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Q156

Recovery Of Chemical Stores - MERANO
2nd packet

Oct. 1945 - JAN. 1947

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Subject: Military Chemical and
Pharmaceutical Institute
FLORENCE.

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Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O N Y
Q.156

17 Aug 46.

To : - MINISTRY OF WAR.

Reference your letter 217378 dated 29 June 46. 275

1. HQ 3 District cannot give the date as to when the building, etc, in question will be released to the Italian Authorities.
2. Headquarters Allied Commission have given instructions to the CIM Branch at Milan to endeavour to have the release of the materials expedited and when they are received to be handed direct to the Italian Army through M.M.I.A.
3. The D.A.D.M.S. this HQ will be visiting Merano on 25th and 26th August. He will endeavour to locate the materials and apply for their immediate release.

EPB/ab

W. E. Wyatt
W. E. WYATT, Major,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

3909

Subject :- Medical

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26 JUL 1946

6 British Liaison Unit

Tel : 217 Area 119

Ref : Q/12/1

23 July 1946

To :- L.F.S.C. A/C
(M.M.I.A.)

Text of letter received from ADMS 217 Area,
is forwarded herewith, in reply to your Q 156 of 15 June '46.

QUOTE " It has been ascertained that five only electrical
sewing machines were transferred from Merano and
these are at present in use at 695 GER Convalescent
Depot, MIRAMARE." UNQUOTE.

D. A. Druin
Major DAA & OMC
6 BLU

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War.

REF: 6/9040/MT

TO: M.M.I.A.

DATE: 27 January 1947.

SUBJECT:- Electric sewing machines of Military
Chemical Pharmaceutical Institute.

Reference letter Q/156 of 29 July 1946.

This Ministry begs your Mission to kindly arrange that the 5 electric sewing machines removed from Merano and in use at 695 GER Convalescent Depot at Miramare be returned to Florence Military Chemical Pharmaceutical Institute.

sgd. FADDA
Gen.

R.A.G.

To See	
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Q Liaison	
Q M.I.	
Q (S.M.)	

Handwritten notes:

① LF Jack

Wrote 3 Area 6 3907

to Contact Area HQ and

Anderson have these

machines earmarked for

return to Italian Army

when CD closes down

up RAC

1/2/47

3 Feb A Q 156

Done 3/26

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Telephone:
Rome 489081 Ext 515

LAND FORCES SUB-COMM, AC (MMIA) GWF

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20 Dec 46

Ministero della Guerra,
Direzione Generale Sanità Militare.

Subject: Chemicals for Soap.

1. With reference to the raw materials for the preparation of soap stored at MARLENGO. 35 cr
2. Information has been received to the effect that these raw materials have already been released to ARAR and in consequence our memorandum Q 156 of 7 Nov (addressed to 4 BLU) is inapplicable. 33
3. The War Ministry have been informed of the date of sale and advised to bid. 37 Molt

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Major, RAMC.
D.A.D.M.S.

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REF YOUR Q. OF 18 DEC STOP CHEMICALS ALREADY RELEASED TO ARAB BY DISTRESS
 STOP THE Q 156 OF 7 NOV THEREFORE INAPPLICABLE STOP WAR MINISTRY INFORMED
 OF DATE OF SALE AND ADVISED TO BID

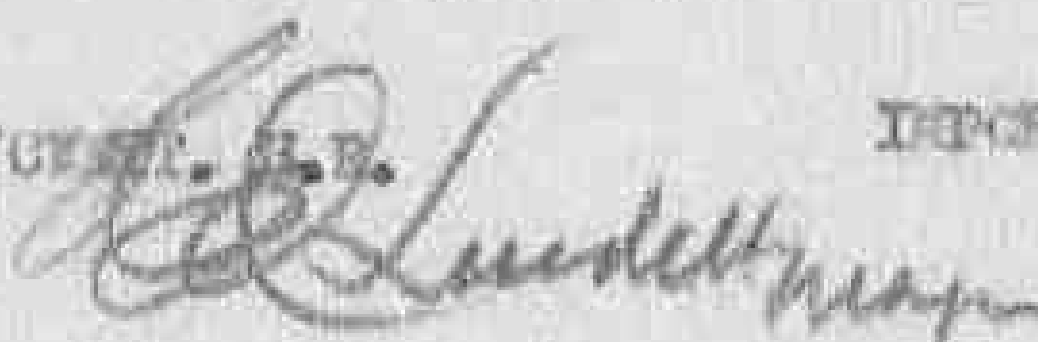
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Internal: MED

Major HICKETT, M.B.

DEPARTMENT



NOTE

1030 hours 20 Dec.

Liaison Dr.

Capt Basilisco visited DAGM
 and was informed of context of above.

He is turned informed M. B. W. (Medical
 Directorate) by phone

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Glendon
 May

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Q4 STOP UNCLASS STOP FOR MAJOR LUCKETT STOP REF
 THS HQ LETTER Q4-25 OF 3 DEC SUBJECT REQUEST BY 4
 TERRITORIAL COMMAND FOR RELEASE OF CHEMICALS FROM
 MARLENGO STOP FACTORY STOP ARAR NOW STATE THEY
 INTEND SELLING THESE CHEMICALS ON 20 DEC. STOP
 PLEASE ADVISE IMMEDIATELY WHETHER CANCELLATION OF
 RELEASE TO ARAR IN FAVOUR OF 4 TERRITORIAL

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 19 DEC 1946
 19/12/46

COMMAND POSSIBLE STOP

Subject: C.E.M.

Headquarters
4 B.L.U.
BOLZANO/CMF
Tel/Bolzano 3662
Ref: Q4-28

11 Dec. 46

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

Ref. our Q4-25 of the 3 Dec. 46.

Ref. para 4 of the above quoted letter
herewith details of ARAR's claim to these materials.

see 36-37-38.

E.W. Bradley

E.W. BRADLEY
MAJOR IN WISKS
for Lt.Col.GS

To See	
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TRANSLATION

From: ARAR
To : Addressees

Ref: 1819
Date: 6/12/46

Subject: Stores held by the Soap Factory of Marlengo. -

With reference to your letter 04/17381/AF III 1/Serv dated 29/11/46, we forward herewith a copy of the requested release order for the stores held by the Soap Factory of Marlengo. -

We attach also a copy of letter 36279/DG/RIL/E dated 28/11/46 forwarded by our Central Directorate regarding the stores in question. -

Spinelli
sgd. ARAR - North Italy
Bolzano

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To See	
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A Q 156

TRANSLATION

From: ARAR

Ref: 36279/DG/RIL/E/Sbg

To : Ministry of War
Bolzano Mil. Terr. Command (for info)

Date: 28/11/46

Subject: Stores held by the Soap Factory of Marlengo. -

The a/m Military Territorial Command has informed our Branch at Bolzano that your Ministry (with signal 60873-10236 dated the 10th inst.) pointed out that the Allied Commission would have granted the unconditional release, to the I.C.F.M., of all the stores held by the Soap Factory of Marlengo, and that said stores should be immediately sent to Rifredi.

As the stores in question have been regularly released by the C.E.M. Branch of Allied Commission to ARAR, and as no further instructions have been received from said Commission, it is impossible for us to comply with your request.

sgd. Dott. De Marchi

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RELEASE ORDER FOR ENEMY STORES HELD IN ITALY

AVAILABILITY :

The u/m stores are available and frozen by the Allied Sub Commission for Captured Enemy Material, until further instructions.

Authority - letter 1265/3/03 - 2 District C.M.F. -

Date: 10/4/46.

sgd. Lt.Col/ AQMG
2 District CMF

RELEASE :

The following stores are released to ARAR North Italy at the disposal and for the Italian Government. -

Date: 2/5/46.

sgd. Illegible

RECEIPT FORM

This is to certify that the stores listed hereunder have ~~up~~ to day been transferred to the Italian Government which accepts the responsibilities for the collection and the disposal according to the agreed terms.

sgd. ARAR
(for the Italian Government)

STORESMAP REFERENCE

Location of stores: Meranese- Marlengo- Merano Soap Factory.

Unit which controls the stores: Ordinance

DESCRIPTION

Quantity 3300

Barrels of resin	17
" " soda	17
" " potassium	11
" " rosemary	19
" " bergamot-orange	

Subject: "Release of Chemicals.

Headquarters
4 B.TLU.
BOLZANO/CMF
Tel. BOLZANO 3662
REF: Q4-25

3 Dec. 46

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

Ref. your 156Q of the 1 Nov. 46 and TELCON -
BRADLEY- LUCKETT of 3 Dec. 46.

- 1.- The Italian Army (IV Territorial Command) has attempted to collect the materials released to them by your above quoted letter ; but have been prevented by ARAR -Bolzano who claim that these materials are their property since they have previously been released to them.
- 2.- A copy of IV Territorial Command's letter to this UNIT is attached in translation .
- 3.- IV Territorial Command have asked for MMIA to take this up with the head-office of ARAR in Rome.
- 4.- This Unit is endeavouring to find out on what authority (if any) this material was released to ARAR . It is possible that ARAR Rome are in possession of this release -order.
- 5.- Please inform as to what further action this HQ should take .

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

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13/12/46
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RECEIVED 13 DEC 1946

A Q156

Translation

Subject: Material of the Chemical Pharmaceutical Institute.
From : Comando Mil. Territoriale- Ufficio Servizi.
To : 4 B.L.U.

Ref: 04/17381/AF III 1/SERV

1°) The ARAR-Bolzano, to whom has been transmitted the communication of 4 B.L.U. dated 14 Nov., has answered as follows:

It is communicated, that the material in question has been placed at our disposition by regular release order of the Allied Command, therefore it is impossible for us to take in consideration the authority given to you by your superior Command concerning the withdrawal of the material, which up to now has never been recognized as military property.

Therefore, unless this Office is not in possession of documents, proving your property rights, or an authority to hand this material over, this Office cannot authorize that Command to withdraw this material if not after previous payment.

For your information we communicate, that we have handed over this case to our Direzione ~~Manuale~~, for decision.

2°) That HQ BLU is asked to:
a) to induce MMIA to take interest in that matter and to communicate directly to the Direzione ARAR Rome that the above quoted material has to be handed over to I.C.P.M. without delay.

b) to find out, who has given the release order to the ARAR group Bolzano, and to obtain the revocation of that order from MMIA.

The ARAR-Bolzano is asked to send the copy of the release order, - mentioned in the ref. 1785 sent to 4 B.L.U. - to this Command - and to that Command, Ufficio Servizi.

BY ORDER

THE CHIEF OF STAFF
col. Enrico Cheranti

Bolzano
29 Nov. 46

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7 Nov

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ARAR will not allow 4 Terr Land
to collect. They want us to come with
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Telephone:
Home 489031 Ext 270

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC (MIA) CMF

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7 Nov 46

4 BLU
HOLBANG.

Subject:- Recovery materials of Military
Chemical Pharmaceutical Institute FLORENCE.

MED.

MED

Ref your Q4 dated 15 Oct 46.

In view of HQ 4 Terr. Command's letter Q4/8071/SERV dated 2 June 46 and reply from ADMS 217 Area as reported in your Q4/13 dated 17 Oct, you are instructed to inform HQ 4 Terr Command that the materials in question may now be released to the Chemical Pharmaceutical Institute (FLORENCE).

MED.

See 34 - 37
" 35 - 38
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Copy to:- INT MED (2 copies).

Colonel,
Colonel A/C, MIA.

BFB/ab

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Subject:- Military Chemical-Pharmaceutical
Institute.

See 391 Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

R O M E
Q/156

20 July 46.

To :- MINISTRY OF WAR.

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Ref. your letter 6/5484/MT/4924 dated 5 June 46.

This matter was taken up with HQ 217 Area who report that 5 electrical sewing machines, and not 12 as reported by you, were removed from MIRANO and that these are at present in use at 695 GER Convalescent Depot MIRAMARE.

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

RFB/ab

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Reference 24-T.

The whole trouble appears to be not so much the immediate return of the stores but that they do not want them handed over to ARAR.

To get the machinery etc back from ARAR the War Ministry would have to pay for them. This means buying their own property.

I propose visiting that Area on my return from Marinella and will get the facts of the case from Col. Scotti the War Ministry representative at Mivane.

This was not mentioned on my visit to Blouise.

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Major Rame DADM S

6 July 1946.

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TRANSLATION

FROM MINISTRY WAR

REF : 217078

TO MMIA

DATE: 29 June 46

INFO MIL. TERR. CD. BOLZANO
GEN. DIR. ROME

SUBJECT: Chemical Pharmaceutical Institute - Florence

Further letter N. 211005/II dated 23.4.46.

Will you please inform this Ministry what decisions have been taken by the Allied Authorities regarding the request as per letter as above.

It will be appreciated that the machinery ~~workshops, tools and carpentry tools~~, and tools of ~~the~~ the mechanical and carpentry workshops, actually held by the Allies at Merano, would be restituted to said Institute, which will draw a great advantage by speeding up their work and the resumption of their activity.

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HEAD OF CABINET
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see 320
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A Q156

Subject : Military Chemical-Pharmaceutical Institute. (26)

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
Tel. 473123

S. 156

15 June 46

TO : 6 B.L.U. BOLOGNA.

1. Herewith text of letter received from War Ministry:

"Bolsano Territorial Command pointed out to this Ministry that at least 12 Electric sewing machines, which belonged to the first-aid wing of the Military Chemical-Pharmaceutical Institute of FLORENCE, have been necessarily transferred from MERRANO to RIMINI and held at disposal of the Allied Authorities.

Since said machines are of great importance for the restarting of the works, we kindly beg your Mission to take the matter up so that these machines are returned to FLORENCE as soon as all certain number of them are no longer required by the Allied Forces".

2. Please investigate the possibility of obtaining the release of these 12 Electricsewing machines, and report progress to this H.Q.

See 29.

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

Copy to : 4 B.L.U. BOLZANO
: 7 B.L.U. FLORENCE

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TRANSLATION

FROM: M. of W.

REF: 6/5484/MT/4924

TO : M.M.I.A.

DATE: 6/6/46

SUBJECT: Equipment of the Military Chemical-
Pharmaceutical Institute.

Bolzano Territorial Command pointed out to this Ministry that at least 12 Electric sewing machines, which belonged to the first-aid wing of the Military Chemical-Pharmaceutical ^{INSTITUTE} of Florence, have been necessarily transferred from Merano to Rimini and held at disposal of ^{THE} Allied Authorities.

Since said machines are of great importance for the restarting of the works, we kindly beg your Mission to take the matter up so that these machines are returned to Florence as soon as all or a certain number of them are no longer ~~necessary~~ for the Allied Forces ~~requirements~~.

REQUIRED BY

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Sgd. FADDA

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Concerning possibility
of release
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIALS BRANCH

CEM/83.1/28

22 May 1946

SUBJECT: Military Chemical Factories - Merano -

TO : Captured Enemy Materials Branch
Allied Commission
Milan.

Reference your AC-M/CEM/27/1611 dated 16 May 46.

1. Capt. Moore begs the question in his letter A/a dated 10 May 46, and the only information he gives is already known to us.
2. When the materials in question are handed to CEM Branch by District will you please ensure that M.M.I.A. are notified and that we release direct to M.M.I.A. instead of to A.R.A.R.
3. Please endeavour to have release expedited as the material is urgently needed for use by the Italian Army.

J.A. Campbell
J.A. CAMPBELL
Lieut.-Colonel,
Director
CEM Branch

1 Copy to: Land Forces Sub Commission (M.M.I.A.).

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CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIALS BRANCH
MILAN OFFICE
at
HQ. LOMBARDIA LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

16 May 1946

AC.M/CEM/27/1611

SUBJECT: Military Chemical Factories - Merano

TO : C.E.M. Branch HQ. AC. Rome

Reference your C.E.M. A.3/1/24 dated 29 April 46 and attached copy correspondence, please find herewith report on this matter submitted by CEM Section Bolzano.

/S/ D.S. STRACHAN-AUDAS
Major General
For O.I/c CEM Milan Office
HQ Allied Commission

Enclosed: Letter No.CEM/Bz/12/5770 dated 10/5/46 - CEM Bolzano
copy no.Q.156 dated 26 April 1946 - Land Force S/c Rome
" " 811005/11 dated 23 April 46 - Ministry of War - Rome

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Milan Office

APG 394

U.S. Army

War Materials Disposal SubCommission

Captured Enemy Material Section

Bolzano

10 May 1946

SUBJECT: Machinery and Tools etc. at SANITATSPARK FELTRE, MERANO

TO : Captured Enemy Materials Branch, Milan Office
at HQ Lombardia Liaison Group - Allied Commission
(Attn: Major D.S. STRACHAN-AUDAS)
CEM/Bz/12/5770

Ref, your AC.M/CEM/27/ 525 of 3 May 1946.

1. It is assumed that letter from Ministry of War -
811005/11, dated 23 Apr 1946 - relates to materials which were present
at the Sanitatspark Feltre in Merano, although this is not specified.

2. The bulk of this German Sanitary Park in Merano has
already been handed over to ARAR on two different dates and it is again
assumed that the missing materials etc., which the Military Chemical and
Pharmaceutical Institute of Florence state quote are to be found in this
Institute in the wing occupied by the Allied Forces and which has not yet
been evacuated unquote, are still available in that part of the Mountain
Artillery Barracks which is still occupied by the German Hospital and
Colony. (Our letter CEM/Bz/5652/12 of 9 Apr 45 refers.)

3. As the date for the handover of these remaining
buildings has not yet been fixed by DDMS HQ 2 District, upon whom rests the
responsibility for this decision, there is little that either this
Section or ARAR can do at the moment to check the missing machinery etc.

4. It is therefore suggested that DDMS HQ 2 District be
made aware of the above claims by the Military Chemical and Pharmaceutical
Institute of Florence and that they arrange the return of the machinery
etc. before reporting the buildings available for release to ARAR.

/S/ J.P.S. Amore
Capt. I.C. 3000
C.I./C.ALCOM CEM Section

Subject : Military Chemical Factory.-- MERANO.

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

Q . 156

2 May 46

TO : 4 B.L.U. BOLZANO.

Information is requested as to what Allied Units are
occupying the above named factory at present.

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

EWB/lm

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30 Apr 1946HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIALS BRANCH

Q. GEM/83.1/24

29 April 1946

SUBJECT: Military Chemical Factory - Merano -TO : Allied Commission
Captured Enemy Materials Branch
Milan.

Reference the attached copy correspondence.

1. Will you please investigate as soon as possible and if the facts are as stated have release made to the Italian Army through Land Forces Sub Commission.

*James Bates. King*J. A. CAMPBELL
Lieut.-Colonel,
Director
GEM Branch

1 Copy to: Land Forces Sub Commission (M.M.I.A.)

2 Encls.

- 1 Encl. Copy letter Q. 156 dated 23 April 46
- 1 " " " 811005/11 dated 23 April 46.

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E. B. R. E.

IP 126

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Subject : Military Chemical Factory - MERANO.

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

Q . 156

26 April 46

To : Economic Section (for GME Branch).

Ref Telcon DATES - BRADLEY.

1. Herewith copy of letter 811005/11 of 23 April 46, signed by the Minister of War.
2. In view of the indispensability of these stores, as outlined in the above quoted letter, may they please be released directly to M.M.I.A. for the Italian Army.

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

RWB/lm

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TRANSLATION

MINISTRY OF WAR

Ref. ²X/1005/II
Rome April 23rd.46

To : Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.

SEE 21
SEE 22

Subject.- Military Chemical and Pharmaceutical Institute, Florence

(1) The Military Chemical and Pharmaceutical Institute of Florence is about to enter into possession of the material and machinery which, during the fascist occupation, had been transferred to Merano.

(2) Among the recovered materials, machinery, mechanicals and carpenter tools are not included (property of the a/m. Institute). Actually all these articles are to be found in this Institute in the wing occupied by the Allied Forces and which has not yet been evacuated.

(3) Taking into consideration that the a/m. articles of Italian Military origin are indispensable for the efficiency of the Chemical Institute, we beg your Sub Commission to give the matter the necessary consideration, in order to recover these articles for the Italian Army, without passing through the channels of the ARAP.

sgd. The Minister

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIALS BRANCH

CEM/83/139

23 February 1946

SUBJECT: Pharmaceutical Plants at Merano.

TO : Allied Forces Headquarters.
G-5 Section,
APO 512.

Reference letter AFHQ/5076/Q(AE) dated 22 November, 1945
addressed to Chief Commissioner by the Chief Administrative Officer.

The pharmaceutical plants and stocks were released, and
the hand-over of buildings, plant and stocks to A.R.A.R., representing
the Italian Government was completed by 1200 hrs, 20 February 1946.

The release was made and hand-over completed in the
presence of the DDMS, 2 District, Director, CEM Branch, Allied
Commission, and Ing. Valerio, director of A.R.A.R.

Two copies of the complete inventories - duly agreed
and signed by DDMS, 2 District, Director CEM Branch, Allied Commission,
and Director A.R.A.R. - have been forwarded by 2 District to DMS,
AFHQ., one copy to be passed to G-5 Section or Q(AE) CEM for information
and record purposes.

Sgd. J.A. CAMPBELL,
Lieut - Colonel,
Director,
CEM Branch.

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Copies to - Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner
Economic Section (2)
DDMS, 2 District
CEM Branch Milan.

Subject:-

Chemical Pharmaceutical Institute at Merano.

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Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. P. I. A.) ROME.
C.156.19 January, 1946.

To:-

War Ministry.

Further to this M.P. letter C.156 dated 28 Dec 45.

1. The attached copy of a letter addressed by A.G. C.B.H. Branch to A.R.A.R. is forwarded for information.

2. You should therefore take early action to press with the Italian Government your claim for the Italian Army share of the material which is about to be released.

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R.A. CURTIS Lt. Col.
For Major General,
M. P. I. A.

Internal:

A.D.M.S.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 9006/2096/30

17/1/46 17 January 1946

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SUBJECT: Istituto Chimico Farmaceutico Militare

TO : Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Reference your Memorandum dated 22nd December 45, subject Istituto Chimico Farmaceutico Militare.

1. It would appear that the information you have received on this subject is incorrect.

2. The question concerning the Pharmaceutical Plant and Stocks at Merano has been the subject of correspondence between the CEM Branch and ARAR: this HQ's memo WMD/83/78 dated 12 December 45 and ARAR's letter ARAR/3/7283 dated 15 December 1945 refer. Copies are attached.

3. A scheme has now been agreed whereby a number of Italian technicians can enter the Plant at Merano on or after the 26th January so as to familiarize themselves with the machinery and production.

4. The handover of the complete plant to the Italian Government together with raw material and certain surplus stores will commence 16 February 1946.

5. The Geneva Convention does not apply in this case.

Copy to:

Land Forces S/C
Econ Sec (for CEM)
C.A.S. (for Pub. Health).

I think this is not
current statement.

(K)

Francis J. Leland
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIALS BRANCH

12 December 1945

WMD/LS/78

SUBJECT: Disposal of CEM (Pharmaceutical Plants & Stocks)
at Merano.

TO : A.R.A.R.
Italian Ministry of Transport
ROME
(Att: Ing. Valerio)

With reference to my discussion with you regarding the disposal of Pharmaceutical Plants and Stocks at Merano, the following gives particulars regarding the matter.

1. There is at Merano a medical installation comprising a manufacturing plant and a Supply and a Repair Depot. The installation was established by the Germans and is still being run by the German Staff. Besides the present production there are large stocks of Pharmaceutical material and equipment on hand.

2. Though much of the material is of German origin some undoubtedly is of Italian origin and was removed by the Germans from Florence. Based on this the Italian Army, through M.M.I.A. are requesting that certain materials and Equipment of Italian origin in the Depot be returned to them.

3. The question of the disposal of the installation and its contents have been under discussion and it has been agreed that basically the principles laid down in our WMD/30/248 from Economic Section to Ministry of Reconstruction, copy to Ministry of Transport in October 45, will govern its disposal.

4. It has therefore been decided that when certain demands made by Allied Medical Authorities including SEP requirements for C.M.F. have been met, the remaining stocks and equipment will be declared surplus and will be handed over to the Italian Government for disposal. It is pointed out, however, that the bids made by the Allied Medical Authorities are of considerable magnitude, and some time must of necessity, elapse before these demands can be satisfied.

5. The claim of the Italian Army will not be considered separately and no other disposal will be entertained. It is considered that the installation, surplus stock, and further output will not provide surpluses to the Italian Government's requirement from Italy. It will be for the Italian Government to decide the disposal of the installation stocks and output as between the Italian Army and Civil Economy, but in view of the importance of not disturbing output, it is suggested that the Italian Government should bear in mind the advisability of ensuring the continuance of the installation as a whole.

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6. As you will remember when I discussed this question with you I stated that certain stocks of raw material and the majority of the machinery would be ready for disposal at an early date. The Depot itself, however, will be occupied for a further period and if it is decided that the Italian Government desire to continue the working of the installations as a whole, then the hand-over cannot be made for perhaps 2/3 months.

7. The following points are given for your information and to assist you in making a decision:

a) Raw materials is in two categories - in the first category there is sufficient to run the plant for 4 months while in the other category there is only sufficient for two months output.

b) Considerable number of civilian employees at present working in the Depot will have to be dismissed if the plant closes down.

c) A considerable quantity of the machinery is very delicate and if it is going to be removed would require to be handled from the start by medical experts.

d) The raw material is all stored separately and the plant has stopped producing, the machines are only being looked after on a care and maintenance basis.

8. It is important that you inform this HQ your wishes with regard to this matter, i.e. if you intend to operate the plant in Merano or if you plan to move the raw material and machinery elsewhere.

9. Your urgent attention to this matter is requested and further action with regard to release of the Depot to you is being held up pending your reply.

J.A. CAMPBELL
Lieut.-Colonel,
Director
CEM Branch

Copy to Economic Section
Supply Group

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COPYAZIENDA RILIEVO ALIENAZIONE RESIDUATI

A. R. A. R.

Rome, 19 Dec. 45

ARAR/S/7283

TO: COL. CAMPBELL
Director
GEM Branch

Referring to your letter WMD/83/78 dated December 12th and to the following discussion I had with you here are the proposed alternatives.

- 1) The Merano medical installation will be handed over now to the Italian Government who will send it back to Florence from where it was removed limited to the machinery and raw material.
- 2) The Merano medical installation will be handed over to the Italian Government as a whole as soon as the packing activities in the interest of the Allied Forces will have come to an end that is to say in about six weeks time.
- 3) The Merano medical installation will be handed over to the Italian Government at the earliest possible date and the Italian Government will continue the packing activities in the interest of the Allied Forces and at their expenses.
- 4) The Merano medical installation will be handed to the Italian Government with the exception of the packing activities in the interest of the Allied Forces and at their expenses.
- 5) In all the alternatives, except the first, the installation will continue to work in Merano until the available raw material will have been consumed. After it will be transferred again in Florence from where it was removed.
- 6) We would particularly appreciate the collaboration of the Allied Forces in keeping at their work the German personnel actually working in the factory until the installations will be removed from Merano. During this period we will train our new personnel.
- 7) We are always ready to examine any other alternative you might suggest for the best result of the transfer.

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s/ (Ing. Giorgio Valerio)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
 ARS 394
 CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIALS BRANCH

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WMD/83/108 -16

14 January 1946

SUBJECT: GEM Pharmaceutical Plant at Merano.

TO : M.A.A.
 Ministry of Transport,
 Via - Lucovisi 15,
 Rome.

*Dep. Comd.
 Med. Br.
 RAC
 16 Jan.*

Reference your ARAR/8/7283 dated 19 December 45 and our discussions concerning the above subject.

1. It is considered that the Pharmaceutical Plant together with raw material and surplus will be ready for release to the Italian Government on or about 16 February 1946.
2. It is suggested that the best method of approach to the hand over will be for your Department to arrange for a number of medical technicians (20 to 25) to proceed to Merano on or after the 26 of January 46 to study the question of the hand-over with the Allied Commander i/c of the installation.
3. As agreed between us it is considered that in the best interest of all concerned the installation should be released and handed over to you complete. In this respect it may be necessary for the Allied Military Command to retain a small portion of the buildings to house certain of the German personnel until they can be dispersed. The part of the buildings to be utilised for this purpose will be situated as far as possible from the main buildings and will, if necessary, be made into a wired off compound.
4. As agreed with you, should you wish to send one or even two representatives to Merano in advance of your group of technicians, I shall be pleased if you will inform me as early as possible giving me the names and particulars so that I may inform the Milan C.E.M. Division and make the necessary arrangements with No 2 District.

J. A. CAMPBELL 3878

- Copy to:
- 1- Economic Section.
 - 2- Lord Forster.
 - 3- C.E.M. Branch, Milan.
 - 4- Dr. Beniam, Industry & Commerce Sub. Com.
 - 5- File.

J. A. CAMPBELL,
 Lieut.-Colonel,
 Director,
 C.E.M. Branch.

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"Q" BUCK SLIPFILE No Q156.

DATE	SECTION OF SERVICE		ACTION REQUIRED
	FROM	TO	
4 Jan	MAIA Q.	CoS Exec Comm.	To see attached file as requested. Please return. RACENTYKAT.
			See (13)
			3817

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"Q" BUCK SLIP

FILE No Q 156.

DATE	SECTION or SERVICE		ACTION REQUIRED
	FROM	TO	
31 Dec	Q	Sep Cond.	To see Public Health S/C file (3074/PH and my reply before dispatch. ^{and J.} RAE
31 Dec	med	Q	See thank you, no comments JH
3 Jan	Aplow	Goe	This matter appears to be headed for diplomatic channels, which may or may not affect the present decision. I have no copy of the Convention, but if the Italian contention is correct then the AFHQ instruction is not correct. (K) 38:6
3 Jan.	Q.	A/Q. ✓ Sep. Cond.	To see (12). Once Comm is pretty up & AFHQ will send us copy of his letter. RAE
4 Jan.	A.Q.	Q.	We must watch this. B.F. to me 18 Jan if no developments.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

13
10 January 1946.

Ref: 9006/206/EC.

SUBJECT: Istituto Chimico Farmaceutico Militare - MERANO.

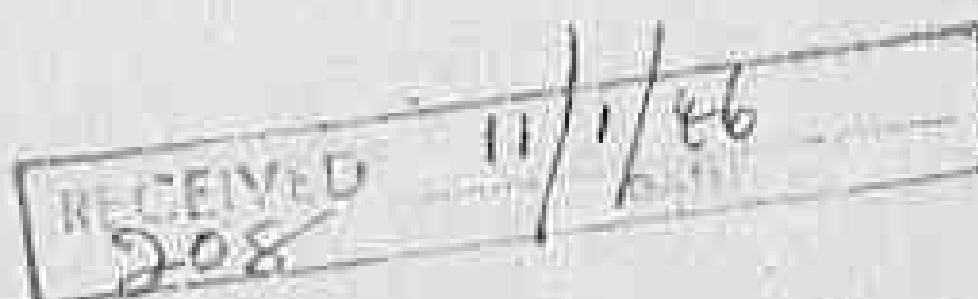
TO : Economic Section. (Attn: C.E.M. Branch)

1. Reference p.205 of attached file 9006/EC (letter from Ministry for Foreign Affairs dated 22 December 45) we spoke (Campbell - McCleary) and I understand that the Ministry for Foreign Affairs have got hold of the wrong end of the stick inasmuch as the equipment and supplies of the Istituto are not being removed as stated and further that you are now in the midst of handing back the plant and equipment to the Italian Government.

2. If this is so, would you be good enough to put up a draft reply to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and return the file.

McCleary
Lt. Colonel,
Acting Executive Commissioner.

9w/r/11/1/46 *McC* 3875
Copy to: Land Forces Sub-Commission (MFA) (Your file 9156 returned)
Public Health Sub-Commission (Your file 3079/PH returned)



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Subject:- Recovery of Chemical Stores - MEMO.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME.
✓ Q.156.

3 January, 1945.

To:- A.G. For Executive Commissioner.

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1. Your attention is drawn to the attached file 3074/BI received from Public Health Sub Commission, and to the memorandum contained therein requesting the Allied Commission to recommend the return of the Pharmaceutical Institute at MEMO, under the terms of the Geneva Convention.
2. Land Forces Sub Commission file Q.156 is also forwarded for your information with reference to the action taken by this H. . to secure the return to the Italian Army of the medical stores in dispute. In particular, your attention is drawn to correspondence between the Director Land Forces Sub Commission and the G.O.C. 2 District, all at Folio (1) of file Q.156.
3. Subsequent correspondence terminated in folios (3) and (4) and at (7) which contains A.F.H.Q. decision against which the Italian Government through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs now seeks to appeal.
4. It is requested this H.Q. be kept informed of any action taken thereon.

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

Taken formally
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Copy to:- Medical.

B.F. 18 Jan.

RAC/FCM

Subject:- Chemical Pharmaceutical Institute at Verona.

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

Q.156

28 December 1945.

To:- Ministry of War.

Reference your 422/478/IX of 17 December 45.

1. As stated in Q.156 dated 3 December, it has been decided that the above institute shall be handed over to the Ministry of Industry and Commerce. This, however, does in no way prejudice the discretion of the Italian Government, which is to decide the disposal of the installation, stocks and output as between the Italian Army and Civil Economy..

2. It is therefore suggested that the argument advanced in your letter under reference should be submitted to the Italian Government, who will decide the outcome.

RAC

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

Med *Sec*

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Translation

From N. of W.

To N. M. I. A.

Ref. I227178/II

date 17/12/45.

Subject Chem. Pharm. Institute at Merano.

Ref. letter N° Q/156 dated 3/12/45.

Para. I of the letter referred to, lays down that when the Chem. Pharm. Institute at Merano has satisfied some allied requests, it will be handed over to the Min. of Industry and Commerce.

Concerning this we point out that the said institute is non other than the Mil. Chem. Pharm. of Florence, transferred to Merano by order of the pseudo Italian Social Republic.

Gen. Negroni, Mil. Terr. Commander at Bolzano, has in the past pointed out to the allied authorities that the institute belonged to the army, and had been recognised by you (letter Q/156 dated 14/11/45 para. 4). Now, in dealing with Italian military stores we think that, in accordance with what is laid down by Admin. instructions N° 30 para. a), said institute should be returned immediately to this Min.

You moreover, by the instructions referred to in directive No I (letter G/7 dated 8/11/45) concerning the supply of stores, have put at disposal medical stores of allied origin held in stores or by Italian units.

While we are grateful for this arrangement, we cannot help but observe that the problem of medical stores supply would be immediately simplified by the return of the Mil. Chem. Pharm. Institute to Military Admin.

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Concerning the above we ask you to kindly re-examine the question in order that the Italian army is not deprived of one of its most important and useful establishments purposely formed by the Military Admin, not for industrial purposes, but to serve as the only medical

of the pseudo Italian Social Republic.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIALS BRANCH

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WD/85/78

12 December 1945

SUBJECT: Disposal of G.E.M. (Pharmaceutical Plants & Stocks) at MERANO.

TO : A.E.A.R.
Italian Ministry of Transport.
ROME.
(Attn: Ing. VALERIO.)

With reference to my discussion with you regarding the disposal of Pharmaceutical Plants and Stocks at Merano, the following gives particulars regarding the matter.

1. There is at Merano a medical installation comprising a manufacturing plant and a Supply and a Repair Depot. The installation was established by the Germans and is still being run by the German Staff. Besides the present production there are large stocks of Pharmaceutical material and equipment on hand.
2. Though much of the material is of German origin some undoubtedly is of Italian origin and was removed by the Germans from Florence. Based on this the Italian Army, through M.M.I.A. are requesting that certain materials and equipment of Italian origin in the Depot be returned to them.
3. The question of the disposal of the installation and its contents have been under discussion and it has been agreed that basically the principles laid down in our WD/30/218 from Economic Section to Ministry of Reconstruction, copy to Ministry of Transport in October 45, will govern its disposal.
4. It has therefore been decided that when certain demands made by Allied Medical Authorities including SMP requirements for G.E.M. have been met, the remaining stocks and equipment will be declared surplus and will be handed over to the Italian Government for disposal. It is pointed out, however, that the bids made by the Allied Medical Authorities are of considerable magnitude, and some time must of necessity, elapse before these demands can be satisfied.
5. The claim of the Italian Army will not be considered separately and no other disposal will be entertained. It is considered that the installation, surplus stock, and further output will not provide surpluses to the Italian Government's requirement from Italy. It will be for the Italian Government to decide the disposal of the installation stocks and output as between the Italian Army and Civil Economy, but in view of the importance of not disturbing output, it is suggested that the Italian Government should bear in mind the

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6. As you will remember when I discussed this question with you I stated that certain stocks of raw material and the majority of the machinery would be ready for disposal at an early date. The Depot itself, however, will be occupied for a further period and if it is decided that the Italian Government desire to continue the working of the installations as a whole, then the hand-over cannot be made for perhaps 2/3 months.

a) "The material is in two categories - in the first category there is sufficient to run the plant for 4 months while in the other category there is only sufficient for two months output.

c) A considerable quantity of the Machinery is very delicate and if it is going to be removed would require to be handled from the start by medical experts.

8. It is important that you inform this HQ. your wishes with regard to this matter, i.e., if you intend to operate the plant in Merano or if you plan to move the raw material and machinery elsewhere.

W. B. CLARKE

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ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION - Supply Group.

M. M. I. A.

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Subject: Disposal of GSI (Pharmaceutical
Plants and Stocks) at BRUNO.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. H. 1. A.) ROME.

✓ 155.

3 December, 1946.

To: War Ministry.

1. It has been decided by A.F.H.C. that when certain demands made by Allied medical authorities including S.M. requirements for GSI till the end of 1946, have been met, the remaining stocks and equipment will be declared surplus and will be handed over to the Italian Ministry of Industry and Commerce for disposal at their discretion.
2. It is anticipated some months must elapse before the handover can be completed.
3. The intention and wish of the Allied authorities is that maximum output shall be continued throughout the handover period.
4. The War Ministry should, therefore, seek to obtain the Army's requirements from the Government department concerned. Pending completion of the transfer control will rest with M. 2 district and meanwhile medical stores which cannot be provided for the Italian Army from your own resources should be obtained in accordance with U.S.I.A. Directive No. 1 dated 3 Nov, paragraphs 17b and 15.

Rae
Major General,
M. H. 1. A.

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Copy to: Medical,
Economic Section A.C.

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Allied Force Headquarters
Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

Subject: Disposal of CEM (Pharmaceutical plants & Stocks) at MERANO

AFHQ/5076/Q (AM)

Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission to Italy

22 Nov. 45

1. There is at MERANO a medical installation comprising a manufacturing plant and a supply and repair depot. The installation was established by the Germans and is still being run by the German staff. Besides the present production there are large stocks of Pharmaceutical material and equipment on hand.
2. Though much of the material is of German origin, some undoubtedly is of Italian origin and was removed by the Germans from Florence. Based on this the Italian Army, through MMIA, are requesting that certain material and equipment of Italian origin in the depot be returned to them.
3. The question of the disposal of the installation and its contents have been under discussion and it has been agreed that basically the principles laid down in this Headquarters AG 386.5 Q (AM)-O dated 2 Oct. 45 will govern its disposal.
4. To allow the claim of the Italian Army would prevent further output from the plants and, in view of the importance of its continuity, this is considered undesirable.
5. It has, therefore, been decided that, when certain demands made by Allied medical authorities including SEP requirements for CEM till the end of 1946, have been met, the remaining stocks and equipment will be declared surplus and will be handed over to the Italian Ministry of Industry and Commerce for disposal. It is pointed out, however, that the bids made by the Allied Medical authorities are of considerable magnitude, and some months must, of necessity, elapse before these demands can be fully satisfied.
6. The claim of the Italian Army will not be considered separately and no other disposal will be entertained. It is considered that the installation, surplus stocks, and further output will not provide surpluses to the Italian Government's requirements for Italy. It will be for the Italian Government to decide the disposal of the installation, stocks and output as between the Italian Army and the civil economy, but in view of the importance of not disturbing output it is suggested that the Italian Government should bear in mind the advisability of ensuring the continuance of the installation as a whole.
7. Please, therefore, in conjunction with HQ 2 District, make adequate arrangements with the Italian Government for the installation and stocks to be taken over when declared surplus to Allied requirements. Maximum output will be continued throughout. When the take-over is complete the German Staff and British Supervisors will be withdrawn and, therefore, the Italian Government should make preparations accordingly.

/s/ A. C. DUFF, Major General,
Chief Administrative Officer

Copy to: Medical, G-5, Hq. No. 2 District, CEM
AG Distribution - Action Econ. Sec. (3), Info - Chief Com. Ex. Com.

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Subject : Recovery of Medical Equipment for
the Army Pharmaceutical Institute FLORENCE.

50 British Liaison Unit.

55 (4 BLU BOLZANO)
rptd
IS MIA.

Ref 3/37/10.

26 Nov 45.

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30 NOV 45
(DATE)

Enclosed find MIA letter Q 156 dated 23 Nov which deals with the recovery of medical stores from MERANO.

This is forwarded to you for necessary action for the following reasons :-

- (1) MERANO is in your Territorial Area.
- (ii) MIA LO N Italy has now ceased to function as such and is now part of this BLU which is responsible only for No. 5 Territorial Command MTIAN Area and not the whole of N. Italy.

G.F.
JIM/LGB.

Is. L. G. F.
Maj.
DIA and QMG.

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Subject:

Recovery of Medical Supplies for the
Army Pharmaceutical Institute, Florence.

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Land Forces 2nd Commando A.D.
(E. M. I. A.) RCM.

C.156

23 November, 1945.

To:

No. 3 B.L.V. Milan.

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Reference attached copy of of this H. V. letter C.156
dated 14 Nov 45, addressed to the Ministry of War, the enclosed
lists of main items claimed by the Italian Army and forwarded for
information and necessary action.

Please keep this H. V. informed regarding the release
of medical stores for the Institute at Florence. It is alleged
by the Italian authorities that a number of packets and containers
are marked with German labels which have been substituted for the
original Italian labels.

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A.A. GUTHRIE Lt. Col.
for Major General,
M. H. I. A.

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TRANSLATION

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FROM: 1st.A.D.C. to H.R.H.the Lieut.Gen. REF: 6984/A.G.
of the Realm

TO: Col.Pidsley,M.M.I.A.

DATE: 17.11.45

My dear Pidsley,

I have received your letter of the 14th.
inst. and am very grateful to you for the information
regarding the Merane Pharmaceutical Establishment
with which you so kindly supplied me.

To my sincere thanks I add my earnest
good wishes,

Sgd. INFANTE

Gen.

O.Danin Cpl.

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Major General L. BROWNING, CB, OBE, MC.,
Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.) ROME

Q 156

16 Nov. '45.

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My dear

Very many thanks for your CAH/3 of 1 November.

The Italians usually seem to get hold of the wrong end of the stick and they have obviously done so in the case of MIRANO ! But I had to write you about it considering the sources from which I was being pressed.

I have sent the attached to the Ministry of War, which I hope will stop any further complaints from their quarter.

I hope you are going strong.

Yours

L.B.

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Major General C.A. HEYDEMAN, CB, MC.,
G.O.C.,
No.2 District.

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C.A.

By hand of Col. R.

LB/ccc.

Subject: Recovery of Medical Equipment for the
Army Pharmaceutical Institute, Florence.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.O.
(M. H. I. A.) RCMR.

8.156

14 November, 1945.

To: Ministry of War.
(by hand, Liaison Officer)

1. The position regarding the medical stores and supplies at present held at the Chemical pharmaceutical plant at MERANO has been fully investigated.

2. It has been alleged that

- (a) the material is exclusively Italian property.
- (b) the plant is under German control and guarded by German personnel.
- (c) following the transfer of Allied Command from U.S. to British Army authority, despatch of the material previously released has been suspended and the War Ministry representative forbidden access.

3. The facts as reported by the S.O.C. 2 District are at variance with the above in that:

- (a) The machinery and medical supplies include some of German origin and ownership.
- (b) The stores in question have been under the guard of British troops since 1 Sep 45. A British officer Major Adlam was placed in charge and has since been replaced by another British medical officer, Captain Greenhuth.
- (c) 10 railcars and 3 lorries filled with medical equipment and stores released by the U.S. Authorities were sent to Florence during June, July and August 1945. A list of articles despatched may be seen at the Depot.

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4. The control of all remaining material rests with the Supreme Allied Commander and not with the G.C.C. 2 District who is awaiting disposal instructions. Under the A.F.H.Q. Directive, the balance of captured enemy material of Italian military origin not required by the Allies will be returned to the Italian Army.

The plant in question has been visited personally by the Allied Director of Medical Services and a full report is being prepared giving an inventory of material to be disposed of.

The M.M.I.A. Liaison officer with Territorial H.Q. Milan will keep in close touch with the situation and you will be informed as to the medical supplies it may be possible to return to the Pharmaceutical Institute at Florence the needs of which are fully appreciated.

W. P. Paisley

Colonel,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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Copy to:
General Infante.

INTEROFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA)

APO 111/ 650 FLORENCE US ARMY

Subject: Chemical Pharmaceutical Institute.

IND NO.	FROM	TO	DATE	
	Ital Liaison	Sr. MMIA Lo Florence	Nov. 9, 1945	Attached are three lists of main items which were taken from the "Istituto Chimico Farmaceutico Militare" in Florence by the German Army and brought to Marengo. The items are divided as follows: 1. Medical Supplies, Dressings and Reagents. 2. Machinery. 3. Medical and Surgical equipment for Field Units. Please forward the a/m lists to MMIA, Medical Section, Rome. <i>A. Mazzarella</i> A. MAZZARELLA Captain, M.C. Ital Liaison
2nd	Sr. MMIA Lo Florence	MMIA Rome	Nov. 9, 1945	<i>R.C. Van Kirk</i> R.C. Van Kirk Major, Inf., Sr. MMIA Lo Florence 3861 2-156

INTEROFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA)

FLORENCE

APO 8302 650

US ARMY

Subject: Machinery and Equipment Florence Pharmaceutical Institute.

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	Sr MMIA LO Florence	MMIA	3 Nov. 1945
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Forwarded recommending that this be passed to AFHQ for favorable action. At the time I was with 5th Army we had all arrangements made and approved for the return to Florence of the equipment referred to in basic communication but this was not completed because of a lack of rail transport at that time. As I remember it, 300 cars were necessary to move the machinery but it may be that figure is not now correct. In any event 5th Army moved out and one of the Districts took over. It seems now that the officers in charge will not now permit the machinery and equipment to be returned to Florence.

R.C. Van Kirk
R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Inf.,
Sr MMIA LO
Florence

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INTEROFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA)

FLORENCE

APO 700x 650

US ARMY

Subject: Chimical Farmaceutical Institute of Florence in Merano.

IND NO.	FROM	TO	DATE	
1. Ital. LO Office	Sr. MMIA LO Florence	Nove. 1, 1945		Reference attached letter (translated) . Your action is kindly requested to recall attention of the Captured Enemy Equipment Section (A.F.H.Q.-G-4, Q (AE)) in the matter. <i>A. Mazzarella</i> A. MAZZARELLA Captain, M.C. Ital. Liaison

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TO : M.M.I.A. - FLORENCE

SUBJECT: Italian Chemical Institute of Merano.

It is mostly urgent that all machinery which has been sent to Merano by German Troops should be brought back to Florence so as to enable the Chemical Institute to prepare the medicines which are needed by the Italian Army.

The majority of civilians employed by the Institute are unemployed and the few who are actually working would be discharged in a very short time unless the machinery is replaced.

We ask M.M.I.A. to call attention to the "Captured Enemy Section AFHQ" so that all material and machinery belonging to the Italian Administration now in Merano be brought back to Florence.

Giuseppe Scotti
Lt. Col.

Pharmacy-Corps

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P e r s o n a l

Major General C.A. Heydemanx CB, MC
G.O.C. Two District.

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1 NOV 45.

Dear Browning

1. Very many thanks for your personal letter D.O./2 dated 24 Oct. 45. I am most grateful to you for having placed at my disposal the facts presented in the two attached memoranda. I fully realise that the interest you are taking is for the sole reason of avoiding trouble and helping me to put this matter on a sound basis.

2. I should be very grateful if you could thank Colonel Kerr for his advice and the interest he has shown in this matter. Will you be so good as to inform him of the following facts:

I have received very full instructions from G.H.Q. as to how the material in the Sanitaetspark Feltre and 531 is to be disposed of. General Hartgill D.M.S. G.H.Q. has recently at my suggestion inspected both these establishments and I therefore shortly, expect in addition, even more detailed instructions from him.

3. I should like to point out that General Infantes memorandum is in many respects at variance with actual facts.

Firstly, these establishments have always been guarded by a strong party of British troops under the command of a British officer, ever since I took over this district on the 1st of September 1945.

Secondly, at no time to my knowledge has any German Officer been in charge of these establishments. I first placed Major Adlam in charge and when he recently went on leave I replaced him by Capt. Greensmith RMC.

Thirdly, it will not be possible for me even should G.H.Q. so decide to recall Colonel Scotti, as I am informed he was arrested shortly after leaving here.

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1. Very many thanks for your personal letter D.O./2 dated 24 Oct.45. I am most grateful to you for having placed at my disposal the facts presented in the two attached memoranda. I fully realise that the interest you are taking is for the sole reason of avoiding trouble and helping me to put this matter on a sound basis.

2. I should be very grateful if you could thank Colonel Kerr for his advice and the interest he has shown in this matter. Will you be so good as to inform him of the following facts:

I have received very full instructions from G.H.Q. as to how the material in the Sanitaetspark Feltre and 531 is to be disposed of. General Hartgill D.M.S. G.H.Q. has recently at my suggestion inspected both these establishments and I therefore shortly, expect in addition, even more detailed instructions from him.

3. I should like to point out that General Infantes memorandum is in many respects at variance with actual facts.

Firstly, these establishments have always been guarded by a strong party of British troops under the command of a British officer, ever since I took over this district on the 1st of September 1945.

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Fifthly, my medical authorities are in the process of trying to sort out all the medical materials and instruments and discover to whom they rightly belong; when this report is completed and handed to G.H.Q. I have no doubt I shall receive final instructions as to their disposal. Preliminary investigations show that the material was mainly of German and Italian origin. There was also a certain amount of French equipment. A considerable amount of the equipment of Italian origin was bought and paid for by the Germans and re-

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ceipts to support this are held in the Depots. Furthermore, many Italian Divisions were equipped with medical equipment and many Italian Military Hospitals supplied from German medical sources. Much of the machinery in the Depot is most certainly German. Other materials were ordered by the Italians from the German agency in Milan - these were supplied but were not paid for by the Italians and were subsequently paid for by the Germans. Lastly the majority of the Italians who have been dismissed from these establishments were dismissed by the Americans when they took over and were replaced by surrendered enemy personnel. They were not dismissed by No. 2 District.

4. You will see from all the above facts that the winding up of these Depots will be a lengthy and difficult task. I am informed that while the American Army controlled these Depots they did send certain stores and machinery to Florence. The only request I have received from the Italian authorities up to date has been a demand from General Negroni to supply medicines for the Italian Army. I have replied to him that if he will be good enough to specify what medicines he requires and what quantities thereof, I shall be pleased to submit his request to G.H.Q. under whose orders I am.

*Yours sincerely
Cecil Haydeman*

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24 October 1945

My dear *Heydeman*

1. I send you herewith:-

(a) A memorandum to MMIA from General INFANTE (1st A.D.C. to Prince UMBERTO) on the Pharmaceutical Plant and stocks at MERANO.

(b) A memorandum commenting on (a) from my American 2nd i/c (Colonel KERR).

2. This business obviously has very explosive possibilities and a definite political aspect on the highest level. I therefore send it to you personally, as it may not have been brought to your notice.

3. I have discussed the whole business with Colonel KERR and entirely agree with his recommendations in Para 9 of his memorandum.

4. It is your pigeon, but I may say that the War Minister has had at me several times on the matter. Now INFANTE is taking a hand from another and, to say the least, important source. I feel sure that the Italians will not stop pressure, which may well result in an awkward situation for the British later on, unless we on our own make the gestures recommended by Colonel KERR.

I hope you are very fit.

Yours, *Ern*

Langley Browning

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Major General C. A. HEYDEMAN, CB, MC

GOC, Three District

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MEMORANDUM

There is a chemical pharmaceutical plant at Merano (Mala Bassa Section) set up under German occupation with materials brought from the Army Pharmaceutical Institute at Florence.

The material, valued at about six billion lire, is of exclusively Italian property, and during German occupation was administered and guarded by Italian personnel. After the liberation, the aforementioned plant was managed by Lt Col Mial of the Fifth Army and, subsequently by the British Captain Adam; these two officers placed a German pharmacist, Captain Fichler, in charge of the guarding and operation of the plant, and hired German personnel.

The Ministry of War sent a senior officer to replace the Italian officers who compromised themselves during German occupation; such senior officer, however, was kept only as observer.

In the meantime, production was used for the requirements of hospitals and concentration camps of German POW's, but, as a result of agreements reached, it had been possible to obtain the allotment of medicines also for Italian troops in that area and the release - for transportation to Florence - of an amount of medicines, surgical appliances and supplies totaling 11 railroad cars.

However, owing to the fact that British authorities took over from the Americans at the Two District, previous agreements were no longer regarded as valid. The new authorities have stated their conviction that the material is owned and produced by the Germans; and therefore, being material captured in war, belongs to them exclusively; they suspended the release of the materials to be sent to Florence and ordered the Italian officer to leave the plant.

The supply of medicines and surgical supplies for Italian troops is becoming ever more difficult due to the gradual exhaustion of stocks and the shortage of supplies.

The release of raw materials and finished products on hand at Merano would remedy the precarious conditions under which medical supplies are obtained and would enable the workers of the Army Pharmaceutical Institute at Florence to resume operations.

Rome, October 19, 1948

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24 October 1945

MEMO for GOC

Subject: Chemical Plant at Merano

With reference to attached copy of letter from Italian Army.

1. There is no doubt that this plant and stocks are captured enemy material, even though of Italian Army origin, and, as such can be used for the maintenance of German POW's. It is quite right that Two District is operating the plant and specifying the disposition of the material and products.
2. The materials were stolen by the Germans from the Italian Army Institute in Florence. The Italians claim the value to be six billion lire, which is a sizable amount of money.
3. It appears that the Fifth Army first operated the plant and that Two District has now taken over. In both cases a German pharmacist and German personnel are guarding and operating the plant. The War Ministry sent up an Italian officer, who was kept by Fifth Army as an observer, but has been removed by Two District.
4. The Italians claim that Fifth Army released to them 11 railroad cars of material, but Two District will not consider this release valid. Had the materials been released as promised by Fifth Army, the Army Institute at Florence would be able to resume production for Italian Army needs.
5. While the requirements for POW's are a legitimate use of the materials, such requirements should be reduced to the bare minimum. Since Fifth Army agreed to release 11 railroad cars of material, it would appear that Fifth Army considered that at least this amount was surplus to the POW requirements. Since that release was made, the requirements for POW's must have decreased. It will be appreciated that the Italians do not understand why the US Command made a release and the British Command will not honor the release, which results only in the Italians being embittered with the British.
6. The employment of German personnel to operate the plant in its present location, even with POW's, is similar to the Naples situation, where German POW's were used to replace Italians, which resulted in the removal of the POW's in order to avoid disturbances. The fact that Germans are left in charge and the Italian representative of the War Ministry was kicked out, can only cause bad feeling, and will result in the question, "who liberated what for whom?".

The Italians have been charged with the medical materials furnished them from Allied sources. Under the new arrangements they will have to pay in dollar or pound credits for medical supplies which will come from surplus Allied stocks. It is apparent that it would be difficult to convince the Italians of the justice of making them buy surplus Allied supplies while all of their supplies are being given to the Germans, even though it is entirely in accord with AFHQ orders. I feel sure that Italians will go on pressing till, at any rate, they receive the 11 railroad car loads promised to them, but anything less will simply make the Italians resentful with the British Army.

8. Even considering that the Allied Armies have a perfectly legal right to all these supplies, that the Italians were once our enemy, and that they should suffer the consequences, the fact remains that the Allied Governments are doing everything possible to assist the Italians to their feet, bolster their morale, and create an atmosphere of good will between the Allies and the Italians. Coupled with the official action of the Governments is a considerable public opinion in both countries sympathetic to the Italians, even to the donation of private funds to send needed supplies, and the support of UNRRA by the Allied Governments. It is my opinion that it would be difficult to explain this transaction to the satisfaction of the Allied public. A bright newspaper man could play up the Italian side in such a way that our Allied Army administration would appear rather silly. And from the level which originated the Italian report, this might happen. The pen is sometimes more powerful than the sword.

9. I would suggest:

- a. That the release given by Fifth Army for 11 railroad cars of material be honored.
- b. That German personnel be replaced by Italian personnel.
- c. That the representative of the War Ministry be returned to the Plant.
- d. That the requirements for the POW's be reduced to the bare minimum and the balance of the material be handed back to the Italians as soon as possible.

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