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HEADQUARTERS  
178th FIELD ARTILLERY GROUP  
APO 464 U.S. Army

31 July 1945

SUBJECT: Loose Foreign Ammunition

TO : Commanding General, Fifth Army.  
APO 464, U.S. Army  
ATT: Ordnance Ammunition Officer

1. There is a truckload of German artillery ammunition, calibre approximately 170 mm; near Pastrengo in the vicinity of coordinates F 49.4-59.0.

2. Artillery ammunition of various sizes up to approximately 300 mm is scattered along the road in the vicinity of coordinates F 50.5-67.0

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

T. L. MORROW  
Major FA  
S-4

1st Ind. RCV/jad  
Sr. (MMIA) L.O. 5th Army, APO 464, US Army, 6 August 1945.

TO: Commanding General, Territorial HQ #4 Bolzano.

For necessary action.

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Major, Inf.,  
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,  
5th Army

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RCV/ebf

Sr MMIA C.G. 17 Sept  
LO Terr HQ 1945  
Florence Florence

1. Reference your 1688/2/Av. Prot. of 7 August 1945 and copies of attached correspondence on the same subject.

2. Your particular attention is invited to the last line of Para 2 of Lt. Lambrecht's letter and Para 3 which suggestions should be complied with.

3. Request you instruct your ammunition disposal team not to be taking orders from AMG officers as for example the "Capt. West of AMG" mentioned in Para 2 of the Lambrecht letter. When such officers attempt to exercise control over Italian Officers they should be referred to me and the Italian Officers concerned should continue the particular work they are doing.

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Sr MMIA LO  
Florence

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Italian Ammo

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MMIA 6 Aug  
1945

1. Reference AFHQ directive AG 386.3/163 LOG-O of  
22 June 1945.

2. For your information.

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## INTEROFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

## HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

Subject: Abandoned Materiel

RCV/jad

IND NO.	FROM	TO	DATE	
1	G-3	G-4 Supply	2 Aug 1945	For your information and action.  L.A.HALL Colonel, GSC Asst Exec G-3
2	G-4 Rear	Sr MMIA LO	3 Aug 1945	Request that action be taken to recover the subject ammunition.  FOR THE AG OF S, G-4:  MAX E. WARE Major, QMC Asst G-4
3	Sr MMIA LO	CO Terr HQ #4	6 Aug 1945	For necessary action.  R.C.VAN KIRK Major, Inf., Sr. (MMIA) LO, 5th Army

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Fuzes and Detonators for Bomb Clearance Work.

RCV/ebf

Sr CG  
MMIA LO Terr  
HQ #4

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Terr  
HQ #6

For your information.

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## Disposal of Ammunition

RCV/jad

Sr CG 23 Jul  
MMIA LO Terr HQ 1945  
#4

For necessary action.

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## INTEROFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

Subject:

IND NO.	FROM	TO	DATE
			<p>1. On 12 July 1945, General Carica's HQ notified me of the situation in his territory, see copy of letter from his HQ attached as appendix "B". My reply to him was that additional transport would soon be available from the Italian military vehicles now being released from 5th Army Ordnance Parks.</p> <p>2. Suggest that it appears that progress is being made in the disposition of the unexploded ammunition in this area.</p> <p>R.C. VAN KIRK Major, Inf., Sr. (MMIA) LD, 5th Army</p> <p>cc: MMIA</p>

## Ammunition Demolition

RCV/jad

Sr MMIA 14 Jul  
MMIA LO LO 1945  
GENOA

Reference MMIA letter Q95 of 7 July 1945.

Request you forward to Terr HQ #2 for necessary action  
in accordance with announced policies.

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

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## Request for Vehicles - Ammunition Dumps

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2      Sr      CG      14 Jul  
MMIA LO Terr HQ 1945  
#6

1. Reference your 1937/Serv of 25 June.

2. My records indicate you have over 35 trucks assigned to your HQ, some of which should be diverted from other duties to this work of ammunition demolition which has the highest priority of the duties of your HQ at this time. Additional transport should however, be made available to you in the near future from the Italian military vehicles now being released from 5th Army Ordnance Parks.

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## Ammunition Dumps

RCV/jad

Sr G-5 13 Jul  
MIA LO 1945

For your information.

R.C. VAN KIRK  
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Sr. (MIA) LO,  
5th Army

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Ammunition Dumps

RCV/jed

Sr Ital 13 Jul  
MMIA LO LO 1945

Further in reference to my back slip of  
29 June and for necessary action.

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5th Army

## Italian Ammunition

RCV/jad

Sr Ital 29 Jun  
MMIA LO LO 1945

1. Reference AFHQ AG 386.3/163 LOG-O of 22 June 1945.

2. Request you contact the Territorial HQs in 5th Army area, that is, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6, and ask them to comply with Para 9, sub para f (3) of above directive which is as follows:

"(3) Small quantities of loose ammunition in un-guarded dumps which constitute a hazard to life or property will, under arrangements to be made by MMIA, be reported by Carabinieri to the Italian Ministry of War. MMIA will authorize the destruction by the Italian Ministry of War without reference to this headquarters of all such small quantities of German or Italian ammunition. Explosives will, if not available in the dumps, be demanded by MMIA from Armies, Districts, or Base Section."

3. These small dumps of 500 tons and less should be destroyed under Italian Army supervision. The actual work may be done by individuals but the contracts can not be let to civilian concerns for this work.

4. Request you report to me or the MMIA LO in your region of the action taken, furnishing a list of the dumps, location and amount destroyed.

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5th Army

cc: MMIA LO 2 Dist.

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