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Q12310 Sales of S.T.B. Ammo

Opened Dec. 1944 - Closed Sept. 1945

From: H. P. S.
 To: H. P. S.

Q/23/10

Re: H. P. S. / H. P. S.
 Date: H. P. S. / H. P. S.

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Subject: Gift of explosives

The U. S. Marine Corps has been notified in a
 proposal for the following gift of explosives and materials
 to be:

10000 pounds of *ick* (low explosive)
 100 lbs. of dynamite, or other explosive material.

Gift material would be exclusively used for
 training in the use of explosives.

We hereby request the authority, should there be
 no objection, to sell the material in question.

(Sgt) Trovogi

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TRANSLATION

Q/23/10

From: N.O.F.V.

To: N.O.F.V.

Ref: 35/93

Date: 15/2/49

Subject: Sell of explosive materials to private industry.

242-3029 Jakt E/23/1
 Ref letter A.2./23/1 dated 18th February 1949, we forward to you a return of the explosives sold during the month of August 1949.

With this occasion, we also forward the return in respect of the months of June and July, which were only forwarded to this Ministry's Cabinet.

B.2.22A.001

(Sgd) Gen. Propertaj.

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B.E.

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
DIREZIONE GENERALE ARTIGNERIA E FORTIFICAZIONE
UFFICIO GESTIONE MATERIALI

Data	Materiali	Quantità in kg.	Deposito	A chi consegnato
Agosto 1945	Ballistite 2 x 4-14	10.000	Deposito Cardì tello della di- rezione arti- gloria=Napoli-	Ditta: Bombi- ni-Parodi-D rino ROMA-

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
 E COMANDO ARTIGLIERIA E MOTORIZZAZIONE
 UFFICIO GESTIONE MATERIALI

Quantità in Kg.	Deposito	A chi conse- gnato	A quale scopo
10.000	Deposito Cardi- tello della di- rezione arti- glia-ria-Napoli-	Ditta: Bomori- ni-Parodi-Dei fino -ROMA-	per impiego uso mina e polvere da caccia.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
 (Gen. P. G. PROFESSE)

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
 DIREZIONE GENERALE ARTIGIERIA E MOTORIZZAZIONE
 UFFICIO GESTIONE MATERIALI

Data	Materiale	Quantità in Kg.	Deposito	A chi consegnato
Luglio 1945	ramite d'africa	10.000	Deposito Rina no (R.110) Roma	Ditta polver. lici G. Stacc ni di Roma
"	Cartucce al nitrate d'am monio, avve rivate	10.000	Porte Bravet ta (R.15) Roma	Ditta Ing. Ba lico Lay em co di Roma

IL DIRETTORE
 (Gen. P.)

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
 BRANCO ARTIGIANERIA E MOTORIZZAZIONE
 SEZIONE GESTIONE MATERIALI

Quantità in kg.	Deposito	A chi consegnato	A quale scopo
10.000	Deposito Riserva (R. 110) Roma	Ditta polveri fici G. Stacchini di Roma	per uso agricolo
10.000	Forte Bravetta (R. 15) Roma	Ditta Ing. Bellico Ley Enri co di Roma	per uso agricolo -

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
 (Gen. E. G. PROPERZI)

Properzi

D. G.

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
 DIREZIONE GENERALE ARTIGLIERIA POTERIO
 UFFICIO GESTIONE MATERIALI

Data	Materiale	Quantità in kg.	Deposito	A chi c
Giugno 1945	Polvere nera avariata	1.000	Sezione stac cata arti = gliaeria -Pa lermo=	Dirta M taniser

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
SEZIONE GENERALE ARTIGLIERIA MOTORIZZAZIONE
UFFICIO SEZIONE MATERIALI

quantità in Kg.	Deposito	A chi consegnato	A quale scopo
1.000	Sezione stac- cata erti = gliaeria =Pa- lermo=	Ditta Moneta di Cal- tanissetta	Industria estrat- tiva mineraria Sicilia.=

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
(Gen. F. G. PROPERZI)

Properzi

SUBJECT: Utilization of Artillery Material by Private Industry.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
Q/23/10
13 September 1945.

TO : Ministry of War.

1. Reference is made to General Artillery Directorate letter 30558 of 28 August 1945.

2. Under the provisions of this headquarters letter AQ/23/1 of 18 February 1945, you are authorized to sell the Artillery Material listed in your letter under reference.

3. Please include these sales in the report to be rendered for the month in which the sales are made.

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

JJW/ag

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TRANSLATION

From: A.O.F.W.
 To: M.M.I.A.

Date: 28/8/45

Ref: 70558
A.M.C.

Q/23/10

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Subject: Sale of explosives

The explosives to be sold, stacked stored in the Depote under Bologna
 Arty Directorate command are;

1-) Ballistite normal	180 Quintals
2-) Black Powder	30 Quintals
3-) Nitrocellulose powder	130 Quintals

The firm Baschieri & Pellagri of Bologna has made offers for the purchase
 of the explosives mentioned in paras 1 and 2, whilst the firm S.I.P.E. of
 Spilamberto has sent offers for the purchase of the explosives mentioned in
 para 3.

The firm Baschieri & Pellagri has pointed out with letter (copy attached) that
 if the said explosives were sold to them, they will use it exclusively
 for the manufacturing of gun powder for sport ~~cartridges~~, which has been
 regularly authorized by M.M.I.A.

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R. ENNERA. Cpl

(Sgt) Russo

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SUBJECT: Sale of Explosives.

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

TO : Ministry of War.

Ref. your 29146 of 13 Aug. 45.

1. Request you furnish the following information concerning the explosives existing in depots of Bologna Arty Directorate:

- a. Details as to type and form of explosive.
- b. The purpose for which it will be used by the firms who propose to purchase the explosive.

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

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Translation

13 Aug 45

From M of War

Ref 29146

To MMIA

Subject - Sale of Explosives

The Directorate of Artillery, Bologna has informed us that in the Depots under their Command at Ponte Ronca and Forte Bandiera there exists a total quantity ^{of explosives} of approximately 340 Quintals, checked as damaged on chemical test, and destined for destruction in the event that they could not be sold to private concerns.

Since among the several firms invited to the auction sale two have ~~presented their purchase offers~~ ^{these} tendered their bids, being the firm S I P E of Spilamberto, Modena and the firm Baschieri and Pellagri, Bologna, this Ministry in consideration of the fact that the Territories of the Province of Modena and Bologna are now under the jurisdiction of the Central Government, requests, providing there are no objections, the authority to sell to the specified firms the explosives in question, eliminating thus the danger ^{which} ~~that~~ they might ^{appear} ~~possess~~, if through future storage.

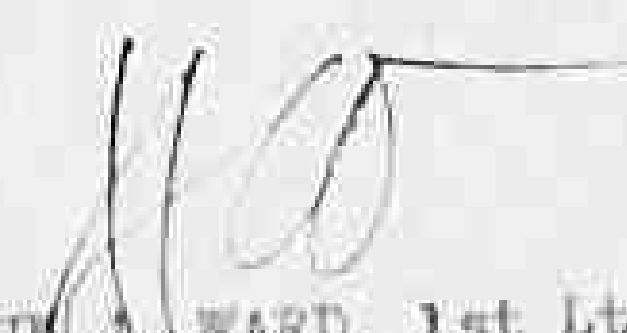
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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION,
A. C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
Q/54
22 May 1945

SUBJECT: Press Cuttings in Italian
Army Artillery Depots

TO : INDUSTRY SUB-COMMISSION, A. C.

1. Further to this headquarters Q/54 of 7 May 45.
2. Attached translation of correspondence received from Italian Ministry of War' is forwarded for your information.


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

Q/26/10 File

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(C O P Y)

FROM: Ministry of War

Ref: 15436

Date 16 May 45

TO : Art. Direct. Palermo Territorial H. Q.

For Information to: M.M.I.A. (Ref. Q/54 dated 3/5/45/)

Subject: Handing over of Brass to MONTECATINI Firm for the Production
of Copper Sulphate -----Reference letters 1097/S.A. dated 27 March 45 and 1768/S.A.
dated 2 May 1945.

This Ministry grants the issue on repayment to MONTECATINI Firm
the undermentioned quantity of Brass salvage to be used for the production of
copper sulphate for agricultural use:

Brass salvage..... 30 Tons

The price is temporarily fixed at 5 lire per Kg. pending the
fixing of definite price by the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Works which
has been informed on the matter.

The withdrawal will be done by "MONTECATINI" Firm, Palermo.

You will inform this Ministry on completion.

(signed) V. Russo

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P. J. on 9/23/10 File

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[Signature]

LAND FORCE'S SUB COMMISSION,
A. C. (M. M. I. A.)
R. O. M. E.
9/23/1
18 May 1945

SUBJECT: Chloro Sulphonic AcidTO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Hereby released to the Istituto Chimico Farmaceutico Militare, Florence, for the manufacture of Sulpha drugs for the Italian Armed Forces are stocks of Chloro-Sulphonic Acid (liquid smoke) located as follows:

Altamura (Bari)	Kg.	12450
Acquaviva delle Fonti (Bari)	Kg.	3080
Serrastretta (Catanzaro)	Kg.	30250
Total	Kg.	51750

2. Please advise the Artillery Directorates concerned to prepare above for rail shipment. Further movement instructions will come from Medical Section, this headquarters.

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

Copy to: AFMS, UNIA
MIA A L/O, 54 Area
MIA L/O, Naples
9/23/10 File

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Land Forces Sub Commission,
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
ROME
Q/23/1
18 May 1945

Subject: Chloro Sulphonic Acid

To: MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Hereby released to the Institute Chimico Farmaceutico Militare, Florence, for the manufacture of Sulpha drugs for the Italian Armed Forces are stocks of Chloro-Sulphonic Acid (liquid smoke) located as follows:

Altamura (Bari)	Kg.	12450
Acquaviva delle Fonti (Bari)	Kg.	9050
Serrastretta (Catanzaro)	Kg.	30250
Total	Kg.	51750

2. Please advise the Artillery Directorates concerned to prepare above for rail shipment. Further movement instructions will come from Medical Section, this headquarters.

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

Copy to: ADMS, MMIA
MMIA L/O, 54 Area
MMIA L/O, Naples
Q/23/10 File

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION,
A. C. (H. H. I. A.)
R. G. H. E.
G/23/10
18 May 1945

SUBJECT: Utilization of Artillery Material
by Private Industry

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Reference SMRE letter 4/1121/Serv of 26 April 1945.
2. With letter AQ/23/1 dated 18 February 1945, this headquarters agreed to the general policy of utilising damaged or obsolete explosive materials for industrial purposes.
3. You may, therefore, proceed with the program of selling such materials, rendering the report called for by AQ/23/1 of 18 February 1945.
4. Negative reports will henceforth be required.

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JAMES J. WARD, 1st Lt.
Per Major General
H. H. I. A.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
R O M E.
Q/54
7 May 45.

SUBJECT: Brass cuttings in Italian
Army Artillery Depots.

TO: MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Reference your 10476 of 11 April 1945.
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2. Authority is hereby granted for the issue of 30 tons of brass cuttings to the High Commissioner of Sicily for the production of copper sulphate.

JOHN J. WAR, 1st Lt.
for Major General.
M.M.I.A.

Copy to: Industry Sub Commission A.C.) (This HQ letter Q/54 of
Commerce Sub Commission A.C.) 21 April refers)

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION,
A. C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
Q/23/10
5 May 1945

SUBJECT: Sale of Chemicals
in Artillery Depots

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

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1. Further to our Q/23/1 of 24 April 45, subject as above.
2. Will you please submit a report showing the location and quantities of chloro sulphonic acid (chloridrina solforica-Liquido nebfiogeno) under Army control.

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

Copy to: AIMS, MMIA

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TranslationV(1) ~~19~~

From: S.M.R.E.
 To: M.M.A.

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Ref: 4/1/21/500
 Date: 26 April 45.

Subject: Issue and sale of materials and ammunitions

This S.M. in agreement with ARTY and M.T. Agca. Dir, has drafted a plan concerning the neutralizing and subsequent sale of arms and ammunitions that can no longer be used and that will be eventually employed by the private Industry and Agriculture.

A first quantity of said materials and ammunitions which this S.M. intends to sell for the a/m purposes is shown in the attached lists.

We deal with old materials, and partly inefficient. We beg you to kindly inform us if you have no objections.

Signed: GIORGIO LUZZI.

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allegato al f. *4/11/1945* del *26. 4. 1945*

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
Ufficio Servizi-Ser. Artiglieria e Genio

S P E C I E	Direzioni di Artigli			
	Roma	Taranto	Napoli	Co
Cartucce a pall. per mitr. R.A. cal. 12,7	30.000			
" " " " " " cal. 13,2		4.540		
Colpi completi da 37/40		10.211		
Colpi " da 47/38		6.702		
Colpi " da 70/15		9.152		
Colpi " da 75/27 OK		10.451		
Colpi " da 77/28 mod. 05-08		10.801		
Colpi " da 77/28 c.a?		16.259		
Colpi " da 102/35				
Colpi " da 120/40				
Colpi " da 120/45				
Colpi " da 149/12		20.525		
Colpi " da 152/13		1.200		
Colpi " da 152/45				
Colpi " da 152/50				
Granate da 70/15		16.132		
Bossoli d'ottone da 70/15		6.056		
Granate da 75 c.a. (C.M.)			3.370	
Granate dispolattate da 75 c.a. (C.M.)				
Cariche di lancio di balistite atte-				
ruata in strisce 1x20x210 da 75/27 OK				
Bossoli di ottone da 75/27 OK				
Granate da 77/28 - 5/8 lunghe		111.521		
" " " " " " lunghe vuote		20.455		
Cariche di lancio di balistite 1,5x15x15				
(elem. fondamentali) da 77/28 - 5/8		159.384		
Granate da lancio di balistite 1,5x15x15				

6. 4. 1945

ATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
 Servizi-Ser.Artiglieria e Genio

ma	Direzioni di Artiglieria					T o t a l e
	Taranto	Napoli	Cosenza	Palermo	Nuoro	
30.000			5.549			35.549
	4.540				86.159	90.699
	10.211					10.211
	6.702		262			6.964
	9.152					9.152
	10.451		6.000	8.500	27.113	52.064
	40.801					40.801
	16.259				31.776	48.035
					20.282	20.282
				150	359	509
					14.043	14.043
	20.525		209		7.328	46.062
	1.200					1.200
					6.689	6.689
					5.742	5.742
	16.132					16.132
	6.056			1.400		7.456
		3.370		1.400		4.770
				7.000		7.000
				8.700		8.700
		7.300		300		7.600
	311.524					311.524
	20.495					20.495
	159.994					159.994

ruota in acciaio 1x20x210 da 15/21 OK			
Bossoli di ottone da 75/27 OK		7.300	
Granate da 77/28 - 5/8 lunghe	311.524		
" " " " lunghe vuote	20.455		
Cariche di lancio di balistite 1,5x15x15 (elem. fondamentali) da 77/28 - 5/8	159.994		
Cariche di lancio di balistite 1,5x15x15 (elem. aggiuntivi) da 77/28 - 5/8	115.937		
Bossoli di ottone corti da 77/28-5/8	41.780	23	
" " " " lunghi da 77/28-5/8	35	106	
Granate da 77/28 c.a.			
Bossoli di ottone da 77/28 per can.			
mod. 35	135		
" " " " 77/28 lunghi			
Granate da 102/35			
Granate da 149/12	4.241		3.5
Granate da 149/12 vuote			
Bossoli di ottone da 149/12	1.644	10	
Cariche di lancio da 149/12 di balistite 1,5x15x15			
Granate corte da 152/13			5
" da 152/45	2.338	5.438	
" da 152/32-45-50			
Cariche di lancio da 152/45			
Granate da 152/13			
Cariche di lancio-I da 77/28	64.341		
" di " II da 77/28	80.115		
" di " III da 77/28	48.051		
" di " da 77/28 con polvere			
C2 3.3./1, 1x 210		135.495	



311.524	7.300	0.700	0.700
20.495		300	7.600
159.934			311.524
115.937			20.495
41.780	23		159.934
35	196		115.937
		200	41.803
135			231
			200
4.241		1.200	135
		5.040	1.200
1.644		55.000	5.040
	3.533		62.776
			2
2.338		5.200	6.884
	40	4.800	4.800
			542
		890	8.833
	5.438	900	900
			167
64.341		950	167
80.115			950
48.053			64.341
			80.115
			48.501
	135.495		135.495

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STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO
Ufficio Servizi-Sezione Artigl. e Genio

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D e n o m i n a z i o n e	Depositi del		Totale
	Continente	Sicilia Sardegna	
Mitragliatrici cal. 12,7	9	49	58
Obici da 70/15	2	-	2
Cannoni da 75/27 - CK	5	2	16
" da 77/28	-	-	1
" da 77/28 c.a.	36	-	48
" da 102/35	-	65	103
" da 120/40	-	4	7
" da 120/45	-	-	24
Obici n. 149/12 mod. 14	80	50	178
" " 149/12 mod. 16-18	-	-	32
" " 152/13	8	-	8
Cannoni da 152/45	-	5	6
		17	17

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Cannoni da 75/27 - CK
 " da 77/28
 " da 77/28 c.a.
 " da 102/35
 " da 120/40
 " da 120/45
 Obici n. 149/12 mod. 14
 " " 149/12 mod. 16-18
 " " 152/13
 Cannoni da 152/45
 " da 152/50
 Obici da 380/15

5	2	9	16
-	-	1	1
36	-	12	48
-	65	38	103
-	4	3	7
-	-	24	24
80	50	48	178
-	-	32	32
8	-	-	8
-	5	3	8
-	-	17	17
-	1	-	1

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(C O P Y)

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A. C. (M. A. I. A.)
R O M E
Q/23/1
23 April 1945 -----

SUBJECT: Sale of Ballistite to
Civilian Firms

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Reference your letter 8998 of 26 March 1945.
2. Permission is hereby granted for the sale of stocks of Ballistite to civilian firms for the purpose of manufacturing shot-gun hunting shells.
3. All sales of ballistite made by you will be reported as called for in our AQ/23/1 of 18 Feb. 1945.

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

JcW/ac

Copy to: Agriculture Sub Commission, A. C.
(Your AGR/514 of 13 April 45 refers) -/7
Economic Section, A. C.
Industry Sub-Commission, A. C.
Commerce Sub-Commission, A. C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

AFG 394

Agriculture Sub-Commission

AGR/514
TEL/478208

13 April 1945

SUBJECT: Sale of Ballistite to Civilian Firms

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission

1. Reference your letter Q/23/1 dated 2 April 1945.
2. This Sub-Commission is prepared to sanction the manufacture of shotgun shells as they are essential for hunting which will increase the meat supply in Italy. No stocks having been available for the last two years, the release of Ballistite for the said purpose is recommended.
3. The present Italian law does not forbid the free sale of shells for hunting purpose, while the permit for hunting is subjected to the release of a special license.
4. This Sub-Commission has been advised that the following firms of Liberated Italy used to manufacture shotgun hunting shells:
 - (a) Bombrini Farodi Delfino--267 Corso Umberto-----Rome
 - (b) Polverifici Stacchini Soc. An.-256 Via Cavour--- Rome

e/s/ Leland G. Allbaugh
LELAND G. ALLBAUGH
DIRECTORDISTRIBUTION:

1. Economic Section,
2. Industry Sub Comm.
3. Commerce Sub Comm.
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LAND FORCES SUB COMM SSIC
A. C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
Q/23/1
2 April 1945 -----

SUBJECT: Sale of Ballistitexmf to
Civilian Firms

TO : Agriculture Sub-Commission,
Att: Hunting and Fishing Section

1. A request has been received from the Italian Ministry of War for permission to sell stocks of Ballistite to civilian firms for the purpose of manufacturing shotgun hunting shells.

2. Can you supply this Sub-Commission with the following information:

(a) Whether your Sub-Commission is prepared to sanction the manufacture of such shells as being necessary.

(b) Whether the sale of such shells is controlled by Italian authorities or, once placed on sale, are they sold indiscriminately.

3. The Ministry of War informs us that up to now only the firm of S.A. Bombrini-Parodi-Telfino, with offices in Rome, Corso Umberto I No. 267, has requested ballistite for making shotgun shells. However, it is the intention of the Ministry of War, should the release be authorized, to invite several firms to submit bids.

s/s/ John J. Ward
JOHN J. WARD, 1st. Lt.
For Major General

Copy to: Industry Sub-Commission, A. C.
Commerce Sub-Commission, A. C.

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(C O P Y)

TRANSLATION

FROM: WAR MINISTRY

Ref: 8998

TO : MMIA

Date: 26 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Sale of Ballistite to civilian firms

Up till now only the firm of S.A. Bombrini-Farodibellino, with offices in Rome, Corso Umberto 1 No. 267, has asked for Ballistite for the preparation of explosives for civilian use.

Since on the occasion of the sale of the materials this administration is not limited to deal with one firm only but intends to invite several firms to compete, we are not in a position to supply before hand the information requested by MMIA.

This Ministry will, however, make it obligatory for the winning firm to give information about the powders and sporting cartridges which it intends to manufacture with the ballistite.

s/s/ Propera

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(C O P Y)

Land Forces Sub Commission,
W.C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
Q/23/1
19 March 1945

SUBJECT: Sale of Ballistite to civilian firmsTO : MINISTRY OF WAR
(Att: Artillery Directorate)

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Reference your 7040 of 8 March 1945, will you please re-submit your request showing the name and location of the firms to whom it is proposed to turn over the Ballistite and the type and quantity of hunting shells they intend to make.

E/S/ John J. Ward

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(C O P Y)

TRANSLATION

FROM: MINISTRY OF WAR

Ref. No. 7040

TO : MMHA

Date 8 March 45

SUBJECT: Cession of Ballistite to civilian firms

The civilian industry have requested from this ministry to be able to buy from the Military Admin. a certain quantity of Ballistite for Manufacture of other explosives for civilian use (sporting powder)

Taking into consideration the importance of the matter, also to give work to Employees and since there is in the dependant depots about 300 tons of loose ballistite for which no use is foreseen, this Ministry deems it possible to sell by auction 50 tons of propellant from the following sources:

10 tons Ballistite	2x4x4 from Arty Direct.	Naples
10 " "	3x30x30 " " "	Taranto
30 " "	3,5x3.5x 3.5 at 42% "	Luoro

With ref to letter AQ/23/1 dated 182/45: will you please let us know if you have any objections in the matter.

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s/s/ Properzj

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Subject: Clearing of Ischia and Capri Munition DumpsLand Forces Sub Comm. A. C.
(M. M. I. A.) R O M E
Q/23/1

3 March 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR (Dir. Gen Art Mob)

Reference your 4664 dated 26 Feb. 45.

1. Your Proposal to turn over to Industry and Agriculture Sub Commission ammunition stored in ISCHIA and CAPRI, for which there is no further use, is agreed. You will comply with the instructions laid down in this HQ letter AQ/23/1 dated 18 Feb. 45.

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PFF/wk

s/s/ P. P. Fardell
P. P. FARDELL, J/Comd.
Per Major General
M. M. I. A.Copy to: Industry Sub Comm.
Agriculture Sub Comm.
MMIA LO Naples

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TRANSLATION

FROM: MINISTRY OF WAR

Ref. 4864

TO : MMIA

Date 26 Feb. 1945

SUBJECT: Clearing of Ischia and Capri
Munitions Depots

1. In the past MMIA ordered the transfer of the munitions existent in the depots referred to, to the mainland.
2. In order to limit transport difficulties and in consideration of the fact that the munitions of larger calibre than 90 can no longer be usefully employed, this Ministry in agreement with S.M.R.E. has decided to proceed with the unloading and neutralization of these munitions, salvaging the explosives and metals for further utilisation for agriculture and industry.
3. As already ordered by M.M.I.A. (letter AC/23/1 of 9/1/45) for ex-German munitions existent in Sicily, it will also be ensured for the munitions in question that they have no military use.

Kindly inform us of your concurrence.

s/s/ P. Properzj

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SUBJECT: Selling of Explosive Materials
to Private Industry.

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

18 Feb. 1945

TO : Ministry of War (Gabinetto)

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Reference your 202946/II dated 9 Feb. 45.
227-4-5

1. Authority is given for the Ministry of War to dispose of explosive materials existing in these depots, which are damaged or of a type not used in the Italian Army, to private industry.
2. As regards those items which are in current use in the Italian Army which you state are surplus to your equipments, these may not be released without the prior consent of this Hq.
3. It is agreed that the unarming of any of this material which cannot be done by the Ministry may be carried out by civilian contract, provided the Ministry guarantees that all such material is in fact rendered unusable for war purposes.
4. A report should be rendered monthly by the Ministry giving details as shown in the attached specimen proforma. This report to reach this Hq. by the 10th of each month showing issues authorized up to the last day of the previous month.

s/s/ F. J. Noakes, Colonel
F. J. NOAKES, COL.
For Major General
M. M. I. A.

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Copy to: Agriculture Sub Comm. A. C.
Industry Sub Comm. A. C.
Commerce Sub Comm. A. C.

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SPECIMAN -- PROFORMA --

<u>Date</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Depot</u>	<u>To Whom Released</u>	<u>For What Purpose</u>
<u>EXAMPLES</u> 1 Mar	105 mm used shell cases	1,000	Arty Directorate Naples	Lorense Fortlyn Coy. (Salerno)	Copper Sulphate for agriculture

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Ref. folio 247. — 8

The Ministry of War have put up a proposal that as there are large quantities of explosive powder, projectiles, etc. lying in their various depots which are useless either:-

- (a) because they are damaged.
- (b) they are of a type not used in the Italian Army.
- (c) in excess of It Army requirements.

that they may be disposed of to Industry or Agriculture.

In order to do this it would be necessary for this arm to be unarmed.

The Ministry of War further ask permission to hand on this work to private firms as they have not got sufficient personnel or equipment to carry out the work themselves. They state that this has been done in Sicily and quote us as the authority, although in fact, we only authorized them to neutralise, instead of destroying the German Amn in Sicily and no mention was made of the work being carried out by civilian firms. (see folio 55 and 134).

12 Feb.

S/S/ P.P.F.

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Above agreed for (a) and (b), we must see (c) to be sure it is so, we only can judge if this is a surplus.

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TRANSLATIONFROM: MINISTRY OF WAR

Ref. --202946/11

TO : M. M. I. A.

Date---9th Feb. 45

SUBJECT: Selling of materials to private industry

Having revised explosive materials existing in Artillery Depots it resulted that large quantities of explosive powder, (Balistite, etc) projectiles, artifices and other explosives are either damaged and cannot be used for the war, either of a type not used in the Italian Army or being in excess to the requirement of the Italian Army.

However, these unserviceable materials either the salvaged metal which can be obtained or the explosive even if this is bad, could be used by the private industry and agriculture for civilian purposes since raw materials are scarce in this country.

This office thinks that it is convenient to proceed with the selling of such materials, after those stores, it is understood, be unarmed, operation which, in the case of damaged explosive, becomes urgent for various security reasons.

Owing to the deficiency in equipment machinery and personnel in the Art. Establishments, the s/m work could be given, when necessary to suitable private firms.

In all contracts made, and as it has been done for German Ammo. in Sicily for which authority to neutralize same was given by you in letter AQ/23/1 dated 9th Jan. 45, the clause stating that all explosive stores will be rendered unusable for war purposes, should be ~~xx~~ included.

7 We bed MIA for inform us if there is no objection in respect of the carrying out of the above.

s/s/ The Ministro

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(C O P Y)

SUBJECT: German Ammunition in Sicily.Land Forces Sub Comm. A. C.
(M. M. I. A.) Rome
AQ/23/1

9 Jan. 1945

TO: Ministry of War

Reference your 306585/CA dated 16 Dec. 1944.

1. Your proposal to neutralize, instead of destroying, all German ammunition in Sicily is agreed on condition that a guarantee is made by you that all necessary measures will be taken to ensure that such neutralization renders the material so obtained suitable only for industrial purposes and that it is not reconstructed for lethal use.

2. You are requested to ensure that this neutralization is accomplished promptly and this Hq. advised on completion of the project.

s/s/ P. P. Fardell
P. P. FARDELL, J/Comd.
For Major General
M. M. I. A.

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Copy to: A.F.H.A.
MMIA LG, Sicily (2)
(1 for Regional Commissioner)

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Allied Force Headquarters

APO 512

2 January 1945

AG 471/001 GCT-0

SUBJECT: German Ammunition in Sicily

TO : President, Allied Commission
For: Land Forces Sub Commission, (MEMIA)

1. Reference is made to your AG/25/1 dated 21 December 1944 and to Italian Ministry of War 306585/CA, dated 16 December 1944.
2. Agreement is made to the Italian Ministry of War proposal to neutralize instead of destroy all German ammunition in Sicily, provided a guarantee is made by you that steps will be taken to insure that such neutralization renders the material so obtained suitable only for industrial purposes and that it is not reconstructed for lethal use.
3. It is desired that this neutralization be accomplished promptly and this headquarters advised when the project is completed.

By Command of Field Marshal: ALEXANDER:

s/s/ JACK CARTER
Captain, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General

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(C O P Y)

SUBJECT: German Ammunition--SicilyLand Forces Sub Comm. A. C.
(M. M. I. A.) R O M E
AQ/23/121 Dec. 1944TO : A.F.H.Q.

Ref your AG 471/207 GCT-0 dated 6 Dec. and further to this Hq.
letter AQ/23/1 dated 12 Dec. to Ministry of War (copy to you) .

1. Enclosed is copy translation of a letter received from Ministry
of War.
2. Will you please forward a ruling on this subject.

s/s/

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

Copy to: Ministry of War (Your 306585/CA dated 16 Dec. refers)

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TRANSLATION

FROM: MIN OF WAR

Ref. 306585/C.A.

TO : DIA

Date: 16th Dec. 44

SUBJECT: German Ammo in Sicily 13

Ref. AQ/23/1 dated 12th Dec.

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

Such proposal has the following advantages:-

Save the explosive and the metal, the first very useful for agriculture and the ~~second~~ second for industry economise the explosive required for blasting.

Moreover, it is added that:-

for the blasting of the ammo. in question it would be necessary to organize a group of specialized men of which number would have to be fixed in accordance with the number of days the job would be completed. Such organizations do not exist at present on the island. For the neutralization of the ammo. the organization would be more simple and more convenient.

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

s/s/ Chief of Cabinet

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Subject: German Ammunition in SicilyLand Forces Sub Comm. A. C.
(M. M. I. A.) R O M E
AQ/23/1

12 Dec. 44

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Information has been received from AFHQ that all German Ammunition in Sicily is to be disposed of by destruction.
2. Owing to the withdrawal of BRITISH installations from the Island No Royal Army Ordnance Corps. unit is available for carrying out this task.
3. You will please assume the responsibility for the blowing up of all German ammunition dumps in Sicily reporting to this Hq. when the task has been completed.

s/s/

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

Copy to: AFHQ (AG 471/207 COT-0 of 6 Dec. refers)

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Allied Force Headquarters

APO 512

6 December 1944

AG 471/207 GCT-0

SUBJECT: German Ammunition in SicilyTO : President, Allied Commission, APO 394.
FOR: Lend Forces Sub-Commission, (LEMIA)

1. Further to letter, this headquarters, file AG 471/207 GCT-0, subject, "Italian Ammunition", dated 17 November 1944, a decision has been made that all stocks of German ammunition in Sicily shall be disposed of by destruction.
2. Owing to the withdrawal of British installations from the island, no Royal Army Ordnance Corps unit is available in Sicily capable, of undertaking the destruction of this ammunition.
3. It is requested that representations be made to the SMRE to assume responsibility for the blowing of all German dumps in Sicily.

By command of General WILSON:

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

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