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RCV/em

Disposal of Explosives

1 Sr. MMIA Co. 12 Nov.
Lo Terr. 1945
Florence H. #7

For necessary action.

R.C. Van Kirk
Major, Inf.
Sr. MMIA Lo
Florence

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Request for Beretta Pistols and Holsters

Sr Arty 12 Oct
MIA LO Directorate 45Request that 3 Beretta pistols and holsters be
issued to the M.I.A. Detachment in FlorenceR.C. VAN KIRK
Major, Inf.,
Sr. (MIA) LO
Florence

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3

Clothing and Arms Issue.

RCV/ebf

Sr MMIA C.O. 19 Sept
LC Terr HQ 1945
Florence #7

Request you issue on a loan basis of
memorandum receipt the following to Headquarters
Guardia di Finanza.

50 Light Machineguns
5000 Rounds Ammunition
50 Overcoats

R.O. VAN KIRK,
Major, Inf.,
Sr MMIA LO
Florence

cc: MMIA
Reference Conv. Newton. V.K., 18 September 45

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ITALIAN LIAISON OFFICE WITH 5th ARMY

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August 26th 1945.

To: Sr. MMIA LO

Subject: Attached MMIA letter.

The items mentioned in the attached shipping ticket were required by 210th Division and used for the maintenance of U.S. truck in the period for which 210th Division had said trucks in temporary use.

A. Apostoli Amerigo
1st Lt. Apostoli Amerigo

CC2

Shipping Ticket

RCV/jed

Sr	MMIA	27 Aug
MMIA	Att:	1945
LO	Col.	
	Rose	

1. Reference attached communication.

2. My investigation reveals that the parts listed were used in the repair of American vehicles which were on loan to the 210th Italian Division. It would appear therefore to be a matter of policy which your office should determine.

R.C. VAN KIRK
Major, Inf.,
Sr. (MMIA) LC,
5th Army

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ITALIAN LIAISON OFFICE WITH 5th Army

August 20th 1945

For: Mr. MIA, LG

Subject: Attached MIA Letter.

The items mentioned in the attached shipping ticket were required by 216th Division and used for the maintenance of M.I. truck in the period for which 216th Division had said truck in temporary use.

1st Lt. Apostoli Amerigo

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CERTIFIED TRUE COPY*R. C. Van Kirk
may*

TALLY OUT

23 AUGUST 1945

FROM 5TH ARMY ALLOCATIONS POOL
TO MMIA 5TH ARMY
AUTH VOGG

NOMENCLATURE	UNIT	QUANTITY
SEDAN, 5 PASS	EA	2
MOTORCYCLE, SOLO	EA	2

////////////////////LAST ITEM////////////////////////////////////

RECEIVED /s/ R.C. Van Kirk
Major, Inf.,
M.M.I.A. L.O.
5th Army

JUN 9

AMES for Questura

Sr MMIA 5 Sept
MMIA LO 1945
Florence

1. Reference attached communication.

2. Query: What is the policy on such requests? I have released arms and ammunition to CC.RR but never to Civilian Police.

R.C.VAN KIRK
Major, Inf.,
Sr. (MMIA) LO,
Florence

Arty Pieces

Sr CO 5 Sep
MMIA LO Arty Di- 1945
Florencecorate

1. Reference attached communication Para 2.
2. For necessary action.

R.C.VAN KIRK
Major, Inf.,
Sr. (MMIA) LO,
Florence

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Collection of ARMS.

RCV/ebf

Sr
MMIA LO

Ital 13 AUG
LO 1945

For necessary information and
distribution.

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Inf.,
Sr (MMIA) LO
5th Army

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Fabbrica Nazionale D'Armi Factory,
Gardone, Via Trompia

RCV/jad

Sr MMIA 15 Jul
MMIA LO 1945

1. Reference your signal Q/385 of 26 June and your letter Q/23/6 of 9 July.

2. The factory is actually located at Gardone, Via Trompia, not Brescia although the owners HQ is at Brescia.

3. Am advised that none of the arms have been released and are still being guarded. 5th Army Ordnance has furnished the following report:

"Owner - Mr. Beretta. Owns the whole town which is 13,000 sq. meters. Up until April the following small arms were being manufactured for the Germans: Automatic Machine Pistols Model 38 and 38/42, Heavy Beretta Machine Gun M37. The output before the end of the war was 10,000 pistols, 20,000 Machine Pistols, and 500 Machine Guns per month. At present they are manufacturing 3,000 Shotguns per month for the Italian Govt. Their present stock is 6,000 Beretta pistols, 10,000 Machine Pistols, and 300 Machine Guns."

/s/ J.P. Burford,
Capt, Ord.

4. Am advised that the 5th Army PX officer has just negotiated a contract with Beretta for the manufacture of Shotguns to be sold in PXs.

R.C.VAN KIRK
Major, Inf.,
Sr. (MMIA) LO,
5th Army

Puzas and Detonators for Bomb Clearance Work

RGV/jad

Sr Rec 3 June
SRIA LG Comm 21
 Garde

Rec
Comm 21
Bolsano

1. Reference attached communication.
2. Request you furnish me with the information requested.

R.C. VAN KIRK
Major, Inf.,
Sr. (SRIA) LG,
5th Army

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RGV/jad

Sr MIA 16 May
MIA LO LO 1945
HQ 52
Area

1. Reference your TLO/23 of 28 April 1945 and TLO/23 of 13 April 1945.

2. Have been unable to locate all the ammunition which you list as having been dispatched.

3. Fifth Army Ordnance acknowledges receipt of 1761 rounds Projectiles 105/28 and 2250 propelling charges 105/28.

4. Have had Castner, our LO at Florence, attempt to locate more of this ammunition without success as per copy attached of his communication addressed to me.

R.C. VAN KIRK
Major, Infantry
Sr. (MIA) L.O.,
5th Army

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2 Sr NMIA 26 Apr
NMIA LO 1945

1. Reference above request and your Q/23/7 of 7 April.

2. Since the 5th and 6th Truck Companies are ^{assigned to} ~~under~~ the Allied Commission operationally and located in Leghorn and Lucca areas, I suggest that this request be forwarded to the 1st Truck Bn 2675 Regt AC which apparently is the parent unit for these Italian companies for approval of this request.

3. I can direct the issue of the ammunition requested which is available in this area but in view of your letter to the Italian War Ministry, copy to me, am passing it to you for ^{for recommendation} ~~action~~. ^{necessarystion}

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R.C.VAN KIRK
Major, Infantry
Sr. (NMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

Arms and Ammo for Forestry Guards

RCV/jad

Sr MMIA 21 Apr
MMIA LO 1945

For your information. I don't think the Forestry
Guards are entitled to Italian Military arms and
ammunition, they are a civilian agency.

R.C. VAN KIRK
Major, Infantry
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

Release of Weapons

RCV/jad

Sr Terr 21 Apr
NMIA LO HQ #7 1945

You are authorized to release 500 carbines, cal 6.5mm
from Artiglieria Directorate Firenze Fortezza da Basso to
210 Div for completing the T/S of Hq Co, Hq 210 Div.

R.C. VAN KIRK
Major, Infantry
Sr. (NMIA) L.O.,
9th Army

cc: NMIA

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Release of Weapons

REV/jed

Sr Terr 14 Apr
MIA HQ/7 1945
LO

You are authorized to release 85 carbines, cal 6.5mm
from Artilleria Directorate Firenze Fortezza da Basso to
210 Div for completing T/E of HQ Co, HQ 210 Div.

R.C.VAN KIRK
Major, Infantry
Sr. (MIA) L.O.,
5th Army

cc: MIA

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INTEROFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

Subject: Ammunition

IND. NO.	FROM	TO	DATE	
1	Ital LO G-4	Sr MMIA LO	11 Apr 1945	1. Following ammunition have arrived at 210th Division: Rifle, cal. 6.5, rounds 134,784. 2. No shipping ticket or any else notice was placed on said materiel, so that identification of Authorization notice concerned has not been possible. /s/ A. Cicogna Capt, Artillery Ital. L.O. G-4
2	Sr MMIA LO	MMIA	13 Apr 1945	For your information. R.C.VAN KIRK Major, Infantry Sr. (MMIA) L.O., 5th Army 3538

Arms and Ammo

RCV/jad

Sr	Ital	13 Apr
MMIA LO	LO	1945

For your information and necessary action.

R.C.VAN KIRK
Major, Infantry
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

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Authorization for release of Beretta Pistols

RCV/jad

Sr Terr 10 Apr
MEMIA LO HQ #7 1945

You are authorized to release a Beretta pistol to
each of the following officers:

Capt GARDINI Giovanni
Capt CHIAPPELLI Aldo
Capt CIOCONA Alessandro

R.C. VAN KIRK
Major, Infantry
Sr. (MEMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

cc: MEMIA

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Arms and Ammo for 1st Truck Bn

RCV/jad

Sr
NMIA LO NMIA 10 Apr
1945

1. Reference your Q/23/7 of 7 April 1945.

2. The 1st Truck Bn was attached to 210 Division for administration, pay and discipline when this unit first came into this area and had no administrative headquarters. The 1st of April 1945, 210 Division was relieved of this responsibility for it was just an additional burden to them. I suggest if arms were requested for this unit, it was done in accordance with a policy in Army area to arm guards on trucks and was not done on the order of the 210 Division alone. It is further suggested that when units come into this area they come under the command of the Army Commander for the Allied Commission has no command function in this area.

R.C.VAN KIRK
Major, Infantry
Sr. (NMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

Release of Ammunition

RCV/jad

Sr Terr 7 Apr
MMIA LO HQ #7 1945

You are authorized to release to 210 Division 3600 rounds of ammunition calibre 6.5 for training purposes from the stock at Fortezza de Basso, this ammunition to be used in connection with the training of replacements in rifle marksmanship.

R.C.VAN KIRK
Major, Infantry
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

cc: MMIA
Att Col Kerr

Ammo

RCV/jad

Sr 5 Army 28 Mar
MIA LO Ammo 1945
Officer

Attached is for your information.

R.C.VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry
Sr. (MIA) L.O.,
5th Army

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Subject: Weapons and Ammo

1. Ital Sr 24 Mar 45
LO MMIA
LO

1. 154 Section CC.RR and 2d Co 511 Guards Bn have now military police duties in Florence.
2. 210 Div requires for this purpose following weapons and ammunition:

60 Beretta automatic rifles
2160 cartridge cal. 9mm for 154 Carab Sect

140 Beretta automatic rifles
5040 cartridge cal. 9mm for 2d Co 511 Guard Bn.

/s/ A. Cicogna
Italian Liaison Officer G-4

2 Sr MMIA 26 Mar
MMIA LO 1945

For necessary action. The ammunition can no doubt be made available from local sources.

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

Attached - Mortar Bombs

RCV/jad

Sr	Ital	24 Mar
MIA LO	LO	1945

Request compliance with basic communication and
upon completion, return to me in order that I may forward
to our LO at Bari.

R.C.VAN BEEK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MIA) L.O.,
5th Army

Amo for 210 Div

WV/jad

Sr 5 Army 24 Mar
MIA LO Amo 1945
Officer

For your information.

R.O. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MIA) L.O.,
5th Army

cc: Ital LO

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Ammo

RCV/jad

Sr MMIA 22 Mar
MMIA LO 1945

Reference attached signal.

5th Army is requesting movement forward of 1405 rounds 149/19 Italian ammo without percussion caps and 50 percussion caps for caliber 152/45. Query: Do you know where there are any more percussion caps for 149/19? If so, request 1405 be released to 5th Army and notify me where collection can be made and I will arrange movement.

R.C.VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

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Release of Ammo to 5th Army

RCV/jed

Sr 5 Army 21 Mar
MIA LO Ammo 1945
Officer

For your information.

R.C.VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MIA) L.O.,
5th Army

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AUTHORIZATION FOR ACTION DURING GO AWAY PERIOD

RCV/jed

Sr G-4 14 Mar
MMIA LO Exec 1945

Reference conversation Walker-Van Kirk.

My HQ suggests the attached form be used.

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

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It LO File 5839/4

Armament and ammunition assigned to 6th I.G. Regt.

1. Ital Sr 13 March 1945
Liaison MMIA LO
G-4

1. Italian War Ministry has assigned to 6th Italian Guard Regiment with ltr 1956/172, dtd 2 Feb 1945 following arms and ammunition, to be issued by Direzione Artiglieria, Roma:

Sub machine gun, Beretta, cal. 9mm	96
L.M.G., Breda 30	69
Rounds, sub-M.G. Beretta	38,000
Rounds, L.M.G. Breda	192,000

2. Since none of the above material has been received yet, 210th Div HQ has solicited the shipment through Italian channels, under to-days date.

3. Will you kindly request concerned Allied authorities to make arrangements for shipment by rail? Approximate weight of said material is 12 long tons.

/s/ A. Cicogna
/t/ Alessandro Cicogna, Capt
Italian Liaison Officer
G-4

2 Sr LFSCAG 14 Mar
MMIA LO (MMIA) 1945

When these items are released, request you notify me and if you can't obtain movement forward, promptly notify me furnishing location and I will ask 5th Army Transportation to arrange movement. The destination is c/o 210 Div, Via Tripoli 7, Firenze.

R.C. VAN BURE,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

Attached Signal

BCV/jad

Sr G-4 14 Mar
MIA LO Supply 1945

Reference attached signal.

This refers to MIA letter 10/23/1 of 15 Feb 1945 in
my possession and which concerns:

<u>Items</u>	<u>Location</u>
4 x 149/19 Howitzers plus	SARDINIA
81 rds am for above.	
8 x 105/28 Guns plus	
7991 rds am.	

These items have been requested by 5th Army Ord. As soon as they reach Naples, I am to be signalled. I will then ask 5th Army Ammo officer to request movement forward. As it appears now, the ammunition will be loaded separately so only the guns will come now.

R.C. VAN NERK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MIA) L.O.,
5th Army

cc: 5th Army Ammo Officer

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INTEROFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

Subject: Ammo for 210 Div for New Pack Mule Coy

RCV/jad

IND. NO.	FROM	TO	DATE	
	Sr MMIA LO	5 Army Ammo Officer	4 Mar 1945	1. Reference attached communication. 2. For your information. Query: Will you issue a movement request? <i>R.C. Van Kirk</i> R.C. VAN KIRK, Major, Infantry, Sr. (MMIA) L.O., 5th Army
	5 Army Rear	Sr MMIA LO	5 March 1945	1. Movement has been requested. 2. Copy of Transportation Order is attached. <i>Lee V. Graham, Jr.</i> LEE V. GRAHAM, JR. Major, Ord. Dept., Asst. Ord. Officer.

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Ammo for 210 Div for New Pack Mule Coy

RCV/jad

Sr 5 Army 4 War
NMI LO Ammo 1945
Officer

1. Reference attached communication.
2. For your information. Query: Will you issue a movement request?

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (NMI) L.C.,
5th Army

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AMMO

RCV/jad

Sr Ital 27 Feb
MMIA LO LO 1945

For your information. Am asking 5th Army Ammo officer
to arrange movement forward.

R.O. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

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Armo

RCV/jad

Sr MMIA 26 Feb
MMIA LO LO 1945
BR INCR
5 Army

For your information.

R.C. VAN KIRK ,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MMIA) L.C.,
5th Army

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Arms and Ammo

RCV/jed

Sr LPSOAC 22 Feb
MMIA LO (MMIA) 1945

1. For necessary action as requested in Paras 2 and 3, basic communication.

2. Request contained in Para 1, basic communication, has already been approved by your HQ but the ammunition has not yet arrived.

3. Reference your signal AQ2789 of 14 Feb 1945, subject: Battalion Carts. The number of carts now wanted is 75. Was answered by 5th Army signal 2634 of 13 Feb 1945.

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army.

Ammo

RCV/jad

Sr 5 ARMY 14 Feb
MMIA LO Ammo 1945
Officer

For your information.

R.C.VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry ,
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

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Attached requests for Ammo

RCV/jad

Sr LFSCAC 12 Feb
MMIA LO (MMIA) 1945

1. Reference your AQ/23 of 26 Jan 1945.
2. Recommend approval of attached requests.

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

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ARMO

RCV/jad

Sr 5 Army 10 Feb
MIA LO Ordnance 1945
Officer

For your information.

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MIA) L.O.,
5th Army

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Amad

2 Sr LFSCAC 6 Feb
MMIA LO (MMIA) 1945

Forwarded recommending approval. Fifth Army Transportation will help to establish the priority of movement forward if assistance is necessary.

R.C.VAN KIRK, 6
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

Arms and Amn

REV/jad

Sr A/Q 5 Feb
MIA LFSCAC 1945
LO (MIA)

Reference attached memorandum handed me by Col Neakas.

1. Para (a) not understood, for I don't recognize the units mentioned.
2. Para (b). The Carbines for two new pack mule outfits have arrived but not for the 3.
3. Para (c). Expect to have by the 8th of this month, a complete report on the arms and ammo situation and will forward by the 10th.

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MIA) L.O.,
5th Army

Attached Copy of letter

RCV/jad

Sr CO 3 Feb
MMIA LO 210 Div 1945

For your information.

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R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

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Italian Ammo Crates

RCV/jad

Sr 5 Army 31 Jan
NMIA LO Ammo 1945
Officer

Reference our conversation Italian Ammo Crates. 5th Army Transportation is moving them to Direzione Artiglieria Fortezza da Basso, Viale Filippo Strozzi, North Florence Station Q787697., where they will be stored subject to your orders.

R.C.VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (NMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

cc: Ital. LO

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Attached copy of letter

MCV/jad

Sr. CO 31 Jan
MCIA LG 210 Div 1945
Date
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CO
231 Div

For your information and necessary action.

H.C. VAN KINH,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MCIA) L.O.,
5th Army

cc; 5th Army Ord.

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INTEROFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

Subject: Arms and Equipment

RCV/jad

IND. NO.	FROM	TO	DATE	
	Sr MMIA LO	Ital LO	27 Jan 1945	Attached letter is for your information. Request you let me know when these arms and equipment have arrived. <i>R.C. Van Kirk</i> R.C. VAN KIRK, Major, Infantry, Sr. (MMIA) L.O., 5th Army

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Arms and Equipment

RGV/jad

Sr Ital 27 Jan
WMIA LO IO 1949

Attached letter is for your information. Request
you let me know when these arms and equipment have arrived.

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (WMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

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Italian Arms for Pack Mule Coys

RCV/jad

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Sr LFSCAC 11 Jan
MMIA LO (MMIA) 1945

1. Reference your AG/23/1 of 8 January 1945, which was misdirected to "Br Incr".

2. Reference your query 3 (a). The answer is Yes, the arms and equipment requested are for the 5 new pack mule companies and include the two referred to.

3. Reference your query 3 (b). The answer is, neither the Italians nor 5th Army want those big rifles up here for pack mule units. They are not feasible or practical for such units. Request you instruct them to fill the requisition as made and also tell them to send on the carts even though they only have 50 on the mainland. These items are operationally necessary.

R.C.VAN KIRK
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

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Ammo for 210 Div

RCV/jad

Sr LFSCAC 5 Jan
MMIA 10 (MMIA) 1945

Reference Major Gregson's telephone request for more detailed information. Italians advise me that there is only one kind of Italian hand grenade and that is the "Red Devil". As to the ammo, no more detailed description is possible. These grenades and ammo are to be used by the Pack Mule units, engineers, and the guard battalions. Fifth Army Ordnance approves of this request. After issue to the units named, any surplus will be stored with the 210 Division under supervision of the Army Ammo Officer.

R.C.VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MMIA) I.O.,
5th Army

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RESTRICTED

ENGINEER S.E.I.S. TEAM
ENGINEER HEADQUARTERS, FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 - U.S. ARMY

27 December 1944

SUBJECT: Shipment of Italian Flamethrower

TO : Senior Liaison Officer
Military Mission to the Italian Army
G-4 Section, Hq., Fifth Army

1. Permission is requested to ship one Italian Flamethrower, Pignone, Magneto Ignition Type, to the Engineer Board, Fort Belvoir, Virginia, for technical research.

CARL P. KWASE
Captain, C.E.
Officer-in-Charge

1st Ind. RCV/jad
Sr. (MMIA) L.O., 5th Army, APO 464, U. S. Army, 31 December 1944.

To: General Officer, Commanding, Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C. (MMIA)
APO 394, U. S. Army.

Forwarded recommending approval.

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

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Attached Requisition for Weapons

RCV/jad

Sr Ital 17 Dec
MMIA LO LO 19/4

Request you cause a copy of this requisition
to be forwarded through Italian channels.

R.C.VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

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Attached requisitions

RCV/jad

Sr LFSCAC 17 Dec
MMIA LO (MMIA) 1944

For necessary action. These arms are urgently needed, please expedite. Am forwarding copy through Italian channels. Request you notify me where and when delivery can be made of these arms and arrange movement forward to Vicarella Railhead marked for 210 Division (Italian)

R.C.VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

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Italian Ammunition

RCV/jad

XXXXXX
XXXXXXSr HQ
MIA ID MIA4
Nov
1944

Request information availability propelling charges 149mm Italian gun in sufficient quantities to release to 5th Army a maximum of 3000. If available, Ordnance wants 10 charges to try in German guns. Will arrange collection, if you can release and will indicate location where collection can be made.

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MIA) L.O.,
5th Army

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