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C.H.Q., C.M.F.

6752/10/Q2

10 Jul 46

SUBJECT: Disposals of Fixed Assets in
ITALIAN Territory.TO: Rear HQ 13 Corps (70 copies)
HQ 3 District (50 copies)

Reference this HQ letter 6752/10/Q2 dated 7 Mar 46.

1. In order that British Commercial Oil interests may be given the opportunity of purchasing surplus fixed assets installed in Petroleum Installations, the WO have instructed that following revised procedure be adopted for the disposal of all such assets.
2. Inventories will be prepared in accordance with paras 15 (a) and (b) of this HQ letter under reference.
3. Priced inventories in quadruplicate will then be forwarded to this HQ for onward transmission to the Petroleum Attache British Embassy ROME, who will approach British Commercial Oil interests and establish whether they are prepared to purchase, and if so at what price and whether in sterling or lire. He will also advise them that any sales will be subject to import duties etc., as required by the Italian Government.
4. Since Commercial Oil interests may wish to inspect the assets before making their decision, Depot Commanders will be instructed to afford necessary facilities to any Civilian producing an authority to inspect fixed assets, signed by the Petroleum Attache, British Embassy ROME. To facilitate civilians concerned in locating depots, inventories forwarded to this HQ will show clearly the location of the depot concerned.
5. If the Petroleum Attache reports that British Commercial Oil Interests wish to purchase fixed assets, this HQ is authorised to approve purchase for either Sterling or Lire provided that:
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 - (c) That the market value assessed is not more than £10,000.
6. Any case in which the above provisos are not satisfied will have to be referred to the War Office.
7. If above provisos are satisfied this HQ will advise the Petroleum Attache that the purchase is authorised (with copies to the Formation or District concerned and Director of Hirings and Disposals (Fixed Assets)), and request that the Commercial Interest concerned approach the Director of Hirings and Disposals (Fixed Assets) with a view to arranging final details. The Director of Hirings and Disposals (Fixed Assets) will also report details of the sale to the appropriate Italian authority in order that the Italian Government may raise any customs etc charges necessary.

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8. As soon as purchase has been completed Director of Hirings and Disposals (Fixed Assets) will advise the Formation or District concerned (copy to this HQ), in order that the Commercial interest may take possession of their property.

9. It will be appreciated that the above procedure may take some time, to avoid therefore any delay in the closing down of installations, action in accordance with paras 2 and 3 should be initiated immediately it is known that a depot is scheduled for closing.

10. Any fixed assets which the British Commercial Oil Interests do not wish to purchase will be disposed of in accordance with this HQ letter under reference.

J.A.J. Field
J.A.J. FIELD, Lieut-Colonel,
for Brig i/c Adm.

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SUBJECT:- Disposal of C.E.M.
Recovery Italian Army property.

Land Forces Sub Commission AC.,
M.M.I.A.
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Q.158

25 July 1946

TO : GENERAL HEADQUARTERS C.M.F. (3)

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2. The following is reported as a matter requiring a policy decision ~~and~~ ^{and} serving to illustrate a departure from the above directive in the case of Venezia Giulia.

3. (a) The 18 ton Tug "BIANCHI" the property of the Italian Army is at present located at GRADO under the control of the firm CORIMA of TRIESTE.

(b) This firm refuses to hand over the Tug and claim compensation for salvage and repairs.

(c) The matter has been taken up by M.M.I.A with HQ. AMG 13 Corps who state that the firm of CORIMA have been held responsible for the safe custody of the tug and forbidden to move it from Zone "A" waters pending a decision.

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

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Rear XIII Corps (1013/31/OS of 15 July 46 refers)
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Subject: Transfer Ammunition to Italian Army.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC
(M.M.I.A.)

Q.139

24 July 1946

TO : WAR MINISTRY

Reference your 15260/2818 of 2 March 1946 and further to this HQ Q.139 of 26 April 1946.

1. It is reported that bulk transfer of such ammunition as is available in 501 BAD to the Italian Army Depot at TERLIZZI has been completed.

The balance due will be released in due course probably from stocks now located in VENEZIA GIULIA.

2. The lack of POL in sufficient quantity is said to be holding up the distribution of this ammunition in accordance with your pre-arranged plan.

3. It will be agreed that the Army reserves of ammunition should reach the respective Depots with the minimum of delay in order that they may be stored under the best possible conditions and in the maximum security.

You are accordingly advised to

- (a) reduce the holdings of the TERLIZZI Depot to a minimum as soon as possible.
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