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COMANDO SCUOLE CENTRALI MILITARI
- Ufficio Addestramento -

n. 01/463/Art. di prot.

Cesano di Roma, 11 2 maggio 1946

OGGETTO: Capi armaioli civili.

AL COMANDO SCUOLA D'ARTIGLIERIA

BRACCIANO

e, per conoscenza:

AL 120 B.L.U.

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Lo Stato Maggiore Regio Esercito ha comunicato che fra qualche giorno affluiranno a Civitavecchia presso la batteria Meccanici ed Operai d'Artiglieria 14 capi armaioli civili per prendere conoscenza delle caratteristiche tecniche delle armi inglesi.

Permanenza presso la batteria: una diecina di giorni.

Pregasi disporre per l'alloggiamento del personale.

Per tale necessità e per aumentare le squadre di addestramento del corso armaioli in atto, si prega voler trasferire alla batteria tre dei capi armaioli segnalati col foglio n. 03/577 del 20/5/1946.

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AL CAPO UFFICIO ADDESTRAMENTO apt.
(Ten. Col. Ugo Sivo)
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AL COMANDO SCUOLA D'ARTIGLIERIA
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(Ten. Col. Ugo Sivo)
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SUBJECT: Rifles for TORRE-del-QUINTO

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12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
For the
Italian Central Military Schools.
(Tel: ROMA 66318/9).

Ref: AQ/5A/1461

27 April 46.

To: Comando
Scuola Centrali Militari

1. A matter of 60 Rifles are urgently required at the Autoblindo School at Torre-del-Quinto, for essential Guard Duties.
2. I notice that at the Scuola Artieri at Civitavecchia there are some 1600 British Service Rifles and I therefore suggest that as a temporary measure you should give instructions for the loan of 60 Rifles for Torre-del-Quinto from the Scuola Artieri.
3. Will you please let me know if this meets with your approval and what action has been taken.

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Comd. 12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools

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SUBJECT: Rifles for Torre del Quinto.

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12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
Italian Central Military Schools.
(Tel: RMEX 56318/9).

Ref: AQ/5A/1460.

27 April 46.

To: Lt.Col. W.L. Madlan,
H.Q.
Land Forces Sub Comd. AG (MHA).

1. During a recent conversation you requested that arrangements be made for the release of 50 or 60 Rifles from Cesano, for the use of the Autoblindo School at Torre-del-Quinto.

2. I have discussed this matter with Major Price, who points out that the Infantry School is more deficient than any other, and at yesterday's visit to the Engineer's School at Civitavecchia I noticed that they have some 1,500 British Service Rifles in store. I suggest, therefore, that as a temporary measure it might be advisable to supply the requirements of the Autoblindo School from the Artillery School. I am therefore writing the Comando Scuole Centrali Militari to this effect.

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Atto

Colonel.
Comd. 12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools

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12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
 For the
 ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
 (Ref: ROMER 66319)

Subject :- Equipment.

To: Commander,
12 British Liaison Unit.

Ref: RA/4/950

16 January 1946.

1. Machine Drives for 25 pr Guns.

The School of Artillery has no 25 pr guns fitted with machine drives. As this is now a standard fitting on modern British Equipments and introduces a few new problems (e.g. in calibration etc) I would recommend that all guns, less guns used for drill purposes only, should be changed or converted as soon as possible.

2. 17 pr Guns.

Of the five 17 pr guns held at the School of Artillery only one is fit for use on the range. Three barrels auto-fractured were put on indent on 11 November 1945 (the fifth gun being straggled in the lecture hall). These guns will be required shortly on the range. A "watermark" is being sent by DADOS.

3. Directors and Artillery Boards.

At the present moment the School of Artillery holds 13 Directors and 17 Artillery Boards. A further 12 Directors and 7 Artillery Boards were asked for through Italian M.O. on 31 October, but I am told (by Major CECILIO) that it is probable that it will be some considerable time yet before the equipment is provided. At the present moment the School of Artillery is forced to work with three men on each Artillery Board and four men on each Director. On the above mentioned indent being met the School of Artillery will be able to work with only two men on an Artillery Board or Director. I consider two men is the maximum number which can be effectively employed in training on an Artillery Board or Director. The present courses are urgently requiring this equipment. 16 Staffs Director No. 17A and 15 Staffs Artillery Board No. 27 have also recently been placed on indent through Italian channels.

4. Dislights.

The School of Artillery has 21 x 25 prs and 14 dislights. Seven more dislights are being placed on indent through Italian channels.

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The School of Artillery has no 25 pr guns fitted with muzzle brakes. As this is now a standard fitting on modern British equipments and introduces a few new problems (e.g. in calibration etc) I would recommend that all guns, less guns used for drill purposes only, should be changed or converted as soon as possible.

2. 17 pr Guns.

Of the five 17 pr guns held at the School of Artillery only one is fit for use on the ranges. Three barrels auto-fretted were put on indent on 11 November 1945 (the fifth gun being strayed in the lecture hall). These guns will be required shortly at the ranges. A "testcase" is being sent by DAOCB.

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4. Malsights.

The School of Artillery has 21 x 25 prs and 14 dislights. Seven more dislights are being placed on indent through Italian channels.

5. Spare Wheels.

None of the vehicles at the School of Artillery have been issued with spare wheels. The "retreads" with which many vehicles are now provided are giving very poor service, the retread material coming away from the original tyre. The School of Artillery has been advised to indent for spare wheels and tyres to avoid vehicles being put "off the road" whilst awaiting replacement tyres.

6. Conclusion.

The recent change-over from British to Italian control of Ordnance stores has caused some ~~serious~~ ^{serious} ~~other~~ ^{other} indents, and as a result the School of Artillery finds itself ^{of necessity} ~~in a~~ ^{giving} inferior instruction, which could be considerably improved by essential equipment being provided immediately.

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7. Recruit Training Centre.

No S.E.R. for the Artillery Recruit Training Centre is as yet available. I would strongly urge that dialsights and stands be included surplus to the normal entitlement for the guns, for training gunlayers.

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Major R.A.,
GSO II R.A.,
12 British Liaison Unit.

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Subject: Plant and Machinery.

104 C.R.E. WORKS
C.M.F.
Tel: 66023-4-5
Ref: CRE/EM/255/3
26 Nov 45

To : 'P' British Liaison and
Training Unit Engr. School.

*Petrol Engine No. CM/B/9039
maintained and to deliver this week
before 8 Dec. 1945*

- 1. It is understood that Petrol Engine No. CM/B/9039 is in use by you. The engine is on charge to this H.Q.
- 2. Will you please complete Part B of the attached CMF Forms 21 and return one copy to this H.Q.
- 3. AB 413 (Log Book) for the engine is enclosed. Please acknowledge receipt.

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C.R.E. 104 WORKS*

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Subject: Firing Platforms.

To: Comdt,
R.A.A.
(152 Regt Artillery "Platoon")
Copy to: H.Q. of R.A.A. & T.U.

Ref: GRA/1/001.

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1. In view of widespread damage which has occurred to the No.9 Firing Platform, the platform is to be strengthened by stiffening pieces. As a temporary measure, to reduce the risk of damage when firing, a strut, manufactured from a fired 25 pr cartridge case will be fitted between the platform and the saddle. Partial removal of the radius on the crossbar may be found necessary in order to fix the strut.
2. The foregoing has been taken verbatim from paragraph 80, page 43 of the 1944 issue of the 25 pr Maint-Manual, of which you should have copies. A detailed drawing explains the method fully.
3. The importance of using this support was stressed by 10 T-6 Teams and demonstrated to many students.
4. I strongly recommend that in order to lengthen the life of the platforms on charge to the Barracks, the following measures should be adopted forthwith.
 - (a) Struts prepared, and carried in the Member of each 25 pr.
 - (b) Nos. 1 and the detachments shown how to use them.
 - (c) During Gun Drill, Drivers be taught how to pull the gun on to its platform without buckling. They must be taught to feel when the gun wheels are against the platform rim, and then accelerate gently for the very small distance necessary to pull the gun forward into its firing position and no further.
 - (d) At Firing Practice, the detachments be taught to run the gun off during a lull in shooting, revolve the platform through 90°, replace the gun and record 5 lines afresh.

The Editor

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Field.

John G. Sullivan

Capt, R.A.A.
Instructor in Gunnery.

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- (d) At Firing Practice, the detachments be taught to run the gun off during a lull in shooting, revolve the platform through 90°, replace the gun and record 3 lines ahead.

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The attached

Robert G. Culbert

Capt, B.S.
Instructor in Gunnery.

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SUBJECT: Rifles.

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'P' BRITISH LIAISON & TRAINING UNIT
R.T.C., I.C.F.

Ref: AQ/5A/1161

9 August 45.

To: D.A.D.O.S.
'P' B.L. & T.U.

Reference your OMB/7/55 of 8 August 45.

The Commander 'P' B.L. & T.U. directs that no action be taken in respect of the reserve of 1,000 rifles. These should be handed over to the Italian authorities when the Receipts Shed is handed over, and until such time as the control of policy passes to the Italian Government the policy now in force should be observed.



Major R.A.
DAA & CEF.

AMCG/ah.

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4212

Subject:- Rifles.

To: DAA & QMG, "F" BL & TU. ✓

For information to:

A.D.O.S., RAAC, Rome.

"F" British Liaison & Training

Unit, RTC, ICF

Ref: ORD/7/55
August 8th 1945.

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1. Latest consolidated Rifle Return for all units of RTC, ICF dated 6th August 1945 states that 5633 rifles are held in this centre (including 82 held by 3 G.T.Coy)
2. In addition there is a reserve of 1000 rifles held in Central Storehouse, Receipts Shed, and not as yet issued to RTC, ICF.
3. As there has been no movement of rifles for some time, and as reinforcements are leaving without rifles, so that the rifle holding of this Centre remains static, may it be ascertained whether the reserve pool of 1000 rifles can now be dispensed with.
4. I feel some anxiety in holding a stock of 1000 rifles as the Ordnance Storehouse Staff has now dwindled to 3 O.R.'s.

KWJ/WES
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AA & QMG	
DAA & QMG	
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M.W. JEFFERY.
Major
A.D.O.S.

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Support 4311
No action *[initials]*

SUBJECT: Misfolded Prisoners.

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'P' BRITISH LIAISON & TRAINING UNIT
R.T.G., I.C.P.

Ref: AQ/5A/1138

5 Aug. 45.

To: Major A.F. Drent, R.A.
Bracciano.

Reference this H.Q. letter AQ/5A/1067 dated 25 July 45 to
R.A.A.C., copy to you.

Rome Area Allied Command advise that an I.C.O. from H.Q.
3 District will examine the prisoners as soon as possible.

REB/ah.

GAH
Capt. R.A.
Staff Capt.

4210

ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
ORDNANCE (BRITISH)

24

Subject:- Misfired Primers.

Ref : 65/400/2
Tel : Rome 66588
Date: 2 Aug. '45.

To :- C.O.,
'P' British Liaison &
Training Unit
R.T.C. I.C.F.

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Reference your AQ/5A/1067 of 25 July '45.

1. The primers will be examined by an I.O.O. from H.Q. 3 District as soon as possible.

AA & QMG
DAA & QMG
SC - S' & - O'
DADST
DADG
DADME
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Schools
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SA
SE
RES 2/8/45

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Copy to:- I.O.O.
HQ 3 District
(With copy of A/G letter).

SA 2833

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addul, Capt.
Lt. Col.
A.D.O.S.

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SUBJECT: Misfired Primers.

7th British Liaison & Training Unit
RTU ICS.

Ref. AC/3A/1067.

25 JUL 45.

To: H.Q.
8th Army Area Allied Command.

Will you please arrange for an I.O.C. to inspect
some misfired primers from 25 per ammunition. These are at present
located at 132 Italian Artillery Depot, Bracciano.

REI/rso

Colonel
Comd. 7th British Liaison & Training Unit
RTU ICS.

Interval.
Major A.P. GRANT. RA. (Bracciano).

File ✓

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO No 794 U.S. ARMY

Q 262/2

TEF/mv

SUBJECT: Handing in of Artillery Equipment

19 Jul 45

TO : "F" British Liaison & Training Unit KIC ICF

See 262/2 201 referred

1. Your AQ/5A/996 dated 15 Jul 45 addressed to MMIA, has been forwarded to this HQ.
2. For your information Q(AE) Admin Instruction No 16 sets out the procedure to be carried out by Units when instructions are received to hand in Artillery Equipment.
3. MMIA have advised that they have not as yet received any instructions for LRTU CESSANO to hand in Artillery Equipment and that AFHQ have intimated that for the present it is not the intention to withdraw British Equipment from Combat Groups etc.
4. All necessary instructions will be passed to you when any Arty Eqpt is ordered to be handed in.

A. Leslie Major
R. H. CAMRASS
Lt-Col
AA & QMG

Copy to: ORD
FICAT

AA & QMG
ASST ADJUTANT
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INTELLIGENCE
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WARRANT OFFICER

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21/3 1945

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~~SECRET~~ REFERENCE

1st BRITISH AIRBORNE & PARACHUTE DIVISION
RAF, W. Germany

Ref: AG/3A/922

4 July 50.

TO: HQ.
~~Head Army Allied Command~~

Copy to: HQ. Land Forces sub Group AG(AGCA)
RAF, W. Germany

My a reply please be received to this HQ.
letter AG/3A/709 dated 9 June 50. last paragraph.

Colonel.
Commander 1st British Airborne
& Parachute Division

AG/3A/922

Internal.

DADG
File.

4206

ject:-Rifles.

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to:-H.Q.,
R.T.C. I.C.F.
Info:-D.A.A. & Q.M.G.
R.T.C. I.C.F.

'F' British Liason & Training
Unit, RTG ICF.

Ref. ORD/7/46.
July 4th 1945.

Reference your return for rifles held in this centre as at 2 July '45. (Under cover your 07/1970/S/Com dtd 2 July).

1. In view of DAA & QMG, 'F' BLU, letter of 10 June '45 will you please explain under what circumstances and for what reasons 11 reinforcements for Combat Groups left 3^o Regimento armed with rifles during the past week.
2. Will you please state also why 2 Rifles were received by Escola Fanteiria "from D.A.D.O.S." --- I have not released any rifles to this unit.

MSJ/vg

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M.S. JEFFERY
Major
D.A.D.O.S.

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SUBJECT: Guns and Small Arms Inspection.*P* British Liaison & Training
Unit R.T.C., I.C.F.

Ref: AQ/5A/854

25 June 45

To: H.Q.
R.T.C., I.C.F.

With reference to conversation General VEHNI/
Colonel MACKAY, herewith please find translation of the
inspection report on Guns and Small Arms in Nos. 1 and 2
Regiments.


Capt. R.A.
Staff Captain.

KFL/ah.

4204

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Subject: Rifles.

To: HQ, RTC, ICF.

For information to:

DAA & CAG, "S" British
Liaison & Training Unit.

"S" British Liaison & Training Unit,

RTC, ICF.

Ref: ORD/7/42

June 22nd 1945.

1. The total number of rifles held throughout RTC, ICF or released and available for collection from Transit Shed is:-

Total held as at 14th June 1945,	4322
(your OT/1799/S/Comm of 19/6/45 refers)	
Release No 318 dated 13th June 1945	17
(not included in above)	
Release No 224 dated 21st June 1945	202
Release No 325 dated 21st June 1945	7
	<u>5048</u>

2. Up to the present 5048 rifles has been the ceiling for holdings within RTC, ICF. I have been released from Rome Area Allied Command a further 500 rifles.

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3. The attached Release Note transfers these 500 rifles to your Transit Shed. Will you please allocate them as you consider necessary.

4. This now makes the total of 5548 rifles in RTC, ICF for the use of recruits under training.

1. The total number of rifles held throughout RTC, ICP or released and available for collection from Transit Shed is:-

Total held as at 14th June 1945, (your OT/1799/S/Comm of 19/6/45 refers)	4322
Release No 318 dated 13th June 1945 (not included in above)	17
Release No 324 dated 21st June 1945	202
Release No 325 dated 21st June 1945	<u>7</u>
	<u>5048</u>

2. Up to the present 5048 rifles has been the ceiling for holdings within RTC, ICP. I have been released from Rome Area Allied Command & further 500 rifles.

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3. The attached Release Note transfers these 500 rifles to your Transit Shed. Will you please allocate them as you consider necessary.

4. This now makes the total of 5548 rifles in RTC, ICP for the use of recruits under training.

MMG/RES

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APPROVED	DATE	BY	REMARKS	226. 1945 No 5A
<i>[Signature]</i>				

H.W. JEFFERY.

Major

D.A.D.O.S.

1945

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INSPECTION ON SMALL ARMS.

SMALL ARMS.	REGT.	CONDITION.	CAUSE.	
1. Rifles.	1 and 2	1. Barrels corroded. 2. Rusty. 3. Belts were placed in the wrong rifles. (N.B. Cause of misfires).	1. Not cleaned and oiled. 2. Not oiled and maintained. 3. Carelessness.	1. Cl de th re th
2. Brons.	1 and 2	1. Dirty. 2. Rusty. 3. Parts of barrels, bipods and other moving parts seized. Great force required to move them.	No maintenance or cleaning and oiling.	Clea stri re-a
3. T.S.M.G.	1 and 2	1. Dirty. 2. Corroding. 3. No attention paid to maintenance.	No maintenance or cleaning.	Clea stri
Mortars 2" x 3"	1 and 2	Fouling in barrels after firing.	Not cleaned after firing.	1. Cl no us 2. Ex of of of an

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INSPECTION ON SMALL ARMS.

NO.	CONDITION.	CAUSE.	REMEDY.	REMARKS.
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Barrels corroded. 2. Rusty. 3. Bolts were placed in the wrong rifles. (N.B. Cause of misfires). 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Not cleaned and oiled. 2. Not oiled and maintained. 3. Carelessness. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clean thoroughly daily and replace the bolt in the rifle marked with the same number. 	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dirty. 2. Rusty. 3. Parts of barrels, bipods and other moving parts seized. Great force required to move them. 	No maintenance or cleaning and oiling.	Clean thoroughly, strip and oil, and re-assemble daily.	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dirty. 2. Corroding. 3. No attention paid to maintenance. 	No maintenance or cleaning.	Clean thoroughly, strip and oil.	

Fouling in barrels after firing.

Not cleaned after firing.

1. Clean and boil mortar barrel after use.
2. Daily cleaning of mortars is very essential with cleaning rods, rags and oil C.70.

INSPECTION ON 6 POUNDS.

4201

Number.		Regt.	Bore.	Breech Mechanism.	Carriage.	Cleanliness.	Car
Carriage.	Barrel						
CA. 9275 \	54680	2		Serviceable.	Serviceable (Hand-spike missing).	Fair. (Well cleaned except for parts out of sight)	Wai nee
6279	L. 28237	2	Service-able.	Serviceable. (Dirty).	Serviceable. (Shoulder pad missing).	Poor.	Poo whi
12337	54542	2	Service-able. Rusty.	Serviceable. (Extractor requires fitting)	Serviceable. (2 Handspikes and shoulder pads missing)	Poor.	Poo
3811	26942	2	--	Unserviceable due to rust.	Shoulder pad broken.	Poor.	Sto
1922	8969	2	Needs Cleaning.	U/S. Rusty and dirty.	---	Poor.	Poo
11404 \	7019	2	Service-able.	Serviceable.	Serviceable.	Poor.	Poo
12377 \	108622	2	"	"	"	"	"
6455 \	1106743	2	"	"	"	"	"
39293	20754	2	"	"	"	"	"
2557	74921	2	"	"	"	"	"
924	6620	2	"	Firing gear stiff. Requires cleaning.	Buffer leaking.	"	"
14836 \	8874	2	"	Serviceable.	Serviceable.	"	"

INSPECTION ON 6 POUNDERS.

4201

Bore.	Breech Mechanism.	Carriage.	Cleanliness.	Care & maintenance.	Remarks.
	Serviceable.	Serviceable (Hand-spike missing).	Fair. (Well cleaned except for parts out of sight)	Fair. Grease nipples need attention.	If damaged, indent for new nipples.
Serviceable.	Serviceable. (Dirty).	Serviceable. (Shoulder pad missing).	Poor.	Poor. (Except bore, which is good).	DP
Serviceable. Rusty.	Serviceable. (Extractor requires fitting)	Serviceable. (2 Handspikes and shoulder pads missing)	Poor.	Poor.	DP
	Unserviceable due to rust.	Shoulder pad broken.	Poor.	Steel parts rusty.	DP
Needs cleaning.	U/S. Rusty and dirty.	---	Poor.	Poor.	DP
Serviceable.	Serviceable.	Serviceable.	Poor.	Poor.	
"	"	"	"	"	
"	"	"	"	"	
"	"	"	"	"	
"	"	"	"	"	
"	Firing gear stiff. Requires cleaning.	Buffer locking.	"	"	DP
"	Serviceable.	Serviceable.	"	"	

INSPECTION ON 6 POUNDERS.

4200

Number Carriage.	Barrel.	ISSUE. by Serial	BORE.	BREECH MECHANISM.	CARRIAGE.	CLEANLINESS	
7379	15508	1	Serviceable	Serviceable.	Serviceable. (Traversing Clamp loose).	Fair.	
12465	2052	1	"	"	Serviceable.	Clean.	
9923	105354	1	"	"	"	Good.	
20782	5861	1	"	"	Serviceable. (Traversing clamp loose. Handspike sockets damaged).	Good.	
6454	12222	1	Not examined (Greased).	"	Serviceable. (Trail legs locking device missing).	Fair.	
49286	123329	1	Not examined (Greased).	"	Serviceable. (Hand spike sockets damaged).	Fair.	
12423	7100	1	Not examined. (Greased).	"	Serviceable.	Fair.	
3858	64	1	Disassembled for Instruction - - - - -				- - - - -

GENERAL REMARKS:-

1. Handspike missing.
2. Handspike sockets damaged.
3. Elevation controls need adjusting.
4. Breech blocks were found open instead of closed. Breech covers are
5. Bore of barrels blocked with grease.
6. Ripples painted over and so making it impossible to use a grease gun.
7. A "Tampion" was found stuck half way down the barrel.
8. Telescope holders missing.

INSPECTION ON 6 POUNDS.

4200

Number Carriage.	Barrel.	Serial by Serial	BORE.	BREECH MECHANISM.	CARRIAGE.	CLEANLINESS	
7379	15508	1	Serviceable	Serviceable.	Serviceable. (Traversing Clamp loose).	Fair.	
12465	2052	1	"	"	Serviceable.	Clean.	
9923	105354	1	"	"	"	Good.	
20702	5861	1	"	"	Serviceable. (Traversing clamp loose. Handspike sockets damaged).	Good.	
6154	12222	1	Not examined. (Greased).	"	Serviceable. (Trail legs locking device missing).	Fair.	
19286	123329	1	Not examined. (Greased).	"	Serviceable. (Hand spike sockets damaged).	Fair.	
12423	7100	1	Not examined. (Greased).	"	Serviceable.	Fair.	
3858	64	1	Dismantled for instruction - - - - -				- - - - -

GENERAL REMARKS:-

1. Handspike missing.
2. Handspike sockets damaged.
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8. Telescope holders missing.

INSPECTION ON 6 POUNDERS.

4200

NOSE.	BREECH MECHANISM.	CARRIAGE.	CLEANLINESS.	CARE & MAINTENANCE.	REMARKS.
Serviceable	Serviceable.	Serviceable. (Traversing Clamp loose).	Fair.	Fair.	
"	"	Serviceable.	Clean.	Fair.	
"	"	"	Good.	Fair.	
"	"	Serviceable. (Traversing clamp loose. Handspike sockets damaged).	Good.	Fair.	
Not examined (Greased).	"	Serviceable. (Trail legs locking device missing).	Fair.	Fair.	DP
Not examined (Greased).	"	Serviceable. (Hand spike sockets damaged).	Fair.	Fair. (Tyres flat).	DP DP
Not examined. (Greased).	"	Serviceable.	Fair.	Fair. (Tyres flat).	
Disassembled for Instruction - - - - -					DP

1. Handspike missing.
2. Handspike sockets damaged.
3. Elevation controls need adjusting.
4. Breech blocks were found open instead of closed. Breech covers are provided.
5. Bore of barrels blocked with grease.
6. Nipples painted over and so making it impossible to use a grease gun.
7. A "Tampion" was found stuck half way down the barrel.
8. Telescope holders missing.

DEFECTS ON SMALL ARMS.

4199

SMALL ARMS.	REF.	CONDITION.	CAUSE.	REMEDY.
1. Rifles.	1 and 2	1. Barrels corroded. 2. Rusty. 3. Bolts were placed in the wrong rifles. (N.B. Cause of misfires).	1. Not cleaned and oiled. 2. Not oiled and maintained. 3. Carelessness.	1. Clean daily the rifle the
2. Brens.	1 and 2	1. Dirty. 2. Rusty. 3. Parts of barrels, bipods and other moving parts seized. Great force required to move them.	No maintenance or cleaning and oiling.	Clean strip and re-assemble
3. T.S.M.G.	1 and 2	1. Dirty. 2. Corroding. 3. No attention paid to maintenance.	No maintenance or cleaning.	Clean strip and

Mortars 2" x 3"	1 and 2	Fouling in barrels after firing.	Not cleaned after firing.	1. Clean mortar use. 2. Daily of movement essential cleaning and oil
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INSPECTION OF SMALL ARMS.

4199

NO.	CONDITION.	CAUSE.	REMEDY.	REMARKS.
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Barrels corroded. 2. Rusty. 3. Bolts were placed in the wrong rifles. (N.B. Cause of misfires). 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Not cleaned and oiled. 2. Not oiled and maintained. 3. Carelessness. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clean thoroughly daily and replace the bolt in the rifle marked with the same number. 	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dirty. 2. Rusty. 3. Parts of barrels, bipods and other moving parts seized. Great force required to move them. 	No maintenance or cleaning and oiling.	Clean thoroughly, strip and oil, and re-assemble daily.	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dirty. 2. Corroding. 3. No attention paid to maintenance. 	No maintenance or cleaning.	Clean thoroughly, strip and oil.	

Fouling in barrels after firing.

Not cleaned after firing.

1. Clean and boil mortar barrel after use.
2. Daily cleaning of mortars is very essential with cleaning rods, rags and oil C.70.

INSPECTION ON 6 POUNDS.

Number. Carriage.	Barrel	Regt.	Core.	Breach Mechanism.	Carriage.	Cleanliness	Case
CA. 9275	54680	2		Serviceable.	Serviceable (Hand-spike missing).	Fair. (Well cleaned except for parts out of sight)	Fair need
6279	L. 28237	2	Serviceable.	Serviceable. (Dirty).	Serviceable. (Shoulder pad missing).	Poor.	Poor while
12337	54542	2	Serviceable. Rusty.	Serviceable. (Extractor requires fitting)	Serviceable. (2 Handspikes and shoulder pads missing)	Poor.	Poor
3811	26942	2	--	Unserviceable due to rust.	Shoulder pad broken.	Poor.	steep
1922	8969	2	Needs Cleaning.	U/S. Rusty and Dirty.	---	Poor.	Poor
11404	7019	2	Serviceable.	Serviceable.	Serviceable.	Poor.	Poor
12377	108622	2	"	"	"	"	"
6455	1106743	2	"	"	"	"	"
39293	20754	2	"	"	"	"	"
2557	74821	2	"	"	"	"	"
924	6620	2	"	Firing gear stiff. Requires cleaning.	Buffer leaking.	"	"
14836	8874	2	"	Serviceable.	Serviceable.	"	"

INSPECTION ON 6 FOUNDRIES.

Bore.	Breech Mechanism.	Carriage.	Cleanliness.	Care & maintenance.	Remarks.
	Serviceable.	Serviceable (Hand-spike missing).	Fair. (Well cleaned except for parts out of sight)	Fair. Grease nipples need attention.	If damaged, indent for new nipples.
Serviceable.	Serviceable. (Dirty).	Serviceable. (Shoulder pad missing).	Poor.	Poor. (Except bore, which is good).	
Serviceable. Rusty.	Serviceable. (Extractor requires fitting)	Serviceable. (2 Handspikes and shoulder pads missing)	Poor.	Poor.	
	Unserviceable due to rust.	Shoulder pad broken.	Poor.	Steel parts rusty.	
Needs cleaning.	U/S. Rusty and dirty.	---	Poor.	Poor.	
Serviceable.	Serviceable.	Serviceable.	Poor.	Poor.	
"	"	"	"	"	
"	"	"	"	"	
"	"	"	"	"	
"	"	"	"	"	
"	Firing gear stiff. Requires cleaning.	Buffer locking.	"	"	
"	Serviceable.	Serviceable.	"	"	

INSPECTION ON 6 POUNDERS.

Number		QTY.	COND.	BREECH MECHANISM.	CARRIAGE.	CLEANLINESS	
Carriage.	Barrel.						
7379 ✓	15508	1	Serviceable	Serviceable.	Serviceable. (Traversing clamp loose).	Fair.	
12465 ✓	2052	1	"	"	Serviceable.	Clean.	
9923 ✓	105354	1	"	"	"	Good.	
20782 ✓	5861	1	"	"	Serviceable. (Traversing clamp loose. Handspike sockets damaged).	Good.	
6454	12222	1	Not examined. (Greased).	"	Serviceable. (Trail legs locking device missing).	Fair.	
49286	123329	1	Not examined. (Greased).	"	Serviceable. (Handspike sockets damaged).	Fair.	
12425	7100	1	Not examined. (Greased).	"	Serviceable.	Fair.	
3858	64	1	Dismantled for instruction - - - - -				

GENERAL REMARKS:-

1. Handspike missing.
2. Handspike sockets damaged.
3. Elevation controls need adjusting.
4. Breech blocks were found open instead of closed. Breech covers are
5. Bore of barrels blocked with grease.
6. nipples painted over and so making it impossible to use a grease gun.
7. A "Tampier" was found stuck half way down the barrel.
8. Telescope holders missing.

INSPECTION ON 6 PORTERS.

BORE.	BREACH MECHANISM.	CARRIAGE.	CLEANLINESS.	CARE & MAINTENANCE.	REMARKS.
Serviceable	Serviceable.	Serviceable. (Traversing Clamp loose).	Fair.	Fair.	
"	"	Serviceable.	Clean.	Fair.	
"	"	"	Good.	Fair.	
"	"	Serviceable. (Traversing clasp loose. Handspike sockets damaged).	Good.	Fair.	
Not examined. (Greased).	"	Serviceable. (Trail legs locking device missing).	Fair.	Fair.	
Not examined. (Greased).	"	Serviceable. (Hand spike sockets damaged).	Fair.	Fair. (Tyres flat).	
Not examined. (Greased).	"	Serviceable.	Fair.	Fair. (Tyres flat).	
Disassembled for Destruction - - - - -					

1. Handspike missing.
2. Handspike sockets damaged.
3. Elevation controls need adjusting.
4. Breech blocks were found open instead of closed. Breech covers are provided.
5. Bore of barrels blocked with grease.
6. Muzzles painted over and so making it impossible to use a grease gun.
7. A "Tampion" was found stuck half way down the barrel.
8. Telescope holders missing.

SUBJECT: Gun and Small Arms Inspections.

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File

'P' B.L.U., IRTG., ICF.

Ref: REME/INSP/1/

14 June 1945.

To: Commander,
'P' B.L.U., IRTG ICF.

1. Please find attached reports, in duplicate, of a recent inspection made by R.E.M.E. S/3gts. on the 6-pounder Training Guns and the small arms in the 1st and 3rd Regiments.
2. No inspection has been conducted with the 3rd Regiment, but I think it will be quite fair to assume that the condition of their weapons will be similar.
3. Immediate steps should be taken to clean all weapons daily, otherwise, I regret to say, they will rapidly become unserviceable.
4. It appears that the weapons are not cleaned immediately after firing. Ten to fifteen minutes set aside in an organised and supervised class after the firing would produce good results.
5. Twelve Armourers, as you are aware, are to be trained at the Mechanics School, commencing Monday, but it is hoped that it isn't the intention of H.Q., RTG ICF to use them to clean rifles, when their main duty will be that of maintenance and reporting to the O.C. of Companies any neglect on the part of individual soldiers misusing or neglecting their weapons.
6. The condition of the 6-pounder Guns as reported in the general remarks, may have been purposely planned for some specific test in the training, and is possibly known to H.Q., RTG ICF.

Internal.
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File.
GSO.II Infantry.
GSO.II Training.

ASST. COM.	
MAJ. GEN.	
COL.	
LT. COL.	
MAJOR.	
CAPT.	
LT.	
PLATOON LEADER.	
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Command - report would you take this to HQ for file see 7AIC after action. MT meeting - he showed to the subject 2004196

Major REME.
D.A.D.M.E.

16/6 1945 5A 1616

RAAC MESSAGE FORM 5611

C A L L	CIRCUIT No. NR	PRIORITY	TRANSMISSION INSTRUCTIONS
		6/11	7

SPACES WITHIN RED LINES FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) ROME AREA	DATE-TIME OF ORIGIN 05/070 B
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TO (FOR ACTION) **F BLU RTO ICP** ✓

TO (FOR INFORMATION) ICIA	MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS
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(REF. No.) **QC** SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: **RESTRICTED**

~~RESTRICTED . REFERENCE YOUR AQ SHANT FIVE SLANT SIX FIVE FOUR OF TWO.~~
~~YOUR STOCK OF RIFLES AT ONE TWO ZERO ZERO HOURS TWO JUNE WAS SEVEN~~
~~SEVEN FOUR . THIS WILL BE INCREASED TO ONE ZERO ZERO ZERO SOONEST.~~
 ALSO AN ADDITIONAL FIVE ZERO ZERO IS AVAILA IN FOR YOU IF DEMANDED

As of 0400
 BLA & CIG *OK*
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LOCAL DISTRIBUTION G-4 IE GHD	PRECEDENCE: PRIORITY	THI OR TOR	OR
	ORIGINATING SECTION: G-4 IE	051016 P	
	A.G. AUTHENTICATION: <i>J. G. Check...</i>	TIME CLEARED	
	ORIGINATOR'S AUTHENTICATION: <i>Richard Case</i>		

ROCE AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO No 754 US Army

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Q 242/2

TEP/lowt
30 May 1945

SUBJECT: Controlled Stores for Italian Units

TO : "F" BLU RTC ICP

1. The attached copy of DMT AFHQ letter received from HQ MIA is forwarded for your information.
2. This HQ signal QG2333 dated 11 May 1945 gave authority to you to demand through usual staff channels rifles for training purposes ex RAAC pool.
3. No demands have yet been received in this connection and it is requested that a programme of requirements is forwarded to this Section as soon as possible to enable arrangements to be made for a weekly ferry service of rifles.

Raman
R.H. CAMRASS
Lt-Col
AA & QMG

Copy to: MIA, Land Forces Sub Commission AC
Ord (Your OS/1000/954/10 of 25 May refers)

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AA & QMG	
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8-6-1945	File 5A.

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DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY TRAINING
AMHQ GSF

SUBJECT: Issue of rifles to RTO

DET/DA/4/MT1

HQ MIA GSF

11 May 45

On a recent visit by an officer of this Directorate to the RTO it was represented by F BLU that they held only 6,000 rifles and were unable to arm each man with his own weapon.

Enquiries have been made as result of which it appears that F BLU have made only insignificant demands for rifles on R.A.A.C. during the past two months.

Had F BLU demanded rifles at the rate of 2,000 per week, as explained to them by an officer from AMHQ Q(AE) the demands would have been met and there would have been ample rifles for everyone.

Will you instruct F BLU to demand rifles from R.A.A.C. till they hold sufficient to arm each man.

(3rd) Brig
DET

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APPENDIX "A" TO ORD 7/28, DATED 16 MAY '45

Schedule of rifles received and issued, RTC ICF.

Preliminary note:

- a. Original LMY allocation of rifles for training purposes: 1048.
- b. During Feb. and early March other rifles were issued to troops only as reinforcements went forward to Combat Groups.
- c. Subsequent to ADOS RAAC letter OE/1000/954/1C dated 6 March '45 a reserve pool of 1000 rifles was formed at RTC ICF to meet requirements of such reinforcements.
- d. Under authority of AE/24/28 RTC ICF received 4000 rifles ex 557 B.O.D. 16 March '45.
- e. Present holding of rifles in RTC ICF is based on Training Allocation of 1048 plus 4000, total 5048 distributed to units, and a reserve pool of 1000 held in Central Storehouse RTC ICF. As reinforcements go forward so an equivalent number of rifles is issued to units affected.

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In reply to ADOS RAAC OE/1000/954/1C dated 16 May '45

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DEMANDS	RECEIPTS
24 March 697	14 March 597
25 March 703	10 April 703
30 April 1000	4 May 500
12 May 700	NIL
18 May 300	
	Total 1800
	OVER/---

3200

B. RECEIPTS and ISSUES since JANUARY 1945.

RECEIPTS.

Jan/Feb. released by AFHQ Q/AE/25/56 for training	1000
15 Feb RAAC for reinforcements	800
21 Feb AFHQ for reinforcements	1200
25/28 Feb RAAC for reinforcements	600
6 March RAAC for reinforcements	110
13 March AFHQ Q/AE/25/77 for training	24
14 March RAAC for RTC ICF Pool	597
16 March AFHQ Q/AE/24/28 , Gen distribn	4000
10 April RAAC for RTC ICF Pool	703
4 May RAAC for RTC ICF Pool	500
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Total	9534
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ISSUES.

Jan/Feb Allocated for training on DET scales	1048
Feb/Mar . To reinforcements for Combat Groups	41208
March. General issue to Regiments & Schools	4000
Mar/ to date. To Regiments for reinforcements	1755
To Garibaldi Regt. (A)	200
Returned to ADOS RAAC u/s	4

15 Feb	RAAC for reinforcements	800
21 Feb	AFHQ for reinforcements	1200
25/28 Feb	RAAC for reinforcements	600
6 March	RAAC for reinforcements	110
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Feb/Mar	To reinforcements for Combat Groups	4125
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Mar/ to date	To Regiments for reinforcements	1755
	To Garibaldi Regt. (A)	200
	Returned to ADOS RAAC u/s	4
	In Workshops	1
	Total	9534

Present Stock, RTC ICF Pool NIL
 Due in ex ADOS RAAC 700

(A) Rifles issued on instruction from Training Staff. To be returned

Appendix 'A' to
'F' HJL REVIEW

Ref HQ/5A/376 Dated 20 Apr 55

WSP/50/A

CONT

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Committed
By: B.L.H. H.C.G. L.C.V.
C. M. F.

For Staff Sergeant Amador has just returned from serving
his tour of the Small Arms at Madison and Fortson, and reports as
follows:

1. Maintenance
All the Small Arms and magazines, as well as repair.
The maintenance of the arms is only fair.

2. Condition
Small Arms in a very bad condition. The faults noted were,
no instructions after persons had been used, loose bolts in
rifles, very often with safety-catches missing, usually
assembled in the wrong way, one of the items was found to be
repaired up but to rust.

3. Inspection
The HJL should be advised of the maintenance of the Small
Arms, and that the Small Arms are located, in HJL and also in
the vicinity of the Small Arms at Madison and Fortson. The
inspecting and care of the weapons. There is no one, as there is no
one in the vicinity of the Small Arms.

4. Recommendation
Arrangements should be made for U.S. Persons to be sent from the
vicinity of the Madison School, as soon as possible for repair.

(Sgt) HJL H.C.G. HENDERSON

Copies to: HQ Madison School
HJL
H.C.G.

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April 20, 1955

Subject:- Small Arms.

REMS/30/1.

Commandant,
'F' B.L.U. R.T.C. G. C. S.
C. M. F.

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Letter to R.T.C.
to send copy to him
to [unclear]

My Staff Sergeant Armourer has just returned from zeroing the sights of the small arms at Manziana and Trevignano, and reports as follows:

1. Manziana.

All the Small Arms need inspecting, as some need repair. The maintenance of the Arms is only fair.

2. Trevignano.

Small Arms are in a very bad condition. The faults noted were, no maintenance after weapons had been used; wrong bolts in rifles; many rifles with safety-catches missing; wrongly assembled Gun Machine Bren, one of the Brens was found to be seized up due to rust.

3.

H.Q. R.T.C. I.C.F. should be advised of the seriousness of neglecting arms, and that while trained armourers are lacking, an N.C.O. and six or seven men should be detailed at each of the above Centres to be responsible for the cleaning and care of the weapons. There is no excuse, as there is sufficient cleaning material at the Centres.

4.

Arrangements should be made for U.S. Weapons to be sent into the Armourers Section of the Mechanics School as soon as possible for repair.

Copies To:
C.G. Mechanics School,
Float,
File.

April 20th. 45.

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C. [unclear]
Major. D.M.S.E.

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