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Q/158 Recovery of Italian Army Property

MAR. 1946 - JUNE 1947

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G-5 : 99.20

// June, 1947

SUBJECT : Tug Boat Bianchi.

TO : Compagnia Ricupero Marittimi S.A.
Trieste Branch
Piazza Ponterosso 3 II P.
Trieste.

See (20)

Referring to your letter EM/T 1947 of 11 February 47 and the interim reply forwarded under reference G-5 : 99.20 of 20 Feb 47.

1. I have to inform you that after the fullest consideration of all the facts in this case it has been decided that the matter in question is one which must be settled between your Company and the Italian Government, and one in which neither Allied Forces Headquarters, Mediterranean Theater nor Allied Military Government, Venezia Giulia will intervene.

FOR THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER, MEDITERRANEAN THEATER:

A.L. HANSEN,
Colonel, GSC

Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

Copies to : GHQ, CMF (5067/Q2 refers)
HQ AMG Venezia Giulia CMF.
Land Forces Branch (INAS/8003/CS 15 Mar 47 refers)

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Q158/LF

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SUBJECT: - Material for the Italian Army.

5 British Liaison Unit
Tel : UDINE 1555
ORD/10/28

30 May 47

I.L.F.B.
(Q Branch)

1. Herewith please find correspondence regarding Engineer Stores left in VILLA VICENTINA.
2. As will be seen from the correspondence, this H.Q. has reached a deadlock.
3. It is thought that the matter should now be passed to you for action.
4. It would be appreciated if urgent representation could be made as this material is of the greatest value to the Italians.

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/pdd

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[Signature] CAPT.
for Lt - Col.
GB.

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COPYSUBJECT: - Material in the Italian Army.5 British Liaison Unit
Tel : UDINE 1657
ORD/10/25

24 May 47

D.O.M.O.S.
NORTH ITALY
PALAZZO REALE
V E N I C E

1. Enclosed please find all correspondence regarding material in VILLA VICENTINA.
2. As will be seen from the last letter this material is not W.D. British Property.
3. May release therefore be given from your Office to the Italian Army for the material listed in letter No,5798 dated 1st May 47.
4. May we have your comments soonest please.

Major,
DAA & QMG.Fa
BEH/pddFile
Diary.

COPY

Venice, 27th May 47

Ref. : D.O./VEN/4.1

To : 5 British Liaison Unit
UDINE - CMFSubject : Stores in 51 R.E. Dump.D.O.M.O.S.
North Italy
Palazzo Reale
VENICE
Tel 27469
27128

In reply to your letter Ord/10/25 dated 24th May 47.

We would draw your attention to this Office letter D.O./VEN/4.1 dated 12th May 47. It is pointed out, furthermore, that all Stores are required for British Government purposes.

D.D.O.
for D.O.M.O.S.

GB/gp

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DIREZIONE LAVORI E SERVIZIO GENIO MILITARE

- UDINE -

No. 5798

1 May 47

SUBJECT: - Material belonging to Genio Militare.

TO : - 5 B.L.U. - UDINE

for info:

5 TERRITORIAL COMMAND - (Services Office) - UDINE -
COMANDO GENIO MILITARE TERRITORIALE - UDINE -
MAGAZZINO STACCATO GENIO MILITARE - VILLA VICENTINA -

Direct contacts and inspection refers : -

Will this B.L.U. please take interest at C.D.O. of M.O.S. which has substituted the 51st RE Dump - so that the Italian Military Administration can recover the w/m material which is now located at VILLA VICENTINA: -

- Water - tanks - 1250 liters	ALL
- " " - 2000 and 3000 liters	"
- Tubes for stove	"
- Plugs for "lete" filters	"
- Shelves complete	"
- Tools for sapper	"
- I beams	"

Other various material which belonged to the Italian Army.

Sgd : (G. PARMEGLIANI, Col.)
Director.

acc/t.

for info:

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COMANDO GENIO MILITARE TERRITORIALE - UDINE -
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Sgd : (G. PARMESANI, Col.)
Director.

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ENGINEER BRANCH

G.H.Q.

C.D.F.

Tel: PADUA 22282

SUBJECT: - Material for the Italian Army.

TO : - 5 B.L.U. - UDINE

Eng/6/1128/1

20 May 47

Reference your ORD/10/19 dated 16 May 47.

VILLA VICENTINA is now in the hands of the C.D.O.,
and the W.D. have no further claim on it.H.W. PRESSLAND
Major R.E.
for Colonel
Chief Engineer.

HWF/RHP/1dd

COPY

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SUBJECT: - Material for the Genio, at the Allied camp in MESTRE.

5 British Liaison Unit
Tel : UDINE 1555
AQ/42/101

14 May 47

ENGINEER BRANCH
GHQ CMF

Herewith copy of letter received from 5 Terr. Comd
-UDINE - for your comment.

Please treat as urgent, May we have your observations
please.

Major,
for Lt - Col.
GS.

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/pda

File
Diary.

COPY

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SUBJECT : - Material belonging to Genio Militare.5 British Liaison Unit
Tel : UDINE 1657
AQ/61/334

5 May 47

C.D.O.
G.H.Q.

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1. Attached herewith copy of 5 Territorial Command letter No, 5798 dated 1 May 47.
2. Please can you assist in this matter.

Capt,
for Lt - Col.
GB.Fd
/rdFile
Diary.

COPYSUBJECT : - Material for the Italian Army.5 British Liaison Unit
Tel : UDINE 1555
ORD/10/19

16 May 47

ENG. BRANCH
G H QRef letter No, 5798 dated 1st May 47 from Direzione Lavori
e Servizio Genio Militare (Copy att.) & D.O./VEN/4.1, dated 12 May from
D.O. .O.S. North Italy (Copy att.)

1. A copy of first quoted letter was forwarded C.D.O. G.H.Q.
asking for assistance in this matter. The reply was received in
D.O.M.O.S. letter.

2. May the material listed in No, 5798 be made available to the
Italian Army from VILLA VICENTINA.

Fd
/pdaMajor,
DAA & QMG.Encls : Copy No, 5798
D.O.M.O.S. D.O./VEN/4.1File
Diary.

CONFY

D.O.M.O.S.
NORTH ITALY
Palazzo Reale
VENICE

Tel. 27469
27128

Venezia, 12 May 47

Ref : D.O./VEN/4.1

To : Direzione Lavori e Servizio
Genio Militare

U D I N E

CHQ - Engineer Branch - PADUA.
Ref. your 5798 dated 1 May 47 directed for info to this Office from

1. We inform that the Depot in which the material concerned was stored, has been regularly requisitioned, and the requisition has been passed to AMG on 8 Mar. 46 for the payment.
2. The same material has therefore to be considered as British property and such is considered by this Mission.

Sgd: 7777777777
D.O.M.O.S.
North Italy.

Copy to: 5 B L U - UDINE -
5 TERRITORIAL COMMAND (Services Office) - UDINE

To : Direzione Lavori e Servizio
Genio Militare

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Sgd: ??????
D.O.M.O.S.
North Italy.

Copy to:
5 B L U - UDINE -
5 TERRITORIAL COMMAND (Services Office) - UDINE -
Comando Genio Militare Territoriale - UDINE -
Magazzino Steccato Genio Militare - VILLA VICENTINA (UDINE) -
File

SR/gp/pda
HCC/t.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch

Tel: 478421
Ext: 437

Q/158/IN

22 May 47.

HQ
5 RM (for NME)

Subject:- Powder Factory Equipment of Pontana Liri.

With reference to your letter 5/ME/1/33 of 4 Mar 47.

Attached hereto copy of letter reference 4574, of 18
Apr 47 from Army Powder Factory to Ministry of Defence -
Army, on the subject of "ESTR" Compressor 9X9 n. E. 023,
with attached design of the compressor in question.

HRL/12

see 22T

RdLh
Major General,
Director.

R 22/5/47

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of Defence. REF: 15856/DT
TO: I.M.A.S. L.F.S.S. DATE: 28 April 1947.

SUBJECT:-- "ESIX" compressor 9x9 n. M.023.

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Reply to letter Q/158/LF of 13 March 1947.

To clarify what was requested in point 3 of a/m letter, we forward copy of letter 4574 of the Powder Factory at Fontana Liri with attached design of the compressor in question.

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sgd. PROPERZJ
Gen.

R.A.G. See IT-1A-7-13-215 per 7

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FROM: Army Powder Factory.

REF: 4574

TO: Ministry of Defence.

DATE: 18 April 1947.

SUBJECT:- "ESIX" compressor - 9"x9" n. M.023.

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Reply to letter 15856/DT of 22 March 1947.

Further to ¹³a/m letter we forward data requested in point 3 of letter Q/158/LF dated 13 March 1947 of I.M.A.S. L.F.S.S.

- a) the compressor in question was seen, for the last time, by the person who reported the matter, at the ex Engineer depot at Via Beltramo, 6 - Udine in the custody of British military personnel.
- b) Said machine was built in 1936 by the Soc. An. Motomeccanica - Alfa Romeo - Milan for the military establishment at Pallerone, from which it was taken away.

We attach constructional diagram.

sgd. DI FERRANTE
Col.See 7
See 22T

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MAY 1947

Tel: PAPA 22672

C. H. M., C. M. P.

1067/42

6 May 47

SUBJECT: Tugboat - "SZ. INCHI"

TO: LACAB

References your C-5 : 994, 20 of 25 Mar 47.

1. Attached for information is a copy of 5 ALU's letter 49/61/4/11 of 25 Apr 47. The tugboat is not employed by the Alien.

2. It is considered that the return of this tugboat to the Italian Army under the terms of AMM letter 49/66.34(15)-0 of 2 Oct 45 para 8 has not in any way prejudiced any claim which OKHMA may make against the Italian Government. It is understood that under Maritime Law the salvor has no rights of possession.

3. It is not understood why OKHMA have not taken legal proceedings for the settlement of their claim against the Italian Government.

(I.L.W.D. LAURIE), Colonel.
for Lieut-General.
Commander-in-Chief.
GHQ GAB.

To See	
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Copy to: 5 ELJ

LAQAB (for IMAS - Land Forces Sub Section)
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See (24)

SUBJECT: Tugboat - "ZIMMER"

067/92

6 May 47

TO:

LACAB

See (24)

Reference your C-5 : 994. 20 of 25 Mar 47.

1. Attached for information is a copy of 5 HLU's letter AQ/61/4/11 of 25 Apr 47. The tugboat is not employed by the allies.

2. It is considered that the return of this tugboat to the Italian Army under the terms of ABHQ letter AG 386.34(AM)-0 of 2 Oct 45 para 5 has not in any way prejudiced any claim which CORIMA may make against the Italian Government. It is understood that under Maritime Law the salver has no rights of possession.

3. It is not understood why CORIMA have not taken legal proceedings for the settlement of their claim against the Italian Government.

(I.L. M.D. LAIRIE), Colonel,
for Lieut-General,
Commander-in-Chief,
CHQ GAF.

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Copy to: 5 HLU

LACAB (for IMAB - Land Porten Sub Section)
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SUBJECT: Tugboat 'BIANCHI'

5 British Liaison Unit
Tel : WEM 1553
AQ 61/4/11

1. GHQ GHF

25 Apr 47

ILFB AFHQ, ROME

Ref your 5067/Q2 dated 15 Apr 47.

1. There has never been any suggestion that the boat should be returned to anyone other than its original owners - the Italian Army. Neither has there been any doubt that the Italian Army are in fact the rightful owners.
2. This HQ interpreted AFHQ letter GS 38630P dated 25 Sep 46 as meaning that "there was no Allied objection to the boat being handed over to the Italian Army". It consequently, in good faith but the necessary machinery in motion to obtain a release. Our view that this action was correct is evidently supported by MHA, Near XIII Corps and AMB VENEZIA GIULIA all of whom were kept informed.
3. At no time has this HQ participated in the dispute between Italian War Ministry and the Fim CORIMA. Terr Comd have however supplied us with the following information:-
 - (i) CORIMA made a claim for 1,577,797 Lire on account of salvage. The Italian Navy was consulted and asked to give an opinion on the amount claimed. The Navy opinion was that the amount was grossly excessive. The Italian Army thereupon offered Lire 500,000 which was at first accepted by CORIMA. At a later date however they backed out of their agreement.
 - (ii) Between the date of salvage of the boat Apr 45 and the date of handing over CORIMA had full use of the boat and it is believed made a considerable sum of money. The rent apparently of a tug of the BIANCHI type is as much as Lire 10,00 a day. It would appear therefore that CORIMA had done pretty well out of the tugboat - however this is no concern of ours.

Field
AECW/tw

Signed ??????
Lt Col
CS

SUBJECT: Tugboat "BIANCHI".

'Q' CHQ QSP

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Ref your 5067/42 dated 15 Apr 47.

1. There has never been any suggestion that the boat should be returned to anyone other than its original owners - the Italian Army. Neither has there been any doubt that the Italian Army are in fact the rightful owners.

2. This HQ interpreted AMM letter 95 386302 dated 25 Sep 46 as meaning that "there was no Italian objection to the boat being handed over to the Italian Army". It consequently, in good faith put the necessary machinery in motion to obtain a release. Our view that this action was correct is evidently supported by AMIA, Rear XIII Corps and also VENEZIA GIULIA all of whom were kept informed.

3. At no time has this HQ participated in the dispute between the Italian War Ministry and the Film COMIDA. They would have however supplied us with the following information:-

(1) COMIDA made a claim for 1,577,797 Lire on account of salvage. The Italian Navy was consulted and asked to give an opinion on the amount claimed. The Navy opinion was that the amount was grossly excessive. The Italian Army thereupon offered Lire 500,000 million as at first accepted by COMIDA. At a later date however they backed out of their agreement.

(2) Between the date of salvage of the boat Apr 45 and the date of handing over COMIDA had full use of the boat and it is believed made a considerable sum of money. The rent apparently of a tug of the BIANCHI type is as much as Lire 10,000 a day. It would appear therefore that COMIDA had done pretty well out of the tugboat - however this is no concern of ours.

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3 British Liaison Unit
Tel: WILMINE 1553
AM 61/4/11

25 Apr 47

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REF ID: A66 18

Ref yoter 5067/42 dated 15 Apr 47.

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2. This HQ interpreted AMR letter 55 386/37 dated 25 Sep 46 as meaning that "there was no valid objection to the boat being handed over to the Italian Army". It consequently, in good faith put the necessary machinery in motion to obtain a release. Our view that this action was correct is widely supported by AMIA, near XIII Corps and AM VERONIA GIULIA all of whom were kept informed.

3. At no time has this HQ participated in the dispute between the Italian War Ministry and the Firm COMITA. Firm Comd have however supplied us with the following information :-

(i) COMITA made a claim for 1,577,797 Lire on account of salvage. The Italian Navy was consulted and asked to give an opinion on the amount claimed. The Navy opinion was that the amount was grossly excessive. The Italian Army thereupon offered Lire 500,000 which was at first accepted by COMITA. At a later date however they backed out of their agreement.

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Ref 5067/42
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Tel: 1000 32672

G. H. G. G. H. G.

5057/02

15 APR 47

SUBJECT: Subboat "SEAHUNT"TO: 5 British Liaison Unit

Reference our 5057/02 of 11 Nov 46.

1. It has been reported to this HQ by AFHQ that despite the cancellation of our release order No. 115 issued under reference 5057/02 of 18 Nov 46, no action has apparently been taken by you either to return the Subboat or inform this HQ.

2. It is not understood why the request for the release of the Subboat in your 40/64/55 of 1 Oct 46 was originally made in view of the AFHQ letter C-3 5057/02 of 25 Sep 46 in which it was clearly stated that the matter was one for settlement between the Italian Government and COMNAV. As the result of this request a release order was issued by AFHQ this HQ subsequently to be cancelled as stated above.

3. It is requested therefore that you inform this HQ why no action was taken by you at the time of receipt of our letter to report the fact that the release had already taken place and to effect the return of the Subboat.

4. It will be appreciated that the release to the Italian Army of the Subboat "SEAHUNT" has seriously prejudiced Honors, COMNAV's claim. Will you please therefore state what steps are practical to restore the status quo or to procure the settlement of Honors, COMNAV's claim.

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(J. L. L. L. L. L.), Colonel
for Brig 1/2 Adm.

Cope to: 1A-123 (for C-5)
1A-123 (for 1A-123 - last version sub-section)
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Land Forces BranchTel: 489081
Ext: 415

Q.158/LF

18 Mar 47

Allied Force Headquarters, (G-5 Section)16 Subject: Tugboat "Bianchi"

Reference your G-5 994.20 dated 20 Feb 47 and Chief IMAS letter IMAS/3003/CS of 15 Mar 47.

1. The complaint has been investigated and it appears that the Tugboat was recovered by the Italian Military Authorities on the 13 Nov 46 and is now in their possession.
2. 5 BII gave no instructions to the firm of CORINA. A.V.G. authority (copy attached at Appendix "A") was passed by 5 BII to 5 Territorial Command. This appears to have been based on a CHQ authority (attached at Appendix "B") which was cancelled on 11 Nov 46 by letter (attached at Appendix "C").
This letter (Appendix "C") was not received until after the tugboat had been collected.
3. The position must have been known to all concerned in Nov 46 and it is recommended that any further action as indicated in your para 4 should be taken by CHQ with 5 BII.

RAG/jw

Copy to: 5 British Liaison Unit

Major General,
Director.

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IMAS/8003/CS

15 March 1947.

SUBJECT: Tugboat "BIANCHI".

TO : G-5 Section, AFHQ.

1. Your letter file G-5: 994.20 dated 20 February 1947, above subject, has been passed to the Land Forces Sub-Section of this Section for investigation, compliance, and report.

2. With the closing of the Italian Military Affairs Section on this date, the Land Forces Sub-Section by copy of this letter is directed to report directly to you.

[s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief
Italian Military Affairs Section

Copy to: Land Forces S/S ✓

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In view of above, and attached to G-5.

WP

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
(G-5 Section)
APO 512

Chief of G-5 X

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G-5: 994.20

20 February 1947

SUBJECT: Tugboat "BIANCHI"

TO : Chief, IAS,
APO 794.

1. Attached is a copy of a letter from Co.Ri.Ma., and this Headquarters letter, G-5: 386.30 P of 25 September 1946.

2. Will you please investigate the complaint that No. 5 BEU has ordered the above firm to hand over the "BIANCHI" to the Italian Army. If so, will you please obtain an explanation why the instructions of this Headquarters (contained in letter, G-5: 386.30 P of 25 September) have not been carried out.

3. It is also pointed out that BEU's have no authority to give instructions to Italian firms. Their functions relate solely to the Italian Army.

4. Unless the tug is being employed on work vital to the Allies, she will be returned to Messrs. Co.Ri.Ma. If her return would endanger Allied interests, you will arrange for the early settlement of what is justly due to Co.Ri.Ma. for salvage. Please keep this Headquarters informed of the action taken.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL IEE:

A.L. HAMBIEN

Colonel, C.S.C.

Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

Incls: as above.

Copy to: AMG Venezia Giulia.

To: Colonel HAMBLEN
Assistant Chief of Staff
G-5 Section
AFHQ,
PADOVA.

Cc AMO HQ VG TRIESTE - Economics
AMG HQ VG TRIESTE - Industry Div.
11th February 1947.

Dear Sir,

Tug boat Michele Bianchi,-

This firm takes the liberty of writing to ask for your assistance regarding the Tug Bianchi, salvaged by this firm at Orado.

This firm was in the process of negotiating with the owners of the Tug, The Italian Ministry of War, for payment of the costs of salvage & repairs (totalling nearly Lit. 2,200,000.-) when we were ordered by 5 British Liaison Unit to hand over the Tug to 5 Italian Territorial Command.

Whilst we were still in possession of the Tug we were in a strong position to negotiate for payment, but the enforced removal of the Tug has greatly reduced our chances of ever being paid.

We cannot understand on what grounds the Tug was ordered to be handed over, as she has never been requisitioned by the British Authorities, and Colonel Foden, Chief of the Industry Division, AMG Venezia Giulia, was always of the opinion that the question of the settlement of salvage & costs was a matter to be settled entirely between ourselves and the Italian Ministry of War and that the Tug should remain in our possession until this claim had been settled.

We therefore beg you to intervene on our behalf, in order that we may receive the payment that is due to us.

We are looking forward to hearing from you and meanwhile, thanking you beforehand, we are, Sir,

Yours faithfully:

"CORTEA"
Compagnia Ricupero Marittimi
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Assistant Manager- TRIESTE BRANCH

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 386.30 P

25 September 1946

SUBJECT: Disposal of Shipping Claims - Venezia Giulia.

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission (3)
MIA
ROME

ITALIAN TUGBOAT "BIANCHI"

Reference Land Forces letter Q 158 of 25 July.

1. No claim for this vessel as War Booty having been made by JUDO-SLAVIA, there is no Allied objection to her being returned to the Italian Army.

2. She will, however, be subject to such civil rights and liens as may exist under Italian law as a result of her salvage and repair. Any dispute as to this is a matter solely for the Italian Government and the salvors; AMG will neither order the vessel to be handed over nor take any steps to prevent this being done.

3. Should AMG have given any orders for salvage it will discharge so much of CORIMA's account as is its responsibility.

4. The Italian Government may be informed that the tug is available subject to such rights, if any, which the salvors may have and that possession is a matter for it to settle with CORIMA.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

A.L. HAMBLIN
Colonel, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

Copy to: ALCOM

Rear HQ, 13 Corps reference letter 1013/3/CS of 18 Sep both to this HQ.

ARMY FORM 02136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

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Transmission Instructions

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IMAS LFSS ROME

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IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Military Affairs Section
Land Forces Sub Section
(Formerly MEIA)

Tel: 489084
Ext: 415

✓ G. 158/12
14 Mar 47

Chief, I.M.A.S.

Subject: Typhoon "Dianchi"

Further to this Sub Section letter of even number dated 10
Mar 47 herewith draft reply to AFHQ G-5 as requested.

RAC/jw

Major General,
Director.

Copy to: 5 HBU

Ruf 3/47

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

Tel: 489084
Ext: 415

Q. 158/LF

Mar 47

Allied Force Headquarters, (G-5 Section)

5B
Subject: Tugboat "Bianchi"

Reference your G-5 594.20 dated 20 Feb 47.

1. The complaint has been investigated and it appears that the Tugboat was recovered by the Italian Military Authorities on the 13 Nov 46 and is now in their possession.

2. 5 BHU gave no instructions to the firm of CORINA. A.M.C. authority (copy attached at Appendix "A") was passed by 5 BHU to 5 Territorial Command. This appears to have been based on a GHQ authority (attached at Appendix "B") which was cancelled on 11 Nov 46 by letter (attached at Appendix "C").

This letter was not received until after the tugboat had been collected.

3. The position must have been known to all concerned in November 1946 and it is recommended in view of the present run-down of I.M.A.S. that

Subject: Tugboat "Mianchi"

Reference your G-5 954.20 dated 20 Feb 47.

1. The complaint has been investigated and it appears that the Tugboat was recovered by the Italian Military Authorities on the 13 Nov 46 and is now in their possession.
2. 5 BUI gave no instructions to the firm of CORIMA, A.M.C. authority (copy attached at Appendix "A") was passed by 5 BUI to 5 Territorial Command. This appears to have been based on a GHQ authority (attached at Appendix "B") which was cancelled on 11 Nov 46 by letter (attached at Appendix "C").

This letter was not received until after the tugboat had been collected.

3. The position must have been known to all concerned in November 1946 and it is recommended in view of the present run-down of I.M.A.S. that any further action as indicated in your para 4 should be taken by GHQ with 5 BUI.

RSC/jw

Copy to: 5 BUI

Chief 1945
Major General,
Director.

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

Tel: 489081
Ext: 407

Q. 158/18

13 Mar 47

Ministry of National Defence - Army

Subject: Powder Factory Equipment
of Pontana V.iri. 11

With reference to your letter 3261/DE dated 31 Jan 47.

1. Hq 5 BLU have investigated this matter and report no trace can be found of the compressor detailed in a/q letter.
2. It is considered that if more particulars were available a solution to the problem might be found.
3. You are therefore requested to:
 - (a) obtain from the person who traced this compressor to UDINE particulars as to where exactly it was last seen.
 - (b) give more particulars, such as makers name, approximate size, and if possible, a drawing of it.

HRL/jw

Belh
Major General,
Director.

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

Ref: 489001
Ext: 415

158/12

10 May 47

Chief, I.M.A.S.

Subject: Embassy "MILANO"

Reference your LHM/8253/CS dated 25 Feb 47 and further to
this Sub Section 158/12 dated 27 Feb 47.

1. A report has now been received from 5 HJ from which it
appears that:

(a) The tugboat was collected by the Italian Army on the
13 Nov 45 and is now in their possession.

(b) 5 HJ gave no instructions to the firm of OMMA.
They passed to the M of 5 Territorial Command and
authority, a copy of which is attached (A).

(c) A CSU release order was issued on 12 Oct 46 and
cancelled on 11 Nov 46 (see B & C attached). This
however was not received by 5 HJ until 11 Nov 46.

2. The dispute appears to be entirely one between the Italian
Authority. 5 HJ approached the appropriate Allied Authorities as the
release authority (A) was essential before the Military Authorities could
take possession. The war Ministry authorized 5 Territorial Command to
recover their property and the position today would be the same if instead
of issuing a release order MIA had made it clear they would not take any
steps to prevent this being done. The latter course would appear to be in
accordance with para 2 of LHM. Letter G.9. 385.50 dated 25 Sept 46.

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W. P. H. H. H.

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Reference your TUE/025/US dated 25 Feb 47 and further to this Sub Section 0.152/US dated 27 Feb 47.

1. A report has now been received from 5 HJG from which it appears that:

- (a) The tugboat was collected by the Italian Army on the 13 Nov 46 and is now in their possession.
- (b) 5 HJG gave no instructions to the firm of COGNINI. They passed to the firm of 5 Territorial Command AMG authority, a copy of which is attached (A).
- (c) A GHI release order was issued on 18 Oct 46 and cancelled on 11 Nov 46 (see B & C attached). This however was not received by 5 HJG until 14 Nov 46.

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WAC/jm

copy to: G.H.-2
5 HJG

Major General,
Director.

W. R. P. C. C. C.

SUBJECT: - Tugboat 'Bianchi'.

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5 British Liaison Unit
Tele: UDINE 1555
AQ/61/A.

5 Mar. 47

IMAS (C)

FOLIO 5

Ref. Your Q 158/LF dated 27 Feb. 47.

1. A copy of the complete file relating to this matter is now forwarded herewith for consideration.
2. The sequence of events is made so plain by mere perusal of the letters therein that it is felt no useful purpose would be served in summarizing the story.
3. It will be observed that no instructions were issued by this H.Q. to the Firm of CO RI-MA.

Ed
AG/pdd

File
Diary.

To See	
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Q Liaison	
Q Main	
Q (AE)	

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Lt. Col.
GS.

20/3/47

AQ 158/LF

CopySUBJECT: - Recovery Ministry of War property.Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
Q.1581 July 46.

TO : - 5 ELU UDINE

The attached copy of letter received from Ministry of War is passed to you for action.

1. It is requested that you contact the appropriate Allied Authority with a view to recovering the tug in question.
2. This H.Q. should be kept informed of all progress.

Copy to: - Ministry of War
(Your letter Dir Art &
Mot 3308/4437Q/URA
dated 19 June 46 refers)

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

EFR/ab

Received 4 July 46.

TRANSLATION

COPY

FROM : M. OF W.

REF: 3308/URA

TO : M.M.I.A.

DATE: 19/6/46

SUBJECT: Recovery of the tug "Bianchi".

- 1) The Mil.¹err. Command of Udine informed this Ministry that the 18 tons tug, "Bianchi" make, property of the Army repaired by the firm VIOLA, is abusively used since the month of June last by the firm CO.RI.MA at Grado.
- 2) Said Firm has been approached and invited to return the tug, in accordance with the R.Decree No,32 dated 1st Feb.45 published in the Official Gazette No,25 dated 27 Feb.45, but the Firm has always postponed the handing over, giving as a pretext the large expenses born for the recovery of the tug, and forwarding to the Mil. Adm. requests for payment of a sums so high that it is to be considered exaggerated, especially if are taken into account the non regular use of the tug in question by which the firm CO.RI.MA. made over 3 millions live profit.
- 3) Having ordered the freezing off said tug and arranged for its recovery, the CC.RR. Group HQ. of Venice reported of not being able to comply with this order because Grado(place where the tug is located) is under the jurisdiction of A.M.G.
- 4) Should you have no objection, kindly authorise the recovery of the tug which belong to this Administration.

Sgd
Gen. HOPFERZI

COPY

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SUBJECT: - Tug belonging to Italian Ministry of War.

5 British Liaison Unit
Tele: 1774
AQ/61/176

4 Jul.46.

C.E.M., Rear 13 Corps.

1. Attached is a copy of a letter received from the Ministry of War for your information and necessary action.
2. It is clear that if this tug is in Zone 'A', it is subject to War Booty Claims, however a civilian firm has no right to use this tug even if allowed by A.M.G., 13 Corps.
3. If however it is ruled that an authority granted by A.M.G., 13 Corps is valid, then the firm in question should make arrangements to pay for the rent of the tug.

V. JOHNSTONE
Major,
DAA & QMG.

OPYSUBJECT: - Salvage Tug "Bianchi".Rear HQ XIII Corps
1013/3/03
15 July 465 British Liaison Unit

Reference your letter AQ/61/176 dated 4 July '46.

1. Enclosed herewith copy letter from Chief Industry and Utilities Officer AMG.
2. Further inquiries are in progress and you will be notified in due course of results obtained.

Major,
for Colonel.
DDOS.
(D.F.A. REES)Received 16 Jul. 46.

CO.
HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
13 CORPS

Telephone No : 6642 Ext.04
Reference No : 13C/AMG/LD/N-2
Subject : Salvaged tug "Blanchi"
To : Rear HQ 13 Corps for DDOS
Copy to : Economics Section this HQ.

Date 12 July 46

1. Ref. Your 1013/3/OS of 5 July 1946.
2. It is known that the tug "Blanchi" is at present held by the firm CORIMA of TRIESTE who do not dispute its original ownership by the Italian authorities but contend they are entitled to compensation for having salvaged it.
3. An investigation is being made to ascertain the facts and certain information regarding registration, whether the tug was leased to the German etc is being obtained by the Navy Security Officer.
4. A report will be submitted on completion of enquiries. In the meantime CORIMA have been instructed that they are held responsible for safe custody of the tug and that it will not be moved from Zone 'A' waters.

For the Senior Civil Affairs Officer

J.E. FUDEN
Lt.Col. G/L.
Chief Industry & Utilities Offr.

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COPY

SUBJECT: - Recovery of Ministry of War Property.

5 British Liaison Unit
Tele: 17/4
AQ/61/179

17 July 46

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

This letter is B

1. Reference Your Q.158 dated the 1st July 46,
attached are copies of letters from G.M. Section 13
Corps, and AMG, 13 Corps.

2. The position of Ministry of War property in
Venezia Giulia is subject to War Booty Claims and none of the
a/m is recoverable till the question of reparations to
Yugoslavia is finally settled.

V. JOHNSTONE

Major,
DAA & G.M.

COPY

SUBJECT: Disposal of C.I.M.
Recovery Italian Army property.

Land Forces Sub Commission AG,
 M.M.I.A.
 R O M E
 Q. 158

25 July 1946

TO : GENERAL HEADQUARTERS C.I.F. (3)

Reference is made to AHQ.AG 386.3 C(AT)-O dated 2 Oct. 1945.

1. Para 8 c of above Directive states "recaptured material of Italian Military origin which is not required for military purposes including maintenance of P.O.M. will be turned over immediately to the Italian Military Authorities".
2. The following is reported as a matter requiring policy decision and serving to illustrate a departure from the above directive in the case of Venezia Giulia.
 3. (a) The 18 ton "Tug Bianchi" the property of the Italian Army is at present located at GRAC under the control of the firm CORRA of TRIESTE.
 - (b) This firm refuses to hand over the Tug and claim compensation for salvage and repairs.
 - (c) The matter has been taken up by M.M.I.A. with H.Q. A.M.G. 13 Corps, who state that the firm CORRA have been held responsible for the safe custody of the tug and forbidden to move it from Zone 'A' waters pending a decision.
 - (d) It is stated that Italian Army property in Venezia Giulia is subject to "WAR BOOTY CLAIMS" and is not recoverable till the question of reparations to Yugoslavia is finally settled.
 4. Your instructions are requested.

Copy to :A.G. (for Exec. Comm.)

Rear XII Corps (1013/3/03 of 15 July 46 refers)
 5 B.L.U. (AQ/61/179 of 17 July 46 refers)

Major General,
 M.M.I.A.

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 - (b) This firm refuses to hand over the tug and claim compensation for salvage and repairs.
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Copy to : A.C. (for Exec. Comm.)
Rear XII Corps (1013/303 of 15 July 46 refers)
5 B.L.U. (AQ/G/179 of 17 July 46 refers)

Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Internal : L.C.
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Received 29 July 46.

COPY

SUBJECT: - Recovery of Ministry of War Property.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A. C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
Q. 158

27 Sept. 46.

TO : - MINISTRY OF WAR.

Ref. your letter 3308/44570/URA dated 19 June 46.

1. The attached copy of a letter received from ARHQ is passed to you in answer to your query regarding the recovery of the "Bianchi" bug.
2. Any necessary instructions should be passed direct to 5 Territorial Command.

Copy to : - 5 B.L.U.
(ref. our Q 158 dated
1 July 46 and your
AQ/61/179 dated
17 July 46).

EFB/eb

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

Received 30 Sept. 46.

COPY

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
ARO 512

G-5; 386.30P

25 September 46

SUBJECT: Disposal of Snipping Claims - VENEZIA GIULIA.

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission (3)
ALLIA
ROME

ITALIAN TUGBOAT " BLANCH "

Reference Land Forces letter Q 158 of 25 July.

1. No claim for this vessel as War Booty having been made by YUGOSLAVIA, there is no Allied objection to her being returned to the Italian Army.
2. She will, however, be subject to such civil rights and liens as may exist under Italian law as a result of her salvage and repair. Any dispute as to this is a matter solely for the Italian Government and the salvors; AMG will neither order the vessel to be handed over nor have any steps to prevent this being done.
3. Should AMG have given any orders for salvage it will discharge so much of "CORIMA's account as is its responsibility.
4. The Italian Government may be informed that the tug is available subject to such rights, if any, which the salvors may be and that possession is a matter for it to settle with CORIMA.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORRAN :

A.L.M.
A.L. HANSEN
Colonel, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission (3)
MMIA
ROME

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BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN :

A.L.N.
A.L. HAMILTON
Colonel, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

Copy to:- ALCOM

Rear HQ, 13 Corps reference letter 1013/1/08 of 18 Sep both to this HQ.

CONFYSUBJECT: - Tugboat belonging to Italian Ministry of War.5 British Liaison Unit
Tele: 1555
AQ/61/230

1 Oct. 46

GEM, XIII Corps

Ref. Your 1013/3/03 dated 15 July 46.

1. Attached is a copy of a letter from GHQ, GEF on the subject of the tugboat "Bianchi", property of the Italian Army, but which is being used by firm "CORILA" of TRIESTE.
2. Could a Release Order be issued to this HQ in order to enable us to make the necessary arrangements for its collection by 5 Italian Territorial Command.

V. JOHNSTONE

VRWJ/rv

Major,
DAA & JMG.

FIELD

Copy to : - 5 Italian Territorial Command.File
Diary.

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SUBJECT: - Tugboat belonging to Italian Ministry of War.

5 British Liaison Unit
Tele: 1555
AG/61/244

16 Oct. 46

CEM, XIII Corps.

A reply to our AG/61/230 of 1st Oct is still awaited. Please forward
soonest.

FIELD
VRWJ/rv

V. JOHNSTON
Major,
DAA & CMC.

FILE
DIARY.

COPYORDNANCE DIRECTORATE
G.H.Q. C.M.F.SUBJECT: Release of C.E.M. Tug.Ref: DCS/1692.
Tel: UDINE 22303.
Date: 18 Oct. 46.TO : DAA & CMG,
HQ 5 British Liaison Unit.

Ref. AQ/61/230 of 1st Oct. 46.

Trieste. Herewith Release Order in respect of tugboat 'Bianchi' at

Received 21 Oct. 46.(D.F.A. RESS) Major,
for Brigadier,
D.O.S.

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C O P YSERIAL NO 115

CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIAL RELEASE ORDER.

LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	QTY	COUNTRY OF
Trieste	Tugboat "Bianchi"	1	Italy

The above item is released to
H.Q. 5 British Liaison Unit.

Sgd: (D.F.A. RESS) Major,
for Brigadier.
D.C.S.

The above item is
by H.Q. 5 British

Sgd.....

Date.....

C O P YCopy No. ¹.....

CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIAL RELEASE ORDER.

Ref: 1692.

DESCRIPTION

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COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

Tugboat "Bianchi"

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Unit.The above item has been received
by H.Q. 5 British Liaison Unit.Major,
gadier.
D.O.S.

Sgd.....

Date.....

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COPYSERIAL NO 115

Copy No.....2

CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIAL RELEASE ORDER.

Ref: 1692.

LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	QTY	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN
Trieste	Tugboat "Bianchi"	1	Italy

The above item is released to
H.Q. 5 British Liaison Unit.

Sgt: (D.F.A. REES) Major,
for Brigadier.
D.O.S.

The above item has been received
by H.Q. 5 British Liaison Unit

Sgt.....

Date.....

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CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIAL RELEASE ORDER.

Ref: 1692.

DESCRIPTION

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COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

Tugboat "Bianchi"

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Italy

The above item has been received
by H.Q. 5 British Liaison Unit

Sgd.....

Date.....

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SUBJECT: - Release of CEM.

COPY

5 British Liaison Unit
Tele: 1555
AG/6/2.7

23 Oct. 46

5 TERRITORIAL COMMAND.

1. Attached are two copies of No. 115 Release Order in respect of tugboat "Blanchi" which is at present lying in GRADO (Zone 'A' Venezia Giulia).
2. You will arrange for an Officer representative to contact C.O., AMG, Grado and collect the tug in question from the firm "CORLUA Bros" of Trieste.
3. The attached copies will be duly signed and returned to this HQ which will in turn forward No. 1 copy to Ord Directorate, GHQ, GAF.
4. It would be appreciated if collection could be carried out as quickly as possible and completion of a/m reported forthwith to this HQ.

FIELD
VRWJ/rv

V. JONSTON
Major,
DAA & QMG.

Copy to: - Ordnance Directorate GHQ, GAF.

AMG, XIII CORPS (Att. C.O., GRADO)

FILE

DIARY.

COPY

SUBJECT: - Tugboat.

Tel PALUA 22679

G.H.Q., C.M.F.5067/3223 Oct 46TO : - 5 British Liaison Unit

Your AG/61/230 of 1 Oct. 46 addressed to XIII Corps cannot be traced in this Staff Branch.

Please forward copy.

JS/RS

(J. SMITH) Captain,
for Brig i/c Adm.

Received 5 Nov. 46.

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COPY

SUBJECT: - Tugboat.

No. 5 British Liaison Unit
Tele: 1555

GHQ., CMF.

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AG/61/257
5 Nov. 46

1. Ref. Your 5067/Q2 dated 23 Oct. 46.
2. Further copy of this HQ AG 61/230 dated 1 Oct. 46 is forwarded herewith.

Fd
AG/ap

A. GRAY.
Major,
DAA & G.O.

File

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7 ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
GRADO

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Grado, 9 November 1946.

Subject : Tugboat "Bianchi"
File : GR/31
To : 5 British Liaison Unit.

Ref. your AG/61/247 dated 23 Oct. 1946.

1. Tugboat in question will be released as soon as I inform Salvage Section, A.M.G. Venezia Giulia.

Transaction can take place on Wednesday 13 Nov. 1946.

Capt. CHARLES J. MOLFEITO

C.A.O. Grado

Copy to : Lt.Col. Foden
Salvage Sec.A.M.G. Venezia Giulia
Div. Art. Venezia.

Received 10 Nov.46.

COPYSubject : - Tugboat "Blanchi"5 British Liaison Unit
Tele: 1555
AQ/61/262
11 Nov.465 Italian Territorial Command.

Ref. this HQ letter AQ/61/247 dated 23 Oct.46.

1. Copy of CAO GRADO letter GR/31 is forwarded herewith.
2. Your attention is directed to the fact that the handover of the above-mentioned tugboat can now take place on 13 Nov.46.
3. Please take the necessary action.

Field
AQ/apFile
Diary.A. GRAY
Major,
DAA & CIG.

COPY

Tele: PADUA 22271G.H.Q., C.M.F.5267/9214 Nov. 46.SUBJECT: Tugboat "Bianchi".

TO : 5 British Liaison Unit

Reference your letter A/61/257 of 5 Nov. 46.

1. It is pointed out that this HQ is not in a position to release the Boat to the Italian Army as it is clearly stated in paragraph 2 of AFHQ's letter G-5 386 20P of 25 Sept. that the dispute is a matter solely for the Italian Government and the salvors.
2. As apparently this boat was never requisitioned by the British Military Authorities, release order issued under GHQ Ord's letter DOS/1692 of 18 Oct. 46 is cancelled.

(J.R.B. KNOX), Lieutenant-Colonel.
for Brig i/c Adm.

JRBK/RH

Copy to : - Land Forces Sub Commission
MILIA, ROMA.

Ord (file 1013/3/OS)

Received 14 Nov. 1946.

COPY

DIREZIONE ARTIGLIERIA DI VENEZIA
Ufficio Amministrazione

No, 24/8708

18 Nov. 1946

AL: 5 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

TO: 5 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

Oggetto: Rimorchiatore Bianchi

SUBJECT: Tugboat "Bianchi"

Con riferimento al foglio AQ/61/247 del 23 ottobre 1946, si informa che il rimorchiatore "Bianchi" è stato ritirato il 13 Novembre 1946 e presentemente trovasi presso ques a direzione di artiglieria.

Con l'occasione si restituiscono firmate due copie dell'ordine di cessazione n. 115 riguardante il rimorchiatore in questione.

IL COLONNELLO DIRETTORE
(Enrico Lardi)

MANAGER
(Col. Enrico Lardi)

In answer to your AQ/61/247 dated 23 Oct. 1946 we inform you that the tugboat "Bianchi" has been collected on Wednesday 13 Nov. 1946 and she is at present moored near this "Direzione di Artiglieria".

On the occasion we return enclosure herewith both copies of 115 Release Order signed regarding the tugboat in question.

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SERIAL NO 115

COPY NO...

CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIAL RELEASE ORDER.

Ref: 1692.

LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	QTY	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN
Trieste	Tugboat 'Bianchi'	1	Italy

The above item is released to
H.Q. 5 British Liaison Unit.

(D.F.A. REEB) Major,
for Brigadier .
D.O.S.

The above item has been
H.Q. 5 British Liaison Unit.

Sgd.....
Date... 13 nov. 46

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RED ENEMY MATERIAL RELEASE ORDER.

Ref: 1692.

DESCRIPTION

QTY

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

Tugboat 'Bianchi'

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Italy

The above item has been received by
H.Q. 5 British Liaison Unit .

Sgd.....

Date... 13 nov. 1946

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SERIAL NO 115

CAPTURED ITALY MATERIAL RELEASED ORDER.

Ref: 1692.

LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	QTY	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN
Trieste	Logboat 'Blanchi'	1	Italy

The above item is released to
H.Q. 5 British Liaison Unit.

(D.P.A. RESS) Major,
for Brigadier .
B.G.S.

The above item has been
H.Q. 5 British Liaison Unit.

Sgt.....

Date... 13 Nov. 46

COPY

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D. ITALY MATERIAL RECEIPT ORDER.

Ref: 1592.

DESCRIPTION

QTY

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

Footrest 'Blanchi'

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Italy

The above item has been received by
H.Q. 5 British Liaison Unit.

Sgd.

Date 13 Nov. '46

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EXHIBIT REPORT CALLED FOR IN QTR 3 150/12 OF 27 FEB (.)
FOR A P H 9 (.) XMR 3 15127 OF 27 FEB 2000

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EXHIBIT REQUEST GRANTED FOR IN OUR Q 1358/12 OF 27 FEB (*)
FOR A P H Q (*) UNDER Q 13127 OF 27 FEB 1958

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add

Q. 1358/12

14 Col R.A. GUNNING

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 LROF V LARE NR 1255/7 PP PP/EVR 1

FROM AFHQ 371434A

TO IRAS

INFO AMG VENEZIA GIOIA

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UNCLASSIFIED FROM AFHQ FROM G DASH FIVE PD PARA PD PLEASE EXPEDITE

REPLY THIS HEADQUARTERS LETTER G DASH FIVE CLN NINE NINE FOUR 6/5: 994-20

POINT TWO ZERO OF TWO ZERO FEBRUARY SUBJECT TUC BIANCHI REPEAT

BIANCHI AND STAKE ^{together} ~~UNDER~~ SHE HAS YET BEEN RETURNED TO CORINZ

REPEAT CORINA

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SENT CM KK

See also (5)

R.D. HLL

A Q158/LF

COPY

SUBJECT:-- Powder Factory Equipment of Fontana Liri

5 British Liaison Unit
Tel: UDINE 1657
5/ME/1/33

4 Mar 47

ADME
TMAS LFSS

Ref your ME/52/6/LF of 10 Feb 47 and M of W 3261/DT of 31 Jan 47.

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REN/rd

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Diary

To See	
AQ	
"Q"	
V Liaison	

Capt,
for: Lt-Col,
GS.

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LAND FORCES
S/S

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Tel: PADUA 22679

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

5067/02

24 Feb 47

SUBJECT: CRM in AFRICATO: CHQ HQ

Reference attached letter Q 158/LF of 17 Feb 47
from Italian Military Affairs Section.

It would be appreciated if investigations could
be made as to the whereabouts of the instruments listed
in the appendix to the above quoted letter and the
possibility of their return to the Italian Military
Geographical Institute.

G. Z. A. F. H. Q.

(A.J.B. TARRANT), Lieut-Colonel,
for Lieut-General,
Commander-in-Chief,
CHQ G.M.F.

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

DRE/AH

Copy to: AFHQ (Italian Military Affairs Section)

I. Q. 158/LF

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

Tel: 489081
Ext: 415

✓ 1. 158/27

27 Feb 47

S.E.L.U.

(21) Q158

SD

SB

Subject: Tugboat - Canoli

1. Attached is copy of AFM letter GS : 994-20 dated 20 Feb 47.
2. The War Ministry were informed of the decision contained in AFM letter GS : 386-36 P of 25 Sept 46 under cover of this HQ letter Q. 158 dated 27 Sept 1946 (copy to you).
3. In reply to your A/61/257 of 3 Nov 46 you were informed by GHQ in letter 5067/42 of 11 Nov 46 (copy to this HQ) that the dispute was to be considered "a matter solely for the Italian Government and the salvors".
4. A report is required as to the circumstances under which the Tug was recovered by the Italian Army and in particular what instructions, if any, were given by you to the Firm of CORIMA.

(27)

See (8)

Racantzyk
Major General,
Director.

RAC/jw

Copy to: Chief I.M.A.S. (ref attd 1st indorsement)
Ministry of National Defence - Army (by HQ) (your 5306/44370 USA
dated 19 June returns)

5A

Basic: G-5 Section AFHQ ltr G-5: 994.20 dated 20 February 1947,
subject: Tugboat "BIANCHI".

IMAS/8253/CS

1st Indorsement

AFHQ, Italian Military Affairs Section, APO 794, 25 February 1947.

TO : Director, Land Forces Sub-Section.

Forwarded for investigation, compliance, and report to
this office.



ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief

Italian Military Affairs Section

See ⑪

(C O P Y)

ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS
G-5 SECTION
AFO 512

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G-5: 994.20

20 Feb 1947

SUBJECT : Tugboat "BIANCHI"

TO : Chief, IMAS
AFO 794

1. Attached is a copy of a letter from Co.Ri.Ma., and this headquarters letter, G-5: 386.30 of 25 September 1946.
2. Will you please investigate the complaint that No 5 BHM has ordered the above firm to hand over the "BIANCHI" to the Italian Army. If so, will you please obtain an explanation why the instructions of this headquarters (contained in letter, G-5: 386.30 P of 25 Sep) have not been carried out.
3. It is also pointed out that BHMs have no authority to give instructions to Italian firms. Their functions relate solely to the Italian Army.
4. Unless the tug is being employed on work vital to the Allies, she will be returned to Mesars Co.Ri.Ma. If her return would endanger Allied interests, you will arrange for the early settlement of what is justly due to Co.Ri.Ma. for salvage. Please keep this headquarters informed of the action taken.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

Sgt A.L. HAMBLIN
Colonel G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

Incls: as above

Copy to: AMG Venezia Giulia.

COPY

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To: Colonel HARRISON
 Assistant Chief of Staff
 G-5 Section
 AFHQ,
PAOVIA

CC AMG HQ VG TRIESTE - Economics
 AMG HQ VG TRIESTE - Industry
 Div.

11th February 1947

Dear Sir,

Tug boat Michele Bianchi-

This firm takes the liberty of writing to ask for your assistance regarding the Tug Bianchi, salvaged by this firm at Greda.

This firm was in the process of negotiating with the owners of the Tug, The Italian Ministry of War, for payment of the costs of salvage & repairs (totalling nearly Lit. 2,200,000) when we were ordered by 5 British Liaison Unit to hand over the Tug to 5 Italian Territorial Command.

Whilst we were still in possession of the Tug we were in a strong position to negotiate for payment, but the enforced removal of the Tug has greatly reduced our chances of ever being paid.

We cannot understand on what grounds the Tug was ordered to be handed over, as she has never been requisitioned by the British Authorities, and Colonel Foden, Chief of the Industry Division, AMG Venesia Giulia, was always of the opinion that the question of the settlement of salvage & costs was a matter to be settled entirely between ourselves and the Italian Ministry of War and that the Tug should remain in our possession until this claim had been settled.

We therefore beg you to intervene on our behalf, in order that we may receive the payment that is due to us.

We are looking forward to hearing from you and meanwhile, thanking you beforehand, we are, Sir,

Yours faithfully:

"CORONA"
 Compagnia Riuperi Marittimi
 111111111111

Assistant Manager - TRIESTE BRANCH

Certified true copy:
 JW

(COPY)

5D

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 SECTION
APO 512

25 September 1946

G-5: 386.30 P

SUBJECT: Disposal of Shipping Claims - Venezia Giulia.

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission (3)
EMIA
ROME.

ITALIAN TUGBOAT "BIANCHI"

Reference Land Forces letter Q.158 of 25 July.

1. No claim for this vessel as War Booty having been made by JUGOSLAVIA, there is no Allied objection to her being returned to the Italian Army.
2. She will, however, be subject to such civil rights and liens as may exist under Italian law as a result of her salvage and repair. Any dispute as to this is a matter solely for the Italian Government and the salvors; AMG will neither order the vessel to be handed over nor take any steps to prevent this being done.
3. Should AMG have given any orders for salvage it will discharge so much of CORIMA's account as is its responsibility.
4. The Italian Government may be informed that the tug is available subject to such rights, if any, which the salvors may have and that possession is a matter for it to settle with CORIMA.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

Sgd. A.L. HANDLEY
Colonel G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff G-5

Copy to: ALCOM
Rear HQ, 13 Corps reference letter 1013/3/CS of 18 Sep both
to this HQ.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Military Affairs Section
Land Forces Sub Section
(Formerly IMA)

Tel: 489081
Ext: 415

Q. 155/12

12. Feb 47

War Ministry

Subject: C.E.M. in North Africa -
Disposal

Reference your 201310/II dated 17 Jan 47.

1. The matter has been referred to higher authority who have been asked to approach the appropriate Hqs. Their reply will be communicated as soon as received.
2. You are however, advised to initiate action simultaneously through Political channels in view of your claim to the work of international importance which is handicapped by the loss of the instruments in question.

RAC/jw

W. P. Dudley
Major General,
Director.

See
Regd
11/2/46
JW

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Italian Military Affairs Section
Land Forces Sub Section
(Formerly MILA)

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C.H.Q. (2 Copies)

Subject: C.E.M. in North Africa -
Disposal

See 2T and 4

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- (b) dell'Astrolabio a prisma.
- (c) della mensola birenolare Lioni coi relativi 4 pendoli Schneider.

4. May this request be forwarded to the appropriate authorities and this HQ informed in due course of the reply to be sent to the War Ministry.

See 6

Ref 11/2/44
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RAC/3W

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Ref 11/21/4

Sgt W.P.

Director

Appx 'A' to
Letter Q158 of 10 Feb 47.

ELenco RIASSUNTIVO DEGLI STRUMENTI PIU' IMPORTANTI RIMASTI IN A.O.I.

NEL 1941

Apparati Jaderin per misura di basi topografiche	n°	1
Apparecchi gravimetrici Nioni con 4 pendoli SCHEIDER	"	1
Astrolabio a prisma	"	1
Apparati I.G.M. per misura di basi geodetiche	"	2
Attrezzatura termo-barometriche	"	12
Barometri aneroidi	"	65
Bussole	"	32
Bussola Chasselon per osservazioni magnetiche	"	1
Camere chiare Granchi e Fiechter	"	17
Compassi di riduzione	"	13
Cronometri tascabili sdoppiati	"	10
Compassi	"	11
Covredi grafici grandi e piccoli	"	47
Cronografi sdoppiati tascabili 1/50	"	5
Cronografi Nardin a zona	"	2
Cronometri a cassetta Nardin e Frodam	"	19
Comparatore angolare di Napoli	"	4
Centratore di lastre Santoni	"	1
Elioscopi con cannocchiale	"	2
Fototeodoliti tipo Zeiss cost. Sbisà	"	2
Flussometri	"	4
Nastro Invar di 12 metri	"	1
Livelli Zeiss mod. I e III	"	3
Mire Zeiss per livellazione coppie	"	1
Macchine aerofotogrammetriche Santoni 10 x 15	"	4
Psicrometri di Lambrecht	"	2
Rapportatori grafici Paganini	"	1
Sestanti Salmeiraghi	"	12
Settori grafici Paganini	"	2
Squadri grafici 1/5.000 e 1/25.000	"	2
Stereoscopi	"	12
Stereosimplex Santoni	"	1
Tacheometri di tipo vario	"	17
Tavolette pretoriane I.G.M.	"	55

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Tavollette Cavicchi da ricognizione
Teodoliti vecchio tipo Zeiss, Starcke, Salmodraghi
Troughton
Teodoliti Wild T 3
Teodoliti Wild T2
Teodoliti Zeiss II
Teodoliti magnetico Chasselon
Termobarometri I.G.M.
Termometri per termobarometri
Telemetri monotatici Zeiss e Goerts
Universale Bamberg grande modello
Strumento dei passaggi universale Bamberg

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REF: 201310/II

DATE: 17/1/47

SUBJECT: Survey instruments of high precision.

The Military Geographical Institute which had a topographic office and personnel in Addis Abeba prior to 1940, lost all the abundant and rich survey instruments and topographic equipment in 1941 when the city was occupied by British troops. It appears that the equipment in question was moved to Kenia as captured enemy material.

The Mil. Geographical Institute is at present restarting all its activities amongst which the survey services which are of a national and international importance.

Due to the loss of instruments as stated above, the survey division is not at present in a position to carry out astronomic and gravimetric work of high precision.

In particular, it would be useful to recover the following:-

- a) Bamberg instrument (complete)
- b) Prismatic "Astrolabio"
- c) Mioni cupboard with 4 pendulum Schneider.

Considering the scientific nature of the instruments and the help which, by them, will be given to survey, topographic and cartographic services (of world importance) I shall be grateful if you will kindly examine the possibility of returning the equipment to the Italian military administration.

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(Sgd) ~~Illegible~~ *FALCHINETTI*

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App. A 15

Q. Latta - Q158 di 10720

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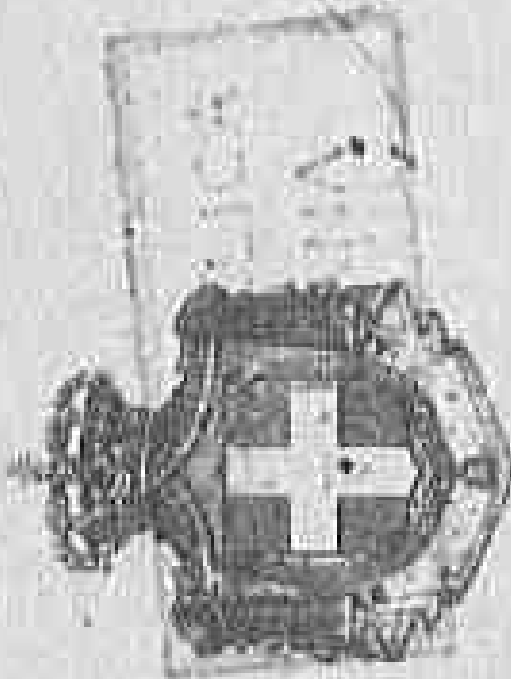
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Strumento dei passaggi universale Bamberg	"	1

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Traduzione
Ministero della Guerra

GABINETTO

n° 201310 II di prot. (av.) Roma, 17 Gennaio 1947

O G G E T T O : Strumenti geodetici di alta precisione.-

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

R O M A

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In considerazione del carattere scientifico degli strumenti e dell'apporto che con essi viene offerto alla geodesia, topo

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grafia, cartografia (di importanza mondiale oltrech  italia
na) sarei grato a codesta Missione se volesse esaminare la
possibilit  di una loro restituzione alla Amministrazione
Militare italiana.--

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Military Affairs Section
Land Forces Sub Section
(formerly NMIA)

Tel: 489081
Ext 491

ME/52/6/LF
10 Feb 48

EME 5 BLU

See ⑦

Subject: Powder Factory equipment of Fontana
Liri.

Ref attached copy of M. of W. letter 3261/DT
dated 31/1/47.

1. There is no information in this H.Q. regarding the compressor mentioned in attached letter.
2. Would you please investigate this matter, bearing in mind the M. of W. request, and forward any information you can gather to this office.

*For the Lt. Col. A.D.M.E.
Ref. to the above R of reply 14/2 See 7*

FTDJ/cb

Lt. Col.
A. D. M. E.

*copy to - M of W
Q*

TRANSLATION

(11)

From: M. of W.
To : MMIA

Ref: 3261/DT

Date: 31/1/47

See (7) See 13

Subject: Powder Factory equipment of Fontana Liri.

REME see 13

We would appreciate to be informed of the result of the request forwarded with letter 7234 dated 11/3/46, for the authority for the Army Powder Factory of Fontana Liri (Frosinone) to withdraw the compressor ES IX - 9" x 9" belonging to said Powder Factory, which was looted

The letter referred to cannot be traced in RE ME files.

Major John given a copy of above letter and requested to trace or obtain copy

Grand Sgt.

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→	Q Liaison	
→	Q Major	
	Q (A)	

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5/2/47
AM

A Q 158

7158

L. Bolbolonna

14/12

Lucret spoke. Copy of fol 1A given to W.M. Major
Byatt to advise MOPW when reply received from 5 BLU

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Said compressor was held under the custody of British military personnel at the ex Engineer Depot of Via Beltrame n° 6, Udine, -

sgd. Properzi
Gen.

To S. D.	
A/O	
"Q"	<i>RMC</i>
Q Liaison	
Q Mat.	<i>Q</i>
Q Co.	

UR

7158
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14/12

*Lucait spoke. Copy of let 1A given to WM. Mayor
Byatt to advise MOPW when reply received from 5 BLU*

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5/2/47
CAH

A Q 158

Translated
R/S
Ministero della Guerra
DIREZ. GENER. ARTIGLIERIA

Roma 31 GEN 1947

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB
COMMISSION (M.M.I.A.)
ROMA

Divisione Tecnica Sez. 2^a
Let. N.° 3261/DT. *Allegati*

Registrazione
Dis. Sez. N.°

Oggetto: Macchinario del Polverificio di Fontana
Liri.

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Si gradirebbe conoscere l'esito della richiesta avanzata col foglio 7234 dell'11-3-46 per l'autorizzazione al ritiro, da parte del Polverificio dell'Esercito di Fontana Liri (Frosinone), del compressore ES IX - 9"x9" - n. M 023 di pertinenza del Polverificio stesso ed asportato a suo tempo dai tedeschi.

Detto compressore risultava presso il deposito ex Genio di Via Beltrame, 6 in Udine, sotto custodia di militari inglesi.

TRANSLATION

P. IL MINISTRO

IN	Time 1000
	Date 5/2
OUT	Time 1200
	Date 5/2

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TRANSLATION

From: M.of W.
To : MMIA

Ref: 7234/BT
Date: 11/3/46

Subject: Machinery of Powder Factory at Fontana Liri. -

The Military Powder Factory at Fontana Liri (Frosinone), on the basis of information received, has informed us that in the former Engineer depot at Via Beltrame 6 Udine, there was in October 1945 in storage, under the custody of British military personnel, a compressor ES IX-9"x9" n.m.023 belonging to said establishment and taken away in the past by the Germans.

Owing to the need of the Powder Factory to regain possession of said compressor, necessary for restarting work at the factory, we beg you to kindly issue authorisation to withdraw it. -

sgd. Properzi
Gen.

RAG

C O P Y

ITA

11 March 1946

Motorizzazione

Tecn.A.C. 2
7234 /DT1a LAND FORCES SUB
COMMISSION (M.M.I.A.)
= R O M A

Macchinario del Polverificio di Fontana Liri.

Il Polverificio Militare di Fontana Liri (Prosinone), in base ad informazioni pervenute agli, ha comunicato che nel deposito ex Genio di Via Beltrame 6 Udine, trovavasi nell'ottobre 45 in deposito, sotto custodia di militari inglesi, un compressore ES IX-9"x9" n.M.023 di pertinenza del suddetto stabilimento ed asportato a suo tempo dai tedeschi.

Data la necessità da parte del Polverificio di ritornare in possesso di detto compressore, necessario per la ripresa dell'attività lavorativa dello stabilimento, si prega voler concedere l'autorizzazione a ritirarlo.

p. il MINISTRO
(P.G. Properzi)

TRANSACTION	
IN	Time 1150 Date 14/2
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OUT	Time 1200 Date 14/2

TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War.

REF: 79426/T.L.

TO: M.M.I.A.

DATE: 24 January 1947.

SUBJECT:- Metallic materials the property of the Italian Army, stored at the G.Veglio Firm of Turin.

1. - The metallic materials shown in attachment (shell cases, fuzes, etc.) the property of the Italian Army are stored at the Veglio Firm of Turin, having been withdrawn from the Depot at San Francesco al Campo of the Turin Artillery Directorate by the Veglio Firm on the authorisation of the Germans, during the Nazi-Fascist occupation.
2. - Said materials ~~have~~ been blocked by A.R.A.R., which has not yet agreed to the request of this Ministry to release the materials in question to the Italian Army, which is the legal owner.
3. - Said A.R.A.R. request that they have a letter from Allied G.H.Q. regarding the matter, and we therefore beg your M.M.I.A. to take the matter in hand in order that the materials in question be returned to the possession of the Italian Army.

sgd. PROPERZJ
Gen.

R. A. G.

To See	
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See Q 006/LF
3 Feb 47

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A.Q. 158

Copy

LIST OF REMAINING MATERIALS STORED AT THE FIRM OF G. VEGLIO
& CO. OF TURIN. -

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THE PROPERTY OF THE MILITARY ADMINISTRATION WITHDRAWN FROM
THE ARTY DEPOT OF S.Fr. AL CAMPO. -

Brass shell cases - 152/37	561
Fuses 1/35 aluminium	16.000
Fuses double effect brass	9.834
Capsules for fuses aluminium	30.800
Brass ferrules	11.000
Brass washers for primers	49.000
Aluminium strikers for fuses	16.000
Iron shell cases with base	670
Primers 85/99 brass	9.690
Percussion fuses brass model 17	3.250
Brass fuses model 10	24.190
Shell cases 75/35 and 75/46	7.583
Zinc covers for fuses	162
Brass shell cases 305	317
Brass primers model 10	63.935
Brass caps 420	1.068
Brass shell cases 420	378
Amianthe bands 149/35	32177
" " 152/37/45	18572
" " 210/8	3804
" " 260/9	665
" " 306/17	6431
" " 420/12	600

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SUBJECT: Tugboat "BLANCHI"

Tel: PADMA 22271

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

2067/Q2

11 Nov 46

TO: 5 British Liaison Unit

Reference your letter AQ/61/257 of 5 Nov 46.

1. It is pointed out that this HQ is not in a position to release the Boat to the Italian Army as it is clearly stated in paragraph 2 of AMIA's letter Q-5 386 20P of 25 Sep that the dispute is a matter solely for the Italian Government and the salvors.

2. As apparently this boat was never requisitioned by the British Military Authorities, release order issued under GHQ Ord's letter DOS/1692 of 18 Oct 46 is cancelled.

TO	
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RM	73

(J.R.S. KNOX), Lieutenant-Colonel.
for Brig 1/c Adm.

JRSC/MI

Copy, to:- Land Forces Run Commission
MMIA, ROME.

Ord (file 1013/3/OS)

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See (S)
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12/11/46
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Q 158

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 LROF V MEDY 230050
 FROM DISTHREZ 230905A
 TO MMIA ROME
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QG6401 (.) UNCLASS

REF YOUR Q 156 DATED 27 SEP 46 (.) NO RPT NO TRACE OF
 FURNITURE MENTIONED (.) FROM FILES TAKEN OVER FROM 62 TOWN
 MAJOR MONZA NO RPT NO INVENTORIES COMPLETED FOR MANAKIA BKS ROSSANI
 BKS NECCHI SCHOOE AND NO RPT NO TRACE OF REQUISITION OF QUAGLINO
 BUILDING

BT 230905A

SENT SLIM 1620 B 4 K
 RD NR 050 AT 1620 EAA K

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24/10/46
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M. of W. informed
 to get 3 days
 Bldg to work out the problem



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SUBJECT : Recovery of Ministry of War Property

LAND FORCES H.Q. COMMISSION A.C.
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q.158 ←

8 October 1946

TO : 3 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

Ref your Q/37/45 of 3 Oct 46.

Herewith copy of War Ministry letter 21245/VC dated 21 Sept 46
as requested.

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

FW/ra

4071

Subject: Recovery of Ministry
of War property.

Land Forces Sub Comm AC
(LMTA) ROME.

HQ 3 British Liaison Unit
Tel: 152965 (Ext 25)
Q/37/15

3 Oct 46

1. Ref your Q 158 dated 27 Sep 46.
2. A copy of the Min of War letter referred to was not enclosed with your a/m letter.
3. May this please be forwarded.

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HB/PT

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7 - OCT 1946

MAJ
DAA and QMG

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A Q158

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SUBJECT : - Irregular Requisition.

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3 District
Ext 16
361 Q

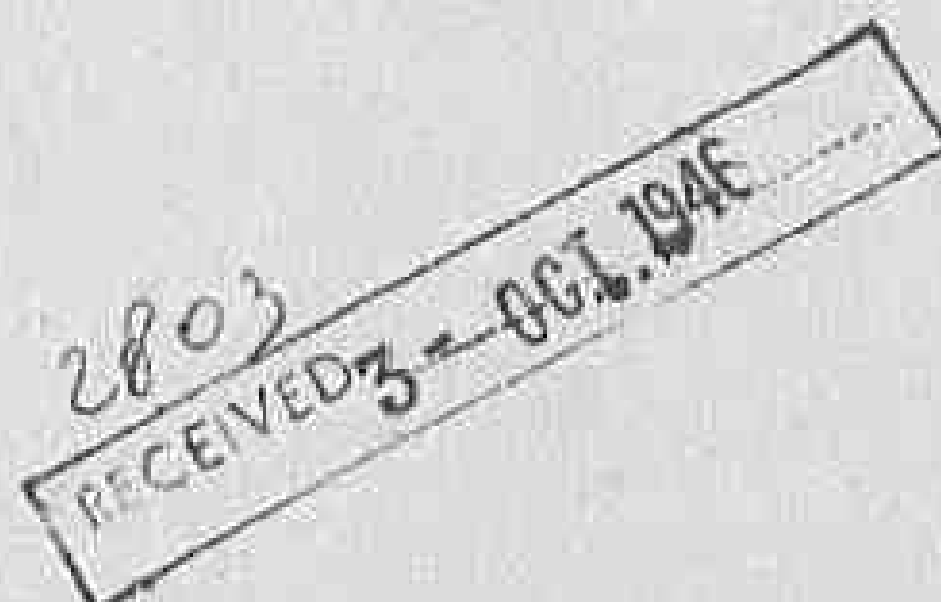
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HQ 217 Area

MMIA ROME

The attached copy of MMIA letter Q158 dated 27 Sep 46,
is forwarded for investigation and report to this HQ in due course.

GS/1s



(G. STEWART) Capt
for Col
DA & QMG

3/10/46
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P158

Subject:- Recovery of Ministry
of War property.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.N.I.A.)
R C M E
Q. 158 ✓

27 Sept 46.

To :- MINISTRY OF WAR.

Ref. your letter 3308/44370/URA dated 19 June 46.

1. The attached copy of a letter received from AFHQ is passed to you in answer to your query regarding the recovery of the "BIANCHI" tug.
2. Any necessary instructions should be passed direct to 5 Territorial Command.

E. F. Wyatt
E.F. WYATT, Major,
for Major General,
M.N.I.A.

Copy to:- 5 ELU

(ref our Q158 dated
1 July 46 and your
A2/51/179 dated
17 July 46).

KFB/ab

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Subject:- Recovery of Ministry
of War property.

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Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.W.I.A.)
R O M E
Q.158

27 Sept 46

To :- HQ 3 DISTRICT.

1. The attached copy of a letter received from the It. Ministry of War is passed to you for information.
2. May this HQ please be informed what action can be taken on this matter.

W. P. Wyatt
W.P. WYATT, Major,
For Major General,
M.W.I.A.

Copy to:- 3 RMU MILAN

EPB/ab

see 23
see 26

See (5)
Q158/LF

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Subject:- Derequisition of Military Bakery
at PONTE DI MEZZO - FLORENCE.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M B
Q.158

26 Sept 46.

To :- 8 ELU.

14

Ref. your 70/Q dated 23 Sept 46.

The belts in question should be handed over to 8
Terr Command for onward transmission to Direzione Gen. Serv.
Commissariato at Ministry of War.

[Signature]
E.F. BYATT, Major,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to:- Ministry of War
(Your letter 12982/3/1
dated 30 July refers)
-for action as necessary

EFD/ab

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 386.30P

25 September 1946

SUBJECT: Disposal of Shipping Claims - VENEZIA GIULIA.

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission (3)
MEMIA
ROME

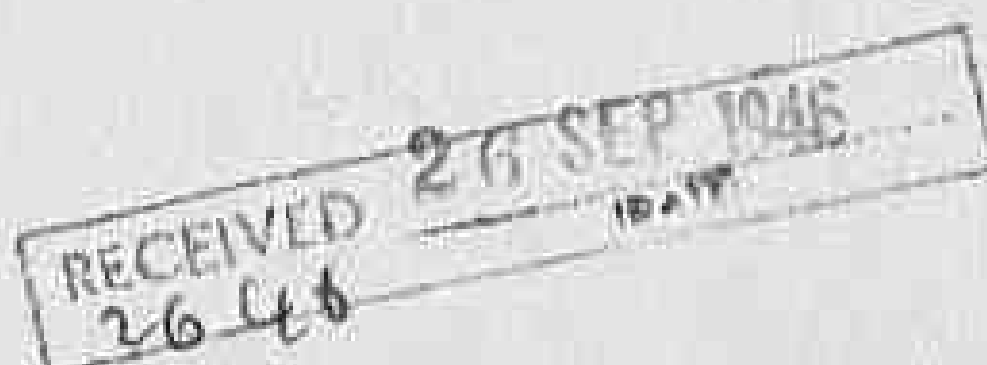
ITALIAN TUGBOAT "BIANCHI"

Reference Land Forces letter Q 158 of 25 July.

1. No claim for this vessel as War Booty having been made by JUGO-SLAVIA, there is no Allied objection to her being returned to the Italian Army.
2. She will, however, be subject to such civil rights and liens as may exist under Italian law as a result of her salvage and repair. Any dispute as to this is a matter solely for the Italian Government and the salvors; AMG will neither order the vessel to be handed over nor take any steps to prevent this being done.
3. Should AMG have given any orders for salvage it will discharge so much of CORIMA's account as is its responsibility.
4. The Italian Government may be informed that the tug is available subject to such rights, if any, which the salvors may have and that possession is a matter for it to settle with CORIMA.

TO :	BY :
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BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:



A. L. HAMLEN
Colonel, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

Copy to: ALCOM

Rear HQ, 13 Corps reference letter 1013/3/OS of 18 Sep both to this HQ.

A Q158

Subject:- RE-REQUISITION OF MILITARY BAKERY
AT PONTE DI MEZZO, FLORENCE.

Q (19)
 8 British Liaison Unit,
 C.M.F.
 Tel. Rome - 843140.
 70/Q

23 September 1946.

To :- Headquarters,
 M.M.I.A.

14
 Reference your Q/158 of 14th. August 1946 and attached copy
 of letter from Rome Area Allied Command No. ST/12/1 of the 3rd. Sept. 46.

The belts in question have been received today.

Are they to be returned to Florence please?

RHC/eg.

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 RECEIVED 24 SEP 1946

Pat Ames
 Major.
 G.S.O. II.

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COPY/eg.

ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND.
APO NO 794 U.S. ARMY
SUPPLIES & TRANSPORT BRANCH.

SUBJECT :- Bakery Equipment.

8 B.L.U.

Copy to :- 25 Field Bakery RASC.

Reference your 70/Q dated 15 Aug. 46.

1. It is confirmed that the 4 leather driving belts were moved to ROME Bakery on 10 June 46 from FLORENCE. The reason for this removal was that the O.C. Unit understood at the time that the belts were supplied by R.A.O.C.
2. These belts have had a great deal of service and have been constantly patched, so that now, only 2 serviceable belts remain, the other two (Being the most worn) having been used for the patching.
3. The two serviceable belts are being forwarded to you under separate cover and it is requested that you accept this letter as certificate of receipt and expenditure by normal wear and tear of the other two belts.

RBRM/mb.

R. B. R. MACMANAWAY, Major.
D.A.D.S.T.

TRANSLATION

From: A. of W.
To : MIA

TO: SFC	
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Ref: 21243/VC
Date: 21/9/46

Subject: Recovery of Barrack material. -

The Commissariat Directorate of the Military Territorial Command, Milan reported that the u/m units, which were in the past issued with the barrack material shown against each by the barrack Depot at Pavia, did not return same: -

3/18 The Royal Garhwal Rifles - billeted in Mombrea barrack.
tables for typewriters 20

3/1 PRONQAM - billeted in Necchi School.

tables of sorts	4
straw chairs	7
writing tables	3
wardrobes	1
paper baskets	21
file chests	2

5 Field Coy 1E billeted in Rossani Barracks

sofas various	1
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Comdg 10 Ind 1st Coy MIASC - billeted in Quaglino Buildings

mattresses carriers various	17
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31 PRONQAM - billeted in Necchi School.

Beds ~~various~~ various 83

5 Field Coy RE. - billeted in Rossani barracks

Cotton sheets	12
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Beds ~~various~~ various 28 exact

Allied Command, Milan (we do not know ~~the~~ the (unit)

withdrawal made { Double bunks, wooden feet 660

on 3/8/45. { " " " sides 744

{ " " " ~~wooden~~ wooden nets 406

{ " " " ~~wooden~~ wooden nets 1760

We beg your MIA to kindly furnish information for the recovery of the material in question or, for the settling of the matter since the present location of the aforesaid units is unknown.

26/9/46
RQ.

sgd. A. Q. 158 Pelligra.
Gen.

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SUBJECT : Recovery of RR. carriages
for Italian Navy.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q.158

11 September 1946

TO : Ministry of War.

1. Reference is made to this Headquarters letter of even reference of 27 August 1946.
2. We have now been informed by 3 District that the railroad carriages in question were turned over to the civilian railroad service and are dispersed throughout Italy.
3. It is therefore recommended that the Ministry of Marine request restitution direct from the Italian State railways.

SEE 16

[Signature]
JOHN J. WARD, Capt.
For Major General
M.M.I.A.

4052

JJW/ra

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(17)

SUBJECT:- Recovery of RR. carriages
for Italian Navy.-

Land Forces Sub Commission AG.,
M E I A
R O M 3
O.153

27 August 1946

TO : Ministry of War

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1. Reference is made to SMRE Ufficio Trasporti letter
1842/P of 9 July 1946.

2. Information regarding the armored train handed over
to Movements 52 Area will be forwarded you as soon as received.

JTW/ov.


JOHN F. WARD, Capt.
for Major General,
M E I A

4061

SEE 18

Q (16)

9 British Liaison Unit,
BARI.

Tel : 13869

Ref 57/64

26 Aug 46.

To : Land Forces Sub Commission, AC.,
M.M.I.A.

Further to my 57/59 of 18⁵ Aug. 46.

Reply from HQ 3 District to my enquiry regarding the armoured train is forwarded.

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g. milman
(J. Milman) Major,
DAA & QMG.

Subject : Recovery of Rolling Stock.

To : 9 B.L.U., BARI.

Ref your 57/60 dated 15 Aug 46.

3 District
Ext 16
311 Q

23 Aug 46.

1. The rolling stock referred to in your letter is in use on the civilian railways and therefore will be dispersed throughout Italy.

2. It is regretted that no further infm is available.

(J.E.Williams) Maj
for Col
DA & OMC.

Subject : Recovery of Ministry of War Property

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1382
17 AUG 1946

9 British Liaison Unit,
PARL.
Telephone : 13869.

Ref : 57/59.

15 August 46.

To : Land Forces Sub Commission, AC,
M.M.I.A.

Ref your Q158 of 16 July 46.

Enquiry regarding the armoured train in question
has been referred to HQ 3 District from whom reply is awaited.

*Give War Min
interim reply to (4)
RAC*

Shulman

(J. Shulman) Major,
DAA & QMG.

JM/opr

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*17/8/46
A Q. 158 4039*

(14)

Subject:- De-requisition of Military
Bakery at PONTE DI MEZZO-
FLORENCE.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
Q/158

14 Aug 46.

To :- 3 BLU.

*see 19.
see 10.*

1. The Italian Ministry of War reports that at the time of the Allied occupation of the FLORENCE Military Bakery, the dough mixing machines installed in that building were fitted with 4 leather driving belts of a total length of 29-50 meters.

2. On the 10 June 46 the OC 105 DID handed over the premises to Capt. LUISO, representing 7th Terr. Command and informed him that as 105 DID would be operating a Military Bakery in ROME, it would require the leather belting and he was taking it away with the unit.

3. You will endeavour to contact this unit through RAAC with a view to recovering the belting for the Italian Ministry of War.

HEB/ab

W. H. H. H.
4058
W. P. BYATT, Major,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

RECEIVED 12 AUG 1946

7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

Ref: BLU/ST/G 6

Tel: 293618

8 Aug. 1946.

Subject: De-requisition of Military Bakery at PONTE DI MEZZO - FLORENCE.

To: Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (AMIA)
R O M E

Ref. Q.158 dated 2 August 1946.

The undersigned today visited the Commissario 7 Territorial Command regarding the missing leather belting.

The information available is, that on 10/6/1946 O.C. 105 D.I.D. handed over the premises to Capt. LUISE, representing 7th Terr. Command and informed him that as his unit would be operating a Military Bakery in Rome, it would require the leather belting and so was taking it away with the unit.

Presumably the premises were derequisitioned by 60 Claims and Hirings (no longer in FLORENCE) under authority of "Q" Branch, 59 Area 7 MILAN.

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C. F. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM
Capt. R.A.S.C.
S & T 7 B.L.U.

Cuth. Tatham. Capt

12/8/46

Q.158

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 386.50

2 August 1946.

SUBJECT: War Booty Claims.

TO : 13 Corps.

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See (9)

Please supply your comments on para 3 (d) of Land Forces S.C. un-numbered letter of 25 July (copy to you reference your 1013/31/108 of 15 Jul 46) to enable this H.Q. to reply.

In particular the reference to reparations is not understood. Is this the subject of a specific claim by Yugoslavia and was such claim made prior to 23 Oct. 46.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

Harbison
A. L. HARBISON
Colonel, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

Copy to:- Aileen (for Land Forces)

See Q158

Rae

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I Q 158

Subject:- FLORENCE MILITARY
BAKERY.

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

R O M E

Q.158

2 Aug 46.

To :- 7 BLU.

1. The Italian Ministry of War report that at the time of the Allied occupation of the FLORENCE Military Bakery, the dough Mixing machines installed in that building were fitted with 4 leather driving belts of a total length of 23-50 meters.
2. When the building was derequisitioned and handed back to the Italian Authorities the belts were reported missing.
3. Please report to this HQ the circumstances under which the Military Bakery was handed back to the Italian Authorities.

EFB/ab

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

*See 10
Set 13.*

TRANSLATION

From:- Ministry of War
To:- MMIA

Ref No: 12982 S/1
Date: 30 July 46

Subject:- Restitution of the Florence Military Bakery -
Driving belts for dough mixing machines.

At the time of the occupation of the Florence Military Bakery, by the Allies, the dough mixing machines installed there were fitted with 4 leather driving belts of a total length of 29.50 meters:

- 15 meters long - 110m/ms wide and 5.5m/ms thick
- 14.50 " " 120 " " " 5.5 " "

Said belts were missing when the Bakery was returned to the Italian Government.

Regarding the above and before purchasing new belts, we beg you to kindly inform us if the belts in question were taken by error by the British unit that managed the Bakery, and should this be so, if it is possible to recover them.

Awaiting your reply, we thank you.

sgt. Pellegrini
Minister

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7 BLU to
ascertain circumstances
under which Mil Bakery was
handed back
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A. R. 158

SUBJECT:- Disposal of C.E.M.
Recovery Italian Army property.

Land Forces Sub Commission AG.,
M.M.I.A.
ROME
Q.158

25 July 1946

TO : GENERAL HEADQUARTERS C.M.F. (3) *Cover 200 to 180.*

Reference is made to AFHQ. AG 386.3 (AE)-0 dated 2 Oct 1945.

1. Para 8 c of above Directive states "recaptured material of Italian Military Origin which is not required for military purposes including maintenance of P.O.W will be turned over immediately to the Italian Military Authorities".

2. The following is reported as a matter requiring a policy decision and serving to illustrate a departure from the above directive in the case of Venezia Giulia.

3. (a) The 18 ton Tug "BLANCHI" the property of the Italian Army is at present located at GRADO under the control of the firm CORIMA of TRIESTE.

(b) This firm refuses to hand over the tug and claim compensation for salvage and repairs.

(c) The matter has been taken up by M.M.I.A with HQ. AME 13 Corps who state that the firm of CORIMA have been held responsible for the safe custody of the tug and forbidden to move it from Zone "A" waters pending a decision.

(d) It is stated that Italian Army property in Venezia Giulia is subject to "War Booty claims" and is not recoverable till the question of reparations to Yugoslavia is finally settled.

4. Your instructions are requested.

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see 19A
13
R.A. CURTIS, Lt. Col.,
Major General,
for M.M.I.A.

Copy to : A.C. (for Exec. Comm.)
Rear XIII Corps (1013/31/05 of 15 July 46 refers)
5 B L U (10/61/179 of 17 July 46 refers)

Internal : L.O.
"G"
ST.

"Q" BUCK SLIP

FILE NO. 8158

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DATE	SECTION OR SERVICE	ACTION REQUIRED
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22 July.	Q	TO HQ. From visit to Udoni. Attached. copy of 174400 identification on disposal of C.E. as requested to state. Some doubts as to application to Italian Army property in Zone A. Attached letter re the "Tag Branch" a lost case. Suggest this be original sent off after discussion with 5 BLO if you then think advisable.
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RAC. 4052

24 July. AQ

Spoke OC 5 BLO who agrees with draft.

On disposal of case

Some doubts as to applicability to Italian Army property in Zone A.

Attached letter re the Tag

"Branchi" a lost case.

Suggest this be signed with

4 sent off after discussion.

5 BLO if you then think

advisable

RAC.

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24 Jan

Spoke

OC 5 BLO who agrees with

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Derpovich

See (7)

also.

File: Q.157.

SAME AS FOR. G.

SUBJECT: Disposal of C.E.M.
Recovery Italian Army property.

Land Forces SubCommission AC.,
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q.158

25 July 1946

TO : GENERAL HEADQUARTERS C.M.F.(3)

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(d) It is stated that Italian Army property in Venezia Giulia is subject to "War Booty claims" and is not recoverable till the question

TO

: GENERAL HEADQUARTERS C.M.F.(3)

Reference is made to AFHQ AG 386.3 (AE)-0 dated 2 Oct 1945.

1. Para 8 c of above Directive states "recaptured material of Italian Military origin which is not required for military purposes including maintenance of P.O.W will be turned over immediately to the Italian Military Authorities".

2. The following is reported as a matter requiring policy decision and serving to illustrate a departure from the above directive in the case of Venezia Giulia.

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4. Your instructions are requested.

Mac
Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to : A.C. (for Exec. Comm.)
Rear XII Corps (1013/3/OS of 15 July 46 refers)
5 BLU (102/61/179 of 17 July 46 refers)

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SUBJECT:- Recovery of Ministry of War Property.

5 British Liaison Unit.
Tel.: 1774

AM/61/179

17 Jul 46.

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

1. Reference your Q.158 dated the 1st July 46, attached are copies of letters from CEM Section 13 Corps, and AMG, 13 Corps.
2. The position of Ministry of War property in Venezia Giulia is subject to War Booty Claims and none of the a/m is recoverable till the question of reparations to Jugoslavia is finally settled.

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SUBJECT:- Salvage Tug "BIANCHI"

Rear Hq XIII Corps
1013/3/OS
15 July 1946

5 British Liaison Unit

Reference your letter AQ/61/176 dated 4 July '46.

1. Enclosed herewith copy letter from Chief Industry and Utilities Officer AMG.
2. Further inquiries are in progress and you will be notified in due course of results obtained.

Major,
for Colonel.
DDCS.
(D.F.A. REES)

See 9.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
13 CORPS

Telephone No: 6642 Ext.04
Reference No: 13C/AMG/IND/N-2
Subject : Salvaged Tug "BIANCHI"
To : Rear HQ 13 Corps for DDOS
Copy to : Economics Section this HQ.

Date 12 July 46

1. Ref. your 1013/3/OS of 5 July 1946.
2. It is known that the tug "BIANCHI" is at present held by the firm CORIMA of TRIESTE who do not dispute its original ownership by the Italian authorities but contend they are entitled to compensation for having salvaged it.
3. An investigation is being made to ascertain the facts and certain information regarding registration, whether the tug was leased to the German etc is being obtained by the Navy Security Officer.
4. A report will be submitted on completion of enquiries. In the meantime CORIMA have been instructed that they are held responsible for safe custody of the tug and that it will not be moved from Zone A waters.

For the Senior Civil Affairs Officer

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J.E. FODEN
Lt.Col.G/L.
Chief Industry & Utilities Offr.

Subject:- Recovery of MINISTRY OF
WAR property.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(W.M.I.A.)

R O U E

Q.158

16 July 46.

To :4 9 NEW BART.

4849/F of 9 July '46

1. The attached correspondence received from Ministry of War is passed to you for action.

2. Necessary enquiries should be made with 52 Sub Area with a view to having the carriages released back to Ministry of War under terms of AFHQ directive AG 386.30(AE)-O dated 2 Oct 46 regarding Disposal of Captured Enemy material in Mediterranean Theatre.

3. Report progress.

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[Signature]
E.P. BYATT, Major,
for Major General,
W.M.I.A.

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TRANSLATION

FROM : Ministry of War (Transport Office)
 TO : M.M.I.A.
 INFO : Navy GHQ
 General Dir. Italian Railway State

Ref: 4849/F

Date: 9/7/46

SUBJECT : Armoured Trains.

Navy GHQ requested the recovery of the u/m carriages already property of the Navy Armoured Train No. 152/3/t handed over in September 1944 to "Movements 52 Area" of Taranto, at request of F.O.L.I.

No. 36909	Carriage Cz	-	No. 900035	Carriage D.I.
" 36377	" "	-	" 1031615	" E.C.
" 37241	" "	-	" 1013656	" "
" 30019	" "	-	" 1001064	" "
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We kindly ask to let us know if and when the a/m carriages can be released to the Navy.

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Sgd Col O. BOGHACCINO

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Subject:- Recovery of Ministry of War
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Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.H.I.A.)
R O M E
Q.158

1 July 46.

To :- 5 BLU UDINE.

The attached copy of letter received from Ministry of War is passed to you for action.

1. It is requested that you contact the appropriate Allied Authority with a view to recovering the tug in question.
2. This HQ should be kept informed of all progress.

E.P. BYATT
E.P. BYATT, Major,
for Major General,
M.H.I.A.

Copy to:- Ministry of War
(Your letter Dir Art &
Mot 3308/44370/URA
dated 19 June 46 refers).

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TRANSLATION

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

REF: 3308/URA
DATE: 19/6/46

SUBJECT: Recovery of the tug "Bianchi". *see 22*

- I) The Mil. Terr. Command of Udine informed this Ministry that the 18 tons tug, "Bianchi" make, property of the army repaired by the Firm VIOLA, is abusively used since the month of June last by the Firm CO.RI.MA. at Grado.-
- II) Said Firm has been approached and invited to return the tug, in accordance with the R. Decree N° 32 dated 1st Feb. '45 published in the Official Gazzetta N° 25 dated 27 Feb. '45 but the Firm has always postponed the handing over, giving as a pretext the large expenses born for the recovery of the tug, and forwarding to the Mil Adm. requests for repayment of a sums so high that it is to be considered exaggerated, especially if are take into account the non regular use of the tug in question by which the Firm CORIMA made over 3 millions live profit.-
- III) Having ordered the freezing of said tug and arranged for its recovery, the CC.RR. Group HQ. of Venice reported of not being able to comply with this order because Grado (place where the tug is located) is under the jurisdiction of A.M.G.-
- IV) Should you have no objection, kindly authorise the recovery of the tug which belong to this Administration.

Sgd. PROPERZI
Gen.



"Q Branch Attn"

20/6/46

The Chief Recovery Office - M. of W. (Maj. Rossano Ext. 7707) has told me to inform you that he would like you to give him instructions as soon as possible, because (according to info given by CCRR) it seems that CORIMA is moving the Bianchi barge to a foreign port.

Cap. Cerquetti
Interpreter Section
Ext. 587

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