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10000/120/3694

12 ST

Ammunition

Jan. 25, 1945

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Jan. 25, 1945 - Oct. 27, 1945

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File

69A

Subject:- Ammunition Reserves - MANTOVA Inf Div.

56 BLU
12 ST

27. Oct 45.

HQ No. 2 District.

1. Reference Appendix 'A' to your HQ Adm Instruction No. 33 of 28 Aug 45.
2. The a/m instruction directs that First and Second line ammunition be held by the MANTOVA Inf Div.
3. May this HQ please be informed whether it is intended that such holdings are to include ALL natures e.g. :-

Lorryloads of Explosives,
A/Tank Mines,
Grenades etc.

In The Field.
BBA/mh.

E.A. Card
Lt Col,
GS.

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Free

68A

Subject: - Ammunition Reserves.

56 BLU
12 ST

64A

26 Oct 45.

HQ MANTOVA Inf Div.

1. With further reference to our 12 ST dated 14 Oct 45.
2. It has been agreed by 59 Area that Ammunition Reserves be established by you in the PIACENZA area.
3. Thirteen truck loads of ammunition (as per Appendix 'A' to our a/n letter) have been redirected to PIACENZA by rail to-day.
4. Please arrange for this ammunition to be unloaded immediately.
5. 4 copies of issue voucher 3190 are enclosed herewith. Please return copies No. 2, 3 and 4 to this HQ signed by the officer receiving the stores.

In The Field.
EGA/mh.

See 70A

EA Land
Lt Col,
GS.

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Feb

Subject: - Ammunition Reserves.

64 A

56 BLU
12 ST

14 Oct 45.

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA.

1. Arrangements are at present being made for each Group to be issued with complete 1st and 2nd Line holdings of ammunition.
2. IN ADDITION to the above, a further reserve of ammunition as per Appendix "A" to this letter is being consigned to each Group. The ammunition shown on this appendix has already been despatched to PTO GENOA and this HQ will advise you when it is ready for collection.
3. Please select a suitable area for the dumping and safeguarding of these reserves.

In The Field,
EGA/mh.

EA Paul
For Lt Col,
GS. ADD

59. A refers.

see 68 A

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APPENDIX 'A' to 56 HLU Letter 12 ST
dated 14 Oct 45.

NATURE.	Each Group	NATURE.	Each Group
1 in III Red Green	625 375 375	14lb Inc. Bomb	38
8 Snake Gens	-	PIAT HE	625
303 Ctn Bdr True Inc	137500 62500 37500 12500	Ammonal lbs	375
45 Auto	93750	Nobel's Plastic lbs	1375
380 Rev	1500	G/C Slabs	630
30 AP/True	-	Primers G.C./G.R.	1275
6pr APC BC HE	340 38	Fuse Safety Ft. Inst. Ft.	1932 450
3 in Tank How HE Smoke	-	Cordtex/Primacord Ft.	6250
25 pr HE Shell Snake Shell Mornal Cartr Super Cartr	7168 672 7840 560	27 Dets 33 Dets	1250 500
37mm APC HE Cannister	-	Ign. Perc Elec S.F. Striking	50 63 250
76mm Gun HE APC/HE Smoke	-	Tub Seal Cap Seal pts	100 8
105 mm How HE M. 48 HE M. 54 Smoke HE/Alt.	-	Matches Fuses boxes	63
2 mor HE Smoke III Red Green	3750 2500 250 63 63	Switches No. 1 Pull 2 Press 3 Release 7 Elec 8 AP 9 L Delay	25 25 25 25 25 115
2 in B.T.S. How V.P.	-	Trip Wire 032 ins. yds Trip Wire 044 ins. yds	500 250
		Glands Pinpots	63 3
		Chages Den No. 1 6 lb	63
		Points Demouflet Tubes Camouflet	38 8
		Cable Elec	250
		Ins Tape lbs	6

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12506	1932	Fuze Safety Ft.	450
		Inst. Ft.	
	6250	Cordtex/Primacord Ft.	
	1250	27 Dets	500
		33 Dets	50
	50	Ign. Para	63
		Elec	250
		S.F. Striking	
	100	Tub Seal	8
		Cup Seal pts	
	63	Matches Fuze boxes	
	25	Switches No. 1 Pull	25
	25	2 Press	25
	25	3 Release	25
	25	7 Elec	25
	25	8 AP	113
		9 L Delay	
	500	Trip Wire 032 ins. yds	
	250	Trap Wire 014 ins. yds	
	63	Clams	3
		Pimpets	
	63	Chges Dem No. 1 6 lb	
	38	Points Demouflet	8
		Tubes Camouflet	
	250	Cable Elec	
	6	Ins Tape lbs	
	50	Dets Fuze Branch Junction	
12506	93750		
	1500		
	-		
	340		
	38		
	-		
	-		
	7168		
	672		
	7840		
	560		
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	-		
	3750		
	2500		
	250		
	63		
	63		
	-		
	-		
	2513		
	838		
	1500		
	1000		
	1000		
	188		
45 Auto			
380 Rev			
30 AP/Trac			
60r APC BC			
HE			
3 in Tank How HE			
Smoke			
25 pr HE Shell			
Smoke Shell			
Normal Carts			
Super Carts			
57mm APC			
HE			
Camuister			
76mm Gun HE			
APC/HE			
Smoke			
105 mm How HE M. 48			
HE M. 54			
Smoke			
HE/Atk			
2 mor HE			
Smoke			
Ill			
Red			
Green			
2 in B.T.S. Hee			
W.P.			
3 in Mor HE Blue Triangle			
Smoke			
36 Green Hand			
75 "			
77 "			
83 " (25% ea colour)			

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Subject :- Training Ammunition.

58.A
56 HLU

7 G

18 Sep 45

By Combat Group, RAHFOVA.

Copies to :- CC. No. 6 Am Railroad Sect, CASALE.
ST. 56 HLU.

Reference your 03/5952 of 12 Sep and further to our 7 G of 17 Sep 45.

1. The following training ammunition for use in the month of Sep 45 is now awaiting collection at No. 6. Ammunition Railroad Section, CASALE (MR. J 6432) (Authority: 2 District Issue Order 6/1 of 24 Aug 45)

.303 Bdr	qty	100,000
.38 Rev	"	4,000
.45 TMM	"	5,000

2. Attached is a letter to be presented to No. 6 Am Railroad Sect, CASALE by the officer who collects.

3. It is regretted that there has been so much delay in obtaining this release.

CMF
FM/so

[Signature]
Capt.
Lt-Col.
CS.

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12-5T

18 SEP 1945

Ref Folio 61A. file 10 ST

57A

SUBJECT :- Ammunition State.

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA

03/3694

P.M. 104 29 Aug 45

56 BLU

56A

Reference your 12/ST dated 11 Aug 45.

This is the Ammunition state as at 10 Aug 45.

Cartridges .303 Bdr	-	607137	756 000
: .303 Ctn		1099690	105 000
THOMPSON .45		773964	76 000
Mortar 2"		1510	
: 3"		3	
Ammunition 6 Pdr		57	3558
: 17 :		210	1104
: 25 :		518	6400
AA & AP 40 mm		523	482

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(SGD) L. GUALANO Lt Col
Chief of Staff

File

SUBJECT :- Ammunition States.

56A

56 BLU
12 ST

Hq Combat Group MANTOVA

11 Aug 45.

1. Please submit to the BLU as quickly as possible ammunition states for the following types of ammunition as held by the MANTOVA Group on 10 August 45.

TYPES.

.303 Bdr
.303 Ctn
.45 Thompson
2" Mortar
3" Mortar
6 Pdr Gun
25 Pdr Gun
17 Pdr Gun
40 mm AA & AP

In The Field,
RCN/ajw

see 57A

Lch
Lt Col,
GS.

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File *52A*
ATTENTION: 1st Line Ammunition

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA

56 HLN
 12 ST

SIA
Y Jun 45.

1. Please find attached a release note on 25 A.A.D. APICOMA, for the following quantities of S.A.A.

.303 Bdr	500,000 Rounds
.303 Gtn	750,000 :
.45 Auto	700,000 :
2. This represents approximately 20 X 3 Ton GS lorry loads.
3. Will you please arrange collection as early as possible, and inform HQ 56 HLN of distribution by unit.

In The Field,
 RCN/AJW

Copies to:- C.O.C. 25 A.A.D.
 7 "G" File

Lee
 Lt Col,
 GS.

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Subject :- Training Ammunition.

URGENT

56 BLU
7 G

8 Apr 45

Hq. Combat Group, MANTOVA.

Copy to :- ST

1. A considerable amount of Training Ammunition is still in the dump at PIETRADAPUSI. In order to have training ammunition immediately available at the new destination it is essential that this ammunition should be taken.
2. It is therefore requested that this ammunition should be distributed immediately to regts and units for them to carry. The following suggestions are made for the carriage :-

25 pr - in the limbers with the guns

17 pr }
40 mm } - in the gun towing vehicles.

.303 Bandolier - one bandolier carried by each man as far as it will go round.

.305 Carton - Bren mags carried full, certain number of men to carry 50 rds loose in their pouches.

.45 Thompson - magazines carried filled, certain amount of loose rds can be carried in the mens pouches.

3" Mortar - in the Mortar Carriers.

2" Mortar - in the Bren Carriers. etc

All units in the division can carry a proportion of the remaining types on their vehicles. Where magazines are filled they will in no circumstances be carried on the gun but in the mens pouches.

3. May the ammunition dump be cleared by 11 April.

In the Field
AC/cc

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[Signature]
Lt-Col.
G.S.

Subject :- Training Examination.

56 MAR
7.0

27A

17 Mar 45

16 MAR.

Copies to :- School of Artillery.

BA.
SE.

Will you please send on the next examination train for MGLI
200 rds 17 pr 67 released to 56 REG under issue number 14/410 dated
17 Feb 45.

In the Field.
AS/en

W. H. B. B. B. B.
Lt. Col.
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Subject: Ammunition

56 HLF
12 ST

25 Jan 45

"MANTOVA" Battle Group
DADST

Ref drawing of training ammunition.

1. When ammunition is drawn by Battle Groups, vouchers are also issued with the ammunition.
2. These vouchers will be signed by the Italian Officer drawing ammunition and will be collected monthly to be returned to the DADST of 56 HLF by the last day of each month.
3. DADST will then ensure that the vouchers are correctly completed as laid down in HMLA AG/2/15-20 dated 19 Jan and forward these to HMLA.

In The Field.
JEM/ajv

J. M. Moody
Lt Col,
GS.

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