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Apr. - Sept. 1945

Land Forces  
Sub Commission, AG (MMIA)  
Rome  
9/15/15

3 September 1945

Memorandum on Clothing for CC.RR

1. In accordance with the direction of the CCS, the CC.RR is a part of the present Army. The scale of clothing is prescribed, and the instructions specifically state that no issues will be made on the basis of uniformity or appearance, and no Allied provided items will be issued until all like items of Italian origin are exhausted. The scale is well known, and in general provides one outer uniform and one pair of boots. Issues to the present Italian Army will not be made in excess of the scale. There can be no argument with MMIA on the scale. If you want to get it changed, you can ask the CCS.

2. The recent correspondence from General Browning to AFHQ, and the AFHQ reply to the effect that the CC.RR could have priority over the rest of the Army in no way changes the scale of issue nor does it permit issues for the sake of uniformity or appearance, nor does it permit issue of Allied items while Italian items are available.

3. I do not know the basis for the Admiral's letter to the Prime Minister regarding the possibility of issuing dyed-green battle dress to the CC.RR. Nor do I know the basis for the statement that Italian provided items are not available, since this statement is not in accordance with the facts. Someone may have confused the supply of battle dress to the Florence Brigade with the balance of the CC.RR. The Florence Brigade is BR-ITI. The British Army is responsible for its supply. The British Army has no uniforms of Italian make or color. All BR-ITI troops are in battle dress. Therefore the Florence Brigade is in battle dress. 2116

4. However, the balance of the CC.RR is ITI-ITI. It has never been intended, and it is repeated that it is not now intended nor planned, to put any part of the ITI-ITI Category in Allied-dyed uniforms where it is possible to supply Italian uniforms, within the scale regardless of uniformity or appearance. Italian uniforms will continue to be provided for the ITI-ITI CC.RR. No Allied outer uniforms can be issued until the Italian stocks are exhausted.

5. It has been necessary for us to put the guard battalions and certain other formations into Allied outer uniforms. These must remain in such uniforms, as it is not practicable to make a complete change over now. Therefore a reserve for these 30 battalions must be maintained in Italian depots. Outside of these troops mentioned, all of the ITI-ITI Category is in Italian outer uniform.

6. To agree to put any of the ITI-ITI CC.RR in Allied outer uniform would (1) promptly exhaust the present holdings in Italian depots without hope of replacement, (2) require the Allies to furnish more clothing for the balance of the ITI-ITI Category, and (3) waste, without hope of recovery for Army use, the present CC.RR uniforms. Therefore the question of issue of Allied clothing hinges on the one point - are like Italian items available? We will consider this point:

First - We do have Italian uniforms in Army depots. So it is obvious from the start that no Allied outer clothing can be made available to the ITI-ITI Category of the CC.RR.

Second - Are these Italian uniforms in depots available to the CC.RR? The answer is yes, on the same conditions as other units of the Army. But let me make it understood that the CC.RR cannot secure any issue, regardless of its priority, unless all of the conditions are complied with.

7. What are the conditions? Here they are:

First - That the issue will not provide clothing in excess of the authorized scale. It is perfectly obvious to us that if we authorize the issue of clothing in excess of the scale, the War Ministry has, quite rightly, a good case for demanding more Allied items.

Second - That the unit has no stocks which can be utilized. In other words - it has no reserves of any kind.

8. I want to tell you that we have yet to get a requisition from the CC.RR which fulfilled both of the conditions, and while issues have been authorized, it was with the understanding that "domani" the conditions would be fulfilled.

9. In order to satisfy the second condition we need inventory of stocks. These are so delayed at coming in (15 July inventory received 30 August), that it gives rise of doubt and always permits the CC.RR to say - we did have that then but not now, and the present requisition is based on the fact we have nothing now in our stocks.

10. That would get by if the facts were not known to be otherwise. The CC.RR has, in its depots, large quantities of various

items, and at the same time asks for more. For what? So that the Allies will have to furnish more, leaving the Italians their reserves? For instance you have in the depots over 9,000 dress uniforms. If you have any naked men, why not use these uniforms. And this is just a start, many men have both the dress and service uniform issued to them. I want to repeat that until the CC.RR uses up its present stocks that no issues can be authorized. And further, until the CC.RR assures us that no man has clothing in excess of the scale can any issues be authorized. Those are our orders from CCS. So it would appear that if you have any CC.RR who do not look the part, that the issue of a dress uniform will correct that. Certainly if the question of uniform is paramount in maintaining morale, you are overlooking a bet in improving the morale of at least 9,000 men by failing to give them uniforms much finer than anything the Allies provide.

11. The last inventory shows a large quantity of grey-green uniforms on hand, over 10,000. These, with the dress uniform, constitute over 20% reserve of clothing in the CC.RR depots. And yet you are asking for more. It may be that some of the grey-green uniforms are of such sizes they are not suitable. It would appear that if this is the case, the CC.RR are negligent in not arranging for an exchange with the Army depots. But one thing is certain, no additional similar items can be issued while the CC.RR maintains over 20% reserve, or any reserve in its warehouses. Again, I repeat, those are our specifications from CCS. The place for reserves is in Army warehouses, and that is where they must be kept.

12. On the matter of shoes. We gave the CC.RR 5,000 shoes so they could turn in shoes to Army depots to be repaired. No shoes have been turned into Army depots. If any CC.RR is out of shoes, it is due to the negligence of the CC.RR. All that is required is to turn in the old shoes and get another pair. But the old shoes are not turned in, yet the continued demand for more shoes. We require one pair of old shoes be turned in to get a new pair. We have not yet received the one pair. No requisition is needed in this matter, as it is a simple exchange. For that reason, no requisition for shoes can be approved. We are perfectly willing to give you good shoes for your old ones, but we want the old ones so we can repair them. We gave you sufficient shoes to make this exchange, but nothing has happened. But it is noticed on the inventory that shoes are on hand in CC.RR warehouses. In view of the stories that men cannot perform duty from lack of shoes, it can only be said that the CC.RR organization is to blame for inefficient distribution of shoes.

13. Requisitions will be honored if they meet the required conditions. Priority applies only after the required conditions

are met. No requisitions need be submitted on the basis of securing uniformity and appearance. No requisitions need be submitted which will increase the scale of issue, for they cannot be approved. No plan can be discussed to put the ITI-ITI GC.RR in Allied uniforms, as none can be issued until Italian stocks are exhausted.

14. I want to emphasize yet again that MMIA as the "independent supply agency" has specific orders from CCS which it must obey. MMIA is obeying those orders. If the GC.RR (through Public Safety Sub Commission) will also obey the conditions laid down by CCS, the GC.RR will get the clothing and shoes which it is permitted for MMIA to give them. So far, I am sorry to say, the GC.RR has not obeyed those conditions, though MMIA has explained what is necessary over and over again.

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CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel  
for Major General  
Land Forces  
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)

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From:- General H.Q. CC.RR.

Reference : 3/1350/8-3

To :- M.M.I.A.

Date : 3 Sep 45.

Subject:- Clothing CC.RR

With reference to the conversation which transpired on the 14 Aug 45 at the Sub Commission on Public Security, regarding the request for clothing for the CC.RR (this H.Q.'s letter No. 3/1350/8-1 dated 30 Jul 45), on the verbal invitation of Lieut. Col. Wilson, we beg to state:

1. The request for 65,000 series covers the complete requirements for articles of clothing necessary completely and with uniformity, to furnish all the military personnel of the Arm of the CC.RR, with clothing for at least one year, with the intention, as stated in the said letter of request, of diminishing, should issues in the meantime, have been made.

2. Instead, in order to meet the most urgent demands, there were made, in turn, two requests for a total of 30,000 series (one for 10,000 for ex-S.O.M. and one for 20,000). Having reached an agreement with the Ministry of War for the acceptance of such a request, the said Ministry has already made known its endorsement to M.M.I.A., specifying the stores.

3. The stores of the Legions at present are, or may be considered to be without serviceable articles of clothing, therefore this General H.Q. has already ordered that all clothing which, because of being too small or worn out is no longer serviceable to the personnel of the Arm of the CC.RR, should be handed in to the Commissariat stores.

However, with some articles, (e.g. small overcoats), owing to the great needs, alteration has been ordered into trousers or berets.

4. The request for blankets, on a scale of three to each man <sup>2112</sup> can now be considered as cancelled, in that, according to a recent communication from the Ministry of the Interior, civilian firms must provide for the supply of such needs.

However, we have reason to believe that the firms supplying barracks materials are not at present capable of completely coping with demands, perhaps they will be able to do so shortly, the Ministry of the Interior having recently increased the wage, bringing it up to an amount of L.6 daily for military personnel.

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5. Solely because of the deficiency in clothing items, there are, up to the present 9,922 carabinieri in civilian clothes, distributed in the following manner:

| Province  | Legion | Genoa | Legion | Genoa |
|-----------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| Abruzzi   | "      | 360   | "      | 200   |
| Ancona    | "      | 120   | "      | 515   |
| Bari      | "      | 1,365 | "      | 300   |
| Bologna   | "      | 1,675 | "      | 550   |
| Bolzano   | "      | 150   | "      | 120   |
| Cagliari  | "      | 70    | "      | 400   |
| Catanzaro | "      | 200   | "      | 2,000 |
| Florence  | "      | 360   | "      | 60    |
| Rome      | "      | 570   | "      | 500   |
| Verona    | "      | 600   | "      |       |

6.

We attach herewith, at the request of Col. Bagman:-

- (a) return showing the comparison between clothing items assigned by the Ministry of War and those actually received during the period 1 Oct 44 to 15 Aug 45 (attachment 'A').
- (b) return - report on the arms, ammunition and webbing equipment of the Arm of the C.C.R.R., up to the 16 Aug 45, already sent to the S. R.E. (attachment 'B').

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We shall send the return on the situation of the vehicles of the arm of the C.C.R.R. up to the 15 Aug 45, compared with the requirements foreseen from the War Establishment, which is in course of being compiled.

By Order.

Colonel Director,

(signed) Giovanni Mottola

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| Description of items                     | REQUESTED<br>FOR<br>\$5,000 | Requested For<br>65,000 | Allotted | Needed  |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|----------|---------|
| Carbines                                 | 10253                       | 20253                   | 10253    | 10000   |
| Pistols                                  | 10431                       | 20431                   | 2968     | 17463   |
| Clips for Pistols                        | 20639                       | 40639                   | 4200     | 36439   |
| Pistol Holsters                          | 10613                       | 21613                   | 2530     | 19083   |
| Straps for Pistols                       | 13800                       | 23800                   | 1550     | 22250   |
| Waist Bands                              | 6000                        | 16000                   | 6000     | 10000   |
| Carbine Belts                            | 8348                        | 18348                   | 8348     | 10000   |
| Twin Buttons (for rifle belts)           | 9000                        | 19000                   | 9000     | 10000   |
| Bandoliers, grey-green                   | 13224                       | 23266                   | 6850     | 16416   |
| Ball Cartridges, for Carbine             | 743616                      | 1463616                 | 829872   | 633744  |
| Buckshot cartridges for Carbine          | 176938                      | 356938                  | 200744   | 156194  |
| Pistol Cartridges                        | 298000                      | 578000                  | 194040   | 383960  |
| Cal. 6.5 L.M.G.'s                        | 12499                       | 12611                   | 1918     | 10693   |
| Cal. 9 "Beretta" automatic Carbines      | 660                         | 792                     | 460      | 332     |
| Ball cartridges for cal. 6.5 L.M.G.      | 2524800                     | 2552200                 | 320000   | 2232200 |
| Cal. 9 Cartridges for automatic carbines | 52800                       | 63360                   | 52800    | 10560   |

| Requested For<br>65,000 | Allotted | Needed  | Whether or<br>not urgent. | Remarks on allotments received                                                                                    |
|-------------------------|----------|---------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 20253                   | 10253    | 10000   | NO                        | Single allotment on 9-5-945 - Already withdrawn                                                                   |
| 20431                   | 2968     | 17463   | YES                       | 1st Allotment of 2668 on 9-5-945 already withdrawn<br>2nd Allotment of 300 on 9-8-945 - now being withdrawn       |
| 40639                   | 4200     | 36439   | YES                       | 1st Allotment of 3600 on 9-5-945 - already withdrawn<br>2nd Allotment of 600 on 9-8-945 - now being withdrawn     |
| 21613                   | 2530     | 19083   | YES                       | 1st Allotment of 2230 on 9-5-945 - already withdrawn<br>2nd Allotment of 300 on 9-8-945 - now being withdrawn     |
| 23800                   | 1550     | 22250   | YES                       | 1st Allotment of 1250 on 9-5-945 - already withdrawn<br>2nd Allotment of 300 on 9-8-945 - now being withdrawn     |
| 16000                   | 6000     | 10000   | YES                       | Single Allotment on 9-5-945 - already withdrawn                                                                   |
| 18348                   | 8348     | 10000   | NO                        | " " " " "                                                                                                         |
| 19000                   | 9000     | 10000   | NO                        | " " " " "                                                                                                         |
| 23266                   | 6850     | 16416   | YES                       | " " " " "                                                                                                         |
| 1463616                 | 829872   | 633744  | YES                       | " " " " "                                                                                                         |
| 356938                  | 200744   | 156194  | YES                       | " " " " "                                                                                                         |
| 578000                  | 194040   | 383960  | YES                       | 1st Allotment of 178640 on 9-5-945 - already withdrawn<br>2nd Allotment of 15400 on 9-8-945 - now being withdrawn |
| 12611                   | 1918     | 10693   | YES                       | 1st Allotment of 1450 on 9-5-945 - already withdrawn<br>2nd Allotment of 468 on 7-8-945 - now being withdrawn     |
| 792                     | 460      | 332     | YES                       | Single allotment on 21-6-945 - now being withdrawn                                                                |
| 2552200                 | 320000   | 2232200 | YES                       | Single allotment on 9-5-945 already withdrawn                                                                     |
| 63360                   | 52800    | 10560   | YES                       | Single allotment on 9-5-945 - already withdrawn                                                                   |

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Subject : Assignment of Artillery Material.  
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Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.,  
(M.M.I.A.)  
R O M E.

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22 Oct. 45.  
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To : War Ministry.  
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1. Reference is made to your 40972/4313/AMC dated 13 Oct. The allocation of arms and ammunition is now entirely at your discretion. The procedure to which you refer by which demands from various departments were channelled through this H.Q. was intended to ensure the utmost economy and the conservation of stocks.

2. The same considerations will <sup>no doubt</sup> be given attention when you weigh up the validity and importance of requests received by you for further issues.

*R.A.*  
R.A. CURRIES, Lt.Col.  
for Major General,  
M.M.I.A.

2109

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Subject:- Arms for Police Forces.

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

PMME.

9/23/9

11 October, 1945.

To:-

Civil Affairs Section, A.C.

1. Reference your AC/14501/11/PS of 5 Oct 45, the answer to your AC/14501/11/PS of 14 Sep 45 is that an answer is still awaited from A.F.H.A. regarding the disposal of arms and materials in the Beretta factory. We know nothing of any proposal to allot these arms outside the theatre.

2. Since your letter of 14 Sep 45, the detailed allotment of arms and equipment to the Italian Army (including CCRR) from stocks available to the Italian Authorities has been placed in the hands of the Minister for War vide M.M.I.A. letter 1/8 of 19 Sep 45. The allotment of arms and ammunition to the CCRR on the scales authorized is therefore a matter between the General Commanding the CCRR and the Ministry of War.

3. As you know, this whole question is at the moment somewhat complicated by the proposed changes in relations between Allied and Italian Authorities and functions of various Headquarters, Commissions and Sub Commissions concerned.

*W. P. Kelly*

Major General,  
M. M. I. A.

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Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.  
(M. G. I. A.) RCM.  
9/23/9  
2 October, 1945.

To:-

Civil Affairs Section, A.C.

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Reference the Prime Minister's personal letter  
No. 57445 of 24 Sep 45 to Chief Commissioner, A.C. asking for more  
adequate arms and ammunition scale of C.G.M.A.

M.G.I.A. is prepared to <sup>advise on</sup> ~~submit~~ this matter  
but would like to have your proposed scales and holdings  
before doing so.

W. P. D. S. L. E. L.

Major General,  
M. G. I. A.

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SUBJECT: Ammunition for GCRR.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION  
A.C. (M. M. I.A.)  
R O M E  
Q/23/9  
28 September 1945.  
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TO : Ministry of War.

1. Reference is made to General Artillery Directorate letter 34518 of 19 September 1945.
2. The information supplied in your letter under reference is not sufficient to permit release of ammunition. It is not understood why Milan Territorial Command should have applied to AMG Officers for Allied automatic arms for GCRR in Como. Will you please indicate whether these arms are on temporary loan to the unit or have been permanently assigned.

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

JJW/ag

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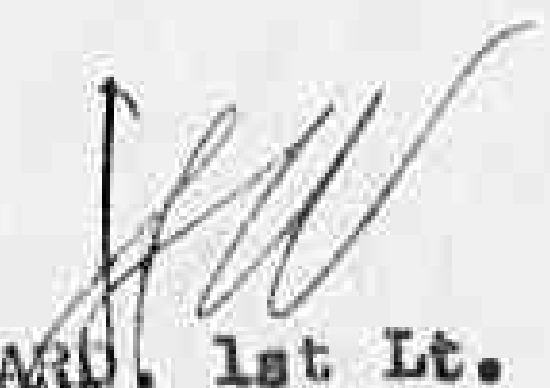
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SUBJECT: Automatic Arms for CCRR.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION  
A.C. (M. M. I. A.)  
R O M E  
Q/23/9  
27 September 1945.  
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TO : Ministry of War.

1. Reference is made to your letter 219501/II of 12 September 1945. 220-10-3.
2. Public Safety Sub Commission, A.C. have applied to AFHQ for the release to the CCRR of automatic arms from stocks of captured enemy material in North Italy.
3. CCRR will be informed of the decision of AFHQ as soon as it is made.

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

JJW/ag

Copy to: Public Safety Sub Commission

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TRANSLATION

Q/23/9

Ref: 3451  
Date: 19/9/45

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From: M:or.W.  
To: M.M.I.A.Subject: Ammunitions Request.

The A.M.G.- Provincial Public Safety Officer of Como, has ~~advised~~ <sup>granted</sup> in the request of Milano Mil. Ter.H.Q., for the assignment of 29 "Sten L.M.G." for Como CC.RR. H.Q.

Said group has requested as equipment for the 29 "Sten L.M.G's", 3480 rounds cal. 9.- <sup>12 rounds per MG</sup>

Kindly inform us if we can carry out the assignment.

R. FREREA.Cpl

(Sgd) Gen. Proberzi.



M of W do not know why Allied arms assigned <sup>20 Sept</sup>

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SUBJECT: Arms for CORR in Sicily.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION  
A.C. (M. M. I.A.)  
R O M L  
Q/23/9  
18 September 1945.  
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TO : Ministry of War.

1. Reference is made to SMRE letter 4/2260/Serv of 11 Sept 1945.
2. Authority is hereby given for the issue to 6 CORR Brigade of 10 Automatic Carbines, Beretta, cal 9.
3. The weapons, together with the relative magazines and ammunition should be withdrawn from the supplies handed in on the disbandment of the "Monte Granero" Bn.

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

JJW/ag

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

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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM  
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION  
A.C. (R&A.)

FILE NO: DATE: 17 September 1945.

SUBJECT: Q/23/9

TO: Arms and Ammunition for C.O.R.R.

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Major Dobbs.

Below is a table of the most important items of Artillery Equipment which C.O.R.R. have demanded for strengths of 55,000 and 65,000 men, what we have allotted from Army stocks and the present availabilities of these items:

|                     | Arms demanded by C.O.R.R. to complete arm-<br>ment of 55,000 men. | Arms demanded to complete 65,000 men. | Accounts allotted by H.M.I.A. | Present availabilities as reported by War Ministry. |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Carbines            | 20,253                                                            | 10,253                                | 10,253                        | 30,000                                              |
| Pistols             | 20,431                                                            | 10,431                                | 4,074                         | 361 *                                               |
| L.M.G.              | 12,511                                                            | 12,499                                | 2,450                         | 71                                                  |
| Carbines, Auto.     | 792                                                               | 660                                   | 1,050                         | 944                                                 |
| Cartridges, carbine | 1,463,516                                                         | 743,516                               | 829,872                       | 26000,000                                           |
| "                   | 355,933                                                           | 176,933                               | 200,744                       | 83,256                                              |
| "                   | 578,000                                                           | 298,000                               | 194,040                       | 141,714                                             |
| pistol              | 2,552,200                                                         | 2,528,800                             | 320,000                       | 16000,000                                           |
| LMG                 | 63,360                                                            | 52,500                                | 52,800                        | 6684,974                                            |
| autocarbine         |                                                                   |                                       |                               |                                                     |

\* 4000 new pistol Beretts were sent from P.B.S. Leghorn to Florence the same day I left Florence. Word of this consign-



SUBJECT: Arms for the CCRR.

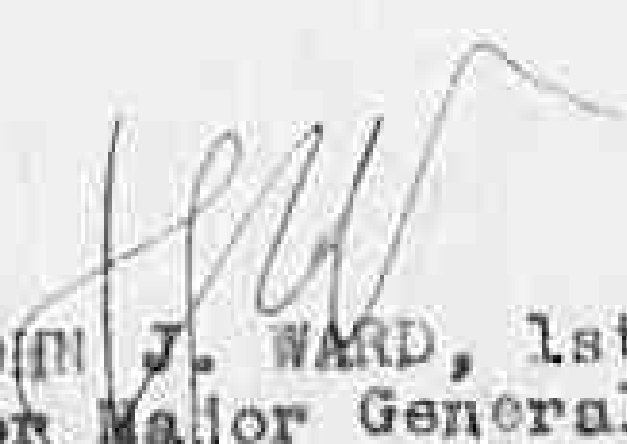
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION  
A.C. (M. M. I. A.)  
R O M B  
Q/23/9  
13 September 1945.  
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TO : Ministry of War.

1. Reference is made to your letter 216480/II of 9  
222-9-1  
August 1945.

2. The question of arms for CCRR is receiving the attention of this headquarters and of Public Safety Sub-Commission, A.C. who are requesting from Allied Force Headquarters the release to CCRR of automatic arms from stocks of captured enemy material in North Italy.

3. CCRR will be informed of the decision of AFHQ as soon as it is made.

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

JJW/ag

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

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TRANSMISSION.

From: Ministry of War.

Ref: 219501/11.  
220-10-3.

To: M.M.1.A.

Date: 12/9/45.

Subject: Individual armament of the CC. RR.

The present scale of armament of the CC. RR. is absolutely inadequate to meet requirements and to cope with the situation. Individual scale of arms is the same as that which was in force over half a century ago, that is to say the Mod. 1891 carbine and the pistol, with the disadvantage, that, owing to lack of availability, many of the men are deficient of the pistol.

The few automatic arms allotted and issued from part of the unit equipment, moreover incomplete, and which has nothing to do with personal arms.

This situation has a marked demoralizing effect of the Carabinieri who, only too often, are obliged to face bands of evil doers, today very numerous, well organized and with modern armament.

In order to make good this serious deficiency, G.H.Q. CC. RR. approached M.M.1.A. on the 3rd. of August last with letter 194/2, requesting the allotment of the 44000 "Mitra" automatic carbines and of the 3000 pistols stored at the Beretta Arms Factory at Gardone Val Trompia.

With the same object in view I myself approached M.M.1.A. on the 9th. of August last with letter 216480/11 pointing out the necessity of issuing to the Carabinieri the automatic arms handed in

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With the same object in view I myself approached M.M.I.A. on the 9th. of August last with letter 216480/11 pointing out the necessity of issuing to the Carabinieri the automatic arms handed in by the partisans in the North, at once in stead of waiting until an inventory had been made, as suggested by M.M.I.A.

I am therefore obliged to insist again on the importance and the urgency of meeting this request if it is desired that public order be maintained in Italy for, in that case, it is essential that the CC. RR. be provided with means adequate to the circumstances prevailing.

Jacini.

De Juan/ Carter.

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all this should be put on a proper basis. It is a case of arms (including automatics) for the whole CC. RR., including Mittra - Beretta - Colt.

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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION  
A.C. (MMIA)

DATE: 7 Sept. 1945

FILE NO:

SUBJECT: Arms for Carabinieri.

TO : Q/2.

The CCR's letter showing their deficiencies in arms is a ~~misstatement~~. First of all, the figures shown as "requested" are those which theoretically would have been necessary for 65,000 men, but their request and the subsequent allotment was made at a time when the authorized strength was 55,000. Hence, the amounts allotted should be read against the amounts necessary to complete 55,000 men. At the time of the increase in CCR ceiling, the actual bodies were recruited from CCR in the North; Lt. Col. Wilson, Public Safety S/C, informed me that these people would be coming in with arms for the most part. It was agreed at this time that the CCR could submit a request for whatever they might need due to their increase in strength, but this new request was to be based on actual needs, not simply a blanket indent for 10,000 extra items.

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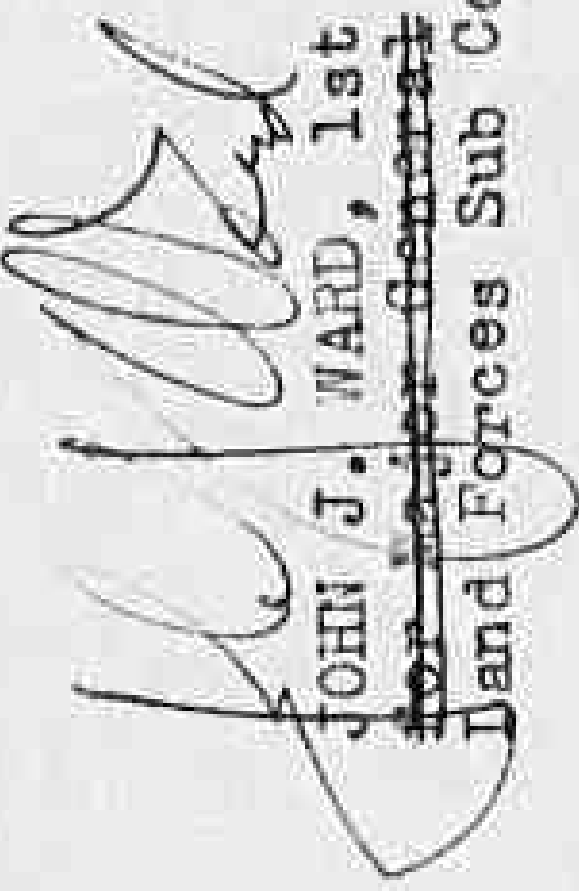
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At Appx A is set out what the CCRR requested for 55,000 men in Column "A", what our records indicate was allotted in column B, what they say was allotted in Column C, the difference between B & C in Column D and present availabilities in Column E. Some of the discrepancies are due to the fact that the CCRR statement represents the position at 15 Aug., while allotments have been made since.

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JOHN J. WARD, 1st Lt.

~~for Major General~~

Head Forces Sub Commission

APPX "A"

|                            | CCARR<br>request for<br>55000. |         | Allocated |       | Available  |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------|-----------|-------|------------|
|                            | MMIA                           | CCAR.   |           |       |            |
|                            | A                              | B       | C         | D     | E          |
| Carbines                   | 10253                          | 10253   | 10253     | -     | 30,000     |
| Pistols                    | 10431                          | 4074    | 2968      | +1106 | 361        |
| Pistol Magazines           | 20639                          | 4300    | 4200      | +100  | 5,669      |
| Holsters                   | 11613                          | 2730    | 2530      | +200  | 2,882      |
| Pistol Straps              | 13800                          | 1550    | 1550      | -     | 3,159      |
| Bands, Belt                | 6000                           | 6000    | 6000      | -     | 132,000    |
| Carbine Belts              | 8348                           | 8348    | 8348      | -     | 33,800     |
| Buttons, Rifle Belt        | 9000                           | 9000    | 9000      | -     | 330,000    |
| Bandoliers                 | 13226                          | 6850    | 6850      | -     | 10,756     |
| Cartridges, Carbine, Ball  | 743616                         | 829872  | 829872    | -     | 26,000,000 |
| " " " Buck-Shot            | 176938                         | 200744  | 200744    | -     | 83,256     |
| " " " Pistol               | 298000                         | 194040  | 194040    | -     | 141,714    |
| Light Machine Guns cal 6.5 | 12499                          | 2450    | 1418      | +532  | 71         |
| Carbines, Automatic        | 660                            | 1050    | 460       | +590  | 944        |
| Cartridges, LMG, cal 6.5   | 2529800                        | 320,000 | 320000    | -     | 16,000,000 |
| " " " Auto Carbine         | 52800                          | 52800   | 52800     | -     | 6,684,974  |

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SUBJECT: Ammunition for Training CCRR.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION  
A.C. (M. M. I. A.)  
R O M B  
Q/23/9  
6 September 1945.  
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TO : Ministry of War.

1. Reference is made to GHQ CCRR letter 3/1389/33 of 24 August 1945.

2. Hereby released to GHQ CCRR are the following quantities of ammunition for training purposes:

| <u>Type</u>                         | <u>Quantity</u> |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Cartridges, Ball, mod. 91, cal. 6.5 | 1,030,000       |
| " " , pistol, Beretta Cal. 9        | 180,000         |
| " " , revolver, mod. 39, cal. 10.35 | 240,000         |
| " " , auto., carbine Beretta cal. 9 | 220,000         |
| " " , LMG, Breda, cal. 6.5          | 330,000         |
| " " , MG, Breda 37, cal. 8          | 220,000         |

3. The depots from which the ammunition should be collected by the CCRR may be fixed between you and GHQ CCRR, except that Beretta pistol ammunition must be released from Piano di Quarto dump, Naples.

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

JJW/ag

Copy to:

Public Safety Sub Comm., A.C.  
(Minute 22, file ACC/14601/11/PS refers).

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SUBJECT: Arms for the OGR.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION  
A.C. (M. M. I. A.)  
R O M A  
Q/23/6  
6 September 1945.  
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TO : Ministry of War.

1. Please notify GHQ OGR that AFHQ have released to them from the Captured Enemy Material Dump at Mestre 370 Carbines, automatic, Beretta, mod.38. Their accredited representative should contact Captured Enemy Material Section, 86 Army Area, HQ 13 Corps and refer to allocation form AFHQ/5043/16/Q (AK) dated 31 August 1945, which releases the carbines to the OGR.

2. OGR are responsible for collecting from the depot at Mestre in their own transport.

Q/23/6

*John J. Ward*  
JOHN J. WARD, 1st Lt.  
For Major General  
Land Forces Sub Commission

JJW/ag

Copy to:

War Materials Disposal S/C/, A.C.  
Public Safety S/C/, A.C.  
MIA LO XIII Corps.  
Q/23/9

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SUBJECT: Issues of Ammunition to Nucleo CCRR Scorta Reale.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION  
A.C. (M. M. I. A.)  
R O M E  
Q/23/9  
22 August 1945.  
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TO : Ministry of War.

Reference SMRE letter 4/2191/Serv of 18 Aug 45.

1. Authority is hereby granted for the issue to Nucleo CCRR Scorta Reale from Rome Arty Directorate of the following ammunition.

Cartridge ball, 9 mm for Beretta Auto. Rifle -1,000 rds.

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

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Translation

From: Mr. of W  
To: MMIA

Q/23/9

Ref. No. 216480/II

212-9-1

Date: August 9, 1945

Subject: Arms for Royal Carabinieri.

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Ref. letter Q/23/9 of July 21, 1945.

Your mission informed us with the above-mentioned letter that no allotment of automatic weapons turned in North by the partisans can be made to the Royal Carabinieri before the amounts ~~of weapons~~ as well as the condition of the weapons made available by the aforementioned surrender of arms, are known; with the exception of any issues which may be authorized by MMIA LO's in urgent cases.

In this connection I deem it necessary to point out that:

- it is essential that those who are to maintain public order be given weapons at least equal to those of the disturbers of the peace who, as is known, are well supplied with automatic weapons, hand grenades and sometimes even mortars.

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SEE - the issue of arms only in urgent cases, subject to authorization by MMIA LO's cannot always be carried out in practice when the need arises,

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owing to possible unavailability of at the depots of the area in which they are to be used. Moreover, the use of these arms requires always a certain period of training on the part of the personnel who is to handle them, thus frustrating the exceptional character of the measure adopted.

In view of the foregoing I ask that your Mission kindly reconsider this question in order that the automatic weapons mentioned above may be urgently allotted to the Royal Carabinieri; such allotment could be made even gradually, i.e. as and when the amount of arms recovered at the warehouses becomes known.

May I be permitted to stress the importance and urgency of the ~~my~~ measure requested which would enable the Royal Carabinieri to have a greater fire power, which would offset, at least in part, the scarcity of personnel, which latter is always found to be inadequate to meet the diverse requirements of the present situation.

Signed: Jacini

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

SUBJECT: Arms and Ammunition  
for the CC. RR.

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Further to this headquarters letter of 26 April 45, file and subject as above.

2. Hereby released from the depots as shown to Gen. Hq. CC. RR. are the following arms:

|                                    | <u>TARANTO</u> | <u>COSENZA</u> | <u>ROME</u> | <u>NAPLES</u> |
|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|
| Pistols, Auto., Beretta, Cal. 9    | 220            | 20             | 60          | ----          |
| Magazines, Pistol, Beretta         | 180            | 90             | 30          | ----          |
| Bolsters, Pistol                   | 300            | --             | --          | ----          |
| Straps, Bolster                    | 300            | --             | --          | ----          |
| Cases, LMG, Breda 30 (Scat. Serb.) | ----           | 25             | --          | 25            |

3. In addition, 15,400 rounds of cal. 9 ammunition for Beretta, pistol mod. 36 are released to CC. RR. from Piano di Quarto dump, Naples, and 150 magazines, 40 round capacity, for Beretta Automatic Carbine are released from Florence Artillery Directorate.

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IRA V. FORMYCE, Capt.,  
For Major General  
M. M. I. A.

JJW/ac

Copy to: Public Safety Sub Commission, A. C.  
(Minute 9 your file ACC/14601/11/PS refers)  
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FOR M.M.I.A. I.C. (.) CANCELled Q/454 OF  
20 JULY PENDING CLARIFICATION OF SOURCE OF  
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Public Safety Sub-  
Commission A.C.

Shaw & Forster, Cps. (RAF)

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

SUBJECT: Arms and Ammunition  
for the CC. RR.

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

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1. Reference SMRE letter 4/1974/Serv of 14 July 1945.
  2. Request for ammunition for CC. RR. is disapproved. Only requests forwarded to this headquarters by Public Safety Commission, A. C. as approved will be considered.
  3. Automatic Carbine stocks in Southern Italy are not sufficient to permit further assignment to the CC. RR. at this time. It is not desirable to make assignment of weapons to individual CC. RR. units from Army stocks except in cases of emergency but bulk allotments will be made, as the stock position allows.

*[Signature]*  
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/23/9  
21 July 1945

SUBJECT: Arms for the CC. RR.

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Reference SMKE letter 4/1923/Serv of 6 July 1945.
2. While the principle of supplying automatic carbines to CC. RR. units to approved scales has the support of this headquarters, no assignment of automatic arms turned in by Partisans in the North can be made to the CC. RR. before we know the quantities and condition of arms available from such disarmament.
3. This headquarters therefore will not authorize any issue of automatic weapons to CC. RR. units except such as may be made by MMIA L/O's for particular cases of an urgent nature, until the stock position of Artillery equipment in North Italy is fully known.

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

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

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(16)MESSAGE FORM

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REF NO. Q/454

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FOR WPIA LO(.) REMARK TO LOCAL CARABINIERI HQ. SO REMOVED AUTO CARRIERS

FROM TUBIN REPORT(.) CARABINIERI NOT TO EXCEED THREE PER DAYTON

RECEIVEDNOTIFICATIONCOPY TO: HIS STATE OF WAR  
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB-COMMISSION, A. O.1  
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| 460 |
| 50  |
| 530 |
| 370 |
| 900 |
| 50  |
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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION,  
A. C. (M. M. I. A.)  
R O M E  
Q/23/9  
17 July 1945

SUBJECT: Arms and Ammunition  
for the CC. RR.

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Further to this headquarters letter of 26 April 45, file and subject as above.
2. Hereby released to the CC. RR. from depots as shown are the following arms and ammunition:

|                          |             |            |                  |
|--------------------------|-------------|------------|------------------|
| Light Machine Guns Breda | 30 Cal. 6.5 | 260        | Rome             |
| Light Machine Guns Breda | 30 Cal. 6.5 | 260        | Naples           |
| Light Machine Guns Breda | 30 Cal. 6.5 | 260        | Bari             |
| Light Machine Guns Breda | 30 Cal. 6.5 | 120        | Taranto          |
| Light Machine Guns Breda | 30 Cal. 6.5 | <u>100</u> | Sardinia (Nuoro) |

Total--- 1000

Cartridges, Ball, Cal. 6.5 200,000 Taranto

3. CC. RR. are responsible for collection from Artillery Directorates as shown:

*Ira V. Fordice*  
IRA V. FORDICE, Capt.,  
For Major General  
M. M. I. A.

JJW/ac

Copy to: Public Safety Sub Commission, A. C.  
GHQ, CC. RR.

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LAND FORCE'S SUB-COMMISSION,  
A. C. (S. S. I. S.)  
S. S. S.  
C/23  
16 July 1945

SUBJECT: Issue of Hand GrenadesTO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Reference is made to:  
SME letter 4/1520/serv of 5 July 1945 Q/23/9  
SME letter 4/1746/serv of 2 June 1945 Q/23/9  
SME letter 4/1817/serv of 22 May 1945 Q/23/9  
SME letter 4/1637/serv of 20 May 1945 Q/23/9
2. Pending clarification of policy, this headquarters will not authorize the distribution to units of hand grenades.
3. You will be informed of the final decision in this respect as soon as it is made.

*[Signature]*  
J. H. J. Smith, 1st Lt.  
Per Major General  
N. H. I. A.

Copy to: "C" WHIA  
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Q/23/8 file ✓  
Q/23/1 file  
Q/23/11 file

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Translation.

From:- S.M.R.E. 9/23/5 Ref:- 4/1974/13/1  
To:- M.M.I.A. Date:- 14. VII. 45.

Subject:- Assignment of ammunition for  
1891 mod rifles to the C.C. R.R. Cadet Region  
of Rome.

H.Q. C.C. R.R. Cadet Region Rome,  
requests the following arms & ammunition,  
for the training of cadets who are  
enlisted for permanent duty.

|                                          |         |
|------------------------------------------|---------|
| Carabines (automatic Beretta) with mags. | 50.     |
| Rounds (for carabines)                   | 50,000. |
| Rounds (for training) 1891 mod. rifles.  | 5,000.  |
| Rounds ("Magistrali" 1937)               | 20,000. |

Kindly authorize issue

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TRANSLATION

Ref: 4/1925

Date: 6/7/45

From: S.M.R.E.To : M.M.I.A.Subject: Arms for the C.C.R.R.

Following the disarming of the prisoners, it appears that large quantities of automatic carbines have been stored in the depots formed by the A.M.G. in Northern Italy. We point out the advisability of issuing said automatic carbines to the C.C.R.R., which would at least partly compensate by a larger rate of fire, for the lack of personnel, which is still insufficient to meet the many requirements at present.

Should M.M.I.A. agree to the proposal, the number of automatic arms to be issued will be specified,-

R.Errera. Cpl.

Sgd: Gen: Ercole RONCO1  
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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION,  
A. C. (U. S. I. A.)  
E O R E  
6/23/45  
12 June 1945

SUBJECT: Automatic Carbines for the CC. RR.

TO : PUBLIC SAFETY SUB-COMMISSION, A. C.

1. Further to this headquarters letter 1/23/45 of 28 April 1945 and reference Minuto 5, your file ACC/14601/11/45.

2. Herewith released to the CC. RR. from Italian Army stocks are the following quantities of Beretta automatic carbines, Cal. 9:

|                                              |     |
|----------------------------------------------|-----|
| Saragat Artillery Directorate                | 106 |
| Detached Artillery Section, Suero (Sardinia) | 275 |
| Detached Artillery Section, Palermo          | 69  |
| Cosenza Artillery Directorate                | 10  |

Total..... 460

3. Carbines, 40 round capacity, are authorized at the ratio of two per weapon.

4. No ammunition is assigned, as complete scale was authorized in our letter under reference.

*John J. Jones*  
J. J. JONES, Captain  
For Major General  
U. S. I. A.

JJW/ac

Copy to: Ministry of War  
CC. RR.  
MIA 1/3 Sardinia  
MIA 1/3 La Spezia  
MIA 1/3 Naples  
MIA 1/3 Sicily

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION,  
A. C. (M. M. I. A.)  
R O M E  
Q/23/9  
3 June 1946

SUBJECT: Arms and Ammunition  
for Procida Prison

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. You are hereby authorized to issue from Naples Artillery Directorate to the Naples Legion CC. RR. the following arms and ammunition:

|                                      |      |
|--------------------------------------|------|
| Carbines Automatic Beretta Cal. 9    | 12   |
| Magazines, 40 round, for above.      | 24   |
| Cartridges, Ball, Cal 9 for above.   | 3000 |
| Machine Guns, Fiat Cal. 8            | 8    |
| Cartridges, Ball, Cal. 8, for above. | 6000 |

2. Above arms and ammunition aforesaid for guards engaged in guarding the prison on the island of Procida (Naples).

*JVS*  
IRA V. FORDYCE, Capt.,  
For Major General  
M. M. I. A.

JJS/ac

Copy to: Public Safety Sub-Commission, A. C.  
(Minute 4, your AC/14043/5/P2 file refers)  
MIRA L/O Naples

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Translation.

From. H of W

to. MMIA

Ref. 4/1617/ser.

Date 22 May 45

Request for Hand grenades for C.R.R. and P.S.

The PALERMO Military territorial command have requested assignment of the following amount of Hand grenades for training and eventual requirement of the C.R.R. and P.S. on the island

HQ VI Brigade C.R.R. (PALERMO and MASSIMA regions)

1.430 H. grenades

Interprovincial nucleus P.S. of MISTRETTA

30 Hand grenade

We beg you to inform us if we can carry out this assignment taking into consideration the orders issued by Admiral STONE of D.C. with letter n° C/92 dated 1.5.45 and forwarded to the President of the cabinet of Italian Ministers and for info to MMIA.

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

SUBJECT: Loan of Rifles  
to Rome CC. RR. Cadet Legion

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Authority is hereby granted for the temporary loan to Rome  
CC. RR. Cadet Legion of 30 rifles cal. 6.5 model 51 from stocks in 801st  
Artillery Directorate, Via Etruria 22, Rome.

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

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Copy to: Public Safety Sub Commission,  
(Minute 4 your file ACC/14601/11/PS refers)

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION,  
A. C. (M. M. I. A.)  
R O M B  
Q/23/7  
17 May 1946

SUBJECT: Arms for Royal Escort CC. RR.

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Reference SMRE letters 4/1165/Serv of 16 April 45 and 4/1521/  
Serv of 12 May 1945.

2. You are hereby authorized to issue to Mobile Squad, CC. RR.,  
the following arms:

Carbines, Automatic, Beretta, Cal.9  
Magazines for above.  
Pistols, Beretta, Cal.9

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

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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  
1/23/9  
26 April 1945

SUBJECT: Arms and Ammunition  
for the CC. RR.

TO : PUBLIC SAFETY SUB-COMMISSION, A. C. *File 1*

1. Reference letter 121/7/944 dated 3 April 45 from General Headquarters, CC. RR.
2. Attached at Appendix "A" is a list of items of arms and ammunition released to the CC. RR. The CC. RR. should make arrangements to draw this equipment from the Depots as shown.
3. You may consider this an authority for the Home Legion of the CC. RR. to retain permanently the 200 Beretta automatic carbines and 500 Beretta pistols lent them for special operations as per our AC/23/1 of 17 Jan. 45. Your AC/14501/11/PS of 18 April refers. The remaining 450 Beretta automatic carbines cannot be assigned at this time, as the only source of supply is from the stock turned in by Combat Groups now equipped with British equipment. At present, Army commitments absorb immediately as many of these carbines as become available after inspection and repair. Should stocks be available after Army commitments have been filled, they will be available to the CC. RR. *File 5*
4. Ammunition has been assigned in the amounts requested, except where the corresponding arms have not been supplied, in which case the allocation of ammunition was reduced to correspond with the number of weapons assigned. We are releasing the full amount of automatic carbine ammunition in view of the fact that the CC. RR. are in possession of some automatic carbines at present and in anticipation of eventual assignment of the automatic carbines as requested.
5. Handcuffs have not been assigned due to unavailability. *2077*

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Copy to: Ministry of War  
HQ. CC. RR.

P. L. SIMONS, Colonel  
For Major General  
M. M. I. A.

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|---------------------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---|
| Moschetto mod. 38 cal. 6,5                        |  | 1.500                       | =                      | 1.000            | =                 | 1.500              | = |
| Moschetto mod. 38 cal. 7,35                       |  | 1.000                       | =                      | 1.524            | =                 | 500                | = |
| Moschetto mod. 91,24 cal. 6,5                     |  | 500                         | =                      | 100              | =                 | 700                | = |
| Pist. Aut. Beretta mod. 34 cal. 9                 |  | 280                         | =400                   | 50               | 400               | 700                | = |
| Pist. Aut. Beretta mod. 23 cal. 9                 |  | =                           | =                      | =                | =                 | 244                | = |
| Pist. aut. Beretta mod. 15 cal. 9                 |  | =                           | =                      | =                | =                 | 44                 | = |
| Pist. Glisenti mod. 910 cal. 9                    |  | =                           | 5                      | 35               | =                 | 10                 | = |
| Pist. a rot. 89 Tipo A C. 10,35                   |  | 30                          | 70                     | =                | =                 | 180                | = |
| Pist. a rot. 89 tipo B C. 10,35                   |  | 20                          | 10                     | 20               | =                 | =                  | = |
| Pist. a rot. 74/89 cal. 10,35                     |  | =                           | =                      | =                | =                 | 300                | = |
| Caric. per Beretta cal. 9                         |  | 800                         | 400                    | =                | 400               | 2.400              | = |
| Fond. per Beretta 34 cal. 9                       |  | 500                         | 200                    | =                | =                 | 900                | = |
| Correg. per Beretta 34 C. 9                       |  | 150                         | 300                    | =                | =                 | 800                | = |
| Fascie di cuoio per cint. 21                      |  | 2.000                       | =                      | =                | =                 | 4.000              | = |
| Cinghie di mosch. di cuoio                        |  | 5.000                       | 3.348                  | =                | =                 | =                  | = |
| Bottoni gemelli mezzani                           |  | 5.000                       | 4.000                  | =                | =                 | =                  | = |
| Bandoliere da cavalleria                          |  | =                           | =                      | =                | =                 | 2.200              | = |
| Bandoliere per armi 91                            |  | 1.000                       | 700                    | =                | 1.100             | 1.500              | = |
| Fucile mitragliat. Breda 30 C. 9,5                |  | 70                          | 200                    | =                | =                 | 1.000              | = |
| Fonding per pist. mod. 89                         |  | =                           | =                      | =                | =                 | 650                | = |
| Cart. a pall. per mosch. cal. 6,5                 |  | 577.712                     | =                      | =                | =                 | =                  | = |
| Cart. a mitragl. per mosch. cal. 6,5              |  | 32.704                      | =                      | =                | =                 | 100.000            | = |
| Cart. pall. per mosch. 38 C. 7,35                 |  | =                           | =                      | 272.160          | =                 | =                  | = |
| Cart. a mitr. per mosch. 38 C. 7,35               |  | 68.040                      | =                      | =                | =                 | =                  | = |
| Cart. a pall. per pist. 34 C. 9                   |  | =                           | =                      | =                | =                 | 1.9.000            | = |
| Cart. a pall. per pist. C. 10,35                  |  | 22.050                      | =                      | =                | =                 | =                  | = |
| Cart. per fuc. mitr. Breda 30                     |  | =                           | =                      | =                | =                 | =                  | = |
| Calibro 6,5.....                                  |  | 320.000                     | =                      | =                | =                 | =                  | = |
| Cart. per mosch. aut. Beretta C. 9                |  | =                           | =                      | 9.280            | =                 | =                  | = |
| Cart. a pall. per pist. Beretta mod. 23 C. 9..... |  | 8.540                       | =                      | =                | =                 | =                  | = |
| Cartucce a pall. per pistola                      |  |                             |                        |                  |                   |                    |   |
| Mod. Beretta 12 calibro 9.....                    |  | 1.340                       | =                      | =                | =                 | =                  | = |
| Cartucce a pall. Glisenti cal. 9                  |  | 1.750                       | =                      | =                | =                 | =                  | = |

Appendix "A" to O/2: of 26 April 1945

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Translation.

From. M of W

to. MMID. for Info.

9/23/9

Ref No 12510/2646.

Date. 24 April 45.

Issue of arms to CCRR.

The TARANTO City Directorate will issue the following material to BARI CCRR HQ.

Beretta auto pistol Mod. 34. cal 9.

complete with spare clip and holster

200

Ball eds. for above.

2140

revolver light model cal 10.35

complete with holster.

100

Ball eds for above

2100

With demand to be carried out by PM HQ.

The CCRR G HQ are notified that this issue is to be deducted from the request made to bring the total number of armed men to 55,000.

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*John Hawk*

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CC.RR. Gen. Hq.

12th April, 1945-  
N. 330/68-944

Subject : Arms for CC.RR.

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

It appears to this Command that an Officer of the Allied Mission presented himself at the Artillery Directorate in Rome withdrawing 60 automatic rifles "Beretta" which were being manufactured for the CC.RR. Force,

Besides which, the M.M.I.A. has issued instructions that the 241 automatic rifles existing in Sardinia, be assigned for another employment, while the Ministry of War intended to cede them to the CC.RR. Force on account of the 660 which are urgently needed by the Force.

Furthermore it appears that the Allied Mission wants to withdraw the 200 automatic rifles, and relative ammunitions, which were at the time given to the Rome CC.RR. Legion for the police activity carried out in the Quarticciolo hamlet. In this regard this Command represented to the Sub-Commission with letter n. 330/28-5-944 dated 28/2/45, the necessity to leave these arms to the a/m Legion which still needs them given the actual critical conditions of public Order.

20.4  
The Sub-Commission is requested kindly to contact the M.M.I.A. in order to avoid that arms assigned to CC.RR. be taken away from them, as many of them are still without arms and cannot be employed in the important tasks of their services during the moments of most necessity, i.e. when the full strength must be employed, and that, in particular, the arms which have been already granted in use to the Rome Legion be not withdrawn.

For the Commanding General  
-Brunetto Brunetti-  
Division General  
-Alfredo Ferrari-

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

SUBJECT: Arms and Ammunition  
for the CC. RR.

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. You are hereby authorized to release to the Bari Legion of the CC. RR. from the 901st Artillery Directorate, Taranto, the following arms and ammunition:

|                                            |           |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Pistola, Autom. Beretta Mod. 34 cal. 9     | 200       |
| Cartucce a pall. per pist. Autom. cal. 9   | 2140 Rds. |
| Pistola a rotaz. Mod. Allegg. cal. 10.35   | 100       |
| Cartucce per pistola Mod. 74/89 cal. 10.35 | 2100 Rds. |

2. The above allotment will be deducted from the overall requirements to bring the CC. RR. up to authorized holdings of arms and ammunition for 58,000 men.

3. Bari Legion CC. RR. is responsible for collecting the items released.

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F. A. COLE, Major 203  
For Major General 3  
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: Public Safety Commission, A. C.  
(Your AC/14601/11PS of 10 April refers)

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TRANSLATION

FROM: C. H. Q. Arm of the CC. RR

REF: 121/7/944

TO : M. M. I. A.

DATE: 3 April 1945

SUBJECT: Weapons and vehicles required for  
the CC. RR legions*See Feb 7*

Further to the information promised in letter 337/22-1  
dated 28th. inst. we forward herewith the following four returns  
for your information:-

Return of the arms, munitions and webbing required to complete  
the armament of the troops of the arm on the basis of a  
strength of 55,000 men:

Return of the arms, munitions, and webbing, required to com-  
plete the armament of the troops of the arm on the basis of a  
strength of 55,000 men and for the armament of another 10,000  
to reach the war establishment of 65,000.

Summary (with 27 enclosures) of the vehicles required for the  
Arm of the CC. RR calculating the war establishment strength  
on the basis of 55,000 men.

Summary (with 29 enclosures) of the vehicles required for the  
Arm of the CC. RR calculating the war establishment, strength  
on the basis of 65,000 men.

Following the instructions of WMA, we have forwarded, for  
the competent decisions:

The first two returns, in respect of the arms, munitions  
and webbing, to the Public Safety Sub-Commission.

The other two, in respect of the vehicles, to the S.M.R.E.  
Services Office.

The same four returns have been forwarded for information  
to the War Ministry-Artillery and Motorization Directorates General.

The requests to which the forementioned documents refer cover  
all these requirements of the arm and therefore cancel all the previous  
ones which have been sent to date.

Finally, I would inform you that I have already sent the order  
of battle of the Arm, in duplicate, to the P.S. Sub Commission with a  
request that they forward one of them to M. M. I. A.

s/s/ Brunetto Brunetti---Gen.

*Forwarded to 52  
with copy of  
translation  
6 April*

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copy of  
translation  
6 April*

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