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AMMO - GENERAL

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Translation.

From. SMRE
to MMIA for information.

Ref. No. 4/4080/SEN.
Date - 29 Dec 44.

81 $\frac{1}{4}$ Mortars and spare barrels.

Ref to letter AQ/23/1 dated 23 Dec 44 from MMIA.

Will you please make arrangements for the
issue of the materials, requested by the allies
with ^{a/m} ~~referred~~ letter, from the localities shown in
appendix "A."

Please comply also with requests made in
said letter, in Paras 2 - 3 - 4.

R. M. S. F. D.

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SANTI.

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Subject: Transfer of Italian Arms and Ammunition to CC.RR.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) H O H K
20/23/1

27 Dec 1944

To: A.M.H.Q.

1. Enclosed is copy translation of a letter received from the S.M.R.B.
2. As there is a matter of policy involved in that it is increasing the armed forces of the Italian Nation, will you please give a ruling as to whether the suggested transfer should take place or not.
3. Public Safety Sub Commission, A.C., have been consulted and they are in favour of the transfer. We also approve, as it will give increased power to the CC.RR to deal with serious disturbance, thus obviating demands by CC.RR for soldiers to assist.

DSM/16

F. J. Noakes
F. J. HARKES, Col.
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: Public Safety Sub Comm. A.C.
(conversation Maj. WILSON - Maj. GREGSON 26 Dec refer)

See Folio 1342
See Folio 18472

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Subject: Italian res.Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) P O N S
N/23/127 Dec 1944To: Ministry of War.

1. A request has been received from the Senior MIA 10 5th Army for the following:-

Machine Italian 9 mm	10
Rifles Italian 6.5 mm	775
Machine Guns or Light Automatic Rifles 6.5 mm	10

2. These are required to equip two newly formed Pack Mule Companies.

3. Please state if these arms are available, if so they should be forwarded under guard to VIGNELLA railroad and handed over to 210 Italian Division.

4. Please advise this HQ when these arms are sent forward.

10/10/44

D. S. L. CHURCH, Major,
For Major General,
M. M. I. A.Copy to: Senior (MIA) 10, 5 Army.
MIA 10 to Ministry of War.

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Senior Inspector
H. H. H.

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MIA

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DISTANCE - PERIOD -
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^{ACTION}
 FOR MIA LO ~~24~~ ADDENDUMS (*) QUANTITY ADDITION BEING MOVED FROM
 RAPID AND COGNATE TO 14 RAD (*) PRIORITY ONE (*) IF NECESSARY ON
 REQUESTED PLEASE GIVE ALL POSSIBLE BRIEF

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub Commission
AGO 394

AG/23/1-

AG/14613/3/PS

23 December 1944

SUBJECT: Arms for Public Security Agents

TO : Ministry of Interior
Director of Public Security

1. With reference to your letter GCF 999-9606, AG 39/1 dated 18 Nov. 44, addressed to the Ministry of War, requesting supply of arms and ammunitions for Public Security Agents. 17
2. As indicated in this Office letter AG/14613/3 dated 22 Nov 44, to Land Forces Sub Commission, copy to you, this Sub Commission strongly recommended your application. 62
3. Reply has now been received from Land Forces Sub Commission, that there is no objection provided the various items are available after taking into consideration any arms or ammunition "frozen" for internal security, training, etc. purposes.
4. It is suggested that you continue your negotiations in this matter with the Ministry of War, quoting this letter.

28/12

John W. Chapman
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, A.G.J.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub Commission .

RP/wmg

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Copy to:
Land Forces Sub-Commission ✓

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SUBJECT: Italian 81 MM Mortars

LAST KNOWN HQS COMMUNICATION
A.S. (P. S. S. S.) A.S. S.
A/23/1
23 December 1944

TO : Ministry of War

1. Appendix 'A' is a list of 81 mm mortars, and spare barrels that you will release to Hq. 5th. Army as authorized by letter Allied Force Headquarters AG 472.6/217 DOT-3 of 29 November.
2. Arrange shipment of these items to Recco Naples by 15 January 45. Contact MMIA LO in areas concerned for any assistance needed in arranging transportation. Notify MMIA LO Naples when all items shown on Appendix 'A' have been received at Naples for trans-shipment to Hq. 5th. Army.
3. Arrange with Transportation Section for trans-shipment of these items from Naples to Hq. 5th. Army through MMIA LO Genoa. Shipment to be consigned to Ordnance Officer 5th. Army and marked "5th. Army Ordnance D.S.A."
4. Request that you send this headquarters copies of all correspondence concerning this subject and keep us informed on progress made on the trans-shipment of the items, and give us detailed information as to movement orders covering the shipment from Naples to Ordnance Officer 5th. Army.

TIA/r1

Copy to: AFM

TOS

MMIA LO Naples

" " Sardinia

" " 52 Area

" " 54 Area

THOMAS T. ROSE, Lt. Col.
for Major General
M. M. I. A.

To: All LO's concerned.

If this correspondence reaches you before correspondence reaches the depot from the Ministry of War, you will notify the depot to carry out the instructions in this letter while awaiting confirmation from the War Ministry.

Appendix 'A'LIST OF ITALIAN 81 MM MORTARS TO BE RELEASED TO 5TH ARMY.

Naples, Arty. Branch or Barracks

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original
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Taranto

17

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Gervasano

3

Monopoli

3

Cosenza

68

Catanzaro

11

Sari

7 10

Total

152

Taranto, Arty Barracks (Spare Barrels)

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FOR G-3 ORG (.) SUBJECT IS ITALIAN MINES (.) MINISTRY OF WAR STATE ONLY
MINES AVAILABLE ARE TYPES B2 AND B4 (.) THESE ARE AVAILABLE IN NUMBERS
REQUIRED AT AMMUNITION DEPOT FRANCAVILLA FONTANA

Ref Capt Fot's log.

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Webbmaster log

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Subject: Decooping, Vol 1

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

H O M M

AQ/23/1

22 Dec 44.

MMIA LO 3 District

Ref your Signal HY135 dated 20 Dec and further to this HQ
AQ2440 dated 21 Dec. — 74

1. The wastage of time and transport involved is much regretted.
2. The inaccuracy of the information supplied by the Ministry of War has been taken up with them most strongly and the wastage of effort pointed out.
3. They are calling for an explanation from the G.C. Artillery Directorate COSENZA who supplied the erroneous information.

BSLG/wk

D.S.L. GREGSON
D.S.L. GREGSON, Major,
for Col, DA & QMG,
M. M. I. A.

Copy to 3 District

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DISPATCH

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VOR AMIA 10 (.) YOUR SIGNAL N.Y. 135 DATED 20 APR MAYNED (.)
MINISTRY OF WAR INSTRUCTED TO BEHAVIOUR FINE FURTHER STOCKS
IMMEDIATELY

Recall placed at May 10 1334
Further Information
Sec. 10/10/6

Handwritten signature

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Subject: Captured Equipment

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(H. M. I. A.)
M.D. 27
M/23/1

21 Dec 49.

MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Information has been received from AFHQ Ordnance, British, that the following Italian equipment is to be handed over to the Italian Army:

CREATION GUN Mounting (Italian) - quantity 3

2. These stores await collection at Main Gun Park 557 S.O.S.
3. Please arrange for their collection at the earliest possible moment, informing this HQ when collection has been made.

John G. ...
W.S.L. 50808 A, Major,
For Major General,
S. M. I. A.

WLD/wk

Copy to AFHQ ORD (with sh. your M/2018/1000 2) of 16 Dec refers
O.D. 3 Sub Depot 557 S.O.S.
O.D. 3 557 S.O.S.
ORD Section AFHQ

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Subject: Italian Grenades.

Land Forces Staff Comm. A.C.
(M. H. I. A.) P O M H
AQ/23/1

21 Dec 1944

To: R.A.A.C.

Ref your Q254/2 dated 1 Dec 44 and further to this HQ AQ/23/1
dated 5 Dec to Ministry of War (copy to you). — 28 — 32

1. Enclosed is copy translation of a letter received from Ministry of War.
2. Will you please forward to this HQ authority for the collection of the grenades in question.

DELS/le

D. S. L. CHICKEN
D. S. L. CHICKEN, Major,
for Major General,
M. H. I. A.

Copy to:
Ministry of War (your 306145/2/CA dated 19 Dec refers)

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SUBJECT:- Decoppering Foil for Artillery -

3 District
Baseball Ext 117
CS4/4051

To : D.O.S., A.F.H.Q.

20 Dec 44

Copies to : Chief Commissioner A.C.C. for
Land Forces Sub-Commission (M.M.I.A.)
C.O.O., 16 B.A.D.

Reference DOS/T/4/9(4) dated 3 Dec 44, and subsequent
conversation Margerison - Hall of 18 Dec 44.

1. It is confirmed that decoppering foil is not available for
collection at COSENZA, and that this information became known after
transport had been despatched by 16 B.A.D.

2. M.M.I.A. this HQ is investigating the matter.

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G.T. Hall
Col
EDOS
(G.T. HALL)

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Subject: Arms and Ammunition for Agents of Public Security.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(E. M. I. A.) R O R E
AQ/23/1

20 Dec 1944

To: Public Safety Sub Commission, A.C.

Ref your AQ/14643/3/PS dated 22 Nov 44 and further to this HQ letter AQ/23/1 dated 30 Nov 44 (copy to you). — 25

1. With ref to AFHQ letter AQ 370.6/239 OCT-0 of 12 Dec 1944, copy to you. — 48
2. No objection to the issue is made by this HQ provided the various items are available after taking into consideration any arms or ammunition "frozen" for internal security, training, etc. purposes.

DSLS/le

W. H. G. G. G.
D. S. L. G. G. G., Major,
for Major General,
E. M. I. A.

*Agreed Maj Wilson - G. G. G.
4/1/45. That next move was
with Public Safety Sec.*

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Subject: 20mm Ammunition of Italian Origin.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A. C.
(M. M. I. A.) H O M E
A/23/1

20 Dec 1944

To: AFHQ

Ref your 400.93/227 SM-O dated 12 Dec 1944. — 49

1. Will you please forward the location of 114 M.V. "3" Section, RAF, CEF.
2. On receipt of this information arrangements will be made with Ministry of War for the collection of this ammunition.

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D. S. Grubman
D.S. GRUBMAN, Major,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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Subject: Italian Ammunition PORT ELIZABETH.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) B O M B
M/23/1

20 Dec 1944

MINISTRY OF WAR

Ref your 106530/2 dated 15 December 1944.
M/23/1-2

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It is noted that you have made arrangements for the clearing and storage of Italian weapons and ammunition on the Island and that personnel and vehicles to carry out this work will leave PORT ELIZABETH about the end of this month.

MIA/1e

D. S. J. GIBBS
D. S. J. GIBBS, Major,
For Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Copies to: MIA 10 daily (2) one for Regional Commissioner.
(Your 1st Ind. No. 800 of 10 Oct 44 refers)
"G" MIA

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SUBJECT: Ammunition for Internal Security Troops
and Training Purposes

AG/23/11
Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
SI/40
19 Dec 44

TO : Ministry of War

Ref your letter 4/3932 di prot/Serv.

1. Authorization is granted for stocks of 9 m/m ammunition for 192 Beretta automatic rifles held on the M.E. of each of the Internal Security Divisions in Sardinia and Sicily to be frozen to establish an entitlement of 250 rounds 9 m/m per rifle for operational reserve and 40 rounds 9 m/m per rifle for training.

2. Total holdings as follows :-

Operational reserve 9 m/m rounds	144,000
Training purposes " " "	23,040

Copy to: "Q" /

Deane
Major General
M.M.I.A. *Capt*

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AQ/23/1

Translation

From. SMRE.

to MMIA.

Ref. 4/4043/SMR.

Date. 19 Dec 44.

Assignment of Arms and Ammo for CCR.

CCR. General HQ has requested the following assignment from this SM.

12.611 L.M.G.

792 Beretta Machine Carbines

2.528.200 Rds. L.M.G. 200 for each gun

63.360 " M. Carbines Beretta (80 per gun)

107080 Hand grenades.

for issue to the Commands of the CCR. in liberated Italy and of the north part of the country as they are being formed after liberation.

II This SMRE thinks it advisable to authorize such issue owing to the urgent needs of the CCR.

We therefore beg MMIA to authorize the issue to CCR HQ of the already available material and also of the material that will be available from the Combat groups and that is

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L.M.G. 6.5 mm.	2050
L.M.G. 7.35 mm.	350
Beretta Machine Carbine 9mm.	792
Rds for LMG 6.5 mm.	430000

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Rds for L.M.G 7.35 mm	70000
Rds. for Machine Carbines 9 mm	65360
Hand grenades	107080

(3) since with such issue we only satisfy to a ^{small} degree the need for LMGs and that on other hand this SARE expect to have a further availability of 4000 Buella Machine carbines that could be issued in lieu of the LMG with 320000 Rds of ammo. Those guns and ammunition will be rendered available by the switch over to British equipment of the Combat groups.

R Mansfield

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205 FLOOD DEFENSES ROBERTS COMMISSION TO TAKE OVER FROM HIRSHFELD
IRVING AM/21 TWO 90/15 AA CHE MONTANA AND POINTERS ALSO TWO
HIRSHFELD ROBERTS COMMISSION (.) REPAIRS [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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Romance

belly up to me

Translation.

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From:- M of W.

Ref:- 306145, 1C.A.

To:- M M 1A.

Date:- 19 Dec. 44.

AQ 23/1

Subject:- Recovery of Italian Grenades.Ref. AQ/23/1 dated 5th inst. — 37.

This office Art. Direction reported that on the 9th inst. 2 lorries were sent to Indian Gen. Hospital, via della Melzic to draw the grenades referred to in the afo letter.

These grenades, however, were not found in the basement of that hospital.

150 Italian grenades were found instead in via Baiaumonti in which the staff of the afo hospital is accommodated.

These grenades could not be taken away because the Commandant of the afo hospital refused to hand them over unless an authority was shown for same.

May the authority requested be given, please.

(Sgd) Chief of Cabinet.

Sgt. CapoeLee Folio 67
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Translation.

From M of W
to MMIA

Ref No 19953
Date. 18 Dec 44

Recovery of MATERIAL.

I This Ministry has been informed by Campania Military Command that the firm. S.B.A.R.E.C of Naples has been authorised, to collect, the material from the old battle fields of southern Italy, by the Allied government.

II Having no official confirmation of this at the M of W we beg you to inform us if the scheme is with due authority from Alcom.

III Should it be affirmative we beg you to inform us of the scope of the scheme and the limits in which the firm will be able to recover the material.

R. Hanfield

DE MICHELIS.

Subject: Clearance of Italian Amn. ex 14 B.A.D.

Copy to : SMRE
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Tom - Mov Bari
" Taranto
" Brindisi

H.Q., Movements,
Eastern Italy.
Ref:- Mov 3/310
15 Dec 44

Copies to : - Mov MMIA
Delegazione Trasporti Militari Bari.
Amn. 3 District East Det.
Bari Operating Office.

There are some 1442 tons of Italian Amn in 14 BAD which it is desired to move at the earliest opportunity.

The Delegazione Trasporti have advised this H.Q. that the maximum rate of acceptance at Taranto is one wagon per day and at Lecce one wagon every other day. The ammunition will therefore be loaded at the above rate and despatched as follows:-

445 tons to Lecce
997 " " Taranto

Should it be found possible to increase the discharge the Delegazione Trasporti are requested to inform this office so that the loading may be increased.

Capt. RE.
(The Lord Westbury)
Movements Liaison Officer

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Translation.

From: - Mr. of W.

To: - M.M.A.

Ref: - 306585/C.A.

Date: - 16th Dec. 44.

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Subject: - German Ammo. in Sicily.

43 AR 23/1

Ref. AR/23/1 dated 12th inst.

In relation to what mentioned in the afo letter, this Ministry propose to neutralize instead of destroy the German Ammo. existing in Sicily.

Such proposal has the following advantages:-

- save the explosive and the metal; the first very useful for agriculture and the ~~second~~ second for industry.
- economise the explosive required for blasting.

Moreover, it is added that:-

- for the blasting of the ammo. in question it would be necessary to organise a group of specialised men of which ~~no~~ number would have to be fixed in accordance with the number of days the job would be completed. Such organizations do not exist at present on the Island.
- for the neutralization of the ammo. the organization would be more simple and more convenient.

The necessary authority to start work according to the above proposals, is awaited.

(Sgt) Chief of Cabinet.

E.P. K. 10000

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Subject: Italian Ammunition.Land Forces Sub Comm.A.G.
(M.E.I.A.) R G W E.
AM/23/1

14 Dec 44

To: AMIA LD Br Iner. Near 5th Army.

1. Information has been received from British Iner (Ord 24h) Near HQ 5th Army (their letter SA/OS/4/512 of 30 Nov 44 refers) that the following Italian 25 mm signal Cartridges are available at a nearby factory.

Tipi M.E.I.2 (Prasegnale rosso e 3 stelle bianche) No	500
M.E.I.3 (4 stelle bianche)	350
M.E.I.4 (4 stelle rosse)	500
M.E.I.5 (6 stelle bianche)	7,500
M.E.I.6 (6 stelle rosse)	400
M.E.I.7 (3 stelle bianche e 3 stelle rosse)	6,880
e stella bianca	17,400
e stella rossa	12,900
e stella verde	7,400
Total	80,880

2. You will arrange for these Cartridges to be collected and stored under arrangements to be made by HQ 231 Div, where they will be at the disposal of the Ministry of War. Please inform this HQ when collection is completed.

W. J. EGANES Col.
B.A. & Q.R.G.
M.E.I.A.

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Copy to: AFHQ for 208 (208/55/2(4) of 8 Dec refers)
HQ AAI for DDCM (Ord 1/4018/3 of 5 Dec 44 refers)
British Iner (Ord 24h) Near HQ 5th Army (SA/OS/4/512 of 30 Nov 44 refers)
Ministry of War.
G. AMIA.

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Subject: Captured Equipment.Land Forces Sub Comm.A.G.
(M.B.I.A.) R O M S .
A4/25/1

13 Dec 44

MINISTRY OF WAR

1. A.F.B.Q. have instructed O.C. Rear Gun Park, 557 S.O.D.
PORTUGI NAPLES to have over to the Italian Army -

55 mm Italian Howitzer	qty 1.
47 mm Italian MORTAR A/Tk guns	qty 4.

2. Please arrange for the early collection of the above weapons
informing this HQ of the date on which collection will be made.

W. H. G. W. S. J.
D.S.L. GREGSON Major
For Major General.
M.B.I.A.

DGLD/na

Copy to: O.C. Rear Gun Park 557 S.O.D.
O.C.D. 557 S.O.D.
O.C. 3 Sub Depot 557 S.O.D.
C.B.I. Section AFHQ.
AFHQ Ordinance British (DCA/2016/1 (Ord 2) dated 6 Dec 44 refers)

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**ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512**

AG 400.93/227 QM-0

12 December 1944

SUBJECT: 20mm Ammunition of Italian Origin

TO : President, Allied Commission, APO 394 ✓
For: Land Forces Sub-Commission (AMIA)23/1
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1. Located at 114 M.V. "X" Section, RAF, CMF are 193 boxes, 20mm ammunition of Italian origin.

2. Request that arrangements be made by the Italian army through Headquarters, 214 Group, RAF, CMF to pick up this ammunition and return it to Italian army authorities.

By command of Field Marshal ALEXANDER:

HEADQUARTERS
14 Dec 1944*R. H. Freese*
R. H. FREESE,
Captain, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

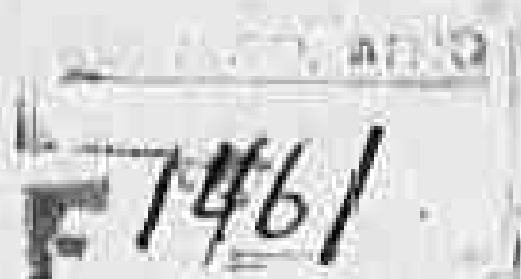
Copy to - 214 Group, RAF, CMF

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Lee Feltch
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RESTRICTEDALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO S2

AG 370.6/239 GCT-0

12 December 1944

SUBJECT: Arms and Ammunition for Agents of Public Security

TO : President, Allied Commission, APO 394
For: Land Forces Sub Commission (LMIA)1. Reference is made to letter, your headquarters, file AQ/23/1,
dated 30 November 1944.2. No objection is raised to the issue of such items of arms and
ammunition as can be made available for agents of Public Security from
Italian sources, for the purpose of equipping members of the Corps in newly
liberated areas and recruited under the scheme at present in operation.

By command of Field Marshal ALEXANDER:

R. H. Frese
R. H. FRESE,
Captain, AGD,
Asst Adjutant GeneralCopy to:
Public Safety Sub Commission
Allied Commission

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*Lee G. Galt*283/and
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*Leaving Rome for
Leghorn 14 Dec.*
R.

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Subject: Italian Arms and Ammunition.

Land Forces Sub Comm-A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E .
AQ/23/1

12 Dec 44

To: MINISTRY OF WAR

Further to this HQ letter AQ/23/1 dated 7 Dec 44. — 36

1. Ref Para 8 and verbal arrangements made with MMTA LO to Ministry of War this morning.
2. The 50,000 rds 9 m.m. ammo (for Beretta Carbine Mod 38 and the 114 Beretta Machine Carbines Model 38 (9 mm)) ex ROME should be forwarded to LEGHORN immediately.
3. The consignee is 5th Army LEGHORN and packages should be marked C.S.S.
4. On arrival at LEGHORN Transportation Section P.S.S. should be contacted.
5. Date of departure and ETA LEGHORN should be notified to this HQ.

D.S.L. GHEUSON
D.S.L. GHEUSON Major
for Major General.
M.M.I.A.

1216/5h

Copy to: AMHQ (your AG 470.137 GCT-0 of 7 Nov 44 refers)
HQ MAI (your 1041/3/21 of 24 Oct 44 refers)
HQ 5th Army (your AG 471-Z of 18 Oct 44 refers)
P.S.S.
MMTA LO Rear HQ 5 Army
G MMTA
MOV LOGS
LEGHORN T. ROSE

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Subject: Italian Equipment.

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

12 Dec 44

To: MINISTRY OF WAR

Further to this HQ letter AQ/23/1 of 8 Dec 1944. — 39

Information has been received from AFRQ that the following additional items of equipment have now been received at North Africa Ordnance Depot.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Qty</u>
Containers 6 gall.	6
Gauges Pressure	1
Telephone Switchboards	2
Telephones	1
Wireless Set	1

In view of the above quoted letter will you please state which if any of the above items you wish sent to Italy.

D.S.L. GREGSON
D.S.L. GREGSON Major
for Major General. 1315
M.N.I.A.

DSLG/hh

See folio 65 & 95
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+ 100/2

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Subject: Italian Ammunition.

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

12 Dec 44

To: A.F.B.Q.

Ref your AQ 471/207 OCT dated 17 Nov 44, and further to
this HQ letter AQ/23/1 of 22 Nov 1944 to Ministry of War (copy to you).

Information has been received from the Ministry of War that
the necessary orders have been issued to the Military Commander, SICILY,
to assume responsibility for the various Italian ammunition dumps in
the Island.

F.J. Noakes
F.J. NOAKES Col.
for Major General.
M.M.I.A.

DSLA/nh

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Copy to: MMIA ID SICILY (2) - one for Regional Commissioner.

'G' MMIA.

SECRET
*****Subject: German Ammunition in SICILY.Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
AQ/23/112 Dec 44
*****To: MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Information has been received from AFHQ that all GERMAN ammunition in SICILY is to be disposed of by destruction.
2. Owing to the withdrawal of BRITISH installations from the Island HQ Royal Army Ordnance Corps unit is available for carrying out this task.
3. You will please assume the responsibility for the blowing up of all GERMAN ammunition dumps in SICILY reporting to this HQ when the task has been completed.

F.J. Noakes
F.J. NOAKES Col.
for Major General.
M.M.I.A.

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Copy to: AFHQ (AQ 471/207 OCT-0 of 5 Dec refers)

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Subject: Italian Equipment.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E .
AQ/23/1

Dec 44

To: A.F.H.Q. (Ordnance British)

Ref your DOS/2016(Ord 2) of 8 Dec 44.

1. As you are aware this HQ has received from you from time to time lists of Italian equipment received at North Africa Ord Depot. Copies of these lists have been forwarded to the Ministry of War and they were asked to state which of the items they wished transferred to Italy.
2. Ministry of War stated that they wished all of the articles transferred.
3. In view of transport difficulties it appears unnecessary to transport, for example, 23 Bayonets and one Rifle Mod. 15.
4. The Ministry of War were asked therefore to submit a revised list showing only such items as were really necessary. When received this list will be forwarded to you.

6.3.1

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F.J. NOAKES Col.
for Major General.
M.M.I.A.

DSLS/hh

184/23/1

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

SUBJECT: Italian Ammunition for Internal Security
Troops and Training Purposes

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/40
10 Dec 44

TO : AFHQ

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Ref this HQ letter SD/40 of 4 October.

1. It is recommended that ammunition for 192 Beretta Automatic Rifles held on the W.E. of each of the Internal Security Divisions in SARDINIA and SICILY be frozen to establish an entitlement of 350 rounds 9mm per rifle for operational reserve and 40 rounds 9mm per rifle for training, total holdings as follows:-

Operational reserve 9mm Rounds	144,000
Training Purposes	23,040

2. Your authority for the above is requested.

1311

[Signature]
Major General Capt
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: "Q"

As 11 Dec.

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Subject: Italian Equipment.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
AQ/23/1

8 Dec 44.

MINISTRY OF WAR

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Ref your 305031/1/CA dated 29 Nov/44, with enclosure.

1. In view of transport difficulties please submit a revised list.
2. It would appear unnecessary for example to transport to Italy 23 bayonets or one Rifle Mod. 18.
3. Only really necessary items should be submitted on the Revised List.

D.S.I. Gregson
D.S.I. GREGSON, Major,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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DSLJ/we

See File 45
4100/1

Subject: Evolution Army and Ammunition.

Land Korea Sub Comm. A. C.
(U. S. I. A.)

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MINISTRY OF WAR
10000 LO REPUBLIC
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1. At Annex "A" is a list of arms and ammunition that this U.S. ordered the Ministry of War to return to 6th Army for special operations.

2. Ministry of War were asked to make all this material available at 10000, but they replied that they were unable to do so owing to lack of transport.

3. Column 2 of Annex "A" shows quantities available and Column 3 the place of availability.

As will be seen, all items are available with the exception of 10000 Machine Gun, Model 28 (2 1/2") of which only 100 are available.

4. 10000 LO Replic to arrange with Transportation P.S.S. to have all items at present in 10000 delivered to 6th Army LICHON and marked O.S.S.

P.S.S. to notify 6th Army of arrival in LICHON; 6th Army will arrange for onward delivery to final destination (conversation Maj. Ross - Capt. King, 30/11/14 report).

5. Below notes in duplicate are enclosed.

6. Ministry of War in consultation with 6th Army will arrange for the transfer of items in 10000, 10000 and 10000 to HQ Company, who will arrange delivery through 10000 LO Replic. 10000 LO Replic will arrange for onward passage of this consignment as outlined in para 4.

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8. Column 3 of zone "I" shows quantities available and Column 8 the plan
of utilization.

as well as the fact, all items are available with the exception of leather. Estimated 1950-51 sales are \$115,000 to \$120,000.

4. *With 24 inches to arrange with Transportation P.E.S. to have all items of project to impl & delivered to Eta Army IFVHOME and around 0.5.S.*

7.4.5. to notify 5th corp of arrival in LIGHTHOUSE; 6th Army will arrange for onward delivery to final destination (conversation Maj Ross - Capt King, 30/11/44 refers).

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6. $\text{Re}(\text{dom } \gamma) = \text{Re}(\text{dom } \beta)$ and $\text{Im}(\text{dom } \gamma) = \text{Im}(\text{dom } \beta)$.

6. Ministry of War in connection with SLMF will arrange for the transfer of income in Tuzo etc. Lopez and Soriano to SS Campain, who will arrange delivery through SSF to Naples. While SS Naples will arrange for onward passage of their consignment as outlined in para 4.

7. Volume rates indicated for items in para 6 are enclosed with copy of this letter to WIA 30 points.

Q. The forwarding of the two items from Boston will be recognized by HQ, will it?

5. *Applicable within 800 km of the nearest coast.*

10. Inventory of our sets All items are ready for collection. *14/10*

See folio 123^r, surface.

14-5-11 12:10-12:45
+29/2 2nd

P. J. ROBERTS, Col.
for Major General,
U. S. A.

nsig/we

Copies to: Army (your 470/187 DOT-9 of 7/11/44 refers)
HQ Army (your 1042/4/21 of 24/10/43 refers)
HQ 6th Army (your 43 471-2 of 18/10/44 refers)

P.O.B.
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APPENDIX "A"AMMUNITION

Quantities Ordered	Quantities Available	Place of Availability
50,000 Rds 9 MM Ammo (For Beretta Carbine Mod. 38)	50,000	Rome
50,000 Rds 8 MM Ammo (For Breda M.G. Mod. 37)	50,000	Naples
50,000 Rds 8 MM Ammo (For Fiat M.G. Mod. 35)	50,000	Naples
50,000 Rds 7.35 Ammo (For rifle)	50,000	Naples
150,000 Rds 6.5 MM Ammo (For Breda L.M.G. Mod 30)	150,000	Naples
1,002 Rds 81 MM Mortar Ammo	1,002	Naples
2,000 Rds 45 MM Mortar Ammo	2,000	Naples

WEAPONS

48 - 45 MM Brixia Mortar with sight	31	Taranto
	31	Catanzaro
	6	Locce
	10	Naples
24 - 81 MM Mortar with sight	24	Naples
60 - Breda L.M.G. Model 30 (6.5)	60	Naples
60 - Breda M.G. Model 37 (8 MM)	60	1-08
60 - Fiat M.G. Model 35 (8 MM)	60	1-08
144 - Beretta Machine Carbine Model 38 (9 MM)	114	Rome
300 - Rifle Model 91	300	Cosenza
300 - Rifle Modified Model 91 (Special troops)	300	Cosenza

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

SECRET

By Authority of

SAC

Initials Rnt
Date 6 December 1944

AG 471/207 GCT-0

SUBJECT: German Ammunition in SICILY.

TO : President, Allied Commission, APO 394.
FOR: Land Forces Sub-Commission, (MIA).

AG/23/1

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1. Further to letter, this headquarters, file AG 471/207 GCT-0, subject, "Italian Ammunition", dated 17 November 1944, a decision has been made that all stocks of GERMAN ammunition in SICILY shall be disposed of by destruction.

2. Owing to the withdrawal of British installations from the Island, no Royal Army Ordnance Corps unit is available in SICILY capable of undertaking the destruction of this ammunition.

3. It is requested that representations be made to the SMRE to assume responsibility for the blowing of all GERMAN dumps in SICILY.

By command of General WILSON:

HEADQUARTERS

10 DEC 1944

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C.

R. H. Freese

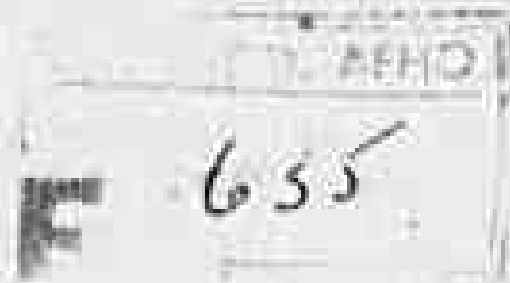
R. H. FRESE,
Captain, AGD,

Asst Adjutant General.

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See folio 43
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Subject: Responsibility for disposal of Ammunition.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
AQ/23/1

5 Dec 44.

MINISTRY OF WAR

6/1
Ref your 15348/578 dated 2 Nov 44.

1. The collection of British, American and German arms and ammunition by the Italian Artillery Directorate, ROME, is not agreed, as this is already being undertaken by the Allies.
2. Authority has not been given to the firm of STACCHINI to salvage Italian Arms and Ammunition, which remains an Italian Military responsibility. The Italian Army is not therefore required to furnish help to this firm.
3. Reports on the discovery and location of Italian arms and ammunition dumps have from time to time been reported by HQ RAAC to the Italian Liaison Officer at HQ RAAC. Action will be taken by the Ministry of War on all reports received through this channel.

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JCB/wk

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F. J. SOAKES, Col,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Copy to HQ RAAC (your Q 251/1 dated 29 Nov 44, refers)

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See 401089/1
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Subject: Italian Ammunition.

Land Forces Sub-Comm. A. C.
(M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
AQ/23/1

5 Dec 44.

MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Information has been received from R.A.A.C. that approximately one ton of Italian Bombe a Mano (hand grenades), are held in the basement of 30 Indian General Hospital Via delle MILIZIE.
2. Please arrange for their collection immediately, informing this HQ when collection has been completed.

DSLH/wk

Copy to R.A.A.C.

D.S.L. GREGSON
D.S.L. GREGSON, Major,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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Translation.

From - JMRK
 To - MMH.

Ref: - 4/3897/Gen

Date - 30 Dec 68

Subject - Amm: to be transported from Italy to Sicily for security troops and training purposes

Referring to MMH's request in letter 20/10 dated 21 Oct, we inform that in order to complete quantities of ammo to be procured in Italy for security troops and supply of firing unit ammo for training purposes, the following amounts should be moved from Italian Dist Depot, 14 BFD, Turin to Camp Torre degli Masegni: -

Ball Ammo for M16 Carbin. G.S.	804,000
" " " " " " " "	20,000
Bomb charges for bombs of 81	19,200
Additional charges for bombs of 81	8,200
Fuses for bombs 81	3,200

Required container trucks - 1 closed wagon

In case no objection please supply transport for the ammo in question.

Sgt. F4000

(Sgt) Col. H. SMYTH

1306

Translation.7749/23/11 (31)
59/40From: - JMK
To: - MMH.

Ref: - 4/3897/sem

Date: - 30 Dec 68.

Subject: - Amms to be transported from try to diag in LC security troops and training purposes

Referring to MMH request in letter 22/10 dated 11/10, we inform that in order to complete quantities of amms to be procured in diag for security troops and supply old diag w.t. amms for training purposes, the following amount should be issued from Admin Adm. Depot, 14 SSG, Terengganu to Camp Tanjong, Medan:

Ball Amms for 14th Cdr. 6.S.	—	204,000
" " " " " "	—	20,000
" " " " " "	—	19,200
Bomb charges for bombs of 81	—	81,200
Additional charges for bombs of 81	—	3,100
Fuel for bombs 81	—	—

Required existing trucks - 1 closed wagon
In case no objection please supply
transport for the amms in question.

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Sgt (Cdr.) H. S. M. T.

Sgt. 45000

14200
Bomb charges for tanks of 81 81200
Additional charges for tanks of 81 3-100
Fuel for tanks 81

Required military trucks - 1 closed wagon

In case no objection please supply
transport for the ammo in question

Bookings 1306

Reply Gen. H. SANTI

Sgt. CAPOCO

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
ORIGINALLY BRITISH.

Telo : Freedom 990.

SUBJECT : Decoppering Foil for Artillery.

Refce : DOS/T/4/9(4).

TO : D. O.S. 3 District.

Date : 3 December 1944.

Copies to : Chief Commissioner A.C.C. for Land Forces Sub-Commission (M.M.I.A.) of 30 Nov '44
C.O.O. 16 B.A.D. (To report receipt immediately.)
Your cable A.Q. 2293 of 30 Nov '44
My cable F 59864 of 28 Nov. refer.
A.F.H.Q. letter AG 472.82/153 of 24 Oct.

Conversation Hall/Margerison refers.

1. There is an urgent requirement in this Theatre for decoppering foil for issue with Artillery ammunition. Italian decoppering foil has been analysed and found suitable. M.M.I.A. has offered 1000 kg. of this material which now awaits collection as follows:-

500kg. - Artillery Directorate (It) COSPIA (Map ref. 1/200,000 Sheet 23 - 9579)

500kg. - Artillery Directorate (It) TARANTO.

2. Please arrange collection under this letter reference, and deliver to 16 B.A.D. NOLA.

Kil Dmargam 1303
N.D. Margerison Major.
for Maj-Gen.
D.O.S., A.F.H.Q.

See Folio 64
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AG 23/26

MIA

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AQ 2293

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 YOUR P89884 DATED 28 REFERS (.) MINISTRY OF WAR STATE 500 KGS
 AVAILABLE ARTILLERY DIRECTORATE COSENZA FURTHER 500 KGS
 AVAILABLE ARTILLERY DIRECTORATE TARANTO

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See folio 29

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Subject: Arms and Ammunition for Agents of Public Security.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.)
P O M E
AQ/23/1

20 Nov 44.

To : AFHQ

1. Enclosed is copy of a letter received from Public Safety Sub-Commission A.C.
2. Some of the items asked for are available whilst the availability of others is being investigated.
3. Will you please state if there is any objection to the issue of such items as are available.

1301

F. J. Noakes
F. J. NOAKES, Col.
For Major General,
M. M. I. A.

DB12/wk

Copy to Public Safety Sub-Commission A.C. (AC/14613/3/PS of
22/11/44, refers)

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Arty Directorate - Naples at Naples, weapons - Tons. 6, 2;
at CAPUA, ammunition:

Tons 58, 5: at SCAFAFI am-
munition: Tons 1, 5.

Arty Directorate - COSENZA Weapons, Tons 4, 6

" " TARANTO " " 0, 359 ~~1, 300~~

" " ROME " " 0, 6 ~~1, 300~~

ammunition Tons. 1 -

140th Inf Regt Depot - LECCE Weapons Tons 0, 100

207 " " - CATANZARO " " 0, 170

Issue of BERETTA "38" L.M.G. has been limited
owing to unavailability, to 114 LMGs

Enclosed please find 8 release orders, in
triplicate, to draw same materials from a few
Depots. Release orders are addressed to 5th Army Hq.
These Materials are hereby to be issued.

Yndy.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

SECRET

By Authority of

S/C

Initials

Date 29 November 1944

AG 472.4/217 CCT-0

SUBJECT: Italian 81 mm Mortar.

TO : President, Allied Commission.
FOR: Land Forces Sub-Commission (SOMIA).

1. The request by Fifth Army for four hundred (400) each Italian 81 mm mortar complete and fifty (50) each 81 mm mortar barrels is approved by this headquarters.

2. Request you take immediate action on the above.

By command of General WILSON:

R. H. Fure

R. H. FURE,
Captain, AGO,
Asst Adjutant General.

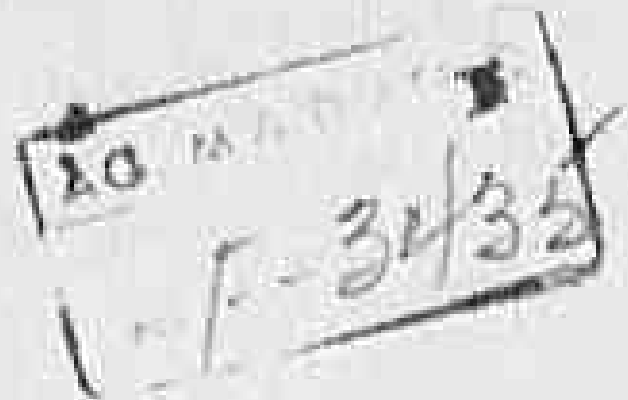
30 NOV 1944

Capt Clark spoke to Army 14/12.
Found by U.S. ord officer Mr. Hance
& reported by him to AFHQ.
When he returns to Army further
directions will be sent M M 1A.

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See Folio 78

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO No 794 US Army

Q 251/1

WHE/1st
29 November 1944

SUBJECT: Responsibility for
disposal of ammunition

Aa/23

TO : Military Mission Italian Army

6/1 301

Reference your letter AQ/90 of 14 Nov 44, enclosing
copy letter 16346/578 of 8 Nov 44, from Ministry of War.

1. The salvage of British ammunition within Rome Area
Allied Command is the responsibility of ADOS this Command.
PBS are charged with the salvage of American ammunition.
German ammunition is salvaged jointly by ADOS and PBS.

2. It has always been understood that the Italian Arty
Directorate would collect Italian Arms and Ammunition, and
dumps of this nature will be reported to them direct, or through
you if this course is considered preferable.

3. The collection of British, American and German arms
and ammunition by the Italian Artillery Directorate cannot be
accepted.

4. No authority has ever been given by this HQ to the
firm of STAGGIONI to salvage Italian ammunition and equipment,
nor for that matter, British or American ammunition.

W. H. Hughes
Major
Detachment
M. ALBAN IOW
Brigadier 4298
Deputy Commander

Copy to: PBS
G-4 (US)
ADOS

See Folio 33.
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Subject: Recovery of Italian Military Material.

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

R O M E

AQ/23/1

15 Nov 44.

To : R.A.A.C.

- 2/1
1. Ref your Q/251/1 dated 4 Nov 1944, and further to this HQ AQ/90 dated 8 Nov 1944. 4/1
 2. A report on this subject has now been received from the Ministry of War.
 3. Copy of translation forwarded herewith.
 4. Copy of para 2 of Liaison Log (MMIA LO to Ministry of War) of 17/11/44 is also forwarded.
 5. It is suggested that any further information can be attained through LO RAAC who we understand has considerable knowledge on this subject.

DSLG/wk

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F. J. NOAKES, Col,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Copy to MMIA LO 3 Dist (your 3 DLO of 13/11, refers)

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Translation

From: M of W
To : MMIA

Ref No: 304539/C.A.
Date: 18 Nov 44

Recovery of Italian War Material

Ref to letter AQ/90 dated 8/11/44

Data relative to ref letter:

(1) The Arty Directorate of ROME actually supervise:

(a) The salvage of Italian war material principally in the ROME area and as far as possible owing to their limited transport availability, in the adjacent communes.

(b) To the clearing of the grounds of the territory of the shells and unexploded projectiles (excluding mines which are being removed by the Engr). There is actually clearing centers at ROME - CIVITAVECCHIA, and another is soon to be opened at RONCIOLIONE.

Up to to-day, from 550 request of clearing arrived at this directorate 330 have been dealt with of a complete tonnage of 300 tons.

(2) General ideas on the ARM. Works.

(a) To salvage portable armament and light automatics and their ammunitions to avoid them falling in the hands of evil doers.

(b) And at the same time salvage material and ammo belonging to Italian Arty.

(c) Clear the areas needed for daily life, first.

(3) Preview of the Arty directorate of ROME for future recovery operations. So that the subject retains its characteristics as initiated by the War Ministry and now being examined by P of W Sub Commission of A.C., we suggest the following:

(a) Complete the work already started.

(b) Extend this work to the whole of LAZIO UMBRIA and ABRUZZI Military Command Area.

The special organization which provide the employment of Military personnel for the technical work only and civilians for the manual work (personnel engaged from the unemployed workers of the Arty establishment, Patriots, ex combattants etc.).

Or for the areas where this is impossible private firms, the speed or slowness of the operations and also the use of large or small numbers of clearing squads depends only on the number of lorries available.

sgd OELIA

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3/12 Q 30/11

Subject: Italian Equipment.Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E.
AQ/23/1

25 Nov 44

MINISTRY OF WAR

Ref your 304770/CA dated 20 Nov 44.

1. The list of articles you enclosed with the above quoted letter refer only to Appx A forwarded under this HQ letter ref 50/1/2 of 5 Nov 44.

2. On the 17th November an additional list of items was forwarded to you (AQ/23/1 of 17 Nov 44 refers).

3. Will you please forward a consolidated list of items (made up from both lists) of the stores you require.

D. S. L. GREGSON
D.S.L. GREGSON Major
for Major General.
M.M.I.A.

DG/hh

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Lee Folio 24

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

AC/14613/3/PS

22 Nov 1944

SUBJECT : Arms and Ammunition for Agents of Public Security.

TO : Land Forces, Sub-Commission.

1. Application has been made by the Italian Director of Public Security to the Italian Ministry of War for the supply from Military sources of the following items of arms and ammunition for Agents of Public Security.

2. These items are urgently required to equip members of the Corps in newly liberated areas, and for new members who are joining as a result of the recently established recruiting scheme.

3. The application is strongly recommended by this Sub-Commission.

4. Any action that can be taken by you to assist in this matter will be very much appreciated.

Muskets, Model No 91 with bayonet Cal. 6.5	3000
Muskets Automatic, Beretta, Cal 9	5000
Pistols Beretta automatic, Cal 9	1000
Hand Grenades	5000
✓ Cartridges Musket Model No. 91 Cal 6.5	150000
✓ Cartridges Pistol Beretta Cal 9	250000
✓ Cartridges, Breda Machine gun No 37 Cal 8	100000
✓ Cartridges Breda Machine gun No 30 Cal 6.5	200000

John W. Chapman
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission

Copy to:
Director Public Security.

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NOG objection 30/11
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SECRETSubject: Italian Ammunition.
-----Land Forces Sub Comd. A. C.
(M. M. I. A.)

R U M F

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9.1 Nov 44.
-----MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Owing to the withdrawal of certain British Ammunition installations from SICILY, it is no longer possible for British Forces to be responsible for the various dumps of Italian Ammunition on the Island.
2. In view of para 1, you will please assume immediate responsibility for any Italian Ammunition still remaining in Sicily.

F. J. Noakes

F. J. NOAKES, Colonel,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

BALS/WK

Copy to: AFHQ (AD 471/207 COT-0 of 17/11/44, refers)
WHIA 10 Sicily (2) (one for Regional Commissioner)
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Subject: Explosion at Ammunition Depot CARDITELLO

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.)
R O N E
AQ/23/1

21 Nov 44.

To : AFHQ

Further to this HQ letter AQ/90 dated 8/11/44. — 4

Enclosed is a translation of the second interim report received from the Ministry of War with regard to the explosion at CARDITELLO.

BSLG/wk

F. J. NOAKES, Colonel,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Copy to HQ 3 District
MMIA LO NAPLES

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Translation

Subject: Explosion at Ammunition Depot CARDITELLO

From: Ministry of War

Ref. 17500

To: M. M. I. A.

Date: 17 Nov 44.

1. Military HQ CAMPANIA has forwarded to us the following report regarding the explosion at CARDITELLO Depot.

2. On the morning of 11th October 1944, the following were present at the Depot:

M.C.O.s	3
O.R.s on guard duty	25
Skilled workmen	23
Transport workers	27
Several animal drawn vehicles	

The usual programme of checking and stacking of Ammunition was in progress.

3. At 0915 hrs the first and violent explosion occurred, followed by two further explosions less violent than the first.

4. Explosions of varying degrees of violence and at varying intervals continued to take place until the 14th October.

5. Owing to the radius covered by exploding projectiles and the large numbers of fires it was impossible to employ water hoses. On arrival of Allied and Italian Military from CAPUA a safety cordon was formed and three Allied tanks entered the depot. They recovered one wounded man and one dead body. Other wounded were picked up by Allied Ambulances and taken to CAPUA Hospital.

6. On the morning of the 13th a preliminary inspection of the area adjacent to that destroyed was made, and it was not until the 16th that a full inspection could be carried out.

7. 16 sheds were completely destroyed and 4 partially damaged.

8. The depot contained 12,000 tons of various types of ammunition including depth charges, hand grenades, mortar shells, propelling charges and detonators. A large portion of this was destroyed and the balance must be checked to discover whether it is still serviceable.

9. The casualties were:

Killed	28	(of whom 22 were unidentified)
Missing	16	(probably killed)
Wounded	16	

In addition one boy who happened to be near the depot was wounded. Of the killed and missing 30 had dependants. In addition to the above, one military horse and wagon were destroyed and also 9 horses and 6 wagons belonging to the transport agency.

From information furnished by the survivors, and the result of investigations to date, the most likely cause of the explosion would appear to be that a case of grenades, with one or more faulty safety-pins in it was accidentally dropped and the resulting explosion spread to other storage bays.

11. From investigations made so far, it seems certain that there could have been no question of sabotage and that no breach of regulations took place.

12. Investigations are proceeding and the results will be forwarded in due course.

signed GAILIA

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CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Italian Arm for Italian Internal Security
Tie and Trg Purposes

LAND FORCES SUB-COL. A.C.
 (M.L.I.A.)
 File No. SD/40
 21 Nov 44

TO : WAR MINISTRY

Copy to: ATHQ
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ACC SARDINIA for Col. SIMONE
 HQ SICILY REGION AC for Col. ALBERT - MIA LO
 PBS for MIA LO
 MIA LO 8 ARMY
 MIA LO 5 ARMY
 MIA LO 1 DISTRICT
 MIA LO 34 ARRA
 MIA LO 3 DISTRICT
 MIA LO 57 GARRISON

1. Ref your 4/3458/Serv of 5 Nov authority is granted for stocks of ammunition to be frozen for training purposes as per appendix "A" to SD/40 of 4 Oct to be amended to read as follows:

Rounds

Mortars 81

1,000

4,000

MAIA LO 8 ARMY
MAIA LO 5 ARMY
MAIA LO 1 DISTRICT
MAIA LO 54 AREA
MAIA LO 3 DISTRICT
MAIA LO 67 GARRISON

1. Ref your 4/3458/Serv of 5 Nov authority is granted for stocks of ammunition to be frozen for training purposes as per Appendix "A" to SD/40 of 4 Oct to be amended to read as follows:

	<u>Rounds</u>
Mortars 81	4,000
Pistols 9	8,000
Machine Guns 8	200,000
Automatic Rifle 6.5	200,000
Rifles 6.5	200,000
Hand Grenades	10,000

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2. It is requested that you issue the necessary orders accordingly.

Copy to: Q Ord

Major General
M. M. I. A.

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3. (CONT'D) (d) Local Expansion Muzzle

If by local expansion one is to understand scoring, the zone of maximum scoring is at the end of the powder chamber as compared with the beginning of the rifling.

(f) Local Expansion of Chamber is not recorded.(g) Cartridge Head Clearance

is not recorded. Nevertheless, when said clearance exceeds a certain limit in ratio to the reach of the striker pin point, then this clearance is eliminated by readjustment of the strikers or replacement of bars.

(h) Eccentricity of Striker

Eccentricity is recorded now again in order to reduce it by replacement of the firing pin when clearances have increased to such an extent as to endanger safe functioning when firing.

(i) Force of Blow of Striker (See 0.2754 and 0.600)

Information supplied by you is correct.

From the Log books of the gun referred to data can be obtained regarding Mean Wear per round fired, bearing in mind that a round with second charge produces a wear equivalent to a third of the wear resulting from a round with first charge.

Measure of wear is not constant in relation to the number of rounds fired and furthermore varies in the case of each gun of the same caliber.

For the Minister

(Signed) MONT

Information supplied by you is correct.

4. From the Log books of the gun referred to data can be obtained regarding Wear per round fired, bearing in mind that a round with second charge produces a Wear equivalent to a third of the Wear resulting from a round with First charge.

Measure of Wear is not constant in relation to the number of rounds fired and furthermore varies in the case of each gun of the same caliber.

For the Minister

(Signed) NESBIT

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TRANSLATION

FROM: M of H
TO : MARSHALL, NAPLES

Ref : 16726/II
Date : 20/II/44

SUBJECT: 120/45 guns type O.T.O. 1936

In reply to your A.A/12524 dated 8th inst

1. This Ministry has no information to comply with your inquiry regarding the above-mentioned gun as all technical files regarding artillery were taken up north by the servants of the Republic.

2. MARSHALL, MARSH can supply you with a copy of the diagram collected for each type of gun showing loss of initial speed when firing standard projectiles.

3. As regards the data listed in the enclosure to above letter, the following information can be given :-

(a) Mean Wear at 1000 R

It is obvious that the measure of Mean Wear is not recorded neither after each series of rounds fired nor far less after each round. Periodically, upon request from unit HQ's, the local technical directorates send their own delegates aboard in order to check upon these measurements.

An average Mean Wear per round can be assumed from said measurements, bearing in mind the number of rounds fired between one measurement and the next, and particularly taking into account the different wear produced by first charge rounds as compared to rounds with second and third charge.

The average thus obtained cannot, nevertheless, be considered as constant in respect of the life of the gun.

MARSHALL LA SPERLA had started to collect data with which to decide even approximately the wear per round in order to be able to define the number of rounds which would render each type of barrel useless, by producing a reduction in initial speed beyond the stipulated limits for the practical use of the arms.

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(b) Scoring due to wear (at some period)

It is not recorded directly. Indication of scoring are taken from progressive wear.

(c) Low limit for P.S.

This is not established exactly. The weapon is considered US when the loss of the initial speed measured directly or derived from the diagrams mentioned in para 2 have reached a limit incompatible with the practical use of the gun.

This information in respect of the gun referred to, is not available at present for the reasons given in para 1 and could be obtained in the technical files of the VIAREGGIO BALIPELLO or of MARIPERMAN LA SPEZIA provided they have not been destroyed by the Germans.

As a general rule it can be said that a Royal Navy (IT) gun is considered US when :

Initial speed has decreased beyond 10% of the initial speed stipulated in the firing tables.
Usage to rifling produces rutting of the belt or considerable dispersions.

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Ord of 120 mm/45 Italian Gun

Data required :-

<u>Condemning Limits</u>	<u>Italian Translation</u>
(a) Mean Wear at 1" C of R.	Avanzamento dopo ogni colpo.
(b) Scoring plus $\frac{1}{2}$ wear (at same point)	Usura che si determina dopo ogni colpo
(c) Low limit for P.C.	Numero dei colpi minimo dopo il quale si considera l'arma fuori uso, e consistenza della relativa usura.
(d) Local expansion muzzle.	Misura della deformazione permanente radiale alla volata progressivamente per ogni colpo.
(e) Local expansion remainder of rifled portion.	Punto di massima deformazione permanente contato a partire dalla volata) progressivamente per ogni colpo.
(f) Local expansion of chamber	Deformazione permanente della camera di combustione progressivamente per ogni colpo.
(g) Cartridge head clearance	Lasco tra fondello del bossolo e faccia anteriore dell'otturatore progressivamente per ogni colpo.
(h) Eccentricity of striker	Eccentricita del percuotitoio progressivamente per ogni colpo.
(i) Force of blow of striker	Energia di percussione minima e massima.

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Transmission

AQ 23/

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From: HQ W
To: MHIA

Ref: 17238

Date: 20 Nov. 1944

Subject: Release of anti-copper-depositing alloy.

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In accordance with request of letter SD/1/2 of the 29 Oct. we inform that this Ministry can make available for AFHQ 1000 kg. of anti-copper-depositing alloy for artillery.

We await to be informed to which unit of the Allied Armed Forces the above material should be consigned.

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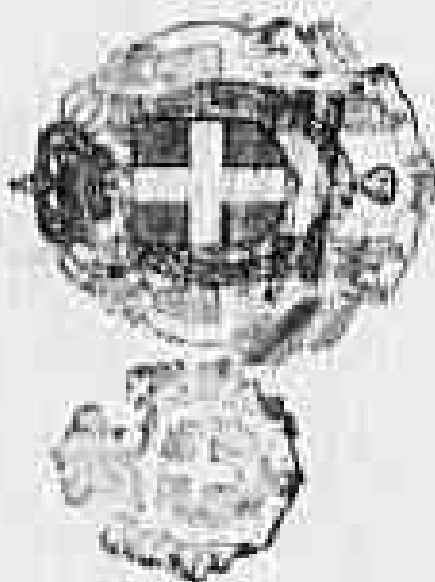
PL telephone

where is it & where can it be picked up. (P) 29/11.

30/11 (Ad not yet had telephone call from Min of War. Ready & available

500 Kgs available 1285

500 Kgs. " A.D. Toronto



MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

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Gabinetto

Gen. N. 3047400. Allegato 1

Roma, 20 novembre 1944

Disposto al file

Dir. Sec. 37

Oggetto: Materiale italiano accantonato presso il "North Africa Ordinance Depot" -

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

ROMA

Risposta alla lettera SD/1/2 del 5 novembre.

Ringrazio cotesta Missione della segnalazione fatta, e sarò grato se vorrà disporre che il materiale di cui all'allegato 1, sia trasportato in Italia, per essere accantonato a Roma, viale Mazzini n.6, presso l'ufficio steloio dell'Istituto Superiore delle Trasmissioni.

IL SOTTOSCRITTARIO DI STATO ALLA GUERRA

(Gen.G.B. Oxilia)

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Risposta alla lettera SD/1/2 del 5 novembre.

Ringrazio cotesta Missione della segnalazione fatta, e sarò grato se vorrà disporre che il materiale di cui all'allegato I, sia trasportato in Italia, per essere accantonato a Roma, viale Mazzini n. 5, presso l'ufficio strelcio dell'Istituto Superiore delle Trasmissioni.

IL SOTTOSGNERARIO DI STATO ALLA GUERRA
(Gen. G. B. Oxilia)

G. B. Oxilia

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Italian material in N. Africa on 2. Sept.

Answer to SD/1/2 dated 5 Nov.

We are thankful to you for the information and would be grateful if this material was sent to the Italian claimants to be deposited in Rome via Mazzini str with Rear office of the Transmission Superior Institute

See Folio 19

Oxilia

Alleg. al fogl. n. 304 440/c.a.

<u>ARTICOLO</u>	<u>DESIGNATION</u>	<u>QUANTITA'</u>
Generatori a pedali	Generators, Pedal	1
Generatori (RAV 800)	" (RAV 800)	1
Apparecchi per ricar. acc. Charging Set		1
Centralini telefonici	Telephone Switchboards	non precisata
Telescrivente ricevente	Teleprinter Receiver	1
Telefoni	Telephone	22
Rivelatori di mine	Mine Detectors	2
Misuratori di frequenza	Frequency Meter	1
Altimetri	Altimeter	1
Teodoliti	Theodolite	1
Motori elettrici	Motor Electric	1

Theodolite	1
Motor Electric	1

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YOUR SIGNAL Q 1761 DATED 15 NOV REFERS (.) MINISTRY OF WAR STATE
NO MINES OF THIS TYPE AVAILABLE

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Translation.

From ref. 149
to ref. 149.
Ref. 149 204780/149
Date. 18 Nov. 44

Recovery of 149 m. shells.

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Ref to letter 13/9/90 dated 28 Oct 44.
Date Relative to the request made in said letter.
The 149 in group of the 4th Italian Army are indicated as follows.

155	Group.	149/19	HE CANNET
156	"	"	BIOT.
362	"	"	HE BEAUSSEAT (1 bag at HANSTEE)
363	"	"	HE CRAU
368	"	"	TOURVES
Technical group.	"	"	HE CLAPIER.

It is impossible to precise the exact quantities of ammo which is at the disposal of each of these groups. But we can however estimate the amount at 150 120 per group.

368 " " " TOURS
National group " " " LE CLIPPER.

It is impossible to precise the exact quantities of ammo which is at the disposal of each of these groups. But we can however give the minimum amount at 150 Rds per gun.

The quantities of 149th actuary **1281** the reports are as follows.

Main land -	7901
Licily.	900
Landsgna	15809

Total 24768

Rockaford NPA HQ

OK 1210.

Isolation

From: M of W
To: MHIA

Ref: 17500

Date: 17 Nov. 1944.

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Subject: Explosion of CARDITELLO ammunition depot.

The CAMPA NIA Mil. Hq. has communicated to us the following information regarding the explosion of the CARDITELLO ammo. depot:

a) The morning of the 11 October the following were present at the depot:

3 NCO's

25 military on guard duty

28 skilled workmen

27 transport

several animal-drawn vehicles.

The usual ammunition-checking and arrangement activity was in course.

b) An initial, violent explosion took place ^{at 0915} 0915 hours, followed by two more explosions, less violent and peaceful. Thereafter more or less powerful

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3 NCOs

25 military on guard duty

28 skilled workmen

27 transport "

several animal-drawn vehicles.

The usual ammunition-checking and arrangement activity was in course.

b) An initial, violent explosion took place ^{12.30} 0915 hours, followed by two more explosions, less violent and peaceful. Thereafter more or less powerful explosions occurred at various intervals until the 14 October.

Due to the radius of action of exploding projectiles, the numerous incendiary centers and the impossibility of approaching and helping with water-hoses, it was only possible, with the aid of Italian and
See folio 4

Allied military who had arrived from CAPVA, to ~~rescue~~ ~~rescue~~ and organize a safety cordon, while three Allied tanks entered the depot and recovered one wounded and one body.

The escaped wounded were picked up by Allied ambulances and taken to the CAPVA hospital.

A first inspection was made the morning of the 15th, in the area next to the destroyed part; only on the 16th was it possible to carry out a complete inspection.

c) 16 sheds were completely destroyed, while 4 only partially damaged.

The depot contained 12,000 tons of various ammunition, including depth-charges, hand grenades, mortar shells, propelling charges and detonators.

A large part of this material was destroyed; that which seems to be intact must be checked in order to make sure it can be used, considering the heat and torsion it underwent.

d) In total, of the 83 men present at the depot, there were:

28 dead (of whom 22 unidentified)

10 missing (probably dead)

15 bruised and wounded

24 unharmed

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To the wounded is to be added one boy who happened to be near the depot.

Of the dead and missing, 50 had dependents.

Further losses included one Battalion horse and wagon; 9 horses and 6 wagons of the transport agency.

e) ^{Among} ~~From~~ the information furnished by the survivors, from what results from observations made so far, and ^{among} ~~from~~ the various hypotheses which can be advanced on the cause of the explosion, the most probable is the one that a case of hand-grenades, among which happened to be one with a faulty safety-pin, dropped accidentally ^{and} caused the first explosion, which continued afterwards in the various bays.

It seems that the theory of an act of sabotage can be absolutely excluded; ~~without~~ ^{no} ~~one~~ ~~that~~ ~~17.38~~ ~~17.38~~ of anyone's fault, any irregularity or breach of regulations appear from the investigations carried out thus far.

In any case further investigations are in course in order to clear up - as far as possible - any other circumstances.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

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Authority

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Initials *arst*

Date 17 November 1944

AG 471/207 GCT-0

SUBJECT: Italian Ammunition

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO 394
For: Land Forces Sub-Commission (LFCIA)AQ 123/11
19/11

1. Owing to the withdrawal of British ammunition installations from SICILY, it is no longer possible for British forces to be responsible for the various dumps of Italian ammunition on the Island.

2. It is requested that arrangements be made by the Italian authorities concerned to assume immediate responsibility for any Italian ammunition still remaining in SICILY.

By command of General HIGGON:

HEADQUARTERS
18 NOV 1944

A. B. King
A. B. KING,
Major, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

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Subject: Italian Ammunition.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
AQ/23/1

17 Nov 44.

MMIA HQ Rt HQ 3 District

Ref your 3 DLO/22 dated 13 Nov 44.

1. Action is being taken by Ministry of War to recover Italian Material in the Rome Area.
2. A report on their present progress and future plans is being prepared by the Ministry of War at the request of HQ RAAC.

JGB/we

J. G. Bird, Capt
J. G. BIRD, Capt,
for Col. DA & QMG,
M. M. I. A.

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Subject: Italian Equipment.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
AQ/23/1
17 November 1944

MINISTRY OF WAR

Further to this H.Q. SD/1/2 dated 5 Nov 44.

1. The following additional items of Italian Equipment are now at North Africa Ordnance Depot, and available for the Italian Army:-

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
Teleprinter Receivers	2
Telephones	7
Superimposing Units	5
Water Filters	129
Telenitas (with case)	1
Bayonets	11

2. The Ministry of War is requested to give an early reply in accordance with para 2 of the above letter.

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G. G. BIRD, Capt.
G. G. BIRD, Capt.
For Major General.
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: AFHQ for CRD
(your DOS/2016(ORDE) dated 13 Nov 44 refers) — 6

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From report to main. Ref. 304588/51A Date. 16 Dec. 60

Recovery of Italian War material.

Ref to letter AG 190 dated 8.11.64 4/1

Data relative to ref. letter.

(1) The City Directorate of Rome actually requires.
(a) The salvage of Italian war material principally in the Rome area and as far as possible owing to their limited transport availability, in the adjacent communities.

(B) to the clearing of the grounds of the territory of the shells and unexploded projectiles (excluding mines which are being removed by the Eng.). There is actually clearing centres at Rome. CIVITAVECCHIA, and an other is even to be opened at RANCIGLIONE.

up to 10. Day from 550 request of clearing arrived at the Directorate 330 have been dealt with of a complete clearance of 300 tons.

(B) to the clearing of the grounds of the territory of the shells and unexploded projectiles (excluding mines which are being removed by the Eng). There is actually clearing centers at ROMA, CIVITAVECCHIA, and an other is soon to be opened at RAVENNA.

up to to-day from 550 request of clearing around at the destructible 350 have been dealt with of a complete tonnage of 300 tons.

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(II) General Ideas on the a.m. works.

A. to salvage portable equipment and light automatics and their ammunition to avoid them falling in the hands of civil doers.

B. and at the same time salvage material and arms belonging to Italian Army.

C. clear the areas needed for daily life, first.

III Preview of the City Directorate of ROMA for future recovery operations.

It is that the subject retains its characteristics as initiated by the war economy and now being examined by

RAAC MESSAGE FORM

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TO (A) AAI	ORIGIN NR 142	PRIORITY IMPORTANT	TRANSMISSION INSTRUCTIONS
SPACES WITHIN THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY			AP/23/1
FROM (A) AAI	DATE/TIME OF ORIGIN 151210A		
TO (FOR ACTION) MMIA			
TO (FOR INFORMATION)			
(REF. No.) SECRET	SECURITY CLASSIFICATION	Q 1761	

REQUEST RECEIVED FOR TWO A/T MINES ITALIAN PIGONE BAKELITE FOR
 OPERATIONAL USE BY ARMIES. REQUEST YOU STATE WHETHER THESE ARE
 AVAILABLE AND IF SO WHERE

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SECRET

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LOCAL DISTRIBUTION

PRECEDENCE **IMPORTANT**ORIGINATING
SECTION:

A. G. AUTHENTICATION:

ORIGINATOR'S AUTHENTICATION:

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SUBJECT: Recovery of Allied and German Ammunition

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
AQ/90
14 November 1944

TO: HQ RAAC

1. The recovery of Italian military material in the Rome area is directed by the Italian Army Directorate. A report on their present activity and future plans has been demanded, and will be forwarded to you when received. (our AQ/90 dated 8 Nov. 44 refers). — +20 4/1
2. Meanwhile the Ministry of War have submitted a report on the activities undertaken by the STACCHINI firm, and the suggestion is put forward that the Italian Army Directorate should undertake all salvage operations of Allied, German and Italian material in the Rome Area. (refer Ministry of War letter 16346 of 8 Nov. 44, att.) — 120/4
3. Will you please examine the proposal and give your decision.

J. G. Bird, Capt.
J.G. BIRD, Capt.
for Major General
M. M. I. A.

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Copy of Translation

From: Ministry of War

Ref. 16346

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To: MMIA

Date - 8 Nov. 1944

Subject: Salvage of Allied and German Ammunition

1. Rome Area Command detailed the firm "Giovanni STACCHINI" to salvage Allied and German unfired ammunition within a radius of 250 km. round Rome.

2. In carrying out such work, the firm Stacchini only provides for the removal of the ammunition in question, excluding all operation of sweeping areas of unexploded projectiles for which they ask for the intervention of the Direz. di Art. whenever necessary for unexploded projectile lifting. Hence, the Direz. di Art. must go to the various areas and carry out the dangerous work of neutralising, exploding or unearthing part of the ammunition, thus leaving Messrs. Stacchini only the simple and profitable work of recovering the ammunition suitable for immediate transport.

3. This procedure is a burden to this Ministry who derive no benefit from their work, whereas the above firm obtain all the profit available.

Moreover, since one operation cannot be normally carried out independently from the other, an excess of transport is used and petrol consumed for the same purpose. Where only one lorry would be required to carry out both operations, two are necessary, one for the Direz. di Art. and one for the firm.

4. Whilst reporting the above, we would request MMIA to examine the possibility of eliminating this drawback by cancelling the grant made to the firm and entrusting recovery of ammunition in which the Allies are interested to this Ministry.

This Ministry would provide, with its own military and civilian staff a more economical solution to the problem thus safeguarding the interests both of the Allies and of the Italian Administration.

Gen. G.B. Oxilia

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
ORDNANCE (BRITISH)

Ref : D(3/2016(Ord 2)
Tel : Freedom 813
Date: 13th November '44.

Subject:- Italian Equipment.

Army Sub-Commission
Allied Commission.

1. Further to our above number dated 31st October '44.
2. The following additional items of Italian equipment have now been received at North Africa Ordnance Depot :-

<u>Item</u>	<u>Qty</u>
Teleprinter Receivers	2
Telephones	7
Superimposing Units	5
Water Filters	129
Telenites (with case)	1
Bayonets	11

3. May we please be advised in accordance with para 3 of our above mentioned letter.

See also 36.



G. C. Haines

(G.C. Haines Capt. for A.D.C.S. Ord 2).
for Major General.
Director of Ordnance Services.

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Subject: Italian Ammunition.

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13 Nov 44

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Land Forces Sub Commission, AC,
(MMA),
R O M E .

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Ref MMA letter AQ/90 dated 6 Nov 44. to
AFHQ.

Ord 3 District state that several dumps
of Italian Ammunition have been discovered by their IGO
in the ROME area (ie in LATIO and outside the county of
CAMPANIA).

These were reported by the IGO to the
Italian Liaison Officer at RAAC but so far no clearance
has been carried out by the Italians.

Would you please take this matter up
with the Italian HQ concerned in order that the clearance
of these dumps from the ROME area may be expedited.

[Signature]

Major,
MMAIC,
3 District.

17/11/44

[Signature]

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SUBJECT: Italian Ammunition

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
 A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
 SD/1/2
 12 November 1944

TO: Ministry of War

1. Instructions have been received from AFHQ that the Italian ammunition and weapons, listed as Appx. 'A', will be released by the Ministry of War to Fifth Army for special operations.
2. All natures of ammunition and the maximum number of weapons will be made immediately available at CAPUA.
3. The Ministry of War will inform this H.Q. immediately of any deficiencies at CAPUA, at the same time stating where the remainder will be made available.
4. Approximate weight in tons will be given, showing ammunition and weapons separately, and by locations.
5. Arrangements for collection are being made by H.Q. Fifth Army.
6. The Ministry of War will inform this H.Q., the date when collection may be made, and forward release notes in triplicate.
7. Please treat as urgent.

P.J. Woods
 F.J. WOODS, Col.
 for Major General
 M. M. I. A.

JGB/r1

Copy to: AFHQ (your AG 470/157 OCT-0 dated 7 Nov. 44 refers)
 R. SAI (your 1041/9/1 dated 24 Oct. 44 refers)
 R. Fifth Army (your AG 471-A dated 18 Oct. 44 refers)
 CG PBS
 MMIA LG at R. Fifth Army
 MMIA LG Naples
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C O N F I D E N T I A L

Appx. A

AMMUNITION

50,000 Rounds 9 MM Ammo ✓ (For Beretta Carbine Mod. 38) Rome 50,000
 50,000 Rounds 8 MM Ammo ✓ (For Breda M.G. mod. 37) Naples 50,000
 50,000 Rounds 8 MM Ammo ✓ (For Fiat M.G. mod. 35) Naples 50,000
 50,000 Rounds 7.35 Ammo ✓ (For Rifle) Naples 50,000
 150,000 Rounds 6.5 MM Ammo ✓ (For Breda L.M.G. mod 30) Naples 150,000
 1,002 Rounds 81 MM Mortar Ammo Naples 1002
 2,000 Rounds 45 MM Mortar ✓ Ammo Naples 2000

WEAPONS

✓48 - 45 MM Brixia Mortar with sight Taranto 24. Catanzaro 11.
 Lecce 6 Naples 10
 ✓24 - 81 MM Mortar with sight 24. Naples
 ✓60 - Breda L.M.G. Model 30 (6.5) Naples 60
 ✓60 - Breda M.G. Model 37 (8 MM) Naples 60
 ✓60 - Fiat M.G. Model 35 (8 MM) Corunna 60
 ✓144 - Beretta Machine Carbine Model 38 (9 MM) Rome 114. M.A. 114
 ✓300 - Rifle Model 91 Corunna 300
 ✓300 - Rifle Modified Model 91 (Special troops) Corunna 300

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

Subject: Recovery of Italian Military Material.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME
AQ/90

8 Nov 44

MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Recovery of abandoned ammunition in the Rome Area is now in progress.
2. A report is required to show the extent to which the Arty Directorate, ROME, is at present engaged on the recovery of Italian military material, and their plans for future recovery operations.
3. The Ministry of War will forward this report to reach this HQ by 15 Nov 44.

F.J. NOAKES Col.
for Major General.
M.M.I.A.

Copy: HQ RAAC (your Q/251/1 dated 4 Nov 44) —

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12/1/9A
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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
A. P. O. 464, U. S. Army

REB/BWS/m
OCT 18 1944

AG 471-Z

Subject: Release of Italian Arms and Ammunition for Partisan Activity.

To: Headquarters, Military Mission Italian Army, Rome.

1. Reference the attached list of Italian arms and ammunition, request early release from available stocks. This materiel is required to arm Italian Patriots.

2. Also request location and approximate shipping weight so that required transportation can be arranged.

For the ARMY COMMANDER:

B. W. Saurel
B. W. SAUREL,
Lt. Col., A. G. D.,
Asst. Adjutant General.

1 Incl:
List of Italian arms and ammunition.

1st Ind.
HEADQUARTERS MMIA, APO 394, U. S. Army, 22 October 1944.

CPK/1e

TO: Hq. AAI.

Request instructions on basic communication.

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C. P. Kerr
C. P. KERR, Colonel,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

2677TH REGIMENT O.S.S. PROVISIONAL
COMPANY "D"
FIFTH ARMY DETACHMENT

AMMUNITION

- 50,000 Rounds 9 MM Ammo (For Beretta Carbine mod. 38)
- ✓ 50,000 Rounds 8 MM Ammo (For Breda M.G. mod. 37)
- ✓ 50,000 Rounds 8 MM Ammo (For Fiat M.G. mod. 35)
- ✓ 50,000 Rounds 7.35 Ammo (For rifle)
- ✓ 150,000 Rounds 6.5 mm Ammo (For Breda L.M.G. mod 30)
- ✓ 1,002 Rounds 81 mm Mortar Ammo
- ✓ 2,000 Rounds 45 mm Mortar Ammo

WEAPONS

- 48 - 45mm Brixia Mortar with sight
- 24 - 81 mm Mortar with sight
- 60 - Breda L.M.G. Model 30 (6.5)
- 60 - Breda M.G. Model 37 (8 mm)
- 60 - Fiat M.G. Model 35 (8 mm)
- 144 - Beretta Machine Carbine Model 38 (9 mm)
- 300 - Rifle Model 91k
- 300 - Rifle Modified Model 91 (Special troops)

For
Partisan
activities

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ammo - w/food
Release can be
obtained by MMIA (New York)
Shipping must be cleared
with PBS (rail)

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Subject: Explosions at Ammunition Depot - CARDITELLO.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E .
AC/90

6 Nov 44

A.F.R.Q.

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Further to this HQ letter AC/90 dated 14 Oct 44.

Forwarded herewith is an interim report, furnished by the Ministry of War, on the explosions at the Ammunition Depot, CARDITELLO.

F.J. Noakes
F.J. NOAKES Lt.Col.
for Major General.
M.M.I.A.

JB/nh

Copy to: HQ No.3 District.

MMIA LO NAPLES.

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COPY TRANSLATION

From: Ministry of War

Ref No. 303791/CA

To: M.M.L.A.

Date 2 Nov 44

Subject: Explosions at CARDITELLO Ammo Depot. /c

Reference letter AQ/90 of 14 Oct 44 and Signal Message AQ/2101 of 28 Oct 44.

At 0945 hours on 11 Oct 44, for reasons that are being investigated, but not yet known, an explosion took place and this was followed immediately by other explosions which caused fires, explosions and damage which cannot yet be estimated, but the following has been stated.

At the moment of the first explosion, there were at the depot :-

26 military guards and 3 NCOs.
37 civilian workers of the Campania Army Directorate.
27 civilian workers of the transportation firm.

Up to this day the following casualties have been certified :-

28 killed and 11 wounded, amongst civilian workers;
2 dead and 4 wounded amongst the military personnel.

There is no further proof about ^athe remaining 17 men who are believed to be dead and buried under the debris.

The work is proceeding slowly as the area is covered

25 military guards and 3 HCOs.
37 civilian workers of the Campania Arty Directorate.
27 civilian workers of the transportation firm.

Up to this day the following casualties have been certified :-

25 killed and 11 wounded, amongst civilian workers;
2 dead and 4 wounded amongst the military personnel.

There is no further proof about ~~the~~^a remaining 17 men who are believed to be dead and buried under the debris.

The work is proceeding slowly as the area is covered by bombs and shells which necessitate the work to be carried out with the maximum of precaution, so as to open a way to approach the gutted buildings.

We will communicate as soon as possible the data requested in para 2 of the a/m letter.

We have appreciated the immediate help given by the Allies (Police, Firemen, tanks) who have done the first and necessary work caused by this catastrophe.

(sgd) OXILLA

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Subject: Italian Ammunition on PANTELLERIA.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E .
SD/1/2

5 Nov 44

MINISTRY OF WAR

1. On PANTELLERIA, there is a large quantity of Italian rifles in boxes, also light and heavy machine guns, some boxed, others loose.
2. No shipping facilities to transport these weapons to ITALY are likely to be available for some considerable time.
3. It has been suggested therefore by AMG, PANTELLERIA, that a detachment of Italian Ordnance should go to the Island to clean and store these weapons.
4. The Ministry of War is asked to make suggestions on the above proposal.

Bird, Capt.
J.A. BIRD Capt.
For Major General.
M.M.I.A.

JB/hh

Copy to: MTA 10 o/o AG Sicily Region HQ (your 1st Ind. No. 800 of
10 Oct 44 refers)

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Subject: Italian Equipment.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.O.
(M.E.I.A.) R O M E
SD/1/2

5 Nov 44

MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Italian equipment, as listed on Appx 'A' attached, is held in North Africa Ordnance Depot, and can, if required be made available to the Italian Army.
2. The Ministry of War is requested therefore ^{to} examine the list of items, and to say whether all, part or none of these items is required. The destination for such items, as may be required, will also be given.

J. Bud, Capt.
J.G.DIRD Capt.
for Major General.
M.E.I.A.

JB/na

Copy to: AFHQ for ORD (your DOS/2016(Ord 2) dated 31 Oct 44 refers).

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Annex 'A'

<u>Designation</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Level Gauge Field Gun	1
Containers 6-gal.	16
Generators, Pedal	1
Generators, (SAW 800)	1
Charging Set	1
Gauges, Pressure	1
Telephone Switchboards	1
Teletypewriter Receiver	22
Telephones	2
Mine Detectors	1
Frequency Meter	1
Altimeter	1
Thiodolite	1
Motor Electric	1
Rifles, Cal. 6.35 mm.	480
Carabines, Cal. 7.35 mm.	104
Pistols, Signal	1
Carabine, Auto. Cal. 7.35 mm.	3
M/Guns, Heavy, Cal. 6.35 mm.	2
" Model (12)	10
Rifles Model (15)	1
Pistols Signal	11
Schmidt Pistols	4
Bayonets	12

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ROME ALLIED AREA COMAND
APO No. 79 U.S. Army

MEMO	AC
FILE REF	3
Date Recd	5/11

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SUBJECT: Clearance of Ammunition
Rome Area

4 Nov 44

TO : Headquarters Allied Commission
(Army Sub-Commission MIAA)

Reference your A/C of 1 Sep 44.

1. Recovery of abandoned ammunition in Rome Area is now in progress.

2. It is known that some clearance of Italian ammunition is taking place under the Rome Army Directorate but it would be appreciated if you could give an indication of the present scope and intention of recovery operations under Italian military control.

4.9 Mitalley
for ALBAN LOW
Brigadier
Deputy Commander

Copy to: Ord

(with copy of MIAA A/C of 1 Sep 44)

*MqW asked to finish report
by 15 Nov.*

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See Folio 20

Subject: 105 m.m. Howitzer.

Land Forces Sub Comd. A.S.
(A.S.I.S.)
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MINISTRY OF WAR (2)

4 Nov 44

1. An Italian 105 m.m. Howitzer is located in
Near San Park, 537 S.S. at PAVIA, NAPLES.
2. Immediate arrangements will be made by the
Ministry of War to collect this gun, and notification
given to S.S. Near San Park, through AREA 10, NAPLES,
of the date collection will be made.
3. The second copy of this letter will be
produced at the time of collection as authority
for so doing.

J. B. Smith, Capt.

J. B. Smith Capt.
For Major General.
A.S.I.S.

JB/hh

Copy to: ASHC for OMB (your 103/2016/1 (Ops. 2) dated
31 Oct 44 refers)

ASHC for OMB.

1. S. Near San Park, 537 S.S.S.
A.S.I.S. 10. NAPLES

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
COMMANDEE (BRITISH)

NOVA 46
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Ref: DCS/2016(Orl.2)
Tel: Freedom 813
Date: 31st Oct., 1944.

Subject: Italian Equipment.

Army Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission.

1. Italian equipment, as listed on Appendix "A" attached, is held at North Africa Ordnance Depot.
2. Captured Enemy Material Section, A.S.M.S., instruct that this equipment should be handed over to you for use of the Italian Army.
3. In view of the fact that stores are at present located in North Africa, and before shipping arrangements are made, it would be appreciated if you would confirm that equipment is in fact required by you in Italy; any further information regarding ultimate destination of stores would also be helpful.

W. H. H. 11

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(G. O. Unwin, Capt., for A.S.M.S., Orl.2)
for Major General,
Director of Ordnance Services.

4/11/44

M. G. W. asked

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APPENDIX "A" TO DOS/2016(Ord.2)31st October, 1944.

<u>Designation</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Level Gauge Field Gun	1
Containers, 6-gal.	16
Generators, Petrol	1
Generators, (RAV 800)	1
Charging Set	1
Gauges, Pressure	1
Telephone Switchboards	1
Teleprinter Receiver	22
Telephone	2
Mine Detectors	1
Frequency Meter	1
Altimeter	1
Theodolite	1
Motor Electric	150
Rifles, Cal. 6.35-mm.	104
Carabines, Cal. 7.35-mm.	1
Pistols, Signal	3
Carabine, Auto. Cal. 7.35-mm.	2
M/Guns, Brada, Cal. 6.35-mm.	10
" Model (42)	1
Rifles Model (15)	11
Pistols Signal	4
Schmeier Pistols	12
Bayonets	

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Subject: Decoppering Foil for Artillery

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Military Mission
Italian Army,
R O M E
SD/1/2

29 October 1944

MINISTRY OF WAR

1. An urgent demand has been received from AFHQ for two tons of decoppering foil, as per sample attached, for issue with Artillery Ammunition.
2. It is requested that the Ministry of War state where this can be made available from Italian Army stocks.
3. Please treat as urgent.

Bird, Capt.
J. G. BIRD, Capt,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

JGB/wk

Copy to AFHQ (your AG472.82/153 OCT-0 dated
24 Oct 44, refers) — *4A*

Chas. G. 11 Nov 1255
See folio 13/1
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Subject: 149/19 Ammunition.

Military Mission
Italian Army,
R O M E
AQ/90

28 Oct 44

MINISTRY OF WAR

3A

Ref your 302700/CA dated 25 Oct 44.

1. More definite information is required as to the exact locations where the above ammunition may be found, and the amount of ammunition involved.
2. Please forward the above information, together with a statement as to the amount of 149/19 Ammunition at present held in depots in SICILY, SARDINIA and the Mainland.

J. G. Bird, Capt.
J. G. BIRD Capt.
For Major General.
M. M. I. A.

JB/hh

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512ARMY S/C
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AG 472.82/153 GCT-O

24 October 1944

SUBJECT: Decoppering Foil for Artillery.

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission.
FOR: Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA).
AR 5/10/112
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1. There is an urgent requirement in this theater for two tons of decoppering foil for issue with Artillery Ammunition. Supplies sent out from UK have been lost and the above quantity is required for immediate use while replacement is being arranged.

2. It is requested that you state whether two tons of Italian foil, sample of which is attached, can be released from Italian Army sources, to meet this contingency.

3. All arrangements in respect of this request should be made direct with Ordnance (B) Section, AFHQ.

By command of General WILSON:

1 Incl
1 Sample Italian
Decoppering Foil

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

29/10/44
Maj W asked

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HEADQUARTERS
20 OCT 1944
A. C. C.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILIA REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

FILE:RC/100.274

18 Oct 1944

SUBJECT: PANTELLERIA - Small Arms (Italian) and Spare Parts

TO : M.M.I.A.
PALERMO

1. Copy of attached letter is forwarded to you as a matter which pertains to your office. If there is any information to be sent to the C.A.C. PANTELLERIA in this matter will you please notify this headquarters.

M. CARR
Brigadier
Regional commissioner

1 Encl - Copy of letter, C.A.O. PANTELLERIA to R.C. SICILIA
Region CA-61 10 OCT 44 re as above

No. 800 1st Ind
LIAISON OFFICE MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY % ACC SICILY REGION HQ APO 394

TO: Military Mission Italian Army, Rome.

1. Forwarded for your information.
2. Your attention is invited to our 1st Ind No 800 dated 26 Sept 1944.



LESTER R ALBERT
Lt Col Inf
L O Sicily

Encl - No change

See Folio 53
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Copy:

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
PANTELLERIA

CA-61

10 October 1944

SUBJECT: Small Arms (Italian)
and Spare Parts.TO : Regional Commissioner
A.C.C., Region One.

1. On the Island there is a large quantity of Italian Rifles in boxes, L.M.Gs, H.M.Gs, together with spare parts - some are boxed: some are loose.

Storage will take a considerable time and all transport (4 trucks) is already allotted for some months ahead to transport:

2,000 Tons of Ammunitions

500 Tons Aviation Petrol

5,600 Tons Raisins.

There may also be instructions to remove 200 Tons Tinned Foods. Essential Island service to maintain.

2. It will be seen that no further commitments can be considered, for it is doubtful if the above operations can be carried through.

3. The Ordnance, Supply and P.O.L. authorities are competing for the very small transport facilities and all are sending ships into a small and dangerous harbour - with the advent of rough weather - expecting immediate loading and all claiming priority.

4. It is suggested therefore, that a detachment of Italian Ordnance soldiers should be sent to clean and store these weapons and arrangements made by Italian Ordnance to collect them as soon as trucking and shipping can be arranged and accommodated. In the meantime the weapons are suffering damage and pilferage.

5. It is assumed that A.M.I.A., A.C.C. will note and inform A.M.G., Pantelleria.

Sgd. H.W. ALDEN
Captain
C.A.O., Pantelleria

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SUBJECT: Explosions at Ammunition Depot - CANDITELLO

MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
R C M E

AG/90
14 October 1944

TO: Ministry of War

1. A series of explosions, resulting in large fires took place at the Italian Ammunition Depot, CANDITELLO on 11 October 1944.
2. The Ministry of War will make a thorough investigation into the cause of the explosions, and the extent of the resultant damage.
3. A full report will be forwarded to this HQ, as soon as available.


Major General
M. M. I. A.

JGB/r1

Copy to: AFHQ

Hq. No. 3 District
MMIA 10 Naples
(G)

See Folio 1/1

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SUBJECT: Italian Ann for Italian Internal Security Ops & Trg Purposes

MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY

R. M. 3

SD 40

4 Oct 44

WAR MINISTRY

COPY TO: AFHQ (ref AG 471/109.GCT-9 dated 28 Sep)
A.I.I.

47C SARDINIA for Col SIMMONS

Hq SICILY REGION ACC for Col ALBERT - MMLA LO

ESG for MMLA

MMLA LO 6 Army

MMLA LO 5 Army

MMLA LO 1 District

MMLA LO 2 District

MMLA LO 3 District

MMLA LO 67 Garrison

1. The amounts, by types, of Italian ammunition to be frozen in Italian Army Depots on the mainland, SICILY and SARDINIA for Italian Internal Security ops and for training purposes are shown at approx "A" to this letter.

2. It is requested that you

(a) issue forthwith the necessary orders to freeze this ann for the purposes shown above.

(b) submit to this HQ your request for transport to SICILY from mainland stocks of the 12,000 rds 9mm ann (vide Note in Annex

1. The amounts, by type, of Italian ammunition to be frozen in Italian Army Depots on the mainland, SICILY and SARDINIA for Italian Internal Security use and for training purposes are shown at appx "A" to this letter.
2. It is requested that you
 - (a) issue forthwith the necessary orders to freeze this am for the purposes shown above.
 - (b) submit to this HQ your request for transport to SICILY from mainland stocks of the 17,000 rds 9mm am (vide Note in appx "A"). Precise destination in SICILY should be stated. It is recommended that MISSINA Arty Depot be selected.
3. This HQ letter 42/90 of 29 May 44, subject "Ammunition" is cancelled.

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L. M. J. Guder

Major General
M M I A

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Ann to be frozen for Italian Internal Security Tps and Tra

Nature	SARDINIA	SICILY	MAINLAND
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
81 mm Mortar	9,000	13,000	36,000
9 mm Pistol	8,500	17,000	34,000
8 mm M.G.	370,000	740,000	1,480,000
6.5 mm LM	119,000	238,000	476,000
6.5 mm Rifle	472,400	944,800	1,889,600
and Grenades	10,000	20,000	40,000

Note:- Ann shown above is already in depots in SARDINIA, SICILY and mainland, except for which must come from mainland stocks

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Apex "A" to MMLA SD/40 of 4 Oct 44

Italian Internal Security Tps and Trg Purposes

SICILY	MAINLAND	Training Purposes (12 months)		Total
(c)	(d)	21 Nov	(e)	
13,000	36,000	4,000	2,000	65,000 (67,000)
17,000	34,000	8,000	4,000	63,500 (65,500)
740,000	1,400,000	2,000,000	100,000	2,690,000 (2,740,000)
238,000	476,000	1,000,000	100,000	933,000 (1,033,000)
940,800	1,889,600	2,000,000	70,000	3,370,800 (3,500,000)
20,000	40,000	10,000	5,000	75,000 (80,000)

RDINL., SICILY and mainland, except for the 17,000 rds of 9mm Pistol for SICILY.

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