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Q123/4 Demands + Issues To Allies

1st Cover

Apr. - Sept. 1945

SUBJECT: Ammunition for Italian Air Ministry.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
Q/23/4
20 September 1945.

TO : Air Forces Sub Commission.

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1. Reference your AFSC/629/EQ of 18 September 1945 and further to this headquarters letter of 14 August 1945, file to subject as above.
 2. Will you please regard the allocation of 9 mm. pistol ammunition to the Air Ministry as cancelled.
 3. The War Ministry is being instructed to contact the Air Ministry when the stock position of pistol ammunition is such that the original allocation can be filled.

JJW
JOHN J. WARD, 1st Lt.
for Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission

JJW/ag

Copy to: Ministry of War.

(191)

From: Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, ROME.

To: Land Forces Sub-Commission (15MIA), ✓
Allied Commission, ROME.

Date: 18th September, 1945.

Ref: AFSC/629/DQ.

Q/23/4

ITALIAN AIR FORCE ISSUE OF AMMUNITION.

1. Reference is made to your letter 2/23/4 dated 14/8/45.
2. We are advised that the Italian War Ministry was only able to issue 10000 rounds of cal. 9 mm. ammunition owing to short supply.
3. It would be appreciated if you could give some indication as to when the balance of 40000 rounds will be available.

B. C. DEETS
B. C. DEETS,
Flight Lieutenant,
for Air Vice Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

Copy to: Stato Maggiore (Letter 43205/L.16/5127 Coll. refers)
R.A.

SEE 142

1529

Subject :- Withdrawal of Amn.

M.M.I.A. L.O.
N.W.Italy,
MILAN.

Phone: MILAN 13989,

HWI/10/Q.

28 Aug 45.

Q/23/4

Q.

To : MMIA L.O. c/o 60 Sub Area.

1. The att letter from A.of W. to MMIA was forwarded under MMIA letter Q/23/4 dated 22 Aug 45, with orders to investigate and report.

2. It is realised that I PERIA is not under Italian Military control, that the materials listed are CEM and not Italian property and that the 5th Army Unit, in the area at the time, has moved. The report must, however, have emanated from 2 Terr HQ.

3. Therefore please make further enquiries for 2 Terr HQ, on the following points in particular:-

- (a) Was the ammunition French or Italian make?
- (b) The 5th Army Unit in the area at the time.
- (c) Name of the local Allied Comd in area.
- (d) Whether any receipts were given.

4. Please reply direct to HQ, MMIA, copy to me, if anything further comes to light.

J Bud
Major,
Sr. MMIA L.O.
N.W. Italy.

1528

Copy to : Land Forces Sub Com.A.C. (M.M.I.A.) ROME.

JGB/gl

RAC

166

Subject : Withdrawal of Ammunition by French Personnel.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E.
9/23/4

22 Aug. 45.

To : M.M.I.A. L.O. N.W. Italy.

1. The attached copy of a letter received from the War Ministry concerning the removal of ammunition by French military authorities from an Italian Army Depot is forwarded for investigation.
2. It will be noted that the incident took place on the 24 Jun but has only now been brought to our notice. It would appear that the local Allied Military Commander gave his consent.
3. While all French ammunition is to be returned to the French authorities it is not clear from the attached correspondence whether in fact this ammunition was of French origin or not. Any information you may be able to obtain should be forwarded to this Headquarters.

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

/agc

1527

COPY / Translation.

From : Ministry of War.

Ref. : 217515/II
222-5-41.

To : M.M.I.A.

Date : 20 Aug 45.

Subject : Withdrawal of ammunition by French Military personnel.

This Ministry has been informed that on 24 Jun 45, Capt. SURAN, French Army, of 24 R.A.D. located at Buggio di Pigna (Imperia) reported to the Ammunition and Material Depot of Val Gavano (Molini di Triora) under command of Fossano (Genova) Detached Arty Section.

Above mentioned officer after having inspected the material existing in the Depot, said that some lorries would be coming in a short time to collect same material, because, being located in the French area it was the property of the French Government.

On the 7 Jul 45 a French NCO and a convoy of 105 lorries withdrew the ammunition listed on the attached return confirming that he had received verbal instruction from the Allied HQ to withdraw all the ammunition existing in the Depot. The Allied Governor of S. Remo that had been informed of the matter did not object to the withdrawal of these materials.

Since the withdrawal of said materials which are the property of the Italian Government has been carried out against the instructions laid down by MMHA, I inform you for any action that you may deem advisable to take concerning this matter.

JACINI

/dgo

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COPY / Translatic

LIST OF AMMUNITION WITHDRAWN BY FRENCH TROOPS ON 7 JUL 45 FROM
VAL GAVANO DEPOT.

Shells	75/27	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	N.	4,495
"	ordinary 100/17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"	37
"	105/28 mod. 32	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"	159
"	149/35 w/fuss	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"	197
"	shrapnel 152/45	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"	5
"	French 105/34	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"	10,300
Charges for armour piercing shells	75	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"	2,050
Fuses, timed mod. 36	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"	35,000
Shell cases, scrap	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Q.II	30
Boxes for 9 charges	75	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	N.	250
Boxes for fuses mod. 36	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"	250
Boxes for shells 149/35 mod. 32	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"	201
Zinc boxes	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"	200

/ago

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SUBJECT: Ammunition for Italian Air Force.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
Q/23/4 ✓
14 August 1945.

TO : Air Forces Sub Comm., Aleom.

Ref. your AFSC/629/EQ undated.

1. Herewith is Release Order for 9 mm Ammunition as requested.
2. Cal. 7.65 mm Ammo for pistol is not available.
3. PBS and 54 Area have placed no restriction on the arming of guards of duly authorized military formations.

IVF
IRA V. FORDYCE, Captain
for Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission

IVF/ag

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION,
A. C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
Q/23/4
14 August 1945

SUBJECT: Ammunition for Italian Air Ministry

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Authority is hereby granted for the issue to the Italian Air Ministry of the following ammunition from the depots as shown:

Cartridges, Ball 9 mm for Pistol Beretta Mod. 34	25,000	114 Det. Arty Sec.
Cartridges, Ball 9 mm for Pistol Beretta Mod. 34	25,000	1001 Artillery Direct.

J.H.
IRA V. FORBYCE, Capt.
For Major General
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: Air Forces Sub Commission, (Ref: your AFSC/639/BQ)

1523:

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MIA

AMMO FOR Q (MIA)

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FURNISH FOR MIA TO

Q-527

161

UNCLASSIFIED (.) REFERENCE YOUR C41246 & 11 AIR (.) CONTRACT

MIA TO REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY 800 RDS AMMO 7.65

MIA REQUEST (.) FURTHER QUANTITY NOT AT PRESENT AVAILABLE

ON HAND (.) WILL ADVISE WHEN FURTHER QUANTITY ARRIVES

FROM BANGKOK.

RECEIVED

RECEIVED BY
TAB
(COPY)

1522

CONF INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM : AFHQ
 TO : WASH DC
 REF : C11246
 From J (Miami)

DATE/TIME
 111259Z

UNCLASSIFIED.

WE HAVE FURTHER REQUIREMENT FOR 1000 BOWTIE 7.65 IN
 BERTHA ASSURANCE (.)

PLEASE ADVISE FOR NEW ACTIVITY TO BE MADE AVAILABLE
 HAVES AREA AND WOULD ALSO BEEN AND WERE IN
 MAY BE COLLECTED.

"Q" Distribution:-

Action Copy: 7 9/23/4
 Info:- Plant

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AN 1 OFFICE MEMORANDUM

From: Air Forces S/B
To: Land Forces S/B (LMIA)
Date: 10th August, 1945.
Ref: AFSC/629/EQ.

162
2/23/4

RELEASE OF AMMUNITION TO I.A.F.

1. A request has been received from the Italian Air Ministry for release of u/m ammunition for arming guards:

Cartridges	cal. 7.69	50,000 rounds
"	cal. 9	50,000 rounds

2. Request was subject of recent conversation W/C KNOWLES - LT. WARD and latter undertook to ascertain whether there were any local restrictions imposed by P.B.S. or 54 Area upon arming of guards. It was notified that cal. 7.69 was, however, not available.

3. Information as to present position is requested.

A. H. Knowles

A. H. KNOWLES,
Wing Commander,
for Air Vice Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION,
A. C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
Q/23/4
27 July 1945

SUBJECT: Small Arms Ammunition
for AFHQ

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Confirming authority is given for the issue to AFHQ on 25 July 45
by MMIA L/O Naples of the following quantities of ammunition:

Cartridges, Ball, Cal. 7.65
Cartridges, Ball, Cal. 9

1200 rounds
1200 rounds

JJW/ac

J. V. H.
IRA V. FORDYCE, Capt.,
For Major General
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: MMIA L/O, Naples
(Our signal Q/461 of 22 July refers)

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: RMVA

TO : PENSOUTH

DATE TIME OF ORIGIN

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B

REF NO. Q/467

SECRET

FOR RMVA LC(.) OUR Q461 OF 22 JULY(.) 2000 EDS 7.35 WERETTA SHIPPED SS ABBAZIA(.)
ALSO 200 EMPTY OIL DRUMS AS PER OUR ST697 OF 11 JULY 46(.) BTA DUKO 26 JULY

PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATION

COPY TO: ST

1518

COPY SIGNAL.

into 9/23/4
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FROM : MMIA LO SARDINIA.

DATE/TIME

TO : MMIA.

250915Z

REF : 1554

SECRET

4926/23/1.

REF Q/462 DATED 22 JULY(.) SHIPPED ON SS.AMBRAZIA 2000 RDS 7.55
PISTOL AMMO BERETTA CONSIGNED TO MMIA LO PENSOUTH(.) REMAINING
STOCK OF THIS TYPE AMMO WILL BE SENT SOONEST(.) ALSO SHIPPED ON SS.
AMBRAZIA 200 FIFTY OIL DRUMS REQUESTED IN ST/837(.) REQUEST MMIA LO
PENSOUTH BE NOTIFIED BY PHONE(.) ETA DUEO 26 JULY

ACTION COPY: Q/23/4
COPY TO : ST
ELCAT.

SEE 499-8/23/1.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION,
A. C. (M. M. I. A.)
R D M B
Q/23/4
23 July 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Ammunition

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Further to this headquarters letter of 7 July 1945, file and subject as above.
2. Consignment from Genova to AFHQ of 250 rounds bulletted blank cartridges cal. 6.5, model 91/98, may be cancelled.

JJW
JOHN J. WARD, 1st Lt.
For Major General
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: AFHQ (Attn: Technical Intelligence, RA & CM)
MMA L/O Naples

1516

SIGNAL

FROM : M.M.I.A.

TO : AFHQ CITE PHGDC

INFO : PENSOUTH for MMIA LO.

Q/46I

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DATE TIME

22 1540

Q/23/4

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RESTRICTED

YOUR EX22599 OF 14 JULY(.) MMIA LO PENSOUTH RELEASING IMMEDIATELY
1000 RDS AMMO 9MM, BERETTA ~~AMMO~~(.) 7.65 CAL AMMO NOT AVAILABLE
IN REQUESTED QUANTITY ON MAINLAND(.) MMIA LO. PENSOUTH WILL
INFORM YOU ARRIVAL OF 7.65 AMMO FROM SARDINIA (.)

COPY TO: MINISTRY of WAR.

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PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATION

Routine
Adm

JJS/ps

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION,
A. C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
Q/23/4
21 July 1945

SUBJECT: Issue of Beretta Pistol
& Ammunition to AFHQ

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Confirming authority is given for the issue by Naples Artillery Directorate on 13 February 1945 to AFHQ, of one Pistol, Beretta, mod. 34, and on 15 July 1945 of 200 rounds cal. 9 Beretta ammunition to the same headquarters.

JJW/ac

Copy to: MMIA L/O, Naples

Ira V. Fordyce
IRA V. FORDYCE, Capt.,
For Major General
M. M. I. A.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION,
A. C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
Q/23/4
7 July 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Ammunition

TO : AFHQ
ATTN: (TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE, M. I. & C. E.)

150

1. Reference your T1/AFHQ/438 of 25 June 1945, subject as above.
2. It is believed that 250 rounds of bullet blank cartridges cal. G.S., model 91/95, have been located at Cosenza.
3. WHIA Liaison Officer, Naples, Telephone 83873, is arranging to have the cartridges brought to Naples and will inform you when they have arrived and are ready for collection.

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JOHN J. WARD, 1st Lt.
For Major General
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: MMIA 1/9, Naples
Ministry of War
(Please confirm release)

240 rds. forwarded from Rome 13 July
Maj. Smith phoned to say rds. from Rome were suitable
18 July (W)

1513

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION,
A. C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
Q/23/4
7 July 1945

SUBJECT: Cancellation of Ammunition Assignment

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

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1. Reference SMRS letter 4/1322/Serv of 20 June 1945.
2. It has been determined that with the cessation of hostilities the amounts of Italian ammunition listed in your letter under reference and frozen at the verbal request of this headquarters need no longer be held ready for issue to the Allies.

J. W.
JOHN (J.) WARD, 1st Lt.
For Major General
M. M. I. A.

1512

TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE
NORTH AFRICA AND CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN
A.F.H.Q. A.P.O. 512, U.S.A.

150

TI/AFHQ/939.

25 June 1945.

Q/23/4
26/6

To :- Land Forces Sub Commission,
A.C. (M.M.I.A.), Rome.

Subject :- Italian Ammunition.

1. Reference your Q/23/4 of 18 June 1945 and our TI/AFHQ/918 of 7 June, the nomenclature already given is correct.
2. The bullet consists of inert black powder which is enclosed in a thin brass envelope. On the outside of the envelope are 9-10 annular striations.

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Ronald A. Brett

R.A. Brett, Major, G.S.
C.C.,
Technical Intelligence
N.A. & C.M.

JEF 152
1511

Translation.

From; M. of W.

To ; NMIA.

Subject; Issue of ammunition.

Q/23/4

R. 1/1822/Serv.

20/6/45.

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As requested by the NMIA (Major Bauman) the 24th Dec. 1944 was ordered as the day for the issue of the following quantities of ammunition to the Supreme Allied HQ.

TARANTO ARTY., DIRECTORATE.

Cartridges for LMG Breda Cal., 7,35.
 " " Mauser rifle.
 " " Manlicher rifle.
 " " Arm Mod., 91. Cal., 6,5.

20000

80000

10000

50000

NAPLES ARTY., DIRECTORATE.

Cartridges for Fiat LMG Cal., 8.
 " " Breda LMG. Cal., 8.

200000

100000

Italian Detachment 14th B.A.D. = TERLIZZI.

Cartridges Standard Cal., 9.
 " " for Arm mod., 91 cal., 6,5.
 Mortar Bombs No 81(g.a.)
 Mortar bombs No 45.

500000

230000

3000

1500

As the withdrawal of the above quantities of ammunition has not up to the moment been effected, we beg you to inform us if the said ammunition has to be still kept at the disposal of the Supreme Allied ~~AMTXXXX~~ HQ.

(Giorgio Liuzzi)

GD
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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION,
A. C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
Q/23/4 ✓
18 June 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Ammunition

TO : TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE, AFHQ

1. Reference Your TI/AFHQ/918 of 7 June 1945, subject as above.
2. We regret that the nomenclature as given in your letter under reference is insufficient to enable identification of the ammunition in question.
3. It is requested that the correct full Italian nomenclature or a sample cartridge, if available, be forwarded to this Headquarters, whereupon every effort will be made to make the amount desired available. Alternatively you might make available a full description in English of the cartridge, which would enable an interpreter to explain to the Italian technicians exactly what is required.

JJW/ac

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See Folio 150

Ira V. Fordyce
IRA V. FORDYCE, Capt.,
For Major General
M. M. I. A.

1509

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FHM

Q/23/4 ✓
8th Ind. GPK/lak
HQ LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION, AG (MMIA) APO 394, US ARMY, 18 Jun 45
TO: Commanding General, MTOUSA, APO 512, U. S. Army

1. The return of the pistol is requested by the Italian Government. Request that Colonel Hale be directed to recover and return the pistol.

2. The check for \$10.00 is returned. The value of the pistol (\$50.00) as set by the Italian Government is not a matter of discussion or bargaining, and was probably fixed to deter similar illegal traffic.

3. Request prompt action in order to prevent further embarrassment of Allied officers dealing with the Italian Government.

For the Commanding General:

3 Incls: n/c

CLAYTON P. KERR
Colonel, Infantry

*See MMIA letter Q/23/4 - 17 Apr 45 Folio 132
to Co 2675 Regt, ALCOM.
Subj: Return of Italian Military Property*

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TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE
NORTH AFRICA AND CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN
A.F.H.Q. A.P.O. 512, U.S.A.

TI/AFHQ/918.

7 June 1945.

To Land Forces Sub Commission,
:- M.M.I.A. Rome.

Subject :- Italian Ammunition.

1. Can you please give us a release note for 250 rounds Italian 6.5 mm bulleted blank SAA Cartucce Da Salva Mod. 91/95 Per Mitragliatrice with brass foil envelope containing metal grains.
2. This is required for research in U.K. and an early reply is requested.

Ronald. A. Brett

R.A. Brett, Major, G.S.
O.C.,
Technical Intelligence
N.A. & C.M.

*see folios 147
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*May Bryant asked to determine
availability of guns
May Bryant doesn't understand the
English communication hence can
do nothing*

1507

CONFIDENTIAL

Translation

From : MOW
To : DETACHED ARTY SECTION - NUORO
Subject : AMMO FOR 5TH ARMY.

Ref. : 18736
Date : June 6, 1945

This Ministry agrees with your proposal regarding the completion of the consignment of 105/28 shells to the Naples Arty Directorate. *AT*

As pointed out in letter 13454 dated April 30, 1945, said materials are no longer necessary for 5th Army requirements, and will therefore remain available at that Directorate. The consignment order for the 81 complete rounds of 149/19 shells will also be considered as cancelled.

(Sgd) Col. Campagne

1206

E. Carme *[Signature]*

MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MMIA

DATE TIME OF ORIGIN

TO(FOR ACTION): AFHQ CITE PHODQ

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TO(FOR INFO): PENSOUTH FOR MMIA LO

REF NO Q/321

RESTRICTED

HEREBY RELEASED TO YOU FROM NAPLES ARTY DIRECTORATE ARE 1000 RPS 9 MM
BERETTA MOD 34 AMMO (.) MMIA LO PENSOUTH WILL INFORM EXACT LOCATION
BY PHONE(.) YOUR FXB5340 OF 31 MAY SIGNED SACMNT CITE PHODQ REFERS

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PRECEDENCE

Routine

AUTHENTICATION

Ward

COPY TO: MINISTRY OF WAR

1505

Translation

From: 6/5
To: Rome Army District

Ref: 16800
Date: 22nd May 45

Subject: Issue of ammunition

The information of M.M.I.A.

Issue to M.M.I.A., Rome, the following ammunition:

- rounds cal 6.5 6000.

The ammunition will be withdrawn by an American officer, who is responsible for the withdrawal, ~~in~~ according to agreements ~~made~~ with this Directorate.

1504

Signed: Col CAMPAGNA

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION,
A. C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
Q/23/4
16 May 1945

SUBJECT: Ammunition for
24th Replacement Depot

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Confirming authority is hereby given for the release to 24th Replacement Depot, U. S. Army, of six thousand (6000) rounds of 6.5 mm. carbine ammunition from Rome Artillery Directorate.

JJW/ac

F. A. Cole
F. A. COLE, Major
For Major General
M. M. I. A.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION,
A. C. (M. H. I. A.)
R O M S
Q/23/4
14 May 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Ammunition
for British CE Btrye.

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

134/2.

1. Reference our Q/23/4 of 27 April 45, subject as above.
2. All releases of ammunition for 203 Fixed Defence B. A. are hereby cancelled.

1 JW
JOHN J. CARD, 1st Lt.
Per Major General
M. H. I. A.

Copy to: WHIA 1/O, Sardinia
WHIA 1/O, 3 District
WHIA 1/O, Naples

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION,
A. C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
Q/23/4
6 May 1945

SUBJECT: Issue of 47/32 Ammunition
for 761st R.A.S.C. Coy.

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

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1. Reference your 13830 of 2 May 1945.
2. Confirming authority is given for the issue by Naples Artillery Directorate of 12000 rounds of 47/32 ammunition to 761st R.A.S.C. Coy.


JOHN J. WARD, 1st Lt.
For Major General
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: Arty/TS/201

1501

FM : AFHQ

TO : MMIA

DATE
28

TIME
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INFO : SOM PENSOUTH

FX67427

CONFIDENTIAL

SOME HAVE A REQUIREMENT FOR MAY MAINTENANCE FOR
THE FOLLOWING ITALIAN AMN (.) SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGDQ (.)

6.5 MM 75,000

81 MM MOR HE 2,500

47/32 MM HE 250

47/32 MM HE/AP 250

47/32 MM AP 100

REQUEST YOU ARRANGE RELEASE FROM DEPOTS PREFERABLY IN LEGHORN
AREA NOTIFYING THIS HEADQUARTERS OF LOCATION (.)

PENSOUTH PLEASE PASS TO MMIA LO .

1500

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LAST FORCES SUB COMMITTEE,
A. C. (M. H. I. A.)
R O C E
Q/23/4
27 April 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Ammunition
for British CD Bty's.

TO : A.P.S.G.
(Att: Ordnance (British))

131.

1. Reference your Q/23/2(4) of 17 April 1945, subject as above.
2. Hereby released to 203 Fixed Defences, RA, are 1000 rounds of 90/53 ammunition from stocks in Sardinia. These 1000 rounds are additional to the 1000 listed in our Q/23/4 of 9 April 1945, subject as above.
3. It is understood that the 100 from 3 District will examine available stocks in Sardinia and arrange for shipment of suitable rounds to mainland.

1125.

[Signature]
F. A. POLS, Major
For Major General
M. H. I. A.

J.W/ac

Copy to: MWIA L/O Sardinia
Ministry of War
- 1000 Three District
- 90 203 Fixed Defences, R.A.
MWIA L/O, 3 District

SEE 140

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RESTRICTED

AWK:rh

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 091.711/163 GCT-O

22 April 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Artillery

TO: President, Allied Commission
FOR: Land Forces Sub Commission (NMIA)

1. Reference NMIA letter Q/23/4 of 2 April 1945, release of the specified equipment is approved.

2. Unserviceable equipment will be returned to the Italian Arty Directorate for reduction to scrap or any other use they may care to make.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

[Signature]
ALBERT W. KERR
Captain, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

See Folio 126
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8 JEOT: Return of Italian Military Property.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
Q/23/4
17 April 1945.

TO : C.O., 2675th Regiment, Alcom (Ovhd)
APO 394, U.S. Army.

1. Records of Italian Artillery Directorate, copies inclosed, disclose that Colonel H.A. Hale of your organization, while on duty in Sardinia, borrowed on personal receipt the following item of military equipment.

1 Pistol, Cal. 9 mm, Beretta.

2. To date this pistol has not been returned, although Colonel Hale has been away from Sardinia for about one year. The value of item is listed at fifty (\$50.00) dollars.

3. In order to enable the Commanding Officer, Nuoro Depot to clear his accounts, it is requested that officer be directed to return pistol at once.

See Folio 124/1

F.L. SIMMONS, Colonel
for Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission.

FLS/ag

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION,
A. G. (M. E. I. A.)
R O M B
Q/23/4
17 April 1945

SUBJECT: Ammunition for
203 Fixed Defences, R.A.

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Reference SHHE letter 4/1126/Serv. of 11 April 45, we are informed that 203 Fixed Defences, R.A. do not require a further 395 rounds of 90/53 ammunition in addition to the 1000 rounds authorized them in our Q/23/4 of 3 March 1945.

2. As the withdrawal of the original 1000 rounds has not yet been completed, the 395 rounds mentioned by Naples Territorial Headquarters as being requested by the unit may be part of the original consignment.

JW
JOHN J. WARD, 1st Lt.
For Major General
M. E. I. A.

Copy to: 203 Fixed Defences, R. A.
SENTIA L/O Naples
(tele. conv. Ward-Clerk 16 April refers)

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION,
A. C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
Q/23/4
15 April 1946

SUBJECT: Release of Artillery Parts
to British C.D. Stry.

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Confirming authorization is hereby given for the release to the Commanding Officer, 203 Fixed Defences RA of the following equipment:

Ordnance QF 90/53/mm. complete with Breech Mechanism	1
Mountings QF 90/53 mm. Equilibrium Gear Complete	1

2. The above are needed for replacement of unserviceable parts. It is understood that OC, 203 Fixed Defences, RA, will return the unserviceable parts to Naples Artillery Directorate, from whence the serviceable equipment was drawn.


F. A. COLE, Major
For Major General
M. M. I. A.

JJW/ac

Copy to: MM A L/O Naples (your G-4 of 6 April refers)

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See File 124

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Translation

From S.M.R.E.
to M.M.I.A.

Ref^o 4/1126/SEC.
Date 11-4-45.

Ammo for 203rd fixed defence

Further to verbal request made by an officer of M.M.I.A., confirmed later with letter 9/23/4 dated 24/9/45. The 203rd fixed defence unit was issued with 1000 Rds of 90/53. by the Ammo Depot of PIANO DI QUARTO.

The NAPLES Military Territorial Command informs us now that the a/c unit request a further issue of 295 Rds of the same calibre.

We beg you to inform us if we can carry out the further issue.

R Mangfield

Phoned War Min. L10221.

for correct date on
9/23/4 reference above.
Should be 3 March

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Spoke Capt Clark (Naples)
but no add ammo wanted

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8 126.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Artillery Section

FEDERAL 116

586.3(Br)

SUBJECT: Ord QF 90/53mm (Italian)To: HQ MMIA ✓Copy to: Q(AE)

Q/23/4

10 APR 45

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Reference your letter Q/23/4 dated 2 Apr 45, and attached copy of OC 203 Fixed Defences RA letter 22/2/59 dated 28 Mar 45.

1. The equipment referred to in the letters under reference is required for operational use by 203 Fixed Defences RA.

2. It is therefore considered that issue of this equipment should be made.

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F.M. Boylan

Lt Col GSO I(E)
(F.M. BOYLAN)

JWF/rj

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LAND FORCES/308 COMMISSION,
A. S. (M. W. I. A.)
R O S E
4/23/4
9 April 1945

SUBJECT: Ammunition for
British CO Pkys.

TO : AFHQ
ATT: Ordnance British

115 1st Jacket.

1. Reference your 105/55/2(4) of 31 March and 6 April 45, the Ministry of War has confirmed that there are no serviceable stocks of 80/54 ammunition on the mainland. However, the following stocks are reported in Sardinia:

ITEM	QUANTITY	LOCATION
Cartoccio granata perforante	268	Monserrato
Cartoccio granata perforante	361	Campo Sola
Cartoccio granata semi-perforante	131	Monserrato
Cartoccio granata anti-aereo	299	Porto Cagliari
Total----	1049	

2. The above are believed to be the type desired by CO 203 Fixed Defences S.A. There are in addition approximately 65,000 anti-aircraft shells cal. 80/63 in Sardinia, which might be adaptable to a coast artillery role.

3. It is suggested that an inspecting Ordnance Officer examine the shells in Sardinia and if suitable arrange with MIA L/O Sardinia for their shipment to the mainland.

J.W./ec

SEE

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P. A. CO S, Major
For Major General
M. W. I. A.

Copy to: MIA L/O Sardinia
Ministry of War
I.L.O.S. Three District
G-203 Fixed Defences S.A.

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Translation

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From : Terr. Office for Sardinia

Ref. : 3109/serv.

To : Allied Commission

Date : April 6, 1945

Subject : Issue of materials. 0/23/4

1. - On Jan. 13, 1944, Col. H. A. Hale, -Allied Vice-Commissioner in Sardinia - drew cal. 9 Beretta pistol from the Nuoro Party Directorate.
2. - The pistol was issued on loan as shown on the Sardinia Mil. Command's letter 19, dated Jan. 13, a copy of which is enclosed.
3. - When Col. H. A. Hale left Sardinia he failed to turn in the pistol: we believe that this was due to forgetfulness.
4. - As we do not know said officer's present address, we beg MMIA to ask Col. H. A. Hale-U.S.A.- to ~~see to the~~ return of the pistol.

(sgd)

Gen. Scalerino

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Translation

From : Sardinia Mil. Command

Ref. 19/ Uff. C.S.W.

To : Nuoro Artillery Directorate

Date Jan. 13, 1944

Subject : Beretta type pistol.

You are requested to consign on temporary issue a col. 9
Beretta pistol , to Col Hale, Vice-commander of the Allied Regional
Commission.

(297) Col. Gavine Ledde

CPV. VC
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
ORDNANCE (BRITISH)
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Tel : Freedom 801.

Subject : Release of Italian mm for
British C.D. Bty's

Ref : DOB/55/2(4)

Land Forces Sub Commission (M.M.I.A) RomeD.D.O.S. 3 District
O.C. 203 Fixed Defences R.A.

Date : 6 Apr '45

115. 1st. ~~Factor~~ 7/4

1. Ref our DOB/55/2(4) of 31 March '45.
2. O.C. 203 Fixed Defences R.A. advise that their stocks of 90/53 mm mm are exhausted, and that at least 1,000 rds are urgently required to meet their present commitments.
3. It would be appreciated if you would deal urgently. If stocks are available, please advise this R.A. as quickly as possible, the location from which collection can be made.

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H. Phipps Capt

A.J. Farper Capt.
for Maj-Gen
D.O.S. A.F.H.Q.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION,
A. C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
Q/23/4
6 April 1945

SUBJECT: Release of Ammunition

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Release of the following amounts of ammunition to Dr. Jesse F. Bridgeham.

7.65 mm	100 rounds
9 mm short	100 rounds

2. Release will be made out of Rome Artillery Depot to Dr. Bridgeham, who will bear a copy of this letter as his authority.

FW
JOHN A. WARD, 1st Lt.
For Major General
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: Dr. Jesse F. Bridgeham

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