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Q/23 ADMIN POLICY

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Opened Jan 26, 1945. Closed Sept. 13, 1945

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Subject: Supply of 500,000 mechanical fuses from
the "Dixi" Firm.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) P O M E
6/25

13 Sep 45

To: MINISTRY OF WAR

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With reference to your letter 31015 dated 25 Aug 45.

It is confirmed that M.M.I.A. have no objection to the acquisition of the fuses ordered in Sep 43 by the Ministry of War from the firm "Dixi" in Switzerland, and that the transaction may now be proceeded with.

[Signature]
R.A. DUFFIES Lt. Col.
For Major General.
M.M.I.A.

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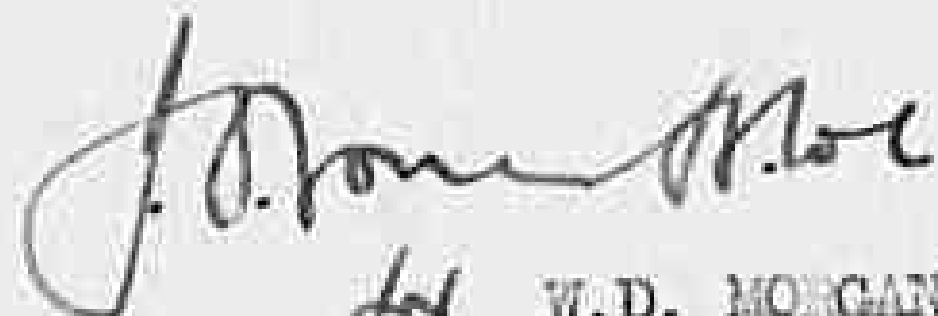
9 Sep 45.

FILE NO : ESD/81/3
SUBJECT : Italian Munitions
TO : HQ Allied Commission (Land Forces Sub Commission)

Reference Q/25 of 3 Sep 45.

It is confirmed that this Headquarters has no objection to the Italian War Ministry obtaining possession of the fuses under the conditions outlined in the letter under reference.

By Command of Field Marshal ALEXANDER :



for W.D. MORGAN,
Lieutenant General,
Chief of Staff.

AHL/eb/Org-B

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WAR DEPARTMENT
The Adjutant General's Office
Washington 25, D. C.

AG 471.6 (2 Sep 45)CE-C-B-II

EL/cle 2B-939 Pentagon

3 September 1945

SUBJECT: Release of Information Concerning Atomic Bomb

TO: * * * *
The Commanding Generals
Theaters of Operations
* * * *

1. Reference is made to AGCP-II 471.6 (22 Aug 45)CE-C-TCBA, 27 August 1945, subject as above.

2. The following memorandum from the President has been received modifying his memorandum which was quoted in the letter referred to in paragraph 1:

"1. Reference is made to my previous memorandum dated 15 August 1945 concerning security on the atomic bomb project.

"2. This memorandum is modified to permit:

"a. Identification of individuals and organizations now or formerly associated with the project together with disclosure of the general nature of their project activities, subject to rules already laid down by the War Department. These rules prohibit the release of any information of value to any foreign government which that government could not easily obtain without recourse to espionage.

"b. Release by the War Department of information of general interest which in the opinion of the Department will not jeopardize national security."

3. All information concerning the atomic bomb which is proposed to be released for publication will be cleared through the War Department Bureau of Public Relations.

4. Compliance by all concerned is directed.

By order of the Secretary of War:

/s/ Edward F. Wittell
/t/ EDWARD F. WITTELL
Major General
Acting The Adjutant
General

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1st Ind to Ltr, ID TAG, AG 4716 (2 Sep 45) OB-3-B-II, dated 3 September 1945, subject: Release of Information Concerning Atomic Bomb.

AG 471.6/048-0

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HEADQUARTERS AFMUSA, APO 512, 13 September 1945

TO: All Concerned

For compliance.

BY COMMAND OF MILITARY MONARCHY:

C. W. CHRISTIAN
C. W. CHRISTIAN
Colonel, AGO
Adjutant General

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Subject:- Italian Munitions - completion of contract.

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

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3. September, 1945.

To:- A.F.H.Q.

1. The War Ministry desire to be informed if they are at liberty to acquire the following articles under the circumstances described.

2. Contracts placed by the former Italian Government with certain Swiss firms for the supply of munitions were frozen as from the date of the Armistice.

These included a contract for 500,000 mechanical fuses from the firm "DIXI". A sum of money amounting to 40% of the agreed price was paid.

The present administration are negotiating the annulment of the contract and wish to accept delivery of 70,000 completed fuses and an unspecified number of uncompleted fuses in varying stages of manufacture.

3. While the value of this type of fuse cannot be gauged until it is known what type of military equipment will be authorised by the Peace Treaty, there would appear to be no objection to the War Ministry obtaining possession of the fuses for which payment has been made.

4. Your confirmation is requested.

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

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TRANSLATION

From : W of War
To : LMI.

Q/23

Ref : 11015

Date : 25 Aug 45

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Subject : Supply of 500,000 mechanical fuses from the "Dini" firm.

further to the known facts
In September 1943, concerning the supply of the war, all contracts being carried out with Swiss firms for the supply of war materials, were "frozen" and among them, that in respect of the above-mentioned supply. At that time, there were ready, as per contract, 70,000 fuses as well as an unspecified number, partly finished.

the correspondence with Berns with the object of annulling the contract has not obtained concrete results; neither has the necessity been proved of handing there, experts to come to some definite arrangements on the matter with the firm's technicians.

While negotiations for the resolution of the contract are going on, it would be to the advantage of the Military Administration (which has already advanced to the firm the amount of 40% on the complete supply) to acquire, besides the 70,000 ready, also a part of the other fuses in question, the number of which cannot be specified, depending on the consistency and state of the partly-finished items and the conditions under which they will be sold.

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To be able to act upon such an eventuality, it would be necessary to know whether MIA would authorize the acquisition and introduction of these materials.

The Minister
sgd. Jacini.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
The Adjutant General's Office
Washington 25, D. C.

AG 471.6 (2 Sep 45) 2B-3-B-H

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3 September 1945

SUBJECT: Release of Information Concerning Atomic Bomb

TO: * * * * *
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Theaters of Operations
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/t/ EDWARD F. MITSELL
Major General
Acting The Adjutant
General

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1st Ind to Ltr, 1D TAG, AG 4716 (2 Sep 45)OB-3-B-M, dated 3 September 1945, subject: Release of Information Concerning Atomic Bomb.

AG 471.6/046-0

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HEADQUARTERS AFMUSA, APO 512, 13 September 1945

To: All Concerned

For compliance.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MCCLURE:

C. W. CHRISTENSEN
C. W. CHRISTENSEN
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

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Subject:- Italian Munitions - completion of contract.

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

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4. Your confirmation is requested.

RAC
H.A. CURTIES Lt. Col.
for Major General.
M. M. I. A.

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TRANSLATION

From : E of War
To : REF.

Q/23

Ref : J1015
Dtd : 25 Aug 45

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Subject : Supply of 700,000 mechanical fuses from the "Dixi" firm.

further to the known facts

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The Minister
 M. J. J. J.

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SUBJECT: Collection of Arms.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. N. I. A.)

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Q/23

10 August 1945.

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TO : Ministry of War.

1. The purpose of these instructions is to provide for the procedure to be employed for the collection of arms and ammunition from ex-Partisan Bands or individuals after AMG Administered Territories are released to the control of the Italian Government.
2. The Italian Government will issue orders that all arms and ammunition will be turned in to Italian Army Depots. The turning in of the arms and ammunition will be coordinated through the local Prefects, or Special Offices to be established for the purpose of handling Partisan affairs.
3. All arms and ammunition turned in to Italian Army Depots will be reported by the Depot in regular periodic inventories, with notation to the effect that the arms were received from civilians or ex-Partisans.
4. All arms and ammunition of other than Italian Origin (U.S., British, German, etc) will be reported on a special bi-monthly report to this HQ, either direct or through MILA LO channels. This report will show the following information:

Country of Origin
Type and Model
Caliber
Quantity

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Type and Model
Caliber
Quantity

Upon receipt of the above reports, MMIA will issue the necessary disposal instructions regarding this non-Italian material.

5. A copy of the orders issued by you to carry out the instructions in para. 3 & 4 above will be forwarded to this office.

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Copies to: AG for Local Government Sub Com. (Your 52/1/PAT of 4 Aug. refers).

ALL MMIA LOS.

W. C. Jordan
IRA V. FOREVER, Captain
for Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission

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FROM : MMIA JO 3 DISTRICT

DATE TIME

TO : HQ MMIA

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REF Q/23/7 OF 7 AUGUST(.)

1. SUGGEST GD RWS BE AUTHORIZED DRAW UP RAA DIRECT FROM LOCAL ARTY DIRECTORATE WITHOUT INTERVENTION MMIA JO(.) REASONS (.) IN GOOD SUPPLY AND ESSENTIAL FOR THEIR WORK(.)

2. I SUPPORT ALL ARM DEMANDS GD RWS THIS AREA

ACTION COPY : Q/23/7

COPY : Q/23

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref : 52/1/PAT
Subject : Collection of Arms
To : Land Forces Sub Commission

Tel. Ext. 358

4 July 1945
Aug.

Reference para 4 of the notes of a meeting with the
Under Sec. of Ministry of Post War Aid which is attached hereto.

Will you arrange with the Min. of War and with Allied
Forces the procedure to be followed for the collection of arms from
Patriots which are surrendered or otherwise recovered after AMG has
handed over responsibility for Administration to the Italian Government
on the supposition that no AMG officers will be available.

S. H. WHITE
Lt Colonel
D/Director
Local Government S/C

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NOTES of a MEETING between

Lt. Col. WHITE, SIG. PERAZA, and SIG. MENDIANI

2 August 1945

SIG. MENDIANI - said that there were at present time in Rome a number of foreign nationals who had fought with the partisans and who were now receiving aid and he enquired what steps should be taken to send these people home and what should be done with those who did not wish to return to their country of origin.

Lt. Col. WHITE - pointed out that it was a partisan problem to disarm pay and disperse them. In the case of foreign nationals, dispersal was effected with by passing the person to displaced persons who have responsibility for sending them home. They were also prepared to deal with those who did not want to go back. The MPMA was responsible for dealing with welfare of both partisans and repatriates. They could deal direct with MR 2/4 on this matter there was no need to deal through Patriotic Institute.

Lt. Col. WHITE - referred to the fact that on the handover DEWA would come under Prefects and said it was DEW's desire that this should take place as early as possible so that Patriotic Officers should have time before the handover to see if either the DEW or the Prefect were meeting with any difficulties. It was undesirable that the handover should not take until the day DEW moved out. SIG. PERAZA agreed but said it was still not absolutely certain whether the Prefect would not or some special office be created the matter was under discussion between the Prime Minister the DEWA, and the DEW for DEW. He suggested that no action should be taken pending the result of this discussion. Lt. Col. WHITE agreed but asked that the point might be regarded as urgent decision. DEW regarded it as important. DEW who over Lookover should have the benefit of work in some little time with DEW before they were withdrawn. SIG. PERAZA said he agreed, but the decision involved matters of high political importance, he hoped it would be made in the next few days.

... early as possible so that ... officers should have been before the handover to see if either the ... or the ... were meeting with any difficulties. It was inevitable that the handover would not take until the day ... moved out. Sig. ... agreed but said it was still not absolutely certain whether the ... would out or some special office be created; the latter was under discussion between the Prime Minister and ... on the ... for ...

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Lt. Col. ... pointed out that there would, even after the handover and allied officers had been withdrawn, continue to be matters in which the Allies were interested. One was the machinery for passing to the allies arms recovered after the date of the handover and the other was the machinery for ... and ... Alexander ... said the former would fall within the sphere of the ... War to whom he would mention the matter. ... would bring the point to the notice of the ... Forces ... the ... service of and consequently the ... of ... would be issued in ... by the ... which would have a ... especially to deal with the ... affairs. It would probably be most convenient for the ... to pass the lists of ... to HQ and the latter to issue the signal certificates to them for distribution.

Lt. Col. ... referred to the fact that persons were still acting as officers of ... who had been either self-appointed or been appointed in some other way not in accordance with the ... Sig. ... agreed that these persons were acting irregularly. He was so anxious as he was to stop them.

Lt. Col. ... referred to an incident at Civitavecchia in which alleged ... had forcibly boarded a steamer to enable themselves to return to ... and ... as a matter of interest what the facts were - the matter was of course one entirely for the Italian Government. Sig. ... said that the Italian Government had been caught by surprise. The facts were more or less as reported. He had no further information. He on whether ... had any lack of ... or information which led to the surprise. Recently a ... returning from Africa had been diverted from ... where all arrangements had been made ... - without notice to the Italian Government. In Civitavecchia no arrangements were ready.

Translation

From: M. of War

P. No. 24548

To: Artillery Command of Territorial
Mil. Command, Turin, Milan & Genoa

Date: July 14, '45

Subject: Ammun depots. - Q/23

This is in pursuance of letter $\frac{20630}{2263}$ of
June 16, 1945.

1. M.M.I.A. has laid down the following classification of ammun and of the respective depots, in existence in the territory under your jurisdiction:
 - a) ammun of German manufacture, for arms of class 3 (please see attached list) in their original packing
 - b) small amounts of loose ammun in non-supervised depots, which constitute a danger to life and property:
 - a) depots of German or Italian ammun in amounts of less than 500 tons, not belonging to category 3 and not in their original packing
 - 2) depots of German or Italian ammun in amounts in excess of 500 tons.
2. The above ammun and depots are to be dealt with as follows:

re: a: to be assembled at a few depots

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designated by the Allies, with German means and personnel under the command of the Allies themselves.

re: b: the existence of such depots must be reported through Italian Army channels to the nearest MMIA LO by the Royal Carabinieri or other responsible authorities.

The MMIA LO will order the destruction thereof, which will be carried out by and under the supervision of the HQ's to whom this letter is addressed.

If necessary, the explosives required for the setting off of the ammunitions may be requested of the MMIA LO.

The metal resulting therefrom will be reported to the aforementioned LO who will authorize the recovery thereof;

re: c: they will be destroyed by the German personnel under Allied control. 1947
The recovery of serviceable material is likewise under Allied control.

re: d: The Allied Commands will in each instance issue instructions for the surveillance of depots and instructions for their use.

3. In view of the foregoing, points 1 and 2 of the

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letter pursuant to which this is now, must be changed. Therefore, the parties to whom this letter is addressed will be responsible solely for the destruction of the arms as per letter of sub-para 1 in accordance with the procedure outlined under the subsequent sub-para. 2 of this letter.

Should it be necessary to use civilian labor, the latter will have to operate under the control of the Army who is responsible for the work in question.

Signed: Gen. P. G. Pro-
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List of class 3 materials1st SeriesPistols

9 mm (Luger and Walther automatic pistols)
27 mm Sigval pistols

2nd SeriesRifles

7.92 mm ordinary repetition rifles
7.92 mm 41 (W) and 41 (M) semi-automatic rifles
7.92 mm rifles for sharpshooters

3rd SeriesMachine Guns

7.92 mm L.M.G. 34

4th SeriesAmmunition

All ammunition relative to the weapons
as per Nos. 1-2-3.

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Subject: Scale of Arms at RTC ICF.

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

Q/23

7 Mar 1945

To: OC BLU RTC ICF

Reference conversation Col NOAKES - Lt Col MACKAY.

AFHQ letter AFHQ/6453/Q(AE) of 4 Mar 45 reads as follows:-

" SCALE OF ARMS AT RTC ICF

(a) It has been agreed with DMT that RTC ICF will hold 1000 rifles and a proportionate quantity of other weapons for Training purposes.

(b) Arrangements have been made with ROME AREA for rifles to be drawn as required by RTC ICF for reinforcements going forward. ROME AREA hold a pool of 1500 rifles for area requirements. "

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F. J. NOAKES, Col.
D.A. & Q.M.G.
M. H. I. A.

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M 2 District
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14 Feb 45

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SUBJECT: Italian Internal Security Forces

AMH: G-3 Org (T-14)

Ref 15 ar y Op Letter 1405/50/21/2 (int.) dated 20 Dec 44, copy
attached for easy reference.1. These battalions are now concentrated in the LIRIA area, and
the calling forward of the Regt II, has been requested.2. As these units are 121-121 units it is appreciated that they
should be equipped by the Italian Army. However, in view of
the special role to be allotted to them it is strongly
recommended that they are equipped with British arms, i.e.
British rifles, light automatic weapons and grenades.
The reasons for this request are:-(a) The difficulty of obtaining replacement arms
from Italian sources.(b) The desirability of simplifying the ammunition
supply problem.and (c) To facilitate co-operation between these units,
the Italian combat groups and other British
supplied units.It is requested that an early decision on this point may
be given.3. With reference to para 4 of the above mentioned letter, no
further British assistance is yet forthcoming. The INF reports
that no further street fighting teams are available, but it is
understood that battle weary personnel are to be provided in lieu
of British personnel.

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British forces, light anti-aircraft weapons and personnel.
The reasons for this request are:-

- (a) The difficulty of obtaining replacement arms from Italian sources.
- (b) The desirability of simplifying the transition supply problem.
- and (c) To facilitate co-operation between these units, the Italian combat groups and other British supplied units.

It is requested that an early decision on this point may be given.

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Copy to: 59 Area

ADIA

Andharyan
Major General
Commanding District

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CONFIDENTIALSECRETSUBJECT: Italian Internal Security Troops

HQ 15 ARMY GROUP

Tel: FILMOT 73

1605/50/51/6 (301)

20 Dec 44

2 District

Copy to: 1 District

C (Ops)

C (Trg)

HQ Infantry

1. Plans have been made for the provision of an Italian regt B and three Italian Cd bns as internal security troops in NORTH WEST ITALY.
2. At present one bn, 519 Italian Cd Bn, is trg in the Op Zone under command 1 District at NEMIA B 2666. The remaining two bns have NOT yet been released by AFHQ. AFHQ have been requested to release these two bns at an early date and to form the regt B.
3. It was originally the intention that the regt B and three bns should come in the area NEMIA B 2666 but the area has since been found unsuitable. An alternative area, TAVENNA B 7059 - S. CAROLINO B 7355 - TAVENNA B 7245 has now been suggested by 1 District and subject to detailed recon, the force will be concentrated in that area.
4. 519 Italian Cd Bn has been equipped with 158 additional light automatic weapons and is being trained, under the supervision of 1 District, in street fighting and guerrilla tactics. Assistance in trg is being given by 1 Cdr and 2 NOCs loaned for the purpose from INTL. Further assistance in the remaining two bns are made available.

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5. In view of the future role of the force it is considered that its trg should be supervised by Hq 2 District. On the arrival in the new area therefore it will remain under Op and ad comd 1 District but will be placed under comd 2 District for trg.

O.H. HARRIS, Major
for Major General,
Chief of Staff.

Subject:- Arms and Amn

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

ROME
AQ/23

8 Feb 45

MMIA LO 3 District

Reference your 30LO/22 dated 5 Feb 45.

Covering authority is given for the issue of 12 "MOSCHETTI 38"
and 864 rds of SAA to the two guards at NOLA from surplus arms and amn
held by 227 Div.

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P.P.F.
P.P. FARDELL J/Comd
for Col. DA & QMG
M.M.I.A.

Copy to: Ministry of War - The arms and amn referred to had been
previously handed in by 114 M.G. Bn.

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Subject:- Request for arms and amn.

3DLO/22
5 Feb 45.

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

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Ref your AQ/23 dated 26 Jan 45.

A request has been received from HQ 56 Area for the release of 12 "WOSCHETTI 38" and 864 rounds SAA for issue to two gds ~~to be~~ found respectively by 301 and 302 Italian Ord Amn Coys at NOLA engaged upon unit and stores security.

Since the request is urgent, issue has been arranged through HQ 227 Div from amongst the arms and amn handed in by 114 MG Bn.

May covering authority please be given for this issue.

[Handwritten signature]

Major,
MMIA LO,
3 District.

La Folio 3.

Subject: Italian Arms and Ammunition.

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

26 Jan 45.

ALL MIA LO's

1. The following procedure will be adopted regarding all demands for Italian arms and ammunition which may be needed to meet either Allied or Italian requirements:-

(a) All demands to be submitted to "Q" MIA through the appropriate LO. In the case of Fifth Army, including British Increment, the Senior MIA LO will be the channel of communication and applications from other sources will be disregarded.

(b) A consolidated list of all requirements will be submitted monthly to reach this HQ by the tenth of each month. This list to show also any items that have been asked for but are still outstanding, quoting relevant references. The following details are necessary:-

- (i) Exact description of arms or ammunition required.
- (ii) Reason for the demand.
- (iii) Consignee.
- (iv) Destination.

(c) Only emergency demands are to be submitted extra to (b) above.

(d) On receipt of these demands this HQ will ascertain whether the items are available for release and, if so, their location. If available and approved by AFHQ, the Ministry of War will be instructed to issue. The MIA LO in whose area the Depot is located will arrange for their shipment to the destination stated and will signal this HQ, copy to the LO originating the request, the date they are dispatched, noting the weapon numbers.

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- (i) Exact description of arms or ammunition required.
- (ii) Reason for the demand.
- (iii) Consignee.
- (iv) Destination.

(c) Only emergency demands are to be submitted extra to (b) above.

(d) On receipt of these demands this HQ will ascertain whether the items are available for release and, if so, their location. If available and approved by AFHQ, the Ministry of War will be instructed to issue. The MIA LO in whose area the Depot is located will arrange for their shipment to the destination stated and will signal this HQ, copy to the LC originating the request, the date they are dispatched, quoting the wagon numbers.

2. You will please ensure that all concerned are aware of this procedure.

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