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opened July 11, 1945 - Closed Oct 15, 1945

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MESSAGE FORM

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FROM : EMIA
 TO : B.T.A.
 INFO : 201 SUB AREA FOR EMIA LO
 REF : Q.665

DATE/TIME
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FOR NEWTON EMIA(.)

ONE (.) A.P.R.O. HAVE BEEN REQUESTED CONFIRM ITALIAN ARMY CLAIM
 TO CLOTHING STOCKS(.)

INFO(.) INFROM EDWARDS ON A REVAL RECOVERY OF ITALIAN ARMY VEHICLES
 TO ITALY FIRST PRIORITY(.) YOU WILL BRING DETAILS RECOVERY PLANS
 OF YOUR RETURN(.)

THREE(.) 1500 TONS ITALIAN AMMUNITION TO BE SHIPPED TO V 2 R O N A
 FOR DISPOSITION ARTILLERY

PRESIDENT

ARCHITECTURE

2208

Copy to:-

Ministry of War.

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H/Com

Subject:- Disposal of captured
and Italian ammunition.

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Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.F.I.A.)
R O M E
Q/23/14

MINISTRY OF WAR.

15 Oct 45.

1. Attached herewith are three letters from various CC.RR units of LAZIO Region, giving the location of various small dumps of ammunition.
2. Please arrange disposition under the terms of this H.Q. letter of 11 October 1945, file and subject as above.

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

Enclosures:- CCNR Gruppo Latina
letter 293/20 of
6 Oct 45.
CCNR Montelibretti
letter 20/58 of 3
Oct 45.
CCNR Nerola letter
45/155 of 4 Oct 45.

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Transla in
from: M of W
to: MMIA
Q/23/14 ref. 38148/AMC
9 Oct. 45

Subject: Explosives at LAMPEDUSA (39)

Herewith copy of letter 28794 dated
13/8/45 of this Ministry requested
with your letter Q/23/14 dated 28.9.45.

Moreover we inform you that the
work carried out by the personnel
has been appreciated by Capt. Moore of
CAO-LAMPEDUSA as pointed out in
the ~~passed~~ attached copy of the ^{commendation} ~~praise~~
he granted to a few personnel. -
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from: M of W
to: M M I A.

Translation

ref. 28794

13 Aug. 45

Subject: Explosives at LAMPEDUSA

With ref. to letter WMD/IT/37 dated 4/7/45
of AC, HQ APO 394. -

We inform you that the Arty HQ of
PALERMO Terr. HQ have ~~affected~~ carried
out the clearing & recovery of explosives
& materials existing on the island
of LAMPEDUSA. -

150 air bombs & naval shells have
been destroyed (50 unexploded bombs
in the inhabited premises of the island
have been neutralised) - 1500 hand
grenades & 800 kgs of explosive have
been destroyed & efficient ammunition
with salvaged materials have been
moved & stocked in the ammo depot
& in suitable premises. -

PROPERZI

from: A.M.G. - LAMPEDUSA
to: M of W

Transmission

23-7-1945

Subject: Praise. -

The following
~~clearing~~ party of the Arty Detached
Section of M.T.D. HQ has been sent to
this Island: -

- 2nd Lt. GRAYDON GIUSEPPE
- W/O ROMA VITO
- ~~Arty~~ soldier RICCIUTELLI ITALO

This party has shown technical
knowledge & done an excellent work
by clearing explosives scattered on
the Island, blowing up unexploded
air bombs, neutralising bombs fallen
near inhabited premises & above all
in the re-organisation of the ammo
depot. - I praise their work.

C/od

2204
MAURE

Subject: Destruction of Captured and Landed Ammunition

Land Forces Sup Commission A.C.
(M. N. I. A.)
RCE.

8/23/14

11 October 1945.

ref.

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Sc. 6/145

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Ministry of War.

1. This headquarters letter 9/95 of 7 July 1945, subject "Ammunition Dumps" is hereby cancelled and the instructions contained in this letter are substituted therefor.
2. Allied Force Headquarters has directed the destruction, by exploding in situ or immersion in water of 50 fathoms depth or more, of all enemy mines, grenades, detonators and initiators, explosives, small arms ammunition and ammunition of 20 mm calibre or below. Until destroyed, enemy material of this nature will continue to be a guard responsibility of the Allied Command in whose area it is located.
3. The location and quantities of all enemy ammunition, larger than 20 mm calibre will be made known to the Italian Government by the Allied Command in whose area the material is located, through the Allied Commission. The Italian Government will then become totally responsible for the ammunition and will make the necessary arrangements with civilian firms for the breaking down of the ammunition into its component parts. The Italian Government will give assurance that the resultant raw material will not be used for the production of further armaments. When the Italian Government has been advised of the location and quantity of dumps of ammunition larger than 20 mm calibre, the Italian Government will be responsible for the safeguarding of the ammunition until its final disposal. Allied responsibility for safeguarding such ammunition will cease from the time that satisfactory arrangements have been made to that effect.
4. The Italian Army may continue to destroy small quantities of 105 mm ammunition of whatever calibre which constitute a hazard to life or property.
5. These instructions do not apply to the Volturno-Gariglian region where the local Allied Military Government will continue to be responsible for the safeguarding and disposal of ammunition in the area under its command.
6. Recaptured ammunition of Italian origin which is not required for military purposes by the Allied Command in whose area it is located will be

down of the ammunition into its component parts. will give assurance that the resultant raw material will not be used for the production of further armaments. When the Italian Government has been advised of the location and quantity of dumps of ammunition larger than 20 mm calibre, the Italian Government will be responsible for the safeguarding of the ammunition until its final disposal. Allied responsibility for safeguarding such ammunition will cease from the time that satisfactory arrangements have been made to that effect.

4. The Italian Army may continue to destroy small quantities of 100mm ammunition of whatever calibre which constitute a hazard to life or property.

5. These instructions do not apply to the Volturno region where the local Allied Military Government will continue to be responsible for the safeguarding and disposal of ammunition in the area under its command.

6. Recaptured ammunition of Italian origin which is not required for military purposes by the Allied Command in whose area it is located will be turned over immediately to the Italian military authorities for maintenance of the Italian Forces within the authorized ceilings. The channel of transaction in material of Italian Ground Force origin which is to be returned to the Italian Army authorities will be the Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (M.H.I.A.)

7. The disposal of Chemical Warfare Toxic ammunition and of vehicles and other equipment will be the subject of separate instructions.

Copy to:-

All M.H.I.A. L.Os.

Public Safety Sub Commission A.C.

WD & IV Sub Commission A.C.

Industry Sub Commission A.C.

H. A.C. (6)

ATTN (10) - Reference AG.386.3 Q(AE)-0 of 2 October 1945.

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SEE 41

See (36) Q 131

See 70 59-8/150

SEE 10 Q 131

See 26-Q 125

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SEE 70 / Q 125

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Major General,
M. H. I. A.

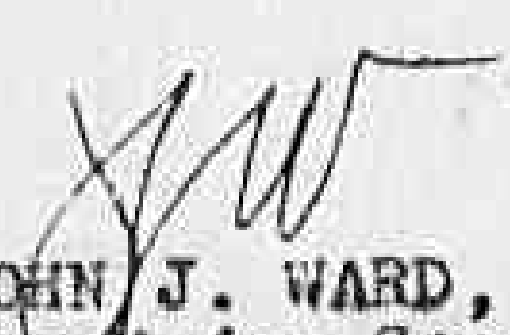
SUBJECT: Disposal of Ammunition.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C.(M.M. I. A.)
R O M L
Q/23/14
1 October 1945.

TO : Rome Area Allied Command (Attn: ADOS).

Reference is made to your OS/400/2 of 27
September 45, subject as above.

1. Telephone inquiries at No. 2 Coy Cheshires have revealed that the abandoned ammunition in Artillery Barracks, Via Castro Pretorio, Rome consists of approximately 1 ton of British rifle ammunition.
2. Will your headquarters, therefore, please arrange collection and disposal.


JOHN J. WARD, Captain
for Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission

JJW/ag

2202

SUBJECT: Allied Ammunition in Italian Depots.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
Q/23/14
29 September 1945.

TO : AFHQ.

1. Further to this Headquarters letter Q/23/6 of 14 September 1945, Subject "Captured and Italian Ammunition."

2. The following additional amounts of Allied ammunition have become available through salvage operations at the Italian Army 1007 Explosive Workshop, Pontana Liri, Map Reference G 6435 Sheet 17, Italy Touring Club Map:

<u>Qty.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Condition</u>
1,000	Bombs, Mortar 3" w/fuze	Fair
2,000	Shells, 3 1/2", w/time and percussion fuze.	Fair
560	Shells, 3 1/2", w/out fuze.	Fair
200	Bombs, Mortar, 3 1/2"	Fair
60	Shells, 105mm, Fuzed	Excellent
30	Rockets, Mortar	Fair

3. Tonnage details are not available.

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

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JJW/ag

Copy to: Q/23/6

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SUBJECT: Disposal of Ammunition.

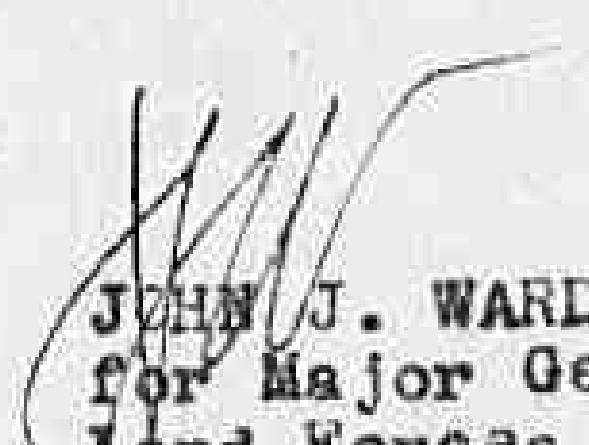
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
Q/23/14
28 September 1945.

TO : Rome Area Allied Command,
(Attn: ADOS).

1. Reference is made to your letter CS/400/2 of 20 September 1945, subject as above, forwarding letter 45/795 of 12 September of Rome CCRR Legion which is returned herewith.

2. As these shells are Allied shells, they do not fall under the provisions of AFHQ letter AG 386.3/163 LOG-O of 22 June 1945 and the Italian Ministry of War has no authority to recover or dispose of them.

3. It is suggested that the Stacchini Firm, which has been authorized in the past by your headquarters to recover German and Allied ammunition, undertake the recovery of these shells.


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

JJW/ag

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SUBJECT: Explosive on Lampedusa Island.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C.(M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
Q/23/14
28 September 1945.

TO: Ministry of War.

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1. Reference is made to General Artillery Directorate letter 36548/AMC of 21 September 1945.
 2. Ministry of War letter 28794 of 13 August 1945 is not traceable at this headquarters. May a copy be forwarded please.

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

JJW/ag

SEE 3.9

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SUBJECT: Battle Field Clearance.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
Q/23/14
20 September 1945.

TO : MMIA LO NW Italy.

1. Reference your NWI/10/Q of 7 Sept. 45, subject as above.
2. For your information, it has now been agreed with the Ministry of War that the various Territorial Commands, in order to insure methodical clearance of scattered unexploded shells and bombs, may divide the Command into zones and have zone clearance conducted by civilian agencies under Italy Army supervision.
3. For the present, no personnel or vehicles can be assigned the Territorial Commands in excess of the Officer Technician at present authorized.
4. Any co-ordination with the Allied plan for ammunition disposal should be arranged between the Territorial Hq. concerned and the local Allied Hq. through the appropriate MMIA LO.

JOHN J. WARD, 1st Lt.
Asst. G-4
M. M. I. A.

JJW/ag

Copy to:

Ministry of War.

(Your 36170 /URA of 19 Sept 45 refers).
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Translation

From : MOW

To : MMIA

Subject : Collection and clearing work in Northern Italy.

Ref. : 36170/URA

Date : Sept. 19, 1945

Q/23/14

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constitutes In order to clear the Northern Italy Provinces of ~~the things~~ ^{all that which} that are dangerous to persons and which hinders farm work and blocks the roads, it is necessary that the Mil. Terr. Commands of the North arrange urgently for the start of the collection and clearance of the land ~~from~~ ^{of} the explosives which have been abandoned and scattered all over, as was already done and is being done in Central and Southern Italy.

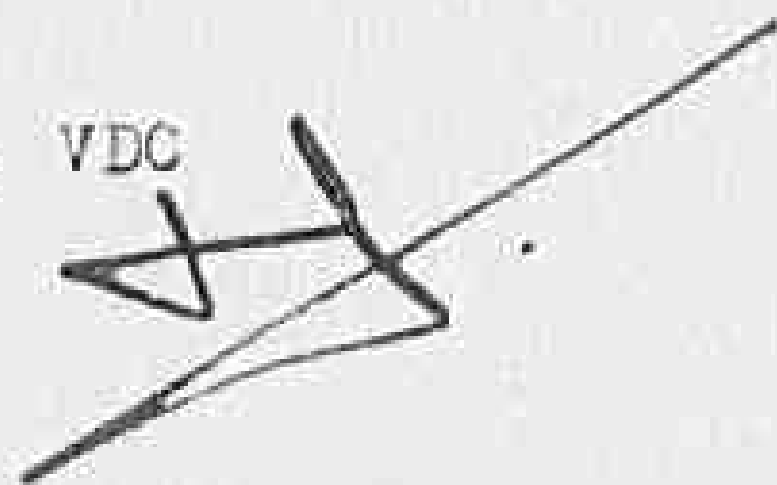
Owing to the small amount of transportation available at the Mil. Terr. Commands and the lack of military personnel, the a/m works must necessarily be entrusted, by means of ~~bids~~ competition, to private firms who, owing to their equipment and seriousness, can do said important work well.

Suitable military commissions, appointed by the a/m Mil. Terr. Commands, will be entrusted with checking and approving the work in question.

(Sgd) Properzj

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Cpl. VDC



TRANSLATION

From: Ministry of War.

Ref: 35492/AMC.

To: M.M.I.A.

Date: 18/9/45.

Subject: Allied Ammo.
action

Q/23/14

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For whatever/you may deem necessary, it is mentioned that at the Army Gunpowder Factory at Liri the following ammo. (Allied) has been salvaged:

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|--|------|
| a) - 3" mortar bombs with fuze (mediocre condition) | 1000 |
| b) - 3½" shells time and percussion fuzes (Mediocre condition) | 2000 |
| c) - 3½" projectiles (Mediocre condition) | 560 |
| d) - 4½" mortar bombs | 200 |
| e) - 105 shells complete with fuzes (Excellent condition) | 60 |
| f) - Mortar rockets (Mediocre condition) | 30 |

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GARTER.



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TRANSLATION

From : M of War

Q/23/14

Ref : 33184

3279

To : MMIA

Dtd : 5 Sep 45

In reply to letter No Q/23/14 dtd 13 Aug 45.

Subject : Destination of Munitions located on the "Malafede" property of the Royal Household

With reference to the above-mentioned letter, we beg to communicate that, as a result of a tour of inspection made, it has been found that, on the "Malafede" property of the Royal Household ~~xxxxxx~~ instead of the 6 1/2 tons of munitions pointed out in the letter mentioned above, there are actually, *lying here*, about 170 tons XX

We are taking steps for the removal of these munitions, and for their storing in the ~~xxxxxx~~ Rione Flaminio Stores of the Artillery Directorate, Rome.

We shall make further communication when work is completed.

For the Minister,

3rd Gen. P.O. Properzj 2195

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SUBJECT: Bomb Disposal at Cicciano.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M A
Q/23/14
5 September 1945.

TO : Rome Area Allied Command
(Attn: G-3 (British)).

1. Reference is made to your RAAC/8/202/G-3 (Br) of 20 July 45.

2. For your information, 73 German "Butterfly" bombs have been destroyed at Cicciano by Italian Demolition teams. It is believed that no further unexploded bombs exist in the neighborhood of the railroad.

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

JJW/ag

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SUBJECT: Fuze for Bomb Clearance Work.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M
Q/23/14
5 September 1945.

TO : Ministry of War.

1. Reference is made to Engineer Directorate letter II/26436 of 22 August 1945.

2. MMIA LO Northwest Italy can put your representative in contact with the Allied Military Government Agency at present supervising the work of Ditta Feloni of Lecco. No difficulty should be encountered in obtaining safety fuze from this firm, if your representatives have conducted the inspection of the material as directed in this headquarters letter Q/23/1 of 26 June 1945, subject as above.

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

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JWW/ng

Copy to:

MMIA LO NW Italy
(AMC Lombardia Region, Commerce Division,
letter X/220/1/Com of 18 June 45 refers).
SORE, MMIA.

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SUBJECT: Disposal of Ammunition.

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

TO : Ministry of War.

1. Forwarded herewith is report from CCRR Bologna giving location of five unexploded bombs for your disposal.

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

IVF/ag

Incl: Letter 20/20-1 from CCRR Bologna.

*See folio 20B
in Q/31*

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SUBJECT: Disposal of Ammunition.

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

TO : Ministry of War.

1. The following small quantity of loose ammunition has been reported by HQ RAAC for your disposal:

- a. Quantity: Approx 100 rds Arty ammunition of various sizes.
- b. Location: "South Italy Grid 6350-9010 (Map Italy 1/100,000 sheet 145 350010)".
"Approach either from Avezzano (6530-8810) or from Cittaducale X-Road (6152-9198) over track connecting a/m points, to bridge (6352-9006), from there on narrow track to Castelmenardo for a few hundred yards. Ammunition is dumped near track."

2. Any additional information necessary for disposal of above ammunition may be obtained by contacting:

OC Detachment
13 Pal. Gen. Fd. Survey Sec. RE
c/o AAARA Aquila.

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

IVF/ag

Copy to:

ORD (BR) RAAC (Ref your OS/400/2 of 22 Aug).

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Translation

From : LCH
 To : Uaine Territorial Engineer
 Command
 Info : MMIA
 Subject : Inflamable materials for the destruction of unexploded shells.

Ref. : II/25919/M
 Date : August 22, 1945

Q/23/14

Ref. 9/23/14 dated July 22, 1945.

The addressee units are requested to order the following issues of inflammable materials for the formation of supplies with which to meet the immediate requirements for the destruction of the unexploded bombs and shells which have been collected:

1. Uaine Engineer Territorial Command
 (from the availabilities at the Spillimbergo ammo depot and from the supplies reported by MMIA as being held at the Medeuza depot).
 - to the Uaine Military Engineer Works Directorate:
 - =10,000 ordinary capsules
 - =10,000 meters slow burning wick
 - to the Bolzano Military Engineer Works Directorate:
 - =10,000 ordinary capsules
 - =10,000 meters slow burning wick
 - to the Bolzano Military Engineer Works Directorate:
 - =10,000 ordinary capsules
 - =10,000 meters slow burning wick
2. Pavia Military Engineer Construction Workshop
 (from the availabilities reported)
 - to the Florence Military Engineer Works Directorate:
 - =10,000 ordinary capsules
 - =10,000 meters slow burning wick

Direct agreements will be made with the Territorial Engineer Commands concerned regarding the issue procedure.

In regard to the availabilities reported at the Medeuza depot, the MMIA 10 Rear Hq. 8th Army will be contacted.

=10,000 meters slow burning wick
2. Evac Military Engineer Construction Workshop
(from the availabilities reported)

- to the FLORENCE MILITARY ENGINEER WORKS DIRECTOR AB
- =10,000 ordinary capsules
- =10,000 meters slow burning wick

Direct agreements will be made with the Territorial Engineer Commands concerned regarding the issue procedure.

In regard to the availability reported at the Medeuza Depot, the MMEA LO Rear Hq. 8th Army will be contacted.

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In regard to contents of letter 4/23/14 dated August 22, 1945, we wish to report to MMEA that as soon as the present stocks of inflammable materials at the Feloni Firm at Lecce have been released, (the matter is being dealt with) a similar supply of wicks and capsule will be formed at the Turin (let), Genova (2nd), Milan (3rd) Territorial Commands.

(SGM) Gen. Crivaro

Cpl. VJC

SEE 19/1

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Translation

From - M of War

To MMIA

22 Aug 45

Ref/26436

Q/23/14

"

Subject - Wick Tape and Detonators for the work of Mine Clearing

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Reference our letter No II/25919 of same date (copy sent to you) partial instructions were given about the formation of stocks of incendiaries for the Territorial Command HQs of UDINE, BOLZANO, BOLOGNA and FLORENCE, as requested in your letter dated 26 July 45.

For the purpose of extending the same measure concerning the remaining HQ Commands of Turin (I), Genoa (II), and Milan (III), as verbally planned by you (through Major Copleston) we beg you to ^{arrange} ~~arrange~~ the instructions for releasing to this Ministry of 450,000 metres of Wick tape held by the Firm of Piloni of Lecco, and which at the moment appears to be controlled by the Allied Authorities.

With this quantity it will be possible to meet besides the supplies mentioned above, also that of the Territorial Commands

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to arrange the instructions for release ~~to~~ to this Ministry of
450,000 metres of Wick tape held by the Firm of Piloni of Lecco,
and which at the moment appears to be controlled by the Allied

Authorities.

With this quantity it will be possible to meet besides
the supplies mentioned above, also that of the Territorial Commands
of Central and Southern Italy, and the urgent requirements **2189**
in regard to the clearing of mine fields.

L. Carme.

Sgd. Crivaro

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TRANSLATION

From : Territorial Legion CC RR Bologna

Ref : 20/20 -I

To : Division Office ^{Station of Soliera} ~~MMIA~~

Dtd : 18 Aug 45

Subject : Location of unexploded bombs.Q/23/14
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I beg you, ^{to} give orders for the removal or blowing up of the undermentioned explosives, which now come under the jurisdiction of this station :

- 1) At 23 Via Modena Carpi, in the village of Appalto di Soliera, near the home of Alessandrina Nessarotti Benvenuti there are five unexploded bombs, launched from aeroplanes on the day that the district was liberated.
- 2) Near the home of Giovanni Monelli, at No. 80 Via Carpi Ravarino, there is another unexploded bomb.

Brigadier Commanding
sgd Domenico Tedeschi.

B.F. Sticary
✓

Original forwarded
to ~~MMIA~~ ^{MMIA}
20/20

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Translation

9/23/14

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From : MCW
To : NMIA
Subject : Butterfly bombs near the Ceccano Station.

Ref. : 8/75184

Date : August 14, 1945

On the basis of letter 9/23/14 dated July 24 - Subject: "use of bombs", this Ministry ordered an immediate inspection at Ceccano in order to supply the info requested.

Said inspection - carried out on the 3rd inst. by an officer from Hq. B.S.M. area in Rome which is under our command - verified that the bombs near the Ceccano station were not American butterfly bombs type M 83 as was believed by the other officer who carried out the first inspection, but German butterfly bombs.

The 73 bombs recovered were destroyed on the spot as they were dangerous.

(Sgd) Gen. Crivaro

Cpl. VDC

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SUBJECT: Disposal of Ammunition.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
Q/23/14
10 August 1945. (15)

TO : Ministry of War.

1. The following small quantities of loose ammunition have been reported by HQ RAAC for your disposal.

a. Located at: U.N.R.R.A. Transport Office,
Fiat Garage, Viale Manzoni.

Hand Grenades)
Machine Gun Amm.) Small Quantities.

b. Located at Royal Estate, Malafede.

Shell H.E. 15 cm. (German) - 5 tons (approx)
Shell H.E. 7.5 and 10.5 cm (German) - 1 ton (approx)
Shell H.E. 5.5 in. (British) - 3 tons (approx)

2. Any additional information necessary for disposal of above ammunition may be obtained by contacting A.D.O.S. Rome Allied Area Command, telephone 66588.

3. Prompt action should be taken, and this office informed when disposal has been completed.

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

IVF/ag

Copy to:

ADOS, HQ RAAC (Ref your OS/400/2 of 7 Aug 45).

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

SUBJECT: Bomb Clearance and
Disposal of Ammunition

TO : MMIA L/O, 1 DISTRICT

H80/1 G/33/1

1. Reference is made to your LO/G12 of 10 July 45, subject "Explosives."

2. An Italian Officer Technician is being posted to all Territorial Hqs. in North Italy to supervise the destruction of small quantities of loose ammunition. For this work, he will utilize soldiers from the Engineer and Artillery services of the Territorial Hq. and, where necessary, civilians under Army supervision.

ATTACHED H80/1 G/33/1

3. It is suggested, however, from the description of the explosions given in AMO Venetia Region letter RXII/PS/9.26 of 7 July that the quantities of ammunition involved were of the "small dump" category for which Allied Hqs. would be responsible through the use of German Demolition units. Para. 9f(4) of AFHQ letter AG-386.3/163 LOC-O dated 22 June 45 refers.

JW
JOHN C. WARD, 1st Lt.
For Colonel, DQMG
M. M. I. A.

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

SUBJECT: Bomb Disposal
TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

492. G/23/1

1. Further to this headquarters letter Q/23/1 of 6 July 1945, subject "Disposal of Ammunition."
2. Extensive reconnaissance by Engineer units of Rome Area Allied Command on 16 July 45 failed to reveal any unexploded bombs in Ceccano area. Local Carabinieri were not able to guide the party to any site of unexploded bombs.
3. You are requested to inform this headquarters the exact location of the "butterfly" bombs in Ceccano reported by your representative. Specifically, the distance from the railroad tracks in Ceccano must be known.

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

Copy to: Rome Area Allied Command
(Attn: G-3 (British))

See Folio 490 in Q/23/1

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

SUBJECT: Disposal of Ammunition

TO: AFIA L/O's

1. Reference AFHQ letter 15336, S/183 LOG-0 of 12 June 1945, subject, "Disposition of Captured Enemy Material in Italy" and further to this headquarters letter Q/95 of 7 July 1945, subject "Ammunition Dump."

2. The responsibility of the Italian Army for the destruction of German and Italian ammunition should not be overestimated. Reliance on the Italian Army, short in technicians, technical equipment and transportation facilities, to accomplish the destruction of more than small quantities of ammunition may have disastrous results in terms of property damaged and lives lost.

The Italian Army is authorized by Allied Force Headquarters to accomplish the destruction only of "small quantities of loose ammunition in unguarded dumps which constitute a hazard to life or property." As a general rule, the phrase "small quantities" of ammunition should be interpreted to mean such quantities of ammunition as would have been abandoned by individual soldiers or units of squad size. Battery and Company ammunition supply dumps may usually be presumed to fall within the "small dumps" category for which the Armies are responsible through the use of German technical demolition units. All such "small dumps" should be immediately reported to the pertinent Army Headquarters for destruction. Liaison Officers must not accept responsibility for the destruction of such small dumps on behalf of the Italian Army.

John J. Hill, 1st Lt.
For Colonel, AFHQ
A. C. I. A.

Copy to: AFIA L/O, AFHQ Italy c/o 2 Dist.

" " c/o 60 Sub Area
" " Fifth Army
" " Rear 5th Army
" " c/o 151 Sub Area
" " 1 District
" " 5th Army for Fox
" " c/o Liaison Sec. PDS AFV 732
" " c/o Florence City Com. AFV 702
" Q/12
" "2
" Arty Records

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION,
A. C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
4/23/46
22 July 1946

SUBJECT: Fuses and Detonators
for Bomb Clearance Work

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

448-5/23/1

1. Further to this headquarters letter 4/23/1 of 5 June 46, subject as above.
2. SMIA L/O, Rear 3 Army, has reported a stock of 10,000 fuses, slow burning, and 80,000 each detonators, type 2 and type 3 at Modena, map reference 05306, sheet 4 C, Italy Touring Club Map.
3. In this headquarters letter 4/36 of 7 July 46, para 1(b) you were informed that for the destruction of small quantities of ammunition, the local SMIA L/O, was authorized to obtain necessary Allied help as regards suitable detonators, explosives, etc. This remains true for any case where immediate destruction is imperative and Allied materials are immediately at hand.
4. It will be appreciated however, that maximum use must be made of Italian materials. You are directed, therefore, to ensure that 10,000 fuses of each type are distributed to Territorial Sqas. 1 through 6, if not already available within the Territorial Headquarters concerned. Fuse should also be supplied in appropriate quantity from the above stock and that available at Ditta Peloni, Lecco, Lombardia Region.
5. Copies of your orders implementing above directive should be passed this headquarters for information.

[Signature]
J. J. WARD, Lt. Col.
For Major General 102
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: SMIA L/O, Rear 3 Army

(Ref. your MM/102/4 of 10 July 46) - 420/3 - 4/23/1

SMIA L/O NW Italy o/o 2 Dist.

(Ref. AGC, Lombardia Region, XI/220/1/CM of 18 June) 463/1 - 4/23/1

SMIA L/O, 3 Army

" " c/o 60 Sub Area

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" " c/o 1 District

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Subject: Ammunition Dumps.

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

1/95
7 July 1955.

To: Ministry of War.

Reference your ^{214042/11} 220-10-21 of 23 June 45, subject "Depositi Munizioni".

1. The present orders of the Supreme Allied Commander on the subject of ammunition are as follows:-

(a) Ammunition of German manufacture if in "Category 3" (a list of category 3 items is attached) and in original containers will be controlled in a few selected parks under Allied arrangements. German transport and personnel are being used under Allied arrangements.

(b) Small quantities of loose ammunition in unguarded dumps which constitute a hazard to life or property will be reported by C.C.I.C. or other responsible persons to the nearest L.I.I.A. L.O. through C.C.I.C. or Italian Military channels. The L.I.I.A. L.O. will authorize the destruction by the Ministry of War of all such small quantities of German or Italian ammunition. The L.I.I.A. L.O. is authorized to obtain the necessary Allied help as regards suitable detectors explosives, etc. if not available at the dump under consideration. Salvage of certain materials such as brass, etc. may be made under authorization of the L.I.I.A. L.O.

(c) Small dump of German or Italian ammunition (other than that in category 3 in original containers) in dumps of 500 tons or less will be destroyed by the most suitable means by G.I.S.M. personnel under Allied supervision. Salvage of useful materials is under Allied control. 2181

(d) Larger dumps of German or Italian ammunition in excess of 500 tons will be placed under guard under Allied arrangements. Allied instructions will be given covering disposal.

2. The above orders are now in process of implementation by the Allied Armies. It will be noted that the responsibility of the War Ministry is restricted to the small quantities covered by paragraph 1 (b) of this letter. The destruction or otherwise of dumps under 500 tons is an Allied matter and not infantry of War, in this connection the letter 20630 of 16 June over 2263

the signature of General Properzj requires a correction. You are requested to issue this correction forthwith. In other respects the letter of *SEE 3/1* General Properzj is agreed.

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3. The Supreme Allied Commander has NOT authorized the destruction of any ammunition by any civilian firm. The War Ministry will make no arrangements for any ammunition or explosives to be handled by civilian firms except the salvage authorized by the E.M.I.A. L.O. in paragraph 1 (b) of this letter.

1 J. V. [unclear]
Major General.
E. M. I. A.

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"	CEMOA
"	FIFTH ARMY
"	231 DIV THRU C.G. FIFTH ARMY
"	HEAD EIGHTH ARMY
"	H.Q. 1 DISTRICT
"	PERBASE
"	FLORENCE

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Appendix "A" to LSIA
letter 1/95 of 7 July 1945

LIST OF CATEGORY 3 MATERIAL

Serial 1 PISTOLS

9mm Pistols (Luger and Walther automatics)

27 mm Signal pistols (unrifled)

Serial 2 RIFLES

7.92 mm (bolt operated)

7.92 mm (Gewehr 41 (F) and 41 (S) (self loading rifles)

7.92 mm Sniper rifle

Serial 3 MACHINE GUNS

7.92 mm L.M.G. 34

Serial 4 AMMUNITION

All ammunition to fit weapons in Serial 1-3 above

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Subject: Disposition of Captured Enemy Material in Italy.

Land Forces Sub-Comd. A.C.
(M. H. I. A.) ROME

2/95

11 July 1945

TO: ALL MHA LO's.

In order to ensure that all Liaison Officers are fully informed
a copy of the latest AFHQ directive on the disposition of captured enemy
material is attached - ref AG 386.5/163 109-0 dated 22 Jun 45.

HP/ls

P. F. PATELL, 1/Comd.
for Colonel, D.G.H.C.
M. H. I. A.

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