Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC No. 785020

ACC 100001120|3452 ME/25 A
Opened Feb. 1944

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDO NO. 785020

10000|120|3452 ME/25 Arty. + Small Arms

Opened Feb. 1946 - Closed Sept. 1946

VOL. 1

6654
6503

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

25

Subject:- Spares for Artillery and Small Arms.

To:- ADME
Land Forces Sub. Comm. A.C.
(MMIA) ROME

SC. RE[illegible] Rome 161
7 British Liaison Unit
c/o 6 B.L.U.
Tel:- 217 Area Ext. 7
Ref:- EME/31/83
12 Sept. 46

1. The above Spares part of the 60 days maintenance pack is still located in the O.A.R.E. where it has been sorted and recorded by the Personnel.

2. During discussions with the Italian Personnel of the Piacenza Arsenal it was apparent that they are now commencing the repair of S.A. etc. and therefore require the spares and it is suggested that the Italian War Office should issue instructions to Piacenza to collect these spares as soon as possible.

N.H.

Copy to RAME Files, Florence

P.H. Nelson SC. RAME

2293
RECEIVED 16 SEP 1946

See 8 Headquarters

Reg 16.9.46 6803

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

25

Report (157)

Subject:- Repair of Small Arms.

Headquarters
4 B. L. U.
B o l z a n o
Ref.: 4/ME/35-26

2 September 46.

To:- ADME, HQ. M.M.I.A.,
R o m e

Reference your ME/25/132 dated ? August 46.

B.L.R. Small Arms of "Friuli" Infantry Division are being despatched to Artillery Arsenal Verona, not Gardone Val Trompia.

A/Capt.
Capt.
S.O. REME 4 B.L.U.

None for action
Sir
What action?
(Reference HE/20/89 Para 2)

6802

2141
RECEIVED 10 SEP 1946

Reg 11/9/46

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

25

158

TRANSLATION

From: "Legnano" Inf.Div.HQ
To : MMIA

Ref: 007/4923
Date: 25/8/46

Subject: Spare parts for weapons of Allied manufacture.

MEMO FOR MAJ. FRANKLIN.

I - I have received your letter ME/25/135 dated 16th inst.

2 - Heading para I of the above letter I assume - if the translator has not made an unvoluntary error - that you hold that I was not pleased to receive your previous letter ME/25/112 for the mere fact that it was not addressed to me by Lt.Col.Blunt.

If this is so, I feel the need to explain the misunderstanding by stating that it has always been far from me the idea of not appreciating suggestions, advice, instructions etc. if they are not from the head of the office. - I have always found amongst British military personnel, - regardless of their rank or position - good collaborators and advisers; often I have also found sincere friends.

I also add - in all sincerity - that all the technical knowledge that I possess regarding material of Allied manufacture, technical rules and organisation, is due to the help given to me by the Allies, apart from my willingness to learn such. For this I am grateful.

I wanted to explain this point because it would pain me very much if - due to language difficulties - an unvoluntary error by the translator has caused a misunderstanding.

3 - Due to the previous paragraph I must assume that my translator has badly expressed himself, translating as follows the second para of letter ME/25/112: "Since the question at issue represents a definitive policy, this office cannot communicate with you but must urge the Ministry of War to do so." -

This answer appeared to me as a refusal to correspond with me.

6601

4 - Alas, dear Maj. Franklin, my position is not enviable. Everybody turns to me and asks me for information, written technical instructions, material, etc. - Everything is put on to me and they hold me responsible for all technical work, repairs, supplies, etc. but nobody up to now has wanted to understand that the work of a man, whatever his capability, is always useless if he lacks personnel, means, authority and the necessary free hand.

Rg 10/9/46

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

He can obtain nothing and his work is reduced to the toils of Sisifo: pushing up to the top of a mountain a large boulder which immediately rolled down again.

But, thanking God, the question has been finally solved by the Ministry, so that the misunderstanding has been removed and I return to my old work with the "Legnano" Div. -

5 - Regarding the particulary question of supplying spare parts for weapons, I have been induced to approach your office as the following two problems have been forwarded to me:

a)- Which spare parts will come from England and approx. in what quantity;
b)- What is the quantity of arms ~~for~~ in Units in order to make an approximate estimate on the organisation of ~~stores~~ Depots

In order to answer the above nobody is in a better position than your office to give the reply.

Sincerely yours

Maj. Catalano

UR

See 141

Ra

COMANDO DIVISIONE DI FANTERIA "LEGNANO"
- Ufficio Automobilistico -

Roma

^^^^^^^^^

n.007/4923 di prot. Bergamo, 25 agosto 1946
Oggetto: Ricambi per armi di fabbricazione alleata.-

AL D.A.D.M.E.
H.Q. LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (MMIA) = R O M A =
(Tramite 3° B.L.U.)

PROMEMORIA PER IL MAGGIORE FRANKLIN

"^"^"^"^"^"^"^"^"^"^"

1.- Ho ricevuto la Sua lettera ME/25/135 datata del 16 corrente.-

2.- Leggendo il paragrafo 1 della lettera alla quale rispondo - se il traduttore non è incorso in altro involontario errore - arguisco che Lei, Maggiore Franklin, ha ritenuto che io non abbia accettato di buon grado la Sua precedente ME/25/112 per il solo fatto che non mi era stata indirizzata dal Ten.Col.ELLIOT.-
Se così è, sento il bisogno di chiarire subito l'equivoco precisando che è stato sempre ed è tuttora lungi da me l'idea di non gradire suggerimenti, consigli, istruzioni ecc. se non dal titolare di un ufficio.- Nei militari britannici - indipendentemente dal grado o dalla carica - ho sempre trovato collaboratori appassionati e dei preziosi consiglieri; spessissimo ho trovato anche degli amici sinceri.
Soggiungo - per debito di sincerità - che il corredo di cognizioni tecniche che oggi posso vantare al mio attivo in merito ai materiali di fabbricazione alleata, alle norme tecniche alleate ed alla organizzazione alleata, se vi è stata buona volontà da parte mia per acquisirle, indubbiamente ciò mi è stato possibile perchè i militari alleati mi sono stati larghi di consigli, suggerimenti ed aiuti. E di ciò sono debitore di riconoscenza.-
Ho voluto chiarire questo punto perchè mi addolorerebbe non poco il fatto che - causa la diversità di lingua - un involontario errore del traduttore ingenerasse equivoci che a me riuscirebbero davvero incresciosi.-

3.- Attraverso la chiarificazione di cui al precedente paragrafo sono indotto a supporre che il mio incaricato si è male espresso traducendo come oggetto il secondo periodo della lettera ME/25/112: """Poichè l'argomento in questione rappresenta una definitiva linea di condotta, questo Ufficio non può comunicare con Lei ma deve essere il Ministero della Guerra a corrispondere direttamente sull'argomento con la Missione Militare""".-
Questa risposta, invero, mi era apparsa come un diniego a comuni-

6799

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC No. 785020

PROT. GEN. PER IL TRAFFICO PRIVATO

1.- Ho ricevuto la Sua lettera ME/25/135 datata del 16 corrente.-

2.- Leggendo il peregrafo 1 della lettera alla quale rispondo - se il traduttore non è incorso in altro involontario errore - arguisco che Lei, Maggiore Franklin, ha ritenuto che io non abbia accettato di buon grado la Sua precedente ME/25/112 per il solo fatto che non mi era stata indirizzata dal Ten.Col.BLUM.-

Se così è, sento il bisogno di chiarire subito l'equivoco precisando che è stato sempre ed è tuttora lungi da me l'idea di non gradire suggerimenti, consigli, istruzioni ecc. se non dal titolare di un ufficio.- Nei militari britannici - indipendentemente dal grado o dalle cariche - ho sempre trovato collaboratori appassionati e dei preziosi consiglieri; spessissimo ho trovato anche degli amici sinceri.

Soggiungo - per debito di sincerità - che il corredo di cognizioni tecniche che oggi posso vantare al mio attivo in merito ai materiali di fabbricazione alleata, alle norme tecniche alleate ed alla organizzazione alleata, se vi è stata buona volontà da parte mia per acquisirle, indubbiamente ciò mi è stato possibile perchè i militari alleati mi sono stati larghi di consigli, suggerimenti ed aiuti. E di ciò sono debitore di riconoscenza.-

Ho voluto chiarire questo punto perchè mi addolorerebbe non poco il fatto che - causa la diversità di lingua - un involontario errore del traduttore ingenerasse equivoci che mi riuscirebbero davvero incresciosi.-

3.- Attraverso la chiarificazione di cui al precedente peregrafo sono indotto a supporre che il mio incarico si è male espresso traducendo come appresso il secondo periodo della lettera ME/25/112: """poichè l'argomento in questione rappresenta una definitiva linea di condotta, questo Ufficio non può comunicare con Lei ma deve essere il Ministero delle Guerre a corrispondere direttamente sull'argomento con la Missione Militare""".-

6799

Questa risposta, invero, mi era apparsa come un diniego a comunicare con me.-

4.- Purtroppo, caro Maggiore Franklin, la mia posizione è poco invidiabile.- Tutti si rivolgono a me e mi richiedono dati, compilazione di istruzioni tecniche, materiali ecc.- Tutto riverserà su me ed in me vedono il responsabile dell'andamento tecnico, delle riparazioni, dei rifornimenti ecc. ma nessuno ha ancora voluto comprendere

../../..

Translation 2 attachments 5/9 copies

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDG NO. 785020

che l'opera di un uomo, per quanto abile possa essere , riesce sempre infruttuosa se gli vengono a mancare personale, mezzi, autorità di agire e la necessaria libertà d'azione.- Non può sperare di nulla e il suo lavoro si riduce alla fatica di Sisifo: spingere sull'alto monte un grosso sasso che subito precipita al basso.-

Ma, per grazia di Dio, la questione è stata finalmente risolta dal Ministero, per cui l'equivoco più non sussiste ed io mi vedo restituito al vecchio lavoro presso la "Legnano".-

5.- Per quanto interessa la specifica questione del rifornimento ricambi per armi, ero stato indotto rivolgermi al suo Ufficio perchè mi sono stati posti i due seguenti quesiti:

a)- Quali parti di ricambio affluiranno dall'Inghilterra ed in quali quantitativi approssimativi;

b)- Per quante armi in distribuzione si deve approssimativamente prevedere l'organizzazione dei magazzini.-

Per rispondere ad essi reputo meglio del suo Ufficio ero in grado di potermi fornire elementi di risposta.-

Cordialmente

- Maggiore Pietro Catalano -

IN 1630
Date 5/9
100
OUT 1230
9/9

6798

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

(157)

SUBJECT :- Armament - Oils.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
M.M.I.A. R O M E.
MM/-5/157
9 Sept 46

E.M.S.
5 B.L.U.

1. Please endeavour to obtain two pint samples of each of the under-mentioned oils etc. and forward to this office by the end of Sept.

OILS	GREASES
Oil Low Cold Test No2	Mineral Jelly
" Flowrex E 1 (Section H1 (XIV) HA 5103 S/V)	Grease Graphited
" M 80	
" M 160	
" C 70	
" White Lubricant Special	
" Graphited Concentrated	
" Mineral Hydraulic Buffer	
" "A"	
Glycerine	
Glycerine Residue	
Glycol	
Tarpoil	

2. These are required for transmission to the Ministry of War so that from local industry they may attempt the production of suitable oils for the maintenance of Allied weapons.

A.E.M. 6797

A. E. MOCKRIDGE, Capt.
for Lt. Col,
Assistant Director of Mechanical Engineering.
L.F.S.C.

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC No. 785020

Oil Low Cold Test No2	Mineral Jelly
" Flowrex E 1 (Section H1 (M1V) HA 5103 E/V)	Grease Graphited
" M 80	
" M 160	
" C 70	
" White Lubricant Special	
" Graphited Concentrated	
" Mineral Hydraulic Buffer	
" "A"	
Glycerine	
Glycerine Residue	
Glycol	
Tarpoil	

2. These are required for transmission to the Ministry of War so that from local industry they may attempt the production of suitable oils for the maintenance of Allied weapons.

dEh. 6797

A. E. MOCKRIDGE, Capt.
for Lt. Col.
Assistant Director of Mechanical Engineering.
E.M.I.A.

AE/cb

See folio 14 of Main Corr
18 " "

7 Ae

hmj 10/9/46

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

O ME/10 155

TRANSLATION

From: M.of W. Ref: 52443/DT
5a-41

To :"Legnano"Infantry Div.HQ
MMIA (for information)
(ref.para 3 of letter
ME/25/141 dated 22/8/46)

Date:4/9/46

S/C Write for copy of this letter to MOB See 156

Subject: Spare parts for Allied weapons. 131 141

Ref. to letter 007/111 dated 1/8/46 sent to MMIA.

1 - The M.M.I.A. has replied to us in letter ME/25/141 dated 22/8/46, copy attached.

2 - With reference to para 2 of the above letter, this Ministry has already ordered that the two Terni and Gardone Val Trompia establishments arrange to manufacture the spare parts for the repair of Allied weapons, excluding, at present, the barrels, the butts and the bolt.
Breechblocks

3 - The a/m establishments have been approached, and have agreed on the parts that each one will manufacture, in accordance with their present possibilities (see letter 50055 dated 23/7/46).

4 - The quantity of the above parts to be manufactured, will be settled by this Ministry, in accordance with the weapons on issue and the information obtained further to the instructions given in letter 50283 dated 23/7/46. - 796

Properzi
Gen.

DAK

Rg 6/9/46

D/L

Mod.374

Ministero della Guerra

DIREZIONE GENERALE ARTIGLIERIA e MOT.

Divis.Tecn.A.C. - Sez. 2ª

4 SET. 1946

N. 52443/DT di prot. 5a-41 Roma, ...

OGGETTO: Parti di ricambio per armi alleate.-

AL COMANDO DIVISIONE FANT. "LEGNANO"
Uff. Auto
= BERGAMO =

Si fa riferimento al foglio 007/III in data 1° agosto 1946 diretto alla M.M.I.A.-

1) - A quanto rappresentato la M.M.I.A. ha risposto a questo Ministero con il foglio ME/25/141 in data 22/8/46 che si unisce in copia.-

2) - In relazione al contenuto del n° 2 del suddetto foglio questo Ministero ha già disposto perchè i due stabilimenti di Terni e di Gardone Val Trompia provvedano ad allestire le parti di ricambio per la riparazione delle armi alleate con esclusione, per ora, delle canne, delle culatte, dell'otturatore.-

3) - I due stabilimenti avanti nominati sono stati già interessati ad accordarsi (dispaccio 50855 del 23 luglio 1946) sulle parti che ciascuno potrà allestire in relazione alle possibilità in atto.-

4) - Il quantitativo delle parti di cui sopra da allestire verrà determinato da questo Ministero in relazione alle armi in distribuzione e alle notizie che saranno raccolte in seguito alle disposizioni impartite con il dispaccio 50283 del 25/7/46.-

6795

IL MINISTRO
F/to (R.C. Pentimalli)

ISTITUTO POLIGRAFICO DELLO STATO

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

Si fa riferimento al foglio 007/III in data 1° agosto 1946 diretto alla M.M.I.A.-

1) - A quanto rappresentato la M.M.I.A. ha risposto a questo Ministero con il foglio ME/25/141 in data 22/8/46 che si unisce in copia.-

2) - In relazione al contenuto del n° 2 del suddetto foglio questo Ministero ha già disposto perchè i due stabilimenti di Terni e di Gardone Val Trompia provvedano ad allestire le parti di ricambio per la riparazione delle armi alleate con esclusione, per ora, delle canne, delle culatte, dell'otturatore.-

3) - I due stabilimenti avanti nominati sono stati già interessati ad accordarsi (dispaccio 50855 del 23 luglio 1946) sulle parti che ciascuno potrà allestire in relazione alle possibilità in atto.-

4) - Il quantitativo delle parti di cui sopra da allestire verrà determinato da questo Ministero in relazione alle armi in distribuzione e alle notizie che saranno raccolte in seguito alle disposizioni impartite con il dispaccio 50283 del 25/7/46.-

6795

). IL MINISTRO
F/to (P.G.Properzj)

P. C.C.
IL CAPO SEZIONE

TRANSLATION
1630
5/9
1430
6/c

1143
RECEIVED 5 OCT 1946 ./.

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

5 2443

Roma

4 SET. 1946

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
M.M.I.A.

= ROMA =

ALLO STATO MAGGIORE ESERCITO
Uff. Servizi

= SEDE =

.....per conoscenza, riferimento n. 3 del foglio ME/25/141 del 22/8/46 della M.M.I.A.-

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

Gen. U. Ruggero

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

ADVICE ~~PRICING~~ NOTE 25

154

15 GHQ/ 2300/160

Dated / 31 Aug 46.

PUBLICATIONS

Reference your ME/25/146 dated 22 Aug 46.

~~Indent No. / PRICE Item No. Required.~~

Publications not included are out of stock.

Observations as made below should be noted.

NFA

Captain., R.A.S.C.,
Offg. 15 GHQ Publications Depot.
Printing Stationery Services.

C.H.F.

OBSERVATIONS

Efforts are now being made to obtain the two Publications from U.K.

Reg 6/9/46 679

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

"Q" DUCK SLIP

FILE NO ME/25 153

DATE	SECTION OR SERVICE FROM	TO	ACTION REQUIRED
29 Aug	REME	GSO II	Reference Folio 149 — The Undersigned has intimated at Folio 149 the ~~[illegible]~~ W.E. which ADOS MMIA states is the minimum for any kind of working efficiency. It is anticipated that a considerable amount of Allied Artillery spares will be made available shortly and the personnel shown will be needed for sorting, binning, and issues etc. It is suggested that ADOS can give you further details to substantiate the application to War Ministry for this W.E. J.F. Franklin Maj.
30/9.	SD	PS to C of S	I have written to War Min re attached Deputy D.3 Letter.

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

SUBJECT : Maintenance of British Weapons

(15)

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (MEIA)
(489081 Ext 401) SD/103
5 Aug 46

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR (149)

Ref your 52163 of 20 Aug 46.

1. This HQ considers the numbers you suggest as being inadequate for the work they have to do, and recommends they be increased by the following:-

1 NCO (Senior)
1 Cpl
3 Storemen
3 Clerks
12 Workmen

2. Your views are requested please.

3. The number of personnel finally decided on, can be added to the W/E (SD/81/1) of the Artillery Directorate, and starred as being applicable to the PIACENZA Area only.

RNO/ww

Internal : R.E.M.E.
SD/109

Major General
M. M. I. A.

67923

Regd.
31 August.

Rene

(152)

SUBJECT :- Armourers Tools

10 British Liaison Unit
TORRE DEL GRECO
Tele : 55802 NAPLES
3 RENME

26 Aug 46

Territorial HQ NAPLES

1760

RECEIVED 29 AUG 1946 (DATE)

Land Forces Sub Commission AC,
(AMLIA) ROME (ADME)

B6—

Ref your 2/343/2 dated 13 Aug 46 with War Ministry copy letter 50818/DT 5a - 41 of 7 Aug 46 attached.

1. The equipment referred to is held by 10 BLU, awaiting your collection.

2. The quantities, as shown in your Appendix 'A', are those originally estimated at 16 Base Workshops, but the quantities actually collected, and now held by 10 BLU are shown in Appendix 'A' to this letter.

3. A number of the vouchers referred to in your letter 2/3763/Serv of 17 Aug 46, refers to these tools.

4. The tools, as shown in Appendix 'A' to this letter, can be collected from this HQ anytime convenient to you, but it is requested 24 hours notice be given.

See 10 Hist Record

CMF
WSR/why

W. S. Rendell
Capt,
RENME.

Appendix 'A' to 10 BLU letter 3 RENME dated 26 Aug 46.

Part No	Designation	Quantity Collected
BO3016	Bags Armourers 3A MK I	25
3052	Braces " MK III	69
3056	Bits, Cleaning No 2	60
3495	Floats, Small	9
3506	Gauges Armourers .064 inch No 1	69
3515	" " .074 inch No 2	69
3519	Hammerpoint No 2	69
RD6458	Plug .301 inch	62
BO3560	Striker Point No1	55
3606	Keys, Site	19
3632	Pincers Armourers	10

6791

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC No. 785020

136— 5a - 41

1. The equipment referred to is held by 10 BLU, awaiting your collection.

2. The quantities, as shown in your Appendix 'A', are those originally estimated at 16 Base Workshops, but the quantities actually collected, and now held by 10 BLU are shown in Appendix 'A' to this letter.

3. A number of the vouchers referred to in your letter 2/5763/Serv of 17 Aug 46, refers to these tools.

4. The tools, as shown in Appendix 'A' to this letter, can be collected from this HQ anytime convenient to you, but it is requested 24 hours notice be given.

See 10 Base Comd

CMF
WSR/why

W. S. Russell
Capt,
REME.

Appendix 'A' to 10 BLU
letter 3 REME dated
26 Aug 46.

Part No	Designation	Quantity Collected
BC3016	Bags Armourers SA MK I	25
3052	Braces " MK III	69
3056	Bits, Cleaning No 2	60
3495	Floats, Small	9
3506	Gauges Armourers .064 inch No 1	69
3515	" " .074 inch No 2	69
3519	Hammerpoint No 2	69
BD6458	Plug .301 inch	62
BC3560	Striker Point No1	55
3606	Keys, Site	19
3632	Pincers Armourers	10
3925	Screwdrivers " Large	69
3926	" " Small	69
3929	Extractor Screw	69
3932	Screwdrivers Forked No 1	12
3933	" " " 2	1
3934	" " " 3	7
3966	Tools Bore Bushes	138
3968	" " Rods	3
4025	Cleaning Rods No 1	7
4029	" " " 4	18
4036	" Sticks	44
4045	Cramps No 1 MK II	60
4047	Tools, Spring Extractor No 1	69
4114	Vices, Parallel, Armourers	28
Section QZ		
QB0720	Cartridges, SA, dummy .303	60

6791

Rec'd.
30 August

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDG NO. 785020

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

150

SUBJECT :- Technical Pubs.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E.
MM/25/150

29 AUG 46

To :- C.C., 10 Publications Depot
C. M. F.

1. It would be appreciated if two copies of each of the following Supplements to " Instructions for Armourers 1931" could be sent to this HQ :-

No 1. - Pistol, Revolver No 2, Mark M . 38

No 2. - Bren L.M.G. .303

2. We would advise that C.C. 3 Sub Depot 500 A.C.D. and 15 U.K.G. Pubs.Depot cannot supply.

W.J. FRANKLIN, Major.
DADME.
for Lt.Col.
Assistant Director of Mechanical Engineering.
M.M.I.A.

WJF/ag

Copy to :- DADME 12 BLU. for info.

6790
Rept
30 Aug

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

149

TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War. REF: 52163

TO: M.M.I.A. DATE: 20 Aug 1946.

SUBJECT:- Maintenance British arms - spare parts for artillery repairs.

93

Further to letter 49325 of 13.7.46.

We would inform you that the following personnel are needed for the working of the spare parts store of the Piacenza Artillery Directorate:

- 1 storeman
- 4 workmen.

Minimum WE. Suggested by ADOS.

1 N.C.O. (Sgt/major)
1 Cpl.
3 Storemen.
12 Workmen.
3 Clerks.

sgd. RUSSO
Gen.

R.A.G.

Passed to 'G' Branch for action.

29/8

Sec 153

6789 Kept 29 Aug

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

Roma 20 AGO 946

Roma, 194 A

Ministero della Guerra
DIREZIONE GENERALE ARTIGLIERIA e Motorizzazione

Direzione Tec.A.C. Sez. 2ª
Prot. N° 52163 Allegati

Risposta al f. del
Div. Sez. N°

Al la LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
R O M A

OGGETTO: Manutenzione armi britanniche-parti di ricambio per riparazione artiglierie.

Seguito foglio N. 49325 del 13/7/46

Si comunica che, per il funzionamento del magazzino parti di ricambio presso la Direzione Artiglieria di Piacenza, occorre il seguente personale :

- N. 1 magazziniere
- " 4 operai.

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

Gen. D. Fusco

Translation
Priority 2.
Lt Chuckpudge Capt.
22/8

6788

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC No. 785020

Rome.

(148)

SUBJECT :- Spare Parts British Weapons.

10 British Liaison Unit
TORRE DEL GRECO
Tele : 55802 NAPLES
REME 3

21 Aug 46.

ADME
Land Forces Sub Commission AC,
(MMIA) ROME

11 BLU

1. Attached is copy letter Q/28 dated 8 Aug 46 received from 11 BLU, together with a list of spares required.

2. Can you please inform this office of the position in regard to this type of spares and whether there is a quicker way of obtaining them, than through the regular Italian channels.

RECEIVED 22 AUG 1946 (DATE)

W. J. Capt, REME.

CMF
WSR/ha.

letter sent to Col Avallone 23/8 ff. — See (144)

6 Sept.

22 Aug.

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

COPY.

Subject:- Spare Parts British Weapons.
11. C.A.R.

11 British Liaison Unit

Tel. 18372 PALERMO
9/28

To 10 B.L.U.

8 Aug 46.

1. Following the first course at 11. C.A.R. many weapons were rendered inefficient and are still inefficient owing to a lack of spare parts and armourers tools.

2. Attached is a list of spare parts that they require and for which they have already indented on 11 Arty. Directorate.

3. Since this material is urgently required would you please assist or advise expediting delivery.

4. Nomenclature is submitted in Italian owing to the fact that this office has none qualified to translate terms of technical equipment.

Signed, S.E. SNEEZUM,
Major,
D.A.A. & Q.M.G.

SES/SI
C.M.F.

6786

COPY.

11 C.A.R.

Training Office.

Spare parts requirements for inefficient British weapons on charge to the C.A.R.

(A) Fucili MK. 1 (Enfield)

Congegni di sicurezza	500	
Copricanna anteriori	150	- da sostituire -
Copricanna posteriori	600	- 400 ricevuti mancanti all'arrivo come verbali - e 200 da sostituire. -
Otturatori	30	
Viti di fascetta	80	
Calcioli	30	
Fascette	80	
Magliette	80	
Viti di bocchino	100	

(B) Fucili Mitragliatori Bren

Calci per Fuc. Mitragl.	10
Alzi " " " MK.1	10
Alzi " " " MK.2	10
Canne complete	10
Valvole regolatrici gas	25
Percussori	20
Congegni di scatto	10
Leve di sicurezza	10
Molle di recupero	10
Espulsori	20
Impugnatura a pistola	20
Maniglie di legno per presa canna	30
Riparo mirino canna	20
Calcioli	10
Gambe per bipiedi destre	25
" " " sinistre	25
Caricatori	20

(C) Carabine automatiche Sten.

Mirini	50
Molle per otturatore	10

(D) Mortai da 2 pollici.

Percussori	10

6785

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

Viti di fascetta	80
Calcioli	30
Fascette	80
Magliette	80
Viti di bocchino	100

(B) Fucili Mitragliatori Bren

Calci per Fuc. Mitragl	10
Alzi " " " MK.1	10
Alzi " " " MK.2	10
Canne complete	10
Valvole regolatrici gas	25
Percussori	20
Congegni di scatto	10
Leve di sicurezza	10
Molle di recupero	10
Espulsori	20
Impugnatura a pistola	20
Maniglie di legno per presa canna	30
Riparo mirino canna	20
Calcioli	10
Gambe per bipiedi destre	25
" " " sinistre	25
Caricatori	20

(C) Carabine automatiche Sten.

Mirini	50
Molle per otturatore	10

(D) Mortai da 2 pollici.

Percussori	10
Molle per percussori	10

6787

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC MR. 785020

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

145

SUBJECT :- Repair of Allied Small Arms.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R C M P.
MS/-5/145

26 Aug 46

143

To :- RMA., 3 MLU.

Reference your ME/ARMS/11 dated 19 Aug 46.

1. We have been in touch with the Assistant Inspector of Armament, 3 District who states that small arms testing instruments for the P.I.A.T. and Smith and Wesson Pistol have not been designed or issued.

2. Will you please pass this information to Major CATALANO.

See 5 Secret Corres

W.J. FRANKLIN, Major,
DADME,
for D.C.M.E.
Assistant Director of Mechanical Engineering.
M.M.I.A.

WJF/BG

6.7.8.4

Major
2 Aug

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

144

SUBJECT :- Spare Parts for British Weapons.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E.
MM/25/144

23 Aug 46

To :- MINISTRY OF WAR
(Directorate of Artillery & Motorization).

For the attention of Col. ATALLOTTE.

1. We are advised by 11 British Liaison Unit that following the final course at 11 C.A.I. many weapons were rendered ineffatent due to lack of spare parts or armourers tools.

2. Attached is a list of spare parts required and for which they have already indented on 11 Artillery Directorate.

3. If the matter is not already in hand, we would suggest that instructions be issued to all Territorial Commands, informing them of the Small Arms Factory to which British Weapons beyond local repair should be sent, and the procedure to be adopted to obtain replacement weapons. In this connection we believe you have nominated CANNONE VAL TROMPIA as the Small Arms Factory for the repair of British weapons.

4. As you already aware, releases have been made of armourers tools from British sources, which are to be sent to TRENT for distribution to CAI's Independent Regiments etc.

File

See 148

6783
W. A. BRANT, Lt Col.
Assistant Director of Mechanical Engineering.
M.M.I.A.
(absent on Duty)

WJF/ag

Copies to :- 10 BLU - your ref 3 dated 21 Aug 46 refers.
11 BLU - your 2/20 dated 8 Aug 46 refers.

Regd. with Amdt.

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

Subject:- Repair of Small Arms

FEMF Branch,
3 I tish Liaison Unit.

MÉ/ARMS/II
I9 Aug 46

143

Re 145 Rome

ADME,
MMIA

CEIVED
1502

I. Herewith copy of a letter received from Magg Catelano requesting some small arms testing instruments for use at Terni.

2. I can find no such instruments locally and also no information as to thier use, and I should be glad therefore if you will give me some advice on this matter.

See 5 New File

J. Holroyd S/Capt.
EME.

6782

MILAN.

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

Re

Translation attached

COMANDO DIVISIONE DI FANTERIA " LEGNANO "
- Ufficio Automobilistico -

N. 07/4748 di prot. Bergamo, 10 Agosto 46

Oggetto: Richiesta verificatori per ruota Piat e pistola Smit.-

AL REME BRANCH 3 B.L.U. = MILANO =

1.- La fabbrica d'armi di Terni ha bisogno, per ricavarne i disegni costruttivi, dei verificatori per le seguenti armi alleate:
- Mortai Piat,
- Pistola Smit.-

2.- Poiche' questa Divisione e' sprovvista dei predetti strumenti, si prega codesto REME BRANCH voler far conoscere se e' possibile averli temporaneamente in prestito da qualche Unita' alleata della zona, tenendo presente che essi verranno restituiti con ogni possibile sollecitudine.

Translation
Priority 2.
SHAEF Headquarters Capt
21/8.

IL MAGGIORE CAPO UFFICIO AUTO
Pietro Catalano

6781

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDD NO. 785020

0 18/25

TRANSLATION

From:- "Legnano" Infantry Division H.Q. Ref No: 07/4748

To:- REME Branch - 3 B.L.U.- Milan Date: 10 Aug 46

Subject:- Request for small arms testing instruments for PIATs and Smith pistols.

1. - The Terni Arms Factory requires,-in order that blue-prints may be obtained from them,- small arms testing instruments for the following Allied weapons:

- PIATs
- Smit pistols.

2. - As this Div. has none of the a/m instruments, we beg your REME Branch to let us know if it is possible to obtain them, on temporary loan, from some Allied unit in the area, bearing in mind that they will be returned as soon as possible.

sgd. Pietro Catalano
Major.

UR

Nat 92

Ref 678 Eng

ME/25 (142)

TRANSLATION

FROM: M. of W.

REF.: 52038
5 a-39

TO : MMIA

DATE: 17 Aug. 46

SUBJECT: Proposal for the formation of workshops for repairs and inspections to automatical and individual weapons

1° - We take note of the approval given to the planned scheme for repairs and inspections to automatic and individual weapons of Infantry Divisions.

2° - In the brigades of internal security and in regiments not belonging to any division, the above service has already been organized through provisions similar to those already proposed for Infantry Divisions.

See (III)

for the Minister
(P.G. Properzj)

Cmpl

6779

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC No. 785020

and inspections to automatical and individual weapons

1° - We take note of the approval given to the planned scheme for repairs and inspections to automatic and individual weapons of Infantry Divisions.

2° - In the brigades of internal security and in re iments not belonging to any division, the above service has already been organized through provisions similar to those already proposed for Infantry Divisions.

for the Minister
(P.G. Properzj)

6779

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC No. 785020

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

Ministero della Guerra
DIREZIONE GENERALE ARTIGLIERIA e
Motorizzazione

Roma, 194 1

Rome -

Al LAND FORCES SUB
COMMISSION A.C.
M.M.I.A. R O M A

Divisione Tec.A.C. Sez. 2ª
Prot. N. ~~52946~~/DT Allegati
5 a-39

Risposta al f. del 27/7/46
Div. Sez. AUE/25/III

52038 Oggetto: Proposta di costituire officine di riparazioni e ispezioni per armi automatiche e individuali.

1°) - Si prende atto dell'assenso dato allo schema progettato per le riparazioni e le ispezioni delle armi automatiche e individuali presso la Divisione di Fanteria.

2°) - Presso le brigate di sicurezza interna e presso i regg.ti non indivisionati, il servizio di cui sopra è già regolato da disposizioni analoghe a quelle già proposte per la Divisione di Fanteria.

p. IL MINISTRO
(P.G.Properzj)

Translation
Priority 2
Lt Col Woodridge Capt
A/C

6778

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

Fill

14

SECRET :- [redacted]

Land Forces Adr Corps. A.A.
(M.E.F.) 22 G.H.Q.
29/29/16

22 Aug 16

TO :- HEADQUARTERS
Eleventh Army Aviation Detachment
(For the attention of Col. A. [redacted])

116

1. We attach herewith a copy of a letter ref GT/111 dated 1st Aug 16 received by this office from Major [redacted], "Ariete" Infantry Division M.E. in response to your letter [redacted] dated 23 July 16.

2. It is not possible as yet to obtain detailed information of the small Arms and Artillery Stores which will become available to the Italian Authorities with the disbandment of 57 D.A.P., and as the question of manufacture by Italian sources is a matter of policy to be decided by your Ministry, it is considered advisable that this matter should be dealt with by you.

3. A copy of your reply to Major [redacted] will be appreciated.

for

A. INNES, Lt.Col.
Assistant Director of Mechanical Engineering.
M.E.F.
(absent on duty)
6777

GT/AG

Copies to :- Lt.Col. CLEMENTS - S.M.R.E.
Major [redacted]

ORIGINAL :- ORS.

Rec'd 22nd Aug

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

COPIA

COMANDO DIVISIONE DI FANTERIA "LEGNANO"
- Ufficio Automobilistico -

n.007/111 di prot. Bergamo, 1 Agosto 1946

Oggetto : Ricambi per armi alleate.

ALL'ADMIR - HQ. LAND FORCES SUB COMMUNIST (NLA) ROMA
e, per conoscenza :
ALL'ADOS - HQ. LAND FORCES SUB COMMUNICATION (NTA) ROMA

1. A seguito mia lettera odierna n.007/102 diretta alla Divisione tecnica della Direzione Generale Artiglieria e Motorizzazione e per conoscenza a codesto A.D.M.E.

2. Il riparto all'ultimo comma della lettera n. 5028/DT che la citata Divisione Tecnica ha diretto ai C.M.E. divisionali e per conoscenza a me ed a codesto A.D.M.E.

3. Perche' - nei limiti delle mie possibilita' - possa ottemperare all'ordine ministeriale (nel caso che detto ordine venga mantenuto malgrado le rappresentate difficolta') prego volermi precisare :

a) se e per quali parti di ricambio posso contare sul rifornimento alleato;
b) le norme alle quali devo attenermi per l'inoltro delle richieste (compilazione di fogli di autorizzazione alleata alla quale devo farli tenere);
c) se e per quale periodo viene mantenuto il rifornimento, ovvero se e da quando posso contare su di esso;
d) se - in caso negativo - devo provvedere all'allestimento di dette parti a mezzo dell'industria italiana;
e) se e' mantenuto il divieto di costruzione di alcune delle parti e se per esse provvede al rifornimento l'autorita' Alleata e con quali modalita'.

IL TEN. COL. C.P. AUTO INCARICATO n.6776
F.to- Pietro CATALANO.-

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

C O P Y

138

T R A N S L A T I O N

FROM : Ministry of War — Ref: 51234/DT 5a - 41

TO : M.M.I.A. — Date: 7 August 1946

SUBJECT: Release technical equipment.

Ref your G.138 of 24.7.46 (105) (136)

1) The u/m technical equipment must be allotted to the u/m addressees:

Serial No.	Article	Quantity	Destination
I	Armaurers Tool	as per appendix "A"	Arms Factory, TERNI
II	Vehicles Tool	as per appendix "B"	O.A.R.E., Bologna.

SGD. for the Minister
Gen. U.RUSSO

REPIÉ

6775

Rec'd 19 Aug

FROM: "Legnano" Inf. Div. REF.: 007/102

TO : M. of. W. and MMIA for inf. DATE: 1 August 1946

SUBJECT: Spare parts for Allied weapons.

25. (137) See 131 + 116

1 - I must first mention that I addressed the letter as per copy here attached to the Motorization Division, General Directorate for Motorization of the M. of W., to explain that under the circumstances I could not provide for the coordination activity committed to me by circular 27000 dated 7 April 1946.

While I sincerely stated to your Technical Division also, the reasons which do not permit me of seriously caring for the duty entrusted to me with a chance of a satisfying result, I now add that - if the order be maintained I will do my best.

2 - I must explain that, according to my subordinate opinion, to which your General Directorate will give the consideration that you will deem opportune, the simple examination of the requests, the determination of the amounts which should be probably necessary and sufficient for the repairs and the determination of whether spareparts requested are included among those to be supplied by Allies - or whether they shall have to be manufactured - does not solve the complicated problem.

In fact:

a) - whereas every Div. Mobile Park (O.F.P.) and each technical material section (store section of the div. mobile W/shop) are theoretically provided with necessary and sufficient spare parts to face normal needs (scaling) it is necessary to follow such real needs in order to make sure that "scaling" corresponds to them;

b) - the examination of the requests (indent) and the partial or total acceptance of them - apart from any other consideration - must be subject to the real situation (availability at the

6774

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

1 - I must first mention that I addressed the letter as per copy here attached to the Motorization Division, General Directorate for Motorization of the M. of W., to explain that under the circumstances I could not provide for the coordination activity committed to me by circular 27000 dated 7 April 1946.

While I seriously stated to your Technical Division also, the reasons which do not permit me of seriously caring for the duty entrusted to me with a chance of a satisfying result, I now add that - if the order be maintained I will do my best.

2 - I must explain that, according to my subordinate opinion, to which your General Directorate will give the consideration that you will deem opportune, the simple examination of the requests, the determination of the amounts which should be probably necessary and sufficient for the repairs and the determination of whether spare parts requested are included among those to be supplied by Allies - or whether they shall have to be manufactured - does not solve the complicated problem.

In fact:

a) - whereas every Div. Mobile Park (O.F.P.) and each technical material section (store section of the div. mobile W/shop) are theoretically provided with necessary and sufficient spare parts to face normal needs (scaling) it is necessary to follow such real needs in order to make sure that "scaling" corresponds to them;

b) - the examination of the requests (indent) and the partial or total acceptance of them - apart from any other consideration - must be subject to the real situation (availability at the base store) and must supply data for adjourning "scaling" to the above base store.

6774

Now, if a precise knowledge of the availability of spare parts by the above store is unknown, it is obviously impossible to ~~make one's self a~~ give not a precise idea grounded ~~conception~~ about the requests.

is not to be had, at present

Regd 19 Aug

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC No. 785020

c) - Requests (indent) of the various units and availability at the base store are essential elements for determining - on real facts - the quality and the quantity of spare parts to be provided.

I must conclude that in my opinion, unless there is a connecting organization acting in cooperation and for the account of the Central Authority, and being, in the name and on behalf of the latter, in possession of all necessary data for really organizing the operation of supplies and repairs, there will always be dissociated organizations acting chaotically and there never will consequently be an organized action ensuring a regular operation of the service, grounded on real facts.

(sgd.) Pietro Catalano, Major

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

a connecting organization acting in cooperation and for the account of the Central Authority, and being, in the name and on behalf of the latter, in possession of all necessary data for really organizing the operation of supplies and repairs, there will always be dissociated organizations acting chaotically and there never will consequently be an organized action ensuring a regular operation of the service, grounded on real facts.

(sgd.) Pietro Catalano, Major

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

COMANDO DIVISIONE DI FANTERIA "LEGNANO"
- Ufficio Automobilistico -

Roma

n.007/102 di prot. Bergamo, 1 agosto 1946

Oggetto: Ricambi per armi alleate.-

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Direzione Generale Artiglieria e Motorizzazione
Divisione Tecnica A.C. - Sezione 2^

= P O M A =

(Rif.f.n.50283/5 A/41/DT del 25/7/46)
e, per conoscenza:
ALL'A.D.M.E.-H.Q. LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION (MMIA) = R O M A =
ALL'A.D.O.S.-H.Q. LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION (MMIA) = R O M A =

1.- Premetto che alla Divisione Motorizzazione di cotesta Direzione Generale ho indirizzata la lettera che allego in copia, per rappresentare la mia impossibilità - nelle attuali condizioni - di attendere al lavoro di coordinamento di cui all'incarico affidatomi con circolare 27000 in data 7 aprile c.a.-

Nel segnalare anche a cotesta Divisione Tecnica le ragioni che non mi permettono di accudire con serietà d'intenti e con esito almeno soddisfacente al lavoro affidatomi, soggiungo che - se mantenuto l'ordine - farò quanto le mie possibilità mi consentiranno.

2.- Per quel conto che cotesta Direzione Generale crederà tenerne, soggiungo che a mio subordinato parere il semplice esame delle richieste, la determinazione dei quantitativi che si presumono necessari e sufficienti per la esecuzione delle riparazioni e la precisazione se per le parti domandate è previsto il rifornimento da fonte alleata o se - invece - si dovrà provvedere all'allestimento, non si risolve il complesso problema.-

Infatti:

a)- tenuto conto che ogni Parco Mobile divisionale (O.F.P.)e ogni sezione materiali tecnici (sezione di magazzino della officina mobile divisionale) sono teoricamente dotati di ricambi necessari e sufficienti per far fronte alle normali necessità,(Scaling) si rende necessario seguire dette reali necessità per fare in modo che lo "scaling" risponda ad esse,-

b)- L'esame delle richieste (indent) e l'accoglimento parziale o totale di esse - a prescindere da ogni altra considerazione - deve essere subordinata alla situazione di fatto (disponibilità presso il deposito base) e deve fornire elementi di giudizio per l'aggiornamento dello "scaling" del predetto deposito base.

Ora, se non si pongono le condizioni della parte prima di ci-

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

(Rif.f.n.50283/5 A/41/DT del 25/7/46)

e, per conoscenza:

ALL'A.D.M.E.-H.Q. LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION (MMIA)= R O M A =

ALL'A.D.O.S.-H.Q. LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION (MMIA)= R O M A =

1.- Premetto che alla Divisione Motorizzazione di codesta Direzione Generale ho indirizzata la lettera che allego in copia, per rappresentare la mia impossibilità - nelle attuali condizioni -di attendere al lavoro di coordinamento di cui all'incarico affidatomi con circolare 27000 in data 7 aprile c.a.-

Nel segnalare anche a codesta Divisione Tecnica le ragioni che non mi permettono di accudire con serietà d'intenti e con esito almeno soddisfacente al lavoro affidatomi, soggiungo che - se mantenuto l'ordine - farò quanto le mie possibilità mi consentiranno.

2.- Per quel conto che codesta Direzione Generale crederà tenerne, soggiungo che a mio subordinato parere il semplice esame delle richieste, la determinazione dei quantitativi che si presumono necessari e sufficienti per la esecuzione delle riparazioni e la precisazione se per le parti domandate è previsto il rifornimento da fonte alleata o se - invece - si dovrà provvedere all'allestimento, non si risolve il complesso problema.-

Infatti:

a)- tenuto conto che ogni Parco Mobile divisionale (O.F.P.)e ogni sezione materiali tecnici (sezione di magazzino delle officina mobile divisionale) sono teoricamente dotati di ricambi necessari e sufficienti per far fronte alle normali necessità,(Scaling) si rende necessario seguire dette reali necessità per fare in modo che lo "scaling" risponda ad esse;-

b)- L'esame delle richieste (indent) e l'accoglimento parziale o totale di esse - a prescindere da ogni altra considerazione - deve essere subordinata alla situazione di fatto (disponibilità presso il deposito base) e deve fornire elementi di giudizio per l'aggiornamento dello "scaling" del predetto deposito base.

Ora, se non si conosce la consistenza delle parti presso il citato deposito, è verosimilmente impossibile esprimere un fondato giudizio sulle richieste stesse.-

c) Le richieste (indent) delle varie Unità e la consistenza presso il deposito base sono elementi indispensabili per poter determinare - con fondatezza di dati - qualità e quantità dei particolari da approvvigionare.-

..//..//..

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 1-402/NNDC NO. 785020

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

In sintesi, a mio modesto parere se non si crea un organo coordinatore che agisca in unione e per conto dell'Autorità Centrale, e che in nome e per conto di quest'ultima abbia in suo potere i necessari elementi di giudizio per coordinare davvero l'andamento degli approvvigionamenti e delle riparazioni, si avranno sempre organismi slegati che funzioneranno caoticamente e non si avrà mai, di conseguenza, azione coordinata che garantisca il regolare funzionamento del servizio fondato su elementi probatori.-

DIVISIONE FANTERIA "LEGNANO" * COMANDO *

IL MAGGIORE CAPO UFF.AUTO INCARICATO M.G.
- Pietro Catalano -

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

(136)

COPY

TRANSLATION

Ref: 50818/TT/5a-41

FROM : Ministry of War

Date: 7-8-46

TO : 10 Mil Terr Command Naples

INFO : M.M.I.A. Rome
Arms Factory Terni.

SUBJECT : Release of Technical Equipment.

1. The technical Equipment as per appendix "A" has been released by 16 Base Workshops Naples, and is actually dumped at 10 B.L.U. H.Q.

Authority letter GHQ 8159/01 of 16/5/46
" " GHQ DOS 7209 of 10-7-46.

See (105)

2. This equipment is composed of:

Serial No	Articles	Quantity
1	Armourers Tool	as per appendix "A"

and must be immediately sent ro Arms Factory of Terni.

3. The Arms Factory of Terni is in charge of the distribution of this technical equipment (intended for Br. Arm repairs) in proportion with the weapons held by the following units and in respect of their needs

Central Military School
C.A.R.
Internal Security Division
Non divisioned Regts.

For the Minister
P.C. Properzj

Certified to be a true copy

for Chief Director of Division
(Fuscaldi Lt.Col.)

See 13 filed Corr

R-mt

6770 Regt
19th Aug

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

0 25 (135)

SUBJECT :- Repairs to Weapons of Allied Manufacture.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
R.C.N.N.
(M.E.I.A.)
MS/25/135

16 Aug 46

TO :- LUCIANO Inf. Div. HQ
(for Maj CATALANO).

See (158)

(126)

1. With further reference to your letter 07/4524 dated 3 Aug 46, we would advise you that our MS/25/112 dated 27 July 46 was addressed to you on the instructions and approval of ADME, M.E.I.A.

(117)

2. Our letter in no way infers that your request has met with disapproval or that communication with ADME is no longer possible.

3. The information you send us is always of assistance and wherever possible action is taken, but when the matter concerns questions of policy, as in this instance, it is considered by this HQ that the views of the Ministry of War are required before any definite line of action can be given.

4. The matter is under discussion with the Ministry of War, and directly their decision has been obtained you will be advised.

Assistant Director of Mechanical Engineering.
Lt. Col.
(absent on Duty)

6769

WJP/ac

File

Rec'd Aug 16

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

134

SUBJECT: 17 Pdr. No. L/1026.

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel : ROME 489081 Ext: 545)

Rome.

AFA/3.

12 August 1946.

RECEIVED 12.2013 AUG 1946

To : Comdt. School of Artillery.

Copy to: Comdr. 12 B. L. U.

D.A.D.M.E.
H.Q.
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. C.C.I.A.

Reference your 05/341 dated 13 June '46.

It appears that the damage refers to the trail legs.

Will you please note that the Carriage Reg No. is seldom the same as the Reg No. of the gun, and in any cases of repair required to the Carriage, the Reg No. of the Carriage should be used.

Will you please confirm that L/1026 is indeed the Carriage Reg No.

With reference to the repair required, I am informed that Piacenza Arsenal is not yet ready to receive work and it is regretted that until this Arsenal can deal with it, the work must wait.

Major R.E.M.E.
D.A.D.M.E.

6768

AFT/mc

Regd.
15 August.

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

(133)

SUBJECT : Armoured Course

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel : ROME 489081 Ext 545)

Rome.

ARMO/1

12 August 1946

To : A.D.M.E.
M.M.I.A.

Copy to :
Comdr 12 B.L.U.

RECEIVED 13 AUG 1946 (DATE) 1269

I am informed by Commanding Officer of Batteria Meccanici e Operai d'Artiglieria, that in October next there will be commencing a course for 150 students for training as Armourers.

The following observations arise:

1. There are only six armourer instructors. Therefore at least nine more instructors will be required.

2. The following arms will be required in the quantities shown to augment those already at the school.

Arm.		In possession	Required
Thompson S.M.G.		6	6
Sten.		NIL	6
Bren.		2	4
Pistol Revolver : -38-in/45-in		1	5
Mortars	2-in	NIL	6
	3-in	"	6
	4.2-in	"	6
	PIAT	"	6
Mortars - Gauges testing straightness of Bore		"	2-in.1 3-in.1 4.2-in.1

Action - Passed to 650 II (Training) 16/8

6767

Major R.E.M.E.
D.A.D.M.E.

Rec'd 15 Aug

Unclassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

131

TRANSLATION

From: "Legnano"Inf.Div.HQ
To : MMIA

Ref: 007/III
Date I/8/46

Subject: Spares for Allied weapons. - 137 — 116

I. Further to my letter 007/102 today's date addressed to the M.I. Art.Gen.Dir. technical department and for information to your ADME.

2. I refer to the last para of letter 50283/DT which the a/m technical department sent to divisional C.M.E. and to myself and your A.D.M.E. for information.

3. In order that - within the limits of my possibilities - I may comply with ministerial orders (should said orders be maintained despite difficulties pointed out) please inform me:
a)- whether and for which spares I can rely on Allied supply;
b)- the procedure for submitting the requests (making out of indents and the Allied Authorities to whom they must be sent);
c)- whether and for what period will supply be maintained, or whether and for how long can I rely on same;
d)- whether - on the contrary - I must arrange for manufacture of said spares through Italian manufacturers;
e)- whether it is still forbidden to manufacture some of the spares and whether Allied Authorities arrange supply and by what procedure.

sgd. Catalano
Maj.

DAK

San 155

6766

Regd. 17th July

COMANDO DIVISIONE DI FANTERIA "LEGNANO"
- Ufficio Automobilistico -

n.007/111 di prot. Bergamo, 1 agosto 1946

Oggetto: Ricambi per armi alleate.-

ALL'A.D.M.E. - H.Q. LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION (MMIA) = R O M A =
e, per conoscenza:
ALL'A.D.C.S. - H.Q. LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION (MMIA) = R O M A =

1.- A seguito mia lettera odierna n.007/102 diretta alla Divisione tecnica della Direzione Generale Artiglieria e Motorizzazione e per conoscenza a codesto A.D.M.E.

2.- Mi riporto all'ultimo comma della lettera n.50283/DT che la citata Divisione Tecnica ha diretto ai C.M.E. divisionali e per conoscenza a me ed a cotesto A.D.M.E.-

3.- Perchè - nei limiti delle mie possibilità - possa ottemperare all'ordine ministeriale (nel caso che detto ordine venga mantenuto malgrado le rappresentate difficoltà) prego volermi precisare:

a)-Se e per quali parti di ricambio posso contare sul rifornimento alleato;
b)-Le norme alle quali devo attenermi per l'inoltro delle richieste (compilazione di indent ed autorità alleata alla quale devo farli tenere);
c)-Se e per quale periodo viene mantenuto il rifornimento, ovvero se e da quanto posso contare su di esso;
d)-Se - in caso negativo - devo provvedere all'allestimento di dette parti a mezzo della indrustria italiana;
e)-Se è mantenuto il divieto di costruzione di alcune delle parti e se per esse provvede al rifornimento l'autorità alleata e con quali modalità.-

IL MAGG.CAPO UFF.AUTO INCARICATO M.G.
- Pietro Catalano -

DIVISIONE FANTERIA "LEGNANO" * COMANDO *

6765

4.40

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNNC NO. 785020

COMMISSION (MIL) =R O M A=

1.- A seguito mia lettera odierna n.007/102 diretta alla Divisione tecnica della Direzione Generale Artiglieria e Motorizzazione e per conoscenza a codesto A.D.M.E.

2.- Mi riporto all'ultimo comma della lettera n.50283/DT che la citata Divisione Tecnica ha diretto ai C.M.E. divisionali e per conoscenza a me ed a cotesto A.D.M.E.-

3.- Perchè - nei limiti delle mie possibilità - possa ottemperare all'ordine ministeriale (nel caso che detto ordine venga mantenuto malgrado le rappresentate difficoltà) prego volermi precisare:

a)-Se e per quali parti di ricambio posso contare sul rifornimento alleato;
b)-Le norme alle quali devo attenermi per l'inoltro delle richieste (compilazione di indent ed autorità alleata alla quale devo farli tenere);
c)-Se e per quale periodo viene mantenuto il rifornimento, ovvero se e da quanto posso contare su di esso;
d)-Se - in caso negativo - devo provvedere all'allestimento di dette parti a mezzo della indrustria italiana;
e)-Se è mantenuto il divieto di costruzione di alcune delle parti e se per esse provvede al rifornimento l'autorità alleata e con quali modalità.-

IL MAGG.CAPO UFF.AUTO INCARICATO M.G.
- Pietro Catalano -

DIVISIONE FANTERIA "LEGNANO" COMANDO

6765

Translation
Priority 2
H.Q. Inspector Dept Cap.
12/8

4,40
Date 12/8
45 1200
12/8

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

M3/25

130

TRANSLATION

From:- "Legnano" Inf.Div.H.Q. Ref No: 07/4505

To:- 67th Inf.Regt.H.Q.
MMIA for information

Date:- 30 July 46

Subject:- Weapons to be cleared from 3rd line workshops declared B.L.R. by the "Legnano" ~~D.C.~~ M.M.W.D.

1.) We forward the undermentioned AFG 1043 - in triplicate - regarding weapons belonging to your Regiment, declared B.L.R. by the Mobile Workshop Directorate:

AFG.1043 No.167/A for one rifle, No.138158, belonging to H.Q. Coy of 3 Bn.

AFG.1043 No.168/A for two rifles, Nos.RE 224313 and E 277480, belonging to 11 Coy. of 3 Bn.

AFG.1043 No.169/A for two rifles, Nos.OL.4536 and 6-7141, belonging to 15-th 76m/m Mortar Coy.

2.) The weapons - complete in every respect - should be sent as soon as possible - under escort and with transport supplied by you - to the Army Arms Factory at Gardone V.Trompia for the necessary repairs.

3.) The F.A.R.E. (Army Arms Factory) is requested to:
a) Keep - with the weapons - a copy of AFG.1043;
b) Send a copy of AFG.143 to the representative of the Regt.which will forward said copy to the unit concerned in order that the weapons be struck off ~~strength~~ charge.
c) Send a copy to the ~~writer~~ office.

4) The FARE is requested to take the weapons on charge and - after repairs have been carried out - to store them at the disposal of the Ministry for their re-distribution.

5.) We think it advisable to recommend:
a) the necessity of sending the weapons complete in every respect;
b) that care be taken for their packing and transport(we advise you to pack them in crates).
c) that they are cleaned before being dispatched;
d) that no part is exchanged from one weapon to another - especially the bolts - as with weapons of Allied maufacture, said exchanges hinder their correct working.

Regd
10 Aug.

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

6.) The General Directorate of Artillery and M.T. is kindly requested to issue to the Regt. a similar quantity of weapons.

sgd. Pietro Catalano
Major

UR

Cs

COMANDO DIVISIONE DI FANTERIA "LEGNANO"

Ufficio Automobilistico

N° 07/ 4505 di prot. Bergamo, li 30 luglio 1946

OGGETTO: Armi da sgomberare su stabilimenti di 3ª linea (B.L.R.) dichiarate tali dalla D.O.M. "LEGNANO"

AL COMANDO 67° REGGIMENTO FANTERIA MILANO

e, per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Direzione Generale Artiglieria e Motorizzazione
Divisione Tecnica ROMA

ALL' A.D.M.B. (Military Mission Italian Army M.M.I.A. ROMA

ALLA DIREZIONE FABBRICA D'ARMI GARDONE V.TROMPIA (Brescia)

ALLA'UFFICIO DI COMMISSARIATO "LEGNANO" BERGAMO

ALLA DIREZIONE OFFICINA MOBILE "LEGNANO" PONTE S.PIETR
(Rif.f.2807 e 2849 del 12 e 15 corr.)

1°) Si trasmettono i sottonotati A.F.G.1043 - in triplice copia- relativi ad armi di cotesto Reggimento, dichiarate B.L.R. dalla dipendente Direzione Officina Mobile:
AFG.1043 N°167/A per N° 1 fucile matricola 138158 della compagnia comando del III° Battaglione;
AFG.1043 N°168/A per N°2 fucili matricola RE 224313 e E 277480 della 11ª compagnia del III° Battaglione;
AFG.1043 N°169/A per N°2 fucili matricola OL.4536 e 6-7141 della 15ª Compagnia Mortai da 76.

2°) Le armi in questione- complete in ogni loro parte e riunite in blocco - dovranno essere sollecitamente inviate - scortate da personale e con mezzi forniti da cotesto Reggimento - alla fabbrica d'Armi di Gardone V.Trompia per le necessarie riparazioni.

3°) La F.A.R.E. (fabbrica d'Armi R.E.) di Gardone V.Trompia è pregata di:
a)- trattenere - col materiale - una copia dell'A.F.G.1643;
b)- consegnare una copia dell'A.F.G.143 all'incaricato del reggimento che a cura di quell'ente verrà rimessa al reparto interessato per lo scarico;
c)- inviare una copia allo scrivente.

4°) La F.A.R.E. è pregata assumere in carico le armi e - a riparazione effettuata- è pregata accantonarle a disposizione del Ministero per la ridistribuzione.

5°) Si ritiene opportuno raccomandare:

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDG NO. 785020

(Rif.f.2807 e 2849 del 12 e 15 corr.)

1°) Si trasmettono i sottonotati A.F.G.1043 - in triplice copia- relativi ad armi di cotesto Reggimento, dichiarate B.L.R. dalla dipendente Direzione Officina Mobile:
AFG.1043 N°167/A per N° 1 fucile matricola 138158 della compagnia comando del III° Battaglione;
AFG.1043 N°168/A per N°2 fucili matricola RE 224313 e E 277480 della 11^ compagnia del III° Battaglione;
AFG.1043 N°169/A per N°2 fucili matricola OL.4536 e 6-7141 della 15^ Compagnia Mortai da 76.

2°) Le armi in questione- complete in ogni loro parte e riunite in blocco - dovranno essere sollecitamente inviate - scortate da personale e con mezzi forniti da cotesto Reggimento - alla fabbrica d'Armi di Gardone V.Trompia per le necessarie riparazioni.

3°) La F.A.R.E. (fabbrica d'Armi R.E.) di Gardone V.Trompia è pregata di:
a)- trattenere - col materiale - una copia dell'A.F.G.1043;
b)- consegnare una copia dell'A.F.G.143 all'incaricato del reggimento che a cura di quell'ente verrà rimessa al reparto interessato per lo scarico;
c)- inviare una copia allo scrivente.

4°) La F.A.R.E. è pregata assumere in carico le armi e - a riparazione effettuata- è pregata accantonarle a disposizione del Ministero per la ridistribuzione.

5°) Si ritiene opportuno raccomandare:
a)- la necessità di inviare le armi al completo di ogni loro parte;
b)- di curare l'imballaggio e trasporto (si consiglia di collocarle in casse);
c)- la pulizia all'atto della spedizione;

./.

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDG NO. 785020

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

d)- Si raccomanda di non scambiare parti tra arma e arma- specie l'otturatore - poichè nelle armi di fabbricazione allesta, tale scambio nuoce al buon funzionamento.

6°) S'interessa la cortesia della Direzione Generale Artiglieria e Motorizzazione compiacersi assegnare al reggimento altrettanti armi.

IL MAGGIORE CAPO UFFICIO AUTO
INCARICATO DEL M.G.
-Pietro Catalano-

DIVISIONE FANTERIA "LEGNANO" * COMANDO *

Reme.

129

SUBJECT :- Technical Equipment for Italian Army

10 British Liaison Unit
TORRE DEL GRECO
Tel : 55802 NAPLES
3 REME

9 Aug 46

ADME
Land Forces Sub Commission AC,
(MMIA) ROME

SC REME 6 BLU BOLOGNA

91

RECEIVED 12 AUG 1946

Ref your ME/25/91 dated 16 July 46.

1. The further consignment of Armourers tools, mentioned in the a/m letter, was collected from 16 Base Workshops on 26 July 46.

2. A full list of tools collected in this consignment is below.

Part No	Designation	Quantity Collected
BC3016	Bags Armourers SA MK I	25
3052	Braces " MK III	69
3056	Bits, Cleaning No 2	60
3495	Floats, Small	9
3506	Gauges Armourers .064 inch No 1	69
3515	" " .074 inch No 2	69
3519	Hammerpoint No 2	69
BD6458	Plug .301 inch	62
BC3560	Striker Point No 1	55
3606	Keys, Site	19
3632	Pincers Armourers	10
3925	Screwdrivers " Large	69
3926	" " Small	69
3929	Extractor Screw	69
3932	Screwdrivers Forked No 1	12
3933	" " " 2	1
3934	" " " 3	7
3966	Tools Bore Bushes	138
3968	" " Rods	3
4025	Cleaning Rods No 1	7
4029	" " " 4	18
4036	" Sticks	44
4045	Cramps No 1 MK II	60
4047	Tools, Spring Extractor No 1	69
4114	Vices, Parallel, Armourers	28

Sec Adm 88

6760

Section QZ

QB0720	Cartridges, SA, dummy .303 inch	60

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNBG NO. 785020

Ref your ME/25/91 dated 16 July 46.

1. The further consignment of Armourers tools, mentioned in the a/m letter, was collected from 16 Base Workshops on 26 July 46.

2. A full list of tools collected in this consignment is below.

Part No	Designation	Quantity Collected
BC3016	Bags Armourers SA MK I	25
3052	Braces " MK III	69
3056	Bits, Cleaning No 2	60
3495	Floats, Small	9
3506	Gauges Armourers .064 inch No 1	69
3515	" " .074 inch No 2	69
3519	Hammerpoint No 2	69
BD6458	Plug .301 inch	62
BC3560	Striker Point No 1	55
3606	Keys, Site	19
3632	Pincers Armourers	10
3925	Screwdrivers " Large	69
3926	" " Small	69
3929	Extractor Screw	69
3932	Screwdrivers Forked No 1	12
3933	" " " 2	1
3934	" " " 3	7
3966	Tools Bore Bushes	138
3968	" " Rods	3
4025	Cleaning Rods No 1	7
4029	" " " 4	18
4036	" Sticks	44
4045	Cramps No 1 MK II	60
4047	Tools, Spring Extractor No 1	69
4114	Vices, Parallel, Armourers	28

6760

Section QZ

QB0720	Cartridges, SA, dummy .303 inch	60

3. Ref our 3 REME dated 17 July 46, the following items are now no longer deficient, having been collected.

18725	BSF Set No 1	2 Sets
18726	BSF Set No 2	1 Set
18911	BSW Set No 1	2 Sets
18912	BSW Set No 2	1 Set
18913	BSW Set No 3	1 Set
18455	Taps - Screwcutting - ANC - Taper 9/16	1
14571	Gauges - Dial	1

W.J.R. Hill
Capt
REME

Regd 12 August

GMF
WSR/av

Sec Also 86

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNBG NO. 785020

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

MS 12 (127)

TRANSLATION

From:- "Legnano" Infantry Div. H.Q. Ref No: 07/4506

To:- 68 Infantry Regt H.Q.
MMIA for info

Date: 30 July 46

Subject:- Weapons declared B.L.R. by "Legnano" D.O.M. to be sent to 3rd Line establishmen$s.

1°) We forward AFG 1043 No.170/A- in triplicate copy - in respect of rifle No.9422, belonging to your stores, declared B.LR. by your Mobile Workshop Directorate.

2) The a/m rifle- complete in every respect- will be sent to the Arms Factory at Gardone V.Trompia for the necessary repairs.

3) F.A.R.E. (Army Arms Factory) at Gardone V.Trompia is requested to:
a) Keep - with the stores- a copy of AFG 1043;
b) Give a copy of the AFG 1043 to the Regimental Storeman who will forward it to the unit concerned;
c) Send a copy to the writer.

4) F.A.R.E. is requested to take the rifle on charge and - when repairs have been carried out - store it at the disposal of the Ministry for re-issue.

5) The rifle must be complete in every respect and will be cleaned before being sent.

6) We approach the General Artillery and M.T. Directorate to kindly allocate another rifle to the Regiment.

sgd. Catalano
Major

UR

675 Regol 9 Aug

Cs

COMANDO DIVISIONE DI FANTERIA "LEGNANO"

Ufficio Automobilistico

N° 67/4506 di prot. Bergamo, li 30 luglio 1946

OGGETTO: Armi da sgomberare su stabilimenti di 3^ linea(S.L.R.)dichiarate tali dalla D.S.M."Legnano"

Pene
BERGAMO

AL COMANDO 68° REGGIMENTO FANTERIA

e, per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Direzione Generale Artiglieria e Motorizzazione
Divisione Tecnica ROMA

ALL'A.D.M.E. Military Mission Italian Army (.M.M.I.A.) ROMA

ALLA DIREZIONE FABBRICA D'ARMI (Brescia) GARDONE V.TROMPIA
ALL'UFFICIO COMMISSARIATO "LEGNANO" BERGAMO
ALLA DIREZIONE OFFICINA MOBILE "LEGNANO" PONTE S.PIETRO
(Rif.2965 del 24 corrente)

^^^^^^

1°) Si trasmette l'AFG.1043 N° 170/A - in triplice copia- relativo al fucile matricola N 9422 del magazzino Materiali di cotesto Reggimento, dichiarato S.L.R. dalla dipendente Direzione Officina Mobile.

2°) Il fucile in questione - completo in ogni sua parte - dev'essere inviato alla Fabbrica d'Armi di Gardone V.Trompia per le necessarie riparazioni.

3°) La F.A.R.E. (Fabbrica d'Armi R.E.) di Gardone Val Trompia è pregata di:
a)- trattenere - col materiale- una copia dell'A.F.G.1043;
b)- consegnare una copia dell'A.F.G.1043 all'incaricato del reggimento che a cura di quell'ente verrà rimessa al reparto interessato per lo scarico;
c)- inviare una copia allo scrivente.

4°) La F.A.R.E. è pregata assumere in carico il fucile e - a riparazione effettuata - è pregata accantonarlo a disposizione del Ministero per la ridistribuzione.

5°) Il fucile dev'essere completo di ogni sua parte e pulito all'atto della spedizione.

6°) S'interessa la cortesia della Direzione Generale Artiglieria e Motorizzazione compiacersi assegnare al reggimento altro fucile.

IL MAGGIORE CAPO UFFICIO AUTO
INCARICATO DEL M.G.
-Pietro Catalano -

Translation
by 2 Capt

DIVISIONE FANTERIA "LEGNANO"

TRANSLATION 6753

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDG NO. 785020

dipendente Direzione Officine Lubrio.

2°) Il fucile in questione - completo in ogni sua parte - dev'essere inviato alla Fabbrica d'Armi di Gardone V.Trompia per le necessarie riparazioni.

3°) La F.A.R.E. (Fabbrica d'Armi R.E.) di Gardone Val Trompia è pregata di:
a)- trattenere - col materiale- una copia dell'A.F.G.1043;
b)- consegnare una copia dell'A.F.G.1043 all'incaricato del reggimento che a cura di quell'ente verrà rimessa al reparto interessato per lo scarico;
c)- inviare una copia allo scrivente.

4°) La F.A.R.E. è pregata assumere in carico il fucile e - a riparazione effettuata - è pregata accantonarlo a disposizione del Ministero per la ridistribuzione.

5°) Il fucile dev'essere completo di ogni sua parte e pulito all'atto della spedizione.

6°) S'interessa la cortesia della Direzione Generale Artiglieria e Motorizzazione compiacersi assegnare al reggimento altro fucile.

IL MAGGIONE CAPO UFFICIO AUTO
INCARICATO DEL M.G.
-Pietro Catalano -

DIVISIONE FANTERIA "LEGNANO" - COMANDO -

Translation
Priority
AGhuckingtan
7/c

TRANSMISSION 6753

IN 0900 Date 8/8
12
OUT 1200 8/8

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC No. 785020

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

10 Aug 46.

Copies of Polio's 106, 112 and 126
hand to War Ministry and Lt. Col Olivetti
asked for M/W policy regarding Small
Arms.
OLIVETTI stated that (a) Tompson Sub M.G would
be replaced by Beretta's (b) they wished
to make all spares for Rifles of Allied
Origin.
The War Ministry intends writing MMIA
for permission to manufacture spares.
OLIVETTI was asked to advise Maj CATALANO
of this decision with a copy to this
Office.

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

1204

ADE 135 MF/25 (126)

TRANSLATION

From:- "Legnano" Inf.Div.H.Q.
To:- MMIA

Ref No: 07/4524
Date: 3 August 46

Subject:- Spare parts for Allied made weapons

Reference letter ME/25/112 dated 27 July 46.

1.- I would point out that my letter 07/4136 dated 13 July 46 was not just for the purpose of informing your ADME of information received from the Army Arms Factory Detachment at Gardone Val Trompe; but rarther to;

a) Report that some rifles and Thompson S.M.Gs could not be repaired because they needed the barrels replacing;
b) Supply will have to be ordered from Allied sources.

2.- My request referred to in line two of previous para 1, originated from the following reasons:

a) Your MMIA's ADME previously informed me, when I was appointed by the Ministry to co-ordinate the repair and spare parts for Allied stores service, (and I informed the Ministry) that it was permitted to manufacture weapon spare parts in Italy, with the exception of barrels, bolts and mobile breaches;

b) Further to the above information and always on behalf of the Ministry, in the above mentioned letter I thought it advisable to inform your ADME as under:

" The Army Arms Factory Detachment at Gardone Val Trompe reports that it cannot repair some of the rifles and Thompson S.M.Gs because new barrelsa are required which it does not possess and which it is forbidden to maufacture by orders of ADME.

Please kindly inform me

1:- Whether this order still applies;
2.- If it does, what procedure must we follow in order to obtain said stores from Allied source;
3.- If we are unable to manufacture said parts or obtain them from Allied sources, it is obvious that we shall find ourselves in the uncomfortable position of having to gradually reduce the number of unrepairable weapons even to eliminating them entirely.

3.- Since in para 2 of your letter ME/25/112 you inform me that the matter represented a definate line of action which ~~not~~

6756

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

could not be taken until the Ministry has applied directly to your MMIA, I must take it that my request has not been approved.

If this is so, it means that I can no longer comunicate with your ADME as he himself had suggested.

I would appreciate further information on the matter

sgd. Pietro Cattalano
Major

UR

COMANDO DIVISIONE DI FANTERIA "L[illegible]NANO"
- Ufficio Automobilistico -
^^^^^^^^^^^^

Rome

n.07/4524 di prot. Bergamo, 3 agosto 1946

Oggetto: Ricambi per armi di fabbricazione alleata.-

ALL'ADME = H.Q.LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA) = R O M A =
(Rif.ME/25/112 del 27 luglio 1946)

"^"-"-"-"-"-"-"-"-"^"

1.- Preciso che la mia lettera n.07/4136 in data 13 luglio 1946 non aveva il semplice scopo di informare cotesto ADME in merito a quanto aveva comunicato il Distaccamento Fabbrica Armi Esercito di Gardone Val Trompia;ma bensì;

a) Segnalare che alcuni fucili ed alcuni Thompson non potevano essere riparati perchè riconosciuti abbisognevoli di sostituzione delle canne;

b) Richiedere che da fonte alleata venisse disposto il rifornimento.-

2.- La mia richiesta di cui al comma b) del precedente paragrafo 1), è stata originata dai seguenti motivi:

a) A suo tempo l'ADME di cotesta MMIA ebbe a comunicare a me, nella mia qualità di Incaricato del Ministero a coordinare il servizio riparazione e rifornimento ricambi per materiali alleati, (ed io ne ragguagliai il Ministero) che consentiva la costruzione in Italia dei ricambi per armi, ad eccezione delle canne, degli otturatori e delle culatte mobili;

b) In conseguenza della citata comunicazione e sempre nella mia qualità di incaricato del Ministero, con la citata lettera 07/4136 ho ritenuto opportuno dire a cotesto ADME quanto sintetizzo:

""Il Distaccamento Fabbrica Armi Esercito di Gardone Val Trompia segnala che non può riparare alcuni fucili e Thompson perchè deve sostituire le canne che non possiede e che non può costruire perchè l'ADME ha posto il divieto.

""Compiacetevi comunicarmi:

""(i) se il divieto è mantenuto;

""(ii) in caso affermativo, quale procedura dobbiamo seguire per ottenere detto materiale da fonte alleata;

""(iii) se non si potranno costruire dette parti od ottenerle da fonte alleata, è ovvio che ci verremo a tovare nella ineluttabile condizione di dovere ridurre a poco a poco il numero delle armi perchè non riparabili, sino ad eliminarle del tutto"".-

3.- Poichè al n.2 della lettera ME/25/112 cotesto ADME mi comunica che la questione rappresenta una definitiva linea di condotta per cui non è possibile rispondere sino a quando il Ministero non si rivolge direttamente a cotesta MMIA, debbo pensare che non è ritenuta valida la mia richiesta. 6954

Ma se così è, vuol dire che io non posso più comunicare con cotesto ADME come egli stesso mi aveva suggerito di fare.-

Sarò grato di una precisazione che mi varrà di norma.-

TRANSLATION

[illegible]AGG CAPO UFF AUTO

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

a) Segnalare che alcuni fucili ed alcuni Thompson non potevano essere riparati perchè riconosciuti abbisognevoli di sostituzione delle canne;
b) Richiedere che da fonte alleata venisse disposto il rifornimento.-

2.- La mia richiesta di cui al comma b) del precedente paragrafo 1), è stata originata dai seguenti motivi:
a) A suo tempo l'ADME di cotesta MMIA ebbe a comunicare a me, nella mia qualità di Incaricato del Ministero a coordinare il servizio riparazione e rifornimento ricambi per materiali alleati, (ed io ne ragguagliai il Ministero) che consentiva la costruzione in Italia dei ricambi per armi, ad eccezione delle canne, degli otturatori e delle culatte mobili;
b) In conseguenza della citata comunicazione e sempre nella mia qualità di incaricato del Ministero, con la citata lettera 07/4136 ho ritenuto opportuno dire a cotesto ADME quanto sintetizzo:
""Il Distaccamento Fabbrica Armi Esercito di Gardone Val Trompia segnala che non può riparare alcuni fucili e Thompson perchè deve sostituire le canne che non possiede e che non può costruire perchè l'ADME ha posto il divieto.
""Compiacetevi comunicarmi:
""(i) se il divieto è mantenuto;
""(ii) in caso affermativo, quale procedura dobbiamo seguire per ottenere detto materiale da fonte alleata;
""(iii) se non si potranno costruire dette parti od ottenerle da fonte alleata, è ovvio che ci verremo a tovare nella ineluttabile condizione di dovere ridurre a poco a poco il numero delle armi perchè non riparabili, sino ad eliminarle del tutto"".-

3.- Poichè al n.2 della lettera ME/25/112 cotesto ADME mi comunica che la questione rappresenta una definitiva linea di condotta per cui non è possibile rispondere sino a quando il Ministero non si rivolge direttamente a cotesta MMIA, debbo pensare che non è ritenuta valida la mia richiesta.
Ma se così è, vuol dire che io non posso più comunicare con cotesto ADME come egli stesso mi aveva suggerito di fare.-
Sarò grato di una precisazione che mi varrà di norma.-

6154

MAGG.CAPO UFF.AUTO INCARICATO M.G.
Pietro Catalano -

DIVISIONE FANTERIA "LEGNANO" COMANDO

TRANSLATION
IN 1500 Date 8/8
OUT 1720 8/8

Translation 2
Priority 2.
A Chaskridge Capt
8/8.

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC No. 785020

Unclassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

122

TRANSLATION

From: M.of W.

Ref: 49744/DT
5a - 41

To : Turin Arty Arsenal Section
MMIA (for information)
ADDRESSEES for info.

Date: 31/7/46

Subject: Manufacture of WORK Thompson MMG ~~sheets.~~

Ref. Letter N: 40/20894 dated 15-7-46.

The manufacture of spare weapon parts for the repair of individual weapons on issue to Infantry Division has been entrusted to the two above Establishments.

~~Please inform the weapon Factory Section at Gardone V.T. of the above order.~~

Please forward the afn order to the Factory Section at Gardone V.T. —

sgd. Properzi
Gen.

DAK

6753

Regt.
2nd. August.

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
DIREZIONE GENERALE ARTIGLIERIA E MOTORIZZ.NE

N. 49744/DT 5a - 41 di prot. Roma, 31 LUG 946

OGGETTO: Costruzione di casse per mitra Thompson.

Risp. al f° n. 40/20894 del 15-7-46

ALLA SEZIONE ARSENALE ARTIGLIERIA — TORINO —

e, per conoscenza:

AL COM. DIV. FANT. "LEGNANO" — BERGAMO —
ALLA FABBRICA D'ARMI — [illegible] —
ALLA SEZIONE FABBRICA D'ARMI — GARDONE V.T. —
ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (MMIA) — ROMA —

L'allestimento di parti di armi per la riparazione delle armi individuali in dotazione alle Divisioni di Fanteria è affidata ai due Stabilimenti in indirizzo.

Si interessa trasmettere il suddetto ordine alla Sezione di Fabbrica d'Armi di Gardone V.T.-

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
F.to (Gen.P.G.Properzj)

P.C.C.
IL DIRETTORE CAPO DIVISIONE.
(Col.A.Avallone)

Translation Private 2. Schaetzel Corp Orig 1st.

Servol Fusaldi

TRANSLATION 6752
IN 77 OUT
Time 17.00 Date 8-8-46
Time 1200 2/8

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

(12)

TRANSLATION

FROM: "Legnano" Inf. Div. HQ. REF: 07/4382

TO : M.M.I.A. DATE: 26.7.46

SUBJECT: Proposal for the formation of a W/Shop for the repairs and inspection of individual and automatic weapon.

(113)

For your information, it is stated that, in letter N° 30570/54/Dt dated 15 inst., the M. of W. made a negative decision regarding the proposal for the formation of a W/Shop for the repairs and inspection of individual and automatic weapon, contained in letter N° 07/3102 dated 28/5/46 of this office.

(56)

Sgd. CATALANO
Maj.

6751.

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

R ME

COMANDO DIVISIONE DI FANTERIA "LEGNANO"
- Ufficio Automobilistico -

n.07/4382 di prot.

Bergamo, 26 luglio 1946

Oggetto: Proposta di costituzione di auto officina per riparazioni ed ispezioni armi individuali ed automatiche.-

ALL'ADME H.Q. LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA) = ROMA =

e, per conoscenza:

ALL'SC REME = 6° B.L.U. = BOLOGNA =

Comunico, per loro conoscenza, che con dispaccio n.38578/5a/Dt. in data 19 corr. il Ministero della Guerra ha deciso in senso negativo in merito alla proposta costituzione di un'autofficina per riparazione ed ispezione armi individuali ed automatiche contenuta nel foglio n.07/3102 del 28/5/1946 di questo Comando.-

Translation: Priority 2. Hathockridge Capt. 1.8.46

DIVISIONE FANTERIA LEGNANO * COMANDO *

MAGG.CAPO UFF.AUTO INCARICATO M.G. 6750
- Pietro Catulano -

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNBC NO. 785020

LRCE V NEEV NR1SS ME/25 Rome

FROM:- 19 P I U 26 1330
TO :- A M E NO MMIA ROME
BT

REMES (.) U/C (.) REF ARMOURERS TOOLS (.) ORD OFFR THIS LIU
STATES THAT PRICE VOUCHERS NEED SIGNATURE OF ITI OFFR IN WHICH
CASE ALL STORES COLLECTED ON ITI NEED RECHECKING BY HIM (.)
GNO LETTER STATES NOTHING ABOUT ITI OFFRS SIGNATURE (.)
PLEASE STATE MMIA POLICY ON THIS ALSO ON DISTRIBUTION OF VOUCHES
AT DIFFERENT AUTHORITIES STATE DIFFERENT DISTRIBUTIONS (.)
PLEASE TREAT AS URGENT
BT
SENT NR1SS G. P. O. 0800
RR NR196 , 2220/26/8 THM 91

Sec 1/8

11/27 SIGNALS 278

3rd Copy to Depot

30/7/46

29/7/46. 67

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

When Hist officer
checks this record
Station Officer should order
same.
Station Officer keeps
No 3 Copy which
will be returned to
Depot.
Capt Clark will get
destruction of worksheet

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

25

119

SUBJECT : Maintenance of British Weapons.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
ME/25/119
30 July.'46.

TO: Mob. 6 BWD.

Further to our ME/25/57 dated 14 June.'46 addressed to the Ministry of War, and your ME./74 dated 19 July.'46.

1. For your information we enclose copies of the Ministry of War letter reference 18s78/D.T. 5a. dated 19 July '46, and our reply reference ME/25/111 dated 27 June '46.

W.J. FRANKLIN. Major.
DADME.
FOR Lt. Col.
Assistant Director of Mechanical Engineering.
M.M.I.A.

WJF/mt.

6748

Dep 31/7/46

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

075 0

118

N.M.I.Ae

20 [illegible] B.

10. BLU

EN/75/113

UNCLASSIFIED

FOR EBE (.) ART SIGNAL GENE 3 DATED 26 JUIY AND AINOUNCE TOOLS (.) MIN OF WAR WILL GIVE DISPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS AND WHEN TOOLS COLLECTED ITI OFFICER SHOULD CHECK AND SIGN VOUCHERS (.) REFER TO LETTER REF G/151 DATED 25 JULY 46 FOR DISTRIBUTION OF VOUCHERS (.) ACK

6747

ROUTINE
R.E.M.E.

W.J. FRANKLIN, Maj.

Rly30/7/46

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

RITE OF

Reme

LROT N MELY 197
TROM 19 E.L.U.
TO A.D.M.E. MC ARTHA FORCE
BT
REMEB. U/C. 125/135 OF 25 JULY • NEWGUITA ACK •
REF YOUR ME 125/135 OF 25 JULY • NEWGUITA ACK •
BT
SENT GSE HR 2250 B 1
RD TFH

RECEIVED 27 JUL 1946
2877

ME 25 273

6746

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

116

TRANSLATION

From: M.of W.

Ref: 50283/DT
5a - 41

To : See Addresses
MMIA (for information)

Date: 25/7/46

Subject: Maintainance of British weapons.

The addressees are kindly requested to forward to Legnano Inf. Div. MT Office, the list of the spare parts required by them for the maintainance of British weapons issued to the said Divisions.

M.T. Office will examine said lists and on the basis of the elements in its possession will decide on which and how many spare parts must be practically distributed to the C.E.M. -

On completion of this examination M.T. Office will report to this Ministry the quantity of spare parts required and will point out which can be supplied by Allied Authorities and which on the contrary must be constructed.

6745

sgd. Avallone
Col.

J.T

Sec 141

Reg 29/7/46

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
DIREZIONE GENERALE ARTIGLIERIA E MOTORIZZAZIONE
Divisione Tecn.A.C. Sez.2ª

Prot. 50283 /DT
5a-41

Roma, 25 LUG 1946

OGGETTO : Manutenzione armi britanniche -

Rome.

AI C.M.M. DELLE DIVISIONI DI FANTERIA "LEGNANO" = BERGAMO =
"MANTOVA" = VARESE =
"FOLGORE" = FIRENZE =
"FRIULI" = LIVORNO =
"CREMONA" = TORINO =

per conoscenza;
ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. M.M.I.A. = ROMA =
AL CAPO DELL'UFFICIO AUTOMOBILISTICO DELLA
Divisione Fanteria "LEGNANO" = BERGAMO =

Gli Enti in indirizzo sono invitati ad inoltrare all'Ufficio Automobilistico della Div.di Fant."Legnano", le note delle parti di ricambio di cui abbisognano per la manutenzione delle armi britanniche, in dotazione alle rispettive Divisioni.-

L'ufficio automobilistico avanti citato prenderà in esame tali note ed in base agli elementi di giudizio in suo possesso determinerà quali e quante delle parti richieste sono effettivamente da distribuire ai C.M.M.-

Compiuto tale esame il detto Ufficio riferirà a questo Ministero specificando la specie, ed il quantitativo per specie, di parti che costituiscono il detto fabbisogno e preciserà per quali di dette parti si prevede un rifornimento da parte delle autorità alleate e per le quali, invece, si dovrà provvedere all'allestimento.-

IL DIRETTORE CAPO DIVISIONE
(Col.A.Avellone)

6744

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

O 25

(115)

TRANSLATION

FROM: Legnano Inf. Div. HQs.

REF: 07/4025

DATE: 15/7/46

TO : 6 B.L.U.
M.M.I.A. for info.

DUPLICATE COPY

SUBJECT: Maintenance and repairs to weapons.
(ref. your EME/74/20 dated 14 inst.)

Su Foglio (100)

No Action Set 100 - 56

1. - As known, in my letter Nº 07/3102, addressed for information also to you (copy attached for easy guidance) I proposed the formation of the service in question.

2. - I am informed that said propodal is still being studied by the Technical Division (Col. Avellone) of the General Directorate of Artillery and Motorization of the Ministry of War.

3. - In my opinion it is necessary to hasten the matter so that it my be settled.

Sgd. CATALANO
Maj.

G.E

29/7/46

Ra

COMANDO DIVISIONE DI FANTERIA "LEGNANO"
- Ufficio Automobilistico -

Reme.

n.07/ 4025 di prot. Bergamo, 15 luglio 1946

Oggetto: Manutenzione e riparazione armi.-

ALL'S.C. REME = 6° B.L.U. = BOLOGNA =
(Rif.EME/74/20 del 17 corr.)
e, per conoscenza:
ALL'ADME HQ.LAND FORCES SUB-COMM.,A.C.(M.M.I.A.)
Tramite REME BRANCH 3° B.L.U. = R O M A =

1.- Com'è noto, con mia lettera n.07/3102 trasmessa per conoscenza anche a cotesto S.C.REME e che a buon fine allego in copia,ebbi ad inoltrare regolare proposta per la istituzione del servizio in oggetto.

2.- Mi risulta che essa è ancora allo studio presso la Divisione Tecnica (Col.Avallone) della Direzione Generale Artiglieria e Motorizzazione del Ministero della Guerra.-

3.- A mio parere necessita sollecitare il predetto Colonnello per la definizione della pratica.-

IL MAGG.CAPO UFF.AUTO INCARICATO M.G.
- Pietro Catalano -

DIVISIONE FANTERIA "LEGNANO" COMANDO

all letter
translation
Priority 2
Attn Christof Capt.
22/7

TOR
IN 0930
Date 22/7
77 6742
1700
OU 26/7

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDG NO. 785020

(Rif.EME/74/20 del 17 corr.)

e, per conoscenza:

ALL'ADME HQ.LAND FORCES SUB-COMM.,A.C.(M.M.I.A.)
Tramite REME BRANCH 3° B.L.U. = R O M A =

1.- Com'è noto, con mia lettera n.07/3102 trasmessa per conoscenza anche a cotesto S.C.REME e che a buon fine allego in copia,ebbi ad inoltrare regolare proposta per la istituzione del servizio in oggetto.

2.- Mi risulta che essa è ancora allo studio presso la Divisione Tecnica (Col.Avallone) della Direzione Generale Artiglieria e Motorizzazione del Ministero della Guerra.-

3.- A mio parere necessita sollecitare il predetto Colonnello per la definizione della pratica.-

IL MAGG.CAPO UFF.AUTO INCARICATO M.G.
- Pietro Catalano -

COMANDO

translation - all letters
Priority 2
Whitehead, Capt.
22/7

TRAN
IN
Date 22/7
0930
6742
1700
26/7

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

114

TRANSLATION

REF: 07/3102

FROM: Legnano Infantry Div. HQ.

DATE: 28th Maj 1946

TO : M. of W.
M.M.I.A. for info.

DUPLICATE COPY

SUBJECT: Proposal to form a workshop for the repair and inspection of individual and automatic weapons.

No action 22 56

Ref. ME/22/45 dated 17 inst.

1 - The British organization lays down the quarterly inspection on a/m arms.
This inspection is carried out by specialised personnel of Large Formations.

2 - I have for some time introduced such a system in the Legnano Div. with satisfactory results. I have, however, amended the procedure followed by the British Army, for the following reasons:

The British Inspector controls the degree of efficiency and the maintenance of weapons only; compilling a special report on completion of the inspection which is forwarded to the Div. HQs and, through that HQ, also to the unit concerned.

The inspector supplies also technical explanations which might be requested by units.

A similar procedure - at least during the first period- did not give me the results wished for on account of several obvious reasons. Hence, although drawing from the Mobile W/Shops equipment and tradesmen, I formed an M.T. W/shops having the following duties:-

a) inspection to weapons of the units, compilling the prescribed report:
b) make observations, suggesting and showing, how to operate in order to avoid their repetition;

6741

Reg 29/7/46

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

c) repair on the spot, weapons which can be repaired with the equipment at disposal (small and ~~[illegible]~~ repairs)
d) withdraw forth-with, the weapons requiring 2nd and 3rd line repairs and dispatch same to 2nd and 3rd line W/Shops.

3. - As far as I know, there is no similar organization in the other Divisions and in any case I do not think they are in a position to form same on account of lack of equipments and personnel.

4. - Apart from the fact that (in my opinion) it will be gradually necessary to form such an organization in each division, I believe it is most essential to form a service of counter-inspection with a view to ascertaining if and to what degree the divisional technical organization is functioning.

5. - In view of the above, I propose the formation (under my command) of a mobile M.T. workshop having the duties of visiting the various units and providing as per paras a) b) c) and d) of para 2 above.

Should you approve the proposal, I shall make it my duty to submit a detailed proposal for:-

a)- the equipment the M.T. workshop should have.
b)- the personnel required to staff it
c)- the task to be entrusted to the workshop in question

Sgd. CATALANO
Maj.

C.F.

6740

Ra C O P I A

COMANDO DIVISIONE DI FANTERIA "LEGNANO"
- Ufficio Automobilistico -

n.07/3102 di prot. Bergamo, 28 maggio 1946

Oggetto: Proposta di costituzione di autofficina per riparazione ed ispezione armi individuali e automatiche.-

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Direzione Generale Artiglieria e Motorizzazione
Divisione Tecnica = R O M A =

e, per conoscenza:

ADME = HQ. MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY (MMIA) = R O M A =
(Rif. ME/22/45 del 7 corr.)

SC REME = HQ. 6° B.L.U. = B O L O G N A =
(C.M.F.)

1.- L'organizzazione inglese prevede la ispezione trimestrale delle armi in oggetto che viene eseguita a mezzo di personale specializzato delle G.U.-

2.- Nella Divisione "Legnano" ho da tempo introdotto questo sistema ottenendone risultati veramente soddisfacenti.
Ho, però, modificato alquanto il criterio vigente nell'Esercito Inglese per le ragioni che appresso specifico.-

L'ispettore inglese si limita a controllare il grado di efficienza e manutenzione delle armi, facendo constatare l'esito di detta ispezione con apposito verbale che viene trasmesso al Comando della Divisione e - tramite il predetto Comando - anche alla Unità interessata.-

L'ispettore fornisce anche i chiarimenti tecnici che eventualmente vengono richiesti dai singoli reparti.-

Una simile procedura - almeno per il primo periodo - non mi ha offerto gli auspicati risultati per un complesso di ovvie ragioni perciò, sia pur sottraendo all'officina mobile attrezzature e personale specializzato, ho allestito un'autofficina col compito di:

a)- ispezionare le armi dei singoli reparti redigendone il prescritto verbale;
b)- porre in evidenza le manchevolezze riscontrate suggerendo e mostrando praticamente come operare per evitare che si ripetano;
c)- riparare in sito quelle armi che l'attrezzatura consente (piccole e medie riparazioni);
d)- ritirare senz'altro le armi che richiedono l'intervento di officina di 2^ e 3^ linea per sgomberarle sui predetti stabilimenti.-

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

IL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Direzione Generale Artiglieria e Motorizzazione
Divisione Tecnica — = R O M A =

e, per conoscenza:

ADME = HQ. MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY (MMIA) — = R O M A =
(Rif. ME/22/45 del 7 corr.)

SC REME = HQ. 6° B.L.U. — = B O L O G N A = (C.M.F.)

****

1.- L'organizzazione inglese prevede la ispezione trimestrale delle armi in oggetto che viene eseguita a mezzo di personale specializzato delle G.U.-

2.- Nella Divisione "Legnano" ho da tempo introdotto questo sistema ottenendone risultati veramente soddisfacenti.
Ho, però, modificato alquanto il criterio vigente nell'Esercito Inglese per le ragioni che appresso specifico.-

L'ispettore inglese si limita a controllare il grado di efficienza e manutenzione delle armi, facendo constatare l'esito di detta ispezione con apposito verbale che viene trasmesso al Comando della Divisione e - tramite il predetto Comando - anche alla Unità interessata.-

L'ispettore fornisce anche i chiarimenti tecnici che eventualmente vengono richiesti dai singoli reparti.-

Una simile procedura - almeno per il primo periodo - non mi ha offerto gli auspicati risultati per un complesso di ovvie ragioni perciò, sia pur sottraendo all'officina mobile attrezzature e personale specializzato, ho allestito un'autofficina col compito di:

a)- ispezionare le armi dei singoli reparti redigendone il prescritto verbale;
b)- porre in evidenza le manchevolezze riscontrate suggerendo e mostrando praticamente come operare per evitare che si ripetano;
c)- riparare in sito quelle armi che l'attrezzatura consente (piccole e medie riparazioni);
d)- ritirare senz'altro le armi che richiedono l'intervento di officina di 2^ e 3^ linea per sgomberarle sui predetti stabilimenti.-

67 [illegible]

3.- Non mi risulta che presso le altre Divisioni vi sia una organizzazione del genere e - comunque - ritengo che esse non siano in grado di attuarle per deficienza di attrezzature e di personale.

4.- A parte il fatto che - a mio avviso - gradatamente si dovrà pervenire ad una organizzazione del genere in ogni divisione, ritengo più che mai utile la istituzione di un servizio di contro-ispezione allo scopo di accertare se e sino a qual punto funziona l'organizzazione tecnica divisionale.-

..//..

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC No. 785020

5.- In conseguenza di quanto esposto, propongo di costituire e porre alla mia dipendenza un'autofficina mobile, alla quale dovrebbe essere commesso l'incarico di visitare le varie Unità e provvedere in conformità di quanto precisato ai comma a) - b) - c) e d) del paragrafo 2.-

Se cotesto Ministero approva la proposta in linea di massima, mi farò un dovere inoltrare proposta concreta per:

a)- l'attrezzatura che l'autofficina dovrebbe avere;
b)- il personale che dovrebbe essere chiamato a costituirla;
c)- i compiti che dovrebbero essergli demandati.-

IL MAGG.CAPO UFF.AUTO INCARICATO M.G.
F/to Pietro Catalano

P. C. C.
L'UFFICIALE ADDETTO ALL'UFF.AUTO
- Capitano F. Iorio -

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

0 1 2 1

TRANSLATION

FROM : M. of W. ME/25 REF.: 38578/DT 5a

TO : "Legnano" Inf. Div. HQs DATE: 19 July 1946

Action taken

SUBJECT : Proposal to form W/Shops for repairs and inspection of individual and automatic weapons.

See folio 111, 119

Reference your letter 07/3102, dated 28 May 46.

1 - The formation of an M.T. mobile W/Shop, entrusted with periodical inspection duties in order to ensure the degree of efficiency and maintenance of arms issued to units, and at the same time, arrange for small and medium repairs permitted by the equipment of said W/Shops, does not coincide with the existing policy which lays down that small repairs to arms issued to units, are carried out by the Chief Armourers and medium repairs are done by the Divisional W/Shop. Meanwhile, inspections to the arms in question, are carried out periodically by the Armourer Officer appointed for such duty.

The two duties, i.e. inspection and execution of repairs, which you propose to give to the M.T. Mobile W/Shops, cannot practically be done by the same unit, as this unit will have to carry out inspections to its own work.

Large Formation, tradesmen, entrusted with inspection duty, are therefore, given the duties referred to at sub-para a) and b) of para 2 of your letter 07/3102.

2 - As said above, small and medium repairs, by which it is meant replacement of broken or defective parts with 6738 parts in stock, the careful cleaning and the functioning control, with particular reference to wear and tear allowed,

Reg 26/7/46

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

are at present carried out (as Major Catalano confirmed) by chief armourers and by Div. W/Shops; thus: accomplishing the tasks mentioned in sub-para c) of the a/n letter.

3 - It is the duty of Div. W/Shops to dispatch arms requiring large repairs to factories; thus: accomplishing the duties mentioned in sub-para d) of para 2 of letter 07/3102 referred to above.

Even the SM, in its letter N. 3303/Ord/I, dated 30/6/46, does not agree with the formation of the Mobile W/Shops.

For the Minister
(sgd.) P. G. Properzj

FROM: M. of.W.
TO : MMIA

Ref.: 38578
Date: 19 July 1946

Reference your ME/25, dated 14/6/46.
The above is forwarded for information.

For the Minister
(sgd.) P. G. Properzj

G.E.

57

67-3

A/A

Ministero della Guerra

DIREZIONE GENERALE ARTIGLIERIA E MOTORIZZAZIONE
Divisione Tecn.A.C. Sez.2ª

Prot.n.38578/DT
5a

Roma, 19 LUG 1946

OGGETTO : Proposta di costituzione di auto officina per riparazioni ed ispezioni armi inviduali ed automatiche.-

****

AL COMANDO DIVISIONE FANTERIA "LEGNANO"
Ufficio Automobilistico

= BERGAMO =

Si fa riferimento al foglio 07/3102 del 28/5/46 di codesta Divisione.-

1° - La costituzione di una auto officina mobile per provvedere periodicamente ad una ispezione che accerti il grado di efficienza e di manutenzione delle armi in dotazione, e provveda, nel tempo stesso, alla esecuzione delle piccole e medie riparazioni che l'attrezzatura di detta officina potrebbe consentire; non risponde al concetto che in argomento, vige, ed in base al quale, le piccole riparazioni delle armi in dotazione sono eseguite dai capi armaioli, e le riparazioni medie dalle attuali officine divisionali;-mentre, le ispezioni a dette armi sono periodicamente compiute dall'ufficiale di armamento a ciò proposto.-

Le due funzioni; una di carattere ispettivo, e l'altra prevalentemente esecutiva, che si vorrebbero attribuire all'auto officina mobile, non possono logicamente essere riunite in uno stesso organismo, il quale sarebbe chiamato a compiere la ispezione al suo stesso operato.-

Al personale specializzato ispettivo dipendente dalle C.U.

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 1-402/NNRG NO. 785020

AL COMANDO DIVISIONE FANTERIA "LEGNANO"
Ufficio Automobilistico

= BERGAMO =

Si fa riferimento al foglio 07/3102 del 28/5/46 di codesta Divisione.-

1° - La costituzione di una auto officina mobile per provvedere periodicamente ad una ispezione che accerti il grado di efficienza e di manutenzione delle armi in dotazione, e provveda, nel tempo stesso, alla esecuzione delle piccole e medie riparazioni che l'attrezzatura di detta officina potrebbe consentire; non risponde al concetto che in argomento, vige, ed in base al quale, le piccole riparazioni delle armi in dotazione sono eseguite dai capi armaioli, e le riparazioni medie dalle attuali officine divisionali;-mentre, le ispezioni a dette armi sono periodicamente compiute dall'ufficiale di armamento a ciò proposto.-

Le due funzioni; una di carattere ispettivo, e l'altra prevalentemente esecutiva, che si vorrebbero attribuire all'auto officina mobile, non possono logicamente essere riunite in uno stesso organismo, il quale sarebbe chiamato a compiere la ispezione al suo stesso operato.-

Al personale specializzato ispettivo dipendente dalle G.U. spetta pertanto l'assolvimento dei compiti di cui alle lettere a) e b) del n.2° di cui al foglio 07/3102 di codesto Comando.-

Translation
Priority 2
Headquarters
22/7

./.

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

2° - Come detto dianzi le piccole e medie riparazioni intendendo per tali la costituzione di parti rotte o difettose con parti intercambiabili in dotazione, la pulizia straordinaria ed il controllo funzionale con particolare riferimento ai limiti di logoramento consentiti vengono attualmente effettuate (come ha confermato il Magg. Catalano) dai capi armaioli e dalle officine divisionali, assolvendo con ciò i compiti di cui alla lettera c) del predetto foglio.-

3° - Spetta alle officine divisionali effettuare la spedizione delle armi abbisognevoli di grandi riparazioni agli stabilimenti, assolvendo con ciò i compiti di cui alla lettera d) del n.2° del foglio 07/3102 precitato.-

Anche lo S.M. col suo foglio 3303/Ord/I di prot. del 30/6/46 ha espresso parere contrario alla costituzione di officine mobili.-

F.to p.IL MINISTRO
(P.G.Properzj)

=.=

38578

19 LUG 1946

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. M.M.I.A.

Rome. = R O M A =

.........per conoscenza, con riferimento al foglio ME/25 del 14/6/46 di codesta M.M.I.A. -

p.IL MINISTRO
(P.G.Properzj)

1100

Date 22/7

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

Catalano) dai capi armaioli e dalle officine divisionali, assolvendo con ciò i compiti di cui alla lettera c) del predetto foglio.-

3° - Spetta alle officine divisionali effettuare la spedizione delle armi abbisognevoli di grandi riparazioni agli stabilimenti, assolvendo con ciò i compiti di cui alla lettera d) del n.2° del foglio 07/3102 precitato.-

Anche lo S.M. col suo foglio 3303/Ord/I di prot. del 30/6/46 ha espresso parere contrario alla costituzione di officine mobili.-

p.IL MINISTRO
F.to (P.G.Properzj)

=.=

38578

19 LUG 1946

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. M.M.I.A.

Reme. = R O M A =

.....per conoscenza, con riferimento al foglio ME/25 del 14/6/46 di codesta M.M.I.A. -

TP

1700

Data 22/7

2

11.15

86/7

p.IL MINISTRO
(P.G.Properzj)

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

Ref 135

(112)

SUBJECT :- Repairs to Weapons of Allied Manufacture.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) - R O M E.
ME/25/112

21 July 46

120

To :- Legnano Inf. Div. HQ
(for Maj CATALANO)

106

1. I thank you for your letter reference 07/4136 dated 13 July 46 enclosing a copy of letter 2/8839 dated 10 July 46 addressed by the Detachment of the Arms Factory at TERNI in GARDONE (VAL TROMILA) to the Ministry of War.

2. As the matter in question is definitely one effecting policy, it is not possible for this office to give a reply until such times as the Ministry of War corresponds direct with the Military Mission on this subject.

W.J. FRANKLIN, Major,
DADME
for Lt Col
Assistant Director of Mechanical Engineering
M.M.I.A.

WJF/ag

Serial 158

Reg 21/7/46

67/5

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

(111)

SUBJECT :- Proposal to form Workshops for Repairs and Inspection of Individual and Automatic Weapons.

See (142)

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E.
ME/25/111
27 July 46

TO :- The Ministry of War.
(Direzione Generale Artiglieria e Motorizzazione.)

(113)

Reference your letter 38578/22 dated 19 July 46.
5a

1. The remarks containdd in the above letter are noted with interest, and it is agreed that the Scheme outlined is capable of functioning in respect of the Infantry Divisions.

2. May we now have your views with regards to the servicing of Small Arms and Automatic Weapons for the Independent Regiments and Internal Security Brigades? Sub-paragraphs (b) and (c) of our letter ME/25/57 dated 14 June 46 refer.

See 113

A. BLUNT, Lt. Col.,
Assistant Director of Mechanical Engineering,
M.M.I.A.

WJE/aw

Reg 27/7/46
6734

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

(104)

TRANSLATION

FROM: "Legnano" Inf. Div. HQs

TO : "Legnano" Comm. Office
and M.M.I.A. for Inf.

REF: 07/4152

DATE: 13/7/46

NFA

SUBJECT: Arms moved to 3rd line W/shops (B.L.R.)

NT

Reference letter 06/7789 dated 3 inst.

1. - The u/m arms which were previously declared B.L.R. by the Direction of the Mobile Workshop under this HQ. and handed over to you by various units, must be immediately sent, complete and under escort to be provide by you, to the Arms Factory of Gardone Val Trompia, for necessary repairs:
   - Rifles....MK3..... 63
   - LMGs..... 1
   - 2 " mortars..... 1
   - Thompson..... 1

2. - Regarding transport for the arms to Gardone Val Trompia, kindly use the same vehicle which will be used by the 68 Inf. Regt. to return its arms, making direct agreement with said Regt.

3. - The F.A.R.E. is kindly requested to take on charge the weapons and on completion of repair hold them in stock at disposal of the Ministry for re issue.

4. - We deem advisable to recommend:
   a) the necessity of sending the weapons complete
   b) to take care of packing and transport (we advise you to pack them in strong boxes);
   c) to have weapons thoroughly cleaned before forwarding them.

5. - The General Directorate of Arty. and Motorization in kindly requested to assign to this Divisions Comm. Office the same quantity of weapons so that they may be re issued to the units.

Sgd. CATALANO

G.F.

COMANDO DIVISIONE DI FANTERIA "LEGNANO"
- Ufficio Automobilistico -

Roma

n.07/4152 di prot. Bergamo, 13 luglio 1946

Oggetto: Armi sgomberate su stabilimenti di 3ª linea (B.L.R.).-

ALL'UFFICIO COMMISSARIATO "LEGNANO" = BERGAMO =
e, per conoscenza:
AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Direzione Generale Artiglieria e Motorizzazione
Divisione Tecnica = ROMA =
ALL'A.D.M.E. Military Mission Italian Army (AMMIA) = ROMA =
ALLA DIREZIONE FABBRICA D'ARMI = GARDONE V.TRIMPIA =

Rif.f.n.06/7789 del 3 corrente.-

1.- Le sottonotate armi a suo tempo dichiarate B.L.R. dalla dipendente Direzione Officina Mobile e versate a cotesto Ufficio dalle varie Unità, devono essere sollecitamente inviate - completate in ogni loro parte e scortate da proprio personale - alla Fabbrica d'Armi di Gardone Val Trompia per le necessarie riparazioni:

- Fucili MK3.....n. 63
- Fucili mitragliatori....." 1
- Mortai da 2 pollici....." 1
- Thompson....." 1

2.- Per il trasporto delle armi a Gardone Val Trompia, si prega adoperare lo stesso automezzo che userà il 68° Reggimento Fanteria per versare le proprie, prendendo diretti accordi col predetto Ente.-

3.- La F.A.R.E. è pregata assumere in carico le armi e - a riparazione effettuata - accantonarle a disposizione del Ministero per la ridistribuzione.-

4.- Si ritiene opportuno raccomandare:
a)- la necessità di inviare le armi al completo di ogni loro parte;
b)- di curare l'imballaggio e trasporto (si consiglia di collocarle in casse robuste);
c)- la pulizia prima della spedizione.-

5.- S'interessa la cortesia della Direzione Generale Artiglieria e Motorizzazione compiacersi assegnare all'Ufficio Commissariato di questa Divisione - per la ridistribuzione alle Unità - altrettante armi.-

IL MAGG.CAPO UFF.AUTO INCARICATO M.G.
- Pietro Catalano -

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC No. 785020

Direzione Generale Artiglieria e Motorizzazione
Divisione Tecnica

ALL'A.D.M.E. Military Mission Italian Army (MMIA) = ROMA =
ALLA DIREZIONE FABBRICA D'ARMI = ROMA =
= GARDONE V.TRIMPIA =

Rif.f.n.06/7789 del 3 corrente.-

1.- Le sottonotate armi a suo tempo dichiarate B.L.R. dalla dipendente Direzione Officina Mobile e versate a cotesto Ufficio dalle varie Unità, devono essere sollecitamente inviate - completate in ogni loro parte e scortate da proprio personale - alla Fabbrica d'Armi di Gardone Val Trompia per le necessarie riparazioni:

- Fucili MK3.....n. 63
- Fucili mitragliatori....." 1
- Mortai da 2 pollici....." 1
- Thompson....." 1

2.- Per il trasporto delle armi a Gardone Val Trompia, si prega adoperare lo stesso automezzo che userà il 68° Reggimento Fanteria per versare le proprie, prendendo diretti accordi col predetto Ente.-

3.- La F.A.R.E. è pregata assumere in carico le armi e - a riparazione effettuata - accantonarle a disposizione del Ministero per la ridistribuzione.-

4.- Si ritiene opportuno raccomandare:
a)- la necessità di inviare le armi al completo di ogni loro parte;
b)- di curare l'imballaggio e trasporto (si consiglia di collocarle in casse robuste);
c)- la pulizia prima della spedizione.-

5.- S'interessa la cortesia della Direzione Generale Artiglieria e Motorizzazione compiacersi assegnare all'Ufficio Commissariato di questa Divisione - per la ridistribuzione alle Unità - altrettante armi.- 67

IL MAGG.CAPO UFF.AUTO INCARICATO M.G.
- Pietro Catalano -

Translation
Priority 2.
A/Chockrudeff Capt
22/7

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC No. 785020

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

108

TRANSLATION

From: "Legnano" Inf.Div.HQ
To : 68° Inf.Rgt.HQ
MMIA (for information)

Ref: 07/4103

Date: 13/7/46

Subject: Weapons sent to 3^ line stores (BLR) by D.O.M. Legnano. -

NFA

I. We forward the under mentioned AFC 1043 - in triplicate copy - in respect of weapons of your Regiment, declared B.L.R. by your Mobile Workshop Directorate:
AFG 1043 N. 162/A for n° 1 rifle F. 7188 belonging to 3^ Coy, 1° Bn.
AFG 1043 N. 163/A for " 2 rifles A.1552 and 17572 belonging to 4^Coy
AFG 1043 N. 164/A for " 1 rifle H.26261 belonging to 1^ Coy, 1° Bn.
AFG 1043 N. 166/A for " 1 Very pistol BE. 17360 belonging to the Store Depot.

2. The above weapons - complete and packed together,- will be sent as soon as possible - escorted by personnel and transport supplied by your Regiment - to the Arms Factory at Gardone Val Trompia for the necessary repairs.

3. The F.A.R.E. (Army Factory) at Gardone Val Trompia is requested to:
a)- keep - with the stores - a copy of AFG 1043
b)- send a copy of the AFG 1043 to Regiment which will be sent to the Unit concerned to be taken off charge.
c)- Send a copy to this office.

4. FARE is requested to take the weapons on charge and - after repairs have been carried out - store them at disposal of the Ministry for re-issue.

5. We consider it advisable to stress:
a)- the necessity to send the weapons complete;
b)- to carefully pack and transport (it is advised to pack them in crates); 6731
c)- to clean them before dispatch;
d)- as already pointed out do not interchange weapon parts - specially the bolt - since this may cause bad resaults with Allied made

Rec'd 17/7/46

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

weapons.

6. To effect the handing in of the weapons, for the purpose of using only one truck to transport them, we request you to make arrangements with the Commissariat Office who will be handing in other weapons.

7. Will Artillery General Directorate kindly allocate the Regiment the same number of weapons.

sgd. Pietro Catalano.
Major

COMANDO DIVISIONE DI FANTERIA "LEGNANO"
- Ufficio Automobilistico -

n.07/ 4103 di prot. Bergamo, 13 luglio 1946

Oggetto: Armi sgomberate su stabilimenti di 3ª linea (B.L.R.) dichiarate tali dalla D.O.M."Legnano".-

AL COMANDO 68° REGGIMENTO FANTERIA = BERGAMO =
e, per conoscenza:
AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Direzione Generale Artiglieria e Motorizzazione
Divisione Tecnica = ROMA =

ALL'A.D.M.S. Military Mission Italian Army
(M.M.I.A.) = ROMA =
ALLA DIREZIONE FABBRICA D'ARMI = GARDONE V.TROMPIA =
(Brescia)
ALL'UFFICIO DI COMMISSARIATO = SEDE =
ALLA DIREZIONE OFFICINA MOBILE "LEGNANO" = PONTE S.PIETRO =
(Rif.2655 del 28/6/46 e n.2780 dell'8 corr.)

1.- Si trasmettono i sottonotati A.F.G. 1043 - in triplice copia - relativi ad armi di cotesto reggimento, dichiarate B.L.R. dalla dipendente Direzione Officina Mobile:

AFG 1043 N.162/A per N° 1 fucile matricola F.7188 della 3ª Cp. - I°Btg.
AFG 1043 N.163/A per N°2 fucili matricola A.1552 e 17572 della 4ª Cp.
AFG 1043 N.164/A per n.1 fucile matricola E.26261 della 1ª Cp.-I Btg.
AFG 1043 N.166/A per n.1 pistola inglese da segnalazione matricola BE.17360 del Magazzino Materiali.

2.- Le armi in questione - complete in ogni loro parte e riunite in blocco - dovranno essere sollecitamente inviate - scortate da personale e con mezzi forniti da cotesto reggimento - alla Fabbrica d'Armi di Gardone Val Trompia per le necessarie riparazioni.-

3.- La F.A.B.D. (Fabbrica d'armi R.D.) di Gardone Val Trompia è pregata di:
a)- trattenere - col materiale - una copia degli AFG 1043;
b)- consegnare una copia degli AFG 1043 all'incaricato del reggimento che a cura di quell'Ente verrà rimessa al reparto interessato per lo scarico;
c)- inviare una copia allo scrivente.

6730

4.- La F.A.B.D. è pregata assumere in carico le armi e - a riparazione

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

e, per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Direzione Generale Artiglieria e Motorizzazione
Divisione Tecnica = ROMA =

ALL'A.D.M.E. Military Mission Italian Army
(M.M.I.A.) = ROMA =

ALLA DIREZIONE FABBRICA D'ARMI = GARDONE V.TROMPIA =
(Brescia)

ALL'UFFICIO DI COMMISSARIATO = SEDE =

ALLA DIREZIONE OFFICINA MOBILE "LEGNANO" = PONTE S.PIETRO =

(Rif.2655 del 28/6/46 e n.2780 dell'8 corr.)

1.- Si trasmettono i sottonotati A.F.G. 1043 - in triplice copia - relativi ad armi di cotesto reggimento, dichiarate B.L.R. dalle dipendente Direzione Officina Mobile:

AFG 1043 N.162/A per N° 1 fucile matricola F.7188 della 3^ Cp. - I°Btg.

AFG 1043 N.163/A per N°2 fucili matricola A.1552 e 17572 della 4^ Cp.

AFG 1043 N.164/A per n.1 fucile matricola M.26251 della 1^ Cp.-I Btg.

AFG 1043 N.166/A per n.1 pistola inglese da segnalazione matricola EE.17360 del Magazzino Materiali.

2.- Le armi in questione - complete in ogni loro parte e riunite in blocco - dovranno essere sollecitamente inviate - scortate personale e con mezzi forniti da cotesto reggimento - alla Fabbrica D'Armi di Gardone Val Trompia per le necessarie riparazioni.-

3.- La F.A.R.E. (Fabbrica d'armi R.E.) di Gardone Val Trompia è pregata di:

a)- trattenere - col materiale - una copia degli AFG 1043;
b)- consegnare una copia degli AFG 1043 all'incaricato del reggimento che a cura di quell'Ente verrà rimessa al reparto interessato per lo scarico;
c)- inviare una copia allo scrivente.

6730

4.- La F.A.R.E. è pregata assumere in carico le armi e - a riparazione effettuata - ~~spedirle~~ accantonarle a disposizione del Ministero per la ridistribuzione.

Translation
Priority 2.
@ Echockridge Capo
22/7

..//..

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

5.- Si ritiene opportuno raccomandare:
a)- la necessità di inviare le armi al copmleto di ogni loro parte;
b)- di curare l'imballaggio e trasporto (si consiglia di collocarle in casse);
c)- la pulizia all'atto della spedizione;
d)- come già precisato in altre occasione, di non scambiare parti tra arma ed arma - specie l'otturatore - poichè nelle armi di fabbricazione allesta, tale scambio nuoce al buon funzionamento.

6.- Per effettuare il versamento delle armi, allo scopo di utilizzare un solo automezzo per il loro trasporto, si prega prendere diretti accordi con l'Ufficio Commissariato che deve versare altre armi.-

7.- S'interessa la cortesia della Direzione Generale Artiglieria e Motorizzazione compiacersi assegnare al reggimento altrettanta armi.

IL MAGGIORE CAPO UFFICIO AUTO
INCARICATO DEL M.C.
- Pietro Catalano -

6723

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

25

(107)

TRANSLATION

From: Detachment of the Arm Factory, Terni in Gardone (Val Trompia).
To : M.of W.

Ref: 2/6839

Date: 10/7/46

Subject: Repairs to arms of Allied manufacture. -

See 107 HT

Further to our letter 2/6377 dated 26/June/46, we state the following:

Lee Enfield British Rifles

44 out of 62 rifles sent here for repairs by the "Legnano" Division HQs, have the barrels expanded to 70 mm from the muzzle and precicely where the external diameter of the barrel decreases of 0,8 mm. Such a deformation render the weapon definitely unserviceable. It is thought that this inconvenient is caused by the strong charge used in manufacturing the British cartridges.

Amending the statement made in the a/m letter, it is pointed out that the woodwork of the rifles are partly of walnut, partly of beech-wood and partly of ash-wood, varnished with alcohol and aniline.

Hence, in order to unify the supply of wood for the manufacturing of woodworks for rifles, authority to manufacture same with beech-wood is requested.

Thompson machine gun

3 out of 22 machine guns have the barrel expanded and the caliber of 3 others increased, making these weapons unserviceable. The other parts can be recovered for further use.

The woodworks of Thompson weapons are of walnut: hence, we will provide with the same kind of wood.

The possibility of manufacturing woodwork with beech-wood instead of walnut will be examined after a test is done by the units considering the high cost and supplying difficulties to obtain walnut.

6

The Director
sgd. Luigi Petrone, Col.

C.F.

Reg 26/7/46

Rs. C O P I A

DISTACCAMENTO FABBRICA ARMI DI TERNI IN GARDONE V.TROMPIA

Ufficio Lavori
n.2/6839 di prot.

Gardone V.T., 10/7/1946

OGGETTO: Riparazione armi alleate.-

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA = DIR.GEN.ART.E MOTORIZZ. DIV.TECNICA A.C.SEZ.2ª
= ROMA =

e, per conoscenza:
AL COMANDO DIVISIONE DI FANTERIA "LEGNANO"
- Ufficio Automobilistico - = BERGAMO =
AL III COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE
- Comando Artiglieria - = MILANO =

A seguito ns/ foglio n.2/6377 in data 26 s.m. si comunica quanto segue:

Fucili inglesi Lee Enfield

Su n.62 fucili inviati dal Comando della Divisione in indirizzo, n.44 canne presentano il rigonfiamento a m/m.70 dalla volata e precisione dove il diametro esterno della canna subisce una diminuzione di m/m 0,8.- Tale deformazione comporta il rifiuto definitivo dell'arma. Si ritiene che l'inconveniente sia dovuto alla forte carica impiegata nell'allestimento delle cartuccie inglesi.

A modifica di quanto segnalato col foglio sopra citato si comunica che le parti in legno dei fucili sono allestite in parte con legno di noce, in parte con legno di faggio e parte in legno di frassino tutte verniciate ad alcool e anilina.-

Pertanto allo scopo di unificare l'approvvigionamento delle aste per l'allestimento delle parti in legno dei fucili, si chiede l'autorizzazione di allestirle in legno di faggio.-

Mitragliatore Thompson

Su n.22 mitragliatori n.3 canne presentano il rigonfiamento e n.3 canne hanno il calibro di canna maggiorato che comporta il rifiuto definitivo delle armi con ricupero delle parti efficienti.-

Le casse delle armi Thompson sono in noce, quindi questo Distaccamento procederà all'allestimento con tale qualità di legno.-

La possibilità di allestimento delle casse in legno di faggio anzichè in legno di noce per l'elevato costo e difficoltà di approvvigionamento potrà essere esaminata dopo una prova d'impiego presso i corpi.-

IL DIRETTORE
F/to Ten.Col.Luigi Petrone

P. C. C.
UFFICIALE ADDETTO ALL'UFF.AUTO
- Capitano F. Iorio -

67.5

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

e, per conoscenza:

AL COMANDO DIVISIONE DI FANTERIA "LEGNANO"
- Ufficio Automobilistico - = BERGAMO =

AL III COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE
- Comando Artiglieria - = MILANO =

A seguito ns/ foglio n.2/6377 in data 26 s.m. si comunica quanto segue:

Fucili inglesi Lee Enfield

Su n.62 fucili inviati dal Comando della Divisione in indirizzo, n.44 canne presentano il rigonfiamento a m/m.70 della volata e precisione dove il diametro esterno della canna subisce una diminuzione di m/m 0,8.- Tale deformazione comporta il rifiuto definitivo dell'arma. Si ritiene che l'inconveniente sia dovuto alla forte carica impiegata nell'allestimento delle cartuccie inglesi.

A modifica di quanto segnalato col foglio sopra citato si comunica che le parti in legno dei fucili sono allestite in parte con legno di noce, in parte con legno di faggio e parte in legno di frassino tutte verniciate ad alcool e anilina.-

Pertanto allo scopo di unificare l'approvvigionamento delle aste per l'allestimento delle parti in legno dei fucili, si chiede l'autorizzazione di allestirle in legno di faggio.-

Mitragliatore Thompson

Su n.22 mitragliatori n.3 canne presentano il rigonfiamento e n.3 canne hanno il calibro di canna maggiorato che comporta il rifiuto definitivo delle armi con ricupero delle parti efficienti.-

Le casse delle armi Thompson sono in noce, quindi questo Distaccamento procederà all'allestimento con tale qualità di legno.-

La possibilità di allestimento delle casse in legno di faggio anzichè in legno di noce per l'elevato costo e difficoltà di approvvigionamento potrà essere esaminata dopo una prova d'impiego presso i corpi.-

IL DIRETTORE
F/to Ten.Col.Luigi Petrone

p. c.
L'UFFICIALE ADDETTO ALL'UFF.AUTO
- Capitano T. Iorio -

DIVISIONE FANTERIA LEGNANO COMANDO

67-7

Translation Priority 2 Checked 8pt 2/7

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC No. 785020

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

106

TRANSLATION

FROM: "LEGNANO" Inf. Div. HQ. REF: 07/4136

TO : M.M.I.A. DATE: 13/7/46

SUBJECT: Repairs to weapons of Allied manufacture.

1. A copy of letter 2/6839 dated 10th inst., of the Detachment of the Arms Factory at Terni in Gardone (Val Trompia), is forwarded.

2. In said letter, it is pointed out that:

I) - 44 out of 62 rifles are to be declared unserviceable, for having the barrel expanded;

II)- 6 out of 22 Thompson machine guns are to be declared unserviceable, 3 of these, for having the barrel expanded and 3 for having an increased caliber.

3. Since it is forbidden to manufacture barrels for Allied weapons, and considering that it would be advisable to make those weapons efficient again, kindly state whether new barrels for weapons of Allied manufacture can be obtained. -

The Chief of the Auto Office
Sgd. CATALANO
Major

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

COMANDO DIVISIONE DI FANTERIA "LEGNANO" Reme.
- Ufficio Automobilistico -

n.07/4135 di prot. Bergamo, 13 luglio 1946

Oggetto: Riparazione armi di fabbricazione alleata.-

ALL'A.D.M.E.
H.Q. Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (M.M.I.A.) = Roma =

1.- Trasmetto copia del foglio n.2/6839 - in data 10 corrente - del Distaccamento Fabbrica Armi di Terni in Gardone V.T.-

2.- Da esso rilevasi:

(i)- su n.62 fucili, 44 sono da dichiarare fuori uso perchè presentano un rigonfiamento nella canna;

(ii)- su n.22 mitragliatori Thompson, 6 sono da dichiarare fuori uso perchè 3 canne presentano un rigonfiamento e 3 hanno il calibro maggiorato.-

3.- Stante il divieto di fabbricare canne per armi alleate e considerata l'opportunità di rimettere in efficienza le armi in questione, prego volermi comunicare se è possibile ottenere il rifornimento delle canne per le armi di fabbricazione alleata .-

DIVISIONE FANTERIA "LEGNANO" COMANDO

MAGG.CAPO UFF.AUTO INCARICATO M.G.
- Pietro Catalano -

Traduction
Priority
Electrostatic
22/7

C936
Date 22/7
78
1600
67 2/3

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

25 103

M.M.I.A. 117

10 BLU

25 1100 B.

MB/25/103

UNCLASSIFIED

FOR EMK (.) CANCEL INSTRUCTIONS IN OUR MB/25/72 DATED

28 JUNE (.) REFER MMIA LETTER REFERENCE Q 133 DATED

26 JULY TO MINISTRY OF WAR COPY TO 10 BLU (.) ACK (.)

Secret

HOUPINE

R.M.M.A.

W.J. FRANKLIN, Major.

Reg 25/7/46

Subject:- Maintenance and Repair of Small Arms

"Repair" (100)

SC REME
7 British Liaison Unit,
c/o 6 B.L.U.

Ref. EME/74
19 July 1946

To :- ADME
HQ. Land Forces Sub)Comm, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME

RECEIVED 22 JUL 1946

attached.

With ref. to CME HQ. "Legnano" letter 07/4025 dated 15 July 1946.

1. If the action requested in this letter could be taken and the organisation of the proposed 2 Mobile Armourers Shops expedited a considerable improvement in the standard of Small Arms maintenance in both C.A.R.'s and Inf. Divisions would result and these M.A.S.s could with the liaison of the R.E.M.E. INcrement Armourer be of considerable assistance to all E.M.E.s with Terr. Comds.

For ADME only

(a) With reference to Maj. CATALANO's confidential note on the above letter this is once again confirmation of the incorrect instructions given to Italian War Office in the early part of 1945.

(56)

(b) Maj. CATALANO's letter to the Ministry of War ref. 07/3102 dated 28 May '46 is a good example of "trumpet blowing" and rather confuses the issue. This system of inspection as detailed in his letter was originally organised in the LEGNANO Inf. Div. by this office in order to effect an improvement in the low standard of Small Arms maintenance then existent and it is also apparent that Maj. CATALANO is confusing the roll of a District Unit like a Mobile Armourer Shop with that of a Divisional (Internal) Small Arms Inspection Unit.

copy also attached.

P.H. Nelson SC REME

Copy to :- E.M.E. - 3 B.L.U.

67-3

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

Italian War Crics in the early part of 1945.

(b) Maj. CATALANO's letter to the Ministry of War ref. 07/3102 dated 28 May '46 is a good example of "trumpet blowing" and rather confuses the issue. This system of inspection as detailed in his letter was originally organised in the LEGNANO Inf. Div. by this office in order to effect an improvement in the low standard of Small Arms maintenance then existent, and it is also apparent that Maj. CATALANO is confusing the roll of a District Unit like a Mobile Armourer Shop with that of a Divisional (Internal) Small Arms Inspection Unit.

Copy also attached.

P.H. Nelson SC REME

Copy to :- E.M.E. - 3 B.L.U.

- 67 -

Recd. 22nd. July

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC No. 785020

TRANSLATION.

H.Q. "LEGNANO" Inf. Div.
Ufficio Auto

Ref.07/4025
15 July 46

Subject:- Maintenance and Repair of Arms.

To:-SC.REME.-6 B.L.U.
(ref.EME/74/20 dated17/6)

Copyto:-ADME H/Q. MMIA ROME.

1. With my letter 07/3102,which I have also sent to you for info and of which I am attaching a copy now just in case it should be n needed ,I have formally requested that the above service be formed.

2; It appears that my request is still be studiedby the Divisione Tecnica (Col.Avallone.) of the Direzione Generale Artiglieria e Motorizzazione of the Ministry of War.

3. I think it is necessary to take action with the a/m Col. in order to decide something on the matter.

Maj.CATALANO.

Confidentially (and the info is exclusively for ADME and SC.REME.) I am informing you that apparently the Ministry of War is contraryto the idea of forming a Mobile W/Shop for the inspection and repair of Armsbecause Maj.Hall who waslooking after REME Services at at MMIA.,ordered that the already existing Mobile W/Shops be eliminated that the trucks be used for G.S. and not for W/Shops.

Maj. CATALANO.

67-2

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

Motorizzazione of the Ministry of War.

3. I think it is necessary to take action with the a/m Col. in order to decide something on the matter.

Maj.CATALANO.

Confidentially (and the info is exclusively for ADME and SC.REME.) I am informing you that apparemtly the Ministry of War is contraryto the idea of forming a Mobile W/Shop for the inspection and repair of Armsbecause Maj.Hall who waslooking after REME Services at at MMIA.,ordered that the already existing Mobile W/Shops be eliminated that the trucks be used for G.S. and not for W/Shops.

Maj. CATALANO.

67

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDG NO. 785020

TRANSLATION.

H. " LEGNANO" INF. DIV.
Ufficio Auto

Ref.07/3102
28 May 46

Subject:-Mobile W/Shop for Inspection and repair of Small Arms.

To:-Ministry of War.

Copy To:-ADME MMIA ROME.
(ref.ME/22/45dated 7/5/46)
SC. REME. 6 B.L.U.

1. The English Army Regulations call for an inspection every 3 months on Small Arms, carried out by skilled personnel.
2. I have introduced this system in the "LEGNANO" Div. some time ago and have obtained satisfactory results. I have though modified the English system for the reasons given below.
   (a)The English Inspectorate only checks the efficiency and the maintenanceof the small arms and sends a report to the Div. H.Q. who in return sends a report to the Unit concerned.
   (b) The inspection also gives all technical information required by Units under inspection.
   (c) The above procedure -atleast the first period -was not too satisfactory for the obvious reasons and thereore I have set up a Mobile W/Shop with the following duties:-
   (i)Inspect the arms of each unit and make out a report.
   (ii)Point out the inconveniences found and show how to overcome them.
   (iii) Repair on the spot all small arms possible.
   (iiii)Take in all arms needing a 2nd. and 3rd. line repair and forward them to Base W/Shops.
3. It does not appear to me that other Divs. are using a similar system and I do not think that they are capable of doing it due to lack of equipment and personnel.
4. Apart from the fact that I think that each Div. should gradually work out a system of the kind mentioned above, I think it very necessary to form a service of counter-inspection in order to see how the Div.Technical organisation works out.
5. With regard to the above, I propose the formation of a Mobile W/Shop under my command with the duty of inspecting all Units and carry out a;b;c;and d of para 2.

If you approve the matter in it's general lines I will send you concrete proposals regarding:-

a) equipment for Mobile W/Shop
b) personnel
c) duties to be performed.

6721

signed
Maj. CATALANO

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC No. 785020

maintenance of the [illegible]
who in return sends a report to the Unit concerned.

(b) The inspection also gives all technical information required by Units under inspection.

(c) The above procedure -atleast the first period -was not too satisfactory for the obvious reasons and thereore I have set up a Mobile W/Shop with the following duties:-

(i)Inspect the arms of each unit and make out a report.
(ii)Point out the inconveniences found and show how to overcome them.
(iii) Repair on the spot all small arms possible.
(iiii)Take in all arms needing a 2nd. and 3rd. line repair and forward them to Base W/Shops.

3. It does not appear to me that other Divs. are using a similar system and I do not think that they are capable of doing it due to lack of equipment and personnel.

4. Apart from the fact that I think that each Div. should gradually work out a system of the kind mentioned above,I think it very necessary to form:a service of counter-inspection in order to see how the Div.Technical organisation works out.

5. With regard to the above,I propose the formation of a Mobile W/Shop under my command with the duty of inspecting all Units and carry out a;b;c;and d of para 2.

If you approve the matter in it's general lines I will send you concrete proposals regarding:-

a) equipment for Mobile W/Shop
b) personnel
c) duties to be performed.

- 6721

signed Maj. CATaLaNO

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

Reme

99

SUBJECT:- Technical Equipment for Italian Army.

RECEIVED 22 JUL 1946

10 British Liaison Unit
TORRE DEL GRECO
Tel:55802 NAPLES
3 REME

17 July 46

ADME
Land Forces Sub Commission AC,
(AMIA) ROME

SC REME 6 BLU

Reference your ME/25/71 of June 46.

1. Armourers tools were collected from 16 Base Workshops on the 17th July and are now stored at 10 BLU.

2. Tools collected are as follows (Ref ME/25/71 Apperdix "A") :-

(a) Part Nos CM 5863 to QB 0726 inclusive - all, with the following discrepancies,

BC 3929	Screwdrivers - Extractors, screw	2(and Not 4)
BC 3968	Rods	2(and Not 1)
BC 4001	Cleaning - Funnels	NA
BD 4198	Brushes - Rod	4(and Not BD 6120 - 4)
BE 9207	Mops- cleaning cylinder	6(and Not BE 8829 - 6)
BE 2502	Plugs - clearing	1(and Not BE 2503 - 1)
BE 4199 or BE 9204	Rods - cleaning	NA

(b) Part Nos 13180 to 18913 (for OARE, BOLOGNA) are packed in a separate box with the following exceptions, which are NA.

13180	Screw - rigid No 10				
13800	Gauges - cylinder 2" to 6"				
14571	Gauges - dial				
15187	Micrometers - Cm/m to 25m/m				
15186	" 25m/m to 50m/m				
FA 18404	Tools - screwcutting - ANC -		Taper	Plugs	1/4
18405	" " "	"	"	"	5/16
18408	" " "	"	"	"	9/16
18428	" " "		Second		7/16
18429	" " "		"		1/2
18450	" " "		Taper		11/16
18452	" " "		"		13/16
18455	" " "		"		9/16
18725 to 18913 inclusive (BSF and BSW Sets)					
13200	Stud - 1/4 to 5/8				1(and Not 3)

Signal dated referring to Q 138 of 24 July

6720

3. 16 Base Workshops believe that in a few days time they will be able to make up several sets listed between Part Nos 18725 and 18913 inclusive by making up deficiencies in several sets now held.

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC No. 785020

Reference your ME/25/71 of June 46.

1. Armourers tools were collected from 16 Base Workshops on the 17th July and are now stored at 10 BLU.

2. Tools collected are as follows (Ref ME/25/71 Appendix "A") :-

(a) Part Nos CM 5863 to QB 0726 inclusive - all, with the following discrepancies,

BC 3929 Screwdrivers - Extractors, screw	2(and Not 4)
BC 3968 Rods	2(and Not 1)
BC 4001 Cleaning - Funnels	NA
BD 4198 Brushes - Rod	4(and Not BD 6120 - 4)
BE 9207 Mops- cleaning cylinder	6(and Not BE 8829 - 6)
BE 2502 Plugs - clearing	1(and Not BE 2503 - 1)
BE 4199 or BE 9204 Rods - cleaning	NA

(b) Part Nos 13180 to 18913 (for OARE, BOLOGNA) are packed in a separate box with the following exceptions, which are NA.

13180	Screw - rigid No 10	
13800	Gauges - cylinder 2" to 6"	
14571	Gauges - dial	
15187	Micrometers - Cm/m to 25m/m	
15186	" 25m/m to 50m/m	
FA 18404	Tools - screwcutting - ANC - Taper Plugs	$\frac{1}{4}$
18405	" " " " "	5/16
18408	" " " " "	9/16
18428	" " " Second	7/16
18429	" " " "	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{4}$
18450	" " " Taper	
18452	" " " "	
18455	" " " "	9/16
18725 to 18913 inclusive (BSF and BSW Sets)		
13200	Stud - $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{5}{8}$	1(and Not 3)

6720

3. 16 Base Workshops believe that in a few days time they will be able to make up several sets listed between Part Nos 18725 and 18913 inclusive by making up deficiencies in several sets now held.

4. It is suggested, due to transport shortage at this BLU at the moment (and Fuel Economy, for that matter) that the conveying of the tools earmarked for OARE, BOLOGNA, to that place, be put off for a few days until the availability of the sets mentioned in para 3 above is ascertained.

5. A further number of Armourers Tools await MMIA's collection at 16 Base Workshops as shown in Appendix "A" to MMIA letter Q138 of May 46 and addressed to GHQ. These will be collected within the next few days.

W.S. Read
Capt
REME
22 July

CMF
WSR/why

Original dead reference Q 138 of 24 July

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

LRMF V MEDY NR 19079
FROM 13 BRITISH LIAISN UNIT 191030 9

TO ADME 16 WMIA ROME

DT
REME 3 (.) U/C (.) REF YOUR ME/25/72. OF JUNE (.) THESE TOOLS
COLLECTED 17 JULY (.) LETTER IN POST (.) REF YOUR ME/25/91 OF 16 JULY
(.) THESE TOOLS WILL BE COLLECTED BEFORE WEEKEND
RTO
SENT NR 79 AFM H"B "K
RECD NR 79 1053B JN AR

RECEIVED 18 JUL 1946
2780 (DATE)

W.M.I.A. 9/79 SIGNALS

Perse

8 (94) 25 ME

See Maj. Luckett re duplicated Distributions.

6719

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

93

Coll 149

TRANSLATION

Ref No. 49325/DT

From:- Ministry of War
General Directorate
of Artillery and IT

Date: 13 July 46

To:- MMIA

Subject:- Maintenance of British weapons -- Spares for artillery repairs

53

Reply to letter ME/25 dated 13/6/46.

Executive instructions have been given to the Arsenal of Piacenza to set up a small depot for spares in the Arsenal, and a larger one in the Artillery Directorate of Piacenza, which will supply the former, the stores of the 5 Divisions and also that of the School at Bracciano.

The spare parts (as agreed with Col. Blunt) will arrive partly from England and partly will be manufactured by the Arsenals of Turin, Piacenza and Naples.

Further information will be forwarded regarding the W.E. of the Spare Parts Store of the Artillery Directorate of Piacenza.

See 141

sgd. Properzj
Gen

UR

Q actim

Rec'd

See 17 Mentore

6716

Rec'd
16 July

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

R/S

Ministero della Guerra
DIREZIONE GENERALE ARTIGLIERIA
e Motorizzazione

Direzione Tecn. A.C. Sez. 2ª
Tel. N. 49325/DT Allegati

Roma 13 LUG 1946 194 A

Risp.

7.A LA N.M.I.A.
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C.
ROMA

Risposta al foglio 13-6-46
Div. Sez. N° ME/25

OGGETTO: Manutenzione armi britanniche - parti di ricambio per riparazioni artiglierie.

Sono state date disposizioni esecutive all'Arsenale di Piacenza perchè predisponga un piccolo magazzino parti di ricambio presso l'Arsenale stesso ed uno più grande presso la Direzione di Artiglieria di Piacenza che provveda a rifornire il precedente, i magazzini delle 5 Divisioni e quello della Scuola di Bracciano.

Le parti di ricambio, come d'accordi presi col T.Col. Blunt, affluiranno in parte dall'Inghilterra ed in parte saranno prodotte presso i dipendenti Arsenali di Torino, Piacenza e Napoli.

Circa l'organico per il magazzino parti di ricambio della D.A. di Piacenza si fa riserva di ulteriore comunicazione.

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

6717

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

92

TRANSLATION

From:- Ministry of War
General Directorate
of Artillery and MT

Ref No: 49326

To:- MMIA

Date: 13 July 46

Subject:- Maintenance of British weapons - Spares for repairs to small arms and automatic weapons

53

Reply to letter ME/25 dated 13/6/46.

Executive instructions have been given to the Arms Factory of Terni and to the Section of the Gardone V.T. Arms Factory, to set up a small spares depot in their Detachments, and a larger one in the Artillery Directorate of Piacenza, which will supply the two said stores, the stores of the 5 Divisions and also that of the School of Bracciano.

The spare parts (as agreed with Col. Blunt) will arrive partly from England partly will be manufactured by the a/m military establishments of Terni and Gardone V.T.

Further information will be forwarded regarding the W.E. of the Spare Parts Store of the Artillery Directorate of Piacenza.

Sgd. Properzj
Gen

UR

See 141

See 17 Main Copy

- 671 C

Recd
16 July

Unclassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

R/S

Ministero della Guerra

DIREZIONE GENERALE ARTIGLIERIA
e Motorizzazione

Div. Tecn. A.C. Sez. 2ª
Prot. N. 44444 /DT Allegati
L 9326

Roma 13 LUG 1946 XXIV A

To: VIA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (MMIA) ROMA

Rapporto del 13-6-46
Div. ___ Sez. ___ N°ME/25

OGGETTO Manutenzione armi bri tenniche - parti di ricambio per riparazioni armi portatili ed automatiche.

Sono state date disposizioni esecutive alla Fabbrica d'Armi di Terni ed alla Sez. della Fabbrica d'Armi di Gardone V.T. perché predispongano un piccolo magazzino parti di ricambio presso i loro Enti ed uno più grande presso la Direzione d'Artiglieria di Piacenza che provveda a rifornire i due detti magazzini, quelli delle 5 Divisioni e la Scuola di Bracciano.

Le parti di ricambio, come d'accordi presi col T.Col. Blunt, affluiranno in parte dall'Inghilterra ed in parte saranno prodotte presso i due predetti stabilimenti militari di Terni e di Gardone V.T.

Circa l'organico per il magazzino parti di ricambio della Direz.Artigl. di Piacenza si farà riserva di ulteriore comunicazione.

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

6715

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

(81)

TRANSLATION

From: Legnano Inf.Div.HQ Ref: 07/3935
To : MMIA Date: 3/7/46

Subject; Equipment for Chief Armourers.

1 - Ref.to the conversation with the Colonel of the Motorization Technical Service Avallone Chief of the Technical Branch of your General Directorate.

2 - Please authorise the F.A.R.E. of Gardone V.Trompia to get in touch with the writer and with the Directorate of mobile W/shop of Legnano in order that (after the examination of the machinary received time ago by the Allied Authorities) be agreed that the machinary be made ready and issued to the Regimental Chief Armourers.

sgd. Catalano.

6714
Regd.
10 July

Ra

7 HE/25

COMANDO DIVISIONE DI FANTERIA "LEGNANO"
- Ufficio Automobilistico -
^^^^^^^

n.07/3935 di prot. Bergamo, 3 luglio 1946
Oggetto: Attrezzatura per capi-armaioli.-

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Direzione Generale Artiglieria e Motorizzazione
Divisione Tecnica A.C.- Sezione 2ª
= ROMA =

AL DISTACCAMENTO FABBRICA ARMI R.ESERCITO
= GARDONE V.T. =

e, per conoscenza:

ALL'ADMS = H.Q. LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
= R O M A =

ALLA DIREZIONE OFFICINA MOBILE "LEGNANO"
= PONTE S.PIETRO =

1.- Mi riporto alla conversazione avuta col Col.S.T e A.AVALLONE Capo della Divisione Tecnica di cotesta Direzione Generale.-

2.- Prego autorizzare la F.A.R.E. di Gardone V.Trompia a prendere contatti con lo scrivente e con la Direzione Officina Mobile "Legnano"perchè - sulla scorta dell'attrezzatura a suo tempo ricevuta dalla Autorità Alleata - si possa concretare quella da allestire e distribuire ai capi-armaioli reggimentali.-

IL MAGG.CAPO UFF.AUTO INCARICATO M.C.
- Pietro Catalano -

DIVISIONE FANTERIA "LEGNANO" * COMANDO *

Translation
Enclosure 2
to Churchill's Cap
8 July

6713

1100
8/7
1600

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC No. 785020

Divisione Tecnica A.C.- Sezione 2ª = ROMA =

AL DISTACCAMENTO FABBRICA ARMI R.ESERCITO = GARDONE V.T. =

e, per conoscenza:

ALL'ADMÉ = H.Q. LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
= R O M A =

ALLA DIREZIONE OFFICINA MOBILE "LEGNANO" = PONTE S.PIETRO =

****

1.- Mi riporto alla conversazione avuta col Col.S.T e A.AVALLONE Capo della Divisione Tecnica di cotesta Direzione Generale.-

2.- Prego autorizzare la F.A.R.E. di Gardone V.Trompia a prendere contatti con lo scrivente e con la Direzione Officina Mobile "Legnano"perchè - sulla scorta dell'attrezzatura a suo tempo ricevuta dalla Autorità Alleata - si possa concretare quella da allestire e distribuire ai capi-armaioli reggimentali.-

IL MAGG.CAPO UFF.AUTO INCARICATO M.G.
- Pietro Catalano -

DIVISIONE FANTERIA "LEGNANO" COMANDO

Translation
Enclosure 2
to Knowledge Copy
8 July

IN	Date	1100 8/7
OUT	Date	1600 9/7

6713

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC No. 785020

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

Subject:- Oils and Lubricants.

RE MC 80

12, B.I.U. for the Italian
Central Military Schools.
Tel:- ROME 478808.

Ref:- MISC.

Date:- 6 July 1946.

TO:- A.D.M.E.
M.M.I.A.

Reference your conversation with Armt Q.M.S. McCarthy at Civittavecchia on Wednesday 3 July "46.

Herewith list of oils and lubricants showing which natures of armament require them. — 83 & 94 also refer for cross checking

Arthur T Twine.
Major, D.A.D.M.E.
(A.T. Twine.)

ATT/vg.
File.

RECEIVED 9 JUL 1946
6712

Regd. 10th July

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

	6 P.D.R. 7 cwt.	17 P.D.R.	25 P.D.R.	40 M.M.	37 H.A.A.	Small Arms	REMARKS
Grease G.S.	/	/	/	/	/	/	
Grease No. O.	/	/	/	/	/	/	Used in cold conditions in lieu of grease G.S
Grease Graphite.							For loose liners and barrels. Breach ring and muzzle brake threads.
Mineral Jelly Red	/	/	/	/	/	/	For Preservation
Oil Graphite Concentrate	/	/	/		/		For Cradle Guides and Slides
No. 1 Oil Low Cold Test	/	/	/		/		In lieu of C.70 For Breach mechanisms and working Parts in extreme cold conditions.
Oil C.70	/	/	/		/		For cleaning and lubrication at normal temperatures.
Oils C.600 & M.800	/	/	/		/		For enclosed gear boxes. Also gunslides with tecalimit nipples.
Oil M.65							Used in lieu of C. 600, M. 800 in cold conditions.
Oil M.80						/	Lubrication of all small arms.
Oil Achesons E P/L		/			/		For heavy authomathic breech blocks.
White Lubricant Special				/			All working parts of breech & Auto Loader.
Oil Mineral Hydraulic Buffer G.S.117	/	/	/	/	/		For all recoil Systems
							6711
Torpol.					/		Mixture 3 parts Torpol for one part soft soap. For 3.7 H.A.A. Intensifier.
Oil Kerosene Burning							For use in diluting normal liquids in cold conditions.

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

(18)

SUBJECT:- Maintenance & Preservation of British Records.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.,
M.M.I.A.
W C H 2
Q.062

5 July 1946

TO : The Ministry

Ref. 25060/PS - A7 a of 17 May 1946.

1. A copy of C.C.S. reply to our enquiry is attached.

2. In practice it will be necessary to watch carefully the performance of artillery equipment etc where you are in doubt as to the efficiency of the lubricant of fluid in use.

Physicists and other Commanders should obtain assistance from D.I.D's of M.M.I.A. to whom instructions on this subject have been issued.

See 83494

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

6710

Copy to : L.O. (to explain verbally to the Ministry)

Interval : [illegible] (action para 2)

Rec'd 8 July

RAG/cw.

pee (87) 25 (75)

TRANSLATION

From: "Legnano" Inf.Div. HQ Ref: 07/3761
To : Arsenal - Turin
M.of W. (for info) Date: 24/6/46

Subject: Manufacture of stores. -

I - I ask your Arsenal to kindly make arrangements to manufacture the following rifle cleaning kit

a) 25.000 Double pullthroughs BI/BB/0519
b) 25.000 Single " BI/BB/0520
c) 100.000 Gauzes BI/BB/5021
d) 50.000 Weights for pullthroughs BI/BB/5022

2 - The number shown on the side of each object is the British Catalogue numbers. We would like it to be stamped on the part referred to in "d" Para I . -

3 - I send a specimen (original British) of each part I have sent (together with each pullthrough) the 2 types of weights (in brass and iron) in order that your Arsenal may see them, but I express the opinion that - for economical reasons - they should be manufactured in iron.

4 - I ask the General and Artillery Directorate to kindly authorise the Turin Arsenal to manufacture the a/m quantities.

5 - I ask you to kindly inform me as the material is manufactured so that I may arrange for its issue.

6709

S.T.

sgd. Catalano
Maj.

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNEC NO. 785020

manufacture the following rifle cleaning kit

a) 25.000 Double pullthroughs BI/BB/0519
b) 25.000 Single " BI/BB/0520
c) 100.000 Gauzes BI/BB/5021
d) 50.000 Weights for pullthroughs BI/BB/5022

2 - The number shown on the side of each object is the British Catalogue numbers. We would like it to be stamped on the part referred to in "d" Para I . -

3 - I send a specimen (original British) of each part I have sent (together with each pullthrough) the 2 types of weights (in brass and iron) in order that your Arsenal may see them, but I expressed the opinion that - for economical reasons - they should be manufactured in iron.

4 - I ask the General and Artillery Directorate to kindly authorise the Turin Arsenal to manufacture the a/m quantities.

5 - I ask you to kindly inform me as the material is manufactured so that I may arrange for its issue.

6709

S. T.

sgd. Catalano
Maj.

Regd. 8 July

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC No. 785020

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

HE 1125

COMANDO DIVISIONE DI FANTERIA "LEGNANO"
Ufficio Automobilistico

Bergamo, 24 giugno 1946.

OGGETTO: Trasmissione foglio nº 07/3761 di prot. - in data odierna - all'oggetto: "Commessa di materiali".

ADME
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
R O M A

..... per doverosa informazione.

IL CAPO UFFICIO AUTO
INCARICATO DAL M.G.
(Maggiore P. Catalano)

DIVISIONE FANTERIA "LEGNANO" * COMANDO *

COMANDO DIVISIONE DI FANTERIA "LEGNANO"
Ufficio Automobilistico

N° 07/ 3761 di prot. Bergamo, 24 giugno 1946.

OGGETTO: Commessa di materiali.

ALL' ARSENALE R.ESERCITO
e,per conoscenza: T O R I N O

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Direzione Generale Artiglieria e Motorizzazione
Divisione Tecnica A.C. - Sezione 2^ R O M A

1°) Prego la cortesia di cotesto Arsenale compiacersi disporre lo studio per l'allestimento dei seguenti materiali necessari per la pulizia dei fucili:

a) - funicella doppia per pulizia fucile ..... - B1/BB/0519
b) - funicella semplice per pulizia fucile..... - B1/BB/0520
c) - metallica..... - B1/BB/0521
d) - grave (tubetto metallico) per funicella..... - B1/BB/0522

2°) - I numeri riportati a fianco di ciascun oggetto sono quelli di identificazione riportati nei cataloghi inglesi. E' desiderabile ch'esso venga stampigliato sul particolare di cui al comma d) del paragr. 1°).-

3°) - Invio un esemplare(originale inglese) di ciascun particolare. Ho voluto rimettere (unito a ciascuna funicella) i due tipi di grave (in ottone e in ferro),perchè cotesto Arsenale ne prenda visione,ma esprimo il parere che - per ragioni di economia - esso debba essere allestito in ferro.

4°) - Prego la Direzione Generale Artiglieria e Motorizzazione compiacersi autorizzare l'Arsenale di Torino ad allestire i seguenti quantitativi di ciascun particolare:

a) - B1/BB/0519 - n° 25.000
b) - B1/BB/0520 - " 25.000
c) - B1/BB/0521 - " 100.000
d) - B1/BB/0522 - " 50.000

5°) - Di mano in mano che il materiale verrà allestito prego compiacersi darmene notizia onde poter far luogo alla distribuzione.

IL MAGGIORE
CAPO UFFICIO AUTOMOBILISTICO
INCARICATO DAL G.

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDG NO. 785020

ALL' ARSENALE R.ESERCITO T O R I N O

e,per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Direzione Generale Artiglieria e Motorizzazione
Divisione Tecnica A.C. - Sezione 2^ R O M A

1°) Prego la cortesia di cotesto Arsenale compiacersi disporre lo studio per l'allestimento dei seguenti materiali necessari per la pulizia dei fucili:

a) - funicella doppia per pulizia fucile ..... - B1/BB/0519
b) - funicella semplice per pulizia fucile..... - B1/BB/0520
c) - ~~funicella~~ metallica..... - B1/BB/0521
d) - grave (tubetto metallico) per funicella..... - B1/BB/0522

2°) - I numeri riportati a fianco di ciascun oggetto sono quelli di identificazione riportati nei cataloghi inglesi. E' desiderabile ch'esso venga stampigliato sul particolare di cui al comma d) del paragr. 1°).-

3°) - Invio un esemplare(originale inglese) di ciascun particolare. Ho voluto rimettere (unito a ciascuna funicella) i due tipi di grave (in ottone e in ferro),perchè cotesto Arsenale ne prenda visione,ma esprimo il parere che - per ragioni di economia - esso debba essere allestito in ferro.

4°) - Prego la Direzione Generale Artiglieria e Motorizzazione compiacersi autorizzare l'Arsenale di Torino ad allestire i seguenti quantitativi di ciascun particolare:

a) - B1/BB/0519 - n° 25.000
b) - B1/BB/0520 - " 25.000
c) - B1/BB/0521 - " 100.000
d) - B1/BB/0522 - " 50.000

5°) - Di mano in mano che il materiale verrà allestito prego compiacersi darmene notizia onde poter far luogo alla distribuzione.

6101

IL MAGGIORE
CAPO UFFICIO AUTOMOBILISTICO
INCARICATO DAL M.G.
(P. Catalano)

DIVISIONE FANTERIA "LEGNANO" * COMANDO *

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

74

SUBJECT :- [redacted]

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E.
MS/25/74.

29 June 46

To :- MSS, 1,3,4,5,6,10,12 MIUs.

1. Attached is a list for your information showing the name of civilian armourers sent to each C.A.R.

2. These men have been instructed on British weapons at the School of Artillery, Civitavecchia and should prove competent armourers.

AB/mc

Lt. Col. A.D.M.E.

AB.

6706

Royal
1st July

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

COPIA

FABBRICA D'ARMI DEL R. ESERCITO
T E R N I

Terni, 25 maggio 1946

N. 6059 di prot.

OGGETTO : Invio operai specialisti.

Rif.to al telegr. del 4 - 5 - 46 n. 2052.

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA - DIREZIONE GENERALE ARTIGLIERIA E MOTORIZZAZIONE - Div. Term A.C. - Sez. 2a.

R O M A

In ottemperanza al telegramma su citato si comunica che i sottonotati operai i quali hanno frequentato con esito positivo il corso mille ore per tutti gli automezzi inglesi svoltosi a Civitavecchia, sono stati avviati alle località prestabilite ed il giorno 25 corr. si presenteranno presso il Corpo Addestramento Reclute, a fianco di ciascuno indicato ogni assegnazione fatta dalla suddetta.

MENICOCCI	Alessandro	8a	C.A.R.	Orvieto
NICOLAI	Rosaldo	3a	"	Como
MAGI	Aurelio	6a	"	Pesaro
BARBACCIA	Italo	2a	"	Cuneo
LUZZI	Marcello	11a	"	Palermo
TABARRINI	Italo	9a	"	Bari
VERELLI	Dante	5a	"	Modena
ARCHISTI	Augusto	4a	"	Verona
BERNARDI	Mario	3a	"	Como
ZAMBONI	Ilvo	7a	"	Siena
COCCHI	Mario	1a	"	Monferrato
TINARELLI	Orlando	2a	"	Cuneo
BRUNETTI	Ilio	10a	"	Avellino
BELLEZZA	Renato	5a	"	Modena.

6705

P. IL COLONNELLO DIRETTORE e.p.c.
(G. Argan)
F.to Illegibile.

P.C.C.

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

(69)

TRANSLATION

From: "Legnano" Inf. Div. HQ Ref: ----

To : ADME - MMIA Date: 20/6/46

MEMO for Col. BLUNT

NO TRACE

I - Further to my memo dated 16 inst. I report for your information, that during my visit (concluded yesterday) to the Turin Arsenal I learnt that RMME Branch of the I° BLU has ordered the a/m Arsenal to manufacture:
- Pull-throughs n° 2.000
- Swabs for cleaning Tomphsons-1.000
- Tomphson pistol grips 250

2 - If I had been informed in time, I could have ordered the manufacture of a greater quantity which the Arsenal would have been able to produce all at the same time, thus saving time.

Cordially.

DAK

ged. Catalano
Maj.

Ensure until BLO can etc — contact their co-ops concerned if they etc —

2716 Hq
6704
Regd -
26 Jun.

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

Reme

COMANDO DIVISIONE DI FANTERIA "LEGNANO"
Ufficio Automobilistico

Bergamo, li 20 Giugno 1946

PROMEMORIA PER IL SIG. COLONNELLO BLUNT

ADME - H.Q. LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

R O M A

1°) - Faccio seguito al mio promemoria in data 16 corrente e segnalo, per quel conto che vorrà tenerne, che in occasione di una mia visita all'Arsenale di Torino conclusasi ieri, ho appreso che il REME BRANCH del 1°B.L.U. ha disposto presso il citato Arsenale l'allestimento di:
a)- n.2000 cordicelle per pulizia fucili;
b)- n.1000 scovoli per pulizie Tomphson;
c)- n. 250 impugnature per Tomphson.

2°) - Se fossi stato ragguagliato in tempo utile, avrei potuto intervenire disponendo l'allestimento di un quantitativo maggiore che l'Arsenale avrebbe potuto mettere in lavorazione in una sola volta, con economia di tempo.

Molto cordialmente.

IL MAGGIORE CAPO UFFICIO AUTO
INCARICATO DAL M.G.
- Pietro Catalano -

DIVISIONE FANTERIA "LEGNANO" COMANDO

Memorandum
Priority 2
C/Chauffeurs Capt
24/6

1600
6 7203 24/6
1630
25/6

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

Headquarters
4 B L U
Bolzano
Ref 4/GB/2-121

18 June 46

Subject: Classification of Weapons for Training.

To : HQ MMIA ROMA.

The attached translation of a letter received from 4 Terr Comd is forwarded for information, referring to your TRG/4 dtd. 11 May 46.

This is the result of classification by the Italian authorities themselves: arrangements have been made however, for a British armourer to be attached to 4 C.A.R. for a brief period in the near future and it is possible as a result that the figures may ultimately require amendment as the British standard demands a higher state of efficiency for weapons as that at present acceptable to the Italian Army.

Major GS
for Lt.Col.J.S.H.Douglas
absent on duty

Copy to: ADHQ HQ MMIA.

RECEIVED 24 JUN 1946
GOHQ

Folio 29 Ref

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

COPY

Translation / Lg

MILITARY TERRITORIAL COMMAND Of BOLZANO (IV)
G.S. - Operation and Training Office

No 01/6153/ADD/D.1 Bolzano, 7 June 1946.

SUBJECT :- Classification of arms for training with C.A.R.

TO :- 4. F.L.U. BOLZANO.

Reference letter No. 4/GB/2-99 dated 16 May current.

You are herewith informed that according an inspection made the rifles in distribution of C.A.R. are classified as follows:

fit for firing with full charge	pcs.	4047
out for use, to be repaired	pcs.	38

HEAD OF GENERAL STAFF
(Col Enrico Diranti)
Sgd. ????????

Fulc

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC No. 785020

(59)

TRANSLATION

From: M.oI W.
To : MMIA

See (73)

Ref: 36528/DT
Date: 10/6/46

Subject: Inspection to gun barrels.

(39)

Ref. your letter MI/25/39 dated May 26th.

This Ministry is not in a position to get from private industry the brass required for reproducing the samples used by the British Army for measuring the strength of the striker.

For their reproduction however, it is necessary that your M.M.I.A. forward to General Directorate of Arty the ~~drafts~~ designs.

sgd. Properzi
Gen.

S/c
G.F.

Prefare drawings of conical coffers & eccentric for striker coffers from FIAT A5022
& forward them to M. of W.

6700

Regd.
17 June.

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

Roma, Roma 10 GIU. 946 194 .

Ministero della Guerra
DIREZIONE GENERALE ARTIGLIERIA e
Motorizzazione

Divisione Tec. A.C. Sez. 1^
Prot. N. 36/28 /DT Allegati

Oggetto: Ispezione alle bocche da fuoco.

All LAND FORCES SUB
COMM. A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
R O M A

Risposta al f. del
Div. Sez. N°

Si fa riferimento al foglio N. M.E/25/39 di codesta L.F.S.C. in data Maggio 46.

Questo Ministero è in grado di procurare dall'industria privata il rame necessario per la riproduzione dei campioni impiegati nell'Esercito Britannico per la misura della forza di urto del percussore.

Per la loro riproduzione è però necessario che codesta L.F.S.C. faccia pervenire alla Direzione Generale d'Artiglieria i relativi disegni.

p. IL MINISTRO
(P.G. Properzj)

Spare Part Inquiry 2 Stockbridge Camp 12/6

Gen U Roma Data 12/6
Reg. Lettere 16
6699
1100
17/6

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

(57)

SUBJECT :- Maintenance of British Weapons.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME
102/203/57

14 June 46

To :- MINISTRY OF WAR.

With reference to letter 07/3102 of 28 May from 8th Lagarian Infantry Division referring to our letter 102 22/45 of 7th May (of which a copy is attached herewith), it is considered that the formation of such workshops should be initiated. If possible once these are such workshop should be formed for the following reasons :-

(a) One workshop would be fully occupied with the five Infantry Divisions as it would spend between two and three weeks with each Division. It should visit each Division every six months.

(b) There are many Units outside the Infantry Divisions equipped with British Arms representing an appreciable number of weapons. Many of these units are distributed throughout Italy and are not very well served by armourers trained in British weapons.

(c) The number of Units equipped with such arms is likely to increase in the near future.

Will you please inform this Headqu. of your comments on the proposal.

See 113

AE/ms

(63)

Copy to :- MME 6 MIW (E)

Internal :- 'G'.

A Blunt
Lt. Cols.
M.M.I.A.

6698

Rec'd. 15 June.

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

COPY

SUBJECT :- Proposed Mobile Armourers Shop.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(L.S.I.A.) F.Q.M.G.
MM/22/45

7 May 1946.

S/O R.E.M.E., 7 B.I.U., c/o 6 B.I.U.

Reference your letter MM/74 dated 18 April 46.

1. The proposal to organise an Italian Mobile Armourers Shop is, generally speaking, acceptable by this office, however the following points will be noted :-

(a) Application should be made through the normal Italian Military channels for authorization of the A/M Unit.

(b) Until a T.E. is approved, the M.A.S. must naturally be considered unofficial.

(c) Maj. Catalano should be requested to arrange inspection programmes for the M.A.S.

2. Please keep this office advised as to progress made in this matter.

Sdg. A. [illegible]
Capt.
for Lt. Col. AMGS.,
HQ. MEDIA.

6697

121

Sec 113
115

56

TRANSLATION

From: "Legnano" Inf. Div. HQ
To : M.of W.
and to MMIA (for information)

Ref: 07/3102

Date: 28th May 1946

Subject: Proposal for the formation of a Mobile Armourers' Shop for individual and automatic arms inspection.

58

Ref. MMIA's letter N° ME/22/45 dated 7 inst.

1 - The British organisation lays down a quarterly inspection of arms carried out by Armourers of Large Formations.

2 - I have already introduced this system of inspection in the "Legnano" Division and I obtained results really satisfactory.
But I have modified the procedure carried out by the British Army for reasons which I mention below.
The British Arm Inspector controls only the degree of efficiency and maintainance of the arms and compiles a report which is forwarded to the Div. HQ and (through the Div HQ) also to the Unit concerned.
The arms Inspector also gives technical explainations which might be requested by Units.
At first, a similar procedure did not produce the results wished for on account of obvious reasons and therefore (taking tradesmen and equipment from the Mobile w/shop) I formed a w/shop having the following duties:
a) inspect arms of each Unit and compiles the report;
b) point out the faults, suggesting and showing in practice how to operate in order to avoid these to be repeated;
c) repair on the spot arms requiring minor repairs;
d) withdraw arms requiring 2nd and 3rd echelon repairs.

3 - It does not seem to me that the other Divisions have a similar organisation and I do not think they can form same on account of deficiency of personnel and equipment.

6396

4 - Apart from the fact that (in my opinion) we shall have to set up an organisation of the kind in each Division, I think most useful the formation of counter-inspection services so as to ascertain whether and to what extent

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNMC No. 785020

I - The British organisation lays down a quarterly inspection of arms carried out by Armourers of Large Formations.

2 - I have already introduced this system of inspection in the "Legnano" Division and I obtained results really satisfactory.
But I have modified the procedure carried out by the British Army for reasons which I mention below.
The British Arm Inspector controls only the degree of efficiency and maintainance of the arms and compiles a report which is forwarded to the Div. HQ and (through the Div HQ) also to the Unit concerned.
The arms Inspector also gives technical explainations which might be requested by Units.
At first, a similar procedure did not produce the results wished for on account of obvious reasons and therefore (taking tradesmen and equipment from the Mobile w/shop) I formed a w/shop having the following duties:
a) inspect arms of each Unit and compile the report;
b) point out the faults, suggesting and showing in practice how to operate in order to avoid these to be repeated;
c) repair on the spot arms requiring minor repairs;
d) withdraw arms requiring 2nd and 3rd echelon repairs.

3 - It does not seem to me that the other Divisions have a similar organisation and I do not think they can form same on account of deficiency of personnel and equipment. 6696

4 - Apart from the fact that (in my opinion) we shall have to set up an organisation of the kind in each Division, I think most useful the formation of counter-inspection services so as to ascertain whether and to what extent the technical organisation of the Division functions.

5 - In view of the above, I propose to form, under my command, a mobile armourers w/shop, which will have the duty of inspecting units (ARMS) in accordance with subpara a) b) c) d) of para 2 above.
Should your Ministry approve the proposal, I shall make it my duty to forward a detailed proposal on:
a) equipment that said w/shop should have;
b) personnel;
c) duties to be carried out.

G.F.

sgd. Catalano

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC No. 785020

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

Traduzione Pl
Prigionieri II Albert Rel

COMANDO DIVISIONE DI FANTERIA "LEGNANO"
Ufficio Automobilistico

Bergamo, 28 maggio 1946.

Nº 07/ 2102 di prot.

OGGETTO: Proposta di costituzione di autofficina per riparazione ed ispezione armi individuali e automatiche.

Mobile workshop SLO

- AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Direzione Generale Artiglieria e Motorizzazione
Divisione Tecnica
ROMA

e,per conoscenza:

- ANME - HQ Military Mission Italian Army (M.M.I.A.) ROMA
(Riferimento MF/22/45 del 7 corr.)

- SC ANME - HQ 6 B.L.U. BOLOGNA (C.M.F.)

****

1°) - L'organizzazione inglese prevede la ispezione trimestrale delle armi in oggetto che viene eseguita a mezzo di personale specializzato delle G.U.

2°) - Nella Divisione "Legnano" ho da tempo introdotto questo sistema, ottenendone risultati veramente soddisfacenti.
Ho,però,modificato alquanto il criterio vigente nell'Esercito Inglese per le ragioni che appresso specifico.
L'ispettore inglese si limita a controllare il grado di efficienza e manutenzione delle armi,facendo constare l'esito di detta ispezione con apposito verbale che viene trasmesso al Comando della Divisione e - tramite il predetto Comando - anche alla Unità interessata.
L'ispettore fornisce anche i chiarimenti tecnici che eventualmente vengono richiesti dai singoli reparti.
Una simile procedura - almeno per il primo periodo - non mi ha offerto gli auspicati risultati per un complesso di ovvie ragioni perciò,sia pure sottraendo all'officina mobile attrezzature e personale specializzato, ho allestito un'autofficina col compito di:

a) - ispezionare le armi dei singoli reparti redigendo il prescritto verbale;

b) - porre in evidenza le manchevolezze riscontrate suggerendo e mostrando praticamente come operare per evitare che si ripetano;

c) - riparare in sito quelle xxxxxx armi che l'attrezzatura consente (piccole e medie riparazioni);

d)- ritirare senz'altro le armi che richiedono l'intervento di officine di 2^ o 3^ linea per sgomberarle sui predetti stabilimenti.

3.- Non mi risulta che presso le altre Divisioni vi sia una organizzazione del genere e - comunque - ritengo che esse non siano in grado di

..//..

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

attuarle per deficienza di attrezzature e di personale.-

4.- A parte il fatto che - a mio avviso - gradatamente si dovrà pervenire ad una organizzazione del genere in ogni divisione, ritengo più che mai utile la istituzione di un servizio di contro-ispezione allo scopo di accertare se e sino a qual punto funziona l'organizzazione tecnica divisionale.-

5.- In conseguenza di quanto esposto, propongo di costituire e porre alla mia dipendenza un'autofficina mobile, alla quale dovrebbe essere commesso l'incarico di visitare le varie unità e provvedere in conformità di quanto precisato ai comma a) - b) - c) e d) del paragrafo 2.-

Se codesto Ministero approva la proposta in linea di massima, mi farò un dovere inoltrare proposte concrete per:

a)- l'attrezzatura che l'autofficina dovrebbe avere;
b)- il personale che dovrebbe essere chiamato a costituirla;
c)- i compiti che dovrebbero essergli demandati.-

IL MAGGIORE CAPO UFFICIO AUTO
INCARICATO DAL M.G.
- Pietro Cutalano -

DIVISIONE FANTERIA "LEGNANO" ★ COMANDO ★

0715
Data 5/6
58
1215
11/6
6694

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

0 AAI-2754 0

55

SUBJECT: Proposed Mobile Armourers Shop.

D12

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E
ME/22/45
7 MAY 1946

S/C R.E.M.E., 7 B.L.U., c/o 6 B.L.U.

14

Reference your letter EMB/74 dated 18 April 46.

1. The proposal to organise an Italian Mobile Armourers Shop is, generally speaking, acceptable by this office, however the following points will be noted:-

(a) Application should be made through the normal Italian Military channels for authorisation of the a/m Unit.

(b) Until a W.E. is approved, the M.A.S. must naturally be considered unofficial.

(c) Maj. Catalano should be requested to arrange inspection programmes for the M.A.S.

2. Please keep this office advised as to progress made in this matter.

See AG 23/26

H Shockridge.
Capt.,
for Lt.Col. A.D.M.E.
HQ C.M.F.A.

See folder 56
114

RE/12

RECEIVED 23 APR 5764 REME 54

Subject:- **Proposed Mobile Armoures Shop.**

To :- ADME
H.Q. Land Forces Sub-Com. ROME
copy to:- EME 1, 3, 4, 10 B.L.U.'s
A/Q 6 & 7 B.L.U.'s

SC REME
7 British Liaison Unit,
c/o 6 B.L.U.
Tele 21473

Ref. EME/74

Date: 18 April 1946

1) In view of the disbandment of all but two REME Training Increments and the consequent absence of direct liaison with Infantry Div. Armoures or other Italian Military bodies equipped with British Small Arms it is proposed to organise an Italian Mobile Armoures Shop. This Unit to be based on the normal REME equivalent and located in BOLOGNA where it could be assisted and supervised by the remaining British REME Armoures of the 7 B.L.U. Increment.

2) The proposed duties of this M.A.S. will be to visit and inspect Italian Infantry Divisions, C.A.R.'s, etc. for the purpose of giving instruction and assistance in the care, maintenance and repair of British Small Arms. It should also be possible (as previously arranged for the LEGNANO Div.) to organise instructional film shows on the subject, the required films being obtained on loan from British sources (AKS) and shown by means of the Mobile Projection Unit of the Legnano Divisional Wksp.

3) This M.A.S. will be an entirely Italian Unit and it is proposed to contact Major CATALANO (CME LEGNANO) with a view to obtaining suitable Italian personnel. In connection with the personnel it is considered that in view of the general neglect and large wastage of S.A. in all Italian Units the M.A.S. should have a fairly large establishment of technical personnel and we provvisionally propose the following:

RANK	No.
Maresciallo Armourer	1
Sergente Maggiore	2
Armaioli	7

4) A suitable vehicle and necessary tools and equipment arecalready available and it would be appreciated if this proposal could be given consideration and the necessary authority given to this Office for the organisation of this M.A.S. to be proceded with.

P.H. Nelson SC REME.

later Authority succeeded by letter

6692

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDG NO. 785020

remaining British RASC Armourers of the 7 S.A.A. Brigade.

2) The proposed duties of this M.A.S. will be to visit and inspect Italian Infantry Divisions, C.A.R.'s, etc. for the purpose of giving instruction and assistance in the care, maintenance and repair of British small arms. It should also be possible (as previously arranged for the LEGNANO Div.) to organise instructional film shows on the subject, the required films being obtained on loan from British sources (AKS) and shown by means of the Mobile Projection Unit of the Legnano Divisional Wksp.

3) This M.A.S. will be an entirely Italian Unit and it is proposed to contact Major CATALANO (CME LEGNANO) with a view to obtaining suitable Italian personnel. In connection with the personnel it is considered that in view of the general neglect and large wastage of S.A. in all Italian Units the M.A.S. should have a fairly large establishment of technical personnel and we provvisionally propose the following:

RANK	No.
Maresciallo Armourer	1
Sergente Maggiore	2
Armaioli	7

4) A suitable vehicle and necessary tools and equipment arecalready available and it would be appreciated if this proposal could be given consideration and the necessary authority given to this Office for the organisation of this M.A.S. to be proceded with.

P.H. Nelson SC REME.

Transfer Airborne
(Pack mules) to ME/25 -- 6692

cc/ Passing forward
for study &
action

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC No. 785020

SUBJECT :- Maintenance - British Zone.

Land Forces Sub Comm, A.C.
(M.M.T.A.) R O M E.
MB/25/53

13 June 46

92,93

To :- MINISTRY OF WAR.

32

Further to letter MB 25/52 of 24 May and in confirmation of conversations of 12 June with the Director General of Artillery and Motorization, your proposal is agreed to establish an Artillery Spares Depot at FIRENZE to supply the Divisions, Schools and Workshops handling Allied artillery. Please inform us of the proposed War Establishment for this Spares Depot.

There would seem to be no serious objection to the manufacture of spares required to maintain Allied types of artillery (the manufacture of barrels, breech rings, breech blocks and buffer rods being excluded) and it is noted that you intend supplement your present holding of spares by this means.

With reference to your letter 25726/MT of 1st June it is agreed that Allied small arms be repaired at the PARK at CASCINE VAL TRENTA, this constituting a Base Small Arms Workshop.

It is not agreed that Allied small arms or automatic weapons be repaired at the PARK at TERNI, but only that the PARK at TERNI be allowed to supplement by manufacture your existing holding of spares for Allied small arms (with the exception of barrels, breaches, breech blocks and bolts).

Please advise us whether you propose to hold spares for Allied small arms at CASCINE VAL TRENTA, FIRENZE, BOLOGNA, TERNI or elsewhere, as with the existing limited supply, centralization of your spares holding is most desirable.

AB/ag

669 1 Vol.

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

Further to letter MS 25/32 of 31 May and in confirmation of conversations of 12 June with the Director General of Artillery and Materiel, your personnel is agreed to establish an Artillery Spares Depot at FIAMMEA to supply the Divisions, Schools and Workshops handling Allied artillery. Please inform us of the proposed War Establishment for this Spares Depot.

There would seem to be no serious objection to the manufacture of spares required to maintain Allied types of artillery (the manufacture of barrels, breech rings, breech blocks and buffer rods being excluded) and it is noted that you intend supplement your present holding of spares by this means.

With reference to your letter 05726/MT of 1st June it is agreed that Allied small arms be repaired at the PARK at CASERME VAL TRONEA, this constituting a Base Small Arms Workshop.

It is not agreed that Allied small arms or automatic weapons be repaired at the PARK at TERNI, but only that the PARK at TERNI be alloued to supplement by manufacture your existing holding of spares for Allied small arms (with the exception of barrels, breeche, breech blocks and bolts).

Please advise us whether you propose to hold spares for Allied small arms at CASERME VAL TRONEA, FIAMMEA, BOLOGNA, TERNI or elsewhere, as with the existing limited supply, centralisation of your spares holding is most desirable.

A Blunt
6691 Gole
AGWS.

AB/sg

Copies to :- [illegible].
3 BIU
6 BIU
12 BEL.

Reqd. 13th Jan

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

ME/2 S

SUBJECT :- Maintenance Italian Army

See (85)

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.,
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
G.130
31 May 1946

TO : 1 C.M.O. For "A".

Further to your G139/G.1 of 16 May 1946 and this HQ G.138 dated 23 May 1946.

1. On appendix "A" attached please find details of Armourers' Tools required to meet the commitments of servicing and repairing the British Infantry Weapons with which, C.A.R's, Central Military Schools Internal Security Divisions and Independent Regiments are being equipped.

2. May this H.Q., be notified when these tools can be made available.

R.O. Lumsden Lt Col
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

6690

Int email : [illegible]
CMO
"A"

Reg. 31 May

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

Appendix "A" to MGA letter [illegible].153 dated May 46.

Cat. Part No.	Designation	Required for C.A.R's and Central Military Schools	Internal Sec. Div. and Ind. Depts.	Total now required
	Section H 1			
	Rifle pouch -			
BA 0515	Double Mark I "A"	63	144	207
BB 0519	Cords, Double	63	144	207
BB 0521	Gauze	630	1440	2070
	Section H 2			
BC 3016	Bags, Armourers SA MK 1	42	96	138
BC 3026	Baton, tools armourers	21	48	69
BC 3032	Brace, Armourers, MK III	21	48	69
	Bits -			
BC 3056	Cleaning No.2	21	48	69
	Screwdriver -			
BC 3062	Front Guard Screw	21	48	69
BC 3070	Swivel Screw	21	48	69
BC 3076	Stock Bolt	21	48	69
BC 3448	Clams No.1 "D"	21	48	69
	Drifts Armourers -			
BC 3468	No.1	21	48	69
BC 3469	No.2	21	48	69
BC 3470	No.3	21	48	69
BC 3471	No.4	21	48	69
BC 3472	No.5	21	48	69
	Floats -			
BC 3494	Large	21	48	69
BC 3495	Small	21	48	69
	Gauges Armourers -			
	.068 in.-			
BC 3506	No.1	21	48	69
BC 3509	No.2	21	48	69
	.074 in.-			
BC 3512	No.1	21	48	69
BC 3515	No.2	21	48	69
	Hammer point -			
BC 3518	No.1	21	48	69
BC 3519	No.2	21	48	69
BD 0458	Plug .301 in	21	48	69

6683

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

Appendix "A" to MGA letter G.138 dated May 46.

No.	Description	Required for C.M.R's and Central Military Schools	Internal Sec. Divs. and Ind. Regts.	Total now required
	Section B 1			
	Fullthroughs -			
	Double Mark I "A"	63	144	207
	Cards, Double	63	144	207
	Gauze	630	1440	2070
	Section B 2			
	Bags, Armourers SA MK 1	42	96	138
	Bones, tools armourers	21	48	69
	Brooms, Armourers, MK III	21	48	69
	Bits -			
	Cleaning No.2	21	48	69
	Screwdrivers -			
	Front Guard Screw	21	48	69
	Swivel Screw	21	48	69
	Stock Bolt	21	48	69
	Clams No.1 "B" pr	21	48	69
	Drifts Armourers -			
	No.1	21	48	69
	No.2	21	48	69
	No.3	21	48	69
	No.4	21	48	69
	No.5	21	48	69
	Files -			
	Large	21	48	69
	Small	21	48	69
	Gauges armourers -			
	.06½ in.-			
	No.1	21	48	69
	No.2	21	48	69
	.07¼ in.-			
	No.1	21	48	69
	No.2	21	48	69
	Hammer point -			
	No.1	21	48	69
	No.2	21	48	69
	Plug .301 in	21	48	69

6689

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

Chtr. Part No.	Designation	Required for		Total Hrs. required
		F.A.F's and Contract Military Schools	Internal Sec.Div. and Ind.Regts.	
	Starter Point			
BC 3560	No.1	21	48	69
BC 3563	No.2	21	48	69
BC 6846	No.4	21	48	69
BC 3606	Keys,Light	21	48	69
BC 3632	Pincers,Armourers Screwdrivers	21	48	69
	Armourers -			
BC 3925	Large	21	48	69
BC 3926	Small	21	48	69
BC 3629	Extractor Screw	21	48	69
	Footed			
BC 3932	No.1	21	48	69
BC 3933	No.2	21	48	69
BC 3934	No.3	21	48	69
BC 3930	Sticks,Carborundum	21	48	69
	Tools -			
	Bore -			
BC 3965	Bits	126	288	414
BC 3966	Burton	42	96	138
BC 3967	Plugs	21	48	69
BC 3968	Rods	21	48	69
	Cleaning -			
	Rods -			
BC 4025	No.1	21	48	69
BC 4029	No.4	21	48	69
BC 4036	Sticks	21	48	69
	Foresight -			
	Groups -			
BC 4045	No.1 MK II	21	48	69
BC 4048	No.2	21	48	69
BC 6881	No.3	21	48	69
BC 4051	Punches	21	48	69
BC 6756	Removing Foresight Screw	21	48	69
	Spring Extractor -			
BC 4075	No.1	21	48	69
BC 6794.7	No.2	21	48	69

6688

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

Contd.

Designation	Required for A.A.T's and Central Military Schools	Internal Sec.Divs. and Int.Regts.	Total Nos required
Starter point			
No.1	21	48	69
No.2	21	48	69
No.4	21	48	69
Keys, Sight	21	48	69
Pincers, Armourers	21	48	69
Screwdrivers			
Armourers -			
Large	21	48	69
Small	21	48	69
Extractor Screw	21	48	69
Forked			
No.1	21	48	69
No.2	21	48	69
No.3	21	48	69
Stick, Carborundum	21	48	69
Trolls -			
Nose -			
Bits	126	288	414
Buttons	42	96	138
Plugs	21	48	69
Rods	21	48	69
Cleaning -			
Rods -			
No.1	21	48	69
No.4	21	48	69
Sticks	21	48	69
Foresight -			
Drifts -			
No.1 MK II	21	48	69
No.2	21	48	69
No.3	21	48	69
Punches	21	48	69
Recovering Foresight Screw	21	48	69
Spring Extractor -			
No.1	21	48	69
No.2	21	48	69

6688

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

Cat. & Part No.	Designation	Required for C.A.T.S. and Central Military Schools	Required for Internal Sec. Divs. and Ind. Regts.	Total Nos. Required
BC 4082	Striker -			
BC 4086	No.1	21	48	69
BC 4093	No.2 MK II	21	48	69
BC 4100	Stringing Bolt	21	48	69
BC 4114	Stud	21	48	69
	Vices, parallel, screwing	21	48	69
	Section G 1			
BD 0035	Balances, spring MG MK I	21	48	69
BD 0071	Bands, Carriers, ammunition, Ball .303 in MG MK I	21	48	69
BD 2545	Reflectors, mirrors, .303 in MG MK I	21	48	69
	Section G 2			
BG 0050	Cone, oil, MG, MK II	21	48	69
BG 0854	Pull-throughs, .5 in MK I - "a"	21	48	69
BG 0856	Grease	210	480	690
	Section F Part I			
BA 10463	Braces, carpenters -	21	48	69
BA 10625	Bits, screwdriver ¼ in.	21	48	69
	Brushes flat, paint 0.5 1 in.			
BA 11251	Chisels -			
	Cold, flat, carbon steel ½ in.	21	48	69
BA 11282	Files -	21	48	69
BA 11284	½ in	21	48	69
BA 11286	¼ in	21	48	69
	Drills -			
BA 11743	Stock, hand	21	48	69
	Twist -			
	Parallel Shank, Jobbers English			
BA 11911	1/32 in.	21	48	69
BA 11924	19/64 in.	21	48	69
BA 11985	¼ in	21	48	69

6687

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

Item No.	Designation	Required for C,A,R,S and Central Military Schools	Internal Soc.Mem. and Ind. Regts.	Total Now Required
1				
	Striker -			
2	No.1	21	48	69
3	No.2 MK IV	21	48	69
4	Marking Bolt	21	48	69
5	Head	21	48	69
6	Vices, parallel, screwjaws	21	48	69
	Section C 1			
7	Balances, spring MC MK I	21	48	69
8	Bores, Carriers, Springs, Levis .303 in MG MK 1	21	48	69
9	Deflectors, mirrors, .303 in MG MK I	21	48	69
	Section C 2			
10	Cans, oil, MG, MK IV	21	48	69
11	Fullthroughs, .5 in MK I -			
12	"A"	21	48	69
13	Cases	210	480	690
	Section F Part I			
14	Braces, carpenters -			
15	Bits, screwdriver ¼ in.	21	48	69
16	Brushes flat, point 0.S 1 in.	21	48	69
17	Chisels -			
18	Cold, flat, carbon steel ½ in.	21	48	69
19	Files -			
20	¼ in	21	48	69
21	½ in	21	48	69
22	¾ in	21	48	69
23	Drills -			
24	Stock, hand	21	48	69
25	Twist -			
26	Parallel Shank, jobbers English			
27	1/32 in.	21	48	69
28	19/64 in.	21	48	69
29	¼ in	21	48	69

6687

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

Cat. Part No.	Designation	Required for C.A.C.'s and Combat Military Schools	Internal Sec. Inve. and Ind. Regts.	Total Now Required
	Wire, Horse —			
MA 12002	No. 2	21	48	69
MA 12005	" 5	21	48	69
MA 12012	" 12	21	48	69
MA 12016	" 16	21	48	69
MA 12022	" 22	21	48	69
MA 12028	" 28	21	48	69
MA 12030	" 30	21	48	69
MA 12035	" 35	21	48	69
MA 12042	" 42	21	48	69
MA 12047	" 47	21	48	69
MA 12052	" 52	21	48	69
MA 12058	" 58	21	48	69
	Files —			
	Mat —			
MA 13251	Bastard 6 in.	21	48	69
MA 13281	Smooth 6 in.	21	48	69
	Half Round			
	Second —			
MA 13321	6 in.	21	48	69
MA 13322	8 in.	21	48	69
	Smooth —			
MA 13330	4 in.	21	48	69
MA 13331	6 in.	21	48	69
	Hand —			
MA 13360	Dead Smooth 6 in.	21	48	69
	Second Cut —			
MA 13366	6 in.	21	48	69
MA 13367	8 in.	21	48	69
MA 13505	Knife, bastard, 4 in.	21	48	69
	Pillar, smooth			
MA 13465	4 in.	21	48	69
MA 13466	6 in.	21	48	69
	Round			
MA 13511	Bastard 6 in.	21	48	69
	Smooth 4 in.	21	48	69

6683

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

Contd./4

No.	Designation	Required For C.A.R.'s and Control Military Schools	Internal Sec. Div. and Int. Br'ch.	Total Now Required
	Size, Horse -			
	No.2	24	48	69
	" 5	21	48	69
	" 12	21	48	69
	" 16	21	48	69
	" 22	21	48	69
	" 28	21	48	69
	" 30	21	48	69
	" 35	21	48	69
	" 42	21	48	69
	" 47	21	48	69
	" 52	21	48	69
	" 53	21	48	69
	Files -			
	Flat -			
	Bastard 6 in.	24	48	69
	Smooth 6 in.	24	45	69
	Half Round			
	Bastard -			
	6 in.	24	48	69
	8 in.	24	48	69
	Smooth -			
	4 in.	24	48	69
	6 in.	24	48	69
	Hand -			
	Dead Smooth 6 in.	24	48	69
	Second Cut -			
	6 in.	24	48	69
	8 in.	24	48	69
	Knife, bastard, 4 in.	24	48	69
	Pillar, smooth			
	4 in.	24	48	69
	6 in.	24	48	69
	Round			
	Bastard 6 in.	24	48	69
	Smooth 4 in.	24	48	69

66866

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

Cat. Part No.	Designation	Used for U.S.A.F.'s and Service Military Schools	Used for Internal. Secretaries and Individuals.	Total Requirements
FA 13542	Saw tapes, second cut single 6 in.	21	48	69
FA 13511	Gauges, feelers 4 in.	21	48	69
	Hammers -			
FA 14099	Carpenters, Warrington, 8 oz.	21	48	69
FA 14126	Engineers, ballpane, 1 lb.	21	48	69
	Handles files -			
FA 14412	No.3	63	144	207
FA 14414	No.5	63	144	207
FA 14776	Irons, Soldering, Standard 1 - lb. 12 cm.	21	48	69
FA 19001	Jaws, brazing, 2 pt. complete	21	48	69
FA 19032	Machines, grinding, hand bench, 6 in x 1 in.	21	48	69
FA 19126	Mallets, raw hide	21	48	69
FA 19261	Oilstones, fine	21	48	69
	Pliers -			
FA 19345	Flat nose, 6 in. pre.	21	48	69
FA 19366	Round nose, 6 in. "	21	48	69
FA 19377	Side-cutting 8 in. "	21	48	69
FA 16013	Punches round dia	21	48	69
FA 16596	Stake, steel 12 in.	21	48	69
	Saws, hack, hand,			
FA 16657	Blades, medium 12 in.	292	576	868
FA 16680	Screwdrivers, instrument mechanics	21	48	69
FA 16806	Shears, tinmans, snip 10 in. straight	21	48	69
	Spanners: -			
FA 17032	Adjustable, 6 in.	21	48	69
	Box -			
	Box, tubular, double ended -			
FA 17226	in x 5/16 in	21	48	69
FA 17227	3 in x 7/16 in	21	48	69
FA 17228	1/2 in x 9/16 in	21	48	69
FA 17229	5/8 in x 3/4 in	21	48	69
FA 17231	7/8 in x 1 in	21	48	69

6665

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

Stock No.	Designation	Required for C.M.T.C.'s and Central Military Schools	Required for External Sec. Divs. and Ind. Regts.	Total for Required
	Saw tapes, record cut			
	Angle 8 in.	21	48	69
	Gauges, Pocket ½ in.	21	48	69
	Hammers -			
	Carpenters, Warrington, 8 oz.	21	48	69
	Engineers, ballpeen, 1 lb.	21	48	69
	Handled Files -			
	No.3	63	144	207
	No.5	63	144	207
	Irons, Soldering, Straight 1 - lb. 12 cm.	21	48	69
	Lathe, brazing, 2 pt. complete	21	48	69
	Machines, grinding, hand			
	bench, 6 in x 1 in.	21	48	69
	Mallets, raw hide	21	48	69
	Oilstones, fine	21	48	69
	Pliers -			
	Flat nose, 6 in. pns.	21	48	69
	Round nose, 6 in. "	21	48	69
	Side-cutting 8 in. "	21	48	69
	Punches round dia	21	48	69
	Rules, steel 12 in.	21	48	69
	Saws, hack, hand,			
	Blades, each 12 in.	252	576	828
	Screwdrivers, instrument assorted	21	48	69
	Shears, tinmans, only 10 in. straight pss	21	48	69
	Spanners -			
	Adjustable, 6 in.	21	48	69
	Taps -			
	Bar, tubular, double ended -			
	in x 5/16 in	21	48	69
	3 in x 7/16 in	21	48	69
	1/2 in x 9/16 in	21	48	69
	5/8 in x 3/4 in	21	48	69
	7/8 in x 1 in	21	48	69

6665

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

Stock Part No.	Designation	Required for		
		S.A.E.'s and General Military Wheels	Internal Dia. Disc. and Ind. Rims	Hub Bore Diameter
	Open face double ended -			
NA 17253	1/2 in x 3/16 in.	21	40	62
NA 17254	1/2 in x 5/16 in.	21	40	62
	Spacer bars -			
NA 17598	No.3	21	40	62
NA 17599	No.4	21	40	62
NA 17600	No.5	21	40	62
NA 17601	No.6	21	40	62
NA 17602	No.7	21	40	62
	Diaphragm steel for metal or wood 5/16 in -			
NA 17770	Eleven 0 - 8 nuts	21	40	62
NA 17772	Lettered A - S nuts	21	40	62
NA 19326	Wheel, band 5 in.	21	40	62
	Section E.1			
	Cloth spacer -			
NA 0063	No. 2 sheets	420	280	434
NA 0064	No. 1	420	280	434
	Section E.2			
NA 0720	Centrifugal Pump - 3/4 in. U_2 20. ft.	240	160	690

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

No.	Designation	Required for C.N.T.'s and Control Military Vehicle	Required for Armored Vehicles and Instruments	Total Now Required
	Open jaw double ended —			
25	1/8 in x 5/16 in.	24	4	69
24	1/4 in x 5/16 in.	21	48	69
	Young bars —			
28	No.3	27	42	69
29	No.4	24	45	69
30	No.5	21	48	69
31	No.6	24	45	69
32	No.7	21	48	69
	Screwdriver for cowl or wood 5/16 in. —			
20	Pigeon 0 - 8 auto	24	45	69
42	Tolimes 1 - 8 auto	21	48	69
25	Vixen, bent 5 in.	24	45	69

Section B 1

	Cloth Gauge —			
2	No. 2 sheets	135	283	414
3	No. 1 "	125	288	413

Section A 2

Centrifugal CA Gauge .375 in. B, No. 5	230	400	630

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

AA 2473

51

Translation

From M.of W. Ref. 25725/DT
To See Addressee Date 1/6/46.
for info M.M.I.A. ME/25

Subject Manufacture of Spare Parts. See ME/20182

We confirm that the instructions already previously issued concerning the repair of allied weapons, i.e. artillery at the Piacenza Arsenal and automatic weapons at the Terni F.A.R.E. and the F.A.R.E. Section at Gardone V.T.

In accordance with arrangements made with M.M.I.A. (Col. Flunt) we authorise the a/n establishments to manufacture the spares required for allied materials (with the exception of barrels for small arms and automatic weapons, breaches and breechblocks), reporting the quantity and unit requiring them to this Ministry.

6683

DAK 7/6/46 P.G. Properzj.

R/3

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
DIREZIONE GENERALE ARTIGLIERIA E MOTORIZZ.NE
Div.Tecn.A.C. - Sez.2ª

Reme.

N. di prot. 25726 /DT

Roma, 1 GIU. 1946

OGGETTO: Allestimento parti di ricambio.

ALL'ARSENALE R.E. — PIACENZA
ALLA F.A.R.E. — TERNI
AL DISTACCAMENTO DELLA F.A.R.E. DI TERNI — GARDONE V.T.

Traduttori
Priorità II
aB

e, per conoscenza:

ALLA M.M.I.A. (REME) — ROMA
AL COMANDO DELLA DIVISIONE "LEGNANO" — BERGAMO

(rif.to 07/2172 del 15-4-46 Ufficio Automobil.)

Si confermano le disposizioni già da tempo emanate per la riparazione delle armi alleate, e precisamente delle artiglierie presso l'Arsenale di Piacenza e delle armi portatili ed automatiche presso la F.A.R.E. di Terni e la Sezione della F.A.R.E. di Gardone V.T.

In base ad accordi presi con la M.M.I.A. (Ten.Col. Blunt) si autorizzano gli Enti in indirizzo ad allestire parti di ricambio occorrenti ai materiali alleati (ad eccezione delle canne delle armi portatili ed automatiche delle culatte mobili e degli otturatori), segnalandone a questo Ministero la quantità e l'Ente richiedente.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
(Gen.P.C.Properzj)

668;1

P.C.G.
IL DIRETTORE CAPO DIVISIONE
(Col.A.Avallone)

1200

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

"LECHIANO"

BERGAMO

(rif.f° 07/2172 del 15-4-46
Ufficio Automobil.)

Si confermano le disposizioni già da tempo emanate per la riparazione delle armi alleate, e precisamente delle artiglierie presso l'Arsenale di Piacenza e delle armi portatili ed automatiche presso la F.A.R.M. di Parma e la Sezione della F.A.R.M. di Gardone V.T.

In base ad accordi presi con la M.M.I.A. (Ten.Col. Blunt) si autorizzano gli Enti in indirizzo ad allestire parti di ricambio occorrenti ai materiali alleati (ad eccezione delle canne delle armi portatili ed automatiche delle culatte mobili e degli otturatori), segnalandone a questo Ministero la quantità e l'Ente richiedente.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
(Gen.P.C.Properzj)

638;1

P.C.C.
IL DIRETTORE CAPO DIVISIONE
(Col.A.Avallone)

1200
4/6
42
1,00
7/6

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNRC NO. 785020

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

(39)

SUBJECT : Examination of Artillery

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E
MM/25/39/28 May 46

Ministry of War 59

The Precision Laboratory has recently analysed samples of copper used by the British Army for measuring "the force of blow of striker" when examining artillery.

It is reported that these samples are pure electrolytic copper, and as supply from British sources will be slow and difficult, it is recommended that you attempt to procure future supplies from your own industry.

Will you please take the necessary action?

Lt. Col.
A.D.M.E.

Copy to : D.A.D.M.E. 12 E.L.U.

6680

Leg 28 Pla

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

ARMOURERS TOOLS FOR UNITS (EXCLUDING R.E.M.E. WORKSHOP
(For general use)

Scale A — For units with one armourer.
Scale B — For each additional armourer.
Scale C — Personnel trained as probationary armourers in addition to Scales A and B.

Cat. or Part No.	Designation	A	B	C
	SECTION B1			
	Pullthroughs—			
BA 0515	Double, Mk. I "A" ..	3	—	—
BB 0519	Cords, double	3	—	—
BB 0521	Gauze	30	—	—
	SECTION B2			
BC 3016	Bags, armourers, S.A., Mk. I	2	—	—
BC 3046	Boxes, tools, armourers ..	1	—	—
BC 3052	Braces, armourers, Mk. III ..	1	1	—
	Bits—			
BC 3056	Cleaning, No. 2	1	—	—
	Screwdriver—			
BC 3064	Front guard screw ..	1	1	—
BC 3070	Swivel screw	1	1	—
BC 3076	Stock-bolt	1	1	—
BC 3448	Clams, No. 1, "B" .. prs.	1 (a)	1	—
	Drifts, armourers—			
BC 3468	No. 1	1	—	—
BC 3469	No. 2	1	1	—
BC 3470	No. 3	1	1	—
BC 3471	No. 4	1	1	—
BC 3472	No. 5	1	1	—
	Floats—			
BC 3494	Large	1	—	—
BC 3495	Small	1	—	—
	Gauges, armourers—			
	.064-in.—			
BC 3506	No. 1	1	1	—
BC 3509	No. 2	1	—	—
	.074-in.—			
BC 3512	No. 1	1	1	—
BC 3515	No. 2	1	—	—
	Hammer point—			
BC 3518	No. 1	1	—	—
BC 3519	No. 2	1	—	—
BD 6458	Plug, .301-in.	1	—	—
	Striker point—			
BC 3560	No. 1	1	1	—
BC 3563	No. 2	1	—	—
BC 6846	No. 4	1	1	—
BC 3606	Keys, sight	1	—	—
BC 3632	Pincers, armourers .. prs.	1	1	—
	Screwdrivers—			
	Armourers—			
BC 3925	Large	1	1	1
BC 3926	Small	1	1	1
BC 3929	Extractor screw	1	1	1
	Forked—			
BC 3932	No. 1	1	—	—
BC 3933	No. 2	1	—	—
BC 3934	No. 3	1	—	—
BC 3950	Sticks, carborundum ..	1	1	—
	Tools—			
	Bore—			
BC 3965	Bits	6	—	—
BC 3966	Bushes	2	—	—
BC 3967	Plugs	1	—	—
BC 3968	Rods	1	—	—
	Cleaning—			
	Rods—			
BC 4025	No. 1	1	—	1
BC 4029	No. 4	1	—	—
BC 4036	Sticks	1	1	1
	Foresight—			
	Cramps—			
BC 4045	No. 1, Mk. II	1	1	—
BC 4048	No. 2	1	—	—
BC 8881	No. 3	1	1	—
BC 4051	Punches	1	1	—
BC 8796	Removing foresight screw ..	1	—	—
BC 4075	[illegible]			
BC 8797	[illegible]			
	Strik[illegible]			
BC 4082	[illegible]			
BC 4086	[illegible]			
BC 4093	Strip[illegible]			
BC 4100	Wad[illegible]			
BC 4114	Vices, p[illegible]			
BD 0035	Balance[illegible]			
BE 0071	Boxes, Lewis[illegible]			
BD 2545	Reflecto[illegible] M.G., [illegible]			
BG 0058	Cans, oi[illegible]			
BG 0894	Pullthro[illegible] "A" [illegible]			
BC 0896	Gauze			
	Braces, [illegible]			
FA 10465	Bits, [illegible]			
FA 10626	Brushes, Chisels—			
FA 11251	Cold, [illegible]			
	Firmer			
FA 11282	¼-in.			
FA 11284	½-in.			
FA 11286	¾-in.			

(a) In addition 1 will be held for use of personnel under Column "C" where applicable.

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

ARMOURERS TOOLS FOR UNITS (EXCLUDING R.E.M.E. WORKSHOPS)

(For general use)

...its with one armourer.
...h additional armourer.
...el trained as probationary armourers in addition to Scales A and B.

	A	B	C	Cat. or Part No.	Designation	A	B	C
...1					**SECTION B2**—contd.			
					Gauges, armourers—contd.			
..	3	—	—	BD 6458	Plug, .301-in.	1	—	—
..	3	—	—		Striker point—			
..	30	—	—	BC 3560	No. 1	1	1	—
				BC 3563	No. 2	1	—	—
2				BC 6846	No. 4	1	1	—
Mk. I	2	—	—	BC 3606	Keys, sight	1	—	—
..	1	—	—	BC 3632	Pincers, armourers .. prs.	1	1	—
III ..	1	1	—		Screwdrivers—			
..		—	—		Armourers—			
				BC 3925	Large	1	1	1
				BC 3926	Small	1	1	1
ew ..	1	1	—	BC 3929	Extractor screw	1	1	1
..	1	1	—		Forked—			
..	1	1	—	BC 3932	No. 1	1	—	—
prs.	1 (a)	1	—	BC 3933	No. 2	1	—	—
				BC 3934	No. 3	1	—	—
..	1	—	—	BC 3950	Sticks, carborundum ..	1	1	—
..	1	1	—		Tools—			
..	1	1	—		Bore—			
..	1	1	—	BC 3965	Bits	6	—	—
..	1	1	—	BC 3966	Bushes	2	—	—
				BC 3967	Plugs	1	—	—
..	1	—	—	BC 3963	Rods	1	—	—
..	1	—	—		Cleaning—			
					Rods—			
				BC 4025	No. 1	1	—	1
..	1	1	—	BC 4029	No. 4	1	—	—
..	1	—	—	BC 4036	Sticks	1	1	1
					Foresight—			
..	1	1	—		Cramps—			
..	1	—	—	BC 4045	No. 1, Mk. II	1	1	—
				BC 4048	No. 2	1	—	—
..	1	—	—	BC 8881	No. 3	1	1	—
..	1	—	—	BC 4051	Punches	1	1	—
				BC 8796	Removing foresight screw ..	1	—	—

Cat. or Part No.	Designation	A	B	C
	SECTION B2—contd.			
	Tools—contd.			
	Spring, extractor—			
BC 4075	No. 1	1	1	—
BC 8797	No. 2	1	1	—
	Striker—			
BC 4082	No. 1	1	1	—
BC 4086	No. 2, Mk. II	1	1	—
BC 4093	Stripping bolt	1	—	—
BC 4100	Wad	1	—	—
BC 4114	Vices, parallel, armourers ..	1 (a)	1	—
	SECTION C1			
BD 0035	Balances, spring, M.G., Mk. I	1	—	—
BE 0071	Boxes, carrier, magazines, Lewis .303-in. M.G., Mk. I*	1	—	—
BD 2545	Reflectors, mirror, .303-in. M.G., Mk. I	1	—	—
	SECTION C2			
BG 0058	Cans, oil, M.G., Mk. II ..	1	—	—
	Pullthroughs, .5-in., Mk. I—			
BG 0894	"A"	1	—	—
BC 0896	Gauze	10	—	—
	SECTION F PART I			
	Braces, carpenters—			
FA 10465	Bits, screwdriver, ⅜-in. ..	1	1	—
FA 10626	Brushes, flat, paint, G.S., 1-in.	1	1	—
	Chisels—			
FA 11251	Cold, flat, carbon steel, ½-in.	1	—	—
	Firmer—			
FA 11282	½-in.	1	—	—
FA 11284	¾-in.	1	—	—
FA 11286	¼in.	1	—	—

...e of personnel under Column "C" where applicable.

Wt. 44/08/5018 15m 4/44 KJL/4074 Gp. 3...

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

ARMOURERS' TOOLS FOR UNITS (EXCLUDING R.E.M.E. WORKSHOPS)—contd.

Cat. or Part No.	Designation	A	B	C
	SECTION F—contd.			
	PART I—contd.			
	Drills—			
FA 11741	Stocks, hand	1	—	—
	Twist—			
	Parallel shank, jobbers, English—			
FA 11911	1/32-in.	1	—	—
FA 11924	15/64-in.	1	—	—
FA 11925	¼-in.	1	—	—
	Wire, morse—			
FA 12002	No. 2	1	—	—
FA 12005	No. 5	1	—	—
FA 12012	No. 12	1	—	—
FA 12016	No. 16	1	—	—
FA 12022	No. 22	1	—	—
FA 12028	No. 28	1	—	—
FA 12030	No. 30	1	—	—
FA 12035	No. 35	1	—	—
FA 12042	No. 42	1	—	—
FA 12047	No. 47	1	—	—
FA 12052	No. 52	1	—	—
FA 12058	No. 58	1	—	—
	Files—			
	Flat—			
FA 13251	Bastard, 6-in.	1	—	—
FA 13281	Smooth, 6-in.	1	1	—
	Half-round—			
	Bastard—			
FA 13321	6-in.	1	1	—
FA 13322	8-in.	1	—	—
	Smooth—			
FA 13330	4-in.	1	—	—
FA 13331	6-in.	1	—	—
	Hand—			
FA 13360	Dead smooth, 6-in. ..	1	—	—
	Second-cut—			
FA 13366	6-in.	1	—	—
FA 13367	8-in.	1	1	—

Cat. or Part No.	Designation	A	B	C
	SECTION F—contd.			
	PART I—contd.			
	Files—contd.			
FA 13385	Knife, bastard, 4-in. ..	1	—	—
	Pillar, smooth—			
FA 13465	4-in.	1	—	—
FA 13466	6-in.	1	—	—
	Round—			
FA 13511	Bastard, 6-in.	1	—	—
FA 13525	Smooth, 4-in.	1	—	—
FA 13542	Saw taper, second-cut, single, 8-in.	1	—	1
FA 13811	Gauges, feeler, 4-in.	1	—	—
	Hammers—			
FA 14095	Carpenters, Warrington, 8-oz.	1	1	1
FA 14126	Engineers, ballpane, 1-lb. ..	1	—	—
	Handles, files—			
FA 14412	No. 3	3	3	—
FA 14414	No. 5	3	3	1
FA 14776	Irons, soldering, straight, 1-lb. 12-ozs.	1	—	—
FA 15001	Lamps, brazing, 1-pt., complete	1	—	—
FA 15082	Machines, grinding, hand, bench, 6-in. × 1-in.	1	—	—
FA 15126	Mallets, raw-hide	1	—	—
FA 15381	Oilstones, fine	1	—	—
	Pliers—			
FA 15845	Flat-nose, 6-in. .. prs.	1	—	1
FA 15866	Round-nose, 6-in. .. ,,	1	—	—
FA 15877	Side-cutting, 8-in. .. ,,	1	—	—
FA 16013	Punches, round, ¼-in. ,,	1	—	—
FA 16596	Rules, steel, 12-in.	1	—	—
	Saws, hack, hand—			
FA 16657	Blades, medium, 12-in. ..	12	—	—
FA 16658	Frames, 8-in.—12-in. ..	1	—	—
FA 16780	Screwdrivers, instrument mechanics	1	—	—

Cat. or Part No.	Designation
	SECTION F—contd.
	PART I—contd.
FA 16888	Shears, tinmans, snip, 10 straight .. ..
	Spanners—
FA 17002	Adjustable, 6-in. ..
	B.S.W.—
	Box, tubular, doubl ended—
FA 17226	¼-in. × 5/16-in.
FA 17227	5/16-in. × 7/16-in.
FA 17228	⅜-in. × 9/16-in.
FA 17229	7/16-in. × ¾-in. ..
FA 17231	½-in. × 1-in. ..
	Open jaw, double-ende
FA 17233	⅛-in. × 3/16-in.
FA 17234	¼-in. × 5/16-in.
	Tommy bars—
FA 17598	No. 3 .. ..
FA 17599	No. 4 .. ..
FA 17600	No. 5 .. ..
FA 17601	No. 6 .. ..
FA 17602	No. 7 .. ..
	Stamps, steel, for metal wood, 5/64-in.—
FA 17770	Figures 0—8, sets ..
FA 17772	Letters A—Z, sets ..
FA 19526	Vices, hand, 5-in. ..
	SECTION H1
	Cloth, emery—
FA 0043	No. F .. .. she
FA 0044	No. 1 .. ..
	SECTION Q2
QB 0720	Cartridges, S.A., dummy, .3 in., U, Mk. V ..

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

OLS FOR UNITS (EXCLUDING R.E.M.E. WORKSHOPS)—contd.

C	Cat. or Part No.	Designation	A	B	C
		SECTION F—contd.			
		PART I—contd.			
		Files—contd.			
—	FA 13385	Knife, bastard, 4-in. ..	1	—	—
		Pillar, smooth—			
	FA 13465	4-in.	1	—	—
	FA 13466	6-in.	1	—	—
—		Round—			
—	FA 13511	Bastard, 6-in.	1	—	—
—	FA 13525	Smooth, 4-in.	1	—	—
	FA 13542	Saw taper, second-cut, single, 8-in.	1	—	1
—	FA 13811	Gauges, feeler, 4-in.	1	—	—
—		Hammers—			
—	FA 14095	Carpenters, Warrington, 8-oz.	1	1	1
—	FA 14126	Engineers, ballpane, 1-lb. ..	1	—	—
—		Handles, files—			
—	FA 14412	No. 3	3	3	—
—	FA 14414	No. 5	3	3	1
—	FA 14776	Irons, soldering, straight, 1-lb. 12-ozs.	1	—	—
—	FA 15001	Lamps, brazing, 1-pt., complete	1	—	—
—	FA 15082	Machines, grinding, hand, bench, 6-in. × 1-in.	1	—	—
			1	—	—
	FA 15126	Mallets, raw-hide	1	—	—
—	FA 15381	Oilstones, fine	1	—	—
—		Pliers—			
	FA 15845	Flat-nose, 6-in. .. prs.	1	—	1
	FA 15866	Round-nose, 6-in. .. „	1	—	—
—	FA 15877	Side-cutting, 8-in. .. „	1	—	—
—	FA 16013	Punches, round, $\frac{1}{8}$-in. „	1	—	—
	FA 16596	Rules, steel, 12-in.	1	—	—
—		Saws, hack, hand—			
—	FA 16657	Blades, medium, 12-in. ..	12	—	—
	FA 16658	Frames, 8-in.—12-in. ..	1	—	—
—	FA 16780	Screwdrivers, instrument mechanics	1	—	—
—					
—					

Cat. or Part No.	Designation	A	B	C
	SECTION F—contd.			
	PART I—contd.			
FA 16888	Shears, tinmans, snip, 10-in., straight .. .. prs.	1	—	—
	Spanners—			
FA 17002	Adjustable, 6-in.	1	—	—
	B.S.W.—			
	Box, tubular, double-ended—			
FA 17226	$\frac{1}{4}$-in. × 5/16-in. ..	1	—	—
FA 17227	$\frac{5}{16}$-in. × 7/16-in. ..	1	—	—
FA 17228	$\frac{3}{8}$-in. × 9/16-in. ..	1	—	—
FA 17229	$\frac{7}{16}$-in. × $\frac{3}{4}$-in.	1	—	—
FA 17231	$\frac{7}{8}$-in. × 1-in.	1	—	—
	Open jaw, double-ended—			
FA 17233	$\frac{1}{8}$-in. × 3/16-in. ..	1	—	—
FA 17234	$\frac{1}{4}$-in. × 5/16-in. ..	1	—	—
	Tommy bars—			
FA 17598	No. 3	1	—	—
FA 17599	No. 4	1	—	—
FA 17600	No. 5	1	—	—
FA 17601	No. 6	1	—	—
FA 17602	No. 7	1	—	—
	Stamps, steel, for metal or wood, 5/64-in.—			
FA 17770	Figures 0—8, sets	1	—	—
FA 17772	Letters A—Z, sets	1	—	—
FA 19526	Vices, hand, 5-in.	1	—	—
	SECTION H1			
	Cloth, emery—			
FA 0043	No. F .. .. sheets	6	—	—
FA 0044	No. 1 .. .. „	6	—	—
	SECTION Q2			
QB 0720	Cartridges, S.A., dummy, .303-in., U, Mk. V	10	10	10

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

Subject:- Artillery Gauges.

To:- O.C.
12 B.L.U.

A.D.M.E. M.M.I.A.

Comandante School
of Artillery.

12 B.L.U. for the Italian
Central Military Schools.
Ref:- IT/1
Date:- May 21st 1946.

1. Will you please note that the course of instruction on the Inspection of Artillery Equipment now in its second week at the Batt: di Meccanici e Operai d'Artiglieria, Civittavecchia, will shortly be held up for lack of the necessary gauges.

2. The Col Commandant of the School of Artillery has been informed of the situation and will arrange to take such action as he can to obtain these Gauges.

3. Included in the Course of Instruction on the Inspection of Arty Eqpt are 3 Capo d'Aperaio and 1 Capo Technici, who are employed at the laboratoryPrecisione, Rome, and I have arranged with Cond S of A to issue on temporary loan to B.L.U.O.A. one instrument of each type. L/Cpl Jones will proceed to Civitavecchia to conduct a course for these four men. 22 May

4. S/Sgt Yorke has already proceeded to Civitavecchia to assist S/Sgt Beaumont in the present course on Inspection Of Arty Eqpt.

ATT/vg

File.

Major, D.A.D.M.E.
(A.T.Twine)

Major R.E.M.E.
D.A.D.M.E.
12 B.L.U. for the Italian
Central Military Schools.

6373

Ray 23 May.

PART II ORDNANCE - EXAMINATION OF PIECE AND CARRIAGE

References:- R.A.S.Rs Nos A.520/2; A.520; and A.572.

Regulations for the Care & Preservation of Artillery Equts.

1. (a) An examination of Ordnance, (or part of examination) entails a report being sent to DEME.

(b) A full examination entails the use of all tools and gauges as laid down in EMER No A.520.

(c) An inspection, usually visual, is carried out to ensure that the Ordnance is in good condition. No report is sent to the DEME unless a defect is discovered, when the inspection automatically becomes an examination.

2. FREQUENCY OF EXAMINATIONS

It is the Unit Commander's responsibility that guns are examined in the following circumstances:-

(a) After a series of rounds have been fired, as specified in EMER No A.520.

(b) When a defect is discovered.

(c) After an accident, e.g. premature, blowback etc.

(d) For inaccurate shooting.

3. Ordnance will be ~~examined further~~ examined by the Bde EME under arrangements made by the CMH.

4. The Unit Commander submits Army Form G.875 (in triplicate) together with the Memo of Exam to the CMH.

5. The Brigade EME completes and signs all forms relative to the examination, and the Memo of Exam, which are then disposed of as follows:-

(a) If serviceable , the original G.875 and Memo of Exam are returned to the Unit. The remaining two copies of G.875 are sent to the CMH and thence through the SC EMER to DEME.

(b) If other than serviceable (i.e. P.C. or Unserviceable), the AFG.875s are disposed of as above, but the Memo of Exam, together with any impressions taken, are sent through the CMH and SC EMER to DEME. In this case the Unit Commander indents on DADOS for a replacement.

6. Sentences passed on Ordnance:-

(a) Provisionally condemned (P.C.):- If the Ordnance requires [illegible]

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

Ordnance is in good condition. No report is sent to the DDME unless a defect is discovered, when the inspection automatically becomes an examination.

2. FREQUENCY OF EXAMINATIONS

It is the Unit Commander's responsibility that guns are examined in the following circumstances:-

(a) After a series of rounds have been fired, as specified in EMER No A.520.

(b) When a defect is discovered.

(c) After an accident, e.g. premature, blowback etc.

(d) For inaccurate shooting.

3. Ordnance will be ~~regularly~~ examined by the Bde EME under arrangements made by the CME.

4. The Unit Commander submits Army Form G.375 (in triplicate) together with the Memo of Exam to the CME.

5. The Brigade EME completes and signs all forms relative to the examination, and the Memo of Exam, which are then disposed of as follows:-

(a) If serviceable , the original G.375 and Memo of Exam are returned to the Unit. The remaining two copies of G.375 are sent to the CME and thence through the SC EMER to DDME.

(b) If other than serviceable (i.e. P.C. or Unserviceable), the AFG.375s are disposed of as above, but the Memo of Exam, together with any impressions taken, are sent through the CME and SC EMER to DDME. In this case the Unit Commander indents on DADOS for a replacement.

6. Sentences passed on Ordnance:-

(a) Provisionally condemned (P.C.):- If the Ordnance requires repair or essential modifications.

(b) Unserviceable (written in full):- If the Ordnance is unsuitable for repair.

(c) Serviceable (↑) :- If no repairs are necessary.

If non-essential modifications are required, Ordnance can be still classified serviceable. If there is any doubt as to the sentence to be passed on a piece of Ordnance it should be provisionally condemned. This also applies to a gun reported for bad shooting providing the fault is not in the Carriage or Mounting.

7. Classification of Work Carried Out

Contd/Sheet 2.

6577

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

7. Classification of Work Carried Out.

Repair:- The restoring of an item to its original plan.

Modification:- An alteration to pattern.

Essential Modification:- One without which the serviceability is affected. The only authority for carrying out modifications are EMRs and EMEIs.

8. The number of rounds fired between examinations may be reduced by the examiner to a number not less than half a series (or 15 Equivalent Full Charges, whichever is applicable), in the following circumstances:-

(i) In case of doubt as to whether the Gun will fire a full series with safety.
(ii) If there is a defect liable to develop rapidly.
(iii) If the limits for wear are liable to be reached before the end of the next series.

When it is necessary to reduce a series of rounds, impressions taken and measurements if necessary, will be forwarded through CME and SC RE&S to DME.

9. Army Forms Used During an Examination

(a) Army Form G.875:- A record of the results of the examination.

(b) " " G.901:- A record of measurements taken throughout the bore of the Gun.

(c) " " G.831:- A record of repairs or modifications not carried out.

(d) Memo of Exam:- A complete History of Gun, liner or barrel, including results of examinations, assessment of probable remaining life and depth of scoring, daily record of rounds fired, etc. (This is normally kept with the Gun).

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

(ii) If there is a definite trend to develop rapidly.
(iii) If the limits for wear are liable to be reached before the end of the next series.

When it is necessary to reduce a series of rounds, impressions taken and measurements if necessary, will be forwarded through CME and SO REME to DGAD.

9. Army Forms Used During an Examination

(a) Army Form C.875:- A record of the results of the examination.

(b) " " C.901:- A record of measurements taken throughout the bore of the Gun.

(c) " " C.831:- A record of repairs or modifications not carried out.

(d) Memo of Exam:- A complete History of Gun, liner or barrel, including results of examinations, assessment of probable remaining life and depth of scoring, daily record of rounds fired, etc. (This is normally kept with the Gun).

---oOo---

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

PART II - ORDNANCE - QUARTERLY INSPECTION OF ORDNANCE

1. Inspection of Carriages in Units

The inspection will be carried out quarterly by an REME to ensure that a good standard of maintenance is maintained in the Unit and that prompt action is taken to complete outstanding modifications and repairs. AFC.1024 (Inspection Report) is completed by the REME and forwarded to the DADOS concerned.(In this case DADOS 5 Army).

2. Publications & Army Forms

(i) Carriage History Sheet AFC.3515. Issued with each carriage to record modifications and major repairs.
Recoil System History Sheets AFC.3516. Issued with each hydro-pneumatic recuperator.
The responsibility for ensuring that the records are compiled and up to date on the abovementioned forms is primarily that of the OC Unit holding the equipment on charge. The assistance of REME should, however, be obtained as may be necessary. The documents should be adequately safeguarded and vouchered over with the equipment, if at any time the equipment is transferred, or sent to REME Workshops for repair.

(ii) Identification or Parts Lists. Issued for each equipment to enable identification of any component part or assembly of parts and to ascertain the correct service designation and part number, when demanding stores for replacements.

(iii) Vocabulary of Army Ordnance Stores. This is a priced list of stores divided into sections e.g. W.4 deals with field carriages, W.4 Stores special to inspecting officers; it is also used for demanding stores for replacements.

(iv) Maintenance Manual. Issued and vouchered with each equipment. Contains essential information to enable a Unit to carry out efficient maintenance.

(v) Regulations for Care and Preservation of Artillery Equipments. Deals with care and maintenance generally.

3. Modifications

Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Regulations. They incorporate a monthly summary of defects and modifications to equipments (E.890) and technical instructions (A.890). Issued periodically.

4. Defects in Design

All matters relating to defects in the design will be reported by the Unit to the REME concerned. He will investigate in accordance with MERS I.900 d/d 25 Nov 43 and render reports through the usual technical channels.

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NND NO. 785020

Recoil System History Sheets AFC.3516. Issued with each hydro-pneumatic recuperator.
The responsibility for ensuring that the records are compiled and up to date on the abovementioned forms is primarily that of the OC Unit holding the equipment on charge. The assistance of RAOC should, however, be obtained as may be necessary. The documents should be adequately safeguarded and vouchered over with the equipment, if at any time the equipment is transferred, or sent to RAOC Workshops for repair.

(ii) Identification or Parts Lists. Issued for each equipment to enable identification of any component part or assembly of parts and to ascertain the correct service designation and part number, when demanding stores for replacements.

(iii) Vocabulary of Army Ordnance Stores. This is a priced list of stores divided into sections e.g. No.4 deals with Field carriages, No.4 Stores special to inspecting officers; it is also used for demanding stores for replacements.

(iv) Maintenance Manual. Issued and vouchered with each equipment. Contains essential information to enable a Unit to carry out efficient maintenance.

(v) Regulations for Care and Preservation of Artillery Equipments. Deals with care and maintenance generally.

3. Modifications

Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Regulations. They incorporate a monthly summary of defects and modifications to equipments (E.090) and technical instructions (A.890). Issued periodically.

4. Defects in Design

All matters relating to defects in the design will be reported by the Unit to the REME concerned. He will investigate in accordance with REME I.900 d/d 25 Nov 43 and render reports through the usual technical channels.

6 8 7 5

5. Notes on Inspection for the Guidance of Inspecting Officers.

(a) Previous arrangements should be made with the Unit concerned to ensure that the equipment will be available when required.
(b) Report to the Adjutant of the Regiment and arrange suitable Battery or Troop programme.
(c) Discuss the behaviour of the equipment with the user.
(d) Inspection should be thorough, methodical and include pumps, pipes and other appurtenances of the equipment. A suggested sequence is given in para 6 below. To assist in the assessment of the complete carriage, a list of individual components should be compiled (see specimen) and each component inspected should be given a mark which represents its condition and the action to be taken. Thus:-

Contd/Sheet 4.

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

TABLE D - ACCIDENTAL DEPOSITS

Defect	Appearance	Cause	Effect	Measurement
1. Excrescences	Various	(i) Failure of prod. (ii) Choke or local enlargement. (iii) Loose obstruction	May cause:- (i) Bulging or bursting of Gun. (ii) Cracks (iii) Flattened lands. (iv) Dents, burrs etc.	According to c caused
2. Bottle Fire	Small splash may cause serious bulge in bore.	Usually dents caused by splinters on exterior.	(i) Weakened Gun (ii) Choke (iii) Damaged Guide Rib affecting recoil.	Gauge plug bo choke
3. Failure of Obturation G.P.	Circumferential or longitudinal scoring in chamber	(i) Faulty Case (ii) Excessive OFC (iii) Enlarged Chamber	Slight scoring not important. Possibly hard extraction.	Gauge OFC; gau measuring cham Impressions
4. Rust	Roughening or Pitting usually in grooves at "down" or bottom of breech opening.	Neglect	Inaccuracy if bore badly pitted.	Impressions.

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

TABLE B - ACCIDENTAL DEFECTS

...ge	Cause	Effect	Measurement	Condemning Limit or Remedy
	(i) Failure of proj. (ii) Choke or local enlargement. (iii) Loose obstruction	May cause:- (i) Bulging or bursting of Gun. (ii) Cracks (iii) Flattened lands. (iv) Dents, burrs etc.	According to defect caused	On results. Liability to prematures reduced by care of bore and visual inspection.
...y cause ...ge in bore.	Usually dents caused by splinters on exterior.	(i) Weakened Gun (ii) Choke (iii) Damaged Guide Ribs affecting recoil.	Gauge plug bore for choke	On merits. Damaged guides must be repaired.
...rial or ...l scoring	(i) Faulty Case (ii) Excessive C/C (iii) Enlarged Chamber	Slight scoring not important. Possibly hard extraction.	Gauge C/C; gauge measuring chamber. Impressions	Repair as above, also soft soldering.
...or Pitting ...grooves at ...bottom of ...ing.	Neglect	Inaccuracy if bore badly pitted.	Impressions.	P.C. if badly pitted. Defect obviated by correct C. and P.

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

PART II ORDNANCE - EXAMINATION OF TUBE.

DEFECTS

References:- B.R.Rs.

Original:- Steel faults and manufacturing errors. Comparatively unimportant except that they may in e.g. Scoring. Noted on front page of Book of Keep.

Fair Wear:- Defects incidental to the normal life of the gun e.g. Erosion.

Accidental:- Defects not incidental to the normal life of the gun e.g. Prematures.

TABLE A. - FAIR WEAR DEFECTS

Defect	Appearance	Cause	Effect	Measurement
1. Erosion. (i) Wear	Smooth even wearing away of rifling near C.R. all round bore. Some Guns wear evenly.	Gases at high temp. wash away bore. Propellant, calibre and rate of fire affect rate of wear.	Loss of MV and eventuallyin-accuracy. Wear generelly greater per round during first quarter. Wear MV relation.	At 1-in C.R. with measuring bore. M taken of vert. an measurements
(ii) Scoring	Longitudinal streaks developing into irregular gutterings. Usually at 'Up' and near C. of R.	Gas escaping between rifling and driving band. Hot propellant and bad running	Inaccuracy and slight loss of MV occurs late in gun's life.	Depth measured thr impression and cor with measurement t nearest land. 1/2 added.
(iii) Annular Erosion.	A circumferential ring of erosion	Gas action at front end of case-F only.	Difficulty of extraction	Gauge measuring ch

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

PART II (CONTD) - EXAMINATION OF BORE.

DEFECTS

manufacturing errors. Comparatively unimportant except that they may initiate "Fair Wear" defects Noted on front page of Memo of Exam.

tal to the normal life of the gun e.g. Erosion.

idental to the normal life of the gun e.g. Premature.

TABLE A. - FAIR WEAR DEFECTS

	Cause	Effect	Measurement	Condemning Limit or Remedy
earing away ar C.R. all ose Guns	Gases at high temp. wash away bore. Propellant, calibre and rate of fire affect rate of wear.	Loss of MV and eventually in accuracy. Wear generally greater per round during first quarter. Wear MV relation.	At 1-in C.R. with gauge measuring bore. Mean taken of vert. and hor. measurements	Generally when dia. of bore exc dia of driving band. See Para. 25 and Memo of Exam. Repair by replacing liner or loose barrel. Based on thickness of liner or loose barrel. See Para. 25 and Memo of Exam. Repair by replacing liner or loose barrel.
strucks to irregu- r. Usually ear C. of	Gas escaping between rifling and driving band. Hot propellant and bad running	Inaccuracy and slight loss of MV occurs late in gun's life.	Depth measured through impression and compared with measurement through nearest land. 1/2 wear added.	
tial ring	Gas action at front end of case only.	Difficulty of extraction	Gauge measuring chamber.	Treated on its merits. Repair by E.D. nickel.

Contd/

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

Defect	Appearance	Cause	Effect	Measurement
2. Abrasions. Associated with "Flattening of Lands".	Sometimes spiral. In some guns muzzle enlargement.	(i) Shell rotating untruly. (ii) Bad running. (iii) Soft Steel. (iv) Grit etc.	Generally not serious but inaccuracy will result if rifling affected; driving band may strip.	Measured at di from muzzle an down in Mils.
3. Stripping of Lands.	Smooth guttering on side of land at the first sign.	(i) Insufficient radius on grooves. (ii) Bad running. (iii) Design of driving band.	Dangerous.	-
4. Glaze (copper)	Bore may appear greenish. Shows on impressions as rough scales. Distinguish from rust.	Copper of driving band melting and depositing.	Not dangerous but may hide other defects. Inaccuracy as rifling affected.	-
5. Expansion Bore of chamber	May show as dark ring if gun cleaned and oiled.	(i) Faulty material, design or building (usually discovered at proof) (ii) Prematures.	Bore-risk of prematures Chamber-failure of obturation or split cases	Gauge measuri Gauge measuri chamber.
6. Cracks	Visual Inspection will show on impression	Failure of steel generally due to prematures. Also lack of local support, undue stretching.	Serious weakening of gun.	Visual, impre Cracking of p exterior.
7. Droop	-	Bad design or construction, misuse of accident.	Inaccuracy; if bad recoil may be affected.	Clino Reading apparatus test clino plane if muzzle clino p

(2) (3)

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

...ce	Cause	Effect	Measurement	Condemning Limit or Remedy
...spiral. In ...muzzle ...e.	(i) Shell rotating untruly. (ii) Bad ramming. (iii) Soft Steel. (iv) Grit etc.	Generally not serious but inaccuracy will result if rifling affected; driving band may strip.	Measured at distances from muzzle as laid down in MRRs.	Wear limit normally reached first.
...ering on ...d if the ...e.	(i) Insufficient radius on grooves. (ii) Bad ramming. (iii) Design of driving band.	Dangerous.	-	P.C. Gun. Special report to ~~G.I.T.~~ DUNE
...pear ...Shown on ...f an rough ...distinguish ...e	Copper of driving band melting and depositing.	Not dangerous but may hide other defects. Inaccuracy as rifling affected.	-	Prevention - Tin-foil in charges, see Para 15, Appx III Remedy:- 1. Double amount of Tinfoil; 2. Chemical Process. Bore - .02-in dia for 4.5-in and up. .01-in below 4.5-in. Chamber - If difficult extraction P.C.
...e dark ring ...nnel and ...e.	(i) Faulty material, design or building (usually discovered at proof) (ii) Prematures.	Bore-risk of prematures Chamber-failure of obturation or split cases	Gauge measuring bore. Gauge measuring chamber.	
...spection will ...pression ...e.	Failure of steel generally due to prematures. Also lack of local support, undue stretching.	Serious weakening of gun.	Visual, impressions, Cracking of paint on exterior.	P.C. the Gun
	End design or construction, misuse of accident.	Inaccuracy; if bad recoil may be affected.	Cline Readings; with apparatus testing cline plane if not muzzle cline plane.	P.C. if recoil or accuracy affected.

C.A.D. 2

5. Contd/

" "	Serviceable
" A "	Slight defects to be kept under observation by the Unit
" B "	Replacements and minor repairs which can be carried out by the Unit.
" C "	Requires overhaul in REME Wksps (or in Unit under the supervision of an REME).

The above gradings will depend on local service conditions and will be governed by instructions issued by the DADME (DDME 5 Army) concerned. Finally the equipment as a whole should be sentenced as serviceable or requiring either a light repair (L.R.) or a heavy repair (H.R.)

6. Inspection Procedure

Part	Method of Inspection	Fault Found	Remedy Action
Piece:-	Visual Inspection of bore and chamber for cleanliness, cracks, chipping of lands etc. If a defect is found this inspection must automatically become an examination. Check breech and firing Mechanism fittings to ensure correct operation, and correct operation of safety devices. Dismantle breech and firing mechanisms to check for wear on extractors, crank toe, roller path, firing hole bush, breech block slides and sear.		
Recuperator:-	Obtain information from Gun Crews as to behaviour of equipment while in action. Carry out serviceability tests. Pull back Gun if possible and observe behaviour. Examine visually for leaks from packings.		
Cradle:-	Visual Inspection for loose rivets, worn beating face pads, bore recoil indicator strip, flaws in welding. Secure cradle clamp and rock cradle to check for loose rivets, loose front strap or play in trunnions. Operate firing gear to ensure that it functions correctly. Measure clearance between recuperator and cradle slides.		
Elevating Gear:-	Operate fully throughout range. Check for backlash in handwheel (30o limit) to movement allowed).		
Traversing Gear:-	Operate throughout range. Check for backlash in handwheel.		

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC No. 785020

Part	Method of Inspection	Fault Remedy Action Found
Piece:-	Visual Inspection of bore and chamber for cleanliness, cracks, chipping of lands etc. If a defect is found this inspection must automatically become an examination. Check breech and firing Mechanism fittings to ensure correct operation, and correct operation of safety devices. Dismantle breech and firing mechanisms to check for wear on extractors, crank toe, roller path, firing hole bush, breech block slides and sear.	
Recuperator:-	Obtain information from Gun Crews as to behaviour of equipment while in action. Carry out serviceability tests. Pull back Gun if possible and observe behaviour. Examine visually for leaks from packings.	
Cradle:-	Visual Inspection for loose rivets, worn beating face pads, bore recoil indicator strip, flaws in welding. Secure cradle clamp and rock cradle to check for loose rivets, loose front strap or play in trunnions. Operate firing gear to ensure that it functions correctly. Measure clearance between recuperator and cradle slides.	
Elevating Gear:-	Operate fully throughout range. Check for backlash in handwheel (30o limit) to movement allowed).	
Traversing Gear:-	Operate throughout range. Check for backlash in handwheel.	
Saddle:-	Visual examination for loose rivets, worn face on depression stop, broken traverse stop. Check Anti-friction liners, which should bed fully (.040 ins max limit).	
Sights:-	Operate to check for mechanical defects. Check that sight can be adjusted to agree with sight test.	
Shield:-	Visual inspection for damage or loose on supporting brackets.	
Trail:-	Visual inspection for broken parts, loose rivets etc Check spade tip for wear. Lift trail eye to check bushes. Check handspike brackets & operate clips	

6671

Contd/Sheet 5

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

6. Inspection Procedure.(Contd)

Part	Method of Inspection	Fault Remedy Action Found
Firing Platform:-	Visual Inspection for damage. House on trail to ensure correct fixing Check linkage for play on pintle, bent tie bars etc.	
Axletree & Wheels:-	Jack up and spin wheel to check for bent stub axle, U/S wheel bearings, binding brakes. Operate Brakes. Visual exam of tyres and check pressures. Check wheel nuts for tightness and rivetting of studs.	

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDG NO. 785020

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDD NO. 785020

6670

785020

Subject: Ammunition - British Issues

(32)

see 26 (pencil file)

/53

21 Apr 1945

Director of Ops

1. Reference our letter [illegible] of 19 March and your letter A/319/ Ops. of 15 March from A.F.H.Q.

2. This H.Q. is in general agreement with adding about a fortnight to the period as it appears as a base gas workshop for British artillery, but feels that the following must be brought to your notice to ensure a satisfactory organisation and an adequate standard of workmanship:

(a) A variation of artificial mine and obstacle equipment with a staff of skilled workmen must be allotted for the 1st month of these workshops and it is highly desirable that these workmen specialise on British artillery only.

(b) Attention must be paid to keeping the workshop free from dust; in particular, road traffic dust etc. such as shunting, blacksmiths' work, carpentry, or painting, must not be performed in this workshop, but carried out elsewhere in the barracks.

(c) Small arrivals must only be dismantled and cleaned in a special room set apart for this purpose in which particular attention is paid to cleanliness. To this end, a floor of stone, brick or concrete will be most desirable but a room with a wooden floor could perhaps suffice. It is suitable that a room with a floor over between the and 1000 square metres will be adequate considering the quantity of British artillery at present in your command.

(d) An inspection guard of skilled men should be found, responsible to the Commander of the Arsenal and not to the officer in charge of the workshop, to inspect new-issue guns and ensure that they are serviceable in every respect. These inspectors would be responsible for carrying out a full examination of every barrel that passes through the workshop and ensuring the particulars in the Memoranda of Instruction, in addition to inspection of the complete gun on leaving the workshop.

It is doubtful if sufficient skilled personnel is available at this stage to manage with this independent system of inspection.

3. We are exceedingly difficulty in obtaining special tools for use by this workshop in overhauling these weapons and urge you to commence consideration of the tools needed, using those in possession of the Infantry Division workshops as a guide.

4. We are endeavouring to obtain spares for use in carrying out the overhaul of barrels and breech mechanisms and will advise you later as to the quantity available.

6669

5. Please advise this H.Q. of the building in which you propose to carry out the overhaul of artillery [illegible]

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section J-402/NNDC NO. 785020

6669

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NND No. 785020

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

SUBJECT: Possession by ITALIAN Interim Army of AA and Fd Arty of ITALIAN pattern.

MAID FORCES HQS COY, A.G. (MMLA)

SD/109

10 May 46

TO : ALLIED FORCES HEAD QUARTERS.

1. A report from 3 BIU confirmed by a personal inspection by ADLS of this Hq shows that in the ITALIAN Arsenal at PIACENZA there are either under repair or recently made serviceable some six My AA guns of about 3.7 in calibre and some dozen Fd guns of about 75 mm. all of ITALIAN make. It is to be supposed that further similar equipment may be reaching the ITALIANS out of OOA released to them.

2. This is the first specific instance of this kind which has come to the notice of MMLA.

3. A ruling is requested :-

(a) are the ITALIANS to be allowed to make serviceable such equipment?

(b) what limit if any is to be imposed on how much they make serviceable.

(c) what restrictions if any are to be placed on their subsequent disposal on use of such equipment.

(d) what check if any exist on the amounts of such equipment which may become available from OOA.

M. W. Hoz.

B55

ARCH/TT

for Major-General,
MMLA.

Copy to : 3 British Liaison Unit

Internal: Q
OCD

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO: 785020

KEME 4625

Subject: Manufacture of spare parts for small Arms.

To: HQ/ "Legnano Infantry Div. War. Automobilistico

HEME BRANCH
HQ: 3 British Liaison Unit

HE/ARMS/4
6 May 1946

27

RECEIVED 6 MAY 1946

With reference to our recent conversation, it has been agreed that arrangements may go ahead for the manufacture of small arms spare parts for the Italian Army, with the exception of major components, such as rifle barrels and bolts, T.S.M.C. barrels and bolts, machine gun blocks and barrels.

It is therefore in order for you to arrange manufacture of the spare parts enumerated in your letter of 1 April 1946, with the exception of the Thompson bolts. Demands for such major components will therefore be made in bulk, i.e. for the 5 Infantry Divisions direct, to Ministry of War, who will forward the request to M.M.I.A.

Sent by Hand

S/Capt.
(W.J.Crocker)
HQ: 3 British Liaison Unit.

CMF.

Copy to HEME - KEME

6667

9 May

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

RECEIVED 6 MAY 1946
6366

REME. 26

Subject:- Small Arms State - Italian Divisions.

To :- ADME
Land Forces Sub-Comm. AC 25
(M.M.I.A.) ROME

SC REME
7 British Liaison Unit,
c/o 6 B.L.U.
Tele 21473

Ref. EME/74/4
Date. 2 May 1946

1) Enclosed return of B.L.R. S.A. requested in your letter ME/25/43 12 dated 26 March 46.

2) The information given in this return is incomplete but we have requested FOLGORE Inf. Div. to submit a monthly S.A. return employing the standard REME pro-forma.

3) In connection with the S.A. state of Inf. Divs the organisation of a Mobile Armourers Shop as detailed in our letter EME/74/2 18 April 46 would go along way in effecting an improvement and also provide the required liaison and ground work for any future S.A. wksp.

See ME 22/95 giving authorisation

MT 28/43

P.H. Nelson SC REME

6666

Rec'd 6 May.

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

B.L.R. INDIVIDUAL ARMS
as at 31 March 46

DENOMINATION	Declared B.L.R. and deposited untill 1/4/46	Being declared B.L.R. and to be deposited to O.A.R.E.	Monthly average deposited arms
Fucili M.K. 1 e 4 (Rifles No 4 M.K. I)	84	9	6
Thompson (Carabines M/C Thompson)	18	2	2
Mortaio da 3" (3" Mortar)	4		
Mortai da 2 pollici (2" Mortars)	8	1	1
Mortai Piat (Piat)	11	4	1
Mitre Bren (Guns M/C Bren)	7		
Pistole (P/Revolvers No 2 M.K.I)	1		

SUBJECT: Small Arms Factory - TERNI

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E
MM/25/22
23 April 1946

'Q'

The above was visited with DAA & QMG 8 BLU on 19 April.

At present 580 civilians are employed, the majority being experienced men.

The factory was well equipped for the manufacture of LMGS rifles, carbines and sabres but did not make mortars, pistols or machine carbines, so far as is known. Some essential machines are stated to have been removed by the Germans and the manufacturing capacity is correspondingly reduced.

At present apart from miscellaneous Civilian contracts, the factory is repairing Breda LMGs, the short musket with folding bayonet and the Italian rifle. Large quantities of unserviceable weapons of the latter two types are held and appear to have been salvaged from battlefields and dumps of surrendered arms. Spares for these types seem plentiful.

From a test of the standards in use of the interchangability of parts, it is considered that considerable improvement is required before British weapons are repaired there on a quantity basis. In this connection the factory is hampered by a lack of a sufficient quantity of gauges, since when fitting fresh bolts to carbines it appeared that one "cartridge head space" gauge was shared by 6664 dozen armourers. In addition the senior workmen are not so meticulous as they should be in the choice of the proper tool for an operation.

It was also noticed that the test for alignment of foresight and backsight of rifles was not interpreted strictly.

It is recommended that for the present only Italian weapons be repaired at this factory pending a visit to PIACENZA Arsenal to examine the facilities and standards of workmanship there. It may then be possible to make recommendations regarding Base Repair of British weapons.

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NND NO. 785020

experienced men.

The factory was well equipped for the manufacture of LMGs rifles, carbines and sabres but did not make mortars, pistols or machine carbines, so far as is known. Some essential machines are stated to have been removed by the Germans and the manufacturing capacity is correspondingly reduced.

At present apart from miscellaneous Civilian contracts, the factory is repairing Breda LMGs, the short musket with folding bayonet and the Italian rifle. Large quantities of unserviceable weapons of the latter two types are held and appear to have been salvaged from battlefields and dumps of surrendered arms. Spares for these types seem plentiful.

From a test of the standards in use of the interchangability of parts, it is considered that considerable improvement is required before British weapons are repaired there on a quantity basis. In this connection the factory is hampered by a lack of a sufficient quantity of gauges, since when fitting fresh bolts to carbines it appeared that one "cartridge head space" gauge was shared by 6664 dozen armourers. In addition the senior workmen are not so meticulous as they should be in the choice of the proper tool for an operation.

It was also noticed that the test for alignment of foresight and backsight of rifles was not interpreted strictly.

It is recommended that for the present only Italian weapons be repaired at this factory pending a visit to PIACENZA Arsenal to examine the facilities and standards of workmanship there. It may then be possible to make recommendations regarding Base Repair of British weapons.

6663

Lt. Col.
A.D.R.S.
M.M.I.A.

Copy to: 'G'
5 B.L.U.

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

C O N F I D E N T I A L

ME/25

12

Subject :- Small Arms State - Infantry Divisions.

Land Forces Sub Comm, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
ME/25
26 March.46.

14 26

EME 1,3,4,6 BLU's.

21

Information is required here regarding the possible repair load of small arms beyond repair by the Divisions.

Ministry of War are calling for this information through their channels, but it is expected that this may not produce any information for some time.

Please inform me therefore of the quantities of small arms - by types - which are BER, showing the position in the Infantry Divisions in your Territorial Commands as at 31st March.

Very Important

See Para 3 23

A Blunt 6662

AB/cam.

Lt. Col.
A.D.M.E.
M.M.I.A.

Copy to : 'Q'

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC No. 785020

(21)

Information is required here regarding the possible repair load of small arms beyond repair by the Divisions.

Ministry of War are calling for this information through their channels, but it is expected that this may not produce any information for some time.

Please inform me therefore of the quantities of small arms - by types - which are BIR, showing the position in the Infantry Divisions in your Territorial Commands as at 31st March.

(23)

6662

Lt. Col.
A.D.M.S.
M.I.A.

AB/cem.

Copy to : 'W'

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

Subject:- Courses of Instruction on
Inspection of Arty. Equipment.

12 British Liaison Unit for
Italian Central Military Schools.
(Tel: ROME 66318/9)

To:- A.D.M.E.,
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (M.M.I.A.) ROME.

AMET/1

21 Mar 46

25 pr
17 pr

Ath

(9)

1. Reference telephone conversation on subject of Course of Instruction on Inspection of Artillery Equipment. The following list shows the absolute minimum of gauges and tools required to cover all the priciples involved:-

(i) Gauge measuring bore No. 27, or No. 10, or No. 13, or No. 32 with rods and crosspiece. 1
Either one of these will serve to illustrate the use of the gauge.

(ii) Gauge plug bore Q.F. 25 Pdr. or Q.F. 6 Pdr. or Q.F. 17 Pdr. 1
or 40 mm.

(iii) Gauges cartridge head space No. 37 for 25 Pdr.
" 14 " 17 "
" 42 " 6 "
" 38 " 40 mm. } ALTERNATIVE 1

(iv) Adapters gauges strikers eccentricity and force of blow complete with anvil, plug and drift. 1

(v) Coppers gauges testing eccentricity. 20 100

(vi) " " " force of blow. 20 100

(vii) Micrometer outside 0" - 1". 1

(viii) Mirrors examining bore 2·75" to 3·7" for 25 Pdr. and 17 Pdr. 1

(ix) Accumulators secondary 6 volt with leads. 1

~~(x) Gauges striker protrusion (generally with gun stores).~~

(xi) Apparatus pulling back, gun No. 7 Mk. I. 1

(xii) Attachments quick release No. 3 Mk. II. 1

66 61

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC No. 785020

Either one of these will serve to illustrate the use of the gauge.

(ii) Gauge plug bore Q.F. 25 Pdr. or Q.F. 6 Pdr. or Q.F. 17 Pdr. 1
or 40 mm.

gauge clearance fairly hot bush to cartridge

(iii) Gauges cartridge head space No. 37 for 25 Pdr. } ALTERNATIVE 1
" 14 " 17 " }
" 42 " 6 " }
" 38 " 40 mm. }

(iv) Adapters gauges strikers eccentricity and force of blow complete with anvil, plug and drift. 1

(v) Coppers gauges testing eccentricity. 20 100

(vi) " " " force of blow. 20 100

(vii) Micrometer outside 0" - 1". 1

(viii) Mirrors examining bore 2·75" to 3·7" for 25 Pdr. and 17 Pdr. 1

(ix) Accumulators secondary 6 volt with leads. 1

~~(x) Gauges striker protrusion (generally with gun stores).~~

(xi) Apparatus pulling back, gun No. 7 Mk. I. 1

(xii) Attachments quick release No. 3 Mk. II. 1

6661

(A.T. TWITE) Major REME
DADOS

ATT/Tot. 12 British Liaison Unit for Italian Central Military Schools.

23/3/46

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

12 British Liaison Unit for
Italian Central Military Schools
(Tel: ROME 66319)

MP/1

9 Mar 46

MED
WAR

Subject:- Machine Tools required for
Scuola della Motorizzazione.

To:- A.D.M.E.,
Land Forces Sub Comm.
AC. (A.M.I.A.) ROME.

Revue

RECEIVED 11 MAR 1946
2813

1. The undermentioned machines are required:-

(i)	Shaping Machine	1
(ii)	Slotting Machine	1
(iii)	Circular saw 24" and bench	1
(iv)	Electrical Grinder with various wheels (coarse and fine grit)	1
(v)	Power saw for metals	1

each with self contained motor drive 140 volts. AC.

Arthur D'Amore Major REME
DADME

12 British Liaison Unit for Italian Central Military Schools.

ATT/Tbt.

16/3/46

6660

Subject :- Gauges

RECEIVED 23 FEB 1946 2073

1 British Liaison Unit

EME/16
18 Feb 46

To :- HQ Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MMIA)
RCI

Ref your signal ME/31 dated 15 Feb.

Herewith list of gauges held by Cremona Inf Div Whsps, this confirms signal 1/EME/36 sent even date.

	Qty
Gauges clearance, firing hole bush to cartidge	1 No 45.
" " " " " " "	1 No 49 Mk III
" " " " " " "	1 No 38
Gauges, measuring bore.	1 No 27
" " "	1 No 39 Mk I
" " "	1 No 13
" " "	2 No 32
Gauge, plug bore, low limit for PC	1-6 lbs
" " " " " " "	1-17 lbs
" " " " " " "	1-12 lbs
" " " " " " "	1-40mm
Gauge, testing straightness of bore ML 3" Mortar.	2
Straight edge 18" x 1½" Mk I	1
Striker Gauge Mk II/L	1
Micrometer English, inside 2" to 12"	1
" " outside 5" to 6"	1
" " " 1" to 2"	1
" " " 4" to 5"	1
" " " 0 to 1"	2
Gauge, vernier depth 6"	1
Indicator dial test (Surface plates)	2

6659

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDG NO. 785020

signal 1/EME/36 sent even date.

	Qty
Gauges clearance, firing hole bush to cartidge	1 No 45.
" " " " " " "	1 No 49 Mk III
" " " " " " "	1 No 38
Gauges, measuring bore.	1 No 27
" " "	1 No 39 Mk I
" " "	1 No 13
" " "	2 No 32
Gauge, plug bore, low limit for PC	1-6 lbs
" " " " " " "	1-17 lbs
" " " " " " "	1-12 lbs
" " " " " " "	1-40mm
Gauge, testing straightness of bore ML 3" Mortar.	2
Straight edge 18" x 1½" Mk I	1
Striker Gauge Mk II/L	1
Micrometer English, inside 2" to 12"	1
" " outside 5" to 6"	1
" " " 1" to 2"	1
" " " 4" to 5"	1
" " " 0 to 1"	2
Gauge, vernier depth 6"	1
Indicator dial test (Surface plates)	2

6659

J.W. Barnes
Major
GSO II

R
25-2-45

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NND NO. 785020

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

LRKB V MEAV NR 201 QVR 1
FROM REME BRANCH 3 B.L.U. MILAN 201045A
TO ADME MMIA ROME
INFO 4 B.L.U.
QSH GR260 BT

ME/ARM/3 U/C (.) REF YOUR ME/31 (.) FOLLOWING GAUGES FOR EXAMINATION OF ORD HELD BY FRIULI DIV WKSPS (.) GAUGES TEST BLOW STRIKER 25 PDR ONE (.) 17 PDR ONE (.) 6 PDR ONE (.) 40 M/M 2 (.) GAUGES CHC 25 PDR ONE (.) 17 PDR ONE (.) 6 PDR ONE (.) 40 M/M 2 (.) GAUGES TESTING FORCE BLOW WITH UNIVERSAL ADAPTOR ONE (.) GAUGES MEASURING BORE 25 PDR ONE (.) 17 PDR ONE (.) 40 M/M 2 (.) 15 PDR 2 (.) MERRE MIRROR EXAMINING BORE LES RODS AND LAMPS ONE (.) GAUGES PLUG BORE 25 PDR ONE (.) 17 PDR ONE (.) 6 PDR ONE (.) 40 M/M 2 (.) PLATE TESTING CLINO PLANE 40 M/M ONE (.) SECTORS 25 PDR 2 (.) INSPECTOR CLINO ONE (.) GAUGES STRIKER PROTRUSION NO 15 SIX (.) GAUGES STRIKER FREEM PROTRUSION NO 16 SIX (.) STRAICHT EDG 36 X 3 TWO (.) STRAIGHT EDGE 18 X 1 & 1/2 ONE (.) LEGNANO DIV HOLDINGS GAUGES TEST BLOW STRIKER 25 PDR ONE (.) 17 PDR ONE (.) 6 PDR ONE (.) 40 M/M ONE (.) GAUGES CHC 25 PDR ONE (.) 17 PDR ONE (.) 6 PDR ONE (.) 40 M/M ONE (.) GAUGES TESTING FORCE BLOW 1 (.) GAUGES MEASURING BORE 25 PDR ONE (.) 17 PDR NIL (.) 40 M/M ONE (.) 6 PDR NIL (.) MIRRORS EXAMINING BORE ONE (.) GAUGES PLUG BORE 25 PDR ONE (.) 17 PDR ONE (.) 6 PDR ONE (.) 40 M/M ONE (.) SECTORS 25 PDR 2 (.) 17 PDR 2 (.) CLINOS FIELD ONE (.) GAUGES STRIKER PROTRUSION ONE (.) COPPERS TESTING FORCE OF BLOW 40 (.) STRAIGHT EDGE 36 X 3 ONE (.) STRAIGHT EDGE 18 X 1 & 1/2 ONE (.) CLINO FIELDS ONE (.) BOTH DIVS DEFICIENT OF RODS FOR GAUGES MEASURING BORE (.)
BT 201045A
ASWJS SENT B 2 K

RECEIVED 21 FEB 1946 (GAD) 10:41

M51/20 6658 21/2/46

LINE 10 LAST GR PLS
EDGE IMI EDGE
TNEECD CB 1615 BB

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

IMPORTANT MMIA

N 38/18

LRKB V MEAV NR182029 IMPORTANT
FROM 1 BLU 181215B//[illegible]181215A
TO HQ MMIA ROME
ESH GR126 BT
1/EME/36(.) UNCLASS(.) REF YOUR ME/31 OF 15(.) FOLLOWING
GAUGES HELD BY C R E M O N A I N F D I V W K S P S(.)
1 EACH GAUGES CLEARENCE FIRING HOLE
BUSH TO CARTRIDGE NO45 NO 49 MKIII NO38(.)
1 EACH GAUGES MEASURINGBORE NO 27 NO39 MK1 NO 13(.) 2 GAUGES
MEASURING BORE NO 32(.) 1 EACH GAUGE PLUG BORE LOW LO// LIMIT
FOR P C 6 LB S 12LBS AND 17 LBS(.) 1 GAUGE PLUG
BORE HOW LIMIT FOR P C 40 MM(.)2 GAUGES TESTING STRAIGHTNESS
OF BORE M L 3 INCH MORTAR(.) 1 STRAIGHTEDGE 17 5 INCHES
BY 1 AND HALF INCHES MK1(.)
1 STRAIGHT GAUGE MK11/L(.) 1 EACH ICROMETE// MICROMETRE
ENGLISH INSIDE 2 INCHES TO 12 INCHES(.)
1 EACH MICROMETRE ENGLISH OUTSIDE 5 INCHES TO 6 1 INCH TO 2
INCHES 4 INCHES TO 5 INCHES(.)
2 MICROMETRES TO 1 INCH(.) 1 GAUGE VERNIER DEPTH 6 INCHES(.)
2 INDICATOR DIAL TEST SURFACE PLATES
BT
THI ---
SENT NR029 AT 1315 EAD AR TKS
R 1315 ROMERO B

RECEIVED 19 FEB 1946 (DATE)

SIGNALS
5/19
6657

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

LRKB V MEAV NR 1920 IMPORTANT
FROM 4 BRITISH LIAION UNIT 191100A
TO HQ MMIA ROME
QSH GR 101 BT
4/GB/8(.) UNCLASSIFIED(.) REF YOUR ME/31 OF 15 FEB 46(.) THE
FOLLOWING GUAGES FOR TESTING ORDNANCE ARE HELD BY F R I U L I
INF DIV WK6P(.) PLANENTESTING CARRIER NO 7 DIAL SIGHT MK 1 QTY 1(.)
GUAGES MEASURING BORE NOSXXXX 10 22 27 33 39 QTY 1 OF EACH(.)
GUAGES XXXXXXX STRIKER PEROTRUSIGN NOS 15 QTY 5 NO 16 QTY 4
NO 38 QTY 1(.) APPARATUS TESTING CLINO PLANE WITH AXIS OF BORE
SECTORS 25 PR QTY 2(.) CLINOMETERS INSPECTORS MK 3 QTY 1(.)
MIRROR EXAM BORE 2-3/4 IN TO 3 POINT 7 IIN WITH BATTERY QTY 1(.)
GUAGES CLEARNACE FIRING HOLE BUSH TO CARTRIDGE HELD NOS 37 MK 3
49 MK 3 44 MK 3 38 MK 3 QTY 1 OF EACH(.) GUAGES PRG /// PRUG BORE LOW
LIMIT FOR PROVISIONAL CONDEMNATION ORD Q F 25 PR MKS 1 AND 2
GUNS MK 1 LANDS QTY 1 ORD Q F 2 PR MKS 8 9 AND 10
MMXMKXX AND 40 MM MKS 1 AND 2 QTY 1 ORD QF 12 PR 12 CWT QTY 1
ORD QF 6 PR 7 CWT QTY 1(.) COPPER TESTING NLOW OF STRIKER QTY 1

BT 1300
SENT (GP) XZ3/ 2325 A(B1)K
RECD RH. 2325 AR. KK.

RECEIVED 20 FEB 1946

MMIA 6656 3/20 SIGNALS

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

LRKB V MJFV NR 220[illegible] R R

OVR ONE

FROM 7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT 21 FEB 1946

TO M M I A

INFO 6 BLU RENE

CSWOR - BT

BLU/43 (.) UNCLASSIFIED (.) REF ME/31 DATED 15 (.)
FOLGORE DIV M E W/SHOP HOLD ONE 40 MM CALIBRE GUAGE ONE 6 PDR
GAUGE AND ONE 25 PDR GAUGE ALSO ONE CLOCK GAUGE MEASURING
BORE ONLY (.) NO HOWITZER GAUGES
BT
1915A

A E T AR TKS
RECD NR 220042 2005 LA AR PAL

RECEIVED 1053. 3 FEB 1946 MMIA

Rene

N 97/225/12

SIGNAL 6655

1349

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

MESSAGE FORM

FROM : MMIA

TO: : 3 BLU

: BLU

7 BLU

DATE/TIME

15/2255 A

UNCLASSIFIED

ML/31 (.) FOR REE (.) INFM REQUIRED URGENTLY REGARDING GAUGES FOR EXAMINATION OF ORDNANCE NOW HELD BY ME WKSPS OF INF DIVISIONS (.) REQUEST YOU SIGNAL BY 20 FEB LIST BY DIVS OF GAUGES HELD INCLUDING INSTRUMENTS MEASURING BORE

6654

PRECEDENCE IMMEDIATE

AUTHENTICATED Lt. Col. A.D.M.E.

R 15/2/46

1350