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MAY-OCT 1945

SUBJECT : Assignment of Ammunition

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M.H.I.A.)
R.O.M.
Q/23/12/11/11/11
5 October 1945

TO : Ministry of War.

1. Reference is made to :

SMRE letter 4/2193/Serv of 25 September 1945
SMRE letter 4/2384/Serv of 25 September 1945 - 14
SMRE letter 4/2415/Serv of 1 October 1945
SMRE letter 4/2426/Serv of 1 October 1945
SMRE letter 4/2414/Serv of 1 October 1945
SMRE letter 4/2419/Serv of 1 October 1945
SMRE letter 4/2416/Serv of 1 October 1945

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2. The assignment of arms and ammunition is now the responsibility of the Ministry of War in accordance with this headquarters letter Q/5 dated 19 September 1945, subject "Clothing, Equipment, Arms, Ammunition".

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John V. Ward, Capt.
for Major General
M.H.I.A.

Copy to : Q/23/22/7

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From: Ministry of War.

To: M.M.I.A.

Subject: L.M.Gs for the Royal ^{Finance} Guard ~~Finance~~.

Ref: 4/2384/Ser

Date: 25/9/45

G.H.Q. Royal Guard of Finance pointed out that there are **49** L.M.Gs Hotchkiss held by units under its Command.

Considering the difficulty in supplying the ammo. and the limited knowledge these soldiers have of the type of weapon, the a/m G.H.Q. requested the replacement of these weapons with the same number of Breda L.M.G.s type 30 ~~XXXXXX~~ ^{sufficient} together with ammo.

We are in favour of such request and await your decisions on the matter.

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Fabre/Carter.

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SUBJECT: Arms & Ammunition for the Royal Finance Guard.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M L
Q/23/12
4 September 1945.

TO : Ministry of War.

1. Reference is made to Ministry of Finance letter 90R of 22 August 45, which requested the issue to Royal Finance Guards from stocks in North Italy of 2,250 Automatic Carbines and 1,350,000 rounds of corresponding ammunition.
2. Please communicate to the Ministry of Finance that no allotment of Army arms can be made to Royal Finance Guards until the known deficiencies of CCRR have been met.


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

JJW/ag

Copy to: Public Safety Sub Commission.

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TRANSLATEFrom: Ministry of ~~XXXX~~ Finance

Ref: 96.2.1

To: M.M.I.A.

Q/23/12

Date: 22/8/45.

Subject: Arming of the Royal Guards of Finance (Northern Italy).

To impose laws and regulations on the armed caravans which dabble in smuggling at the frontiers and in black market in internal villages, it is necessary for the personnel of the Royal Guards of Finance detailed for the said job to be armed with M.G. Carabines or automatic carabines of ~~XX~~ other types, so that they can at least equal the armed strength of the said smugglers who have to be dealt with.

The Liaison Mission of the Royal Guards of Finance of Northern Italy attached to the Allies, to obtain the said arms, approached the Allied A.M.G. Commands (Public Safety Officers) of Liguria, Piemonte, Lombardia and Venezia who agree with the necessity of arming the Guards, but they have declared that they cannot order the issue without M.M.I.A.'s authorization.

We therefore beg you to issue the necessary orders to the branches under command of the A.M.G. of the a/m regions so as to enable the Royal Guards of Finance (of the North) Legions to draw the arms in question, from depots formed by the Allies with arms handed over by disbanded Partisan or other Units.

On drawing, every single Command will issue a receipt.

The automatic arms which have to be complete with accessories (magazines etc.) and relative ammo., which are to be drawn are listed below:

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The automatic arms which have to be complete with accessories (magazines etc.) and relative ammo., which are to be drawn are listed below:

Legion.	M.G. Carabines or Automatic Rifles.		Ammo.	
Genova	600		360000	rds.
Turin	500		300000	"
Milan	600		360000	"
Trento	300		180000	"
Bologna	250		150000	"

We shall be grateful for a reply.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION,
A. C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
9/23/12
21 July 1945

SUBJECT: Arms and Ammunition for the
Royal Finance Guard

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Further to this headquarters letter of 9 June 1945, file and subject as above.

2. Authority is hereby given for the release to the Royal Finance Guard of the following arms and ammunition from Taranto Artillery Directorate:

Light Machine Guns Breda Mod. 37	170
Cartridges, Ball, LMG, Cal. 6.5	510,000

3. With this allotment the Finance Guards are to be considered as equipped to scale. Finance Guards are responsible for collection from Depot as shown.

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

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

SUBJECT: Arms and Ammunition
for the Royal Finance Guard

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Reference SMRE letter 4/1395/Serv of 2 May 45.
2. Authority is hereby given for the release to the Royal Finance Guard Legions listed below of the following arms and munitions;

UNIT	AM'T	ITEM	AMMO	DEPOT
Naples Legion	200	Carbines Mod. 91 Cal. 6.5	----	Naples Arty Direct.
Pierence Legion	150	Carbines Mod. 38 Cal. 7.35	10,300	Cosenza Arty Direct.
Rome Legion	430	Carbines Mod. 38 Cal. 7.35	34,560	Cosenza Arty Direct.
Rome Legion	2	Machine Guns Broda Cal. 8	12,000	Naples Arty Direct.
Cagliari Legion	---	Cartridges, Ball Cal. 6.5	50,000	Nuoro Arty Section
Rome Legion	---	Cartridges, Ball Cal. 6.5	15,000	Naples Arty Direct.

3. Carbines Cal. 6.5 are assigned Naples Legion in as much as the corresponding ammunition was released to the 10th Legion RR. GG. FF. in May. SMRE letter 4/1537/Serv of 17 May 45 refers.

4. The release of 1078 bayonets is also authorized to complete carbines already in distribution.

5. The assignment of automatic arms is withheld pending decision of priority to be given Finance Guards for such arms.

JW/ao

Copy to: MMIA L/O Naples
MMIA L/O Sardinia

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J. V. J.
IRA V. FURLEY, Capt.,
Per Major General
M. M. I. A.

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

SUBJECT: Ammunition for Royal Finance Guards

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Reference SMRE letter 4/1567/Serv. of 17 May 45.
2. Confirming authority is given for the issue by MMIA L/O Naples to the 10th Legion Royal Finance Guard of the following amounts of ammunition.

Cartridges, Buckshot, cal 6.5
Cartridges, Ball, cal 6.5

2,981 Rds.
14,400 Rds.

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

Copy to: MMIA L/O Naples

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Subject:- Arms for Royal Finance Guards.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.

(M.E.I.A.)

ROME.

Q/23/1

19 May 45.

To: Public Safety Sub Commission.

1. H.Q. Royal Finance Guards have requested 170 light machine guns to complete arming of Finance Guard units being prepared for service in the North.
2. Would you approve such issue at the expense of future allotments to CC.RR. of this item.

JOHN J.  Lt.
for Major General.
M.E.I.A.

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Subject:- Arms and Ammunition for Royal Finance Guards.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.

(M.M.I.A.)

ROME

Q/23/12

11 May 45.

To: A.F.H.Q. (Attention: G-5 Section)

1. H.Q. Italian Royal Finance Guards have requested the following amounts of arms and ammunition to complete the arming of assigned units:-

Carbines, cal. 7.35	830	
Light Machine Guns, Cal. 6.5	170	
Medium Machine Guns, Cal. 8	2	
Cartridges, Ball, Cal. 7.35	59,760	rounds
Cartridges, Ball, Cal. 6.5	510,000	rounds
Cartridges, Ball, Cal. 8	12,000	rounds.

2. Would the release of above items from Italian Army Stocks have the approval of your headquarters.

JOHN J. WARD Lt.
for Major General.
M.M.I.A.

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Subject:- Arms for Royal Finance Guards.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.

(M.E.I.A.)

ROME.

Q/23/1

19 May 45.

To: Public Safety Sub Commission.

1. H.Q. Royal Finance Guards have requested 170 light machine guns to complete arming of Finance Guard units being prepared for service in the North.
2. Would you approve such issue at the expense of future allotments to C.C.R.R. of this item.

JOHN J. YARR. Lt.
for Major General.
M.E.I.A.

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Translation

From: Mr of W
To: MMIA

Rep. No. 4/1567

Date: May 17, 1945

Q/23/12

Subject: Issue of arms to Royal Finance Guard. (2)

The Naples Territorial Command informed us that in view of the urgency of the matter the LO of your Mission authorized the Naples Artillery Directorate to issue to the 10th Legion of the Royal Finance Guard the inter-mentioned amounts of cartridges to be issued to the personnel to be transferred.

2, 181	6.5 cal. ^{bullet} machine gun cartridges
14, 400	6.5 cal. ball cartridges

Kindly approve the above issue.

Signed: Giorgio Linggi
General
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TRANSLATION

From: SARE
To: M.M.I.A.

Ref: 4/1393/Serv.
Date: 2/5/45

Subject: Request for Arms for the Royal Finance Guards.

In answer to letter G/23/7 dated 19th March 45, we forward the complete return showing the total requirements of arms and ammunitions, requested by the G.H.Q. of the Royal Finance Guards, for the arming of their dependant units.

Regarding the above request, this S.M. proposes:

- a) To assign Carbines cal 7,35 and corresponding ammunitions in place of carbines Mod 91, cal 6,5 requested.
- b) To assign another 50 light machine guns, and corresponding ammunitions in place of the Beretta automatic carbines that were unavailable
- c) To adhere to the remaining arms and ammunitions requested.

We beg you to inform us of your decisions.

G.D.

Signed: Gen GIORGIO LIUZZI.

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STATO MAGGIORE REINO ESERCITO

Ufficio Servizi-Sez. Artiglieria e Genio

RICHIESTA DI ARMI E MUNIZIONI PER LA R. GUARDIA DI FINAENZA

L E G I O N E	Moschetti mod. 91 cal. 6,5 compl. di buffet. e baionette		Moschetti automatici Beretta		Fucili cal. 6 ti di
	a r m i	munizioni	a r m i	muniz.	a r m i
Legione "Napoli	200	14.400	-	-	-
" Firenze	150	10.800	-	-	-
" Roma	480	34.560	-	-	-
" Allievi Roma	72		-	-	-
(1200 u. in approntamento per il Nord)	-	-	400 (1)	192.000	12
Legione Cagliari	-	-	-	-	-
	830	59.760	400 (1)	192.000	12

(1) In caso di indisponibilità di moschetti automatici si richiedono, in
e relativo munizionamento (3000 cartucce ciascuno).

(2) Per completare altrettanti moschetti già in distribuzione privi di

(3) Per completare la dotazione di munizioni delle armi già in distribu



allegato al f. 11/1393 del 5.1965

MAGGIORE RUOLO ESERCITO
 Servizi-Sez. Artiglieria e Genio
 PER LA R. GUARDIA DI FINANZA

Q1 di bu te	Moschetti automatici Beretta		Fucili mitragl. cal. 6,5 comple- ti di accessori		Mitragliatrici Breda cal. 8		Sciabole baionette (2)	Cartucce per armi cal. 6,5 (3)
	arm i	muniz.	arm i	muniz.	arm i	muniz.		
4.400	-	-	-	-	-	-		
0.800	-	-	-	-	-	-		
4.560	-	-	-	-	2	12.000		15.000
-	400 (1)	192.000	120	360.000	-	-		
-	-	-	-	-	-	-		30.000
59.760	400 (1)	192.000	120	360.000	2	12.000	1.078	45.000

ti automatici si richiedono, in sostituzione, altri 50 fucili mitragliatori
 (ce ciascuno).

già in distribuzione privi di baionetta.

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STATO MAGGIORE RECLIO ESERCITO

allegato al f. 4/1393 del 10.5.1945

Ufficio Servizi-Sez. Artiglieria e Genio

MUNIZIONI PER LA R. GUARDIA DI FINANZA

Fucili mod. 91 compl. di baionette	Moschetti automatici Beretta		Fucili mitragli cal. 6,5 comple- ti di accessori		Mitragliatrici Breda cal. 8		Sciabole baionette (2)		Cartucce per armi cal. 6,5 (3)
	munizioni	armi	muniz.	armi	muniz.	armi	muniz.		
14.400	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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(cartucce ciascuno).

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