
in Italian Depots.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
(M.S.I.A.) R O M E  
4/23/4

26 May 45

To: MINISTRY OF WAR

436

1. Reference your letter 14376/2095 of 18 May 1945 and further to our 4/23/4 of 3 May 45, subject as above. - 421
2. All war material of French origin now lying in Italian Depots will be transferred to the French Military authorities, irrespective of the manner in which such material was acquired.
3. In the case of war material which the Italian government claims to have bought from the French, separate shipping tickets or receipts may be made out for signature by the French Military authorities at the time transfer of said material is made. Such receipts will then be available for inspection in the event of this matter being considered at a later date.

F. J. Noailles  
F. J. NOAILLES COL.  
For Major General.  
M.S.I.A.

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Copy to: C.C. Detachment Francais 36 Naples (Piazza Martiri)  
AFHQ (AG 386.3/031 OCS-O of 15 March 45, - Subject:  
"French Arms and Ammunition in Italian Depots" refers )  
INFO TO Naples.  
INFO TO 5th Area.

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[Handwritten signature]

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Translation:

M of W

M.M.I.A.

Q/23/1

Ref No 14376/2895.

Date: 18. May. 45.

Arms and ammo from French sources.

It appears that during the years 1942 and prior some French material was legally bought. Owing to the transfer to the north of some files we are not in possession of the receipts or any documents that may prove such acquisition.

In the list of material to be handed over to the French authorities there is some material that was bought by the Italian Gov. (see attached list).

While we have no objection to the handing over of said material that was not legally bought we object to the remaining articles being handed over.

Should, in the general interest, those materials have also to be handed over, we consider that the handing over should be made according to the order issued in respect of the debts and credits with the allied ~~with~~ nations.

We await your decision.

R Manfrotto  


See 338/2 in your jacket  
 no 439.

Rosso.

## STRAICIO DEI MATERIALI FRANCESI REGOLARMENTE ACQUISTATI NEGLI

ANNI 1943 E PRECEDENTI

*List of materials properly purchased in 1943 and before*

|          |                                                                                                                                  |      |             |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-------------|
| 1.12.41  | pezzi da 75/51 Gm n. 20 20<br>colpi shells " 14000                                                                               | } L. | 24.776.843  |
| 26.12.42 | pezzi da 75 c.a. sussidiari A.A. General purpose<br>p.b. franc. n. 116<br>granate dirampenti " 83520<br><i>Air burst shells.</i> | } "  | 132.740.397 |
| 15. 1.43 | colpi da 75 (incendiari) shells (incendiary) (Franch)<br>francesi n. 100000                                                      | "    | 66.406.266  |
| 18. 1.43 | colpi da 75 c.a. francesi shells (Franch) (A.A.)<br>n. 15000                                                                     | "    | 9.925.679   |
| 31.12.42 | pezzi Schneider da 155 Gms " munizioni relative<br>e munizioni relative <i>and relative munitions</i>                            | "    | 566.878     |
| 27. 6.42 | pezzi da 105/15 Gms shells.<br>colpi " 127 }<br>" 190500 }                                                                       | "    | 177.000.712 |

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION,  
A. C. (M. M. I. A.)  
R O M E  
Q/23/1  
3 May 1945

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SUBJECT: French Arms and Ammunition  
in Italian Depots

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

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See Q/23/1  
44. Federal

1. Further to our Q/23/1 of 18 April 45, subject as above.
2. The French Army authorities wish to recover immediately the French equipment at present in Italian Depots in the Lecce area, as shown in para II(e) of the list forwarded to you in the above referenced letter.
2. A French non-commissioned officer will shortly be conducting three (3) French trucks to Lecce to draw the items of arms and equipment as were agreed to be of French origin by your representative and the French official on their tour of inspection.
3. Please authorize Bari Territorial Command to prepare the items of French arms and equipment for issue. The French authorities are being asked to have the non-commissioned officer in charge of the convoy report to MMIA L/O 54 Area, where it is desired that an officer of the Territorial Command be prepared to accompany the French representative to the Italian Depots, supervise the withdrawal and obtain the necessary receipts. Please ensure that enough copies of the receipts are made so that a complete set may be forwarded AFHQ and a complete set retained at this headquarters.
4. MMIA L/O Naples will notify MMIA L/O, 54 Area, date of departure of French convoy from Naples.

See 439 See 35

*[Signature]*  
JOHN C. WARD, 1st Lt.  
For Major General  
M. M. I. A. 3020

Copy to: MMIA L/O Naples - 413  
MMIA L/O 54 Area  
(with list of material in Bari Territorial Command)

**RESTRICTED**338/2  
JC/gemALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
APO 512

15 March 1945

AG 386.3/031 GGT-0

SUBJECT: French Arms and Ammunition in Italian Depots.

TO: President, Allied Commission  
FOR: Land Forces Sub Commission

1. Reference your letter, file number AG/23/1 dated 20 February 1945, it is desired that the Italian military authorities begin the transfer of all war material of French origin now lying in Italian Depots to the French Military authorities represented by,

The Officer Commanding  
Detachment Francais de Naples  
Piazza Martiri  
Naples (Telephone 15727)

who is prepared to supply a specialist officer to inspect the material in each sector of the Italian Ministry of War Artillery Directorate before it is transported.

2. For ease of reference a list of the material believed to be of French origin as reported by the Italian Ministry of War is attached as Inclosure number 1.

3. It is suggested that the material be concentrated in the sector of the Artillery Directorate at Naples by the Italian military authorities after inspection by a French representative and that it there be taken over by the French military authorities.

4. It is requested that you arrange for receipts to be taken by the Italian military authorities for material handed over to the French and that a copy of these receipts be forwarded by you to this headquarters, (GEMS).

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

*Jack Carter*  
JACK CARTER  
Captain, AGD  
Asst Adjutant General

1 Incl  
List of the material  
believed to be of French  
origin now lying in  
Italian military depots.

Copy furnished:  
OC Detachment Francais de Naples, Naples w/Incl

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MATERIAL BELIEVED TO BE OF FRENCH ORIGIN NOW LYING IN ITALIAN ARTILLERY DEP

|        | ITEM                                                                                         | TARANTO | NAPLES | COS  |
|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|--------|------|
|        | cartucce per pistola 1873/90 francese                                                        | 540     |        |      |
|        | " " revolver mod. 29 francese                                                                | 1548    |        |      |
| 7.5    | " 8 pall. mod. 29/D francese                                                                 | 73715   |        | 73   |
| 7.5    | " " " " 29/C francese                                                                        | 86384   |        | 1793 |
| 7.5    | " " " traccianti mod. 29/T.P. francese                                                       | 377248  |        | 13   |
| 7.5    | " " " perforanti " 29/P francese                                                             | 7735    |        |      |
| 7.5    | " " " per fucilmitra mod. 24/29                                                              | 218800  | 102965 |      |
| 7.92   | " " " " " Hotchkiss                                                                          | 1563872 |        |      |
| 8      | " " " " mitra Hotchkiss                                                                      | 23412   |        |      |
| 8      | " " " traccianti per mitra Hotchkiss                                                         | 3430    |        |      |
| 8      | " " " perforanti " " "                                                                       | 7490    |        |      |
|        | bombe a mano O.F. con spoletta francesi                                                      | 1462    |        |      |
| 81     | " di gh. acc. p. mortaio da 81 francesi                                                      |         |        |      |
|        | cariche di lancio fondm. p. bombs da 81 fr.                                                  | 453     |        |      |
|        | " " " aggiunt. " " " "                                                                       | 1017    |        |      |
| 25     | c.c. a cart. gran. francesi                                                                  |         |        |      |
| 75/17  | granate ordinarie da 75/17 francese                                                          | 9589    |        |      |
| 75/17  | da 75/900-915 ord. francesi                                                                  |         |        |      |
| 75/34  | cartoccio granta da 75/34 francese                                                           | 11373   |        |      |
| 75     | car. gran. seriperf. per cannone da 75 campale greco con spoletta francese mod. 18 ritardata | 104     |        |      |
| 105/15 | Granate mod. 35 francese                                                                     |         |        |      |
| 155/36 | granate di gh. acc. francesi                                                                 | 480     |        |      |

Fucile francese cal. 8  
 " mitr. mod. francese 24/29 cal 7.35  
 " mite. mod. Hotchkiss cal 7.92  
 Mitragliatrice Hotchkiss Cal. 8

(Extracted from List furnished by Italian Ministry of War and forwarded to AFHQ under Lance Forces Sub of 20 FEB 45)

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MATERIAL BELIEVED TO BE OF FRENCH ORIGIN NOW LYING IN ITALIAN ARTILLERY DEPOTS

APPENDIX A

| ITEM                               | TARANTO | NAPLES | COSENZA  | NUORO | TOTAL   |
|------------------------------------|---------|--------|----------|-------|---------|
| 1873/90 francese                   | 540     |        |          |       | 540     |
| r mod. 29 francese                 | 1548    |        |          |       | 1548    |
| l. 29/D francese                   | 73715   |        | 73140    |       | 146855  |
| 29/C francese                      | 86384   |        | 1793337  | 74880 | 1954601 |
| ccianti mod. 29/P.P. francese      | 377248  |        | 13680    | 98759 | 489867  |
| foranti " 29/P francese            | 7735    |        |          |       | 7735    |
| ucilmitra mod. 24/29               | 218800  | 102965 |          |       | 321765  |
| " Hotchkiss                        | 1563872 |        |          |       | 1563872 |
| mitra Hotchkiss                    | 23412   |        |          |       | 23412   |
| ccianti per mitra Hotchkiss        | 3430    |        |          |       | 3430    |
| foranti " " "                      | 7490    |        |          |       | 7490    |
| spoletta francesi                  | 1462    |        |          |       | 1462    |
| rtiaio da 81 francesi              |         |        |          | 18709 | 18709   |
| m. p. bombs da 81 fr.              | 453     |        |          |       | 453     |
| unt. " " " "                       | 1017    |        |          |       | 1017    |
| ncesi                              |         |        | 5549     |       | 5549    |
| 5/17 francese                      | 9589    |        | 2766     | 6570  | 18925   |
| ncesi                              |         |        |          | 29767 | 29767   |
| /34 francese                       | 11373   |        |          | 23322 | 34695   |
| er cannone da 75 campale greco con |         |        |          |       |         |
| 18 ritandata                       | 104     |        |          |       | 104     |
| se                                 |         |        | 1200     |       | 1200    |
| ncesi                              | 480     |        |          | 2887  | 3367    |
| =====                              |         |        |          |       |         |
|                                    |         | BARI   | CALABRIA |       | TOTAL   |
|                                    |         |        |          |       |         |
| ese 24/29 cal 7.35                 |         |        | 1970     |       | 1970    |
| kiss cal 7.92                      |         |        | 18       | 333   | 351     |
| s Cal. 8                           |         |        | 143      |       | 143     |
|                                    |         |        | 5        |       | 5       |
| =====                              |         |        |          |       |         |

Italian Ministry of War and forwarded to AFHQ under Lence Forces Sub-Commission AC (MIA) letter AQ/25/1

*Handwritten signature/initials*

SECRET 276

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Subject: Non-Italian Military Material.

Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.  
(M. M. I. A.) ROME  
AQ/23/1

20 Feb 1945

To: A.F.H.Q.

*186/2 not sealed*

Reference AQ 386.3/053 R-O dated 21 Jan 45.

Attached is an inventory of arms and ammunition of non-Italian origin held in Italian Depots. It is regretted that personnel are not available either in NSA or the Ministry of War to translate this inventory into the language of the nationality of origin.

PF7/1a

P.P.F.  
P. P. FARDELL, J/Comd.  
for Major General,  
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