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Equipping - Italian Army

Jan. - Dec. 1946

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SEE FILE 300 1010 74A

Naples Territorial Military HQ.
Services Office

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Ref:-2/4291/Serv.

Naples, 4 December 1946

Subject:-Armourers Cases

To:-10th B.L.U.

Naples.

In reference to the telephone conversation on 30 November 1946 between Lt.Col. VENOUR and the Chief of Staff of this HQ.

According to orders from the War Ministry - General Direction of Artillery and Motorization, the armourers cases drawn by Maj. MENNELLA are to be sent to the Arms Factory at TERNI.

As the reordering operation of the a/m materials have taken some time, the shipment of the same will be made today.

by order
Col. E. Giordano
Chief of Staff.

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13 DEC 1946

SEE FILE 3Q FOLIO 1A
COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI NAPOLI

VAP/sp

UFFICIO

SERVIZI

n. 2/ 4291 /Serv. di prot. Napoli, 4/12/46
OGGETTO: Cassette per armaiuoli.=

AL IO° B.L.U.

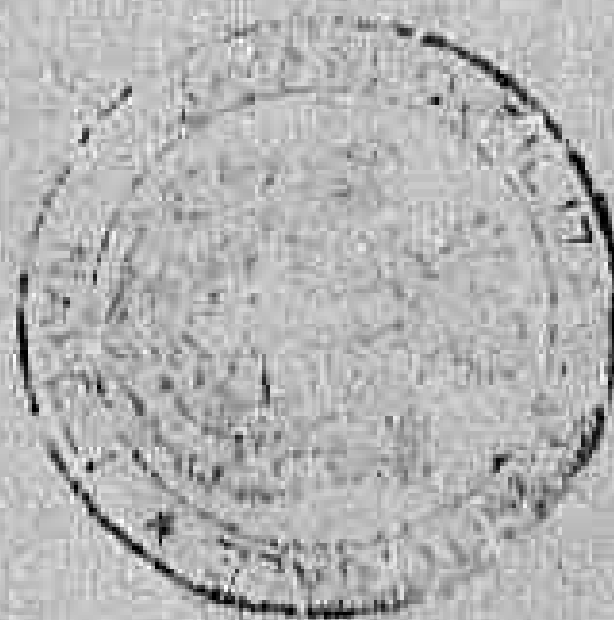
N A P O L I

Riferimento conversazione telefonica avvenuta il 30 novembre u.s. tra il T.Colonnello Venour ed il Capo di S.M. di questo Comando.

Le cassette per armaiuolo ritirate dal maggiore Mennella devono essere spedite alla Fabbrica d'armi di Terni in seguito ad ordine del Ministero della Guerra - Direzione Generale Artiglieria e Motorizzazione.

Le operazioni di riordino del suddetto materiale hanno richiesto molto tempo, per cui la spedizione avrà luogo in data odierna.=

d'ordine

IL COLONNELLO CAPO DI S.M.
(E.Giordano)E. GiordanoC/PO LIDORI - 3570
DEC 1946

10/1/6 Prot.

1008QA
Naples, 4/12/46.

SUBJECT :- STEN MOSQUETS.

To :- 10 B.L.U. POSILLIPO (NAPLES)
(Attention Lt Col VENOUR)

As previously notified with letter 10/1/6 dated 31/X/46,
since October 22nd 1946, the 150 STEN MOSQUETS have been collected at
NAPLES CARABINIERI LEGION H.Q.

Will you kindly see that they are collected as soon as
possible.

With many thanks.

Ref 79A
A. Zanchino
Major.
A. ZANCHINO
Liaison Officer
British Military Police
NAPLES.

3 Q. 3569

FILE 39A
SUBJECT :- Allied Weapons

10 British Liaison Unit
POSTILLIPO NAPLES
Tele : 12060
3 Q

10 Dec 46

Hq NAPLES Legion Carabinieri
10 Territorial Command

Reference conversation on 9 Dec 46 Major ZANCHINO - Lt col VIGNOUX speaking.

It is confirmed that the 150 STEW Guns which were on loan to you and which it is understood are ready for return, should be handed over to representative of Director of Artillery at the GRICCIANO Depot.

CMF
WAV/en

WAV
Lt col,
OS.

Rf 80A

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Telephone:
ROME 489081 Ext 415

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC (AMIA) CTF.

002 Q

27 Nov 46

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Subject: Maintenance - Italian Army.

Reference your 9/1/1 of 17 November 46.

1. The transfer of surplus Allied stores from NAPLES to Italian Army Depots is proceeding under War Ministry arrangements.

Your recommendations are noted and agreed. It was not intended that the distribution of these maintenance items should be held up while Italian numbers are allocated and Italian Stores Vocabularies prepared. There is no evidence that formation demands are being held up for this reason.

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DEPOTS

Guns and small arm material
Signal material
Engineer material
MT material

- PIACENZA & NAPLES
- MAGLIANA (ROME)
- PAVIA
- BOLOGNA

WORKSHOP STORES SECTIONS

Artillery material
Small arms
Small arms
Small arms & Guns
Signal material
Engineer material
MT material

- PIACENZA (Arsenal)
- CARDONE (Arms factory)
- TERNI
- NAPLES (Arty Directorate)
- ROME (21 Mil Eng Est)
- PAVIA (22 Mil Eng Est)
- BOLOGNA (OARE)

3. You should keep in touch with the reps of Artillery Directorate and Inspector of Motorizzazione at your Affiliated HQ, note progress in the establishment of these depots, and report if War Ministry instructions on method of demand and distribution are not being observed.

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As in many cases both Italian and British stores are involved it may be that both British and Italian procedure are in vogue. Should it be observed that Italian for British stores are being held up through doubt as to procedure, this fact should be reported.

Copy to: Dist B (For info and action)
INTERNAL: 1st RE
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DEC 1946

8 FILE
SUBJECT :- Acquisition, Manufacture of

10 British Liaison Unit
PESCHERO MARIAS

Tele : 12060

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28 Nov 46

Land Forces Sub-Commission AG.,
(MILA) ROME ('Q' Branch)

1. I have today visited factory at CAPPA as requested in your Q 009 dated 17 May and 15 Jul. The manufacture of 6.5 mm has not yet commenced although about 500 sample rounds are in process.
2. An order from the Ministry of War No 6295/DT dated 14 Feb 46 signed by General F.G. MASPERO and General RUSSO for 5,000,000 rounds 9 mm is progressing satisfactorily. Produced to date 1,371,720 rounds, last month 178,920 rounds.
3. Monthly production differs considerably, varying in quantity from 450,000 to 175,000 rounds. This is not entirely accounted for break downs in electricity which prevents production each week on a Wednesday and Thursday.

CMF
M/C/ea

Willie
Capt.
RAOC.

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(175A)

SUBJECT :- Amunition Manufacture

10 British Liaison Unit

FOSILIFE HALLS

Tele : 12060

3 Q

27 Nov 4610 Territorial Command
Lt col COSTANTINO

1. The following amunition has been authorised for manufacture at CAPUA :-

6.5 mm for MOD 91	6.000.000
6.5 mm special practice	9.000.000

2. The following information is required by return and monthly afterwards until completion of contract. Return to reach 10 BLU 25 day of each month :-

a. delivered to War Ministry to date	Type 1
	Type 2
b. delivered previous month	Type 1
	Type 2
c. balance to be manufactured	Type 1
	Type 2

Total

3565

GCT
NHC/oa*Wollan*Capt.
RAOC.

Telephone:
Rome 489081 Ext 415

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC (MMIA) JIF

009 Q

18 Nov 46

10 B.L.U. ✓

Subject : Manufacture S.A. Ammunition

Ref Q.009 dated 17 May and 15 July 1946.

1. Request information in your Monthly Progress Report regarding the authorised manufacture of S.A.A. of following calibres:

6.5 mm for Mod 91	6,000,000.
6.5mm special practice	9,000,000.

2. Following details are required:

Delivered to War Ministry during
month _____

Total delivered to date _____

Balance of total authorised _____

TOTAL _____

3. Any further information following a periodical visit to Capua
Factory should be forwarded in the same manner.

RAC/ra

RAC/ra
Colonel,
for Colonel A/Q, MMIA

25 NOV 1946

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12 BLU BOMBS for Lt col GIBSON

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OTD 10 BLU

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3 9 (.) Ref 5-5 stores for training (.) Please
despatch soonest E. Sgt DALL RA for selecting of 5-5
stores (.) If not available please despatch part nos
of stores required otherwise some delay in sorting

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R.V. DE MELVEN, Sgt

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TIME & DATE

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FILE72ASUBJECT :- Rifles - .30340 British Liaison Unit
PORTLAND NAVAL
Date : 12060
3019 Nov 46Land Forces Sub-Commission AG.,
(MIA) RLE69A

Reference your SD/109/2 dated 4 Oct 46 (para 9).

1. There is no difficulty in this Territorial Command as all rifles held are of one pattern with the exception of 36 rifles No 4 which are surplus to establishment and which Territorial Command have asked War Ministry permission to return.
2. No American .300 rifles or MRA rifles are held.

GDP
WAV/enW. H. A. H.
Lt col,
G.REF 71A

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cc - File 522 Extra 67A 11 71A

NAPLES TERRITORIAL MILITARY COMMAND
Services Office

File:-2/4776/2

Naples, 7 November 1946.

Subject:-British Small Arms situation of the depending units.

To:-10 B.L.U.

Torre del Greco.

As by verbal request, it is informed that the actual situation of the British Small Arms of the depending units is as follows:-

10 Inf. Regiment.

- Enfield rifles	0.303 M.K. 1	Nº 1602
- " " Bayonettes	0.303 M.K. 1	" 1602

10th C.A.R.

- Enfield rifles	0.303 M.K. 1	" 4108
- " " Bayonettes	0.303 M.K. 1	" 3789 ⁶¹
- Enfield rifles	0.303 M.K. 4	" 36
- " " Bayonettes	0.303 M.K.	" 36

This HQ. will provide that the Direction of Artillery will fill the bayonette deficiencies and ask the War Ministry authorisation for the turning in of the 36 Enfield rifles M.K. 4 surplus to the W.E. of the 10th C.A.R.

Trans. Capt/P.

by order

Col. E. Giordano
Chief of Staff.

9 NOV 1946

COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI NAPOLI

A^{to} UFFICIO SERVIZI

N. 214/446/2 di prot.

Napoli, 7 novembre 1946

OGGETTO: Situazione fucili britannici presso le unità dipendenti

AL IO° B. L. U.

= TORRE DEL GRECO =

Come da richiesta verbale si segnala la attuale esistenza di fucili britannici presso le dipendenti unità:

IO° Reggimento Fanteria

- fucili Enfield	0.303 M.K.1	n° 1602
- baionette per fucili Enfield	0.303 M.K.1.	" 1602

IO° C. A. R.

- fucili Enfield	0.303 M.K.1.	n° 4100
- baionette per fucili Enfield	0.303 M.K.1.	" 3789
- fucili Enfield	0.303 M.K.4.	" 36
- baionette per fucili Enfield	0.303 M.K.	" 36.

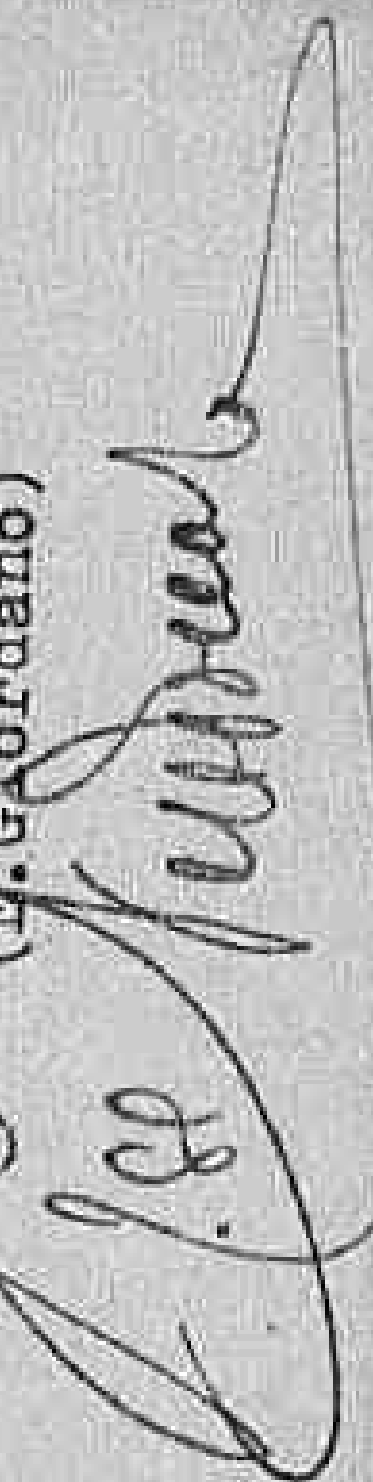
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d'ordine

IL COLONNELLO CAPO DI S.M.

(E. Giordano)



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a'ordine
LE COLONNELLO CAPO DI S.M.
(E. Giordano)

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8 NOV 1946

SUBJECT : Maintenance of BRITISH Equipment

LAND FORCES SUB COMM AG (MMIA)

(489081 Ext 218) SD/109

17 Oct 46

TO : LIST 'E'

Ref att copy of Ministry of War letter 4/2943/Serv dated 3 Oct 46.

Please note carefully what action is taken by Territorial Region HQ to implement Ministry of War instructions and report in due course to this HQ with special reference :-

- (a) To recommendations by Territorial Region HQ to disband or reduce units to cadre,
- (b) To suggestions submitted "to secure improved conditions in the storing and maintenance" of ALLIED weapons.

ARCS/all

[Signature]
for Major-General,
M. M. I. A.

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19 OCT 1946

COPY

FROM MINISTRY OF WAR REF 4/2943/Serv

TO Addressees DATE 3 Oct 46
 MIA for Info (Ref your SD/109 of 10 Aug 46,
 and your Q 126 of 23 Sep 46)

SUBJECT Care and Maintenance of Arms

1. As known, the present strength in Corps and Units is approximately of 1/3 inferior to that shown in the WE as the 1/3 of the total strength is being trained at CARs. Consequently 1/3 of the arms in the WE cannot be distributed and used regularly.

2. In view of the above we suggest two solutions :-

- in each formation, reduce several units to skeleton hence the weapons remaining at the formation,
- disband in each formation several units to be reformed only in case of mobilisation. In such case the weapons should be stored by the Military Territorial Commands concerned.

3. In the meantime, since members of Allied Military Mission have frequently stated that the cleanliness and general conditions of British equipment and individual weapons on issue are not satisfactory, we beg :-

(a) The Military Territorial Commands

To issue instructions immediately so that the care and maintenance of small arms and guns - specially those not used - be brought up to the highest standard as soon as possible.

Study and forward by the 31st inst. concrete suggestions regarding procedures to secure improved conditions in the storing and maintenance of weapons as stated in para 2 above.

(b) The General Directorate of Arty and Motorisation

To confirm and control in units under their command the application of the instructions given in letter 36940/DT dated 8 Jun 46 concerning the supply and issue of war material required for the care and maintenance of small arms and guns.

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(sig) Gen LIUZZI

SUBJECT : Rifles .303

LAND FORCES SUB COM AC (MIL.)

(139081 Ext 400) SD/109/2

4 Oct 46

TO : LIST 'B'

1. A recent observation from one of the BLUs 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 ERA Washington	1,603
" .303 Lee Enfield No 4 Mark I	96
" .303 " 1942 S.F.T. II or III	4,010
" .300 Remington 1902 + 1907	20

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

4. The ERA 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.

5. This HQ suggests that BLUs 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.

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9. BLUs 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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Internal Distribution

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Ord

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

15 OCT 1945

REF-71A-724 Hope

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Subject : Releases British Equipment.

LAND FORCES SUB COMM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
Tel. 489081 Ext. 407

ROLE.

Q. 138

Oct 46

TO : Ministry of War.

1. The following equipments have been collected from 3 Sub Depot, PONTECAGNANO and taken to Depot at GRIGNANO D'AVERSA.

Authority : - CHQ 8159/Q1 of 9 Aug 46.

SERIAL NO.	ITEM	QTY.	DESTINATION
1	Bren Gun magazines	2000	(a)

Note (a) to be notified by War Ministry.

2. You are requested to notify HQ 10 Territorial Command destination of above mentioned equipments.

HRL/lm

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

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Copy to : HQ 10 BLU (for action ref this HQ Q.101 of 25 Jul 46)

INTERNAL : G(Ops & SD)

G(Trg)

Q Accounts - Confirm receipts of vouchers to Q.

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Liaison.

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

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5 OCT 1946

Subject: Equipment for Italian Army.

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

Q.006

2 October 1946.

TO : List B

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 PONTICAGNANO.

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 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. BLU's will convey the information contained in this letter to HQ's of Command.

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Discussion

Colonel,
for Major General
M. M. I. A.

3 OCT 1946

Q.005.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E

SUBJECT:- Transfer of British Ordnance
Depot to ARAR

1 October, 1940.

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 ARAR, 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 13 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 UNRRA 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.

E H Gault
Major General,
Commanding, M.M.I.A.

SUBJECT:- Releases British Equipment.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.,
M M I A
R O M E
Q.138

30 September 1946

TO : Ministry of War

1. The following equipments have been collected from 3 Sub Depot,
PONTAGNANO and taken to Depot at GRIGNANO D'AVERSA.

Authority:- GHQ ESD/81/3D of 6 Jun 46
GHQ 8159/Q1 of 7 May 46.

SERIAL NO.	ITEM	PART NO.	QTY.	DESTINATION
1	Bren Walllets Spare Parts, Empty	BE 9343	2726	(a)
2	Bren Holdalls	BE 9445	3183	(a)
3	Bren Magazines 303 MG 30 Rds	BE 8801	170971	(a)
4	Bren Boxes Magazines 303 MG Mk I	BE 6096	3198	(a)
5	Bren Slings	AA 1640	5000	(a)
6	Bren Cans Oil MG Mk III	BE 6167	650	(a)
7	Rifles Slings Web	AA 1657	38804	(a)
8	Bottles Oil Mk V	BA 6320	41602	(a)
9	Plat Springs Main Mk I	BB 5476	492	(a)
10	Thompson SMG Magazines 30 Rds		32544	(a)

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destination of above mentioned equipments.

HRL/ow.

H. R. Lockett
H. R. LOCKETT, Major,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to : HQ 10 ELU (for action ref this HQ Q.101 of 25 Jul 46)

Internal: G (Ops & SD)
G (Trg.)
G (Accounts)

Authority:- GHQ ESD/81/3D of 6 Jun 46
GHQ 8159/Q1 of 7 May 46.

SERIAL NO.	ITEM	PART NO.	QTY.	DESTINATION
1	Bren Wallets Spare Parts, Empty	BE 9343	2726	(a)
2	Bren Holdalls	BE 9445	3183	(a)
3	Bren Magazines 303 MG 30 Rds	BE 8801	170971	(a)
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Internal: G (Ops & SD)

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Subject : Releases - British Equipment.

LAND FORCES SUB COML.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
Tel. 489081 Ext. 407

Q.138

28 Sep 46

TO : Ministry of War.

1. The following equipments have been collected from 2 Sub Depot, 557 BOD, NAPLES and taken to Depot, at GRICIGNANO D'AVERSA.

Authority : ESD/81/3D of 6 Jun 46.
8159/Q1 of 7 May 46.
DOS/1411 of 11 Jul 46.

Serial No	Item	Qty	Destination
1	Belts Waist 37 pattern large	40,100	(a)
2	Braces 37 pattern left normal	40,050	(a)
3	Braces 37 pattern right normal	40,050	(a)
4	Straps shoulder Haversacks 37 pattern left	40,000	(a)
5	Straps shoulder Haversacks 37 pattern right	40,100	(a)
6	Pouches Basic 37 pattern Mk III	80,030	(a)
7	Haversacks WE 37 pattern AR	40,000	(a)
8	Frogs Bayonet WE 37 pattern	40,010	(a)
9	Carriers Water Bottle WE 37 pattern	40,030	(a)
10	Water Bottle Mk III	7,000	(a)
11	Pouches Utility Front	8,015	(a)
12	Pouches Utility Rear	8,020	(a)
13	Frogs Bayonet 37 pattern	23,000	(a)
14	Cases Binocular WE 37 pattern	4,051	(a)
15	Haversacks small officers 37 pattern	2,020	(a)
16	Pouches ammunition revolver	2,000	(a)
17	Holsters revolver	1,930	(a)
18	Holsters pistol signal	.116	(a)
19	Anklets Web pairs	50,000	(a)

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HRL/lm

Copy to : HQ., 10 BLU - for action ref this H.Q. Q101 of 25 Jul 46.

INTERNAL : G(Ops & SD)

: G(Trg)

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H.R. LUCKETT, Major
for Major General

M.M.I.A.

30 SEP 1946

SUBJECT:- Releases British Equipment.

Land Forces Sub Commission AC.,
M M I A
R O M E
Q.138

12 September 1946

TO : Ministry of War

1. The following equipments have been collected from RSD,
557 B.O.D., NAPLES and taken to Depot at GRICIGNANO D'AVERSA.

Authority : - ESD/B4/3D of 6 Jun 46
8159/Q1 of 7 May 46
DOS/ 7209 of 21 Aug 46

<u>SERIAL NO.</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DESTINATION</u>
1	Mortar 2 inch.	208	(a)

Note : (a) to be notified by the War Ministry.

2. You are requested to notify H.Q. 10 Territorial Command
destination of ab mentioned equipments.

HRL/ow.

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

Copy to : HQ 10 BLU (for action ref this HQ Q.101 of 25 Jul 46) - 4897

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16 SEP 1946

*Committee of Ministers
War Ministry
Primary interest: General
A.R.A.R.*

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Promemoria on Equipment for the Italian Army for discussion at Allied Commission Meeting - 23 Aug 46

1. Most of the Armament and Weapons of the Italian Army and much of the transport and mechanical equipment are of British pattern and, except for motor transport, will probably remain so for some time.
2. Units of the Italian Army have been reasonably well equipped from this source, but the War Ministry holds practically no reserve equipment, replacements, spare parts or material for maintenance or repair.
3. The Allied intention has been that material for maintenance should be provided from three sources

- (a) British surplus stocks,
- (b) Italian indigenous sources,
- (c) Overseas import programme,

(a) and (b) are the more desirable from every point of view and it is the duty of the Land Forces Sub Commission (M.M.I.A.) to assist the Italian Army to obtain its requirements from the first source. It has now been ruled however that transfers to the Italian Army of all material (except serviceable weapons) must take place through Allied disposal agencies and A.R.A.R.

4. Since last November M.M.I.A. has been endeavouring to obtain the equipment required through these channels but, by reason of the Allies own needs and the unbalanced nature of available surpluses, have hardly been able to keep pace with current needs and have been unable to obtain stocks for future needs when all British Depots will be closed.

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6. The subsequent disposal of this material by A.R.A.R. is an Italian Government affair which its representatives are now asked to consider. The hand over gives the War Ministry a last chance of obtaining quickly and on a reasonable economic basis material which it urgently needs and which no other owner could use economically. That which the War Ministry fails to secure from this source it will have to manufacture or import at very high cost - or do without.

7. The British Depot is divided into three sub depots as follows:

- No.1 Sub Depot - Motor Transport Stores (Pontecagnano)
- No.2 Sub Depot - Clothing and General Stores (Naples. S.Giorgio)
- No.3 Sub Depot - Armaments & War Instruments (Pontecagnano)

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Material in No.2 Sub Depot, although originally for military use has also a civilian use and for this we make no special claim for the Italian Army.

Material in No.1 Sub Depot includes some spare parts for military type vehicles such as armoured cars and tracked weapon carriers which would be of no use to any other makes.

Material in No.3 Sub Depot is of no use in its present form to anyone but the Army, although the quantity of some items may be in excess of the army's needs.

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8. The Supreme Allied Commander has suggested that M.M.I.A. and representatives of the War Ministry should take part in the hand over so as to facilitate identification of stores and to ensure the most economical use of purely warlike equipment in the interest of the Italian nation.
9. This representation would only be effective if the Italian Government instructs A.R.A.R. to give the War Ministry some preference in respect of certain material.
10. The Italian Government is therefore asked to agree to the following three principles :-
- (a) That representatives of M.M.I.A. and of the Ministry of War should be present at the hand over 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 M.T. 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 else.

If agreement in principle is reached as above the detailed method could be left to A.R.A.R. and the War Ministry as advised by M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT: Releases - British Equipment.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.,
M M I A
R O M E
Q. 138

29 August 1946

TO : Ministry of War

1. The following equipments have been collected from RSD, 557 BOD
NAPLES and taken to Depot at GRICIGNANO D' AVERSA.

Authority:- ESD/81/3D of 6 JUN 46.
8159/Q1 of 7 MAY 46.
DOS 7209 of 5 JUN 46.
DOS 7209 of 13 JUN 46.

SERIAL NO.	ITEM	QUANTITY	DESTINATION
1	Rifles No. 1	38,718	(a)
2	Slings rifle	25,200	(a)
3	Carriers cartridge	44,870	(a)
4	Frogs Bayonet	32,300	(a)
5	Bottles Oil	25,355	(a)
6	Pullthroughs cord	25,750	(a)
7	Pullthroughs o/w weights	17,500	(a)
8	Bayonets	38,718	(a)
9	Scabbards	38,718	(a)

Note (a) to be notified by the War Ministry.

2. You are requested to notify HQ 10 Territorial Command
destination of above mentioned equipments. 3548

HRL/cw.

H. R. Wickett
H. R. WICKETT, Major,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to : HQ 10 BIL (for action ref this HQ Q.101 of 25 JUL)

1. The following equipments have been collected from RSD, 557 BOD
NAPLES and taken to Depot at CRICIGNANO D' AVERSA.

Authority:- ESD/81/3D of 6 JUN 46.
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M.I.I.A.

Copy to : HQ 10 BIL (for action ref this HQ Q.101 of 25 JUL.

Internal: C (Ops & SD)
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2 SEP 1946

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SUBJECT:- Return of 2590 Sten Machine Carbines.

Land Forces Sub Commission AC.,
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q.138

26 August 1946

TO : 10 British Liaison Unit

~~by Capt. Clark~~

59A

Ref Q.138 dated 21 August 46 addressed War Ministry,
copy to you and recent conversation Egerton - Curties.

1. You will arrange with 10 Territorial Command for the
Stens to be inspected by an Officer to be detailed by you before
return to 557 B.O.D.

2. It is suggested that special arrangements are made for
these weapons to be overhauled cleaned and oiled before final
inspection and packing. 10 Territorial Command should report to
the War Ministry weapons discovered to be damaged or dirty on
arrival at Naples.

Containers will be provided by the War Ministry and
should include a packing note endorsed by your representative
"for M.M.I.A."

3. As the return of these weapons is a matter of urgency
10 Territorial Command should be advised to hasten delivery
where necessary.

It is suggested delivery to 557 B.O.D. be made in
batches of 500 at a time. You will assist the Italian Authorities
to obtain a clear receipt on an Ordnance Voucher and forward one
copy to this HQ for accounting purposes.

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Capt Clark

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re action taken

Ref 55A

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R.A. CURTIES

R.A. CURTIES, Lt. Col.,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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Copy : War Ministry (by L.O. Major Ebsworth)
Q A/C.

RAC/ow.

SUBJECT : Withdrawal of Sten Machine Carbines.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q.138

21 August 1946

TO : Ministry of War

Ref this H.Q. letter SD/109/2 dated 14 June 46.

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1. Under reference Q.138 dated 5th Aug 46 Carbines Thompson Sub Machine Gun quantity 21142 were released to you, being the balance to make up the total entitlement plus 12 months maintenance at quiet rates.

2. Instructions have now been received from G.H.Q. that the 2590 Sten Machine Carbines held should be withdrawn and returned to Ordnance Officer R.S.D. 557 B.O.D. Naples.

H.R. Hockett
H.R. HOCKETT, Major
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to: H.Q. 10 BHU - to report on completion of withdrawal.

Internal: G (Ops & SD)
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22 AUG 1946

SUBJECT:- Release - British Equipment.

Land Forces Sub Commission AC.,
M.M.I.A.
Tel. 489081 Ext. 407
Q. 138

20 August 1946

TO : Ministry of War.

1. The following equipments have been collected from 3 Sub Depot
557 BCD NAPLES and are now in Depot at GRICIGNANO D'AVERSA

Authority : ESD/81/3D of 6 Jun 46
8159/Q1 of 3 Jul 46
DOS/7209/Plans of 3 Jul 46

SERIAL NO.	I T E M	QTY.	DESTINATION
1	Mortar 3 inch.	56	H.Q. Central Military School - CESANO.
2	Mortar 3 inch.	348	(a)

Note : (a) to be notified by War Ministry.

2. You are requested to notify H.Q. 10 Territorial Command
destination of Serial 2.

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H.R. Luckett

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

Copy to : HQ 10 DUJ (For action ref this HQ Q101 of 25 Jul 46)

Internal: C (Ops & SD)

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Copy to : HQ 10 MJU (For action ref this HQ Q101 of 25 Jul 46)

Internal: G (Ops & SD)

G (Trg.)

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SUBJECT:- Staghound Armoured Cars.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.,
M.M.I.A.
ROME
Q.137

7 August 1946

TO : War Ministry

Ref 6/3415/Serv. of 27 July 1946.

1. Enquiry shows that the cars in question were collected at Naples from an Allied Unit which was disbanding.

On the 29 April an attempt was made to collect the vehicles but abandoned as the O.C. of the British Armoured Delivery Squadron at Naples was unable to hand them over in an efficient condition and refused to do so in the state they were in.

Unfortunately instead of their being returned to an Ordnance Vehicle Park they were "left behind" when the Unit disbanded and emergency arrangements made by 10 B.L.U. to take delivery. They remained in 10 E.V.P. at Naples for several weeks and were eventually moved to Rome.

2. They should not have been accepted by the Italian Army or alternatively an immediate report should have been submitted to this HQ. It will be appreciated that with the disbandment of Units and dispersal of British personnel little good is obtained from instituting enquiry months later.

3. It is hoped the present system of handing over British Equipment with an official "Collection Note copy to nearest MMIA Liaison Unit" will enable the War Ministry to remedy errors of this sort at once.

4. The Staghounds with their specialised equipment, weapons and ammunition require very special maintenance supervision and you are advised to fix responsibility on the Territorial Command concerned insisting on careful record of arms, ammunition and wireless belonging to or transferred with the Cars.

Each car should have a full inventory showing equipment held and deficient.

It is suggested that your reserve of cars be held at Bologna where all available equipment for them should be collected as it comes to hand.

5. Until spares are made available cars off the road must receive adequate maintenance and attention paid to the weapons forming part of their equipment.

As the total number is not large it would appear desirable that control of their movements be centralised at the Ministry and pending completion of delivery a reserve be formed from those now held. If a special census was insisted on and vehicles "struck off" or "taken on charge" only on your authority control would be simplified.

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R.A. Curties
R.A. CURTIES, Lt. Col.,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy : 10 BLU ref. 39 of 29.5.46

Report circumstances under which 273 Arm'd. Del. Sqn. insisted on collection

Internal: CORR Section - REME - "G" -

REF. 25A

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8 AUG 1946

Subject: Releases - British Equipment

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AG
(L.F.I.A.)

Tel: 489081 Ext 407

Q.138

7 August 1946

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. The following equipments have been collected from 3 Sub Depot, 557 BOD, NAPLES and are now in Depot at GRICIGNANO D'AVERSA.

Authority: ESD/81/3D of 6 June 1946.
8159/q1 of 13 June 1946.
DOS/7209/Plans of 13 June 1946.

Serial No	Item	Quantity	Destination
1	Bren L.M.G.	46	HQ Central Military
2	"		Schools, CESANO
3	Pistols Signal	414	(a)
4	PIATs	222	(a)
5	Rifles E.V.	350	(a)
		40	(a)

NOTE: (a) To be notified to War Ministry.

2. You are requested to notify HQ 10 Territorial Command the destination of Serial Nos 2, 3, 4 and 5.

H.R. Hockett
H.R. HOCKETT, Major,
for Major General,
L.F.I.A.

Copy to: 10 BHJ - For action reference this HQ Q.101 of 25 July '46.

INTERNAL: C(Ops & SD)
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Authority: ESD/81/SD of 6 June 1946.
8159/G1 of 13 June 1946.
DOS/7209/Plans of 13 June 1946.

Serial No	Item	Quantity	Destination
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H.R. Duckett
H.R. DUCKETT, Major,
for Major General,
M.L.I.A. 3543

Copy to: 10 BHJ - For action reference this HQ 9.101 of 25 July '46.

INTERNAL: G(Ops & SD)

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28 AUG 1946

Subject: Releases - British Equipment.

LAND FORCES SUB COMM.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
ROME.
Tel. 489081 Ext. 407

Q . 138

7 Aug 46

TO : Ministry of War.

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Authority : ESD/81/3D of 6 Jun 46
8159/Q(L.E) of 7 May 46.
DOS/7209 of 12 Jun 46.

Serial No	Item	Qty	Destination
1	Carbines Thomson Sub Machine .45	321	HQ. Central Military Schools, CLESANO.
2	" " "	20821	(a)

Note (a) to be notified by War Ministry.

2. You are requested to notify H.Q. 10 Territorial Command destination for Serial No 2.

HRL/lm

Copy to : HQ. 10 B.L.U. - For action ref this HQ. Q. 101 of 25 Jul 46.

INTERNAL : G(Ops & SD)

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H.R. Lucetti
H.R. LUCETTI, Major
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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1. The following equipments have been collected from 3 Sub Depot, 557 BOD NAPLES and are now in Depot at GRICIGNANO D'AVERSA.

Authority : ESD/81/3D of 6 Jun 46
8159/Q(25) of 7 May 46
DOS/7209 of 12 Jun 46.

Serial No	Item	Qty	Destination
1	Carbines Thomson Sub Machine .45	321	HQ. Central Military Schools, GESANO.
2	" " "	20821	(a)

Note (a) to be notified by War Ministry.

2. You are requested to notify H.Q. 10 Territorial Command destination for Serial No 2.

HRL/LM

Copy to : HQ. 10 B.L.U. - For action ref this HQ. Q.101 of 25 Jul 46.

INTERNAL : G(Ops & SD)

: G(Trg)

: Q Accounts. Confirm receipt of vouchers to Q.

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: Liaison.

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

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Subject : Releases - 'B' Vehicles.

LAND FORCES SUB. COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
ROME.
Tel. 489081 Ext. 407

Q. 202
29 July 46

TO : Ministry of War.

1. The following 'B' Vehicles are available for collection from No. 9, Vehicle Park CAPUA.

Authority : ISD/81/39 of 27 Jun 46
ORD Vehicle Release Note No DCE. VR/4274 of 16 Jul 46.

Serial No	MT Code	Item	Class	Qty	Destn.
1	6242/00	Lorry 3ton 6x4 G3 Thornycroft	1	7	(a)
2	"	" " " "	1D	5	(a)
3	"	" " " Leyland	1D	48	(a)
4	6176/00	Truck 15 cwt 4x2 W/less Morris	1	15	(a)
5	"	" " " "	1D	9	(a)
6	6270/00	Lorry 3ton 4x4 B/an-Med Chev.	1	4	(a)

Note (a) to be notified by War Ministry.

2. You are requested to notify 10 Territorial Command 547 destination and to arrange the removal of these vehicles as soon as possible.

H. D. Luckett
H.D. LUCKETT, Major
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

TO : Ministry of War.

1. The following 'B' Vehicles are available for collection from No-9 Vehicle Park CAPUA.

Authority : ESD/81/39 of 27 Jun 46

ORD Vehicle Release Note N°DCS, VR/4274 of 16 Jul 46.

Serial No	WT Code	Item	Class	Qty	Destn.
1	6242/00	Lorry 3ton 6x4 G3 Thornycroft	1	7	(a)
2	"	" " " "	1D	5	(a)
3	"	" " " " Leyland	1D	48	(a)
4	6176/00	Truck 15 cwt 4x2 W/less Morris	1	15	(a)
5	"	" " " " "	1D	9	(a)
6	6270/00	Lorry 3ton 4x4 B/called Chev.	1	4	(a)

Note (a) to be notified by War Ministry.

2. You are requested to notify 10 Territorial Command ⁴⁴ destination and to arrange the removal of these vehicles as soon as possible.

HRL/lm

H.R. Lockett

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

Copy to : H.Q. 10 BLU for action ref this HQ Q.101 of 25 Jul 46.

INTERNAL : G(Ops & SD)

: G(Trg)

: Q Accounts—Confirm receipt of vouchers to Q

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: Liaison.

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SUBJECT:- Releases "B" Vehicles.

Land Forces Sub Commission AC.,
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q. 202

29 July 1946

TO : Ministry of War

1. The following ~~vehicles are available for collection from~~
9 Vehicle Park CAFUA.

Authority : ESD 81/39 of 27 June 1946
ORD Vehicle Release Note No. DOS, VR/4270 of 16 Jul. 46

SERIAL NO.	MT CODE	I T E M	CLASS	QTY	LOCATION
1	6204/00	Lorries 30 cwt 4x2	GS FORD	2	(a)
2	6204/00	Lorries 30 cwt 4x2	GS FORD	3	(a)
3	6204/00	Lorries 30 cwt 4x2	WEDGWOOD	2	(a)
4	6204/10	Lorries 30 cwt 4x4	CHEVROLET	1	(a)
5	6204/10	Lorries 30 cwt 4x4	CHEVROLET	2	(a)
6	6204/10	Lorries 30 cwt 4x4	FORD Can	2	(a)
7	6204/10	Lorries 30 cwt 4x4	FORD WOT 6	1	(a)
8	6241/00	Lorries 3 ton 4x4	GS ALBION	5	(a)
9	6241/00	Lorries 3 ton 4x4	FORD Can	17	(a)
10	6241/00	Lorries 3 ton 4x4	FORD WOT 6	7	(a)
11	6241/00	Lorries 3 ton 4x4	FORD WOT 6	9	(a)
12	6242/00	Lorries 3 ton 6x4	GS ALBION	4	(a)
13	6242/00	Lorries 3 ton 6x4	GS ALBION	4	(a)
14	6242/00	Lorries 3 ton 6x4	GS ALBION	6	(a)

NOTE: (a) To be notified by War Ministry.

2. You are requested to notify ¹⁰ Territorial Command destination and to arrange the removal of these vehicles ¹⁰ as soon as possible.

TO : Ministry of War

29 July 1946

1. The following vehicles are available for collection:

Authority: ESD 81/39 of 27 June 1946
ORD Vehicle Release Note No. DOS, VR/4270 of 16 Jul. 46

SERIAL NO.	LT CODE	ITEM	CLASS OF VEHICLE
1	6204/00	Lorries 30 cwt 4x2	(a)
2	6204/00	Lorries 30 cwt 4x2	(a)
3	6204/00	Lorries 30 cwt 4x2	(a)
4	6204/00	Lorries 30 cwt 4x2	(a)
5	6204/00	Lorries 30 cwt 4x2	(a)
6	6204/00	Lorries 30 cwt 4x2	(a)
7	6204/00	Lorries 30 cwt 4x2	(a)
8	6204/00	Lorries 30 cwt 4x2	(a)
9	6204/00	Lorries 30 cwt 4x2	(a)
10	6204/00	Lorries 30 cwt 4x2	(a)
11	6204/00	Lorries 30 cwt 4x2	(a)
12	6204/00	Lorries 30 cwt 4x2	(a)
13	6204/00	Lorries 30 cwt 4x2	(a)
14	6204/00	Lorries 30 cwt 4x2	(a)

NOTE: (a) To be notified by War Ministry.

2. You are requested to notify the Territorial Command destination and to arrange the removal of these vehicles as soon as possible.

HR DICKENS, Major
for Major General
M.M. I.A.

COPY TO: HQ 10 HUI (for action reference this HQ 104 of 25 July 1946)

INTERNAL: G (Ops & SD)

G (Trk)

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(W) For Information (INFO)

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FOR TAYLOR FROM CURTIES STOP HQ HAVE REFUSED REQUEST DIRECT RELEASE
 STAGHOUNE SPARES OUR Q003 19 JULY COPY TO YOU REFERS STOP CONTACT
 ERIC PHELPS WITH OBJECT OF OBTAINING RELIABLE ~~BY~~ LIST OF
 AVAILABLE SPARE PARTS AND ARRANGING FOR THESE TO BE PACKED IN ~~SEPARATE~~
~~MAKING~~ SEPARATE MARKED BOXES BEFORE TRANSFER TO MINISTRY OF SUPPLY

STOP ACK ~~DONE~~ ~~8/17~~

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SENT 6055 FM AT 1520 B 5 KK

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31 JUL 1940

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Subject: Equipment for Italian Interim Army

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AG
(M.M.I.A.)

Q.003

17 July 1946

TO : GHQ (for Q1)

NO TRACE

U/1673

Reference your 8159/Q1 of 12 July 1946.

1. Progress is noted and all possible steps are being taken to expedite collection of equipment as soon as released.
2. It is fully appreciated that action to obtain Allied surplus stores declared to Ministry of Supply rests with the War Ministry and is an Italian Government responsibility. Difficulty is anticipated but no further action can be taken by MMIA until a request is received from the War Ministry for assistance specifying what stores they are unable to obtain from this source.
3. It is apparent that maintenance items for MT, Weapons, and Signal stores will not be available as surpluses do not exist. The effect can only be judged when details of deficiencies are known.
4. It is realised that scalings of spares can not be expected owing to shortage of personnel. In the case of Staghound Armoured Cars an attempt has been made to scale 12 months maintenance and in view of the fact that
 - (a) The 200 cars already issued were unaccompanied by any maintenance items.
 - (b) These cars are for the greater part in operational use by the CC.RR.
 - (c) Considerable delay must ensue before the War Ministry can obtain the special items which may become available through Ministry of Supply.

release of 50% items listed at Appendix "A" is requested before 557 BOD closes.

REF 51A

R.A. CURTIES Lt Col
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

Copy to: G(SD)
CC.RR. Section
REME
ORD

10 BLU (for Major Taylor) ✓
Please discuss with Brig Phelps.
cc. 557 BOD

29 JUL 1946

Subject : Releases - Technical Equipment.

LAND FORCES SUB COMM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
Tel. 489081 Ext. 407
ROME.

Q : 138

25 July 46

TO : Ministry of War.

1. The following technical equipment has been released from 16 Base Workshops NAPLES and is now held at H.Q. 10 B.L.U.

Authority : G H.Q. 8159/Q1 of 16 May 46
" " DOS 7209 of 10 Jul 46.

Serial No	Item	Qty	Destination
I	Armourers Tools	As listed at Appendix 'A'	(a)

Note (a) to be notified by War Ministry.

2. You are requested to notify H.Q. 10 Territorial Command destination of this technical equipment which was requested for servicing and repairing British Infantry Weapons at C.A.R.'s, Central Military Schools, Internal Security Divisions and Independent Regiments.

H.R. Luckett 3536
H.R. LUCKETT, Major
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

HRL/lm

Copy to : H.Q. 10 B.L.U. for action.

INTERNAL : G(Ops & SD)

: G(Trg)

: Q Accounts. Confirm receipt of vouchers to Q

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HRL/lm

Copy to : H.Q. 10 B.L.U. for action.

INTERNAL : G(Ops & SD)

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

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Ref 46A
Ref 107A-14A

Appendix "A" to Q.138
dated 25 July 1946.-

PART NO.	DESIGNATION	QUANTITY
BC 3016	Bags Armourers SA MK I	26
BC 3052	Braces Armourers Mk III	100
3056	Bits cleaning No.2	60
3495	Floets - Small	9
3506	Gauges Armourers .064 in No.1	129
3515	Gauges Armourers .074 in No.2	105
3519	Hammer Point No.2	80
HD 6258	Plug .301 in	62
BC 3560	Striker Point No.1	58
3606	Keys, sight	19
3632	Pincers Armourers	10
3925	Screwdrivers Armourers Large	172
3926	Screwdrivers Armourers Small	230
3929	Extractor Screws	232
	Forked -	
3932	No.1	12
3933	No.2	1
3934	No.3	7
	Tools, bore-	
3966	Bushes	178
3968	Rods	3
4025	Cleaning Rods No.1	7
4029	Cleaning Rods No.4	18
4036	Cleaning Sticks	45
4045	Cramps No.1 Mk II	60
4075	Spring Extractor No.1	115
4114	Vices, Parallel Armourers	28
Section Q2		
QB 0720	Cartridges, SA, dummy .303 in U, Mk V	60

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SUBJECT:-- Transfer of British Equipment - Accounting.

Land Forces Sub Commission AC.,
M.M.I.A.
ROME
Q.101

25 July 1946

DISTRIBUTION :
see below.

1. The following instructions are issued to clarify the accounting procedure necessary in the case of British equipment issued on loan to the Italian Government.

Attention of all concerned is directed to their responsibility as indicated below.

2. On the receipt of Ordnance Release Authority this HQ sends to the War Ministry a "Collection Note" advising place and nature of stores to be collected.

A copy of this "Collection Note" is sent to the BLU concerned.

3. The BLU concerned (viz. 9 BLU for Ammunition at Bari, 10 BLU for Artillery equipment at NAPLES, 6 BLU for vehicles at FORLI, etc) is responsible.

- (a) for supervising the collection of the stores by the Italian Army and coordinating the work involved between the Territorial Command HQ and the British Depot.
- (b) for obtaining a receipt from the War Ministry representative (see para 5 below).
- (c) for notifying HQ MMIA when stores have been collected.

The War Ministry are responsible

- (a) for arranging the speedy collection of the stores and for their subsequent distribution

- (b) for detailing a representative to take delivery and furnish a receipt (see para 5 below)

- (c) for rendering HQ MMIA a receipt on the customary "Shipping Ticket" when this is presented.

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- (c) for notifying HQ MMIA when stores have been collected. 3534

4. The War Ministry are responsible

- (a) for arranging the speedy collection of the stores and for their subsequent distribution

- (b) for detailing a representative to take delivery and furnish a receipt (see para 5 below)

- (c) for rendering HQ MMIA a receipt on the customary "Shipping Ticket" when this is presented.

5. (a) When stores are collected from an Ordnance Depot or Vehicle Back it is the responsibility of the issuing Depot to prepare Receipt Vouchers. These consist of six numbered folios 1 to 6.

- (b) The "collecting" B.L.U. is responsible that the War Ministry representative signs copy No.5 which is returned to the Depot at the same time as the stores are collected.

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5. (c) The "collecting" BLU is also responsible for obtaining the signature of the War Min Rep on Copy No. 3 and for returning this as soon as possible to the Issuing Depot.
- (d) The difference between the receipt on Copy No. 3 and Copy No. 5 is that the former refers to the items detailed whereas the latter may refer only to the number and nature of packing cases etc collected.
- (e) When difficulty arises in obtaining promptly a receipt on Copy No. 3 the collecting BLU will make use of temporary receipt form XYZ specimen attached at Appendix "A".
- A copy of the XYZ form will be handed to the War Min Rep by the collecting BLU who will take action as necessary to follow up with the Terr Command concerned.
- (f) The War Min is responsible for arranging that Copy No. 3 of the Ordnance Voucher is signed by a responsible officer and returned with the minimum of delay to the "collecting" BLU.
- The cases forming part of any one consignment must be checked and the receipt signed before the contents are distributed.
- Should discrepancies arise the matter will be investigated by the War Min who will if necessary furnish details to HQ IMA for adjustment. The return of Copy No. 3 should not be delayed however on this account.

DISTRIBUTION :

War Ministry
List "B".
GHQ for "Q".
GHQ for Financial Adviser.

INTERNAL :

Ord.

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Pls. return to Lt.
for Major-General,
MIA.

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(e)

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DISTRIBUTION :

War Ministry
List "B".
GHQ for "Q".
GHQ for Financial Advisor.

INTERNAL :

Ord.
Q A/C.
Q.002.
War Diary (3).
Spare (6).

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Pls. Submit to Lt.
Major-General,
MILIA.

APPENDIX "A" TO Q.101 of 25 JULY 46.

FORM XYZ.

TEMPORARY RECEIPT FOR ORDNANCE STORES/EQUIPMENT
ISSUED TO THE ITALIAN ARMY.

1. This receipt is to be replaced by Copy No. 3
of the original Voucher at the earliest possible date.

2. (a) Voucher No. _____

(b) Vocab Section _____

3. Number and type of packages for which receipt
already given on Copy No. 5. _____

4. General nature of contents

5. Issuing Depot/Vehicolo Park _____

6. Date collected _____

7. Destination _____

8. War Min Rep. _____

Rabk and Name (BLOCK LETTERS) _____

SIGNATURE _____

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ISSUED TO THE ITALIAN ARMY.

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4. General nature of contents

5. Issuing Depot/Vehicle Park _____

6. Date collected _____

7. Destination _____

8. War Min Rep. _____

Rank and Name (BLOCK LETTERS) _____

SIGNATURE _____

46A

Subject : Releases - Technical Equipment.

LAND FORCES SUB COMM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
Tel. 489081 Ext. 407

Q . 138

24 July 46

TO : Ministry of War.

1. The following technical equipment has been released from
16 Base Workshops NAPLES and is now held at H.Q. 10 B.L.U.

Authority : GHQ 8159/Q1 of 16 May 46
DOS 7209 of 2 Jun 46.

Serial No	Item	Qty	Destination
I	Armourers Tools	As listed at Appendix 'A'	Arsenal PIACENZA
II	Motor Transport Tools	As listed at Appendix 'B'	O A R E BOLOGNA.

2. War Ministry are requested to confirm that destination
for Serial I is the Arsenal PIACENZA and for Serial 2 the
OARE at BOLOGNA.

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

HRL/lm

Copy to : H.Q. 10 B.L.U. for action.

INTERNAL : G(Ops & SD)
: G(Trg)
: Q Accounts. Confirm receipt of vouchers to Q
: ORD
: REVT

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HRL/lm

Copy to : H.Q. 10 B.L.U. for action. ✓

INTERNAL : G(Ops & SD)

: G(Trg)

: Q Accounts. Confirm receipt of vouchers to Q

: ORD

: REME

: Liaison.

H.R. LUCKETT, Major

for Major General

M.M.I.A.

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Appendix "A" to MMIA letter
Q.138 of 14 July 1946.-

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

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PART NO.	DESIGNATION	QUANTITY
CM 5863	Testing, straightness of bore, M12 "Mortar and 2" bomb thrower, Mk II	1
CM 5102	Gauge, testing, straightness of bore, M13 Mortar Mk I (a)	1
BC 3016	Bags armours, SA MK I	2
3052	Braces, armours, Mk III	3
3056	Bits cleaning No.2	2
3469	Drifts armours No.2	2
3472	" " 5	2
3495	Floats small	2
3593	Gauges Armours .052 in	2
3506	064 in No.1	2
3510	067 in	2
3512	074 in No.1	2
6830	4 in	2
6831	4.1 in	2
BC 3519	Hammer point No.2	2
BD 6458	Plug, .301 in	2
BC 3452	.307 in	2
3545	.308 in No.2	2
3548	.310 in	2
3549	.352 in	2
3550	.358 in	2
6840	.55	2
3551	Lead	2
3554	Rods Mk II	2
3557	Stckbolt	2
3560	Striker Point No.1	2
BC 6845	" " No.3	1
3606	" " Keys, sight	2
3621	Mandrills No.2	1
3622	Mandrills No.3	1
36232	Pincers, armours prs.	1
3651	Taps No.1 Plug	4
3652	Taper	1
3653	2 Plug	1
3654	Taper	1
3655	3 Plug	1
3656	Taper	1
3657	4 Plug	1
3658	Taper	1
3659	5 Plug	1
3660	Taper	1
3661	6 Plug	1
3662	Taper	1
3671	11 Plug	1
3672	Taper	1
3673	12 Plug	1
3674	Taper	1
3675	13 Plug	1
3676	Taper	1
EB 3911	Rods, cleaning, Pistols, No.2 Mk I	2
BC 3918	Saws, cleaning	2

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..... Sheet 2

3593	Gauges Armourers .052 in	2
3506	064 in No.1	2
3510	067 in	2
3512	074 in No.1	2
6830	4 in	2
6831	41 in	2
BC 3519	Hammer point No.2	2
ED 6458	Plug, .304 in	2
BC 3452	.307 in	2
3545	.308 in No.2	2
3548	.310 in	2
3549	.352 in	2
3550	.358 in	2
6840	.55	2
3551	Lead	2
3554	Rods Mk II	2
3557	Stekbolt	2
3560	Striker Point No.1	1
BC 6845	" " No.3	2
3606	" " Keys, sight	1
3621	Mandrills No.2	1
3622	Mandrills No.3	1
36232	Pincers, armourers prs.	1
3651	Taps No.1 Plug	4
3652	Taper	1
3653	2 Plug	1
3654	Taper	1
3655	3 Plug	1
3656	Taper	1
3657	4 Plug	1
3658	Taper	1
3659	5 Plug	1
3660	Taper	1
3661	6 Plug	1
3662	Taper	1
3671	11 Plug	1
3672	Taper	1
3673	12 Plug	1
3674	Taper	1
3675	13 Plug	1
3676	Taper	1
EB 3911	Rods, cleaning, Pistols, No.2 Mk I	1
BC 3918	Saws, cleaning	1
3925	Screwdrivers - Armourers - Large	2
3926	Small	2
3929	Extractors Screw	2
3932	Forked No.1	4
3933	Forked No.2	2
3934	Forked No.3	2

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Part No.	Designation	Quantity
BC 8458	Spanners, tubular, MK I	
3966	Tools - Bore - Bushes	2
3968	Rods	2
4001	Cleaning - Funnels	1
4025	Rods No.1	1
4027	Rods No.2	2
4029	No 4	2
4036	Sticks	2
4045	Foresight - Cramps - No.1 - Mk II	3
4051	Punches	1
4065	Sight Line	2
4068	Scribers	2
4075	Spring Extractor - No.1	1
4100	Wad	1
4114	Vices, paraller, armourer	2
BD 4198	Brushes, rod, cleaning cylinder - 303 in MG Mk II or	2
6120	Bren 303 in MG Mk I	4
BE 9207	Mops - rod, cleaning cylinder - 303 in MG Mk II or	
8829	Bren 303 in MG Mk II	5
2503	Plugs, mm , cleaning, cylinder 303 in MG Mk I or	1
2502	Vickers - 303 in MG Mk I	1
4199	Rods, cleaning, cylinder, Bren 303 in MG Mk II or	2
9204	Mk I+	
9203	Mk I	2
9280	Combination - Bren .303 in MG Mk I	4
DG 4702	Keys, tube, pistol grip, Besa MG Mk I	
	plugs cleaning Besa - 7.92 mm MG Mk II	1
QB 0720	Cartridges SA Dummy - .303 in U. Mk V	30
0726	7.92 mm. U.Mk I	20

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Appendix "B" to MMLA letter Q.138
dated 24 July '46

13180	Acrew, rigid No. 10 (see schedule 1391/1)	3
13200	Stud, 1/4 in to 5/8 in	3
13800	Gauges, cylinder, Mercer 2 in to 6 in	1
14570	Indicators, Dial test	1
14571	Gauges dial	1
15185	Microteters - Metric Outside - 0 mm to 25 mm	1
15186	25 mm to 50 mm	1
17061	American Thread - Bihexagen rin type double ended	1
17065	7/16 in x 1/2 in	6
17067	25/32 in x 13/16 in	6
17095	ended 1.1/16 in x 1/8 in	6
17096	open jaw, double 5/16 in x 3/8 in	6
17097	7/16 in x 1/2 in	6
17098	9/16 in x 5/8 in	6
17099	19/32 in x 11/16 in	6
17101	3/4 in x 7/8 in	6
FA18404	15/16 in x 1 in	6
18405	Tools, screwcutting - ANC - Taps Plugs 1/4 in	6
18406	5/16 in	2
18407	3/8 in	2
18408	7/16 in	2
18409	9/16 in	2
1425	9/16 in	2
18426	1/4 in	2
18428	5/16 in	2
18429	7/16 in	2
FA18450	1/2 in	2
18451	1/4 in	2
18452	5/6 in	2
18453	3/8 in	2
18455	7/16 in	2
18467	9/16 in	2
18725	ANF Sets - No 2 (see Schedule 150/1)	1
18726	BSF Sets - No 1 { " " 154/1 }	2
18910	No 2 { " " 155/1 }	1
18911	BSW Sets - No 0 { " " 156/1 }	1
18912	No 1 { " " 79/1 }	2
18913	No 2 { " " 80/1 }	2
	No 3 { " " 157/1 }	1

3528

TO : Ministry of War.

1. The following vehicles are available for collection from 11 Return Vehicle Park, NAPLES.

Authority : ESD/81/3B of 14 Jun 46

Q Vehicle Release Note No AVR/8937 of 16 Jul 46
ORD " " " DOS/8937 " 17 Jul 46

Serial No	Item	Qty	Destination
1	Staghounds I (T 17 E I) Class IV	7	(a)

Note (a) to be notified by War Ministry.

2. You are requested to notify H.Q. 10 Territorial Command destination and arrange for the collection of these vehicles as soon as possible.

HRL/lm

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H.R. Lockett
H.R. LOCKETT, Major
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

Copy to : H.Q. 10 B.L.U. - To report progress.

INTERNAL : G(Ops & SD)

: G(Trg)

: Q Accounts - Confirm receipt of vouchers to Q

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Copy to Lord

25 JUL 1946

Subject : Releases - British Equipment.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.F.I.A.)
Tel. 489081 Ext. 407
ROME.

Q . 138

19 July 46

TO : Ministry of War.

1. The following equipments are available for collection from MONTECORVINO Gun Park.

Authority :	ESD/81/3B	of 27 June 46			
:	8159/Q	"	3 July 46		
:	DOS/7209	"	3 July 46		
:	557 BOD	N/27/197 of 9 July 46			
:	Release Nos.	A/13/54	A/13/57	A/13/59	

Qty	Qty	Qty	Qty
123	22	13	Total 138

<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Destination</u>
1	40mm BOFORS LAA	24	School of Arty CIVITAVECCHIA
II	"	134	(a)

Note (a) to be notified by War Ministry.

2. You are requested to notify H.Q. 10 Territorial Command destination and to arrange the removal of this equipment as soon as possible. 326

3. In addition there are Qty. 158 spare barrels to the s/m equipments ready for collection from the Gun Barrel Park NAPLES.

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

1. The following equipments are available for collection from MONTECORVINO Gun Park.

Authority : ESD/81/3B of 27 June 46
 : 8159/Q " 3 July 46
 : DOS/7209 " 3 July 46
 : 557 BOD W/27/197 of 9 July 46
 : Release Nos. A/13/54 A/13/57 A/13/59

Qty	Qty	Qty
123	22	13 Total 158

Serial No.	Item	Qty	Destination
I	40mm BOTORS LAA	24	School of Arty CIVITAVECCHIA
II	"	134	(a)

Note (a) to be notified by War Ministry.

2. You are requested to notify H.Q. 10 Territorial Command destination and to arrange the removal of this equipment as soon as possible.

3. In addition there are Qty. 158 spare barrels to the a/m equipments ready for collection from the Gun Barrel Park NAPLES.

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

HRL/lm

Copy to : 10 B.L.U. for action
 : 12 B.L.U. for info
 : G(SD)
 : G(Trg)
 : Q Accounts - Confirm receipt of vouchers to Q.
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 : RELE
 : L.O.

INTERNAL

SUPJECT:- Manufacture Small Arms Ammunition.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.O.,
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q.009

15 July 1946

TO : War Ministry

Reference your 36416 dated 31 May 1946.

1. Approval is given for the manufacture of the following
maximum quantity of small arms ammunition :-

Cal. 6,5 special practice amm. 9,000,000 rounds.

2. It is noted that the manufacture will be assigned to the
CAPUA Military Factory under direct supervision of the War Ministry,
and that you confirm the necessary precautions will be taken to
limit production to the quantity and for the purpose stated, viz.,
the training of CC.RR, Finance Guards and Public Security Agents.

Major General,
M.M.I.A.

3525

Copy to : CHQ (ref. EST/84/3 of 23 Jan 46)
A.C. (for Exec. Comm.)
A.C. (for Public Safety S/C.-)
10 B.L.U. to report on progress

Internal : "G"
CC.RR.

18 July 1946

TO : War Ministry

Reference your 36416 dated 31 May 1946.

1. Approval is given for the manufacture of the following maximum quantity of small arms ammunition :-

Cal. 6,5 special practice amm. 9,000,000 rounds,

2. It is noted that the manufacture will be assigned to the CAPUA Military Factory under direct supervision of the War Ministry, and that you confirm the necessary precautions will be taken to limit production to the quantity and for the purpose stated, viz., the training of CC.RR, Finance Guards and Public Security Agents.

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Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to : GHQ (ref. EST/81/3 of 23 Jan 46)
A.C. (for Exec. Comm.)
A.C. (for Public Safety S/C. -)
10 B.L.U. to report on progress

Internal : "G"
CC.RR.

Major Lambert

Capt Clarke

Trace.

6 JUL 1946

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SUBJECT:- Issues of Mobile Cranes
to Italian Army.-

Land Forces Sub Commission AG.,
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q.158

13 July 1946

TO : 10 B.L.U. ✓

1. Reference attached copy of G.H.Q. 3045/Q.1 of 11 July 1946.
2. Will you please notify to this HQ the source of information and the location of these 3/10 tons Browning Mobile Cranes.
3. Information to the effect that these cranes were available in the vicinity of Naples was given by Captain Clarke.

R.A. Curries

R.A. CURRIES, Lt. Col.,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

See 34A

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Capt Clarke to supply info

W.T. re

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Answered verbally to Col Curries by Capt Clarke
when on visit to Rome.

16 JUL 1946

C O P Y

Subject : Issues of Mobile Cranes to
Italian Army.

G.H.Q. C.M.F.

8045/Q1

11 Jul 46

TO : Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
M.M.I.A. ROME.

Ref your Q.138 of 3 July 46. 34 A

1. It is regretted that there are no 8/10 ton Browning mobile cranes available.
2. May this HQ be informed from what sources information was received stating that there are some available in the Naples Area and also location.

I.A. GORDON, Captain,
for Major General
MGA

IAG/CC

3523

Subject : Releases-British Equipment.

LAND FORCES SUB COMM.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
Tel. 489081 Ext. 407

Q. 138

10 July 46

TO : Ministry of War.

1. The following equipments are available for collection from MONTECORVINO Gun Park 557 BOD.

Authority : DOS/7209/Plans of 18 Jun 46.
557 BOD M/28/13 of 4 Jul 46.
Release No A/428/27.

Serial No.	Item	Qty	Destination
I	Ecud. Radar No I		School Arty
	MK II less	4	
	Generators		CIVITAVECCHIA
II	Plotters Composite		
	AA No I MK I	2	"
			"

2. It should be noted that the Radar equipments (Radar AA No I MK II Tx) are too high to be moved by rail.

H.R. LUCKETT
H.R. LUCKETT,
Capt. Gen. List.

for Major General
M.M.I.A.
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FILE/Lm

Copy : 10 B.L.U. for info. ✓
: 12 B.L.U. for action (They spoke Maj. ALEXANDER/Capt. LUCKETT)

INTERNAL : G(SD)

: G(Trg)

: Q Accounts-confirm receipt of vouchers to Q.

: CRT

1. The following equipments are available for collection from MONTECORVINO Gun Park 557 BOD.

Authority : DOS/7209/Plans of 18 Jun 46.
557 BOD M/28/13 of 4 Jul 46.
Release No A/428/27.

Serial No.	Item	Qty	Destination
I	Equt. Radar No I		School Arty
	MK II less	4	
	Generators		CIVITAVECCHIA
II	Plotters Composite		
	AA No I MK I	2	"
			"

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H.R. Duckett
H.R. DUCKETT,

Capt. Gen. List.

for Major General

M.M.I.A.

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REL/12

- Copy : 10 B.L.U. for info. ✓
: 12 B.L.U. for action (They spoke Maj. ALEXANDER/Capt. LUCKETT)

INTERNAL : G(SD)
: G(Trg)
: Q Accounts-confirm receipt of vouchers to Q.
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Subject : Engineer Equipment for Italian Army.

To : Land Forces Sub Com AC (M.M.I.A.)

CHQ. CMP.

Copy to : 10 B.L.U.
ES(B)D Cancelllo.
B.O. Bridging.

ENG/815/Ops

10 July '46

Further to Eng/815/Ops dated 20 June '46.

Bridging on Release Vouchers B/1828 and B/1829 was despatched on 8 and 9 July under guard supplied by 10 B.L.U.

Four copies of Vouchers are enclosed. Will you please arrange for signature by appropriate Italian authority (with name and appointment shown in block letters immediately below Signature) to four copies. Two copies, endorsed in red ink, to be retained by you, two copies to be returned to this office as soon as possible.

Attached, for information of the receiving unit, are copies of rail wagon way bills and parts lists to facilitate checking.

See 31A

C. Bakker

C. BAKKER,
Major R.E.,
for Brigadier,
CH. and DW.

Copy to file: Eng/8667/V/Stores.

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12 JUL 1946

Subject: Releases - British Equipment.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC
(M.M.I.A.)

Q.138

July 1946.

TO : WAR MINISTRY

1. The following weapons and equipment are available for collection from MONTECORVINO Gun Park.

Authority:

DOS/7209/Plans of 13 June 1946
557 BOD W/27/195 of 3 July 1946.

Serial No	Release No	Item	Qty	Destination
I	A/9/47	17 Pdr A/Tk	6	(a)
II	A/1/86	25 Pdr Fla	7	(a)
III	A/18/46	Trailers Arty No 27	14	(a)

NOTE:

(a) to be notified by War Ministry

3. You are requested to notify HQ 10 Territorial Command destination and to arrange the removal of this equipment as soon as possible.

Copy to: 10 BLU for action

INTERNAL: G (2)

Q Accounts - confirm receipt of voucher to Q.

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R.A. CURTIS Lt Col
For Major General
M.M.I.A.

Capt Clarke to see

1. The following weapons and equipment are available for collection from MONTECORVINO Gun Park.

Authority: DOS/7209/Plans of 13 June 1946
557 BOD M/27/195 of 3 July 1946.

Serial No	Release No	Item	Qty	Destination
I	A/9/47	17 Pdr A/Tk	6	(a)
II	A/1/86	25 Pdr Fld	7	(a)
III	A/18/46	Trailers Arty No 27	14	(a)

NOTE: (a) to be notified by War Ministry

3. You are requested to notify HQ 10 Territorial Command destination and to arrange the removal of this equipment as soon as possible.

W. A. Curtis
R.A. CURTIS Lt Col
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

Copy to: 10 BLU for action

INTERNAL: G (2)

Q Accounts - confirm receipt of voucher to Q.

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Capt Clarke to see

15/1/47

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NO. 100 046

SUBJECT:- Issue of Mobile Cranes to Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Commission AC.,
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q.138

3 July 1946

TO : G.H.Q. (for "Q"2)

An inspection has recently been made of the Italian Army Depots at Naples and the arrangements made for taking delivery of the considerable quantity of ordnance stores now under release.

Where the stores can not be consigned by rail or road direct to their ultimate destination they are to be handled at a Transit Sub Depot at AVERSA.

It was noted that inadequate lifting facilities were available and it would be of great assistance if release could be approved direct to the Italian Army of up to a maximum of six 8/10 ton Browning mobile cranes.

It is understood a number of these are available in the Naples Area.
May approval be given.

Capt Clarke to see ✓

R. A. CURTIS

R.A. CURTIS, Lt. Col.,
For Major General
M.M.I.A.

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Copy to : 10 B.L.U.

5 JUL 1946

33A

Subject : Surplus 6pounder A/TK Guns.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A. C.
(M.S.I.A.) RONS.
Tel. 489081 Ext. 407
Q . 138

27 June 46

TO : Ministry of War.

Further to this H.Q. letter even reference dated
17 June 1946.

1. It is requested that the under mentioned instructions
be adhered to in connection with the hand-in of these guns :

- (a) Hand-in of equipment to be phased to not more
than 34 per day.
- (b) Equipments not to be handed-in except between
0730 and 1400 hours daily.
- (c) No equipments to be handed-in on a Saturday or
Sunday.
- (d) C 1/c Gun Parks to be given 48 hrs. prior notice
of actual date of hand-in.

2. Compliance with the above is essential owing to
considerable movement now taking place on the Gun Park.

C.E.KING, Major
for Major General
M.S.I.A.

HNL/lm

Copy to : 10 B.L.V.

: 3 Sub Depot 557BOD (your M/6/304 of 25 June refers).

INTERNAL : ORD.

28 JUN 1946

MDY V LRF NR2226

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FROM M M I A 271720-B
TO MINISTRY OF WAR (BY HAND)
INFO 10 B.L.U.

BT

Q.276 (.) UNCLASS (.)

SUBJECT RELEASES WEAPONS (.) REFERENCE THIS H.Q.

Q.276.138 OF 21 JUNE (.) SERIAL XII (.) AMEND QTY 1435 RPT 1435
TO READ QTY 1425 RPT 1425

BT 122 271720-B

CCN: NR 1226 IMI 1226

SENT NR1226 2110/27 MYERS. B. K.

RD 2112 J I J AR TKS

Capt Clarke Kree

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28/63517
28 JUN 1948

ENGINEER BRANCH

A. F. H. Q.
C. M. F.SUBJECT: Engineer Equipment for
the Italian Army.

TO

: DEW, GHQ.

Land Forces Sub Com A. C. (ALFA).

COPY TO:

GSD, GHQ.

Financial Advisor, GHQ.

ESBD CANCELLO

10 BLU

ENG/815/OPS

22 Jun 46

This office letter ENG/815/OPS of 20 Jun 46 will be amended
as under:

Delete all para 2 and substitute

"2.

The Equipment will be issued from ESBD CANCELLO and consigned
by rail as follows,

a) 2 Sets Bailey Bridge and one set Erection Gear to,

Officer Commanding,

120 Italian Engineer Bn,

c/o HQ FRULLI DIVISION,

LEVICO.

(Nearest rail station TRENTO LR 1762).

b) 2 Sets Bailey Bridge and one Set Erection Gear to,

Officer Commanding,

184 Italian Engineer Bn,

c/o HQ FOLCORE DIVISION,

FLORENCE.

For the Chief Engineer,

(S. House)

C. B. HOUSE,
Major, P. E.,
SO II (Ops).

Acc 36A

151/23/6

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Financial Advisor, CTR.
ESBD CANCELLLO
10 BLU

This office letter ENG/815/OPS of 20 Jun 46 will be amended as under:

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Officer Commanding,
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c/o HQ FRUHLI DIVISION,
LEWICO.

(Nearest rail station TREVISO NR A762L).

b) 2 Sets Bailey Bridge and one Set Erection Gear to,

Officer Commanding,
184 Italian Engineer Bn,
c/o HQ FOLGORE DIVISION,
FLORENCE.

For the Chief Engineer,

Clarke

C. R. HOUSE,
Major, R.E.,
SO II (ops).

See 36A

BT 28/6

*Capt Clarke to see
rel para 4 of plus 27A.*

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25 JUN 1946

3516

Subject : Releases.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
ROME.
Tel. 489081 Ext. 407

Q . 138

22 June 46

TO : Ministry of War.

1. The following weapons and equipment are available for collection as under : -

Serial	Authy	BOD. Ref	Type	Qty	To be coll; from
I	DOS/7209 of 6/6	17/27/182	17. Prs ATK	56 -	3 SubDepot 557 BOD
II	" " " "	" "	25. Prs Fld	91	" " " "
III	" " " "	" "	Trailers		
IV	" " " "	" "	Arty No 27	182	" " " "
V	" " " "	" "	3.7. "A.A.	3	" " " "
	" " " "	" "	5.5. "	5	" " " "

2. Collection for the above items is being undertaken by 12 B.L.U. and C.M.S. CESANO who will report completion and will ensure that 557 B.O.D. Forward copies of vouchers to this H.Q.

CEK/lm

Copy : 12 B.L.U.
INTERNAL : G(2)
: Q A/c's) confirm receipt of vouchers to 'Q'
: ORD

C.E. KING, Major
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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TO : Ministry of War.

1. The following weapons and equipment are available for collection as under : -

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III	" " "	" "	Trailers		" " "
			Arty No 27	182	" " "
IV	" " "	" "	3.7. "A.A.	3	" " "
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C.E. KING, Major
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

CEK/lm

Copy : 12 B.L.U.

INTERNAL : G(2)

: Q A/c's) confirm receipt of vouchers to 'Q'

: ORD)

: RENE

: 10 B.L.U for information

Capl Clarke to see

15.1.1946

25 JUN 1946

Capit Clarke Torres

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15/28/6

I don't understand giving priority
to a quantity of NIL?

MEDY V LROF NR 1023 OVR 2

FROM MMIA 26 1230

TO MINISTRY OF WAR

INFO 12 PLU - 12 PLU

BT

0.371 UNCLASSIFIED (.) REFERENCE RELEASES IN (C 138 OF 28? JUNE (.)
IMPORTANT FOLLOWING ITEMS BE GIVEN PRIORITY COLLECTION BY YOU ASS-
ISTED BY 12 PLU (.) SERIAL I QTY 16 (.) SERIAL II QTY 14 (.)
SERIAL III QTY 6 (.) SERIAL IV QTY ~~MANILA~~ ~~MANILA~~ (.) ~~SERIAL V QTY 5 (.)~~ ^{SERIAL V QTY NIL}
FOREGOING ALLOCATED TO CMS (.) REMAINING ~~ITEMS~~ ITEMS TO BE COLLECTED BY
YOU ~~ASSISTED~~ ASSISTED BY 10 PLU FOR DISTRIBUTION TO ~~REST~~ REST
OF ARMY (.) ITEMS AS FOLLOWS (.) SERIAL I QTY 40 (.) SERIAL II QTY 77
(.) SERIAL III QTY 176 (.) SERIAL IV QTY NIL (.) SERIAL V QTY NIL (.)
ENSURE 557 BOB HAVE 48 HOURS NOTICE PRIOR TO COLLECTION (.)
BT

SENT TFW AT 1430 AT AND TRU K

LINE 4 IMI FROM SERIAL IV QTY TO V QTY 5 PSE K

SERIAL IV QTY NIL // NIL (.) SERIAL V QTY NIL (.)

ED P1023 1425 WS P2 K

See 3211

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27 JUN 1946

Subject : Releases Weapons.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.N.I.A.)
Tel. 478103

Q. 138

21 June 46

TO : Ministry of War.

1. The following weapons and equipment are available for collection as under :-

Serial	Authy	BOD. Ref.	Type	Qty	To be coll. from
I	DOS 7209 of 21/5	P3/5805	Rifles	19301	3 SubDepot 557 BOD
II	"	"	Scabbards	12385	"
III	"	"	Bayonets	12385	"
IV	"	"	Slings	22312	"
V	"	"	Covers	22312	"
VI	"	"	Breech	22312	"
	"	"	Bottles	22312	"
	"	"	Oil	22312	"
VII.	"	" RS/34A	Rifles	3071	R.S.D. 557 BOD
VIII	"	"	Bayonets	6075	"
IX	"	"	Scabbards	6075	"
X	DOS 7209 of 2/6	P3/5831	Pistols		"
XI	"	" 4/6	Signal	2984	3 SubDepot 557 BOD
	"	"	Mine		"
XII	"	" 5/6	Detectors	63	"
XIII	"	" 6/6	P.I.A.T.	1425	"
XIV	"	"	Brens	2723	"
XV	"	"	Rifles	670	"
XVI	"	"	Slings	30674	R.S.D.
	"	"	Covers	30674	"
	"	"	Breech	30674	"
	"	"	Bottles	30674	"
XVII	"	"	Oil	30674	"

Please note that item XI Mine detectors 63 is for issue to CC.FR.

2. Please arrange collection without delay and report completion for this H.Q. giving full particulars.

1. The following weapons and equipment are available for collection as under :-

Serial	Authy	BOD.Ref.	Type	Qty	To be coll. from
I	DOS 7209 of 21/5	P3/5805	Rifles	19301	3 SubDepot 557 BOD
II	"	"	Scabbards	12385	"
III	"	"	Bayonets	12385	"
IV	"	"	Slings	22312	"
V	"	"	Covers	22312	"
VI	"	"	Breech	22312	"
	"	"	Bottles	22312	"
VII	"	"	Oil	22312	"
VIII	"	RS/34A	Rifles	3011	R.S.D. 557 BOD
IX	"	"	Bayonets	6075	"
X	DOS 7209 of 2/6	P3/5831	Scabbards	6075	"
			Pistols		"
XI	"	"	Signal	2984	3 SubDepot 557 BOD
	"	"	Mine		
XII	"	"	Detectors	63	"
XIII	"	"	P.I.A.T.	4425	"
XIV	"	"	Brens	2723	"
XV	"	"	Rifles	670	"
XVI	"	"	Slings	30674	R.S.D.
	"	"	Covers		"
XVII	"	"	Breech	30674	"
	"	"	Bottles		"
	"	"	Oil	30674	"

Please note that item XI Mine detectors 63 is for issue to CC.RR.

2. Please arrange collection without delay and report completion for this H.Q. giving full particulars.

C.E. KING, Major
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

CEK/lm

Copy to : 10 B.L.U. (to assist in collection and to ensure 557 B.O.D. forward copies of vouchers to this H.Q.)

INTERNAL: G(2)

: Q A/c's (confirm receipt of vouchers to 'Q')
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Capt Clarke to Sec

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ENGINEER BRANCH

A.P.H.Q.
C.M.F.SUBJECT: Engineer Equipment for
the Italian Army

ENG/815/ops

20 Jun 46

TO : DEW GHQ
Land Forces Sub Com 4C (MIL)COPY TO: G (SD) GHQ
Financial Adviser GHQ
ESRD Cancelllo
10 FLH

1. Authority is granted for the issue of the following Bridging Equipment to the Italian Army:-

Bailey Bridge - 4 standard sets.
Erection Gear - 2 Sets~~2. The equipment will be issued from ESRD Cancelllo and consigned by rail as follows:-~~~~(a) One set to the Italian SNE Civitavecchia c/o Major Chapman R.E.~~

See plus 31A.

~~(Note:- The Italian Commandant will sign for the equipment)~~~~(b) 3 sets to~~~~22 Officina Riparazioni Genio
PAVLA.~~

3. The Equipment will be priced and three additional vouchers issued, headed "Issued to the Italian Army" in red ink. These Vouchers will be signed by the appropriate Italian Authority (ie Italian Unit Commander or an official of the Italian War Ministry), the officials name and Unit being clearly printed on the voucher to facilitate accounting. One of these vouchers will then be forwarded to this office for onward transmission to the Financial Adviser, the other two will be retained by M.A.H.

4. This office will contact 10 FLH when the rail period is known to arrange an Italian train guard.

For the Chief Engineer;

3512

14.1.2

10 310

COPY TO: C (SD) GHQ

Financial Adviser GHQ

ESID Cancelllo

10 BLU

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3512

For the Chief Engineer;

C.B. HOUSE,

Major R.E.,

SO II (Ops).

31A
36A

15/10/46

Q3

10/10/46

Subject : Surplus 6pdr A/TK Guns.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
Tel. 478103

Q. 138

17 June 46

TO : Ministry of War.

1. Reference this H.Q. letter SD/109/4 of 6 June 46.
2. Your holdings of 6pdr A/TK Guns are 202 Entitlement is now 102. In addition Qty 6 guns may be retained by you as 12 months maintenance for 102 guns.
3. This allow a retention figure of 108.
4. Please arrange to hand in this surplus 94 guns to MONTECORVINO N°3 Sub Depot of 557 BOD in the near future and report completion to this H.Q.

C.E. KING, Major
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

CEK/lm

Copy : G.H.Q. for G(SD) - (your to SD/81/3D also refers).
: G.H.Q. for Q
: 10 B.L.U.

INTERNAL: : G(SD)
: G(Trg)
: ORD
: REME
: SD/39/2
: SD/109

3511

N/A
Capt Clarke. Do you agree this figure?
and if so please take necessary action
W.T. 20/6
20 JUN 1946

SUBJECT: ~ Staghound Armour Cars.Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.,
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q.137

6 June 1946

TO : War Ministry

Ref your 6/2504/Serv. dated 2 June 1946.

1. It is agreed the total number of "Staghound" to be held as reserve may be raised to 40 leaving the distribution as under :

(a)	CC.RR.	168
(b)	Army	63
(c)	Reserve	40
		<u>271</u>

2. Of the balance to be drawn viz. (b) & (c) total 103, 15 are already held by 10 E.V.P. Naples, having been collected under arrangements 10 B.L.U. from 273 Command Delivery Squadron.

You are requested to arrange for these to be delivered as soon as possible to 6 E.V.P. Bologna.

3. You will be informed when the balance may be collected as soon as details are available. The question of adequate maintenance spare parts and gear oil has been taken up with the Allied HQ.

R.A. Ourties
R.A. Ourties, Lt.col.,
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

Copy to : 10 BLU ref. 3Q 29 May 46
6 BLU

Internal : "G"
ORD
REME

REF 57A

11 JUN 1946

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

Ref: BLU/31

Florence, 3 June 1946

Subject: Transfer of Artillery Equipment to the Italian Army.

To : H.Q. 10 B.L.U.

1. M.M.I.A. letter Q/OS/24 dated 31 May 1946 (in original)
is herewith forwarded to you.
2. M.M.I.A. signal Q/OS/509 dated 1 June '46 to this H.Q., copy
to you also refers.

Hoffman

H.W. HAMILTON
Major,
GSO II.

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Q 3.

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NO P.M.E.

H. W. Hamilton

H. W. HAMILTON
Major,
GSO II.

3509

Q 3

17 JUN 1946

COPY

File 47

SUBJECT :- Transfer of Artillery Equipment,
to the Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.,

M.M.I.A.

ROME

2/OS/24

31 May 1946.

TO : 7 British Liaison Unit

Reference G.H.Q. DOS/7209 dated May 1946.

1. Telephone conversation Major Shorthose (MIL) - Captain Clarke (10 B.L.U.) is hereby confirmed in that Captain Clarke will arrange for 10 Territorial Command to take delivery of 42 Trailers Arty. No.27 and dispatch by rail to Bracciano Station for the School of Artillery.

2. Reference also G.H.Q. DOS/7209 of 29 May 1946.

The following will be collected and dispatched at the same time if possible.

17 pr. Gun	Qty. 4
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Copy for info : Ministry of War

12 B.L.U.

C.O.O. 557 B.O.D.

Internal : G (Tig.)

SD

"Q" - (refers your 2.138 of 30 May 56)

RECE

T.H. SHORTHOSE, Major
for A.D.O.S. Lt.Col.
M.M.I.A.

3508

TO : 7 British Liaison Unit

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2. Reference also G.H.Q. DOS/7209 of 28 May 1946.

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17 pr. Gun Qty. 4

T.H. SHORTHOSE, Major
for A.D.G.S. Lt.Col.
M.M.I.A.

3508

Copy for info : Ministry of War
12 B.L.U.
C.O.O. 557 B.O.D.

Internal : G (Trg.)
SD
"Q" - (refers your C.138 of 30 May 46)
REME

22A

SUBJECT:- Loss of Ammunition and Explosives in Transit.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,

M.M.I.A.,

R O M S

Q.124

29 May 1946

TO : 3 District

Further to Q.124 of 7 May 46.

The following further facts are reported:-

(a) From 3 B.L.U.

(1) Consignment arranged by HQ 2 District for LEGNANO Division.

(11) No escort was detailed by Italian military authorities as no notification was received that the ammunition had been dispatched.

(121) On arrival at BERGAMO all wagon seals were intact although it was apparent that the contents of wagon 311403 had been tampered with. This would indicate the theft took place at the consigning end.

(b) From 10 B.L.U.

It is understood from conversation Captain FIORENTINO Italian Army - Major PECK, CG 16 B.A.D. that:-

(i) The wagons were forwarded by 16 BAD of NOLA, under authority of DADOS CHQ (letter 16/301 of 11/2/46 refers) to 3 BUI for Infantry Division "Legnano" in Bergamo.

(ii) The wagons left Nola on 19/2/46 and travelled through Caserta on 20/2/46, locomotive No. 2407.

(iii) The train was escorted under the responsibility of 16 BAD up to Cancelli because British ammunition was conveyed by the same train to Bari. The O.C. of 16 BAD was informed that the train was escorted up to Rome under the responsibility of the Allied Authorities.

TO : 3 District

Further to Q.124 of 7 May 46.

1. The following further facts are reported:-

- (a) From 3 B.L.U.
- (1) Consignment arranged by HQ 2 District for IMBANO Division.
- (11) No escort was detailed by Italian military authorities as no notification was received that the ammunition had been dispatched.
- (111) On arrival at BERGAMO all waggon loads were intact although it was apparent that the contents of wagon 311403 had been tampered with. This would indicate the theft took place at the consigning end.

(b) From 10 B.L.U.

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Major PECK is said to be carrying out further investigations.

3 B.L.U.,
10 B.L.U.

See 8A
16A

Ala. 12.
R.A. CUMMINGS, Lt. Col.,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

3
Q
JUN 1946

Subject : Releases.

21A
LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
Tel. 478103
Q.138
30 May 1946.

To : Ministry of War.

1. Under ref G.H.Q. DCS/7209 of 23 May 46 the u/m
vehicles have been released on loan to the Italian Army ex 557 B.O.D.

Trailers Arty No. 27 Qty. 42.

2. 10 BLU and 12 BLU will assist you to arrange collection.
Please report completion to this H.Q.


C.E. KING, Major
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

Copy to : 10 BLU
12 BLU

INTERNAL : C(FRL)
OFD
REME

CEI/ps

3 3506
31 MAY 1946

MESSAGE FORM				Register No. 19A
Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions	
ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY				
FROM (A)	Originator		Date - Time of Origin 30/500	
TO			Message Instructions	
(W) For Information (INFO)			GR	
11A				
Originator's No.				
11A				
THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS EXCEPT WHOLETS		IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MES- SAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER		ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY
SIGNED		SIGNED		Time System Op TIME or TOR Time cleared 505

SUBJECT:- Distribution of Motor Cycles.

ORDNANCE OFFICER, 10 B.L.U. 17A

Tel:- 55802

ORD 26

29 MAY 46.

A.D.O.B. HQ, M.H.I.A.

D.A.A. & Q.M.G. 10 B.L.U. —

Reference my ORD 26 dated 13 APR 46.

1. The following Motor Cycles have been issued:-

8 EFFICIENT VEHICLE PARK, ROBE	quantity 24
TERRITORIAL CORN. LEGION, NAPLES	do 4.
2. To date 137 Motor Cycles have been issued.
3. Further issues will be reported.

Hillman
CAPT., RAGO.
ORDNANCE OFFICER, 10 B.L.U.
H.M. CLARKE.

WFO/LJ.

03

350 H

REFER 150 Q - FOLIO 49A16 ASUBJECT :- Loss of ammunitions and
explosive material on travel.Military Territorial HQ
NAPLES
2/2194/2/Serv23 May 4610 BLU
TORRE DEL GRECORef letter 3Q dated 20 May 46. 8A

All informations learned by this HQ regarding the loss of
ammunitions and explosive material on travel were reported in the
Memo handed to Lt GAMBONE, Liaison Officer of 10 BLU.

No further news was received by this HQ.

GC/ea

(Sgd) VITTORIO DONATO, Lt Col,
Vice-Chief General Staff.SEE 7A-22A

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3-Q

20 MAY 1948

REFER 3Q - FOLIO 16A, 49A



COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI NAPOLI

NI/es

UFFICIO.....SERVIZI.....

N. 2/2194/2 Serv. di prot. Napoli 23 maggio 1946

Oggetto: Perdita di munizioni ed esplosivi in viaggio.

AL 10° B. L. U.

TORRE DEL GRECO

Riferimento foglio 3Q del 20 maggio 1946.

Quanto era a conoscenza di questo Comando in merito alla perdita di munizioni ed esplosivi in viaggio venne comunicato con promemoria consegnato al tenente Gambone - ufficiale di collegamento - presso codesto 10° B.L.U.

Nessun altra notizia é pervenuta a questo Comando.-

d'ordine

IL TEN. COL. SOTTOCAPO DI S. M.
- Vittorio Donato -

27 MAY 1946

T/CASATI

SUBJECT: Stagbonds - Collection of
for Scuola Autoblindati ROME.

10 British Liaison Unit
FORSE DEL GRECO
Tel: 55802 NAPLES
30

29 May 46

Land Forces Sub-Commission, AG.,
(MILIA) ROME.

References attached signals from the CC.RR HQ, NAPLES,
I have the following to report :-

1. On the morning of the 24 May 46 I received a telephone message from Lieut LEVINSON, 275 Arm Delivery Sqn., requesting that 15 Stagbonds be collected. At the time I supposed these Stagbonds were for the CC.RR, so passed the information to the CC.RR HQ.
 2. On the same day the CC.RR HQ contacted CC.RR HQ and it was discovered that these Stagbonds were for the Driving School ROME.
 3. The attached messages were despatched but nothing came of them. As the Arm Delivery Sqn is moving I have had the Stagbonds moved to
- 10 PARCO VIOGOLI EFFICIENTI
NAPLES.
4. My arrangements please be made for the collection of these Stagbonds (45 RGT 16 as quoted in the attached signals).
 5. Lieut LEVINSON stated to me that an Italian officer had visited the Coy from ROME and had been instructed to fetch the vehicles at some earlier date. It would appear that the fault of non-collection lies entirely with the Scuola Autoblindati, TOR DI QUINO, ROME.
 6. This BLU cannot accept any responsibility for the condition of the Stagbonds on collection.

Dec 28A

and

FILE 30

15A

Reference attached signals from the CO, RR HQ, NAPLES,
I have the following to report :-

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CAF
MAD/sgn

See 25A
57A

4 Lt Col,
GS.

TRANSLATIONTERRITORIAL LEGION OF THE ROYAL CARABINIERI OF NAPLES
Headquarters

File n. 2842/25-199-2

Naples, 24 May 1946

S I G N A L

TO: H.Q. Scuole Autoblindisti, Tor di Quinto - ROMA.

Allied motor pools of this City have prepared 16
Staghounds for your motor school.

Will you please send immediately specialized
personnel to collect the staghounds, they must be provided
with the necessary tools for their collection.

Colonnello Mauro

3500

2TRANSLATIONTELEGRAM

SCUOLA AUTOBLINDISTI
TORRIDIQUINTO

Naples, 25 May 1946

File n. 2842/25-199-3

Allied motor pools of this City have prepared 16 Staghounds for your school. Will you please send immediately specialized personnel for their collection, they must be provided with the necessary tools. We point out that the Allied H.Q. has informed us that if within 0900 hrs of the 27th the Staghounds will not be collected, they will not be given anymore.

sgd: Colonel MAURO Felice
Commander of Naples CC.RR. Legion.

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SUBJECT :- Equipment - New Issues.

Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C.,
(MILIA) ROME (12th Branch)

CONFIDENTIAL

10 British Liaison Unit,
TORRE DEL GRECO,
Tele : 55802 NAPLES
5 Q.

23 May 46

1. The Ordnance Officer 10 MB has reported as follows:-

2. The following have been released to the Italian Army.
Figure are approximate :-

Rifles	-	25000
Revolvers (etc)	-	9000
Mortars	-	350
LM's	-	6000
Web Equipment	-	40000 sets

3. Estimated dates for collection and issue of arms and equipment :-

(a) Arms

Releases leave HQ for 557 BOD approx	23 May 46
Stores Vouchered and available	27 May 46
Commence Collection	2 Jun 46
Arrive Bulk Breaking Point	9 Jun 46
Break Bulk and leave NAPLES	23-26 Jun 46

(b) Equipment

Releases leave HQ for 557 BOD approx	23 May 46
Stores Vouchered and available	27 May 46

Collection will take until 12 Jun unless Italian Army can guarantee labour and transport to handle.

4. Present Ordnance Personnel cannot carry out both of these collections simultaneously. Unless extra British Personnel are provided this will put back issue of equipment for 1 month.

5. Unless Italian War Ministry provide :-

(a) Transport

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Land Forces Sub-Commission, L.C.,
(MILIA) DOME ('Q' French)

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5. Unless Italian War Ministry provide :-

- (a) Transport
- (b) Plenty of Labour
- (c) Plenty of guards

the above schedule will fall down.

CAF
ATC/ea

Lt Col,
CS

See 19A
AC

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SUBJECT:- Loss of Ammunition and
Explosives in Transit.

10 British Liaison Unit,
TORRE DEL GRECO
Tel: 55802 NAPLES
30
22 MAY 46.

A.D.O.S. HQ, M.M.I.A.

- original copy
- 855-500 - 48A*
1. Enclosed is a translation of a report received from Territorial HQ, NAPLES on above matter, M.M.I.A. letter Q.124 dated 7 MAY 46 refers. *7A*
 2. Will you please forward.

William C. R. R. R.
Lt. Col.
CS.

WNC/SJ.

Enclosure:- Territorial HQ Report.

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TO BRITISH ARMYSON UNIT

SUBJECT: Arms - Transfer of weapons to the Italian Army. *9A*

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (MMTA)

SD/109/2

7 May 46

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. AFHQ release has been received for the following equipment to you on loan. The equipment is for issue to Internal Security Divisions and Inf Regts including Alpini. The equipment should be available in June.
2. 'Q' Branch MMTA will arrange detail direct with your 'Q' Branch:-

<u>Item</u>	<u>Qty</u>
Pistols .38	1,792
Rifles .303	22,312
TMCs	8,792
LMG (Bren)	2,304
2" Mortar	414
3" Mortar	276
PIAT	938
Pistol Signal	1,804
MMG (Vickers)	368
Rifles (Sniper)	322

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ARCS/rr

Copy to: List 'B'

Internal: 'Q'
ORD
SD/13
SD/46

Approved by
W.C.C.
for Major-General, GS
MMTA.

13 MAY 1946

FILE8A

SUBJECT:- Loss of Ammunition and
Explosives in Transit.

10 British Liaison Unit,
TERRE DEL GRACO,
Tel: 55802 NAPLES.
3 Q

20 May 46.

Territorial HQ.,
NAPLES.

1. Enclosed is a translation of a letter sent to 3 District.
2. Will you please inform us by return details of this transaction, if any, that you may hold.

CHP
NWC/agn.

See 16A
22A

William Curt
Lt. Col.
GS.

3495

SUBJECT: Loss of Ammunition and Explosives in Transit.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,
H.M.I.A.,
R O M H

Q.12A

7 May 1946

TO : 3 District

1. It is reported by the War Ministry that on the 6 Mar 46 it was discovered that munitions as listed at Appendix "A" were deficient from a consignment despatched from 16 D.A.D. on or about 19 Feb 46.

2. The War Ministry have been instructed to conduct a full inquiry into the matter which is reported in order that investigation may be made by you as to the circumstances under which ammunition and explosives were despatched without a special escort.

3. Normally on receipt of advice from GHO that ammunition has been released for the Italian Army this H.Q. notifies the War Ministry who are responsible for safe custody and who arrange to take over the consignment at the Issuing Depot.

In this case so far as can be at present ascertained the ammunition was released at the request of 2 District for the LAMHANO Division. No notification was received by the War Ministry who wish to repudiate liability for any charges which may arise in connection with the loss or by HQ MILIA who are the normal channel of communication with the War Ministry.

The most serious aspect is the quantity of sub-machine gun ammunition and explosives which have fallen into wrong hands.

4. The only additional information to date is that the railway wagon number 512405 showed signs of having been tampered with when examined at BERNANO station on the 6 Mar 46.

On that date six wagons including the above arrived unescorted. It is stated the train to which the wagons originally belonged travelled under escort to ROME.

5. The result of the War Ministry enquiry will be communicated as soon as received.

John Hadley Kings

1. It is reported by the War Ministry that on the 6 Mar 45 it was discovered that munitions as listed at Appendix "A" were deficient from a consignment despatched from 15 B.L.D., on or about 13 Feb 45.

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On that date six wagons including the above arrived unescorted. It is stated the train to which the wagons originally belonged travelled under escort to HALL.

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Copy to:-

3 B.L.U.
10 B.L.U.

for investigation with Territorial Command concerned and early report.

Internal: ORO

Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Glenn Bradley Hayes

See 814 22A

See 16A

9 MAY 1945

3 Q

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Appendix "A" to G.I. of 7 May 46.

45 Auto (Thompson rounds)	37,800 rounds
Arsonal 4 Oz GEDAS (explosive powder)	405 lbs
Nobel (gelatine)	220 tubes
Detonators 27 <i>explosive</i>	2,200
" 33 Elec.	600
Fuzeo matches — <i>match for explosive</i>	73 boxes
Fuzeo tube sealing — <i>Tube powder & explosive</i>	12 "
Switches No. 7 Press/pull — <i>Cartridge for explosive</i>	30
Trip Wire 032 — <i>Wire & line</i>	600 yards
Trip Wire 034	300 "
Cable Electric <i>Cartridge</i>	1,320 "

3493

Subject: Cooking

11 British Liaison Unit
Tel. 11393 PALERMO
Q/2

To : Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.)
ROME

30 Mar 46

10 E.L.U. /

1. From observations made during inspections of Italian Army units, the general impression is that their cooking facilities lack versatility and are uneconomical and cumbersome.
2. Their entire system of stoves is based on using wood as fuel. Apart from considering the high cost of wood at present day prices, it is pointed out that wood as a fuel is only satisfactory where a unit has a properly constructed cooking range fitted with good chimney facilities.

However these ranges are seldom found to exist in units smaller than a Regt. where cooking is done on a Regt. level.

Smaller units usually have to improvise, the result of which is generally a crude construction consisting of an open wood fire over which is placed a form of iron grate.

The effect of these improvisations is more often than not, to fill the cookhouse full of smoke causing considerable discomfort to the cooks.

3. It is suggested that an investigation be made with regard to instructing the Italian Army in some of the British methods of improvising cooking facilities especially with regard to the Naptha 'drip' type of cooker.

4. The Italians have been known to state that the 'drip' type of stove is unsuitable to their type of cooking, but it is known from experience that this is not the case.

'Mantova' Division for example were instructed in the use and construction of these stoves and eventually adopted the system themselves and agreed that it was very satisfactory and a great improvement.

Shepherd

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3. It is suggested that an investigation be made with regard to instructing the Italian Army in some of the British methods of improvising cooking facilities especially with regard to the Naptha 'drip' type of cooker.

4. The Italians have been known to state that the 'drip' type of stove is unsuitable to their type of cooking, but it is known from experience that this is not the case.

'Mantova' Division for example were instructed in the use and construction of these stoves and eventually adopted the system themselves and agreed that it was very satisfactory and a great improvement.

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S.E. SHEPHERD,
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Subject:- C.E.M. - Italian Arms and Ammunition.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.)
Q.150

ROME.

5 February, 1946.

To:- 3 BLU, Milan.

Reference your Q/37/17 of 28 Jan 46 and Q/37/15 of 30 Jan 46.

"Reference your AFHQ/5067E/Q(CEM'S) dated 24 Jan 46.

1. The statement that "Supply of Arms and Ammunition now that hostilities have ceased is not considered to constitute maintenance" is not understood. A separate communication is being addressed to your H.Q. seeking clarification on this point. The reorganisation of the Italian Army and CC.RR, and the active steps being taken to give the CC.RR units priority in re-equipment inevitably demand the supply of small arms ammunition.

2. Reserves of certain natures of small arms ammunition are dangerously low and it has been necessary to approve manufacture under authority GHQ ESD/81/3 of the 23 January 46 of the following:

9 mm Pistol	8,000,000
7.65 mm	500,000
10.35 mm	1,400,000
6.35 mm	1,100,000

3. It was understood by the War Ministry and by this H.Q. that arms and ammunition of Italian manufacture located in dumps of C.E.M. in the north of Italy would be released, after identification, to the Italian Army, under the terms of the AFHQ Directive of the 2 October 45. These dumps, however, are under the control of H.Q. 2 District, and pursuant to the policy explained in your letter under reference, 2 District refuse to grant permission for Italian ammunition to be withdrawn by the Italian Army, thus seriously hampering the War Ministry in their task of re-equipping units of the CC.RR and further reducing stocks of available ammunition.

4. In accordance with the last sentence of paragraph 3 of your letter quoted above, the immediate release is requested of the following ammunition to the Italian Army:

Serial No.	Location	Calibre	Quantity.
1	SOLBIATE OLONA	9 mm	8,000 rounds
2	SOLBIATE OLONA	8 mm	500,000 rounds
3	LEON BEAUX Factory Milan	7.65 mm	9,000 rounds

1. The above copy of Q.125 of 5 Feb 46 to AFHQ is forwarded for your information.

2. Every effort is being made to secure for the Italian Army, possession of Italian Arms and ammunition wherever located. Meanwhile, it is necessary to obtain a separate release from GHQ for such items as are allocated and demanded. Demands will be initiated by the BLU concerned at the request of the local Territorial Command, and after confirmation by the War Ministry, will be transmitted by this H.Q. to G.H.Q.

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for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: List "B" - less Serial 3 - for action as in paragraph 2.
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Subject : Policy : Equipment, ITALIAN Army.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC (MMIA)

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To : List 'B'

15 Jan 46

1. For your information, verbal notification has been received from GHQ that it is agreed that the ITALIAN Army, less CCRR, shall be equipped throughout with BRITISH weapons.
2. The necessary weapons, with certain deficiencies, notably in pistols and 2" Mortars, are available in this theatre.
3. Subject to confirmation by Chiefs of Staffs Committee, WASHINGTON, it is hoped that bulk transfer to the ITALIAN Govt may begin by mid FEB.
4. CCRR will be equipped substantially with weapons of ITALIAN pattern.
5. Policy as to vehicles is not yet firm. BRITISH vehs less 5,800 load and passenger carriers are available. Negotiations are in progress between GHQ and MTOUSA.
6. None of this information will at present be passed to the ITALIANS.

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for *AM. J. Smith*
Brigadier GS. 65

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