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Arms + Ammo Demands -

ALL TH'S FOR ISSUES

MAR. - AP. 1945

Subject: - Arms and Amn for 1 Gd Regt.

M.M.I.A. L.O.,
C/o British Increment,
Rear H.Q. Fifth Army,
C.M.F.

Phone: Lightning Rear 350.

5LO/9/G

17 Apr 45.

See Folio 114

To: - Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E.

Copy to: - 59 Area.

Ref my 5LO/9/G of 13 Apr 45.

The following demands have already been forwarded:-

5LO/9/G of 16 Mar 45.

L.M.G.	96
Mag cases for L.M.G.	96
Beretta automatic rifles	144
Mags (20 rds) for Beretta	288
Rounds for Beretta	11,520
Hand grenades	8,000

5LO/9/G of 20 Mar 45.

Beretta pistols	92
Holsters for above	92
Belts do.	92
Rounds do.	1,656

5LO/9/G of 21 Mar 45.

Pattern 91 carbines	275
Bandoliers	275
Oil bottles for patt 91 arms	275

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L.M.G. 96
 Mag cases for L.M.G. 96
 Beretta automatic rifles 144
 Mags (20 rds) for Beretta 288
 Rounds for Beretta 11,520
 Hand grenades 8,000

210/9/Q of 20 Mar 45.

Beretta pistols 92
 Holsters for above 92
 Belts do. 92
 Rounds do. 1,656

510/9/Q of 21 Mar 45.

Pattern 91 carbines 275
 Bandoliers 275
 Oil bottles for patt 91 arms 275
 Brushes " " " 275
 Rounds " " " 16,500

510/9/Q of 14 Apr 45.

Rounds for Patt 91 rifle 34,290

2. First-line holding of arm has been fixed as follows: **1718**

Rifles and carbines 200 rds.
 Automatic rifles 300 "
 Pistols 18 "
 L.M.G.s 1,500 "
 Hand grenades 2

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3. Summary of total requirements of amm (incl previous demands para 1) thus becomes:-

Rifles and carbines	414,626
Automatic rifles	43,200
Pistols (9 mm)	1,700
L.M.G.	144,000
Hand grenades (incl 2 per man for trg purposes)	9,000

4. If the 48 x 45 mm mortars understood to have been released by you, are received, the following will also be required:-

Amm boxes for mortar	144
Mortar bombs for trg	240
" " first-line holding	178
Charges for above	1,968

VCUT/Ed

[Signature]
 Capt.
 101A IO,
 British Inurement,
 Fifth Army.

Spencer
Capt.
MIA IO,
British Increment,
Pifth Army.

VOJT/EB

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

SUBJECT: Release of Magazines

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Reference telephone conversation Lt. Col. Chiapparelli,
SMRE-Lt. Ward, MMIA, this date, confirming authority is given for the
release to Capt. Birch, "F" Recon Squadron, of 1600 magazines, 40
round capacity, for Beretta automatic carbines cal. 9 from Rome
Artillery Directorate, Via Etruria 22.

JW/ac

See File 100/3

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

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SUBJECT:- Magazines for Beretta Sub-Machine Guns

100/3
SECRET

To:- Major Greenwood
MIA

Beretta sub-machine guns are held by this Unit for an impending operation, but insufficient magazines have been obtained for operational purposes. The supply of these is becoming an urgent problem and it is requested that as many as possible of the 40 round type could be made available to us.

QAE Branch at AFHQ would further explain the urgent nature of this requirement. The bearer Capt Birch is authorised to collect on behalf of this HQ whatever magazines can be released.

In the Field

17 April 45.

See Folder 101

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Major IAC
Comd
HQ 1 ISAS

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SUBJECT: Arming of Guards

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LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
NAPLES
C/4

16 April 1945

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Commanding General
Comando Territoriale Napoli

Copy to: Commanding Officer, PMS Southern District
(reference your AG 370.093 BSSPM of 9 April)
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (M.M.I.A.)


1. PMS has authorized the arming of the following guards and escorts:

(a) 10 men at each of the Military Hospitals of Maddaloni, "Belle Arti", "Albergo del Poveri", "Miracoli". (Reference your 4/5729/Terr of 6 April).

(b) 50 men of the Labour Company Detachment attached to Depot No. 8 at Prattagnone. (Reference a verbal request from ADOS, NMIA Naples Office).

2. PMS requires that you issue orders that only 5 rounds be carried by each guard or escort, that these be withdrawn from each guard or escort when he is not on duty, and that all ammunition be strictly accounted for daily.

3. Please confirm that the instructions in para 2 above are being carried out.


GEORGE D. SMITH JR.
Lt. Col. Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

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See folio 119
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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION,
A. C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
2/23/7
16 April 1945

SUBJECT: Spare Parts for Breda 37 MG

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. You are authorized to release from Naples Artillery Directorate to "F" Recce Sqn. the following spare parts for Breda 37 MG:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
Canne di ricambio	4
Cassette con parti di ricambio	2
Chiavi smontaggio canna	2
Fardelli porta treppiede	2
Fardelli porta testata	2
Cassette porta munizioni	16

2. "F" Recce Squadron will make arrangements for collection with MMIA L/O Naples through MMIA L/O, 8th Army. MMIA L/O, 8th Army, to signal MMIA L/O Naples, copy to this Hq., details of movement bid.

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

JJK/ac

Copy to: MMIA L/O, 8th Army
(your mm /102/4 of 1 April refers) - Folio 57
MMIA L/O Naples

Folio 64
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Translation.

From; M.of W.
To ;MMIA.
Subject; Issue of 20mm Ammo.

Ref; 1176E

14/4/45.

96
Q/23/7.

That Directorate is authorised to consign to the Allied Authorities, for the "Cremona" Combat Group, 10000 Explosive tracer shells (self destroying), and 50 magazines for same, drawing them if necessary from ~~your stocks~~ complete pieces. -
Ascertain Telegraphically.

~~Q/23/7.~~

GD.

~~[Signature]~~

(Col, G/Campagna)

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Subject : Deficiencies in Personnel, Arms and Amn, and Clothing and Equipment

Q/23/7

59 Area
G.25/6

15 Apr 45

Land Forces Sub-Commission, AC,
M.M.I.A.,
ROME.

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1. Ref your Q/23/7 of 12 Apr, and in continuation of my G.25/6 dated 13 Apr, herewith copy of extracts from a report by British Liaison Officer with 1 Guard Regiment, concerning the result of the detailed investigation carried out by General RICCA, Deputy Comd 231 Div., on 13 Apr 45.

2. The figures quoted in this report are for information only. Demands are being made through the normal channels, but it is requested that, in view of the future role of these units, and the limited time available to train them, that these demands may be given the fullest consideration.

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Brigadier
Commander

HAEM/rbd

Copy to : G 2 District.

See Folio 103

*Q. 23/7 A (with a pp extract)
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EXTRACTS FROM A REPORT BY BRITISH LIAISON OFFICER WITH 1 GUARD REGIMENT"1. GENERAL

Generale RICCA arrived this morning at lunchtime, having paid a visit to 503 Bn. Consequently, before his arrival, I was able to assemble all available data concerning deficiencies in personnel, arms and amm, clothing and eqpt; furthermore, I was able to calculate the exact requirements of this Regt on the basis of what had already been agreed. With one exception (*) my figures were accepted and it was agreed that, irrespective of previous demands, complete lists of requirements would be submitted immediately to 231 Div.

In all fairness to Regt and Div it must be added that all the Regt's deficiencies had already been requested to Div who in turn had made appropriate demands on MIA.

* The only exception was that of the 42 "meno-atti" who were to be sent home. It was brought to light that only 20 of these are eligible to be discharged, by reason of their age-groups.

However, another 64 ORs and 1 Oftr, belonging to the category "limitatamente idonei" (sort of Cat. "B") will be sent home because they fall within old age-groups in addition to being of an inferior medical category. (One or two of these have their homes in Northern Italy, but as they have been promised work in Allied Occupied Territory, the regulation permits their temporary discharge.

Authority has been granted for the 20 "meno-atti" to be sent home without delay and it is hoped that the same will be granted for the 64 "limitatamente idonei".

2. Arms and Amm

The following total requirements have been submitted to Div today :

Rifles : (Establishment 768 per bn: 30 for Regtl HQ)	288
<u>Amm for Rifles</u> (on a basis of 200 rds per rifle)	414,626 rds
<u>NB</u> : The above figures take into account the 52,174 rds already held by the Regt and does not include training am.	

<u>MMGs</u> : (Establishment 32 per Bn)	96
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Extracts made from Party Sole.

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- LMGs : (Establishment 32 per Bn) 96
- Amn for LMGs : (on a basis of 1500 rds per gun) 144,000 rds
- Machine Carbines : (Establishment 48 per Bn) 144
- Amn for MCs : (on a basis of 300 rds per gun) 43,200 rds
- Pistols : (One per machine-gunner) 92
- NB : 4 Pistols are held within the Regt at the moment.
- Amn for Pistols : (18 rds per Pistol) 1,700 rds
- NB : 28 rds of pistol amn are held by Regt at the moment. **1740**

Mention has been made in the letter of the 200 rifles, 48 LMGs and 48 mortars which have been promised by MSIA, ROME to the Comd, 59 Area.

3. Deficiencies in Personnel

- Needed to complete WE as on 11 Apr 45
- Replacements for the "limitatamente idonei"
- " " " Offrs and men to be sent away for inefficiency, lack of discipline, etc.
- "Meno-atti" in permanenza" to be sent home and replaced
- 5% Surplus to WE

199 men
64 men + 1 Offr
82 men + 10 Offrs
20 men
<u>118 men + 4 Offrs</u>
<u>483 men + 15 Offrs</u>

Total

Extract made for Party Secy. 16-Apr-45

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4. Clothing and Equipment

Every man has his complete scale of issue of clothing, but requests have been made for various items for exchange of worn-out articles. Wear and tear is high since all clothing is "second-hand".

The following equipment is deficient and has been requested :

Waterbottles	692
Spoons	243
Forks	1,315
Knives	1,280
Mess Tins	103
Mess Tin Mug	162
Anklets, hose or leggings	2,310 pairs.

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Subject: Arms and Amn.

Q/23/7

M.M.I.A. L.O.,
C/o British Increment,
Rear HQ Fifth Army,
C.M.F.

Phone: Lightning Rear 350.

5LO/9/Q.14th. April, 1945.


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

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H.Q. 231 Div have requested release of the following
for units as shown:

<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Arms and Amn.</u>
786 Pack Tpt Coy	3 x 9 mm Beretta pistols for newly arrived unarmed officers.
1 Gd Regt.	34,290 rds for Mod 91 rifle for range practice.

VCJT/gb


Capt.
MMIA LO,
British Increment,
Fifth Army.

See photo 7/38/.

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Subject : Arms and Ammunition59 Area
G. 25/613 Apr 45M.M.I.A., Rome (2 copies) — *Copy passed to A/23/7 14/4*

Ref visit of Brigadier MATTHEWS on 9 Apr 45.

1. Arms and ammunition

The attached copy of 231 (Italian) Division letter 742/Serv. di prot. dated 13 March is forwarded for information, from which it will be seen that the requirements of 1 Guard Regt were demanded on that date.

The 200 rifles requested by Brigadier MATTHEWS to arm reinforcements became required after the date of the above letter.

It is assumed that the immediate issue of 48 LMGs and 48 x 45 m.m. mortars will be counted against the above demand.

2. Personnel

At a meeting held at HQ 231 Italian Division on 12 Apr 1945, it was explained that deficiencies in personnel of 1 Guard Regt were previously submitted by 231 Div, but when this formation changed from ITI-ITI to BRITI establishment the deficiencies were omitted from the ITI-ITI fortnightly return, and will now be included in the demand for BRITI reinforcements.

The whole question is being re-examined by the Deputy Comd 231 Div on 13 April, with special reference to "Permanently Unfit", and a consolidated return of deficiencies in personnel against establishment will be rendered as soon as possible.

Matthews
Brigadier
Commander

See file 98

Copy to : 231 Division
1 Guard Regt
G 2 District

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COFYCOMANDO 231 DIVISIONES.M. Uff Servizi

n. 742/Serv. di prot

P.M. 167 li 13 Marzo 1945.

OGGETTO: Richiesta Armi e munizioni per il 1^o Rgt Sic e Guardia.

ALL M.M.I.A. - LO - BRITISH INCREMENT 5th ARMY

e, per conoscenza,

AL COMANDO 1 REGGIMENTO SIC E GUARDIA
ALL'UFFICIO OPERAZIONI E ORDINAMENTO= P.M. 167
= S E D E

Secondo quanto prescritto dalla M.M.I.A. con f^o AQ/23 del 26 gennaio 1945 si richiedono per i 3 battaglioni del dipendente 1 Rgt Sic e Guardia i materiali sotto descritti:

- | | |
|----------|---|
| 1) - 96 | fucili mitragliatori; |
| - 96 | cassette porta munizioni per fucili mitragliatori; |
| - 144 | moschetti automatici "Beretta"; |
| - 288 | caricatori da 20 colpi; per detti moschetti automatici; |
| - 288000 | colpi per fucili mitragliatori; |
| - 11520 | colpi per moschetto automatici; |
| - 8000 | bombe a mano. - |

2) Le armi sono richieste per dotare i Battaglioni dell'armamento prescritto dagli organici fissati dalla M.M.I.A..-
Le munizioni servono quale dotazione delle armi e per effettuare i tiri di addestramento prescritti.-

3) I materiali dovranno essere spediti all stazione ferrovia di Arezzo.-
Comunicazione dell'avvenuta spedizione dovrà essere trasmessa a questo Comando ed al 1 Rgt Sic e Guardia che provvederà con mezzi propri al ritiro del materiale ed alla successiva distribuzione ai battaglioni dipendenti.

d'ordine

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
F. to Ten Col Angelantonio Varrone

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IL CAPO UFFICIO SERVIZI
- Magg Franco Caruso

(Signed by CARUSO)

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

SUBJECT: Italian Ammunition,
for the Legnano Group

TO : MFA L/O, 1 DISTRICT

1. Reference your LO/012 of 5 April 1945, confirming authority is hereby forwarded for the release by you from the dump at least of 3000 hand grenades and 1000 mortar bombs of 81 mm. charge, which were requested by GOC Legnano Group on 5 April 1945.

2. Will you ensure that in all similar cases, operational necessity is confirmed by the Allied unit under which the Group is operating.


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

JTW/ac

Copy to: Ministry of War

SEE 232/1

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION,
A. C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M B
Q/23/7
12 April 1945

SUBJECT: Arms for the 520th
and 521st Guard Battalions

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

363 (23/1)

1. Reference SRRM letter 4/963/Serv. of 27 March 45, we are informed by MMIA L/O 1 District that of the arms left behind by the GIL there are 53 light machine guns (fucili mitragliatori).
2. As 520th and 521st Guard Bns. are not equipped to the authorized scale in automatic arms, you may consider this as a release of 32 light machine guns to 520th Guard Battalion and 21 light machine guns to 521st Guard Battalion, from the 53 light machine guns left behind by the GIL. Should any weapons prove unserviceable upon inspection by the Guard Battalions, they should be returned to the GIL dump at Iesi for eventual transfer to Artillery Depots in the rear.
3. Release of 32,000 rounds of cal. 6.5 ammunition for light machine guns to 520th Guard Bn. and 21,000 rounds to 521st Guard Bn. is also approved from the stocks at Iesi.

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JJW/ac

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

Copy to: MMIA L/O 1 District (your L/O 12 of 8 March refers)

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see folio 115.

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

SUBJECT: Arms and Ammunition
for CC. RR. in Sicily

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

- 67/11
1. Reference SMRZ letter 4/1026/Serv of 6 April 1945, no special issue of automatic weapons to CC. RR. in Sicily can be considered at this time.
 2. It is understood that the needs of the CC. RR. in Sicily are included in the consolidated demand made by the Commanding General, CC. RR. for arms and ammunition to bring the CC. RR. up to authorized scales for 55,000 men. The question of satisfying this consolidated demand for the CC. RR. is under study and a decision will be forwarded in due course.

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

Copy to: Public Safety Sub-Commission, A. C.

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

SUBJECT: Arms and Ammunition
for 1st Guard Regt.

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. In confirmation of verbal conversation Lt. Ward-Major Carosio, you are authorized to release from 301 Artillery Directorate, Rome, to 1st Guard Regt. the following arms and ammunition:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
Moschetto Auto. Beretta Cal. 9	48
Fucili Mitragl. Cal. 8.5	9
Fucili Model 91 Cal. 6.5	200
Mortai da 45	2
Cartuce. a pall. per mosch. Auto.	12,000 rounds
Cartuce. a pall. per fuc. mitragl.	32,000 rounds
Cartuce. a pall. per fuc. Mod. 91	7,200 rounds
Bombe da mortai da 45 mm.	200 rounds
Caricatori da 20 per Mosch. Auto.	86
Caricatori per fuc. mitragl.	9

2. The above automatic weapons are needed for training purpose for the 1st Guard Regiment. Instructions will follow later for making available to 1st Guard Regiment additional automatic weapons to complete the unit to authorized scales. The 45 mm. mortars are to be considered as on loan to the unit for special training and subject to recall, if special operations demand.

3. The above amounts will be drawn from the Depot on 18 April 1945. Please arrange to have two armed guards accompany the shipment to its destination, Siena. They will be returned to the Artillery Depot, Via Etruria 22, on completion of delivery.

4. The unit coming to draw the above will bear a copy of this release.

JW/ac

Copy to: 59 Area (Attn: G-2)
G-2 AREA (For para 4)

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For Major General
M. M. I. A.

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

SUBJECT: Hand Grenades for
508th Guard Bn.

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Reference SMRE letter 4/1012/Serv of 5 April 1945, the request for 406 hand grenades for the 508th Guard Battalion is disapproved.

2. You are referred to our ⁵⁶Q/23/7 of 1 April 1945, addressed to Commanding General, PBS, copy to you. No request for additional arms or ammunition of any type for troops under command of PBS will be considered by this headquarters, except such as are forwarded as approved by the Commanding General, PBS. This policy applies as equally to Guard Bns. under command of PBS as to regular units of 212th Division.

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

Copy to: Commanding General, PBS.

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: NMIA

DATE TIME OF ORIGIN

TO(FOR ACTION): NMIA L. DISTHRN

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TO(FOR INFO): DISTHRN
MIA L. PENNOUTH

REF NO 4/188

RESTRICTED

HEAVY REINFORCED TO 803 BASE REINFORCEMENT DEPOT ARE 1000 RIFLES
38 CAL 7.35 FROM NAPLES ARTY DIRECTORATE (.) ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ (.)

YOUR HQ 136 OF 7 APRIL REFERS

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PRECEDENCE Priority

AUTHENTICATION Word

COPY TO: MINISTRY OF WAR

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

SUBJECT: Release of Arms and Ammunition
to 15th Army Group

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Confirming authority is hereby given for the issue of 90 Beretta Automatic Carbines Model 38/A cal. 9 and 720 magazines 20 round capacity. These carbines and magazines will be picked up from Rome Artillery Depot, 22 Via Struria, on 12 April 45 by representatives of Hq. 15th Army Group. The arms are urgently required for use by Italian personnel.

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


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INTEROFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

Subject: Arms and Ammo for 1st Truck Bn

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Q/23/7
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UNIT NO.	FROM	TO	DATE	
	Sr MMIA LO	MMIA	10 Apr 1945	<p style="text-align: center;">68</p> <p>1. Reference your Q/23/7 of 7 April 1945.</p> <p>2. The 1st Truck Bn was attached to 210 Division for administration, pay and discipline when this unit first came into this area and had no administrative headquarters. The 1st of April 1945, 210 Division was relieved of this responsibility for it was just an additional burden to them. I suggest if arms were requested for this unit, it was done in accordance with a policy in Army area to arm guards on trucks and was not done on the order of the 210 Division alone. It is further suggested that when units come into this area they come under the command of the Army Commander for the Allied Commission has no command function in this area.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">  R.C. VAN KIRK Major, Infantry Sr. (MMIA) L.O., 5th Army </p> <p style="text-align: center;">NFA AOR</p>

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MMIA

DATE TIME OF ORIGIN

TO(FOR ACTION): MMIA LO 8 ARMY

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TO(FOR INFO): 51 BLU
MMIA LO 52 AREA

REF NO Q/164

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CONFIDENTIAL

YOUR MES 454 OF 5 APRIL 1945(.) 10,000 RDS OF 20 MM AMMO AVAILABLE IN
TARANTO ARTY DIRECTORATE(.) ITALIAN NOMENCLATURE CARTOCCHI GRANATA
TRACCIANTI SCOPPIO CON AUTODISTRUZIONE(.) IF MOVED BY RAIL LIFT MUST
BE PROVIDED FROM ARMY DEPOT TO LOADING POINT DISTANCE TWO MILES(.)
AVAILABILITY OF 50 MAGAZINES FOR THIS AMMO BEING DETERMINED(.) IF ON
HAND WILL BE ISSUED WITH AMMO

PRECEDENCE

Important
Word

AUTHENTICATION

COPY TO: MINISTRY OF WAR (ABOVE AMMO IS FOR THE CREMONA GROUP.)
INSTRUCT ARTILLERY DIRECTORATE TARANTO TO RELEASE AMMO(.) PLEASE CONFIRM
50 MAGAZINES FOR THIS AMMO ALSO AVAILABLE AT TARANTO)

See folio 89
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TRANSLATION

Q/23/7

FROM. SMRE

TO. MMIA

REF No. 4/IIII

DATE 9/4/45

Subject: Armament of the personnel for the defence of the Military premises

The BARI milit.territorial command have informed us that the 733 men who are employed for the defence of the military premises in the area under the control of said command, are not provided with arms. So as to ensure the defence of the A/M premises they have requested the assignment of the following arms and ammo

6.5m/m rifles733

" " ball ammunition52776

We beg^{you} to let us know if this assignment can be carried out 1726

LIUZZI

R Mansfield

SEE 153.

See Folio 396 in Q/23/1

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TRANSLATION

9/23/7

REF No. 4/1099/ser

Date 9/4/45

FROM SMRE

TO MMIA

Subject: request for armement for the 2675 M.T. unit

Further to letter no.4/1014 dated 31/4/45 we inform you that the 2675 M.T unit have requested the following material for the armement of the personel of the 17.18.19.20.21.22.23.&24. coys that have been formed

- Carbines mod.9I Ts. comp. with bayonet scabbard & sling760
- steel helmets.....800
- Clips with 6.5m/m ball ammo.....2280

We beg you to inform us if the assignment can be carried out

R Mansfield

[Handwritten signature/initials]

LIUZZI
See file 82 1725

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

SUBJECT: Arms and Ammunition for Civilian
Guards of Gaeta Military Prison

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Reference SMRM letter 4/979/Serv of 2 April 1945, the following amounts of arms and ammunition are released from depots as shown:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DEPOTS</u>
Rifles Cal. 7.35	72	Naples Artillery Directorate
Clips w/ball Ammo. 7.35	216	Naples Artillery Directorate
Clips w/buckshot Ammo.	72	Naples Artillery Directorate

2. The rifles should be complete with bayonets and slings.

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

JJW/ac

Copy to: MMIA L/O Naples

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See folio 124

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(2ND jacket)

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

SUBJECT: Ammunition for Sabauda Division

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

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Reference SMRE letter 4/953/Serv of 31 March, the following amounts of ammunition are released to the 46th Infantry Regiment of the Sabauda Division:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DEPOTS</u>
Cartridges, Ball, 6.5 Rifle	5400	Catona
Cartridges, Ball, 6.5 Auto Rifle	2000	Catona
Cartridges, Ball, 8, Breda M.G.	3200	Catona

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

JJW/no

*See file 128
(2nd Depot)*
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File 72

LAND FORCES SUP COMMISSION,
L. C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
Q/23/7
8 April 1945

SUBJECT: Arms and Ammunition
for 210th Division

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Covering authority is given for the release of the following arms and ammunition from the Depots as shown to PMS for 210th Division:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DEPOTS</u>
Rifles, Model 38 Cal. 6.5	1400	Caserna Mezzocampo, Capua
Cartridges, Ball, for Automatic Carbines Cal. 9	9000 Sds.	Isernia Depot

2. Rifles are for units of 210th Division recently reorganized. Ammunition is for 210th Italian Engineer Combat Platoon for automatic carbines assigned this unit in our signal Q/160 of 8 April, copy to you.

3. PMS is arranging the collection of these stores.

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

JJN/ac

Copy to: MIA L/O Naples (your 6/4 of 8 April refers)
MIA L/O 6th Army (Italian Liaison, (6-4, 5th Army letter
5732/4 of 8 March refers)

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File 41

MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MMIA

DATE TIME OF ORIGIN

TO(FOR ACTION): LO SARDINIA

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TO(FOR INFO): PENSOUTH
PENSOUTH FOR MMIA LO
LO PENSOUTH FOR MMIA LO
LO 5TH ARMY

REF. NO. Q/160

CONFIDENTIAL

APPROXIMATELY 241 BERETTA AUTO CARBINES MOD 38/A CAL 9 REPORTED IN
SARDINIA ARTY DEPOTS (.) SHIP TO MAINLAND FIRST PRIORITY (.) CONSISTING
FORTY ONE TO 210 ENG COMBAT GROUP (.) BALANCE TO 1001 ARTY DIRECTORATE
NAPLES (.) NOTIFY MMIA LO PENSOUTH ETA (.) COPY TO PENSOUTH (.) PENSOUTH (.)
MMIA LO 5TH ARMY AND THIS HEADQUARTERS (.) FOR MMIA LO PENSOUTH (.) TURN
OVER 41 CARBINES TO PENSOUTH FOR ONWARD ROUTING TO 210TH ENG. COMBAT GROUP (.)
STORE BALANCE IN ARTY DEPOT NAPLES AREA (.) FOR MMIA LO 5TH ARMY (.) ITALIAN
LIAISON G-4 LETTER 5732/4 of 8 MARCH REFERS

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PRECEDENCE

Important

AUTHENTICATION

Ward

COPY TO: MINISTRY OF WAR (YOUR 8866/2416 OF 31 MARCH 45 REFERS)

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See folio 1321
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Subject : Arms and Ammunition
for 1st. Truck B n

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

2/23/7

7 April 1945

To : Ministry of War

1. Reference SMRE letter 4/1014/serv. of 31 March, you are informed that the issue of arms and ammunition to units of the 1st. Truck Battalion as requested therein is not approved.

2. It is understood this demand originated in an order from 210 Admin.Div. you will make it clear that so far as these transport Units are concerned the responsibility of 210 Div. is limited to matters of local administration. Command of these Units is vested in HQ.Allied Commission Motor Group.

Copy to : CO, AC Motor Transport Group
(Conversation Col. Curties†
Col. Carnes, 6 April refers)

M M I A 4/0 5th Army

S.J WARD 1st.LT.
for Major General
M.V.I.A.

See file 78

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

SUBJECT: Sale of Beretta Pistols

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

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Reference SMRE letter 4/713/Serv of 6 March, you are hereby authorized to sell 60 Beretta pistols cal. 9 to the Royal Finance Guard Command, authority AFHQ letter G-5: 014.12 dated 2nd April 45.

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

J.W/ao

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

SUBJECT: Spare parts for Breda 37 MG

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. The following request for spare parts for Breda 37 MG has been received:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
Canne di ricambio	4
Cassette con parti di ricambio	2
Chiavi smontaggio canno	2
Fardelli porta treppiede	2
Fardelli porta testata	2
Cassette porta munizioni	16

2. Please notify us where these spare parts are available and at the same time have the materials packed for shipment. Collection instructions will follow upon receipt of this information. As the requesting unit is in the Casole Valsenio area, materials should be made available from Depots closest to this location.

3. Treat as urgent.

Ses File 57

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

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Subject :- Italian Arm.

Q/23/7

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7/4Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.S. (MMIA)
o/c HQ., I District
Ref IO/G12

5 April 45.

To :- Land Forces Sub Comm.A.S.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E.

1. I was confronted to-day with the arrival of four
3 tonners and an urgent letter from G.O.C. Legnano
asking for release from dump at IESI of :-

3,000 bombe a mano
1,000 bombe de mortai 81

2. This I authorised having no other alternative as
the request was urgently represented as operationally
necessary.

See folio 87
M. Bourne
Capt.
MMIA IO., I District.

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Subject :- Italian Arms & Amn.

Q/23/7

Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.O. (MIA)
c/o HQ., I District
Ref LO/G12

5 April 45.

To :- Land Forces Sub Comm. A.O.
(M.E.I.A.) R O M E.

1. The amn necessary for 1912 Italian rifles, Model 41, calibre 6.5 mm is requested please.
2. The personal and reserve scale is not known here.
3. It should be consigned to 253 Ital Paak Tot Group. ^{ROSSIGNON (11 Dec)} This unit will very shortly leave to take up an operational role.

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 11472
 5736
 68832

reference

[Signature]
 Capt.
 MIA LO., I District.

See Folio 105

*See Folio 384
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

JB/KFM/iask

G-5: 014.12

2 April 1945.

SUBJECT: Pistols to Italian Finance Guard.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.
(Attn: Land Forces Sub Commission, MMIA).

1. Reference is made to your Q/23/7 dated 15 March 1945.

2. Approval is granted to the request made by the Italian Ministry of War to sell 60 Beretta pistols, 9 mm, to the Italian Finance Guard.

For Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

HEADQUARTERS
4 APR 1945
A. C.

See folio 65

Julius Byles
JULIUS BYLES,
Major, F.A.

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LAND FORCE'S SUB COMMISSION,
A. C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
Q/23/7
1 April 1945

SUBJECT: Arms and Ammunition for
212th Italian Command

TO : Commanding General
Peninsular Base Section, APO 782

1. A request has been received from 212th Italian Command for permission to draw the following items of arms and ammunition for the units as shown:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>RIFLES</u>	<u>BALL CARTRIDGES</u>
2nd Engr. G. S. Bn.	271	18504
6th Engr. G. S. Bn.	499	50560
23rd QM Service Bn.	496	-----

2. In your AC474 (EFLNG) of 26 February 1945, you stated present plans for 23rd QM Service Bn. make it undesirable for them to be armed and we have therefore instructed the Italian War Ministry not to issue arms to this unit. Will you please notify us if you approve or disapprove the issue of arms to the 2nd and 6th Engineer G. S. Battalions? No issue will be made prior to your reply.

3. Will you further arrange with 212th Italian Command for a survey of their actual arms and ammunition needs to be made and submitted to you. Such requests as you approve should be endorsed to this headquarters and stocks permitting, the necessary releases will then be made. This will eliminate the necessity for referring back to you each individual demand for arms for units of 212th Italian Command. The Italian Ministry of War is being informed that no issue of arms or ammunition to units of 212th Italian Command will be authorized, except such as have the prior approval of your headquarters. As the sole exception to this policy, we are authorizing the release of 144,000 rounds of 6.5 rifle ammunition to Astroni Camp, in order not to delay the firing course to be conducted for recruits of the 1924 and 1925 classes.

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

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2ND JACKET

Copy to: Ministry of War (212th Italian Command Letter N/02/1261/Serv of 15 March refers.)

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LAND FORCES SUP COMMISSION,
A. C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
Q/23/7
1 April 1945

SUBJECT: Arms and Ammunition
for 212th Division

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

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1. Reference SMRS letter 4/837/Serv, Sezione Artiglieria, of 16 March 1945, the request for arms for the 4th Engineer G S Battalion of 10th Provisional Group Headquarters is disapproved. 10th Provisional Group Headquarters has under command the 1st, 2nd, 5th and 6th Engineer G S Battalions while the 4th Engineer G S Battalion is under command of the 5th Provisional Group Headquarters. It is therefore not understood if 212th Division is requesting arms for the 4 Engineer G S Battalions under command of 10th Provisional Group Headquarters or for the 4th Engineer G S Battalion under command of 5th Provisional Group Headquarters.

2. No request for arms for units of 212th Division should be submitted by SMRS until approval of the arming of specific troops has been obtained from the employing agency, PBS. You are referred to our Q/23/7 of 1 April addressed to Commanding General, Peninsular Base Section, copy to you in which the future policy for demands for arms for 212th Italian Command is laid down.

*See 135
5/1/45*

HA
JOHN J. WARD, 1st Lt.
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/23/7
1 April 1945

SUBJECT: Amunition for Training Purposes

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR


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1. Reference SURE letter 4/303/serv of 19 March 1945, release of the following 6.5 rifle ammunition to be used for training purposes is made to the camps as shown:

Astroni Staging Camp	144,000
Frosinone Training Center	180,000

See 49/1

2. Amounts will be drawn from stocks recently arrived from Sardinia now in Naples Artillery Directorate.


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

Copy to: MMIA L/O Naples.

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TRANSMISSION.

FROM: S.M.R.E.

TO: M.M.I.A.

Q/23/7

REF: 4/1014/Serv.

DATE: 31 March 1945

SUBJECT: Request for armaments

The 1st. Battn. of the 2075 Motor Transport Regt., A.C., has requested the following quantities of ~~arms and munitions~~ ^{arms and munitions} ~~above~~ for the arming of the 13th., 14th., 15th., and 16th., Companies, already formed:-

- Carbines mod. I.T.S., cal. 0.5, with bayonet scabbards and slings..... 380
- Magazines with ball cartridges..... 1140
- Steel helmets..... 380

We beg of you to notify us as to whether this assignment can ~~take place~~, be made.

Sgt. LUZZI

C. DANEN CPL.

Not approved (Conv. Col. Luzzari - Col. Luzzari - Gen. Luzzari - April 2 1945) as to why orders were issued to this Co. that they should obtain arms. See files 68

*Washburn
Co. 2075 Motor Regt.*

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INTEROFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
Italian Liaison - G-4

Subject: Weapons and ammunition for 210th Div.

IND. NO.	FROM	TO	DATE	IT L.O. File 6199/22																														
1.	G-4 Italian Liaison	Sr MMIA L.O.	28 Mar. 1945	<p>1. Following weapons, ammunition and equipment already assigned to 210th Division with letters listed below, have not yet arrived.</p> <p>a) MMIA letter Q/23/1 dtd 25 Feb 1945, and Ministry of War letter 4790 dtd 1 Mar 1945:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Handgrenades</td> <td>10,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rounds, rifle cal 6.5mm</td> <td>326,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rounds, I.M.G. cal 6.5mm</td> <td>478,155</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rounds, M.G. cal 8mm</td> <td>204,900</td> </tr> </table> <p>b) MMIA letter Q/23/1 dtd 1 Mar 1945, and Ministry of War letter 5398 dtd 5 Mar 1945:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Rounds, rifle, cal 6.5mm</td> <td>69,480</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rounds, pistol, cal 9mm</td> <td>861</td> </tr> </table> <p>c) Ministry of War letter 6320/2304 dtd 13 Mar 1945:</p> <table> <tr> <td>carbines, cal 6.5mm, complete w/belt and pouches</td> <td>192</td> </tr> </table> <p>d) MMIA letter AQ/US-ITI/22 dtd 16 Mar 1945:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Rounds, rifle cal 6.5mm</td> <td>97,640</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rounds, pistol, cal 9mm</td> <td>84</td> </tr> </table> <p>e) MMIA letter Q/89-12 dtd 16 Mar 1945, and Ministry of War letter 179/Ris dtd 21 Mar 45:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Axes</td> <td>153</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Picks</td> <td>300</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Shovels, short handled</td> <td>1016</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bars, wrecking</td> <td>44</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Shovels, long handled</td> <td>869</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pickmattock, intrenching</td> <td>638</td> </tr> </table> <p>2. Your action is kindly requested to have concerned agencies expedite shipping of above materiel.</p> <p><i>Handwritten:</i> Picking up of Depot on 29 March 45</p> <p><i>Stamp:</i> ITALIAN LIAISON OFFICER</p> <p><i>Signature:</i> ALESSANDRO CIOGNA, Captain, Italian Liaison Officer, G-4.</p>	Handgrenades	10,000	Rounds, rifle cal 6.5mm	326,000	Rounds, I.M.G. cal 6.5mm	478,155	Rounds, M.G. cal 8mm	204,900	Rounds, rifle, cal 6.5mm	69,480	Rounds, pistol, cal 9mm	861	carbines, cal 6.5mm, complete w/belt and pouches	192	Rounds, rifle cal 6.5mm	97,640	Rounds, pistol, cal 9mm	84	Axes	153	Picks	300	Shovels, short handled	1016	Bars, wrecking	44	Shovels, long handled	869	Pickmattock, intrenching	638
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Subject: AmmunitionLIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
NAPLES
A-4/IE30 March 1945Commanding Officer
Penbase SouthAttn: G-4

1. Quantities of Italian ammunition listed below are ready for collection by PBS from Nucleo Materiali e Munizioni at Casua.

Cal. 3.5 for rifle	144,000 rds. for Astroni Camp
	157,540 rds. for 210 Div.*

Cal. 9 for pistol	945 rds. for 210 Div.*
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- *For onward routing to 210 Div. (101) 5 Army.

2. Representative for PBS should coordinate collection through Depot 1282, TORO DI CAPODIMONTE, Naples.

George D. Smith, Jr.
GEORGE D. SMITH, JR.
Lt. Col., Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

DISTRIBUTION

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (MMIA) Attn: Capt. Clark
 Capt. Freschi S-3 2698 Technical Supervision Regt. (Ovhd.)
 Depot 1282 Col. Nastrucci

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LADY FORCES SUB COMMISSION,
A. G. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
Q/23/7
30 March 1945

SUBJECT: Arms and Ammunition for
803 C.S. Bn.

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

20/3

1. Reference MMR letter 4/798 of 14 March 45, authority is given to issue to 803 C. S. Battalion the following arms and munition from Artillery Directorate as shown:

Carbines, Automatic, Beretta Cal. 9	100	Rome
Magazines, 40 Rd. Cap. for Beretta Auto. Carbine	200	Rome
Magazines, 20 Rd. Cap. for Beretta Auto. Carbine	200	Rome
Pistols, Beretta, Model 34	100	Rome
Magazines, Pistol, Beretta, Model 34	200	Rome
Holsters for Pistol Beretta Model 34	100	Rome
Cartridges, Carbine, Automatic Beretta Cal. 9	1500	Rome
Cartridges, Pistol, Beretta, Cal. 9	5000	14 RAD (Berlissi)

2. 803 C. S. Battalion will make arrangements for collection, when informed by Ministry of War that items are ready for issue.

FAC
F. A. CORR, Major
Per Major General
M. M. I. A.

JJE/ao

Copy to: AFHQ Liaison Officer, I&I, Rome
MIA L/O, 54 Area
803, 14 RAD

See folder 1508³
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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION,
A. C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
Q/23/7
30 March 1945

SUBJECT: Arms and Ammunition for
3rd Guard Regiment

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Covering authority is hereby given for the release to 3rd Guard Regiment of the following:

52	Automatic Carbines Beretta Model 38
6240	Rounds of Ammunition for above.
104	Clips, 20 round capacity complete with accessories and pocket.

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

Copy to: MMIA L/O Naples
(your G-4 of 23 March refers) — 40

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MMIA

DATE TIME OF ORIGIN

TO(FOR ACTION): ~~XXXXXXXX~~ 54 AREA

8/23/73 0930 A

TO(FOR INFO): COO 14 BAD
MMIA LO SICILY

REF NO Q/126

CONFIDENTIAL

For MMIA LO (.)

AUTHORITY GIVEN TO RELEASE FROM 14 BAD FOLLOWING AMOUNTS OF ITALIAN ARMED (.)

CALIBER 6.5 CARTRIDGES FOR LMG 204,000 ROUNDS (.) CALIBER 6.5 CARTRIDGES FOR

MODEL 34 PISTOL 20,000 ROUNDS (.) PRIMARY CHARGES FOR 81 MM BOMBS 12,700

CHARGES (.) AUXILIARY CHARGES FOR 81 MM BOMBS 31,200 CHARGES (.) FUZZES FOR

81 MM BOMBS 3200 FUZZES (.) ABOVE AMOUNTS TO MOVE FROM 14 BAD TO MESSINA (.)

FINAL DESTINATION IS SICILY FOR INTERNAL SECURITY TROOPS AS PER MMIA 31/40

OF 4 OCT 44 (.) 10 TONS WAGON SPACE AVAILABLE IN PERIOD 2 TO 6 APRIL FOR

MOVEMENT TO MESSINA (.) NO RELEASE OF 81 MM COMPONENTS TO BE MADE IF NEEDED

TO COMPLETE ROUNDS FOR OUTSTANDING COMMITMENTS TO ALLIED UNITS

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATION [Signature]

COPY TO: MINISTRY OF WAR (SMRE LETTER 4/3897/SERV OF 3 DEC 44 REVERE)
(NOTE DEFICIENCY OF 6500 PRIMARY CHARGES AGAINST YOUR ORIGINAL REQUEST)

See 645003.
2nd part Q23/4
See 14 BAD Q94

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TRANSLATION.

FROM: War Ministry

REF: 8776/2420

TO: Naples Artillery Directorate
M.M.I.A. for info.

DATE: 29 March 1945

SUBJECT: Issue of arms and munitions for 210 Division.

The Naples Artillery Directorate will issue the following materials to H.Q. 210 Division:-

- Rifles Mod.38 cal. 6.5.complete with bayonets,slings and twin attachment buttons.....2441
- "Beretta" pistols,Mod.34,cal.9,complete with holster and reserve magazine..... 4
- Ball cartridges cal.6.5 for weapon 91.....97040
- Cartridges cal.9 for "Beretta" Pistol..... 84

The Naples Artillery Directorate will arrange to consign the above mentioned materials to P.B.S. through the Naples M.M.I.A. Liaison Officer,for farther forwarding to the 5th.Army (210 Division). It will give telegraphic assurance to this Ministry upon completing the consignment.

Sga. CAMPAGNA
Col.

G.D.MIN CFI
[Signature]

[Handwritten] 44/1

Handwritten initials/signature

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Q/23/7

Tel : 473703

28 March, 1945.

AC/14613/3/FS

SUBJECT : Arms for Agents of Public Security.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission.

1. With reference to your letter Q/23/1 dated 3 March 1945, in which authority is given for the issue, inter alia, of 3000 muskets model 91 and 1000 Beretta automatic pistols Cal 9, to agents of Public Security.
2. Representatives of the Ministry of Interior have approached the Ministry of War with a view to collection; as directed in your letter. Instead of receiving model 91 muskets, they have been offered infantry pattern rifles, which are not suitable for carrying on ordinary police duty by Public Security Agents. Also, they have been informed that there are no Beretta pistols available for issue to them.
3. This would appear to be inconsistent with the terms of your letter, and it would be appreciated if the situation could be enquired into as to whether these weapons are available, and if so, that the issue of them to the Ministry of the Interior be facilitated.
4. Both classes of weapons are urgently required to arm about 600 recruits who are shortly completing a course of instruction, and to arm existing Agents in Toscana Region, where only 25% of the total strength are armed.

See Folio 389 4th jacket

John W. Chapman

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.C.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission

BT/G.

<i>Dr/Col</i>	<i>Chiaparelli</i>	} SMRE
<i>Major</i>	<i>Guida</i>	
	<i>Jacobacci</i>	

Folio 389 4th jacket

LAND FORCES
RESTRICTED

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 471/143 GCT-0

27 March 1945

SUBJECT: Issue of Italian Arms and Ammunition

TO: President
Allied Commission
FOR: Land Forces Sub Commission (LMLA)

Q/23/7
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1. Reference is made to your Q/23/7 of 18 March 1945.
2. Authority is given for the issue, to the 210th Italian Division, of all the arms and ammunition requested in above-mentioned letter.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

HEADQUARTERS
A. O.

R. H. Frese
R. H. FRESE
Captain, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

See Folder 12/2
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INTEROFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

Subject: Weapons and ammunition.

IND. NO.	FROM	TO	DATE	IT LO file 6106/1
1.	Ital LO G4	Sr MMIA LO	24 Mar 1945	<p>1. 154 Section CC.RR. and 2nd Co 511 Guards Bn have now military police duties in Florence.</p> <p>2. 210 Div requires for this purpose following weapons and ammunitions :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 60 Beretta automatic rifles and 2160 cartridges (cal 9 mm) for 154 Carabinieri Sec. - 140 Beretta automatic rifles and 5040 cartridges (cal 9 mm) for 2nd Co 511 Guard Bn. <p style="text-align: right;"><i>A. Cicogna</i> Alessandro Cicogna, Capt. Italian Liaison Officer, G.4</p>
2	Sr MMIA LO	MMIA	26 Mar 1945	<p>For necessary action. The ammunition can no doubt be made available from local sources.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>R.C. Van Kirk</i> R.C. VAN KIRK, Major, Infantry, Sr. (MMIA) L.O., 5th Army</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>See Folder 70/2</i></p>

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TRANSLATION.

FROM: S.M.A.D.

TO: M.A.I.A.

Q/23/7

REF: 4/918/Serv.

DATE: 20 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Request for arms.

Naples Military Territorial H.Q. has requested the following quantities of arms and munitions for the arming of troops employed on petrol points:-

- Carbines cal.0.5, complete with ~~ammunition~~ ^{equipment}16
- magazines complete.....48

We beg of you to inform us as to whether this assignment can take place.

Sgd. LIUZZI
Gen.

O. DANIR CPL.

[Handwritten signature]
 Called Capt. Clark (C) 1 April. Left message for him to determine advisability of issuing above. (C)

[Handwritten signature]
 La Folio III
 2nd Jacket

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

SUBJECT: Issue of German Signal Equipment

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Reference your 4132 of 19 Feb. 45, we have been informed that Hq. SO(M) no longer require the items listed in your letter.
2. Items will continue to be held in stock. Disposal instructions will be issued as soon as received from AFHQ.

See Folio 34 in Q/23/6

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

SEE 197

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 489081-365

24 March 1945

AC/14601/11/PS

0/23/7

SUBJECT : Arms for CC.RR.

TO : Director Land Forces S/C ✓

1. Reference our letter of even number dated
22 March 1945. — 37

2. The Commanding General CC.RR. has submitted
a supplementary request for arms for CC.RR. motorcyclists,
drivers, and postal couriers. Particulars are as shown
on attached copy letter.

3. Can these items be supplied please.

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

Copy to:
Commanding General CC.RR.

FJT/vg.

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Translation.Copy

CC.RR. Gen. Hq.

20th March, 1945.
N. 330/16-7-1944.

Subject : Armament of military motorcyclers and drivers.

To : A.C. Public Safety Sub-Commission - Rome.

With ref. to the instructions issued by the Army General Staff with letter n. 4/467 dated 15/2/1945, we report to the Sub-Commission the number of automatic arms indispensable for the equipment of the CC.RR. motorcyclers, drivers and postal couriers.

Such equipment is necessary ^{due} to the abnormal r.S. situation and to the fact that the military under discussion perform duties along the provincial roads, which are continually threatened:

- Automatic rifles "Beretta" mod. 38/A cal. 9	N.	3500
- Iron loaders capacity of 40 shots for aut.rifles		3500
- " " " " 20 " " "		3500
- " " " " 10 " " "		3500
- Apparatus for charging loaders	" "	3500
Leather belts for automatic rifles		3500
Links		3500
Cartridges for automatic rifles cal. 9		1750000

This request - as has been already reported to the Army Hq. - is independent from the other global requests up-to-now forwarded, inasmuch as it refers to a new necessity.

By Order
Director, Colonel
-Giovanni Mottola-

rv.

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SUBJECT: Arms and Ammunition - 3rd Guard Regiment

2/23/7

LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
KAPLES
G/4

23 March 1945

Commanding General
Comando Territoriale Napoli

Copy to: Direzione Artiglieria,
Comando Territoriale Napoli
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (M.M.I.A.) ✓
Chief Liaison Officer, Penbase South
Commanding Officer, 3rd Guard Regiment

1. Reference MVIA signal 2/91 dated 18 March and
Signal SACMED FX-47909 dated 22 March, you are
hereby directed to release to the 3rd Guard Regiment,
the following:-

52 Automatic Carbines Beretta Model 38.

6240 rounds ammunition

104 Clips, 20 round capacity complete with
accessories and pocket.

George B. Smith Jr.
GEORGE B. SMITH JR.
Major, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

GDS/rl

See file 1097

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION,
A. C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
Q/23/7
23 March 1946

SUBJECT: Release of Ammunition to
Bari Air Force Garrison

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Reference SMRE letter 4/698/Serv, Sezione Artiglieria of
4 March and our C/23/7 of 15 March 46, you are informed that, since
Air Forces Sub Commission is not prepared to sanction the issue of
Beretta pistol cartridges to the Italian Air Force, no release of
ammunition to Bari Air Force Garrison will be authorized by this
headquarters.

100
JOHN J. WARD, 1st Lt.
For Major General
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: Air Forces Sub Commission, A. C.
(your AFSC/629/Eq. of 19 March 46 refers.) — 29

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

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2/23/7

Tel : 489081-365

22 March 1945

AC/14601/11/PS

SUBJECT : Arms for Carabinieri

TO : Director Land Forces Sub-Commission

1. Commanding General CC.RR. has submitted the attached list of arms and leather equipment necessary completely to equip the force of 55,000 men.

2. Can the items mentioned be supplied please.

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

Copy to:
Commanding General CC.RR.

FJW/wg.

Leaflet 1695

Subject: Arms and Amr for Gds Regt.

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MMIA LO,
British Increment,
Rear H.Q. Fifth Army,
C.M.F.

Phone No: Lightning Rear 350.

5L0/9/Q

21st March 45.

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

Q/23/7

Copy: 59 Area.

In order to equip the rfts recently arrived at AREZZO for 502, 503 and 519 Gd Bns, 231 Div has requested:

- Pattern 91 muskets (for special tps) .. 275
- Bandoliers 275
- Oil Bottles 275
- Brushes 275
- Ball cartridges 16,500

May these be despatched soonest to railhead AREZZO, please.

Spoke Capt Clerk & sent for wood of tps

See Folio 84

am newton
Capt.
MMIA LO,
British Increment,
Fifth Army.

AMN/gb

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Subject: Suitable Arms ment for Pack Tpt Groups.

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MMIA LO,
British Increment,
Rear H.Q. Fifth Army,
C.M.F.

Phone No: Lightning Rear 350

5L0/9/Q

21st March 45

Q 23/7

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

The XXI Pack Tpt Group is at present armed with 91 pattern rifles.

In the event of sudden offensive action from hostile patrols these weapons are awkward for speedy action.

It is requested, therefore, by 231 Div that each section be provided with two automatic weapons.

To do this they have requested

- 72 Beretta automatic muskets
- 144 Magazines (20 rds)
- 5,760 Cartridges.

May these please be issued to 231 Div for the benefit of XXI Pack Group.

*all the ...
to ...
AMN/gb*

AMN/gb

*Not in excess per temp. (no. Staff Capt. Q - Capt. Newby 5 April
a.m. Newby
See Folio 113 (2nd jacket)*

Capt.
MMIA LO, 1693
British Increment,
Fifth Army.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST REPLACEMENT DEPT
A.P.O. # 761 U. S. ARMY

21 March 1945

923/7
SUBJECT: German 88 MM Rocket Launcher (Puppchen)

TO: Military Mission Italian Army
Attention: Colonel Kerr

1. Request we be furnished one (1) German 88 MM Rocket Launcher (Puppchen), now stored at Fort Portuense.

2. This weapon is to be placed in the Enemy Weapons display at the Infantry Conversion Training Center. It will be used in the training of troops passing through this Center on their way to the front.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Robert L. Webb
ROBERT L. WEBB,
Lt Col, Infantry
Director of Training

Lee Johnson

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION,
A. C. (M. M. I. A.)
HOME

3/23/7
21 March 1945

SUBJECT: German 88 mm. Rocket Launcher

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Hq. 1st Replacement Depot APO 761, U.S. Army is hereby authorized to draw one (1) German 88 mm. Rocket Launcher (Puppchen) now stored at Fort Portuense.
2. You will arrange to release the above rocket launcher to representatives of Hq. 1st Replacement Depot, who will bear a copy of this release and surrender it to the depot Commander at time of issue.

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

Copy to: Hq. 1st Replacement Depot, APO 512

*Given by hand 21 March
JJW*

*See Folio 54
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1691*

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

SUBJECT: Ammunition for 210th Div. for
New Pack Tpt. Coys.

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. In our Q/23/1 of 1 March 1945, 69,400 rounds of 6.5 rifle ammunition was allotted to 210th Division from Cosenza Artillery Depot for completing to scale the 5 new Pack Transport Coys. We are now advised by MMIA L/O 52 Area that only 28883 rounds of this type ammunition are actually available in Cosenza. MMIA L/O Naples has been requested, therefore, to turn over to PBS 40,000 rounds of 6.5 rifle ammunition from that stock which has just arrived on the mainland from Sardinia. PBS will arrange for its transmission onward to 210th Div.

2. You may therefore contemplate receiving into stock 40,000 rounds less of 6.5 rifle ammunition than was shipped from Sardinia. Under the above arrangements, 210th Division should receive 617 rounds less 6.5 rifle ammunition than was originally authorized them. They should indent for these 617 rounds, if still needed, on the regular monthly arms and ammunition demand through Senior MMIA L/O 8th Army.

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

Copy to: Senior MMIA L/O 8th Army
MMIA L/O Naples (Tel. Conv. Maj. Smith-Lt. Ward 21 March refers)
MMIA L/O 52 Area (Your AC106 of 17 March refers)
Pensouth (MMIA L/O 52 Area's " " " ")
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Subject: Arms and Amn for Guards Regt.

G/23/7

MMIA LO,
British Increment,
Rear H.Q. Fifth Army,
C.M.F.

Phone Lightning Rear 350

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20th March 45.

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

Copy to: 59 Area.

I have received a request from 231 Div .
for the following arms and amn for the three Guard
Bns at SIENA (502, 503, 519): *See list*

Beretta pistols	92
Holsters	92
Belts	92
Rounds amn	1656

May this material be sent to railhead
AREZZO or by road transport, please.

*See Folio 36
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ammunition

Capt.
MMIA LO,
British Increment,
Fifth Army **689**

AMN/gb

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
 • A. C. (M. M. I. A.)
 R O M E
 Q/23/7
 19 March 1945

SUBJECT: Request for Issue of Arms to Royal Finance Guards

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Reference SIRS letter 755/3ery Sezione Artiglieria of 10 March 45 and Ministry of War letter 7200/2344 of 14 March 45, authority for the issue of arms to the Royal Finance Guard is denied. *15/1*
2. In as much as the Royal Finance Guard is not considered part of the Italian Army, it cannot be afforded the same priorities for the furnishing of arms as regular units of the Italian Army. However, should there be stocks of arms and ammunition surplus to Army requirements or of a type no longer suitable for Army units, these might be made available to non-Army units whose work is such that they require arms. *20/3*
3. You are asked, therefore to contact Headquarters of the Royal Finance Guard and obtain from them an estimate of total Royal Finance Guard arms and ammunition requirements. You may then screen this estimate against your stocks of arms and ammunition now on hand in Italian Army depots which are unsuitable for or surplus to Army requirements and submit your proposal for distribution to this headquarters. Your report must show the exact units of the Royal Finance Guard for whom arms are required.

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

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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, Rome
To : Land Forces Sub Commission, Rome
Date : 19th March 1945
Ref. : AFSC/629/Eq.

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RELEASE OF AMMUNITION TO BARI AIR FORCE GARRISON.

With reference to your letter Q/23/7 dated 15th March 22
this Sub Commission is not prepared to sanction the issue of
Beretta pistol cartridges to the Italian Air Force.

F.M. Denny

F.M. DENNY, G/C,

Air Vice Marshal,

for Air Officer Commanding.

Recd 23/39

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MESSAGE FORM

9/23/77

FROM: SMIA

DATE TIME OF ORIGIN

TO (FOR ACTION): AFHQ

18 1430 A

TO (FOR INFO): MESSAGE
PERSONNEL FOR WHIA L/O

PERMITS

REF NO. 9/21

Folio 14

CONFIDENTIAL

PERSONNEL REQUESTS ISSUE TO 509 CLASH BATTALION FOR USE IN PRESENT
ASSIGNMENT ADDITIONAL ARMS AND AMMUNITION AS FOLLOWS (.) 52 AUTOMATIC
CARBINE BERETTA MODEL 38 (.) 2260 ROUNDS ARMS (.) 312 CLIPS 20 ROUND
CAPACITY COMPLETE WITH ACCESSORIES AND POCKET (.) AMMUNTS AVAILABLE AS
REQUESTED EXCEPT CLIPS LIMITED TO TWO PER CARBINE (.) WILL YOU ADVISE
ISSUE

PERMITTED Routine

AUTHENTICATION Dark

Lab Folio 14

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SUBJECT: Issue of Italian Arms and Ammunition
to 210th Italian Division

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION,
A. C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
C/25/7
10 March 1945

TO : A.F.H.Q.

1. The 210th Italian Division has requested the following amounts of Italian arms and ammunition in order to complete equipment of units recently reorganized.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>UNIT</u>
(a) Rifles, Mod. 38, Cal. 6.5	2225	Various units already reorganized
(b) Automatic Carbines Mod. 38 Cal. 9	41	210th Engineer Combat Group
(c) Ball Cartridges, Automatic, Carbine, Cal. 9 mm.	9000	210th Engineer Combat Group

2. Stocks of (a) and (c) sufficient to meet the request are at present located in Naples Area; the required quantity of (b) can be made available from stocks located in Sardinia.

3. May we have your authority to issue the above.

J. J. Warr

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

Copy to: Senior MIA L/O 5th Army
Senior MIA L/O Naples
Ministry of War

See Folio 12/2
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See Folio 44/2
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Subject: - Arms and Amn for 1st Gd Regt.

MCIA IO,
British Increment,
Rear H.Q. Fifth Army,
C.M.F.

Phone No: Lightning Rear 350.

10/9/5

16th March 45.

Land Forces Sub Com. A.G.
(I.M.I.A.) RMCS.

Q/23/7

Copy to 59 Area.

231 Liv have asked me for the following arms and amn for the
First Guards Regt as SIFPA. (502, 503, 519)

- 96 L.M.G.
- 96 Mag. cases for L.M.G.
- 144 Beretta automatic rifles
- 288 Mags (20 rds) for these rifles
- 288,000 rds for L.M.G.
- 11,520 rds for automatic rifles
- 2,000 hand-grenades

May these be consigned to ARSIZO, please, for collection by
1st Gd Regiment.

*not avail. except on order
of the
Army General Supply Co (AGSC)*

Arms not to be issued

a. n. Newby Capt.
MCIA IO,
British Increment,
Fifth Army 1384

ASG/pt

*See ~~Q/23/7~~
Folio 84*

1/20/45
Q12-11

212TH ITALIAN COMMAND-TRANSLATION FROM THE ITALIAN.

COMANDO ITALIANO 212
Stato Maggiore- Ufficio Servizi

No 02/1261/Serv. d1 prot. P.M. 181, 15 March 1945.
SUBJECT: Requisition of arms and ammunition.
TO : M.M.I.A., Rome and, for information, Stato Maggiore
R.E.-Ufficio Servizi-P.M. 3600.

In compliance with information from the Stato Maggiore Esercito-Ufficio Servizi, this Command makes known that, to complete the T.O.E. of the units under this Command, the following arms and ammunition are needed:

-2nd Enger G S Bn	-	271	RIFLES OR CARBINES	ALL CALIBRES
-6th Enger G S Bn	-	499	-18	804
-23rd & M Service Bn	-	496	-50	560
			-	--
TOTAL		1266	-69	364

Kindly request to authorize the issue.

By order of the Commanding General and for
ETTORE GIORDANO
Col., Chief of staff, absent on duty:

PASQUALE CAROPPESSE
Lieut. Col., adj. Chief of Staff



See folio 56.

Kindly request to authorize the issue.

By order of the Commanding General and for
ETIORE GIORDANO
Col., Chief of Staff, absent on duty:

PASQUALE CAROPRESE
Lieut. Col., adj. Chief of Staff



See folio 56.

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SUBJECT: Release of Ammunition to Bari Air Force Garrison

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
 A. C. (M.M.I.A.)
 R O M B
 C/23/7
15 March 1945

TO: Air Forces Sub Commission, A.C.

1. The General Staff of the Italian Army has asked permission of this Sq. to release 300 Beretta pistol cartridges, 7.65 mm., to Italian officers posted to defence duties on military buildings located in the Bari Air Force Command.
2. Will you please let us know if such an issue has the sanction of your Sub-Commission. If it has, the issue will be approved.
3. Would you also arrange with the Air Ministry so that all future demands for ammunition from Air Force Units are co-ordinated with your Sub-Commission and your approval obtained prior to requesting release from Army stocks. This will enable us to obtain a more speedy release in cases where issues are authorized.

JW

 JOHN J. WARD, 1st Lt.
 For Major General
 Military Mission Italian Army

Copy to: Ministry of War
 (SMRB letter 4,698/ Serv of Sezione
 Artiglieria of 4 March refers) — 7/1

John 29
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SUBJECT: Issue of Pistols to Italian Finance Guard

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION,
A. G. (M. M. I. A.)
R D W E
Q/23/7
15 March 1945

TO : A. F. H. Q.

1. Headquarters of the Italian Finance Guard (R. Guardia di Finanza) has requested the Italian Ministry of War to sell sixty (60) Beretta pistols, 9 mm. The pistols are wanted to equip 60 cadet officers of the Finance Guard, who are to be appointed officers at the close of the current academic year.
2. As the Finance Guard is not a part of the Italian Army, we should like a policy ruling from your headquarters as to whether such sales may be authorized.
3. For your information, approximately 4000 of these pistols are on hand in Italian Artillery Depots.

J. W.

JOHN J. WARD, 1st Lt.
For Major General
Military Mission Italian Army

Copy to: Ministry of War
(SMBB letter 4/713 Sezione Artiglieria of 6 March refers)

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See folder 61

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TRANSMISSION.

FROM : S.M.A.S.

TO : M.A.I.A.

REF : 4/798

DATE: 14 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Request for arms for "I" Office.

"I" Office of the S.M. Generale, on the request of the Allied Authorities, has prepared various units intended for the immediate ~~XXXXXXX~~ following of the operational forces.

181 pistols and 85 automatic carbines with the relative munitions, have been assigned in the month of November last, for the arming of said units, further to the authorisations of MMIA (letter SD/1/2/ dated 5 November).

The a/m "I" Office has now informed us ~~xxx~~ in compliance with MMIA letter TS-37-31, dated 29 December last, the w/e's of the above-mentioned units have been increased and that the following quantities of arms and munitions are necessary for ~~the~~ completing the armament of those units:-

	Arms	Carb	Repts
"Beretta" Automatic Carbines, cal.9	100	NIL	125
40 Round Magazines for Beretta Aut. Carb.	200	"	"
20 " " " " " " " "	200	"	"
"Beretta" Pistol Mod.34 complete with holster and 2 Magazines	100	1950	524
Cartridges for Beretta Aut. Carb. cal.9	1.500	15430	12627
" " " " Pistol " "	5.000	4493	NIL
			19361

We beg of you to inform us as to whether this issue can be effected,

Sgd. LUZZI

Gen.

Chini
✓

Capt. Starnop-Dright - 478897 - (808CS)
Tel # 40-48-1000

INTEROFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

Subject: Armament and ammunitions assigned to 6th I.G. Reg.

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9/23/47

IND. NO.	FROM	TO	DATE	IT LO file 5839/A								
1.	Ital Liaison G.4	Sr. MMIA LO ↑ ↓	13 March 1945	<p>1. Italian War Ministry has assigned to 6th Italian Guard Regiment with ltr 1956/172 , dtd 2 Feb 1945 following arms and ammunition , to be issued by Direzione Artiglieria ,Roma :</p> <table> <tr> <td>Sub machine gun, Beretta ,cal. 9 mm</td> <td>96</td> </tr> <tr> <td>L.M.G. , Breda 30</td> <td>69</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rounds, sub-M.G. Beretta</td> <td>38.000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rounds, L.M.G. Breda</td> <td>192.000</td> </tr> </table> <p>2. Since none of the above material has been received yet , 210th Div HQ has solicited the shipment through italian channels, under to-day's date.</p> <p>3. Will you kindly request concerned Allied authorities to make arrangements for shipment by rail ? Approximative weight of said material is 12 long tons.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>A. Cicogna</i> Alessandro Cicogna, Capt., Italian Liaison Officer, G.4</p>	Sub machine gun, Beretta ,cal. 9 mm	96	L.M.G. , Breda 30	69	Rounds, sub-M.G. Beretta	38.000	Rounds, L.M.G. Breda	192.000
Sub machine gun, Beretta ,cal. 9 mm	96											
L.M.G. , Breda 30	69											
Rounds, sub-M.G. Beretta	38.000											
Rounds, L.M.G. Breda	192.000											
2	Sr MMIA LO	LFSCAC (MMIA)	14 Mar 1945	<p>When these items are released, request you notify me and if you can't obtain movement forward , promptly notify me furnishing location and I will ask 5th Army Transportation to arrange movement. The destination is c/o 210 Div, Via Tripoli 7, Firenze.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>R.C. Van Kirk</i> R.C.VAN KIRK, Major, Infantry, Sr. (MMIA) L.O., 5th Army 1609</p>								

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 489081 - 365

13 March, 1945.

AC/14601/11/FS

Q/23/7

SUBJECT : Requests for Weapons.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission (LFWIA)

Reference your Q/23/7 of 9 March 45.

1. As regards the request for pistols and ammunition for the Night Watch Service in Sassari, this Sub-Commission has no longer any jurisdiction in Sardinia. However, it is considered that the regular Italian Police should be given priority in the issue of firearms. In this connection you will have noted that on 8th March and on 12th March 1945 applications were forwarded to you for the release of large quantities of firearms for the Carabinieri who are in desperate need of weapons. It is felt that only when the needs of the regular police have been fulfilled should the allocation of weapons to civilian bodies be considered.

2. Subject to the above remarks, this Sub-Commission raises no objection to the issue of 8 pistols and 100 cartridges to the prison guards at POZZUOLI (Naples). This application should properly have been forwarded by the local Prison Director to the Ministry of Grace & Justice but in view of the small amount requested it is not deemed worth while to enter into further correspondence with the Ministry.

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

AFW/G.

Verbally cancelled to Maj. Lacroix 1678
SMRE
19 May

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 489081 - 365

12 March 1945.

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AC/14601/11/PS

SUBJECT : Request for Weapons.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission (NMIA). ✓

1. The attached letter dated 6 March 1945, has been received from the Commanding General of the CC.RR.
2. As you are aware it is imperative that the CC.RR, if they are to carry out their duties effectively, should be adequately armed. It is therefore requested that the application be granted.

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

AFN/G.

Copy to Commanding General CC.RR.

See file 20
 1677

translation M.C.

C. RR. General Command

Subject/ Request for arms.
To. ... Allied Commission.

at long damn residence

Rome 6-3-45

N: 32I/28-7

With their letter n:32I/6[^]-5-944 of the 1^o instant, this Command made an application to the Army Hq. for arms to complete the equipment of the 55000 carabinieri authorized for Italy.

As till now no assignation of these materials has been carried into effect and as we must urgently arm 15000 carabinieri who are leaving for the North, will the Commission kindly interest the M.M.I.A., so that, they will furnish, 1500 pistols and 500 bandoliers p.v. on account of the materials, requested from Hq.

Commanding General.
Taddeo Orlando.

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Subject: Telegraphist School of Francavilla Fontana

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) R O M S
/23/7

11 Mar 1945

To: Ministry of War

Reference your L/642 dated 2 Mar 45.

The issue of arms and ammunition to recruits passing through the Telegraphist School Francavilla Fontana is not approved as these men will not be required to perform duties necessitating their use.

RAG/1c

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

Copy:

SGII Sigs
Q(AE)

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Subject: Release of Weapons to Pack Tpt Units.

Land Forces Sub Comd. A.C.
(M. N. I. A.) R G M H
2/23/1

// Mar 1945

To: Ministry of War

Further to our 2/23/1 dated 4 Mar 45.

1. Rail bid for move of weapons with bayonets and available equipment (15 tons) has been made by this HQ.
2. Rail transport will be provided from Naples to Ponsaccozone probably during period 19 - 23 March.

RAC/1c

RAC

A. A. CHIFFIN, Lt. Col.
for Major General,
M. N. I. A.

Copy:

NOIA LO 1 District - your 10/612 dated 20 Feb 45 refers.
NOIA LO Naples - will obtain details from Westwood.
NOV LO NOIA

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Subject: Request for Pistol Cartridges 7.65 Cal.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME
3/23/7

11 Mar 1945

To: Ministry of War.

7/1

Reference your L/698/Serv Dated 4 Mar 45.

The issue of 900 rounds 7.65 Beretta pistol ammunition as requested therein is approved.

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RAC

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

Copy to:

✓AS/MEIA

See folio 50

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Subject: Request for armament for 23rd QM Service Bn

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
Q/23/7

10 Mar 45.

MINISTRY OF WAR

Ref your 4/367/SBKV dated 8 Feb 45.

The issue of weapons to 23rd QM Service Bn is not approved as the nature of the present and future employment of this unit does not render it necessary for personnel to be armed.

E. A. Curtiss

E. A. CURTISS, Lt Col,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

RAC/wk

Copy to HQ PBS (ref your AG 474 (BPLINO) of 27 Feb 45)

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LRKE V MJVL NR 12

FROM MJVL 101819A

TO NNIA

PENBASE

GR 99 BT

CONFIDENTIAL PD REQUEST ADDITIONAL ARMS AND AMMUNITION BE RELEASED
 TO FIVE ZERO NINE GUARD BATTALION PAREN ITI DASH ITI PAREN FOR USE
 WHILE ON PRESENT ASSIGNMENT AS FOLLOWS CLN FIVE TWO AUTOMATIC CARBINES
 BERETTA MIKE THREE EIGHT CMA SIX TWO FOUR ZERO ROUNDS AMMUNITION CMA
 THREE ONE TWO CLIPS TWO ZERO ROUND COMPLETE WITH ACCESSORIES AND
 POCKET PD/PAREN PENSOUTH 3149 PD CITE BSLNO CMA BSENG PENSOUTH TO
 MIKE MIKE ITEM ABLE FOR ACTION AND FOR INFORMATION TO PENBASE AND
 MIKE MIKE ITEM ABLE LIAISON OFFICER CMA PENSOUTH PAREN PD MIKE MIKE
 ITEM ABLE LIAISON OFFICER CMA PENSOUTH INFORMED BT 101725A

CWB P

RCD 2143A HRA YKK

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
A. P. O. #464, U. S. Army
Italian Liaison - G-4

8 March 1945

File 5732/4

Subject : Arms and Ammunition - 210th Div.

To : Sr MMIA L.O. - Fifth Army. (Action)
G-4 (Info)

1. Reference letter from MMIA AQ/23 dtd 26 Jan. 1945.

2. Following is 210th Div. arms and ammunition monthly demand:

a) Arms:

Rifles, M.38, cal. 6.5mm 4,666 (complete w/ pouches, bands, belts & attachments)
 2441 are for 2 QM Bn Hqs & Hq Cos and
 11 QM Sv Cos to be organized;
 2225 are for completing equipment of
 already reorganized units.
 4 (for 2 QM Bn Hqs & Hq Cos to be orga-
 nized)

(AQ/US-IT)/12.5 (5 March Refers)

by Sgt Pack - Lamm

Pistols, Beretta, cal. 9mm
Automatic rifles, Beretta, cal. 9mm

41 (for 210th Engineer Combat Group)

b) Ammunition:

Automatic rifle, Beretta, 9,000 (for 210th Engineer Combat Group)
cal. 9mm, rds

3. Above arms and ammunition are requested in addition to precedent demands, which should be covered by following assignments, not yet arrived:

a) from "Direzione Artiglieria" Rome, for 6th Guards Regt : (SMRE letter 4/417/Serv. dtd 24/2/45)

Automatic rifles, Beretta, cal 9mm 96
 L.M.G., cal 6.5mm 69
 Automatic rifle, Beretta, cal 9mm 38,000 rds
 L.M.G., cal 6.5mm 192,000 rds

b) from "Direzione Artiglieria" Taranto, for Pack Tpt Cos : (War Ministry ltr 826/67/Al dtd 19/1/45.)

by Sgt Pack - Lamm
rifles added to
equipment
reorganized units
by Sgt Pack - Lamm

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- L.M.G., cal 6.5mm 69
- Automatic rifle, Beretta, cal 9mm 38000 rds
- L.M.G., cal 6.5mm 192000 rds

b) from "Direzione Artiglieria" Taranto, for Pack Tpt Cos : (War Ministry (ltr 826/67/A1 (dtd 19/1/45.

- Carbines, Cal. 6.5mm 264 (w/ pouches, bands, belts & attachments)
- L.M.G.s Breda 30, cal 6.5mm 15

c) from "Direzione Artiglieria" Cosenza, for 210 Div : ~~1000~~

MMIA letter Q/23/1/ dtd 25 Feb 1945 : ~~295~~ *295*
 Hand grenades 10,000
 Carbine Cartridges cal 6.5mm 326,100
 LMG Cartridges cal 6.5mm 478,155
 Breda MG Cartridges cal 8mm 204,900

MMIA letter Q/23/1 dtd 1 March 1945 : ~~69,480~~ *Folio 2*
 Rifle rds cal 6.5mm 69,480
 Pistol rds cal 9mm 861

4. Consignee of above listed materiel is HQ 210th Infantry Division; destination is 5th Army Railhead.

A. Caviglioglio
 ALESSANDRO CIGOGNA,
 Captain, Artillery,
 Italian Liaison Officer,
 G-4 Fifth Army.

See folio 92

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Subject: Request for Weapons.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E.
Q/23/7

9 Mar 45

Public Safety Sub Comm.A.C.

1. Reference attached communications received from the Ministry of War.
2. You are requested to state if you approve the issue of arms. They can be made available if desired.

R.A. Curties

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

RA/nh

See folio 4/1
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1669

Subject:- Italian Arms and Ammunition

Formerly 323/2
40/23/1
Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MMIA)
c/o HQ., I District
Ref IO/GI2

9 March 45.

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

Reference your A2/23 of 26 January.

1. Following is request submitted for the 3 Gd Bns located in I District.

Type of Arm	No.	Consignee	Destination	Reason for Demand.
Fucili automatici	48	515° Btg S.G. Arezzo	Arezzo	To make up W.E. deficiencies.
Mitragl. leggera	32	idem	Arezzo	
Fucili automatici	48	520° Btg. S.G.	Jesi	To make up W.E. deficiencies
Mitragl. leggera	32	idem	Jesi	
Fucili automatici	48	521° Btg S.G.	Perugia	To make up W.E. deficiencies
Mitragl. leggera	32	idem	Perugia	

3. For your information, it is pointed out that there are 53 fucili mitragliatori at JESI, left behind by G.I.L.

1868
Capt.
MMIA IO2, I District.

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Q/23/7

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 489081 - 365

8 March 1945.

AC/14601/11/PS

SUBJECT : Arms for CC.RR.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission (M.M.I.A.) ✓

The attached letter dated 28 February 1945 and enclosure dated 15 February 1945 is forwarded for your attention.

This Sub-Commission recommends the application for the permanent allotment of the weapons and equipment.

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

AFW/C.

With enclosures.

See Serial 20

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Translation.

CC.RR. Gen. HQ.

28 Feb. 1945.
N. 330/28-5-44

Subject : Request for equipment.

To : A.C. Public Safety Sub-Commission - Rome.

The Command of the Rome CC.RR. Territorial Legion, in order to supply with automatic arms the dependent soldiers, who participated in the recent gathering-up operations in the hamlets of Quarticciolo and Cordiani, has been authorized by the Allied Command to draw from the Rome Artillery HQ. - for temporary use - the below mentioned articles:

Automatic rifles mod. 38/A cal. 9	N.	200
Loaders for automatic rifles mod. 38/A - 40 shots	"	200
Leather-belts for rifles	"	200
Guff-links <i>cutters</i>	"	200
Automatic pistols mod. 34 cal. 9	"	500
Grey-green leather cases for automatic pistols mod. 34	"	500
Loaders for automatic pistols mod. 34	"	735
Cartridges for automatic pistols mod. 34	"	11.000

Since the actual conditions of public order require that the CC.RR. be supplied with such automatic arms, which this Legion does not possess, I beg the Commission kindly to contact the Army General Staff, so that they order the definit assignment.

The present request is forwarded to the Commission in view of what has been communicated by the Army General Staff with Letter n. 4/467, dated 15 Feb. 45, copy of which is here-with enclosed.

Commanding General
- Taddeo Orlando -

rv.

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COPY

Translation M.C.

The Army General Staff

Rome 15-2-45

Artillery Section.

No. 4/467

Reply to the letter N.330/28-3-44 dated 8-2-45

Subject : Request for supply of armament.

With reference to the a/m letter we inform that the definite cession of arms and ammunitions, is not of the competence of the Ministry of War.

We have heard the MMIA Sub-Commission, which has reported, that the applications must not be addressed directly to it, but go through the channels of the P.S. Sub-Commission, to which the Command is requested to apply.

The Lt. Colonel **1605**

Crazio De Julis.

*In Hoak*Translation.

CC.RR. Gen. HQ.

1st March, 1945.
N. 321/28-5/1944

Subject : Request for armament material.

To : A.C. Public Safety Sub-Commission - Rome.

In order to complete the dotations of arms of the 55000 CC.RR. authorised for Italy, this Hq. with letter n. 321/28-3-944, dated 16 Feb. 1945, has requested from the Army General Staff the following items:

Rifles mod. 38 cal. 6,5	20624	N. 10.253
Automatic pistols mod. 34 cal. 9	4117	" 10.431
Loaders for pistols mod. 34		" 20.639
cases for pistols mod. 34		" 11.613
Straps for pistol mod. 34		" 13.800
band belts for CC.RR.		" 6.000
Straps for rifles mod. 38		" 8.348
Buttons for rifle-straps		" 9.000
Grey-green cavalry cross belts		" 13.266
Security chains		" 20.550
Padlocks for chains		" 23.660
Hand-cuffs for prisoners		" 2.800
short chains for prisoners		" 280
long " " "		" 560
Ball cartridges cal. 6,5	249391	" 743.616
Grape-shot cartridges cal. 6,5		" 176.938
Ball Cartridges for pistol mod. 34 cal. 9	522105	" 298.000.=

In order to obtain, as soon as possible, the allotment of the requested articles, which are urgently needed in this particular moment, we beg the Commission kindly to contact M.M.L.A. so that they comply with the request which will be forwarded by the General Staff for account of this General HQ.

Commanding General
- Taddeo Orlando -

rv.

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File

URGENT

Subject: Issue of Arms.

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

7 Mar 45

MINISTRY OF WAR

1. You are required to issue to HQ 231 Admin Div -

- 100 Beretta Automatic Rifles.
- 300 Magazines (charged).
- 5000 Rounds 9 mm Beretta.

2. The above will be drawn by an Italian Army Officer today 7 Mar 45 and conveyed by him to HQ 231 Admin Div who will receive disposal instructions from HQ Fifth Army. It is a matter of urgency that the stores are delivered early on the 8 Mar 45.

3. A copy of this letter will be taken by the Officer named in para 2 above who will obtain a receipt from Fifth Army and report delivery to M.M.I.A.

RAC

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

RAC/hh

Copy to: SE (who will arrange for an Italian Army Officer to draw and deliver the above arms)

X Q(OS)

X M.M.I.A. LC 5 Army.

X delayed formally. EST.
Rac

11600 @ 4
4200 @ 3
7400

Phoned 8 13 Com
Stock now
2900 rifles 1000
4500 mags.

agreed no more
need to start
RAC

10 Mar

20 m
40 m

5-1

LRKE V LAEE NR 17
QVR-1-
FROM LAEE 041436A
TO NMIA
INFO ALCOM SICILY

54 AREA
14 BAD

GR 51 DT
RESTRICTED EX37443

ALCOM SICILY FOR NMIA LO (.) 54 AREA FOR NMIA LO (.) SIGNED SACM
CITE FHGDQ (.) YOUR AQ 253 OF 22 FEB (.) RELEASE AUTHORIZED 5000
RDS 20 MM BREDA EX 14 BAD (.) 8000 RDS SICILY NOT REQUIRED

BT
SENT NR 17 1553A JL B1 K
RECD NR 17 04/1553 A AAA B1

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283 subpacket. Q/23/1

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Subject: Release of Weapons to Pack Tpt Units

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

4th March 46.

MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Authority is given for the following weapons to be released:
 - a) 1912 rifles for HQ 252 (IT) Pack Tpt Gp and 266, 267, 268 and 269 (IT) Pack Tpt Coys.
 - b) 1912 rifles for HQ 253 (IT) Pack Tpt Gp and 270, 271, 272 and 273 (IT) Pack Tpt Coys.
 - c) 46 Pistols, Berettas, Model 34 for 252 Pack Tpt Gp.
2. You will arrange through MMIA LO Naples to forward the above weapons from the Arty Directorate Naples to FOSSOMBRONE 61 Area. They should be consigned to CO Muleteer Training Center, FOSSOMBRONE.

- Left March 27 -

R. A. GARDNER
R. A. GARDNER, Lt/Col
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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Q/23/1

RF/wh

Copy to: MMIA LO 1 District - your LO/G12 dated 25 Feb 46 refers
MMIA LO NAPLES - please notify MMIA LO 1 District etc,
copy to this HQ.

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Subject: Arms and Ammunition for Agents of Public Security.

Land Forces Sub Comm. S.C.
(M. S. I. S.) R O I S
✓ 23/1

3 Mar 1945

For Public Safety Sub Comm. S.C.

2833rd fact

Reference your L/O 14813/3/45 dated 21 Feb 45.

1. Authority is given for the Ministry of the Interior to draw the following arms and ammunition from the Army depots shown:-

Item	Quantity	depot
Rockets Model 91 with bayonet Cal 6.5	3,000	Coenza
Machine automatic, Beretta, Cal 8	1,000	Idesa
Cartridges Rocket Model 91 Cal 6.5	150,000	Caplas
Cartridges Intel Beretta Cal 9	230,000	Carlinia
Cartridges Arca No 37 Cal 8	100,000	Caplas
Cartridges Arca No 30 Cal 6.5	200,000	Idesa

1001 Tercera
1002 Segunda
1003 Primera

2. Arrangements should be made for collection direct with the Ministry of War.

P. P. R.

M. S. I. S., /Comd.
for Major General,
M. S. I. S.

2/27/45

Copy to: M. S. I. S. - your 13370.6/239 000-0 dated 12 Dec 44 refered.
Ministry of War - please issue as detailed above notifying this No.

45 inst fact

See folio 380 10:00
4 7th jacket 10:00
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Copy

Translation

From S.M.R.E.

To M.M. I.C.

Q/23/1 Ref 4/002

2/3/45

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Subject: Telegraphist school of Francavilla Fontana.
Requested materials

The Territorial A.C. of Bari has requested the assignment to the telegraphist school A/M, of the following arms and ammunition necessary to arm the recruits who pass through the school enroute to their units.

Carbines Mod 91 Complete with Accessories =	100
Magazines. Calibre 6.5 for Rifle Mod 91	600
Helmets Mod. 33	200

We ask you kindly to inform us if these assignments can be effected.

F. Diacero

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no need
there are men
on 492 only
General I.C.
GIORGIO LUIZZI

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Subject: Ammunition for 210 Div for
new Pact Tpt Coy.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME
2/25/4

1. Mar 1945

To: Br MSIA 10 Fifth Army.

- 1. Reference para 5 of your request dated 22 Feb for additional ammunition for completing to scale the 5 new Pact Tpt Coys.
- 2. Authority is given for the issue to 210 Div of the following:-

Rifle Cal 6.5mm	69,480 rds.	28863
Pistol Cal 9 mm	861 rds.	187

- 3. The above ammunition is available at the COMSMA Arty Directorate and arrangements for calling it forward should be made direct with MSIA 10 52 Area, copy to this Hq, after Fifth Army has made the necessary bid for rail movement into Army Area.

PEV/le

P. P. Farrell
P. P. FARDELL, J/Cosd.
for Colonel, D4230
M. M. I. A.

Copy: MSIA 10 52 Area
Ministry of War

See Files 49

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Translation.

From; SMRE.

To ; AMIA.

Subject; Arming of Railway Police.

Ref: 4/1255/Serv. 104.
19/4/45.

The Ministry of Transport has requested the issue of 5000 rifles Mod., 91, with 36 rounds of Ammo., for each rifle, required by the Railway Police.

We beg you to inform us if this request can be met.

GD.

(Giorgio Liuzzi)

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See Folio 123 (2nd jacket)
" 132 " "

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