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AUG. - DEC. 1946

SINTESI DEI CRITERI CHE DEVONO REGO-LARE UNO STUDIO SULLE TRUPPE ALPINE

- 1 - Non é il progresso dei mezzi (come avviene per la fanteria) che impone l'ordinamento delle truppe alpine, ma sempre e soprattutto il terreno.
- Il terreno particolare di montagna e soprattutto di alta montagna é un ostacolo all'impiego dei mezzi moderni di lotta e quindi il terreno é ancora quello che impone particolari formazioni e particolari procedimenti tattici.

- 2 - Il terreno di alta montagna che non consente al Comando superiore di intervenire in qualsiasi momento a favore di un suo elemento impegnato impone che l'unità alpina abbia in proprio :
- mezzi di fuoco ;
 - mezzi di vita ;
 - mezzi di trasporto.

Dovrà quindi avere : unità di artiglieria, servizi e mezzi di trasporto.

- 3 - Il terreno e l'ambiente particolare (neve, ghiacciai, roccia difficile) impone un affiatamento più stretto fra tutti gli elementi che devono cooperare fra di loro ed ecco perché tutti questi elementi devono esistere al completo fin dal tempo di pace e devono addestrarsi per lungo tempo sia alla cooperazione che alla lotta non solo contro l'uomo ma anche contro gli elementi

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4 - La necessità di un lungo addestramento essenzialmente pratico soprattutto dei quadri (ufficiali e sottufficiali), fa preferire per le truppe alpine la costituzione al completo di tutti i suoi elementi fin dal tempo di pace; anche se tale costituzione ne dovesse costringere a ridurre altre unità che possono essere sostituite in più breve tempo e non necessitano di questo addestramento pratico in terreni difficili e dove le condizioni at-

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mosferiche e di vita possono variare da un anno all'altro.

E' opportuno notare che per addestramento, a differenza delle altre armi, non si comprende solo l'addestramento al combattimento, il quale non richiede lunghi anni di pratica ma bensì l'addestramento a vivere ed a muoversi in ambiente di alta montagna con tutti i tempi (bufera - tormenta - ecc).

E' necessario che il personale acquisti con l'allenamento a queste fatiche una certa robustezza fisica ed una certa attitudine che solo si può avere dopo molti mesi di vita in montagna ed iniziando tale vita da giovane .

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Quando si tengono presenti questi criteri di base sarà sempre possibile organizzare con successo le truppe alpine, i cui particolari di organizzazione potranno variare a seconda delle esigenze del momento.

Soprattutto alla testa delle organizzazioni alpine é necessario avere persone veramente entusiaste della montagna e che vi abbiano lungamente vissute soprattutto da giovane

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TranslationSubject: Portable Arms.

From : H.Q. Inf. Div. "FRIULI"
To : H.Q. 4 B.I.U.

Ref. letter N° 4504/M-4 of the 6 Dec. 45.

Herewith the requested number of:

- Bayonets for "Enfield" rifles M.K. 1 N° 357
- " " "Enfield" " M.K. 4 " 1176

BY ORDER

(and)

THE CHIEF OF STAFF
Lt.Col. Pietro TESTA

Levico
21 Dec. 45

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MAZ/tr.

COMANDO DIVISIONE DI FANTERIA "F. JLI"
Ufficio del Capo di Stato Maggiore
- Ufficio Servizi -

N°6084/33.v. di prot.

Levico, 21 dicembre 1946

OGGETTO: armi portatili.-

AL HEADQUARTERS 4° BLU
e, per conoscenza:
AL IV° COMANDO ARTIGLIERIA

B O L Z A N OB O L Z A N O

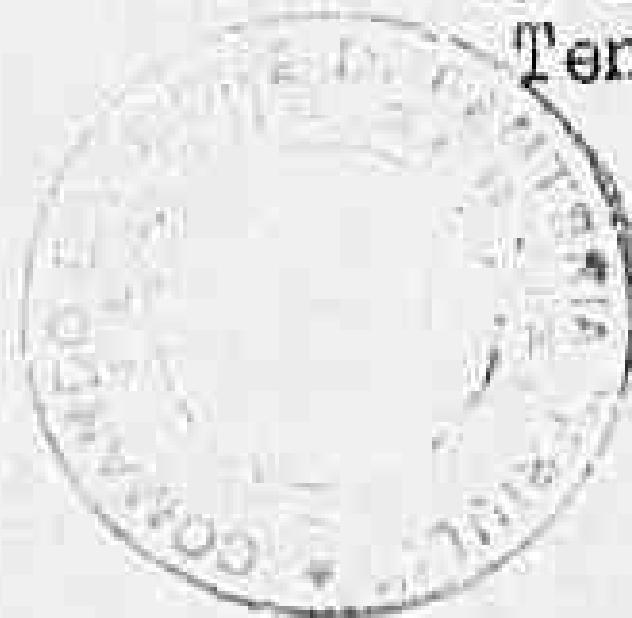
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Riferimento foglio n.4504/M-4 del 6 corrente del comando cui la  
presente è diretta per conoscenza.-

Si trasmettono i dati richiesti:

- baionette per fucile "Enfield" M.K. 1
- " " " " M.K. 4

N° 357  
" 1176.-

d'ordine  
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
Ten.Col. Pietro Testa



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Subject : Standardisation of Italian Weapons.

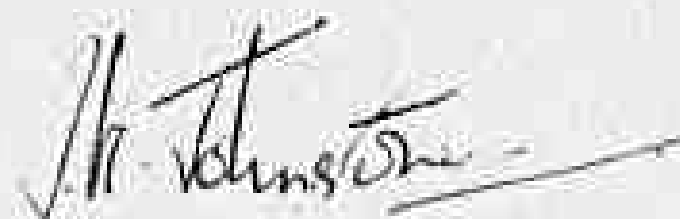
Headquarters  
4 B.L.U.  
Rizzeno/CMR  
Ref. Q.11-18

To : 4 Terr Comd.

19 Dec 45.

Ref. Q.11-17.

Herewith copy of letter SD/109/2 from M.M.I.A.  
to us for your information.



Major G.S.

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Telephone:  
Rome, 439054 Ext. 218

LAND FORCES SUB-COMM, AC (AMIA) COME

20 JUL 1948

SD/109/2

20 Dec 46

LIST 'B'

Subject: Standardisation of Italian Weapons

1. The ALLIES have proved unable at present, to supply, in some cases, a sufficiency of BRITISH weapons of all the types required by the ITALIAN Interim Army, and in other cases, a sufficiency of ammunition for such weapons as can be supplied.
2. It has therefore been agreed between this HQ, and the Ministry of War that, in place of the BRITISH weapons originally desired, the ITALIANS should standardise on certain types of ITALIAN weapons of which they have a sufficiency immediately available, and for which they have also ample ammunition.

3. The following ITALIAN weapons will be adopted:

- (i) BERETTA automatic pistol mod. 34 cal 9 (in place of BRITISH pistol rev. "38")
- (ii) BERETTA automatic carbine mod. 38 cal. 9 (in place of BRITISH TSMG).
- (iii) 45mm mortar mod. 35 (in place of BRITISH 2" Mortar)
- (iv) 84mm mortar mod. 35 (in place of BRITISH 3" and 4."2 mortars).
- (v) BREDA MG mod. 37 cal. 7 (in place of BRITISH VICKERS MG)

4. It is realised that the ITALIAN 45mm Mortar is not at present as good as the BRITISH 2" Mortar, although it is considered that with the production of new amm, particularly smoke (which is in hand) the 45mm Mortar will be an adequate substitute as an inf pl weapon.

5. Exhaustive comparative tests have been carried out between the 84mm and 3" mortars, as a result of which this HQ is of opinion that

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- (ii) BERETTA automatic carbine mod. 38 cal. 9 (in place of  
BRITISH TSMG).
- (iii) 45mm mortar mod. 35 (in place of BRITISH 2" Mortar)
- (iv) 81mm mortar mod. 35 (in place of BRITISH 3" and 4."2  
Mortars).
- (v) BREDA MG mod. 37 cal. 7 (in place of BRITISH VICKERS MAG)

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5. Exhaustive comparative tests have been carried out between the 81mm and 3" Mortars, as a result of which this HQ is of opinion that there is little to choose between the two weapons.

6. Adoption of the BREDA LG was agreed in Aug 46.

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*Attestat*  
Lt-Col,  
GS, AM/L.

Copy to : A.H.Q. } Who will please delete these weapons from  
          G.H.Q. } Staff Tables of requirements of ITALIAN Army.

Internal : 'G' } Who will please ascertain from Ministry of War  
              ORD } progress and expected completion date of substitution  
                  of ITALIAN for BRITISH weapons, in order that G(SD)  
                  may in due course request from GHQ instructions for  
                  disposal of BRITISH weapons.

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THE CHIEF OF STAFF  
(smd) Lt.Col. Pietro TESTA

Levmco  
21 Dec. 46

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G.I. in letter

Subject: Equipment for A.R.

- 1) Copy of M. of W. letter concerning equipment for AR is sent to you for your knowledge.
- 2) Commissariato will contact 6° Alpini making direct arrangements for buying in the market the equipment, which is not available in the Military Stores.
- 3) The mountain boots will be of the "Bally" type. HQ 6° Alpini will give instructions to all units to use those boots only <sup>during</sup> the periods of mountain Training and NOT in garrison, to replace the normal boots.

For G.I. to see.

It seems that at last all  
your efforts for the Alpini have been fruit.

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COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI BOLZANO IV  
Stato Maggiore - Ufficio Servizi

CAR/P

n° 04/14919/Serv.

Bolzano 9 ottobre 1946

OGGETTO: Materiali per reggimento alpini.-

AL COMANDO 6° REGGIMENTO ALPINI  
(Alleg.n°1)  
e.p.c.  
AL COMANDO PANTERA IV COMILITER  
(All.n°1)  
ALLA DIREZIONE DI COM/TO IV COMILITER  
(Alleg. omesso)  
AL 4° S.L.U.  
(Alleg.n°1)

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A seguito P.n° 04/14520/Serv. del 30/9/45 (non  
inviato al 4° Blu).

- I Trasfetto per conoscenza, in allegato, il dispaccio  
ministeriale n.1967/VG del 30/9/45 (avuto direttamente  
dalla Direzione al Commissariato).
- II Per i materiali che sono da acquistare dal commercio  
la Direzione di Commissariato è pregata prendere contatti  
con il comando 6° reggimento alpini.
- III Le scarpe da montagna che saranno distribuite dalla  
Direzione di Commissariato di Bolzano sono della marca "Bally".

Prego il comando 6° reggimento alpini di impartire  
le necessarie disposizioni a tutti gli enti dipendenti  
affinché abbiano la massima cura di così preziose calzature  
da montagna che debbono essere adoperate soltanto durante  
i periodi addestrativi e per le esercitazioni di <sup>1380</sup>  
non nelle normali guarnizioni in sostituzione delle scarpe  
comuni.-

AL 4° S.L.U.  
(Alleg. n° 1)

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A seguito per concessione, in allegato, il dispaccio  
materiale n. 15673/10 del 30/3/45 (avuto direttamente  
dalla Direzione al Commissariato).

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la Direzione di Commissariato è preposta prendere contatti  
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i periodi addestrativi o per le esercitazioni di ~~1938~~  
non nelle normali guarnigioni in sostituzione delle scarpe  
comuni.

IL COMANDANTE MILITARE  
Gen. di Div. ff. c. s. Giacomo Negroni

*Handwritten signature*

Allegato al foglio 04/14919/Serv in data 9/10/46.-

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

Direzione Generale Serv. Comm/to ed Amm/vi  
Div. V.E.C.C. Sezione I<sup>B</sup>.

n° 19673/VG al proc.

Roma 30 settembre 1946

ALLE DIREZIONI DI COMANDO DEL COMANDO ALL. TERR. LI DI  
TORINO=BOLZANO=UDINE=NAPOLI=MILANO=

e, per conoscenza

ALLO S.M.E. - Ufficio Servizi  
(rif. n° 3/1273/Serv. del 17 corr.)  
AI COMANDI MILITARI TERR. DI TORINO=BOLZANO=UDINE=

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OGGETTO: materiali per i reggimenti alpini.-

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Si pregano gli enti interessati di effettuare subito  
le seguenti cessioni:

| ENTI CEDENTI  | ENTI CASSIONARI             | QUANTITA' | NOTE                             |
|---------------|-----------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|
| Direz. Torino | a disposiz. Com.M.T. Torino | 300       | da acq. commercio                |
| " Bolzano     | " " " Bolzano               | idem      | idem                             |
| " Udine       | " " " Udine                 | idem      | idem                             |
|               | <u>Corse di campo</u>       |           |                                  |
|               | <u>Piccozze da guida</u>    |           |                                  |
| Direz. Torino | a disposiz. Com.M.T. Torino | 1.000     | -976 da acquistare dal commercio |
| " Bolzano     | " " " Bolzano               | 1.000     | da acquistare comm               |
| " Udine       | " " " Udine                 | 1.000     | idem                             |
|               | <u>Moschettoni</u>          |           |                                  |
| Direz. Torino | a disposiz. Com.M.T. Torino | 300       | idem                             |
| " Bolzano     | " " " Bolzano               | 300       | idem                             |
| " Udine       | " " " Udine                 | 300       | idem                             |
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OGGETTO: Materiali per i reggimenti alpini.-

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| ENTI CEDENTI  | ENTI CESSIONARI             | QUANTITA'       | NOTE                             |
|---------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| Direz. Torino | a disposiz. Com.M.T. Torino | 300             | da acq. commercio                |
| " Bolzano     | " " " Bolzano               | (M. 12X30 M.I.) | idem                             |
| " Udine       | " " " Udine                 | idem            | idem                             |
| Direz. Torino | Piccozze da polica          | 1.000           | -576 da acquistare dal commercio |
| " Bolzano     | " " " Bolzano               | 1.000           | da acquistare commercio          |
| " Udine       | " " " Udine                 | 1.000           | idem                             |
| Direz. Torino | Moschetti                   | 300             | idem                             |
| " Bolzano     | " " " Bolzano               | 300             | idem                             |
| " Udine       | " " " Udine                 | 300             | idem                             |
| Direz. Torino | Caricci da roccia           | 1.000           | idem                             |
| " Bolzano     | " " " Bolzano               | 1.000           | idem                             |
| " Udine       | " " " Udine                 | 1.000           | idem                             |
| Direz. Torino | Sci completi                | 500             | idem                             |
| " Bolzano     | " " " Bolzano               | 500             | idem                             |
| " Udine       | " " " Udine                 | 500             | idem                             |

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| ENTI CEDENTI  | ENTI CESSIONARI             | QUANTITA' | NOTE          |
|---------------|-----------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| Direz. Torino | <u>Ramponi da Chiaccio</u>  |           |               |
| " Bolzano     | a disposiz. Com.M.T.Torino  | 300       |               |
| " Udine       | " " " Bolzano               | 300       |               |
|               | " " " Udine                 | 300       |               |
| Direz. Torino | <u>Occhiali da neve</u>     |           |               |
| " Bolzano     | a disposiz. Com.M.T.Torino  | 1.005     |               |
| " Udine       | " " " Bolzano               | 1.005     |               |
|               | " " " Udine                 | 1.005     |               |
| Direz. Torino | <u>Pedane da roccia</u>     |           |               |
| " Bolzano     | a disposiz. Com.M.T.Torino  | 150       | da acquistare |
| " Udine       | " " " Bolzano               | 150       | dal commercio |
|               | " " " Udine                 | 150       | idem          |
| Direz. Torino | <u>Scornoni da muratura</u> |           |               |
| " Bolzano     | a disposiz. Com.M.T.Torino  | 2.600     |               |
| " "           | " " " Bolzano               | 2.600     |               |
|               | " " " Udine                 | 2.600     |               |
| Direz. Torino | <u>Guanti di lana</u>       |           |               |
| " Bolzano     | a disposiz. Com.M.T.Torino  | 2.240     |               |
| " Udine       | " " " Bolzano               | 2.600     |               |
| " Napoli      | " " " Udine                 | 419       |               |
| " "           | " " " Torino                | 360       |               |
|               | " " " Udine                 | 2.181     |               |
| Direz. Torino | <u>Cappucci di lana</u>     |           |               |
| " Milano      | a disposiz. Com.M.T.Torino  | 825       |               |
| " Bolzano     | " " " "                     | 1.775     |               |
| " Milano      | " " " Bolzano               | 2.600     |               |
|               | " " " Udine                 | 2.600     |               |
|               | <u>Maglie di lana</u>       |           |               |

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|---------------|-------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|
| Direz. Torino | Pedule da roccia              | 150   | da acquistare dal commercio |
| " Bolzano     | " " " " Bolzano               | 150   | idem                        |
| " Udine       | " " " " Udine                 | 150   | idem                        |
| Direz. Torino | Montoni da montagna           | 2.600 |                             |
| " Bolzano     | a disposiz. Com. M. T. Torino | 2.600 |                             |
| " "           | " " " " Bolzano               | 2.600 |                             |
| Direz. Torino | Guanti di lana                | 2.240 |                             |
| " Bolzano     | a disposiz. Com. M. T. Torino | 2.600 |                             |
| " Udine       | " " " " Bolzano               | 419   |                             |
| " Napoli      | " " " " Udine                 | 360   |                             |
| " "           | " " " " Torino                | 2.181 |                             |
| Direz. Torino | Cappucci di lana              | 825   |                             |
| " Milano      | a disposiz. Com. M. T. Torino | 1.775 |                             |
| " Bolzano     | " " " " "                     | 2.600 |                             |
| " Milano      | " " " " Bolzano               | 2.600 |                             |
| Direz. Torino | Maglie di lana                | 683   |                             |
| " Bolzano     | a disposiz. Com. M. T. Torino | 1.917 |                             |
| " "           | " " " " "                     | 2.600 |                             |
| " "           | " " " " Bolzano               | 2.600 |                             |
| Direz. Torino | Teli da tenda                 | 2.600 |                             |
| " "           | a disposiz. Com. M. T. Torino | 2.600 |                             |
| " Milano      | " " " " "                     | 2.600 |                             |
| " "           | " " " " Bolzano               | 2.600 |                             |
| " "           | " " " " Udine                 | 2.600 |                             |

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Per norma degli enti cessionari si soggiunge che i suddetti materiali sono a disposizione dei comandi militari territoriali per i bisogni dei battaglioni alpini.

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Il numero da acquistare va decurtato, naturalmente, dai quantitativi esistenti nei magazzini ed abbisognevole di riparazioni (da effettuarsi subito) e da quelli eventualmente recuperati in questi giorni.

Accordi diretti per il ritiro.-

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Ref: 04/15608/C/1 Ser

Translation

Subject: Rifles mol' 303.+

From : Territorial Command  
To : 4 B.L.U.

We thank very much for the above-quoted communication.  
(ref: 211-9 dated 11.Oct. 46.)

The dates concerning the various types of rifles  
in distribution to the units of the territory will be  
communicated. -

BY ORDER  
THE CHIEF OF STAFF  
(sgd) COL. ENRICO DURANTI

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Bolzano  
18 Oct. 46

CAR/BG. 21 OCT. 1946

COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI BOLZANO (IV)  
-STATO MAGGIORE = Ufficio Servizi-

N/.04/I5608/C/1/Serv. di prot.

Bolzano li, 18 Ottobre 1946

OGGETTO: Fucili mod.303.-

AL COMANDO 4° B.L.U.

(Rif/to f.n.Q 11-9 dell'11/10/946)

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Si ringrazia della cortese comunicazione fatta col surriferito foglio.

Si fa riserva di comunicare i dati riguardanti i vari tipi di fucili in distribuzione agli enti di questo territorio.-

d'ordine  
DI STATO MAGGIORE  
Col. E. Duranti-*[Handwritten signature]*

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Subject: Equipment for Italian Army.

Headquarters

A B.I.U.

R O L I A H O

402: Q11-13

To : 4 CONTINER.

18 October 45

According to ~~MMIA~~ the present situation regarding the transfer of British Ordnance Stores to the Italian Government is as follows:

1. 557 Base Ordnance Depot has been handed over to the Chief Disposal Officer (Italy) Ministry of Supply W.S.F. 30 September 1946, who has appointed ~~an~~ as caretaker of the contents of the three Sub Depots situated at NAPLES and POMERIGNANO.

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2. At a conference held at ~~MMIA~~ on 23 August 1946 attended by representatives of the Italian Government, Ministry of War and A.S.A.D. the following decisions were agreed to in principle:

a) That representatives of MMIA and the Ministry of War should be present at the handover and should subsequently have access to the Depot (and their vehicles of contents) to facilitate the economic transfer of stores required by and allotted to the War Ministry.

b) That the War Ministry be allowed to submit claims for such stores in War Sub Depot as are needed for the maintenance of special army ~~sub~~ **1974** vehicles as are held by the Italian Government and that such claims (if supported by MMIA) should be favourably considered by A.S.A.D.

30 September 1945, who has appointed A.D.A.R. as caretaker of the contents of the three Sub Depots situated at NAPLES and PORTOCAGNARO.

MMIA

2. At a conference held at MMIA on 23 August 1945 attended by representatives of the Italian Government, Ministry of War and A.D.A.R., the following decisions were agreed to in principle:

- a) That representatives of CILA and the Ministry of War should be present at the handover and should subsequently have access to the Depot (and their schedules of contents) to facilitate the economic transfer of stores required by and allotted to the War Ministry.
- b) That the War Ministry be allowed to submit claim for such stores in New Sub Depot as are needed for the maintenance of special army ~~vehicles~~ <sup>19374</sup> as are held by the Italian Government. It was stated that such claims (if supported by CILA) should be favourably considered by A.D.A.R.
- c) That the War Ministry should be given absolute priority in regard to all material in New Sub Depot which is essential to the maintenance and employment of weapons held by the Italian Army, and in of no use in its present form to anyone else.
3. At a subsequent War Ministry meeting the above was confirmed with A.D.A.R. and certain admin. questions settled. It is not anticipated that the Ministry of War will experience any undue difficulties in obtaining available stores and essential items needed for the maintenance of vehicles and weapons.

*EWB*

A.D.A. BRADLEY  
MAJOR GEN

Subject : Rifles .303

To : 4 Terr HQ.

Headquarters  
4 B.L.U.  
Bolsano/ATP  
Ref. 011-9

11 October 46

Different types of British arms issued to Italian Army.

H.M.I.A. report that in the case of one Terr Cond, there were many different types of British arms issued.

The Terr Cond in question has in fact the following after a census was taken.

| Type                                | Quantity |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Rifles .303 MRA Washington          | 1,603    |
| " .303 Lee Enfield No.4 Mark I      | 96       |
| " .303 " 1912 S.F.F. II or III, D10 | 20       |
| " .300 Remington 1902 + 1907        | 20       |

The Lee Enfield is the rifle most familiar to British troops, the MRA is called either No 3 or P.14.

The MRA Rifle is chiefly known for its heavier weight, its smaller magazine which holds five rounds only and does not protrude below the stock, and the barrel which protrudes from the fore end for about four inches with a butterfly type foresight guard near the muzzle. There are also certain variations in the bolt mechanism and magazine, and it will not take a standard bayonet as the bayonet is attached to the muzzle itself and not to a boss.

| Type                                  | Quantity |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Rifles .303 IRA Washington            | 1,603    |
| " .303 Lee Enfield No.4 Mark I        | 96       |
| " .303 " " 1942 S.P.T. II or III, C10 |          |
| " .300 Remington 1902 + 1907          | 20       |

The Lee Enfield is the rifle most familiar to British Forces, the IRA is called either No 3 or P.14.

The IRA Rifle is chiefly known for its heavier weight, its smaller magazine which holds five rounds only and does not protrude below the stock, and the barrel which protrudes from the fore end for about four inches with a butterfly type foresight guard near the muzzle. There are also certain variations in the bolt mechanism and magazine, and it will not take a standard bayonet as the bayonet is attached to the muzzle itself and not to a boss.

The P.14 Rifle is least suited to the Infantry due owing to the additional weight and smaller magazine capacity.

American .300 Rifles are useless with .303 ammunition and Territorial Commands should be invited to return them to the Ministry.

For the purpose Small Arms Training Volume I Paragraph 3 appendix II shows details of variations in training.

In view of the above, it may well be that this command, too, has been unlucky and issued with very different types.

I strongly recommend therefore that a census be taken of rifles in this Territorial and as a result of this census, that rifles be re-distributed in such a way as to ensure standardisation within units.

Please let me have your view on this suggestion and whether or not you propose to put it into effect.

*J. H. Jones/De.*

Major GS

9 OCT 1946

SUBJECT: Rifles .303LAND FORCES SUP COM HQ (MAL)  
(439004 ext 400) ED/102/2

1 Oct 46

TO : LIST 'B'

1. a recent observation from one of the MLs has brought to the fore the question of the many different types of British Rifles issued to the ITALIAN ARMY.

2. The Territorial Command in question has had an issue of :-

| Type                           | Quantity |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Rifles .303 IRA Washington     | 1,603    |
| " .303 Lee Enfield No 4 Mark I | 96       |
| " " 1912 S.T.T. II or II       | 4,010    |
| " .303 Remington 1902 - 1907   | 20       |

3. The Lee Enfield is the rifle most familiar to British Forces, the TUL is called either No 3 or P. 14.

4. The IRA rifle is chiefly known for its heavier weight, its smaller magazine which holds five rounds only and does not protrude below the stock, and the barrel which protrudes from the fore end for about four inches with a basket-like fore-sight guard near the muzzle. There are also certain variations in the bolt mechanism and magazine, and it will not take a standard bayonet as the bayonet is attached to the muzzle itself and not to a boss.

5. This HQ suggests that Hqs should recommend a census to be taken of Rifles in the Territorial Command and that Rifles should be redistributed in such a way as to ensure standardisation

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" .303 Lee Enfield No 4. Mark I  
" " 1942 S.M.I. II or III  
" .303  
" .300 Remington 1902 : 1907

3. The Lee Enfield is the rifle most familiar to British Forces, the EM is called either No 3 or P.14.

4. The EM Rifle is chiefly known for its heavier weight, its smaller magazine which holds five rounds only and does not protrude below the stock, and the barrel which protrudes from the fore end for about four inches with a battery type foresight guard near the muzzle. There are also certain variations in the bolt mechanism and magazine, and it will not take a standard bayonet as the bayonet is attached to the muzzle itself and not to a base.

5. This HQ suggests that RLJs should recommend a census to be taken of Rifles in the Territorial Command and that Rifles should be redistributed in such a way as to ensure standardisation within Units.

6. The P.14 Rifles are least suited to the Infantry Troops owing to the additional weight and smaller magazine capacity.

7. American .300 Rifles are useless with .303 ammunition and Territorial Commands should be invited to return them to the Ministry.

8. For training purposes Small Arms Training Volume I Pamphlet 3 appendix II shows details of variations in training. This appendix should be brought to the notice of the Territorial Command.

9. RLJs are requested to inform this HQ whether in their opinion adequate redistribution can be effected within their own Territorial Commands, or whether a letter from this HQ to Ministry of War is necessary.

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17 May Hope  
Major-General,  
H. M. I. L.

9 OCT 1946

4 BLU

Subject: Equipment for Italian Army.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AG, ROME  
(L.M.I.A.)

Q.006

2 October 1946.

TO : List B

4 enclaves

According to MMH The present situation regarding the transfer of British Ordnance Stores to the Italian Government is as follows:

1. 557 Base Ordnance Depot has been handed over to the Chief Disposals Officer (ITALY) Ministry of Supply w.e.f. 30 September 1946, who has appointed A.R.A.R. as caretaker of the contents of the three Sub Depots situated at NAPLES and PONTECAGNANO.

2. At a conference held at this HQ on 23 August 1946 attended by representatives of the Italian Government, Ministry of War and A.R.A.R. the following decisions were agreed to in principle:

- (a) That representatives of M.M.I.A. and the Ministry of War should be present at the handover and should subsequently have access to the Depot (and their schedules of contents) to facilitate the economic transfer of stores required by and allotted to the War Ministry.
- (b) That the War Ministry be allowed to submit a claim for such MT spares in No 1 Sub Depot as are needed for the maintenance of special army pattern vehicles as are held by the Italian Government and that such claims (if supported by M.M.I.A.) should be favourably considered by A.R.A.R.
- (c) That the War Ministry should be given absolute priority in regard to all material in No 3 Sub Depot which is essential to the maintenance and employment of weapons held by the Italian Army and is of no use in its present form to anyone

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- (c) That the War Ministry should be given absolute priority in regard to all material in No 3 Sub Depot which is essential to the maintenance and employment of weapons held by the Italian Army, and is of no use in its present form to anyone else.
3. At a subsequent War Ministry meeting the above was confirmed with A.R.A.R. and certain admin questions settled. It is not anticipated that the Ministry of War will experience any undue difficulty in obtaining available stores and essential items needed for the maintenance of vehicles and weapons.
4. Attached hereto is a copy of a letter from G.O.C. to the War Ministry giving the current position of this Mission.
5. BIJ's will convey the information contained in this letter to HQ's of Territorial Commands and to any Italian officers who are concerned in the matter. No good purpose will be served by the forwarding of demands for stores to this HQ.

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*SP. P. L. L. L.*  
Colonel,  
for Major General  
M.M.I.A.

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Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.,  
(M.M.I.A.)  
R O M ESUBJECT:- Transfer of British Ordnance  
Depot to ARAR

1 October, 1946.

TO:- The War Minister.

You will remember from my letter, Q.006 of 30 August that I gave you the detailed arrangements for the disposal of British Ordnance Stores to be handed over to APAR, and sent you a copy of the decisions reached at a meeting between this Mission and representatives of your Ministry, of ARAR and of the President of the Council of Ministries. In my subsequent letter of 10 September, I informed you that the transfer was imminent. I now write to inform you that the whole of 557 Base Ordnance Depot, consisting of the 3 Sub-Depots previously mentioned, have today been transferred complete, to the custody of ARAR. Although ARAR is not at the moment empowered to dispose of these stores until certain minor Allied and UNRA needs have been met, it is important that (in accordance with the agreement reached), you should be adequately represented from now on in the Base Depot in order that full use may be made of the conditions under which your Ministry will be entitled to certain vital material required for the Italian Army.

I can do no more than impress on you most emphatically, the need for energetic action on the part of your representatives to ensure that material required by your Ministry, and to which you are entitled, does not pass into other hands. You will understand that, as this material has now been transferred from British to Italian custody, there is no further action which I can take to help you in this matter which is now entirely an Italian one.

Major General,  
Commanding, M.M.I.A.

27 SEP 1946

SUBJECT : Issue of Maps.

HEAD FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (1211)

(489031 Ext: 570) IN1/241

19 Sep 46

TO : 2 B.L.U.

Reference is made to your letter G 1/3 dated 12 Sep 46.

1. In June 46 we were informed by O.C. 524 Field Survey Coy R.A. at MADDALONE that all surplus maps had been handed to the Chief Disposals Officer and were no more available.

2. However in June some 115,000 copies of maps, scales 1:25,000, 1:50,000 and 1:200,000 were delivered to the Ministry of War, (Ufficio Operazioni e Addestramento Sezione Operazioni, Cartoteca).

3. We are informed by the Cartoteca that a limited quantity of the sheets mentioned in your letter are available and that the 2 Comando Territoriale should communicate with the Stato Maggiore Esercito, Ufficio Operazioni e Addestramento regarding their withdrawal.

4. With regard to para 5 of your said letter it has been suggested to the Ministry of War that the British Grid System be adopted, but up to the present they have not taken any decision on this matter. Copy of our letter to the Ministry is attached.

M. W. Hop

BGS

Major General  
M. M. I. A.

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Copies to ; All other BLUs for information.

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SUBJECT : Map Reference System.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C. (MMA)

(439081 221:570)

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26 Aug 46TO : Ministry of War

1. There appears to be no equivalent in the Italian Army to the system of gridding maps and the use of map coordinates as used by British, American and many other armies.
2. I have no doubt that the system of map reference used by the Italian Army in the past has proved satisfactory and that officers who have not had experience of other systems would see no necessity for considering a change.
3. It is, however, our belief that those officers of the Italian Army who have made use of the Allied system during the war of liberation and are therefore conversant with both the British and Italian methods are of the opinion that the grid system has many advantages.
4. An important consideration, before adopting any change of method, would be that of expense but it is thought by this Headquarters that the overprinting of grids onto existing maps is neither a difficult nor an expensive operation.
5. I would therefore like to suggest to you that you should undertake a thorough investigation of the question of map reference systems for the Italian Army with a view to determining whether a change to grid system is desirable and practicable.

Signed : E.H. GOULBURN  
Major General  
M. M. I. A.

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Copy to : 12 BLU (Your G/15/1192 of 19 Aug refers.)

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27 SEP 1946

Subject : Releases - British Equipment.LAND FORCES SUB COMM. A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.

Q . 103

23 Sept 46

TO HQ., 4 BLU.Reference telecon BRADLEY/LUCKETT and your letter  
Q.11 dtd 13 Sept 46.

1. 557 BOD NAPLES is closing down immediately and its contents are being handed over to the Chief Disposals Officer for transfer to ARAR.
2. The Italian Army is represented at the Depot and a request has been made through the Liaison Officer of this HQ to the War Ministry that every effort be made to obtain the equipment referred to your in your a/m letter.

H.R. LUCKETT, Major  
for Major General  
M.M.I.A.

MRL/lm

Copy to : Ministry of War.

INTERNAL : G(SD)  
: Liaison Officer

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D.H.Q. b.c.

13 SEP 1946

COMANDO 6° REGGIMENTO ALPINI  
Ufficio Tecnico e Addestramento

N° 5/431 di prot.

Merano, 11 13 settembre 1946

Oggetto: Armi Britanniche. -

AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE  
S.M. - Ufficio Servizi

AL COMANDO B.L.U.

Per il Sig. Maggiore Bradley

BOLZANO

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A seguito nostro colloquio le comunico il numero di armi Inglesi giunte sino ad oggi: *FURTHER TO OUR CONVERSATION, I AM TRANSMITTING NUMBER OF BRIT. ARMS WHICH HAVE ARRIVED UP TO DATE;*

| T i p o                            | W. E.<br>Organico | RECEIVED<br>Giunte | Note                    |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Fucili Enfield P. 14 .....         | 1596(1)           | 1602               | (1) - Organico prece-   |
| Fucili Mitragl. Bren con canne ric | 149               | 149                | cente era 1602, attuale |
| Mortai Piat                        | 49                | 49                 | quello segnato. -       |
| Cinghie di canape per fucili.....  | 1596              | 1602               |                         |
| Ampollini per olio.....            | 1596              | 1602               |                         |

where is this?  
Rifle sling

MI riservo di comunicare il numero delle armi fuori uso. -

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NUMBER OF BRIT. ARMS WHICH HAVE ARRIVED UP TO  
DATE:

| T i p o                            | W. E.<br>Organico | RECEIVED<br>Giunte | Note                    |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Fucili Enfield P.14 .....          | 1596(1)           | 1602               | (1)-Organico prece-     |
| Fucili Mitragl. Bren con canne ris | 149               | 149                | gente era 1602, attuale |
| Mortai Pist                        | 49                | 49                 | quello segnato.--       |
| Cinghie di canape per fucili.....  | 1596              | 1602               |                         |
| Ampollini per olio.....            | 1596              | 1602               |                         |

what is this?  
Pipe string

Al riservo di comunicare il numero delle armi fuori uso.--

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IL COLONNELLO COMANDANTE  
(Guglielmo Simeone)

Subject: Werlike Equipment.

Headquarters  
4 B.L.U.  
Bolzano  
Ref. Q 11

13 Sep. 45

To : Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.  
(AMIA) ACME (for Q)

For INFO : AMIA (G trg)

6th Alpini.

1.- AN N.C.O. from 537 B.O.D., R.A.O.C., has recently been on leave in this area and he has said that at the above named depot there is a large stock of high altitude equipment.

2.- The 6th Alpini are very short of this type of equipment even though they have shown great enthusiasm in local purchase and repair of salvaged pre-war equipment.

3.- They particularly lack Alpini boots and an adequate supply of skis. The boots they have recently received are of the worst possible standard and so a soldier's feet would be frozen and frost bitten after about an hour above the snow-line.

4.- In view of the above it is requested that an attempt be made to secure an issue of the above items from British sources as a direct "Lethal Equipment" transfer, since without them the Alpini may just as well be ordinary Infantry and are incapable of efficiently carrying out their tasks of border control etc in the mountainous terrain of this Territorial Command.

5.- They hold at present only sufficient skis and bad boots to mount one Coy in the whole Regt.

6.- The optimum to be aimed at would be

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2.- The 6th Alpini are very short of this type of equipment even though they have shown great enthusiasm in local purchase and repair of salvaged pre-war equipment.

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6.- The optimum to be aimed at would be 1365

| Item                                                      | Qty         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Ski-ing outfits (complete with special clothing and skis) | 2,000       |
| Alpini Boots                                              | 2,000 pairs |

*End*

S.M. BRADLEY  
MAJOR INCHICKS  
for Lt. Col. G.S.

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A BLU

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SUBJECT : Brit Weapons for Issue to Regts Not Incl  
In a Div and IS Divs

Please let me have  
myself letter SD/109 dated 28 Aug 46  
I attach this to it.

LAND FORCES SUB COM AC (MILA)

(485031 Ext 401)

SD/109

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2 Aug 46

TO : List 'B'

Further to SME letter No. 4/1/1762 of 20 Jul 46.

Attached is translation of above quoted letter  
originally sent to all BLUs only.

RNC/ell

Major-General,  
M. M. I. A.

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DEGREE OF PRIORITY AND LOCALITY FOR THE  
ASSIGNMENT OF BRITISH WEAPONS (AS PER WE LAID DOWN  
INF REGTS) TO REGTS NOT INCL IN A DIV AND IS DIVIS

| Degree<br>of<br>Priority<br><br>(a) | Units<br><br>(b)                                                    | Railway Sta<br>where the<br>Eqpt must<br>be sent<br><br>(c) | Pistols<br>.38<br><br>(d) | Thompson<br>SMGs<br><br>(e)   | Rifles<br>.303<br><br>(f)     | Br<br>LMGs<br><br>(g)    |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1                                   | 3 Bers Comd Regt<br>Cp Mortai<br>I Bn<br>II Bn<br>III Bn            | BRESCIA<br>BRESCIA<br>MILAN<br>PAVIA<br>BESCIA              | 20<br>5<br>41<br>41<br>41 | 11<br>21<br>162<br>162<br>162 | 88<br>98<br>472<br>472<br>472 | -<br>5<br>48<br>48<br>48 |
| 2                                   | 4 Alp Comd Regt<br>Cp Mortai<br>Bn SUSA<br>Bn SALUZZO               | TURIN<br>TURIN<br>TURIN<br>ALESSANDRIA                      | 20<br>5<br>41<br>41       | 11<br>21<br>162<br>162        | 88<br>98<br>472<br>472        | -<br>5<br>48<br>48       |
| 3                                   | 6 Alp Comd Regt<br>Cp Mortai<br>Bn BOLZANO<br>Bn TRENTO<br>Bn EDOLO | VERONA<br>VERONA<br>BRESSANONE<br>MERANO<br>BRUNICO         | 20<br>5<br>41<br>41<br>41 | 11<br>21<br>162<br>162<br>162 | 88<br>98<br>472<br>472<br>472 | -<br>5<br>48<br>48<br>48 |
| 4                                   | 8 Alp Comd Regt<br>Cp Mortai<br>Bn FELTRE<br>Bn TOLMEZZO            | BELLUNO<br>BELLUNO<br>ESTE<br>LOVARIA                       | 20<br>5<br>41<br>41       | 11<br>21<br>162<br>162        | 88<br>98<br>472<br>472        | -<br>5<br>48<br>48       |

DEGREE OF PRIORITY AND LOCALITY FOR THE  
ENT OF BRITISH WEAPONS (AS PER WE LAID DOWN FOR  
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Appx 'A' to  
 MMLA letter SD/109  
 Dated 8 Aug 46

| Way Sta<br>the<br>must<br>ent.<br>(o) | Pistols<br>.38<br>(d) | Thompson<br>SMGs<br>(e) | Rifles<br>.303<br>(f) | Bren<br>LMGs<br>(g) | PIAT<br>(h) | Vickers<br>MMGs<br>(j) | Signal<br>Pistols<br>(k) | Sniper<br>Rifles<br>(m) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| EA                                    | 20                    | 11                      | 88                    | -                   | 2           | -                      | -                        | -                       |
| EA                                    | 5                     | 21                      | 98                    | 5                   | 2           | -                      | -                        | -                       |
| N                                     | 41                    | 162                     | 472                   | 48                  | 15          | 8                      | 39                       | 7                       |
| EA                                    | 41                    | 162                     | 472                   | 48                  | 15          | 8                      | 39                       | 7                       |
| EA                                    | 41                    | 162                     | 472                   | 48                  | 15          | 8                      | 39                       | 7                       |
| EA                                    | 20                    | 11                      | 88                    | -                   | 2           | -                      | -                        | -                       |
| N                                     | 5                     | 21                      | 98                    | 5                   | 2           | -                      | -                        | -                       |
| MANDRIA                               | 41                    | 162                     | 472                   | 48                  | 15          | 8                      | 39                       | 7                       |
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| (a) | (b)                                                        | (c)                                                  | (d)                       | (e)                           | (f)                           | (g)                      |
|-----|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 5   | 8 Ftr<br>Comd Regt<br>Cp Mortai<br>I Bn<br>II Bn<br>III Bn | ROME<br>ROME<br>ROME<br>VITERBO<br>L'AQUILA          | 20<br>5<br>41<br>41<br>41 | 11<br>21<br>162<br>162<br>162 | 88<br>98<br>472<br>472<br>472 | -<br>5<br>48<br>43<br>43 |
| 6   | 2 Ftr<br>Comd Regt<br>Cp Mortai<br>I Bn<br>II Bn<br>III Bn | GENOA<br>GENOA<br>BELLINZAGO<br>GENOVA<br>MONDOVI    | 20<br>5<br>41<br>41<br>41 | 11<br>21<br>162<br>162<br>162 | 88<br>98<br>472<br>472<br>472 | -<br>5<br>48<br>48<br>48 |
| 7   | 6 Ftr<br>Comd Regt<br>Cp Mortai<br>I Bn<br>II Bn<br>III Bn | MODENA<br>MODENA<br>PARMA<br>FERRARA<br>BOLOGNA      | 20<br>5<br>41<br>41<br>41 | 11<br>21<br>162<br>162<br>162 | 88<br>98<br>472<br>472<br>472 | -<br>5<br>4<br>48<br>48  |
| 8   | 7 Ftr<br>Comd Regt<br>Cp Mortai<br>I Bn<br>II Bn<br>II Bn  | FLORENCE<br>FLORENCE<br>FLORENCE<br>LATERINA<br>PISA | 20<br>5<br>41<br>41<br>41 | 11<br>21<br>162<br>162<br>162 | 88<br>98<br>472<br>472<br>472 | -<br>5<br>4<br>4<br>4    |
| 9   | 9 Ftr<br>Comd Regt<br>Cp Mortai<br>I Bn<br>II Bn<br>III Bn | BARI<br>BARI<br>TRANI<br>BARI<br>BARI                | 20<br>5<br>41<br>41<br>41 | 11<br>21<br>162<br>162<br>162 | 88<br>98<br>472<br>472<br>472 | -<br>5<br>4<br>4<br>4    |

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|      | 41  | 162 | 472 | 48  | 15  | 8   | 39  | 7   |
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| (a) | (b)                                                          | (c)                                                    | (d)                       | (e)                           | (f)                           | (g)                        |
|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 10  | 10 Ftr Comd Regt<br>Cp Mortai<br>I Bn<br>II Bn<br>III Bn     | CATANZARO<br>CATANZARO<br>COSENZA<br>NAPLES<br>SALERNO | 20<br>5<br>41<br>41<br>41 | 11<br>21<br>162<br>162<br>162 | 88<br>98<br>172<br>172<br>172 | 14<br>14<br>14<br>14<br>14 |
| 11  | 59 Ftr Comd Regt<br>(1) Cp Mortai<br>I Bn<br>II Bn<br>III Bn |                                                        | 20<br>5<br>41<br>41<br>41 | 11<br>21<br>162<br>162<br>162 | 88<br>98<br>172<br>172<br>172 | 14<br>14<br>14<br>14<br>14 |
| 12  | 60 Ftr Comd Regt<br>(1) Cp Mortai<br>I Bn<br>II Bn<br>III Bn |                                                        | 20<br>5<br>41<br>41<br>41 | 11<br>21<br>162<br>162<br>162 | 88<br>98<br>172<br>172<br>172 | 14<br>14<br>14<br>14<br>14 |
| 13  | 45 Ftr Comd Regt<br>(1) Cp Mortai<br>I Bn<br>II Bn<br>III Bn |                                                        | 20<br>5<br>41<br>41<br>41 | 11<br>21<br>162<br>162<br>162 | 88<br>98<br>172<br>172<br>172 | 14<br>14<br>14<br>14<br>14 |
| 14  | 46 Ftr Comd Regt<br>(1) Cp Mortai<br>I Bn<br>II Bn<br>III Bn |                                                        | 20<br>5<br>41<br>41<br>41 | 11<br>21<br>162<br>162<br>162 | 88<br>98<br>172<br>172<br>172 | 14<br>14<br>14<br>14<br>14 |

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| (a) | (c) | (f) | (g) | (h) | (j) | (k) | (m) |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 20  | 11  | 88  | -   | 2   | -   | -   | -   |
| 5   | 21  | 98  | 5   | 2   | -   | -   | -   |
| 41  | 162 | 472 | 48  | 15  | 8   | 39  | 7   |
| 41  | 162 | 472 | 48  | 15  | 8   | 39  | 7   |
| 41  | 162 | 472 | 48  | 15  | 8   | 39  | 7   |
| 20  | 11  | 88  | -   | 2   | -   | -   | -   |
| 5   | 21  | 98  | 5   | 2   | -   | -   | -   |
| 41  | 162 | 472 | 48  | 15  | 8   | 39  | 7   |
| 41  | 162 | 472 | 48  | 15  | 8   | 39  | 7   |
| 41  | 162 | 472 | 48  | 15  | 8   | 39  | 7   |
| 20  | 11  | 88  | -   | 2   | -   | -   | -   |
| 5   | 21  | 98  | 5   | 2   | -   | -   | -   |
| 41  | 162 | 472 | 48  | 15  | 8   | 39  | 7   |
| 41  | 162 | 472 | 48  | 15  | 8   | 39  | 7   |
| 41  | 162 | 472 | 48  | 15  | 8   | 39  | 7   |
| 20  | 11  | 88  | -   | 2   | -   | -   | -   |
| 5   | 21  | 98  | 5   | 2   | -   | -   | -   |
| 41  | 162 | 472 | 48  | 15  | 8   | 39  | 7   |
| 41  | 162 | 472 | 48  | 15  | 8   | 39  | 7   |
| 41  | 162 | 472 | 48  | 15  | 8   | 39  | 7   |
| 20  | 11  | 88  | -   | 2   | -   | -   | -   |
| 5   | 21  | 98  | 5   | 2   | -   | -   | -   |
| 41  | 162 | 472 | 48  | 15  | 8   | 39  | 7   |
| 41  | 162 | 472 | 48  | 15  | 8   | 39  | 7   |
| 41  | 162 | 472 | 48  | 15  | 8   | 39  | 7   |

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| (a) | (b)     | (c)       | (d) | (e) | (f) |
|-----|---------|-----------|-----|-----|-----|
| 15  | 5 Ftr   | Comd Regt | 20  | 11  | 88  |
|     | (Acsta) | Cp Mortar | 5   | 21  | 98  |
|     | (1)     | I Bn      | 41  | 162 | 472 |
|     |         | II Bn     | 41  | 162 | 472 |
|     |         | III Bn    | 41  | 162 | 472 |
| 16  | 6 Ftr   | Comd Regt | 20  | 11  | 88  |
|     | (Acsta) | Cp Mortar | 5   | 21  | 98  |
|     | (1)     | I Bn      | 41  | 162 | 472 |
|     |         | II Bn     | 41  | 162 | 472 |
|     |         | III Bn    | 41  | 162 | 472 |

NOTE :- (1) = Further info will be forwarded regarding the local  
are to be sent.

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| (d) | (e) | (f) | (g) | (h) | (j) | (k) | (m) |
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| 20  | 11  | 88  | -   | 2   | -   | -   | -   |
| 5   | 21  | 98  | 5   | 2   | -   | -   | -   |
| 41  | 162 | 472 | 48  | 15  | 8   | 39  | 7   |
| 41  | 162 | 472 | 48  | 15  | 8   | 39  | 7   |
| 41  | 162 | 472 | 48  | 15  | 8   | 39  | 7   |
| 20  | 11  | 88  | -   | 2   | -   | -   | -   |
| 5   | 21  | 98  | 5   | 2   | -   | -   | -   |
| 41  | 162 | 472 | 48  | 15  | 8   | 39  | 7   |
| 41  | 162 | 472 | 48  | 15  | 8   | 39  | 7   |
| 41  | 162 | 472 | 48  | 15  | 8   | 39  | 7   |

ll be forwarded regarding the localities where the weapons

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| Degree of Priority | Divisions | Railway station where the eqpt must be sent | Telephone Instruments | Fuller phones | 10 Line sets (Switchboard) | 38 Sets | 48 Sets |
|--------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|----------------------------|---------|---------|
| 1                  | FRIULI    | Levico                                      | 138                   | 18            | 6                          | -       | 103     |
| 2                  | LEC/N.O.  | Bergamo                                     | -                     | 11            | 31                         | -       | -       |
| 3                  | FOLCORE   | S. Marcello Pistoiese                       | -                     | 6             | -                          | 65      | -       |
| 4                  | MANTOVA   | Varazze                                     | 15                    | 2             | -                          | -       | -       |
| 5                  | CREMONA   | Torino                                      | -                     | -             | 8                          | -       | 1       |

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| ler<br>ones | 10 Line sets<br>(Switchboard) | 38 Sets | 48 Sets | 107<br>Receiving<br>Sets | Generators<br>for<br>Charging<br>300 watt<br>batteries | Generators<br>Charging<br>1260 watt<br>batteries |
|-------------|-------------------------------|---------|---------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 18          | 6                             | -       | 103     | 1                        | 28                                                     | 3                                                |
| 11          | 31                            | -       | -       | -                        | -                                                      | -                                                |
| 6           | -                             | 66      | -       | -                        | 9                                                      | 2                                                |
| 2           | -                             | -       | -       | -                        | -                                                      | -                                                |
| -           | 8                             | -       | 1       | -                        | 2                                                      | 2                                                |

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