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TO : ATTORNEY GENERAL

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REF: 100-100, 100-100 - 0 of 2 Aug 45 Item 4 (b)

1. Although this fixed weapons has recommended on policy of retaining the status of the Italian army with British weapons in the existing apparent treaty it is not now this policy is accepted by the combined Chiefs of Staff, it is suggested that the Italian requirements in respect of certain weapons be

British weapons

2. Such weapons as are available

3. Such weapons and ammunition

4. The view of the small requirements of the Italian army is in principle unopposed, that maintenance of arms should be stored in Italy in those arms not be obtained from British resources. As, however, this may not be possible in all cases it is suggested that consideration should be given to the possibility of transferring the production of the Italian manufacturing plant themselves such weapons and ammunition as they are unlikely to be able to obtain from allied sources. Before agreeing these investigations, however, it must be certain that the arms in production are not sufficiently serious objections if, after agreement with the Italian authorities, permission was requested for the maintenance of any of these weapons in Italy.

5. The present situation as regards the weapons in question will be discussed separately as follows:-

A - BRITISH WEAPONS

(a) Machine guns

Machine guns were issued with the Italian army in 1941; the Italian army (from the 1st to the 10th) have been given. It is suggested that when the production of these guns is complete, the Italian army should be able to supply the Italian army with machine guns. The Italian army has a great need for machine guns in the country where all these weapons have been put at the Italian factory have been accepted and produced for the Italian army. The Italian army has a great need for machine guns in the country where all these weapons have been put at the Italian factory have been accepted and produced for the Italian army.

(b) Artillery

That the Italian army has a great need for artillery in the country where all these weapons have been put at the Italian factory have been accepted and produced for the Italian army. The Italian army has a great need for artillery in the country where all these weapons have been put at the Italian factory have been accepted and produced for the Italian army.

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the following details shall appear in the 4.5 inch section (0.77 inch). This weapon is cylindrical, being 2 inches long, and has an internal rifled barrel to the 2 inch muzzle. The Italians hold immediate stocks of 4.5 inch weapons to equip the whole army through their munition building in satisfactory for the present.

(11) Remarks

As a result of discussions with the Italian War Ministry, we could see the adoption of the 2 inch or 4.5 inch weapons as the standard small arm for the Italian Army and navy for the immediate future in light of which some of these weapons is selected together with the conventional ammunition, manufacture of other weapons, however, will not be started until or unless it is certain that adequate stocks of 2 inch weapons and ammunition from Italian sources outside Italy are available.

O - 4.5 inch weapons

(12) Remarks

As a result of discussions with the Italian War Ministry, we could see the adoption of the 2 inch or 4.5 inch weapons as the standard small arm for the Italian Army and navy for the immediate future in light of which some of these weapons is selected together with the conventional ammunition, manufacture of other weapons, however, will not be started until or unless it is certain that adequate stocks of 2 inch weapons and ammunition from Italian sources outside Italy are available.

(13) Remarks

That the Italian War Ministry be informed that they can expect no stocks of 4.5 inch weapons from British supplies and that the weapons be in any case, becoming obsolete. The Ministry should also be asked to consider the possibility of design and stockpile production of a suitable weapon in the stock.

I would be glad, therefore, to be informed.

(a) If I am authorized to send the memorandum to the Italian War Ministry on the proposals outlined in the preceding paragraph.

(b) If the Ministry will agree to the submission by the Italian Ministry of any of the weapons and ammunition mentioned above would a request for production to do so be presented from the Italian Ministry as a result of these discussions.

L. Brown
Secretary

10/10/40

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ST: Staff Ann Scales

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

SD/109

2 May 46

TO : List 'E' (less serials 2, 6, 8, 9, 11 & 12)

Herewith for your information and retention Staff Ann Scales
complete with Amendments 1, 2, & 3 (combined)

Staff Ann Scales in Ltr 56

B. J. Livingston
Major-General, USA
MMIA.

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MAIL : REPLY BY

SUBJECT : Signal Equipment for COM

TO : G(AS)

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G(AS) Branch
Com Com

SD/AS/AS

30 Apr 46

Reference G.S.O. Branch letter X 204 of 16 Apr 46
and our SD/AS/AS of 13 Apr 46.

Authority is given for the issue of Signal Equipment,
listed below, to COM. It is requested that this equipment may
be released as soon as possible.

No. 33 Sets	244
No. 19 Sets	105
No. 19 H.P. Sets	145
No. 2 Sets (Com No. 1)	24
Com Sets (No. 2 Com No. 2)	19

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New Com letter 2
AT

Attention is drawn to our Office letter COM/2063 dated
13 Apr 46 (Appr 1st to 1st letter 2063/0 dated 12 Apr 46).

AT

Encl. Capt.
for
See New Com letter 2.

RGS	11/11/46
GSO 1 (SD)	11/11/46
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ORDNANCE DIRECTORATE
G.H.Q. C.M.F.

Tel : Freedom 801
Ref : D09/26/8(4)

Subject : Ammunition for Italian Army.

To : ADOS, MMIA

Copy : G.O.O., 501 B.A.D.

Date : 26 April 46

See 80/109/3 Hko 2

Reference 'phone conversation Lt. Col. Head - Major Ferguson.

1. Attached at Appendix 'A' is an Issue Order showing the breakdown of amm available for transfer to the Italian Army.
2. The tonnage involved is considerably less than the 27,000 tons originally quoted. The discrepancy is largely due to the War Office decision not to issue the Italian Army with 4.2" Mortar, and the non-availability of 2" and 3" Mortar Hk.
3. On the withdrawal of British troops from Italy, considerable quantities of amm of all natures may be available to offset, partially or wholly, present inabilities and requirements for 1947.
4. MMIA and 9 BLU are responsible for notifying 501 B.A.D. of releases within this breakdown, and will obtain rail space. They will arrange guards after the amm is taken over at Depot railhead.
5. 501 B.A.D. are responsible for the loading from Depot to R/H, as indicated by 9 BLU. 501 BAD will also prepare priced vouchers for each consignment.

BGS	X
GSO I (SD)	X
Dep G.H.	
GSO II ()	X
GSO II ()	
GSO III (SD)	
GSO I (RG)	X
G.H. (L)	

MMIA - (G)

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(Sgd) F.L.H. Ferguson Major
for Maj-Gen
D.O.S. G.H.Q.

See 80/109 Cover Hko 2

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ISSUE ORDER

Sheet No 1 Issuing Depot 501 BAD
 No. of Sheets 2 Authy DADOS(Ann) CHQ GMP
 Issue Order No. 501/703
 Date 26 April 46

Consign to HQ NMIA
 for 9 BLU
 (By rail).

QUANTITY

NAMES

40 mm HE 8/12 sec Trac

AP

Fist Sig 1" Illum

Red

Green

Sims Gun Flash No.3

Igniters No.90

.22 Rimfire

.303 S/Belt Mk.7

Qtn

Bdr

Trac

Inc

.45 Auto

.380 Rev

9 mm Para

6 pr APC BC HV

HE

17 pr APC

APC BC HV

25 pr Shell HE

Smoke

AP

Carts Normal

Super

Fuzes 224B

2" Mor Smoke

Red

Green

2" B.T. Smoke Bursting

Emission

3" Mor Smoke Normal

68,549

22,938

57,853

34,012

34,012

7,636

10,500

10,840

10,659,000

19,889,776

5,819,732

2,017,744

1,836,732

6,189,315

224,898

2,946,000

21,060

1,656

7,534

16,334

261,319

26,516

16,056

303,891

29,732

22,906

109,046

6,840

6,786

50,000

34,394

83,934

NATURE	QUANTITY
40 mm HE 8/12 sec Trac	60,549
AP	22,938
Pist sig 1" illum	57,853
Red	34,012
Green	34,012
Sims Gun Flash No.3	7,636
Igniters No.90	10,500
.22 Rimfire	10,540
.303 9/Belt Mk.7	10,559,000
Ctn	19,889,770
Bdr	5,819,732
Trac	2,017,744
Inc	1,836,752
.45 Auto	5,189,315
.380 Rev	224,898
9 mm Para	2,946,000
6 pr APC BC HV	21,060
HE	1,656
17 pr APC	7,534
APC BC HV	10,334
25 pr Shell HE	261,319
Smoke	26,516
AP	16,056
Grts Normal	303,891
Super	29,732
Fuzes 2223	22,906
2" Mox Smoke	109,046
Red	6,840
Green	6,786
2" B.T. Smoke Bursting	50,000
Emission	34,394
3" Mox Smoke Normal	63,934
Greens No.36 Hand Opkte	300,970
No.77 Opkte	30,700
P.I.A.T. HE Fzd 425/426	135,419
Fzcd shot	3,888
clips	194,400
Grts	194,400

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NATURE	QUANTITY
Ammonal Bulk	23,391
Bulk w/charcoal	24,984
Nobels Plastic	85,100
G.O. Slabs	45,864
Primers GO/CH	136,500
Fuze Inst	14,100
Cordtex/Primacord	267,785
Cordtex Plast Cov	292,215
Dets No.27	119,068
No.33 Mleat	39,200
Igniters perc	2,850
Elect	4,895
SP Striking	15,950
Tub Seal	10,270
Cap Seal	50
Matches Fuzes	4,761
Switches No.1 Pull	1,860
No.2 Push	1,390
No.3 Release	1,960
No.7 Elect	1,990
No.8 A.P.	2,050
No.9 'L' Delay	5,730
Batteries for Switches No.7	2,005
Trip Wire .032	15,240
Chges Dem No.1 6lbs	4,786
Points Camouflet	3,630
Tubes "	384
Bangalore Torps	7,565
Cable Elect	30,620
Mines Shrep	6,500

Tons : 9,545

P.L.H. Ferguson Major
for Maj-Gen,
D.O.S. G.H.Q.

Copies : A.D.O.S., H.Q.; M.M.I.A.
A.D.O.S., 3 District
H.Q., 9 B.L.U.

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Subject: Equipment Inf Dive and Regts 4.2" Mortars.

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

/ SD/109

30 Apr 46

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Ref this HQ letter SD/109 of 10 Apr.

Your views on policy decision are requested as soon as possible, in order that this HQ may take provision action if such is required.

ANCS/xx

Internal: 'Q'
SD/39/2

[Signature]
for Major-General,
INDIA.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS

CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES

Tele : Freedom 254

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30 APR 1946

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SUBJECT : Trg Amm for Interim ITALIAN Army

ESD/81/3 B

Land Forces Sub Commission AC, (MFA) ✓

29 Apr 46

COPY TO : 'Q' (ref your 4109/Q.1 of 16 Apr 46)
Ord

Ref our ESD/81/3B of 9 Apr 46.

1. It is regretted that owing to a temporary/acute shortage of 5.5 gun how HE 80lb amm, the 100 rounds cannot be made available at the moment.

This should not interfere in any way with your trg.

2. You will be notified when the 100 rounds can be issued to you.

VMI/hre

M.W.M. MacLeod
M.W.M. MACLEOD,
Major General,
Chief of General Staff.

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Done 30/4/46

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CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES

TELE : Freedom 254

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SUBJECT : Special Trg Issue of HAA & Med Arty
Eqpt for ITALIAN Interim Army

ESD/81/3/A

Land Forces Sub Commission AC, (MMLA) ✓

29 Apr 46

COPY TO : 'Q'
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Ref para 4 of our ESD/81/3 A dated 3 Apr 46.

War Office has authorised issue of these ancillary eqpts
to you in so far as they are available from surpluses.

WMI/hre

M.W.M. MACLEOD,
Major General,
Chief of General Staff.

BGS	
GSO I (SD)	
Dep G III	
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Col. W. Pidsley, DSO, OBE, MC,
Land Forces Sup-Commission A.C.,
M.M.I.A. R O M E,
Q.006/D.O.W.P.

26 April 1946

Dear Inglis,

Ref this morning's 'phone talk, I am sending the attached by quickest means as requested. From it you will see the official means by which we have passed on the C.C.S. decisions to the Italian Government, and subsequently prodded them towards implementing them. It doesn't pretend to give any idea of all the unofficial and conversational efforts we have been making (at all levels) to that end. My General is at present engaged in high level contacts through the Chief Commissioner and all of us here, and in the S.L.U's, are doing the same in our own spheres.

But the basic fact that sticks out is, that neither the Italian Government or nation is really interested in supporting an Army, at the moment, which we have said they should have. Everything in ITALY is political or economic short term policy, designed to see them through the elections and referendum. But when that is past they will expect to turn round and find a ready made reliable Army which, as things are going, just won't happen.

So - whatever this high level united effort might bring forth - do let us keep our feet on the ground and give them what practical and timely aid we can, without waiting for the result of agreements from the other side of the Atlantic.

As you know we want Arms, ammunition, vehicles, tyres and maintenance spares, tools etc. now. You already know what sort and how many.

We await your commands.

Yours truly

WP

Major W. E. Inglis,
G (SD), C.H.O.
C.H.F.

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SUBJECT: Indemnities of Italian Interim Army.

1001 Forces Anti-Commission A.O.,
M.H.I.A.
20 H.A.
3/9.038.
26 April 1946

20 : 384 (200 C(30)).

Reference Minutes of Conference forwarded under your 550/31/3 of 27 Mar 46 and communication (Col. FIDELI/Inj. INCLIN) today 28 Apr 46.

1. The attitude of the Italian Government and agency on the part of the Italian authorities would appear to effect only sub-paragraph (f), (g) and (h) of para 13 of the Minutes.

2. The direct transfer of equipment is strongly urged in view of the attitude revealed in the appended communication which is summarized below:

(a) Appendix "A". Letter from Chief Commissioner, to the Prime Minister, dated 15 Feb 46. No reply yet received. Outstanding action taken verbally and in writing (not appended). Executive Commissioner is pressing the Italian Government for a written reply.

(b) Appendix "B". Letter from War Ministry to Council of Ministers dated 9 Mar 46. Note reply at Appendix "C" comes from the offices of A.R.A. The War Ministry wrote again on the 25 April 46, Appendix "D", this time to A.R.A. with a copy to the Council of Ministers.

The gist of this correspondence is that the War Ministry will obtain nothing from A.R.A. unless treasury approval is first obtained and further that A.R.A. refuse to "freeze" material commandeered by the War Ministry of value to them pending a treasury decision.

3. The reference made in para 1 of Appendix "E" to "free recovery" is not clear. The War Ministry have been informed that all material which may be transferred direct is to be regarded as "on loan" from the Allies pending final adjustment. This will again be made clear to them.

4. It is emphasized that unless direct release is arranged by the Combined Chiefs that the substantial military requirements in U.K., tyres etc. will suffer to the advantage of other Government Departments and civilian agencies.

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TO : CEM (for C(50)).

Reference Minutes of Conference forwarded under your 200/21/3 of 27 Mar 46 and conversation (Col. FIMIN/Maj. TUNIS) today 26 Apr 46.

The attitude of the Italian Government and especially on the part of the Italian authorities would appear to effect only subterfuges (S), (G) and (A) of para 28 of the Minutes.

The direct transfer of equipment is strongly urged in view of the attitude revealed in the appended correspondence which is summarized below:

(a) Appendix "A". Letter from Chief Commissioner, to the Prime Minister, dated 16 Feb 46. No reply yet received. Outstanding action taken verbally and in writing (see Appendix "A"). Executive Commissioner is pressing the Italian Government for a written reply.

(b) Appendix "C". Letter from War Ministry to Council of Ministers dated 9 Mar 46. Note reply at Appendix "B" comes from the offices of A.R.A.S. The War Ministry wrote again on the 23 April 46, Appendix "B", this time to A.R.A.S. with a copy to the Council of Ministers.

The gist of this correspondence is that the War Ministry will obtain nothing from A.R.A.S. unless treasury approval is first obtained and further that A.R.A.S. refuse to "freeze" material authorized by the War Ministry of value to them pending a treasury decision.

The reference made in para 1 of Appendix "B" to "free recovery" is not clear. The War Ministry have been informed that all material which may be transferred direct is to be regarded as "on loan" from the Allies pending final adjustment. This will again be made clear to them.

It is emphasized that unless direct release is approved by the Combined Chiefs the essential military requirements in E.F., Greece etc. will suffer to the advantage of other Government Departments and civilian agencies.

Major General,
M.A.L.A.

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April 26/46

W.P.

Major General,
M.A.L.A.

Appendix "A" to
R.O. of 26 April 46.

16 February 1946

REF. 934/23/30.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

You must be as concerned as I am in regard to the provision of equipment for your New Italian Army, and you are, no doubt, equally anxious about the very serious deficiency at present existing in arms, ammunition, vehicles and spare parts.

As you know, it has been decided as an interim policy that much of this equipment must come from captured enemy stocks and from Allied military surpluses which are handed over to the Italian Government and distributed mainly through the Agency of A.R.A.S.

The duty of ensuring that the Italian Army is properly equipped, as well as the responsibility for allocating material in the hands of A.R.A.S. and of the other government agencies or ministries, lies with your Government. Unfortunately, you have very serious difficulties with which to compete. There are bound to be conflicting interests which may act against the best interests of the Army. For instance, cases have been brought to my notice of motor vehicles and spare parts suitable for, and badly needed by, the Carabinieri, being allotted elsewhere.

In order to give the War Minister a fair opportunity of obtaining the equipment he requires, it would appear necessary that he should have a greater knowledge of the equipment available and the opportunity of acquiring priority for its allocation to the Army. I suggest that this must be done by including in the A.R.A.S. organization a small nucleus of qualified Army officers who could inspect material as it becomes available, advise the War Minister of that which is suitable for his requirements and ensure allocation to the Army where necessary. I would ask you to consider seriously this suggestion at once, particularly as, if there is any case of doubt, the War Minister could obtain an Allied opinion from the Land Forces Sub-Commission (which at any moment, you might, of course, wish to consider similar representation of the Minister for Air and Marine, either as a joint effort, or separately.

As a further help to the War Minister I am instructing the Commander of the Land Forces Sub-Commission to arrange for the maintenance of permanent liaison with the Allied German Disposal Agencies by means of suitable Italian officers who would thereby obtain early information of material to be released and advise the War Ministry accordingly.

You will agree, I know, that it is essential that confidence in the interim Italy may be established both in Italy and among the United Nations. This can only be done if the needs of the Army are appreciated and provided by the Italian Government. The proposals outlined above would go a long way to ensure this.

Very truly yours,

Signed W.S. LUSH
Acting Chief Brigadier

Copy to: Chief Commissioner
Land Forces S/C (RSL)
Army S/C. Air Forces S/C

Comm. Sec. (for Cdr Branch)

Appendix "B" to S.O. of 26 April.

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SUBJECT: Maintenance Italian Army - Allied Surplus Materials.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.

M.M.I.A.

R.O.H.B.

Q.006

5 April 1946

TO : A.C. (for Executive Commission).

Reference your 9006/235/EC of 2 Mar 46.

1. It is understood no reply has yet been received to your 9006/235/EC of 16 Feb 46 to the Prime Minister.
2. The attached copy of a letter addressed to the War Ministry by A.R.A.E. is forwarded for your information.
3. The situation remains unsatisfactory.
4. Meanwhile G.H. have been requested to approve direct transfer of Allied Military Surplus stores, see this Sub-Commission letter Q.006 of 2 April 46, copy attached.

Signed: F. FIDELITY, Colonel,
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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Appendix "C" 3 30.05L of 26 Apr 45. 93D

TRANSMISSION

FROM : Ministry of War

Ref: 206548

TO : Presidency of the Council of Ministers
M.M.Y.A. for info.

Date: 9.3.45

SUBJECT : Assignment to the Armed Forces of War residual materials.

1) Ever since the Allies manifested intentions of ceding to the Italian Government the depots of materials found by them in Italy, this Ministry has been concerned with gaining possession of those usable for Army purposes, which must be split as follows:

- The materials formerly of military ownership which, according to A.F.H.Q. instructions issued during the war period, must be freely returned to the Army (H.Q., A.C.C. letter R.C. - M.M.C. Section, A.P.O. 394, of 10.8.1944 and admin. instructions No. 30 copy enclosed);
- The materials not originally of the military administration which it would suit the Army to purchase.

2) Taking into consideration the regulations which control the functioning of the A.R.A.R. and given that the Military Territorial Commands are taking care of the guard duties on all the materials ceded by the Allies, instructions have been given (in circulars 23585/11 of 20.11.45, and 202600/11 of 4th Feb last, copy enclosed) that the Military Territorial Commands in agreement with the local representatives of the A.R.A.R., make arrangements as soon as possible to examine all the stores held in the depots and immediately afterwards:

- withdraw the stores formerly of War administration ownership and recognised as such, without dispute, by the local A.R.A.R. representatives;
- propose the purchase of stores not of military ownership which are considered useful.

The Directorate Generals have direct contact with the A.R.A.R. both for settling controversies which arise regarding the military ownership of some of stores and for establishing prices and methods of handing over in respect of the stores the purchase of which is recommended by the Military Territorial Commands.

3) Therefore an organization already exists which, in agreement with the A.R.A.R., guarantees this Ministry being timely informed of stores ceded by the Allies. Officers of the Military Territorial Commands, specialised in each type of stores, examine the said stores and are in a position to prove their belonging to the Military Administration or to recognise their utility. Other officers of the individual Directorate Generals are particularly competent to settle eventual controversies between Directorate of A.R.A.R. and the Ministry of War and deal with the purchase of utilisable stores.

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I consider therefore that the assignment of one or more officers to the A.R.A.R. can not be of any appreciable advantage.

4) On the other hand, a measure which I would consider as essential to permit of the Army making speedy use of military stores, is that of obtaining from the Allies Authorities that the materials formerly belonging to this administration be handed over, on the basis of the A.P.H.Q. instructions, direct to the representatives of the Ministry of War before the depots are handed over to the A.R.A.R.

5) This fundamental measure would have to be integrated by some contemporaneous instruction designed to perfect the organization shown in para.2. More specifically, it would be necessary for the provincial offices of the A.R.A.R., immediately upon being handed over a depot by the Allies, to show a list of the stores to the Military Territorial Command controlling the area and, subsequently, forward this list to the A.R.A.R. Directorate General showing quite clearly the stores requested by the Military Command for purchase, or, eventually, because they have been identified as belonging to the Military Administration. Naturally, such stores would have to be held at the disposal of this Ministry.

6) Finally, I think that the presence of an Italian officer at the Office of the Chief Disposal Officer may be of advantage. In order that he may inform this Ministry, or the Military Territorial Commands concerned direct, of stores on the point of being ceded.

This would avoid the inconvenience sometimes noted, of the Military Territorial Commands being informed of the cession of the stores-depots after the Allied guard personnel have been removed, i.e., after the ~~ALLIED GUARD PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN REMOVED~~, said stores have been subject to removals and degradations.

I have already given instructions to this effect on the direct request of the M.H.I.A.

Sgt. RICARD
War Minister.

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 Arrangements by to 30/04/48 of 26 Apr 48

TRANSLATION

FROM A.P.A.B.

Ref: APAR/15/8307/30g

TO Ministry of War
 and to MIA (for info)

Date: 29/3/46

SUBJECT: Assignment of War surplus to the Armed Forces

With reference to letter 208,53 of the 9 ult, this Establishment considers it necessary to point out as follows:-

(a) We agree with the proposal made in para 2, i.e. that the Military Commands will arrange for the withdrawal of materials formerly belonging to the War Administration, which are recognised as such without any dispute by the local representatives of the A.P.A.B., and will signal to the various Directorates General of War Ministry information regarding the material of which it is not possible to affirm without dispute, military ownership.

(b) The proposal advanced in para 4 does not seem advisable to this Establishment since direct action on the part of the Allied Command to representatives of War Ministry before the Depots are handed over to the A.P.A.B. would have the disadvantage of making the Allies deal with two departments instead of only one and would definitely cause a delay in the handing over of the Depots to the A.P.A.B.

(c) We have no comments to make on the proposal put forward in para 5, i.e. that the provincial Departments of the APAR, as soon as a Depot has been handed over to them by the Allies will send a list of materials contained therein to the local Military Territorial Command and subsequently arrange to forward this list to the Directorate General of the APAR, pointing out explicitly the materials asked for by the Military Command for purchase or because identified as belonging to the Military Administration.

(d) It does not appear advisable to this Establishment to hold "freezes" (as proposed in the last part of para 6) the materials the purchase of which has been requested by War Ministry. In fact, to keep such materials frozen in the Depots would mean a delay in the normal development of the operations which this Establishment must carry out, and consequently delay the introduction of the material which could be of the greatest use in National reconstruction.

The difficulty would then be increased not appreciably if we had to submit this procedure to all other Administrations of the State which have to take part in the reconstruction of the country. This Establishment, therefore, would not freeze the materials which it is asked to purchase and therefore all the relative negotiations would have to be dealt with urgently so that the necessary decisions could be taken before the said materials were sold to the public. Naturally this Establishment will arrange to give the maximum collaboration to the representatives of War Ministry in order that the material of the

(a) To agree with the proposal made in para 2, i.e. that the Military Commands will arrange for the withdrawal of materials formerly belonging to the War Administration, which are recognized as such without any dispute by the local representatives of the ARAC, and will signal to the various Directorates General of Your Ministry information regarding the material of which it is not possible to dispose without dispute, military ownership.

(b) The proposal advanced in para 4 does not seem advisable to this Establishment since direct action on the part of the Allied Command to representatives of Your Ministry before the Depots are handed over to the A.R.A.R. would have the disadvantage of making the Allies deal with two departments instead of only one and would definitely cause a delay in the handing over of the Depots to the A.R.A.R.

(c) We have no comments to make on the proposal put forward in para 5, i.e. that the provincial Departments of the ARAC, as soon as a Depot has been handed over to them by the Allies will send a list of materials contained therein to the local Military Territorial Command and subsequently arrange to forward this list to the Directorate General of the ARAC, pointing out explicitly the materials asked for by the Military Command for purchase or because identified as belonging to the Military Administration.

(d) It does not appear advisable to this Establishment to hold "frozen" (as proposed in the last part of para 6) the materials the purchase of which has been requested by Your Ministry. In fact, to keep such materials frozen in the Depots would mean a delay in the normal development of the operations which this Establishment must carry out, and consequently delay the introduction of the surplus of materials which could be of the greatest use in national reconstruction.

The difficulty would then be increased most appreciably if we had to extend this procedure to all other Administrations of the State. This would mean that this Establishment would not freeze the materials which it is desired to purchase and therefore all the relative negotiations would have to be dealt with urgently so that the necessary decisions could be taken before the said materials were sold to the public. Initially this Establishment would arrange to give the maximum collaboration to the representatives of Your Ministry in order that the requirements of the Military Administration may be satisfied.

S. D. SOLARI,
Director General.

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TRANSLATION

Appendix "E" to 30.094
of 26 April 1946

MINISTRY OF WAR

Subject.- Assignment to the P.F.A. of warlike salvage.-

TO : Directors Generale A.E.A.R.

copy to : Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri
Esercito Sub Commission AG. (1921A)

ref. your letter 1/3/307/202. d. 29th.ult.

1 I deem it right that the realization of the proposition made by this Ministry with his letter of 9th.ult. sub.no.205450, para 4, namely "the obtaining from the Allied Authorities of military materials should be a direct transfer to the military authorities before the stocks are handed over to the ARAF", does not represent any inconvenience.

It is therefore, above all, necessary for the selection of V.D. materials to take place in order to avoid the withdrawal and payment by the ARAF of materials for which the Supreme Allied Authorities have already granted the free recovery.

2 If it is wished for the Army to have any profit by purchasing material from this Institute, it is necessary to block the materials requested by the Military Territorial R's, awaiting the approval of the purchase. Otherwise, being in competition with private and civilian firms which have the privilege of deciding immediately the purchases, this Department would have only the materials not required by other agencies. The result of slight delay will not bring serious disadvantages.

However, instructions will be given so that decisions concerning the purchases may be taken with the shortest delay.

signed The Minister

SUBJECT: Italian Interim Army - Signal Controlled Stores.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
X511/8.
29 April 46.

TO: 'G' (SD), MMIA (2 copies)
of Appendix.

1. A list of requirements of Signal Controlled stores for the whole of the Italian Interim Army is given at Appendix "A".
2. A close approximation to this list has already been approved by 'G' (SD), GHQ, CMEF, with the exception that frames, testing, 40 pr., superposing units, and fullerphones were omitted from the first provisional list.

W.A.T. Morecombe, Major.

W.A.T. MORECOMBE, Major,
S.O.R. Signals,
M.M.I.A.

MMIA - 'G'	
FILE:	DO/109
DATE:	R/29/4.
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GSD (sig)	

APPENDIX 'A'

	Italian Infantry Divisional Signals											Inf Bn.	Hy. Mortar Coy.	Fd. Regt.	A/Tk Regt.	L.A.A. Regt.	Recoe Bn.	T It
	Wireless Sec.	Cable Sec.	Tele Sec.	Tech Maint Sec.	C.R.A. Sec.	Fd. Regt Sec.	A/Tk. Det.	Lt. A.A. Det.	Inf. Regt. Sec.	Recoe Sec.	R.E. Sec.							
Number in Army	8	8	8	8	5	10	5	5	26	5	8	78	26	10	5	5	5	
Wireless Sets No. 38	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1716	-	60	60	-	75	
Wireless Sets No. 48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1092	-	-	-	-	75	
Wireless Sets No. 19	80	-	-	-	15	50	5	5	234	10	8	-	182	210	55	35	265	
Wireless Sets No. 19 (HP)	24	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	52	5	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Wireless Sets No. 9	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Wireless Rec. R107	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Switchboards																		
F & F 40-line	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Frames, Testing, 40 pr.	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Switchboards																		
10-line U.C.	8	-	-	-	10	20	-	-	78	-	-	156	-	60	10	25	5	
Superposing Units																		
1 transformer	-	-	64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Superposing Units																		
3 transformer	-	-	-	-	5	10	-	-	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Fullerphones	-	-	64	-	10	10	-	-	78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Telephones D Mk V	64	-	-	-	35	80	-	-	312	-	-	1560	260	450	125	125	40	
Telephones 'L'	-	32	-	-	10	30	-	-	78	-	-	312	-	180	-	-	-	
Telephones 'F'	-	-	400	-	-	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Cable D8 Miles	-	480	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Cable D3 Miles	16	-	-	-	100	200	-	-	520	-	-	1560	260	600	25	50	25	
Charging Sets 6 kw.	-	-	-	8	-	10	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Charging Sets 1260w.	-	-	-	16	5	30	5	5	52	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Charging Sets 300w.	80	-	-	-	15	30	5	5	208	15	24	-	-	210	55	35	265	

Wireless Sets No. 19 to be fitted in Armoured Cars

Div. Sigs Wireless Sections

16

Div. Sigs C.R.A. Sections

5

Recoe Bns.

55

Total

76

APPENDIX 'A'

Gian Infantry Divisional Signals

Tele Sec.	Tech Maint Sec.	C.R.A. Sec.	Fd. Regt Sec.	A/Tk. Det.	Lt. A.A. Det.	Inf. Regt. Sec.	Recoe Sec.	R.E. Sec.	Inf Bn.	Hy. Mortar Coy.	Fd. Regt.	A/Tk Regt.	L.A.A. Regt.	Recoe Bn.	Total Italian Army	Estimate Held	Estimate Required.
8	8	5	10	5	5	26	5	8	78	26	10	5	5	5	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1716	-	60	60	-	75	1911	-	1911
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1092	-	-	-	-	75	-	600	567
-	-	15	50	5	5	234	10	8	-	182	210	55	35	265	1154	100	1054
-	-	5	-	-	-	52	5	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	94	10	84
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32	10	22
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32	25	7
16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	11
16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	46	-	16
-	-	10	20	-	-	78	-	-	156	-	60	10	25	5	372	180	192
64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	64	-	64
-	-	5	10	-	-	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	41	-	41
64	-	10	10	-	-	78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	162	-	162
-	-	35	80	-	-	312	-	-	1560	260	450	125	125	40	3051	1250	1801
-	-	10	30	-	-	78	-	-	312	-	180	-	-	-	642	-	642
00	-	-	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	440	150	290
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Expendable	480
-	-	100	200	-	-	520	-	-	1560	260	600	25	50	25	3340	Expendable	3340
-	8	-	10	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	20	3
-	16	5	30	5	5	52	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	113	50	63
-	-	15	30	5	5	208	15	24	-	-	210	55	35	265	947	350	597

Hitted in Armoured Cars

Div. Sigs Wireless Sections
 Div. Sigs C.R.A. Sections
 Recoe Bns.

16
 5
 55
 76

Total

REC'D 20 APR 1946

USCIB.

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

8159/0.

19 Apr 46

Subject: Training Equipment -
Italian Infantry Army.

Ord Directorate.

Reference GSO letter X 206 of 16 Apr 46.

1. Further to this Branch letter 8159/0 of 18 Apr 46, please add a further qty 50 No. 48 Sets to equipment as detailed in para 2(b) of above mentioned letter.

33/111.

J.J. HARRISON, Major,
For Distribution, USIB.

Copy to: G(ED).
MIA.

copy to RE

MMIA-C

FILE: 8159/0

DATE: 21/4

Col GS	1	11/11/46
GSO I (SD)	2	11/11/46
GSO II (I)	1	11/11/46
GSO I (Fig)	1	11/11/46

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THIS HQ: MESSAGE 254.

SUBJECT: Signal Equipment for the Italian Army.

URGENT

G(21)

230/61/5H.

" "

Ord 2/43.

Copy to:

Sigs.

Land Forces Sub Commission 48 (2012)

SIA

SLS

19 Apr 46.

Reference GSO Branch letter X.206 of 16 Apr.

1.

Please send our 230/61/5A of 9 Apr as follows:-

REMI now Serial 1353

Wireless Station No. 48 complete - 50.

2.

No other action should be taken on GSO Branch letter pending further instructions.

Col GS	
GSO I (SD)	
Dep G1	
GSO II (D)	
G' II (I)	
GSO I (reg)	

SLS/ML.

J. D'A. 10000000
MM(20).

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FILE: 230/61/5A

DATE: 23/4

See 7-10-46
See new line 7-10-46

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C.H.Q. J.C.P. SS

SUBJECT: Trg Ept for Italian
Interim Army

8159/46

18 Apr 46

CRD

1. Please issue on loan all items shown in Appx 'B' only to G(SD) letter reference HSD/81/34 dated 9 Apr 46.
2. The conditions will be the same as stated in para 2 our GHQ/8159/46(AZ) dated 12 Feb 46.
3. Please treat this matter as urgent as the equipment is required for training.

G Branch

Richardson, D. L.
M.L. RICHARDSON, Capt.,
for Brigadier,
K.C.

RMW/vml.

Copy to: G(SD) LEGALS - PROUDFOOT spoke 174.
MIA

MMIA - 'C'
FILE: 8159/09
DATE: 2/19/46

Col GS	<i>[initials]</i>
GSO I (SD)	<i>[initials]</i>
Dep G3	<i>[initials]</i>
GSO II (SD)	<i>[initials]</i>
GSO III (SD)	<i>[initials]</i>
GSO I (SD)	<i>[initials]</i>

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

SUBJECT: Eqpt for Italian Interim Army

8159/4.

18 Apr 46

CRD

See file 82

NT

Reference signal G(SD) to War Office 035788 dated 26 Mar
and War Office reply 15853 (GS) (A)1 dated 16 Apr.

1. Will you please arrange issue of these items on repayment direct to the Italian Army.
2. MMIA to arrange collection and delivery.

NT

Richard H. Decker

R.H. DECKER, Capt.,
for Brigadier,
DAG.

RER/vml.

Copy to: G(SD)
RA
MMIA

MMIA - 'G'

FILE: 850/109

DATE: 2/19/46

G(SD)	XXXX
GSO I (SD)	XXXX
Dep G	
GSO II (SD)	XXXX
GSO II (I)	
GSO I (I)	

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Bes.

in Ref. folio 84.

to Col. Olivetti SURE

Called 24 April and

stated that on information now available at SURE all weapons that had been released

have now been received.

There are no deficiencies

No Reply is required to folio 84.

William J. [unclear]

Col. GS	
1 (10)	
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MMIA - 'G'

FILE: SD/109

DATE: R/15/4.

FROM: M. of
TO : MMIA (ref. letter SD/109 dated 29/3/46)

REF: 4/850/Serv
DATE: 7/4/46

Subject: Weapons for "Legnano" Division.

- W/pt direct stated 23/4
that a letter into the
weapons received do now correspond
to entitlement, and
no reply is ready for
this letter.*
- 1 - We have noted the policy which your Mission informs us that it has followed in respect of the allocation of weapons to the two new Battalions destined for the "Legnano" Division.
 - 2 - As far as 2" Mortars are concerned, eventhough bearing in mind your statement that each of the two battalions must be equipped with 9, we beg you to bear in mind that not only are the two Battalions of the Legnano Division without mortars, but also the C.A.R.s, for which 528 mortars were requested. With letter Q/003 dated 8/2/46, 159 were said to have been issued, and, in fact, 156 have been received.
 - 3 - Finally, as regards the other weapons, we beg you to bear in mind that, while figures shown in column (3) of app A of letter Q/003 dated 8/2 are according to W/Es proposed by you on 21/2 with letter SD/39/2, quantities of the following weapons which were issued on 18th March by 557 BOD do not correspond with said figures.
In fact:

Weapons	Column 3 of app A of lett. Q/003	Weapons issued	Deficiencies
- Pistols 0,38	64	62	-2
- Thompson automatic carbines	328	284 (1)	-48
- "3 Mortars	12	8	-4
- Signalling pistols	78	12	-66
- Rifles for snipers	14	8	-6

(1) Sten carbines in lieu of Thompson.

- 4 - In view of the fact that deficiencies shown in paras 2 and 3 above do not permit us to carry out a proper cycle of training, we beg you to kindly approach the authorities concerned so that these deficiencies may be made good with least possible delay.

sgd. Meloni Col.

SUBJECT: Disposal to ITALIAN Govt of ALLIED Surpluses

LAND FORCES SUB COMM AD (MIA)

SD/109

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APR 46

TO : ALLIED FORCES SURPLUSES

Ref LND/81/3 dated 27 Mar 46 para 13 (L).

1. The following resume of remarks recently made by Avv BRASIO, Minister for War is forwarded for your information. It is considered that the ITALIANS have very reasonable grounds for complaint if they are to be obliged to take over unserviceable equipment:-

"Of 151 Jeeps delivered to E.V.P. ROMB by A.R.A.R. for urgent use to GO.RR only 30 were runners. Even these lacked tools and spare tyres; had flat batteries, and had had no maintenance. Deploable as it was that the Jeeps should have been made available to the GO.RR in this way, the occurrence did at least serve to draw attention to the state of the vehs being passed to the Army by A.R.A.R. The moral of all this, was that unless ALLIED vehs were in good shape and with adequate supply of spares it would NOT be in the interests of the ITALIAN Army to negotiate or accept further deliveries. This particularly with ref to the redundant types about to be discarded by GHI. They were prepared to sponsor the delivery of further ALLIED vehs to the Army, but it must be a sound proposition".

2. Feeling in the ITALIAN Ministry of War is both unanimous and high on this subject.

ARC3/611

Internal

Q
C(TFG)
RMM
CC.MR

W. P. D. L. G.
Colonel
Major-General,
MIA.

(absent on duty)

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CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES RECEIVED 11 APR 1946

Tele : Freedom 254

SUBJECT : Special Trg Eght for ITALIAN Interim Army

TO : 2(AE)
G.1COPY TO : Land Forces Sub Commission AG, MILA
RA
OHD (3 copies)

G(ED)

ESD/81/3 B

9 Apr 46

Reference ESD/81/3 B of 4 Mar para 5.

MED ARMY eqpt is authorised for issue as follows :-

Eqpt

Guns, O.B.L. 5.5" complete with Troop and Section Stores and Maintenance for one year.

Qty

5

Vehs

Tractors, A.I.C. 4 x 4 complete with maintenance equipment for one year.

4

Arms

5.5" Shell, 80 lbs

100

5.5" Shell, 100 lbs

300

Cartridges, Ch II

110

Cartridges, Ch IV

310

Fuzes, 117

340

Fuzes, 231

60

Tubes, P.S.A.

440

Please correspond direct with MILA regarding issue.

Land Forces Sub Commission AG, MMIA

OPD (3 copies)

Reference ESD/81/3 B of 4 Mar para 5.

1. MTD ARTY eopt is authorised for issue as follows :-

Eqpt

Qty

Guns, O.D.L. 5.5" complete with Troop and Section Stores and Maintenance for one year.

5

Vehs

Tractors, A.E.G. 4 x 4 complete with maintenance equipment for one year.

4

Arm

5.5" Shell, 80 lbs

100

5.5" Shell, 100 lbs

300

Cartridges, Ch II

110

Cartridges, Ch IV

310

Fuzes, 117

340

Fuzes, 231

60

Tubes, p.s.a.

440

2. Please correspond direct with MMIA regarding issue.

N.W.M. MACLEOD,
Major General,
Chief of General Staff.

Cal GS	
GSO I (SD)	
Des. G3	
GSO II (S)	
GSO II (I)	
GSO II (M)	
GSO II (SD)	
GSO II (CHS)	
G (10)	

MMIA - 'G'

FILE: ~~ESD/104~~

DATE: 2/14/4.

REF: A'

REQ SUPP FOR ITALIAN INTERMEDIARY1. INF WEAPONS

Machine Guns Vickers .203 complete with associated stores and maintenance to normal scale

Qty 40

Mortars 3" complete with associated stores and maintenance to normal scale

Qty 40

2. 25 PRS

Complete to G.1098 scale

Qty 1

" " " (less major eqpt)

Qty 21

Maintenance scale for 22 guns for period up to 31 Dec 46.

NOTE: The 21 guns are held by the ITALIAN Army and are not authorised for retention (see ASD/81/5 B of 3 Apr)

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Reequipment of Inf Regts and Divs

See 50/109/2 to 1

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AD(MIA)

50/109

10. OCT 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WARReply at
50/109/2 folio 1
Cover 1

Information has been received from the war office, London via AFHQ that NO 4"2 Mortars can be made available for the Interim Italian Army.

It would probably be possible to equip Regt Mortar Coys with BRIT 3" Mortars in lieu of 4"2 Mortars if you so desire.

Alternatively you may prefer to adopt the ITALIAN 61 mm Mortar, or a heavier Mortar of ITALIAN pattern.

Please inform this HQ of your desires.

See our letter
asking for reply
at folio 97

See 50/109/2 folio 8, 3,

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

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Copy to 50/39/2
60/30/4

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5033 9 APR 1946GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES

TELE NO : FREEDOM 25A

SUBJECT : Vehicles for ITALIAN Interim Army.

G(10)

ESD/81/3

8 Apr 46

COPY TO : Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (MMIA)
(ref para 6 year 0006 of 2 April 46)
OrdRef minute 14 (c) of the minutes of the Conference of 18 March
issued under our ref ESD/81/3 of 27 March 46.

1. MMIA have asked that they be informed as soon as possible of the types and estimated quantity of serviceable vehicles that will eventually be declared surplus.
2. It is appreciated that you can only give very approximate quantities of each type but any information you can give will help them to plan the economical distribution of vehicles within the ITALIAN Army.

Col. GS	
GSO I (SD)	
Deo. G3	
GSO II (SD)	
GSO II (I)	
GSO II (WE)	
GSO III (SD)	
GSO III (ORBAT)	
G (Trg)	

H.W.M. MACLEOD,
Major General,
Chief of General Staff.

MMIA-'G'

FILE: 10/109

DATE: 8/10/46

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES

Tele No : Freedom 254

G(SD)

SUBJECT : Technical Tools and Equipment for
ITALIAN Interim Army

ESD/81/3 B

5 Apr 46

TO : 'Q'

COPY TO : Land Forces Sub Commission AG, (MMIA) ✓
ORD (with 3 copies of attachments to MMIA letter KE/31 of 9 Mar)
RME

Ref attached copy of MMIA letter KE/31 of 9 Mar (forwarded to this Branch under MMIA letter SD/109 of 28 Mar.

1. The ITALIAN Army is having considerable difficulty in maintaining its vehs and eqpt - partly owing to shortage of tools etc.

2. Please do all you can to provide the items in question as soon as possible, and correspond direct with MMIA on the subject.

3. For MMIA

Your signal SD 3171 of 3 Apr noted.

WMI/hro

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K.W.M. MACLEOD,
Major General,
Chief of General Staff.

Col. GS	
GSO I (SD)	
Des. G3	
GSO II (SD)	
GSO II (I)	
GSO II (W)	
GSO III (SD)	
GSO III (O & I)	
G (Irg)	

MMIA-'G'
FILE: SD/109
DATE: R/8/4

CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS

CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES

5 APR 1946

G(SD)

ISD/81/3A

3 Apr 46

TELE NO : FREEDOM 254

SUBJECT : .22 Rifles and .22 RF Amm.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (LMIA)

COPI TO : G(Ops)
G(Trg)
G-1
G(AB)

Ref our ISD/81/3A of 22 March para 2 (d)

1. It will NOT be possible to let you have any .22 Rifles. The training requirements of the ITALIAN Interim Army have been carefully considered, but the requirements of British formations and the availability of rifles and amm is such that it is not possible to allot any to you.

2. It is not known whether you have investigated the possibility of obtaining equivalent weapons of ITALIAN manufacture or of arranging for such weapons or tubes to be manufactured by ITALIAN firms.

It is thought that you may well be able to satisfy your requirements in this way.

3. If, on investigation, you find that there are or will be any weapons/tubes and amm surplus to the requirements of the ITALIAN Army we should be grateful for details, as they may serve to meet part of our own requirements.

FILE: ISD/81/3A
DATE: 15/5/46

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Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (LAFSA)

COPI TO : C(Ops)
C(Trg)
Q-1
Q(AT)

Ref our BD/84/3A of 22 March para 2 (d)

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FILE: SD/09
DATE: 15/4

WAI/as

Col. Gs		
C-1 (D)	X	1
C-2 (D)	X	1
C-3 (D)	X	1
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W. J. MacLeod
W. J. MACLEOD,
Major General,
Chief of General Staff.

CONFIDENTIALSUBJECT: Army and Engin Equip for ITALIAN ARMY.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC (MILA)

SD/109

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Reminded dated 22 July
SD/109
Approved
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Major-General
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Approved by

dated 23 July 1953

SD 109

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS

CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES

TELE NO : FREEDOM 254.

SUBJECT : 25 pr for ITALIAN Interim Army.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (MMIA).

C(SD)

ESD/81/3B

3 Apr 46.

COPY TO : Q
OrdRef our letter ESD/81/3B of 15 March 46, and ref conversation Lt. Col,
HEAD - INGLIS 2 April.

1. MMIA have asked to keep the 21 No 25 pr eqpts without muzzle brakes.
2. Authority is given for temporary retention of these eqpts pending final decision when MMIA's requirements are known.
3. Issue of eqpts with muzzle brakes will continue.

WML/as

MMIA.C.
FILE: <i>59/109</i>
DATE: <i>R/5/4</i>

W.M.M. MacLeod
 M.W.M. MACLEOD,
 Major General,
 Chief of General Staff.

Col. GS	X	<i>WML</i>
GSO I (D)	X	<i>WML</i>
Deo. G3	X	<i>WML</i>
GSO II (S)	X	<i>WML</i>
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REF NO. 83/51/3 DATED 29 MAR PARA 3 (.) SEE MY SD/103

DATED 29 MAR

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Lt. Col.

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REF YOUR REF/31/5 DATED 29 MAR PARA 3 (.) ENCLAVE OF THREE TROOPS
FOR TWO GUARD BNS DETACHING A LPTHE BNS IN LECWANO REF
ALREADY RECEIVED (.) THIS SPECIFIC ISSUE IS THEREFORE NOT OUTSTANDING
(.) TOTAL REQUIREMENTS FOR VEHICLE IT A L E A N ARE CONTAINED IN
SEPP TABLES UNDER REF THIS IS: REF/103 DATED 6 DEC AS SIGNATURE IN
YOUR POSSESSION AND WILL ALL UNITS BE REQUIRED

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SD/103

A. B. C. SHERMAN

Lt. Col.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES

TELE : Freedom 254

SUBJECT : Weapons for ITALIAN Interim Army

Land Forces Sub Commission AC, MMIA

COPY TO : G-3 AFHQ

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reference MC IN 4315 of 30 Mar 46

Reference minute 8(c) of Minutes of Conference on 27 Feb issued under reference ESD/81/3 of 2 Mar 46.

We have now been notified by the War Office that 4.2 inch Mortars will NOT be issued to the ITALIAN Interim Army, since no amm for this weapon can be provided.

RECEIVED 4 APR 1946
(DATE)

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M.V.M. MACLEOD,
Major General,
Chief of General Staff.

Col. GS	X
GSO I (D)	X
Deo. G3	X
GSO II (S.)	X
GSO II (I)	X
GSO II (W.)	X
GSO III (S.)	X
GSO III (D.)	X
G (Trg)	X

MMIA - 'G'

FILE: ESD/109

DATE: 8/4/46

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS

CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES

Tele : Freedom 254

SUBJECT : Ammunition for ITALIAN Interim Army

G(SD)

ESD/81/3 D

Land Forces Sub Commission AG, (MMIA) (4 copies) 2 Apr 46

COPY TO : G-3 AFHQ

'Q' (ref your 4109/Q1 of 19 Mar 46)

Ref your letters 3.125 of 5 Mar (copy att for 'Q') and SD/109/4 of 5 Mar.

Authority is now given for issue from surpluses of the following:-

Initial Issue of 1st and 2nd line holdings for all weapons issued since 14 Nov 45.

<u>One month</u>	at <u>Contact rates</u>	} based on holdings shown in SET's issued under MMIA reference SD/109 of 6 Dec 45.
<u>Two months</u>	at <u>Quiet rates</u>	
<u>Twelve months</u>	at <u>Training rates</u>	

NOTE 1. Holding for Arm'd Cs for Carabinieri is 168 NOT 144, making Total for Army 353.

2. Amn for 4.2 inch Mortar will NOT be issued (MMIA see our ESD/81/3 of 2 Apr 46).

2. In general, your remaining training requirements as given in the list referred to in our ESD/81/3 of 26 Mar para 1 (one copy of amended list att for MMIA and 'Q') and also the initial issues for weapons of Arm'd Cs for Carabinieri, requested in your SD/109/4 of 5 Mar, are covered by the issues to be made under para 1 above.

3. Your paras 3 and 4.

Details of natures and quantities will be given by 'Q' Branch GHQ.

Lot numbers are NOT available.

Facilities will be given to break bulk at 501 EAD.

Priced vouchers will be prepared by 501 EAD.

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Transfer may start as soon as arranged.

Will you please make all necessary arrangements direct with 'Q' Branch GHQ.

Col. GS	X	X
GSO 1 (D)	X	X
Dev. GS	X	X
GSO II (S)	X	X
GSO II (I)		
GSO II (W)		
GSO II (U)		
GSO II (S)		
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FILE: SD/109
DATE: 5/4

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- (a) para 5 your 4109/Q.1 of 19 Mar is agreed.
- (b) Please give details in due course regarding
- (i) Excess training requirements by MMIA in para 2 over entitlement in para 1.
- (ii) Natures and quantities you are unable to provide from surpluses. e.g. It is known that 2 inch MOR HE cannot yet be supplied at all, and 3 inch MOR only in very small quantities.
- (c) Supply of deficiencies will then be taken up with War Office by this branch.

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W. W. M. MacLeod
W.W.M. MACLEOD,
Major General,
Chief of General Staff.

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SUBJECT : Rates of Wastage-
Ammunition

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
AFHQ/4036/Q(Maint)

11 Sep 45

For distribution see below

1. F.P.C. rates of wastage of ammunition are now based upon two conditions referred to as 'contact' and 'quiet': the rates represent averages over reasonable periods of past experience, but are weighted to reflect the likely trend of future wastage.
2. Both 'contact' and 'quiet' rates are now in force in this theatre, and form the basis of theatre entitlement: they will be applicable to all weapons of units and formations in the A.F.H.Q. Order of Battle, but not to weapons held in reserve in Ordnance controlled installations.
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Section 1 - gun ammunition

(repeal except where otherwise stated)

Serial	Nature	Rates			Remarks
		Contact	Quiet	Training	
1	simulators gunflash	3.0	1.5	2.25	per fd, med hv, ATK and Hy 1.4 gun per month.
2					
3					
4	6 pr APC BC	1.35	0.18	0.675	
5	AP SVD3	NIL	NIL	0.015	
6	HE	0.15	0.02	0.06	
7	17 pr APC BC	3.15	0.45	0.675	
8	AP SVD3	NIL	NIL	0.015	
9	HE	0.35	0.05	0.06	
10	25 pr HE	32.0	1.5	2.25	
11	smoke	3.0	0.2	0.3	
12	AP	0.5	0.1	0.15	
13	cartr normal	35	1.7	2.55	
14	cartr super	2.5	0.12	0.18	
15	3 in 110 HE	2.5	0.25	0.375	
16	AP	2.5	0.25	0.375	
17	4.5 in gun HE	25	1.5	2.25	
18	charge 1	6.25	0.375	0.5625	
19	charge 3	25	1.5	2.25	
20	fuze 117 or 119	25	1.5	2.25	
21	tubes p.s.a.	27.5	1.65	2.475	
22	5.5 in gun HE 100				
23	1b shell	25	1.5	2.25	
24	charge 2	10	0.6	0.9	
25	charge 4	25	1.5	2.25	
26	HE shell 80 lb	25	1.5	2.25	
27	charge 2	5	0.3	0.45	
28	charge 4	10	0.6	0.9	
29	charge 5	17.5	1.05	1.575	
30	fuze 117 or 119				
31	fuze 231	22.5	1.35	2.025	
32	tubes p.s.a.	2.5	0.15	0.225	
33	7.2 in how HE	27.5	1.65	2.475	
34	charge 3	18.0	1.0	1.5	
35	charge 4	12.6	0.7	1.05	
36	fuze 117 or 119	12.6	0.7	1.05	
37	fuze 231	3.6	0.2	0.3	
38	fuze 232	5.4	0.3	0.45	
39	tubes p.s.a.	19.8	1.1	1.65	
40	155 mm gun HE	25.0	1.5	2.25	
41	green charge	12.5	0.75	1.125	
42	white charge	12.5	0.75	1.125	
43	primers per on	27.5	1.65	2.475	
44	3.7 in 11.5 HE	8.0	1.0	1.5	

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4	AP SVD3	NIL	NIL	0.015
5	HE	0.15	0.02	0.06
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7	AP SVD3	NIL	NIL	0.015
8	HE	0.35	0.05	0.06
9	25 pr HE	32.0	1.5	2.25
10	smoke	3.0	0.2	0.3
11	AP	0.5	0.1	0.15
12	cart's normal	35	1.7	2.55
13	cart's super	2.5	0.12	0.18
14	3 in M10 HE	2.5	0.25	0.375
15	AP	2.5	0.25	0.375
16	4.5 in gun HE	25	1.5	2.25
17	charge 1	6.25	0.375	0.5625
18	charge 3	25	1.5	2.25
19	fuze 117 or 119	25	1.5	2.25
20	tubes p.s.a.	27.5	1.65	2.475
21	5.5 in gun HE 100	25	1.5	2.25
22	1b shell	25	1.5	2.25
23	charge 2	10	0.6	0.9
24	charge 4	25	1.5	2.25
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40	green charge	12.5	0.75	1.125
41	white charge	12.5	0.75	1.125
42	primers per on	27.5	1.65	2.475
43	3.7 in AA HE	8.0	1.0	1.5
44	AP	5.0	5.0	7.5
45	40 mm HE	8.0	1.0	1.5
46	AP	5.0	5.0	7.5
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Section 2 - gun ammunition (for guns & FVs)

(reg'd except where otherwise stated)

Serial	Nature	Rates		Remarks
		Contact	Quiet Training	
51	2 pr APC oto	3.5	1.0	0.6
52	HE	NIL	NIL	0.4
53	6 pr APC BC	1.125	0.15	0.75
54	AP SVDS	0.09	0.012	0.06
55	HE	0.285	0.038	0.2
56	17 pr APC BC	2.45	0.54	0.55
57	AP SVDS	0.54	0.12	0.12
58	HE	1.53	0.34	0.35
59	3 in how HE	1.17	0.33	0.33
60	smoke	2.33	0.67	0.66
61	37 mm gun HE	2.025	0.45	0.45
62	AP	2.25	0.5	0.5
63	canisters	0.225	0.05	0.05
64	75 mm gun HE M48	0.037	0.019	0.51
65	HE M48S	1.6455	0.377	
66	HE M48S	0.1925	0.044	0.055
67	APC/HE or			
68	APC M 61	1.225	0.28	0.35
69	smoke ordnance	0.23	0.053	0.1
70	smoke W.P.	0.12	0.027	
71	76 mm gun HE	2.025	0.45	0.45
72	APC/HE	2.025	0.45	0.45
73	smoke	0.45	0.1	0.1
74	95 mm tk how HE	2.565	0.57	0.57
75	smoke	1.485	0.33	0.33
76	HEAT	0.45	0.1	0.1
77	105 mm how HE M48	2.3085	0.513	0.57
78	54	0.2565	0.057	
79	smoke	1.485	0.33	0.33
80	HEAT	0.45	0.1	0.1

59	3 in how HE	1.17	0.33	0.33
60	smoke	2.33	0.67	0.66
61	37 mm gun HE	2.025	0.45	0.45
62	AP	2.25	0.5	0.5
63	cannisters	0.225	0.05	0.05
64	75 mm gun HE	0.087	0.019	0.51
65	HE	1.645	0.377	
66	HE	0.1925	0.044	
67	APC/HE or			0.055
68	APC M 61	1.225	0.28	0.35
69	smoke emission	0.23	0.053	0.1
70	smoke W.P.	0.12	0.027	
71	76 mm gun HE	2.025	0.45	0.45
72	APC/HE	2.025	0.45	0.45
73	smoke	0.45	0.1	0.1
74	95 mm tk how HE	2.565	0.57	0.57
75	smoke	1.485	0.33	0.33
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Section 3 - SAA Grenades etc

(thousands per Inf Div per month - proportions for other arms and units are given in Appx 'B' to AFHQ ESD/503 dated 26 May).

Serial	Nature	Rates		Remarks
		Contact	Quiet Training	
	303 Mk VII (except for automatic weapons on AFVs)			
101	Inf	100	20	30
102	Edy	500	100	150
103	Ctn	1100	220	330
104	Troo	300	60	90
105	303 Mk 82	500	100	54
106	Machine Carbine	750	100	150
107	pistol revolver	12	4	6
108	FLAT HE	5	3	9.0
109	Grenades hand	12.0	1.5	3.0
110	"	4.0	1.0	1.5
111	"	6.0	2.0	3.0
112	" Smoke 83	1.5	0.5	
113	(w colours unknown)			
114	Flares Trip. pistol sig	2.0	0.2	Provisional
115	Red	3.0	0.2	0.3
116	green	3.0	0.2	0.3
117	illuminating	5.0	0.3	0.45
118	explosives tons	0.01	0.002	0.003 per Inf and Arm'd Div
119	Bangalores	0.75	0.05	0.075 per Inf and Arm'd Div
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103	Ctn	1100	220	330	
104	Trao	300	60	90	
105	303 Mk 82	500	100	54	
106	Machine Carbine	750	100	150	
107	pistol revolver	12	4	6	
108	FLAT HE	5	3	9.0	
109	Grenades hand 36	12.0	1.5	3.0	
110	" 75	4.0	1.0	1.5	
111	" 77	6.0	2.0	3.0	
112	" Smoke 83	1.5	0.5		
	(w colours unknown)				
113	Flares Trip. pistol sig lin	2.0	0.2		Provisional
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Section 4 - Mortar Bombs.

(Thousands per Inf Div per month - proportion for other fms
and Units are given in Appx 'B' to AFHQ ESD/503 dated 26 May)

Serial	Mature	Rates		Remarks
		Contact	Quiet Training	
141	2 mor HE	10.0	3.0	4.5
142	Smoke	7.0	2.0	3.0
143	Sig Red	0.75	0.1	0.15
144	Sig Green	0.75	0.1	0.15
145	Illuminating	2.0	0.4	0.6
146	3 Mor HE	15.0	2.0	3.0
147	Smoke	3.0	0.5	1.5
148	4.2 Mor HE	13.0	1.3	1.2
149	smoke	1.44	0.144	0.15
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Section 5 - SAA Grenades etc(assessed in VMDG)

Serial	Nature	Rates		Remarks
		Contact	Quiet Training	
161	303 ltr 7 s/less	240	30	30
162	30 cal belt	50	10	10
163	50 cal belt	15	2	4
164	7.92 mm	50	10	10
165	2 in BT	3	0.5	0.5
166	8 smoke gens	0.3	0.1	0.1
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Section 6 - Mines

(Contact rates per inf div and arm'd div per month)

Serial	Nature	Types of tank country			Remarks
		good	average	difficult	
181	Mines anti-tank				
(a)	Offensive Ops	40000	10000	6000	1000 } rate for ops against poorly
(b)	Defensive Ops	50000	20000	12000	1000 } equipped enemy
					these rates will be applied after a GS appreciation assessing the factors set out in Note 1
182	Mines anti-personnel				
(a)	Offensive Ops	2000	500	900	1500 } These rates will be applied after a GS appreciation based on factors set out in Note 1 excluding con- sideration of the proportion of arm'd forces involved
(b)	Defensive Ops	2500	1000	1800	1500

NOTE 1.

In arriving at the rates tabled above, the following factors were considered:-

(a) Good tank country

(i) High proportion of Arm'd Forces deployed.

(ii) Fluctuating fighting with two-thirds of the force continuously holding rapidly changing defensive positions with few natural anti-tank obstacles.

(iii) Div frontages of 20,000 yds and change of position three times per month.

(b) Average tank country

(i) In offensive

(a) Offensive Ops	40000	10000	6000	1000	rate for ops against poorly equipped enemy
(b) Defensive Ops	50000	20000	12000	1000	

these rates will be applied after a GS appreciation assessing the factors set out in Note 1

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NOTE 1. In arriving at the rates tabled above, the following factors were considered:-

(a) Good tank country

- (i) High proportion of Arm Forces deployed.
- (ii) Fluctuating fighting with two-thirds of the force continuously holding rapidly changing defensive positions with few natural anti-tank obstacles.
- (iii) Div frontages of 20,000 yds and change of position three times per month.

(b) Average tank country

- (i) In offensive strategy - one-third of force holding defensive positions, remainder regrouping. In defensive strategy - two-thirds holding.
- (ii) Div frontages of 15,000 yds and change of position twice per month.

(c) Difficult tank country

- (i) Limited arm forces involved.
- (ii) One half of force offensive, remainder holding long frontages or defensive flanks in areas of limited armoured movement.

(d)....

(a) Very difficult tank country

- (i) Few Arm Forces involved.
- (ii) Long perimeter defences.
- (iii) Infrequent change of position
- (iv) Large formation frontages, but restricted armoured approaches.

N.B. Assumed no labour is available for picking up mines.

NOTE 2 Those rates apply to the whole force in the theatre. Quiet rate is NIL; any mines required for training will be included in the training allowance.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS FORCES

CBL : Freedom 254

SUBJECT : Staff Ann Scales

G(SD)

ESD/31/3 B

Land Forces Sub Commission AG, (101A) 2 Apr 46.

COPY TO : 'C' (with copy of MIA letter SD/109 of 14 Mar 46)

Ref your SD/109 of the 14 Mar 46 *see above*.1. 1st and 2nd line scales for Ann and Explosives

(a) Printing and Stationary Directorate GHQ have been asked to send you 15 copies of the War Office Staff Ann Scales (see our ESD/31/3 B of 24 Mar 46).

(b) It is pointed out that these Scales are now under review by the War Office and should in any case be taken by you as a guide only.

2. 3rd line holdings

(a) There is of course no fixed scale.

It is considered that any ops which might be undertaken by the ITALIAN Army would bear so little relation to the recent Allied ops in this theatre that it would be very misleading to quote any example of 3rd line holdings held at various times during the campaign.

(b) It is considered that you should estimate holdings according to the particular administrative circumstances under which the ITALIAN Army will be operating.

(c) Your 3rd line holdings will of course have to come out of the G.S. reserve and Working Margin, of one month and two months respectively.

Ann Wastage Rates

A copy is attached of GHQ letter 4036/1 (Maint) of 11 Sep 45 which refers to contact and quiet rates of wastage of ann.

These rates represent averages over various periods of past experience, carefully weighted to take account of the likely trend of future ops.

They are intended primarily ~~as~~ for the calculation of long term requirements and secondly to provide a basis for the allotment of resources to theatre and formations.

COPY TO : 'Q' (with copy of MIA letter SD/109 of 14 Mar 46)

Ref your SD/109 of the 14 Mar 46. *plus 56.*

1st and 2nd line scales for Amn and Explosives

(a) Printing and Stationary Directorate GHQ have been asked to send you 15 copies of the War Office Staff Amn Scales (see our SD/51/3 B of 21 Mar 46).

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These rates should therefore prove useful to you, but it is emphasised that due allowance must be made for the different organisation of the BRITISH and ITALIAN Armies and also the different function for which each is designed.

Col. GS	Notes
GSO I (D)	
Dep. G3	
GSO II (S)	X
GSO II (I)	
GSO II (W)	
GSO III (SU)	
GSO III (S)	
G. (S)	

MIA/hrs

MIA - 'G'

FILE: *SD/109*DATE: *R 13/4*

Wastage rates for
 M.T.M. MACLEOD,
 Major General,
 Chief of General Staff.

From M.O.F. W.

To M.M.I.A.

Col. GS			
Subl. (D)	X	X	X
Subl. G3			
Subl. (S)	X	X	X
Subl. (I)			
Subl. (W)			
Subl. (SL)			
Subl. (D. S)			
Subl. (M)			

Ref. 4/777/Serv.

Date 31/3/46.

SD/109.

Subject Weapons for CC.RR.

Reference letter SD/47 dated 20/2/46.

- a) - The necessity to allocate a Breda 30 M.G. also to all stations having a strength lower than 10 men has already been taken into consideration and accepted.
- It has therefore already been conferred to the Gen.HQ of the CC.RR. Arm that:
- the 2,241 L.M.Gs in excess to the estimated initial requirement and already on issue to CC.RR. units will be left at its disposal.
 - the 1,665 L.M.Gs still required in order to complete the armament of the a/m stations and at present not available will be issued as soon as possible.
- b) - As far as group HQs are concerned we confirm that, in accordance with the W/Es already previously laid down, said HQs should have 10 automatic Beretta mod. 38 cal.9 carbines available, and that is a number still greater than the one wished for by M.M.I.A.
- c) - The number of automatic carbines allocated to CC.RR. up to date (including the 10,000 still in progress of being issued) amounts to 16,100 weapons.

We estimate that within a short ^{time} we shall be able to fully complete the scale of issue of automatic carbines laid down for the CC.RR. With the exception of the L.M.Gs - as stressed above - and bearing in mind the weapons for which release has been granted from the Beretta Arms Factory, all arms and relative ammunition required by CC.RR. can be completely satisfied by this ministry.

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MMIA-'G'

FILE: SD/109

Col.N.Meloni.

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FROM : AFHQ
 TO : LAND FORCES SUB-COMM, AG (MELIA)
 ALLIED COMMISSION
 REF : FX 63825

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IMPORTANT

REFERENCE MINUTES OF AFHQ CONFERENCE ON EQPT FOR INTERIM ITALIAN ARMY
 ISSUED UNDER REFERENCE ESD/81/3 OF 27 MAR (.) IT IS REGRETTED THAT PARA 18
 IS NOT CLEAR (.) THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT SHOULD BE MADE (.)
 DELETE SUB PARAS (A) AND (B) AND SUBSTITUTE (A) THE CARABINIERI AND ALL
 OTHER SIMILAR ARMED BODIES SHOULD BE EQUIPPED WITH INDIGENOUS WEAPONS
 AND EQPT, WITH CERTAIN SPECIFIC EXCEPTIONS IN THE CASE OF THE CARABINIERI (.)
 (B) THE ARMY PROPER SHOULD BE EQUIPPED ENTIRELY WITH BRITISH WEAPONS
 AND EQPT, EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF VEHICLES

SD DISTRIBUTION:

ACTION : SD/109
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Col. GS	
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29 Mar 46

MINUTES OF A CONFERENCE HELD AT 1415 HRS
ON MONDAY 18 MARCH 46 ON THE PROVISION
OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE INTERIM ITALIAN ARMY

Chairman

Colonel ROBERTSON

Present

Colonel

PIDSLEY

Lt-Col

SOUTHEY

Lt-Col

CURTIS

Lt-Col

HEAD

Lt-Col

BLUNT

Major

HIBBARD

Lt-Col

STAPLETON

Major

COLVILLE

Major

PROUDFOOT

Lt-Col

CORLETT

Lt-Col

NICHOLSON

Major

FODEN

Secretary

Major

INGLIS

D/DQC, GHQ

MIA

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Log Plans, GHQ

'Q', GHQ

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ORD, GHQ

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G(SD), GHQ

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1. This conference was held to discuss certain points of detail regarding supply of BRITISH equipment, either raised by MIA or arising out of AHC Policy Conference held at 1415 hrs on 18 Mar 46.

These minutes should be read in conjunction with the minutes of that meeting.

2. Most of the present difficulties arise out of the present policy, and will be resolved if the recommendations for modifying that policy are agreed by the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

Weapons

Further issues "on loan" are required for the Inf Regts. These will be made on the same basis as the issues for the CAR's.

MIA to state requirements.

Arm

27,000 tons waiting for hand-over.

MIA

Present

Colonel	PIDSLIN	MMIA
Lt-Col	SOUTHEY	MMIA
Lt-Col	CURTIES	MMIA
Lt-Col	HEAD	MMIA
Lt-Col	BEUNT	MMIA
Major	HIBBARD	MMIA
Lt-Col	STAPLETON	Log Plans, GHQ
Major	COLVILLE	'Q', GHQ
Major	PROUDFOOT	'Q', GHQ
Lt-Col	CORLETT	ORD, GHQ
Lt-Col	NICHOLSON	ORD, GHQ
Major	PODEN	ORD, GHQ
Secretary	Major INGLIS	G(SD), GHQ

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G(SD) will arrange for this to take place as soon as possible.

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GS 11 (S)	
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G(SD)

MMIA

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ActionSpecial Equipment

MMIA still have to state requirements of special eqpt e.g. armourers kits etc. See minute 32 of Conference of 27 Feb 46.

Maintenance and SparesSealing

This will be done by ORD, GHQ.

Vehicles

(a) The 60 days MT (and lrtv) spares referred to in Minute 24 of Conference of 27 Feb (reference ESD/81/3 of 2 Mar 46) were still awaiting clearance on 18 Mar but have since been cleared for direct hand-over.

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(c) Regarding assemblies

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It was pointed out that tyres are subject to global control, and are specifically excluded in the original Combined Chiefs of Staff directive.

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GHQ, CMB.

W. G. S.
Maj. G.S.
Secretary.

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SUBJECT: Weapons for "LEGNANO" Inf Div.

Land Forces Sub Com, AG, (MILIA)

80/109

29 Mar 46

TO : Ministry of War

reference your letter 4/462/serv dated 3 Mar 46.

1. The figures shown in Col (3) of App "A" to this HQ letter Q.003 dated 8 Feb 46 were based on the new war establishment for an Infantry Bn which has now been agreed to by LMG (Ufficio Ord e Mob), and will shortly come before the War Establishments Committee for final approval.

However, due to an error at this HQ the figure of "18" which should have appeared in Col (3) against 2" Mortars seems to have been deleted and is therefore not been included in your calculations.

2. The figures shown in the appendix to your letter as the authorized entitlement for an Infantry Bn are those laid down in an equipment table for an Infantry Bn dated Sep 44, and subsequently amended in Nov 44, as follows:-

	<u>Rifle .303</u>	<u>BREN</u>	<u>2" Mortar</u>	<u>PIAT</u>
Original figures as at Sep 44.	552	64	23	20
Amended figures as at Nov 44.	533	62	18	20
Revised figures vide new War Establishment.	436	47	9	19

3. At the time of writing this HQ letter Q.003 dated 8 Feb, it was considered that it would be more practicable to equip the 1st Guard Bn that were to become part of the "LEGNANO" Div on the new scale, thereby saving a reorganization at a later date.

4. For your information, the proposed War Establishment for an Infantry Bn was forwarded to your Ministry under cover of this HQ letter SO/39/2 dated 21 Feb 46.

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Approved

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3. At the time of writing this HQ letter Q.003 dated 8 Feb, it was considered that it would be more practicable to equip the two Guard Bns that were to become part of the "LASHMO" Div on the new scale, thereby saving a reorganization at a later date.

4. For your information, the proposed War Establishment for an Infantry Bn was forwarded to your Ministry under cover of this HQ letter SO/39/2 dated 24 Feb 46.

Internal : Q

Copy to Wile SO/39/2

AAS/CP

for Major General.
M. H. L. A.

MEMO

S-109

1. Extract from AMM 10 302.5/087 MPO-0 of 2 Aug 45, para 4 (b):

"The Allied Commission will encourage the manufacture of equipment and material directed by the Allies in being necessary for the maintenance of the Italian Italian Army".

This is the authority under which M.I.I. approve manufacture of arms and ammunition, see Q.539.

2. Assembly of weapons at IMBERTA Arms Factory authorized under War Ministry control is to be considered "manufacture".

If not then it is found completed weapons received into Army depots from this factory are supplied to requirements of Army and C.I.M. only request received by War Ministry for P.A. and P.I. Agents may be referred to M.I.I.

The issue of automatic weapons to P.A. agents may then be approved but it is not considered justified by necessity in the case of P.A. agents.

old cover
to 10.33

29 March 1946

2. A. COMPTON, Lt. Col.,
A.C. 10.33, M.I.I.

MEMORANDUM

Deputy Commander,
G (S),

Deputy L.O.S.

C.I. 10 Section,

File Q-200,

File Q-130

Col. GS	✓	✓
GS 1 (D)	✓	✓
Dep. GS	✓	✓
GS 11 (S)	✓	✓
GS 11 (T)	✓	✓
GS 11 (P)	✓	✓

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may be referred to 2000.

The issue of authentic weapons to Finance Control may then be
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TO : General Headquarters (GHA) - 4

Herewith copies of a so-vivo-to-service letter recently passed from ISIA to GHA.

This channel was used as specific input of ISIA.

It is now requested that I will take any possible suggestions.

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for Major General
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CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS

CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCE

Tele : FREEDOM 254

SUBJECT : AFHQ Conference on Equipment for
TUNISIAN Interim Army - 10 Mar 46.Land Forces Sub Commission AG INLA (4)
Allied Commission

SACB

G-3 AFHQ

G-5 AFHQ

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Q (HQ)

G-4 MTOUSA

Or-1 GHQ

TA GHQ

G(SD)

LSD/M/3

27 Mar 46

1. Minutes of the Conference held on 16 Mar 46 are attached.

2. ACTION is required as follows :

MATA - Min. 15 and 16

F.A. (Drit) } - Min. 17
G-5 AFHQ }

G(SD) GHQ - Min. 11 and 19

Q GHQ - Min. 16

Col. GS	MIN.
G-3 (D)	
Dep. G3	
G-10 (S)	
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L. J. M. MOTTION,
Major General.

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MINUTES OF A CONFERENCE HELD AT AFHQ AT 1445 HRS
ON MONDAY 18 MARCH 1945 ON THE PROVISION OF
EQUIPMENT FOR THE ITALIAN EMERGENCY AREA

Chairman

Brigadier ANDERSON

C(SD) GHQ CEF

Present

Colonel	NEER	21A
Colonel	FUSLEY	20A
Lt-Col	SOUTHBY	19A
Lt-Col	ATZERT	18A
Lt-Col	CUMPLIS	17A
Brigadier	WATTS	G-3 AMHQ
Lt-Col	HEWITT	G-3 AMHQ
Lt-Col	THOMSON	G-3 AMHQ
Major	SUTCLIFFE	G-3 AMHQ
Lt-Col	STALLERTON	Log Mains
Colonel	ROBA TSON	'Q' Branch GHQ
Lt-Col	ALANES	'Q' Branch GHQ
Major	TROUDNOCK	'Q' Branch GHQ
Colonel	LAWLEY	G-4 MTOWSA
Lt-Col	RAMSEY	G-4 LTCUELA
Lt-Col	CORLETT	Ord Branch GHQ
Lt-Col	MUSSON	Financial Advisor (Brit)

Secretary

Major

DUGLIS

G(SD) GHQ

1.

The Chairman said that the object of the conference was to reach a definite conclusion on the policy to be recommended to the Combined Chiefs of Staff regarding the provision of equipment for the ITALIAN Interim Army, together with methods recommended for implementing that policy.

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The Chairman said that progress had so far been very slow. He proposed to deal with the main outline of the problem and to leave details to be dealt with at a later conference.

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A/7 of 3 G-3 AMHQ outlined how the ITALIAN Interim Army fitted into the operational picture. S/G's interest in the efficiency of the Army lies in seeing that it is capable of:-

(a) ensuring internal security

<u>Chairman</u>	Brigadier ANDERSON	G(SD) GHQ CUP
<u>Present</u>	Colonel MEER	MA
	Colonel FIDLEY	MA
	Lt-Col SOUTHBY	MA
	Lt-Col ALBERT	MA
	Lt-Col CUPPES	MA
	Brigadier LARLES	G-3 AMHQ
	Lt-Col HENLEY	G-3 AMHQ
	Lt-Col THOMSON	G-5 AMHQ
	Major BUDGETT	G-5 AMHQ
	Lt-Col STANLAWON	Log Means
	Colonel ROBITSON	'Q' Branch GHQ
	Lt-Col BARNES	'Q' Branch GHQ
	Major FROUDMOCT	'Q' Branch GHQ
	Colonel LAWLEY	G-4 MTOWSL
	Lt-Col RABSEY	G-4 MTOWSL
	Lt-Col CORLETT	CR2 Branch GHQ
	Lt-Col HUSSON	Financial Advisor (Brit)
<u>Secretary</u>	Major INGLIS	G(SD) GHQ

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- (a) ensuring internal security
- (b) acting as a deterrent to any unfriendly neighbours
- (c) defending ITALY'S frontiers, with Allied help.

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4. The Chairman then read relevant passages from various important documents in order to ensure that the general background to the problem was known.

5. The Chairman read extracts from the Combined Chiefs of Staff's directive to AHC authorising the handing over of the ITALIAN Armed Forces under Allied Command to the ITALIAN Government (CAN 621 of 29 Sep 45) which states:-

"Food, clothing, warlike and non-warlike equipment will be furnished in the following priorities:-

- (A) From indigenous ITALIAN resources, including captured material (except GERMAN weapons) and local manufacture.
- (B) By purchase from appropriate U.S. and U.K. surplus disposal agencies in ITALY, stocks which are available to the disposal agencies.
- (C) Through the ITALIAN Government import programme.

Sale of warlike equipment available to authorised surplus disposal agencies to the ITALIAN Armed Forces of the types and quantities of equipment that are normally used for internal security purposes, is authorised for transfer as approved by SACLEO or his successors. In the case of lethal BRITISH warlike equipment transfer will be made only under military arrangements. Requirements that can not be met from the sources listed above, should be loaned from U.S. and BRITISH military stocks as a temporary expedient up to 1 Jan 46. Hereafter these items are to be returned on demand or transferred through surplus agencies.

You should note the financial arrangements consequent upon this policy remain to be settled."

6. The Chairman read extracts from AHC policy directive to the Chief Commissioner Allied Commission (LHC letter AG.091.7410(M)-0 of 2 Nov 45) which states:-

"Warlike Equipment and Stores

All arms, vehicles and other warlike equipment of U.S. and BRITISH origin (including lend/lease) in possession of these units being used to make up the ITALIAN Army of 140,000 and in possession of the Carabinieri, as may be surplus to U.S. and BRITISH requirements, together with up to one years maintenance and spare parts for arms, vehicles and other equipment so provided as may be surplus

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Appropriate scales of ammunition of various natures will also be transferred and authorised expenditure replenished from Allied sources.

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In the case of vehicles and warlike equipment available to U.S. and BRITISH disposal organisations, disposal to the ITALIAN Government will be effected through the respective U.S. and BRITISH disposal organisations in accordance with established procedure, but with priorities requested for its sale to the ITALIAN Government. In the case of lethal BRITISH warlike equipment, transfer will be made direct by the military."

The Chairman read extracts from AMQ policy directive to the Commander Land Forces Sub Commission, 13 (L.F.) (reference AMQ letter LG 091.714 COT-0 of 3 Dec 45) which states:-

"It is the policy of the United States and British Governments that the ITALIAN Army shall be brought, in the shortest possible time, to a high state of efficiency."

The Chairman read extracts from the Minutes of a meeting held at GHQ by 1st Branch GHQ on 14 Dec 45 to discuss, in the main, provision of maintenance for the BRITISH equipment handed over to the ITALIAN Army (ref GHQ/6453/5/1(L)) dated 13 Dec 45).

The Chairman read extracts from a letter from GHQ to CG MCUSA putting forward certain proposals regarding provision of equipment to the ITALIAN Army (reference GHQ letter GHQ/64/34 of 18 Jan 46) which states:-

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- "(a) That the Order of Battle and Staff Equipment Tables proposed by MILA (their reference SB/109 of 5 Dec 45) were agreed in principle by GHQ.
- (b) That provision of equipment for the GRM Army was a BRITISH commitment of higher priority than for the ITALIAN Army.
- (c) That it was proposed, in the interests of standardisation, to recommend to the Combined Chiefs of Staff that only the Carabinieri should be equipped from indigenous resources.
- (d) That it was considered by GHQ that the third source of supply mentioned in the Combined Chiefs of Staff's directive, i.e., the ITALIAN Government import programme, was not a practicable proposition in view of the delay that would be involved and the urgency for equipping the Army as soon as possible, and that it was proposed to restrict that material not from BRITISH or AMERICAN supplies be provided from some other source.

7. The Chairman read extracts from AFHQ policy directive to the Commander Land Forces Sub Commission, AG (AFHQ) (reference AFHQ letter AG 091,744 GPT-0 of 3 Dec 45) which states:-

"It is the policy of the United States and British Governments that the ITALIAN Army shall be brought, in the shortest possible time, to a high state of efficiency."

8. The Chairman read extracts from the Minutes of a meeting held at GHQ by 1st Branch GHQ on 11 Dec 45 to discuss, in the main, provision of maintenance for the BRITISH equipment handed over to the ITALIAN Army (ref GHQ/6453/6/1 (L) dated 13 Dec 45).

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"(a) That the Order of Battle and Staff Equipment Tables proposed by MIL (their reference SO/109 of 6 Dec 45) were agreed in principle by GHQ.

(b) That provision of equipment for the ITALIAN Army is a BRITISH commitment of higher priority than for the ITALIAN Army.

(c) That it was proposed, in the interests of standardisation, to refer to the Combined Chiefs of Staff that only the Carabinieri should be equipped from indigenous resources.

(d) That it was considered by GHQ that the third source of supply mentioned in the Combined Chiefs of Staff's directive, i.e., the ITALIAN Government light programme, was not a practicable proposition in view of the delay that would be involved and the urgency for equipping the Army as soon as possible, and that it was proposed to recommend that material not found for BRITISH or AMERICAN surpluses be provided from some other source.

(e) That provision of one year's maintenance and spares from surpluses would of course have to be supplied by the Army providing the particular equipment.

(f) That certain equipment could not be provided from BRITISH surpluses."

CG AFHQ was asked for agreement on the general policy and for details of the equipment that could be provided from U.S. surpluses.

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10.

The Chairman read extracts from CG PROESA's reply to the foregoing letter (reference D-568 of 9 Feb 46) which states:-

"(a) That it was agreed that the proposed standardisation was desirable.

(b) That the bulk of the military type items required had been shipped out of the theatre and the bulk of the civilian type items had been declared to the AMERICAN Disposal Agency (OALG).

(c) That CG PROESA is not authorized to make sales of surplus equipment and that the ITALIAN Government could obtain AMERICAN surpluses of civilian type items by submitting requirements to the OALG in Rome."

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The Chairman then read extracts from a Staff Study for the Chief of Staff LMG, reference G1, let or HED/84/30, which had been agreed by

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but which had not yet been put before the Chief of Staff.

(It was agreed later that this study should go forward to the Chief of Staff LMG.)

12.

The Chairman stressed the point made to Chief of Staff LMG by the Commander Land Forces Sub Commission, reference his letter SO/054 of 5 Mar 46, namely that:-

" It would appear that some other source (than the three mentioned in the original directive), such as BRITISH reserves or extra theatre surpluses should be tapped if an effective ITALIAN Army is to be equipped as ordered."

The vehicle situation was discussed at some length.

13.

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(a) G-1 AFHQ in stressing the deplorable situation that now exists, said:-

(i) Regarding Load Carriers only - of a total entitlement of approx 12,000 approx 7,000 are held, of which about 2,600 are in such a condition that they should be considered as written off, thus making total required 8,600. To meet this during the remainder of 1946 it was estimated that ITALIAN repair facilities would allow approx 1,200 to be repaired provided spares were available and that approx 2,400 might be received from ITALIAN industry, leaving 5,000 to come from Allied surpluses.

(ii) It is estimated that the reorganisation of the ITALIAN motor industry will begin to produce vehicles for the Army during the latter half of 1947 and it can be assumed that by the end of 1947 the ITALIAN Army transport will be entirely supported by ITALIAN industry.

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- (b) Deputy Commander MIA stressed and it was agreed by all present, that the vehicles should be provided as far as possible from BRITISH sources because of :-

- (i) the desirability of achieving maximum standardisation of types
- (ii) the financial problems involved in the purchase of AMERICAN vehicles (which have to be paid for in cash).
- (c) ORD representative said that, as a very rough estimate, subject to alteration when details were available, after other priorities had been met, about 35,000 load carriers of mixed types and classifications with approx six months mixed spares would be declared surplus on the close down of CMF, and that they would all be runners although not Class I.

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- (e) Col A/Q MIA said that they wanted to buy the minimum to last them until the end of 1947 when they hoped to be self supporting in vehicles.

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- ORD representative agreed that "maintenance and spares" for AT covered major assemblies and tyres and inner tubes, but that major assemblies, particularly engine assemblies, were in fact not available and that tyres and tubes were subject to global control and were excluded from the original Combined Chiefs of Staffs' Directive.

Col A/Q MIA said the question of tyres was very important as it was obviously no good providing vehicles and spares unless spares included tyres. The tyre position of the vehicles at present held by the ITALIAN Army was critical.

- (g) Deputy Commander MIA said he did not think the ITALIANS would take vehicles with only six months spares even if it was only a paper transaction. He said that there must be many hundreds of tons of spares for the various vehicles concerned somewhere in the world and surely there must be some way of getting these spares into the hands of the ITALIAN Army. Surely they could come in on the import programme and be paid for. He considered that this point must be put to the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

The Chairman agreed

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- The Chairman agreed
- (h) The Chairman said that the really important point was that it seemed that the bulk of the vehicles could be produced and could be maintained until the end of this year and that he did not think that it was in the power of the Italian Government to object to this course.
- (i) Deputy Commander MIA said that it was essential that the Combined Chiefs of Staff should specifically state that was to be done and that the source of supply was to be.

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14. It was agreed that the indigenous source of supply was impracticable and that the import source of supply was in practice useless.

Deputy Commander MLIA said that there was at the moment an Italian mission in WASHINGTON, with cash, unable to buy for the Italian Army because UNRRA had priority. They definitely would buy spare parts for vehicles if they were allowed to do so.

15. Certain points on the Agenda submitted by MLIA were then taken.

Col A/C MLIA said that the War Ministry was now considering the future long-term reorganisation of the Army. He said it was likely that they might then require certain items not authorised at present, such as tanks and med arty. It would be a mistake to destroy surplus equipment which might later be required for supply to the ITALIANS.

Col A/C MLIA said that he would write to AFH on this subject.

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Col A/C MLIA said that whatever the legal interpretation was, the following items should be transferred direct.

- (i) Weapons
- (ii) 'A' Vehicles (to be interpreted particularly to cover all vehicles which it was unlikely that the Italian Government would be allowed to manufacture.)
- (iii) All instruments required for fire direction and control.
- (iv) Wireless sets.
- (v) Maintenance and spares for all the above.

The Chairman said that this point would be examined and a suggested ruling put up to the Combined Chiefs of Staff for approval.

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Col A/Q MIA said that this was a very important point and must be settled, because the War Ministry had to know what financial load they were incurring.

It was pointed out that this is solely a BRITISH problem and does not arise in the case of U.S. material.

It was agreed that the Financial Adviser and reps of C-5 AFHQ would look into the question and summon a small Financial Conference later.

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18. All present were agreed that the policy to be recommended to the Combined Chiefs of Staff should be :-

- (a) That the Carabinieri and all other armed bodies should, with certain specific exceptions, be equipped with indigenous weapons and equipment.
- (b) Weapons and equipment, other than vehicles, should be BRITISH supply.
- (c) In the interests of standardisation the War Office should provide from BRITISH stocks weapons not available from theatre surplus.
- (d) Fighting vehicles, where possible, should be BRITISH supply to obviate complications regarding weapons etc.
- (e) Other vehicles should be, so far as possible, BRITISH supply in preference to AMERICAN supply in order to reduce the various types and makes of vehicle from the maintenance and spares point of view.
- (f) It is essential that maintenance and spares up to end of 1947 be provided for all equipment handed over.

This must include tyres and inner tubes for vehicles.

- (g) That most items of equipment, in particular vehicles, should be handed over direct to the ITALIAN Army to ensure that the necessary proportion to make that army efficient reach the ITALIAN Army.

- (h) That all maintenance and spares, being based on the holdings of the Army, should also be transferred direct to the Army.

19. The Chairman concluded by saying that he considered that the Conference had achieved its object. A definite policy would be recommended to the Combined Chiefs of Staff on the lines agreed at the Conference.

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SUBJECT : Equipment for Interim ITALIAN Army

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C. (MMIA).

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ESD/81/34 RE

15 March 1946

Receipt is acknowledged receipt by hand on 18 Mar of the following:-

1. Ann

(a) A list entitled "Estimated Arm Requirements for training for ITALIAN Interim Army - Phase" ending 31 Dec 46" (Your ref - Nil)

(b) It is recommended that these figures be NOT include the trg arm requirements for the Carabinieri as given in your SD/109/1 of 5 Mar i.e. 300 Browning 806,000 rds, 37 mm 34,000 rds.

(These figures will be added to the main list.)

2. Enclosure

(c) A copy of a letter entitled "Eng. eqpt for the ITALIAN Army" (Your ref RE/4 of 14 Mar)

(d) This is taken from your reply to minutes 12 of minutes of the Conference of 27 Feb 1946 under ref ESD/81/3B of 2 Mar.

(e) Estimated requirements are NOT given, but you said on 18 Mar that you considered supply of explosives from Allied Sources was NOT required.

3. Ann

(f) A letter entitled "Sig Stores" (Your ref X511 of 16 Mar).

(g) This is taken as your reply to minutes 18 and 21 of minutes referred to in para 2 above.

(h) Appx 14 is taken to exclude requirements for the Carabinieri forwarded in your letter SD/109 of 13 Mar which cancelled Section 'B' of Appx 'A' to your letter SD/109 of 28 Dec and will be considered in conjunction with the latter.

(i) Appx 15 is stated to be incomplete. It is also taken to cover the reply required to minute 30(b) of the minutes referred to in para 2. As our Ord branch is very fully employed, no action will be taken on this until the complete requirement is received. Please send this as soon as possible.

4. Ann

(j) A letter entitled "Mortars" (Your ref X511 of 16 Mar)

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This is to acknowledge receipt by hand on 18 Mar of the following:-

1. Ann

(a) 1 1948 entitled "Estimated Ann Requirements for training for ITALIAN Infantry Army - Period ending 31 Dec 46" (Your ref - Nil)

(b) It is presumed that these figures do NOT include the trg ann requirements for the Carabinieri as given in your SD/109/1 of 5 Mar i.e. 300 Browning 806,000 rds, 37 M3, 600 M2s.

(These figures will be added to the main list.)

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3. SD/109/1

(a) A letter attached "Sig Stores" (Your ref K511 of 16 Mar).

(b) This is taken as your reply to minutes 18 and 21 of minutes referred to in para 2 above.

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4. Engr Engr

(a) A letter entitled "Engr Eqpt for the ITALIAN Army" (Your ref PE/4 of 11 Mar).

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(b) Your reply to minutes 22 and 27 of (11) of the minutes referred to in para 2 above.

(c) Your proposal for operational engr eqpt to be held by the Army.

(d) Part of the breakdown of Tech vcls (see para 5 below) shown in the SD/109 of 6 Dec) in respect of Compressors.

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On the assumption that you wish these to be Trucks and NOT Trailers, they will be added to your list in para 5 below.

(c) Bulldozers are special eqpt and the question of authorising them for the Army will be taken up separately.

(d) This letter will be the subject of a separate communication.

5. Tech Vene

(a) A list entitled "Revised Figures of requirements in Technical Vehicles by the ITALIAN Infantry Army" (Your ref - NIL).

(b) This list does not include the vehs mentioned in para 4(c) above - which will be added to it.

(c) This list will also be the subject of a separate communication.

6. Med Dept and Stores

(a) A letter entitled "Medical Supplies - ITALIAN Army" (Your ref M/4/243 - undated).

(b) This subject does not appear to have been raised before, and will be the subject of a separate communication.

7. Outstanding items

(a) Replies are still outstanding to the following minutes referred to in para 2 above:

(1) and (11) - Med Arty and H.A.
(2) and (12) - Eng Dept and Stores
(3) and (13) - Gen para 3 above

(b) It is noted that the lists required by mins 30(a) and (c) in (a) above will be submitted by the above, an Interim and a final list.

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Receipt of a number of unco-ordinated and unconsolidated lists of demands causes a considerable amount of additional staff work at this HQ. It would be very much appreciated if you would co-ordinate such lists at your HQ in future, and also send us 4 copies of each.

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2801 and (1) - Eng Equip and Stores
3001 - See para 3 above
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(b) It is noted that the lists required by mins 30(a) and (c) in 7(a) above will be submitted in two lists, an Interim and a final list.

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 (Ref your SD/109 of 14 Mar).

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24 March 1946

1. Please send 15 copies of War Office Staff Annals, together with Amendments No 1 and 2 & 3 (combined) to :

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (MMIA)

2. For MMIA.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that these are Confidential documents.

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War

REF: 6/1100/Serv.

TO: M.M.I.A.

DATE: 18.3.46

SUBJECT: Transport for the Italian Army.

Reference your SD/109 of 25.2.46.

1. - The principles at present being adhered to by this S.M. in the distribution and assignment of vehicles, coincide with those pointed out by your Mission.

From the 1st. January to today we have issued to the formations of the Italian Army (CC.RR included):

65 motorcycles - 75 cars - 444 trucks and 66 special vehicles.

In this period, alongside the preeminent needs of the CC.RR and other requirements, we have had to meet the urgent necessities of the Training Centres, in such a way as to ensure their maximum efficiency for the date fixed for the call up of the first draft of recruits. These vehicles have been distributed as follows:

- a) - 193 vehicles to the C.A.R.s.

With these assignments the above mentioned Centres have reached, with the exception of motorcycles, about 90% of the war establishments laid down for each C.A.R. (10 motorcycles, 2 cars and 18 trucks).

The assignment of motorcycles will be completed as soon as possible, drawing the necessary machines from those placed at the disposal of your Mission at Naples, together with armament stores.

- b) - 132 vehicles, over and above the 300 motorcycles assigned by the Allies direct and the issue of which is still being effected, to CC.RR formations.

The assignments have mainly been made in favour of the mobile battalions whose situation can be considered as satisfactory, except in the case of motorcycles and armoured cars, of which there is still a shortage of stocks. Of said battalions, in fact, so far as trucks are concerned :

- four already have all the vehicles laid down in w/e;
- four have reached 80% of the vehicles planned;
- four have 50-60% of the planned w/e.

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More appreciable deficiencies of the CC.RR are still noted in territorial units. Gradual arrangements to fill them will be made, on the principle of priority, in proportion to the availability of vehicles.

c) - 148 vehicles to the Administrative Transport Companies in relation to the necessity of gradually completing their planned w/e's.

d) - 84 vehicles to the Central Military Schools.

e) - 54 vehicles to various services units.

f) - 12 vehicles to the independent Regiments.

g) - 10 vehicles to the I.S. Divisions.

2) - For various reasons this S.M. does not consider it advisable to withdraw vehicles from the Infantry Divisions to satisfy other requirements.

This, above all, in consideration of the fact that:

- the Infantry Divisions, in addition to having appreciable deficiencies in respect of w/e., at present have, as is known, a large number of unserviceable vehicles due to lack of spare parts;
- it is necessary to maintain such units, which may be subject to possible movements and changes of location, in a fair condition of efficiency also in respect of transport;
- the withdrawal of a considerable number of vehicles of Allied manufacture is in course at the A.R.A.R., on which we are counting to meet to a satisfactory extent many of the deficiencies still in force;
- it is presumed that the output of repairs can be appreciably increased in the next months both as regards vehicles of Italian production and those of Allied manufacture.

3) - The principle of limiting the distribution of vehicles of Allied manufacture to the north of the Apennine-Ancona line, in relation to the organisation of repair workshops, is already being adhered to by this S.M.

In conformity with this principle we are arranging to equip the 2nd. Special Transport Company of the Central Military Schools exclusively with vehicles of Italian manufacture.

4) - We would add, finally, that the data relative to vehicle war establishments shown in appendix "A" to letter SD.109 of 15.2.46 do not appear to be exact or alternatively do not correspond to the actual situation. In particular:

a. - Infantry Regiments : the present war establishments are limited, for each regiment, to:

22 motorcycles
5 cars
22 trucks.

The new war establishments, planned on the principle of forming such regiments on similar lines to those of the Infantry Divisions, are still being elaborated and defined;

b. - a similar situation exists in the case of the I.S. Divisions which still have their initial war establishments in force and which provide, for each division:

12 cars
86 trucks
49 motorcycles
3 special vehicles;

c. - the war establishments relative to the Central Military Schools and those relative to the CC.RR are likewise still being worked out.

Sgd. LIUZZI

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March 46

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1. Att at Appx A to this letter is a table showing very approximately the major items of signal equipment required to equip the ITALIAN Interim Army.
2. Att at Appx B is a list of the major items of signal equipment required for the Signal School. These are being submitted in detail by 12 DLU.

(Signed)

D.R. SKINNER, Major,
S.O.R. Signals.
M.M.L.A.

MMIA - 'G'

FILE: SP/109

DATE: R/21/3

APPENDIX A

	Inf Div Sigs.	Inf Regt.	TA Regt	A/Tk Regt	LAA Regt.	Recon Bn.	Total TA Army.
No in Army	5	32	10	5	5	5	
Wireless Sets No.38	-	1664	60	60	-	135	1919
Wireless Sets No.19	100	928	210	60	40	20	1358
Wireless Sets No.19 HP	40	-	-	-	-	-	40
Wireless Sets No.9.	25	-	-	-	-	-	25
Wireless Rec R107	25	-	-	-	-	-	25
Switchboards F & P (40 Line)	5	-	-	-	-	-	5
Switchboards 10 line UC	15	320	60	15	15	5	420
Tel D Mk V	150	2500	750	150	150	50	3750
Tel 'P'	150	-	-	-	-	-	150
Cable D8 Mls	500	-	-	-	-	-	500
Cable D 3 Mls	-	800	480	25	50	25	1380
Charging sets 4 kw	5	32	-	-	-	-	37
Charging sets 1260 w	10	96	10	5	5	5	131
Charging sets 300 w	15	800	210	10	10	15	1060

(x) Approx 600 - 48 sets held in lieu

(.) Approx 400 22 sets held in lieu.

Apdx A

Sigs.	Inf Regt.	Ed Regt	A/Pk Regt	LAA Regt.	Reoce Bn.	Total IT Army.	Estimate Held	Estimate Reqd
	32	10	5	5	5			
	1664	60	60	-	135	1919	NIL(x)	1919
	928	210	60	40	20	1358	100(.)	1258
	-	-	-	-	-	40	10	30
	-	-	-	-	-	25	10	15
	-	-	-	-	-	25	25	-
	-	-	-	-	-	5	5	-
	320	60	15	15	5	420	180	240
	2500	750	150	150	50	3750	1250	2500
	-	-	-	-	-	150	150	-
	-	-	-	-	-	500	Expendable	500
	800	480	25	50	25	1380	Expendable	1380
	32	-	-	-	-	37	20	17
	96	10	5	5	5	131	50	81
	800	210	10	10	15	1060	350	710

held in lieu

held in lieu.

Annex B

Major items of Signal Equipment required by Signal School

	<u>Total Est.</u> <u>100</u>	<u>Held</u> <u>20</u>	<u>Reqd</u> <u>80</u>
Wireless Sets No. 19	100	-	100
Wireless Sets No. 38	15	5	10
Wireless Sets No. 9.	9	4	5
Wireless Rec R107	100	34	66
Tel D Mx V	50	6	44
Tel 'M'	30	4	26
Tel 'L'	15	4	11
Switchboards UC 10 line	10	1	9
Switchboards P & P 40 Line	mls 100	15	85
Cable Elec D8 double	" 100	15	85
Cable Elec. D8 single	" 60	12	48
Cable Elec D3 single	" 60	-	60
Cable Elec D3 double	2	-	2
Charging sets 4 kw	7	4	3
Charging sets 1260 w	7	4	3
Charging sets 300 w			

CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS

CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES

ESD/81/3

Tel No. Freedom 254

14 Mar 46

SUBJECT : Conference

TO

G-3 AFHQ
G-5 AFHQ
Log Plans GHQ
'Q' GHQ
G-4 PROUSA
ORD GHQ
PA (Br)

1. A conference will be held at 1115 hrs on Monday 18 Mar 46 in the 'A' Branch (G.1 British) Conference Room at which Col KERR (MIL) will be present.

Brigadier J.D.A. ANDERSON, G(SD) GHQ will preside.

2. The object of the conference is to reach some definite conclusions as regards the policy to be recommended to the Combined Chiefs of Staff for equipping the ITALIAN Interim Army.

3. Some of the major points on the attached agenda, submitted by Land Forces Sub Commission, LC (MIL) will be taken.

Attention is also invited to:-

(a) Existing AFHQ policy directive AG 091.711 G(SD)-0 of 2 Nov 45.

(b) Minutes of a conference on 27 Feb 46 issued to all except PA under ref ESD/81/3 of 2 Mar 46. (Copy att for PA)

4. It is expected that a subsidiary conference will be required to discuss certain points of detail.

This will be held in the afternoon at 1430 hrs.

The agenda will depend on the results of the main conference.

Brigadier J. D'A. ANDERSON, G(SD) HQ will preside.

The object of the conference is to reach some definite conclusions as regards the policy to be recommended to the Combined Chiefs of Staff for execution.

Some of the major points on the attached agenda, submitted by Land Forces Sub Commission, AC (MFA) will be taken.

Attention is also invited to:-

- (a) Existing ARHQ policy directive 10-094, 71 G(SD)-0 of 2 Nov 45.
- (b) Minutes of a conference on 27 Feb 45 except PI under ref 3SD/81/3 of 2 Mar 45. (Contd. on p. 11)

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J. D. ANDERSON, (LIS) EDE

MMIA - 'G'
FILE: 85/109
DATE: 8/19/83

Excerpts of reports relating to re-equipping
Army and OOR

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File	Relic	From	To	Ref	Date	Prosis of Sub/ent
SD/109	1A	AFHQ	MIIA Info AFHQ	7853377	16 Nov	Request that MIIA find pro- posed OOR by units and quantities of OOR & OOR of Army together with Staff Tables and Equipment Lists of weapons and vehs as basis for estimating IRI require- ments of Br or Allied eqpt. Also lists of holdings of weapons & vehs by both forces. High priority requested for provision of figures.
SD/109	5A	MIIA	AFHQ Info AFHQ	SD/109	6 Dec	Staff Tables & E.L. for OOR and Interim Army (figures approx) submitted with explanatory preamble.
SD/109		MIIA	MIIA	SD/109 1/5/11 (AE)	13 Dec	Minutes of GHD Conf to dis- cuss para 11; 12 & 16 of AFHQ Directive AGO91.711 GHD -0 of 2 Nov, i.e. 12 units veh unit, IRI facilities for III Army & accountability.
SD/109	6A	MIIA	AFHQ Info AFHQ	S.O. 054	20 Dec	Weapon, arm & veh holdings of Interim Army submitted.
SD/109	9A	MIIA	GSD GHD Info AFHQ	SD/109	28 Dec	Detailed proposals submitted for equipping OOR & certain Interim Army units with Allied 1/2 eqpt and OOR for reasons of I.R.
SD/109	10	GSD GHD	INFORES & MIIA	FEU/370	28 Dec	Recommending early to issue balance of 121 MANCHING to OOR (17 already in process- ion of OOR) before final eqpt and veh policy settled in respect of Army & OOR. (17 above later altered to read 17 MANCHING IV & NOT MANCHING).
SD/109	11	MIIA	GSD GHD	SD/109	4 Jan	Requesting that early policy decision be made re equip- ing OOR & Army with Br weapons owing to limitations call-up. Special ref 30

SD/109	5A	MTA	ADHQ Info ADOM	SD/109	6 Dec	Staff Tables & E.Ls for GRR and Interim Army (figures approx) submitted with explanatory preamble.
U.003		ADHQ	MTA	GHQ/0453 /6/9(AD)	13 Dec	Minutes of GHQ Conf to dis- cuss paras 11, 12 & 16 of AFM Directive AGO94.741 ASD -0 of 2 Nov, i.e. 12 months veh main, HZRG facilities for TTY Army & accountability.
SD/109	6	MTA	ADHQ Info AG	S.O. 554	20 Dec	Weapon, man & veh holdings of Interim Army submitted.
SD/109	94	MTA	GSD GHQ Info AG	SD/109	28 Dec	Detailed proposals submitted for equipping GRR & certain Interim Army units with Allied W/L eqpt and CEM for reasons of I.S.
SD/109	10	GSD G23	PROFORMS & MTA	FC/770	28 Dec	Requesting early to issue balance of 121 BLANCHONTS to GRR (47 already in posses- sion of GRR) before final eqpt and veh policy settled in respect of Army & GRR. (47 above later allocated to read 47 HINDERS IV & FOR BLANCHONTS).
SD/109	11	MTA	GSD GHQ	SD/109	4 Jan	Requesting that early policy decision be made re equip- ping GRR & Army with Dr weapons owing to imminent call-up. Special ref to weapons for GRRs.
SD/109	12	MTA	GSD GHQ	S.O. 054	4 Jan	Comparative tables weapons, man & vehs held by GRRs Dive showing deficiencies fwd to GSD. New annexure 2A to folio 6 (above) showing total weapons, man & vehs also fwd.

SD/109	15	AMHQ	TRACERS Info MIA	NSD/21/53	10 Jan	In reply SD/109 of 4 Jan (Ref 14). States careful consideration being given to policy of re-equipping with Allied eqpt III Army & OCHS - that OCHS will be requested to give ruling as to source to take up any deficit in Br & US eqpt. Also states semi-official agreement to issue of arm's eqpt for OCHS received from V.O. & that ruling likely soon.
SD/109	17A	CHQ	MCUSA Info R-3 MIA	NSD/21/53	13 Jan	Request early reply to Ref 15 - i.e. suby to issue STAMPS to OCHS.
SD/109	18	CHQ	MIA	NSD/21/53	28 Jan	Outlines tentative policy for re-equipping III Army & OCHS & finds comparative changes showing figures of actual MIA holdings, by source, and suggests that deficiencies in R stocks be made up from US stocks and that if deficiency still remains that OCHS be requested to give ruling on source of eqpt to cover there.
SD/109	21D	ADHAR	Multiple theatre addresses	NSD/21/53	31 Jan	Ref follows 19 - that with eqpt proposals agreed in principle by OCHS. Source of eqpt being examined in conjunction with Intel Army & OCHS eqpt requirements.
SD/109	25B	AND CHS	TRACERS	J. 60274	7 Feb	Per USARV memo only. All reports by foreign countries for US War Materiel will be submitted through theatre level & disseminated through USARV to appropriate channels. MIA's here will be having MIA's in what stocks available. This is solely responsible for all sales and MIA's reported here.
SD/109	25B	AND CHS	TRACERS	J. 60274	7 Feb	Issue of 103 standards to OCHS recommended on understanding that either MIA's will be ultimately provided or that commitment will be transferred to US for financial purposes before a US MIA was. MIA's made time 27 Feb 1953 as MIA's.

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File	Folio	From	To	Ref	Date	Basis of Subject
SD/105/1	108	MLIA	Q(AS) GND	Q.150	9 Feb	Request that output of Sec. 105, item 1, Armia & S. BMDIA now under Br (2 Mat) control be transferred to IIA for control.
SD/105/1	5A	Q(AS) GND	Info: MLIA	NSD/51/33	24 Feb	Ref folio 5B (SD/109/4 of 7 Feb). Provide copy of folio 5B to MLIA with statement that IIA GNDs to be issued immediately to GND. Exchange of 45 HURR IVs for SMDs to await WO approval.
SD/109	23A	MLIA	AFHQ	S.G. 024	24 Feb	Grave poem of IIA Army & GND 1st outlined, with Appen att showing percentage of vobu by types held as against 100; summary of holdings of vobu (Pr & IIA); chart showing waste-age & deficiencies of vobu by types; IIA target production figures for vobu, incl raw materials requirements for 1946. Request that 1st be placed in vobu & that all IIA 1st assistance possible be given in way of vobu, server and types at earliest possible moment.
SD/109	25	MLIA	Q(AS) GND	SD/109	25 Feb	Copy of folio 23A 1st to GND, covering letter requesting extreme consideration of 1st poem & giving 1st as the limiting factor in future. IIA Army & GND reply. Request that poem be reviewed by GND in conjunction with Q(AS).
SD/109	27A	MLIA	Q(AS) GND	SD/109	27 Feb	Request for issue of Signal corp to complete the requirement of 'Signal Collection'. Appen A & B showing holdings & deficiencies, reviewed by.
SD/109/1	16A	MLIA	Q(AS) GND	SD/109/1	1 Mar	Ref folio 16B (SD/109/1 of 3 Feb). Request that sheets of 1000 copies of machine carbines & 30,000 machine sets of parts for BMDs now under 2 Dins and be handed over to IIA for
SD/109	Y1	MLIA	AFHQ	SD/159	2 Mar	Requesting suspension of 1st to folio 27A (SD/109 of 27 Feb) as

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SD/109	23A	MAIA	AMRO	S.O.054	21 Feb	Over from of IAI Army & GSRG 104 outlined, with Annex att showing percentage of vchrs by types held as against MA: summary of holdings of vchrs (Br & III); charts showing maintenance & deficiencies of vchrs by types; IAI target production figures for vchrs, incl raw materials requirements for 1946. Request that the vchrs be closely examined & that all allied assistance possible be given in the of vchrs, weapons and types as outlined possible means.
SD/109	25	MAIA	GSD GNR	SD/109	25 Feb	Copy of folio 23A fwd to GSR, covering letter retesting annex continuation of the work & giving as the lifting factor in further IAI Army & GSRG records. Request that the vchrs be reviewed by GSD in conjunction with G(13).
SD/109	27A	MAIA	GSD GNR	SD/109	27 Feb	Request for issue of signed orders to complete the requirements of 'Collegamento'. Annex A & B showing holdings & deficiencies, respectively.
SD/109/1	16A	MAIA	GSD GNR	SD/109/1	1 Mar	Ref folio 163 (SD/109/1 of 1946). Request that stocks of 4000 machine machine carbines & 30,000 machine guns of parts for 1946 now with 2 Disb 5d be handed over to IAI Army.
SD/109	31	MAIA	APRO	SD/109	2 Mar	Requesting submission of copies on folio 27A (SD/109 of 27 Feb), as demand to be found in connection with request for stores & equipment all Trg Data.
SD/109/1	210	GSD GNR	MAIA Info: other Seco AFMA	MSD/81/MA	4 Mar	Spec trg apt for IAI Army - policy for IAI Army. By MAIA & GSRG given. Attached sheet for stores by IAI Army & GSRG never submitted.
SD/109/1	213	GSD GNR	DELEVO, AD. Info: MAIA	SD/666/1	4 Mar	Ref folio 16A & 163 of 27 Feb/1 dated 1 Mar & 2 Feb, 1946, showing ed to release all equipment for IAI Army in order to 11 of 11 units in arms reqd. IAI Army to 11 of 11 units in arms reqd.

File No.	File No.	From	To	Ref	Date	Priority of Subject
SD/103/1	17	Q GHI Info: META	Q GHI Info: META	SD/81/31	4 Mar	Requesting immediate issue to III Army of quantities of am & explosives for use at Central Oil Schools.
SD/103/1	17	META	QSD GHI	SD/103/1	5 Mar	Request for immediate issue for QURT Army of Bombs & IED am.
SD/103/1	19	META	QUR Info: AC MR	Q.125	5 Mar	Request as to whether proposed transfer to III Army of 27,000 tons of am at 501 104 105 approved by H.E., if in am available of types & quantities & estimated date when transfer direct to III Army may commence. Details given of proposed dispo & disposal of am once under III Army control.
SD/103	31	META	QSD	SD/103	9 Mar	Proposed Agenda for Army Provision of Equip for III Army's Army's conf-erence held with suggestion that Conference be held on 18 Mar at 1400 Request for confirmation.
SD/103	37A	META	QSD GHI	MR/31	9 Mar	List of Equip to be made available if possible from diamond-ing METN units. Tech stores require-ments being fed into QSD META.
SD/103	43	META	ARMED Info: AD	SD/103	13 Mar	Ref folios 10 & 18 dated 28 Dec & 28 Jan respectively. Sig GEN's were-fully disposed of to AMR. 24 months elapsed since original demand. Request for sig eqt be made available for cover from an under.
SD/103	41	META	QSD	SD/103	14 Mar	Request for br am tables for coop-eration with existing III Army, to facilitate working out of final am tables for III Army.
SD/103/1	25	META	QSD GHI	QSD/45/1	14 Mar	Request for br am requirement for First CIA assets. To be equal from total requirements of br am for III Army up to 31 Dec 65. Am to be distrib-uted to III Army by 10 April 66.

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File	Serial	From	To	Ref	Date	Details of Subject
SD/109	32	CHQ	MAIA	ESD/21/3	14 Dec	Ref 0.005 of 21 Dec. Agree that MAIA of Supply rep in DMS and dispose of Dr eqpt to IRI Govt for sub-allocation to War Min. Special interests necessary thru this for loanal eqpt as this at present made impossible. Any needs of IRI Army for loanal eqpt will be made available thru Chief Disposals Offr (ICMEX).
SD/109/1	20	CHQ/CHQ	MAIA	WHD/21/3A	26 Feb	Details of Dr carriers which can and cannot be made available to IRI Army for trg purposes.
SD/109	33a	CHQ/CHQ	MAIA & Sec of ARMS	WHD/21/3	2 Mar	Minutes of Egmt Conference held at CHQ 1100 hrs 27 Feb. Object to review current posn of eqpt of all types held by IRI Army of IRI & allied origin. Agreed that provision of eqpt policy to be amended & that a conference on the highest level should be held in order to crystallize the new policy.

H. H. I. A.

MR. Butler for A.P.M. Conference

18th, March 1946.

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Army Initiative

of 2nd Nov. will know to all relevant persons if D.A.2 (Source of Supply) plus loans
 1 Indigeneous (incl. C.B.M.) = } to be repaid
 2 Surpluses (for Allies) = } or confirmed.
 3 Reports (by Italian Gov.)

subject to any subsequent instructions re standardisation of equipment."

also para 12. (Inactive equipment)
hand over all equipment and stores now in possession (if surplus)
weapons and spare parts and stores (if surplus)
official equipment by direct military transfer,
realized through surplus disposal agencies,
based on above with intention of July 1945 to C.B.C.
M.I.I. informing him of the U.S. Gov. policy
to bring the Italian Army to a higher state of
efficiency in the shortest possible time and his
responsibility in effecting this. The first decision
we would like is confirmation that there is no
change in this policy.

(b) Standard conditions.

The Italian Army is now not considering in different ways the end of war long past year.

Delays have occurred in the hardware and are well known.

The three sources of supply have not proved adequate to date.

1. Indigeneous sources consist mainly of surplus or rep-
lacement for material or lethal equipment without
the technical, tools, patterns, designs or authority.
Explanations in sufficient quantities are stated to be
unobtainable in Italy therefore, at any rate no U.S. stores
have been received since November 45.

Imports are economically impracticable in present
circumstances, were probably only intended to supply to
forestry.

C.B.C. has not been a satisfactory source of supply up
 to now but this matter is now settled.

Policy in deciding on the standardisation of arms has, up to
had representation on equipment, training and ammunition
as well as on organization of units.

Result of loss of equipment as reported in Italia letter

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"subject to any subsequent instructions re standardization of equipment."

also note 12. (Surplus Equipment)
handle over all equipment and stores now in possession (if surplus)
Americans are years' worth and stores (if surplus)
"ethical equipment" by direct military transfer,
remainder through surplus disposal agencies.
Based on above AUSA directive of 2nd Dec. to G.O.C.
M.M.A. informing him of the U.S. Govt. policy
to bring the Italian Army to a higher state of
efficiency in the shortest possible time and his
responsibility in effecting this. His first decision
was would like in conjunction that there is NO
change in this policy.

(b) Standardization

The Italian Army was now considering in different
from the end of war any last year.

Delays have occurred in the transfer and are well
known.

The three sources of supply have not proved adequate
to date.

1. Industrial sources cannot supply stores or re-
placements for mechanical or lobal equipment without
new material, tools, patterns, designs or authority.
Improvements in sufficient quantities are stated to be
non-existent in this theatre, at any rate as U.S. stores
have been received since November 45.

Industry are exceptionally impracticable in present
circumstances, were probably only intended to apply to
peacetime.

U.S.A. has not been a satisfactory source of supply up
to now but this matter is now settled.

Delay in deciding on the standardization of arms has
had repercussions on equipment, training and ammunition,
as well as on organization of units.
Result on loss of ~~efficiency~~ as reported in MIA letter
of 5th. March.

(c) Present conditions

Statement by A.O.M.C. if required now.

(d) General situation

From the political and economic angle as well as that of
efficiency, the allies must be enabled not to deliver to
the Italian Government a quantity of materials or
unserviceable equipment, or to cancel them to purchase
part war equipment without the means of maintaining or
replacing it, for at least a reasonable period, that is
until they can replace it with items of their own
manufacture.

(e) GOC M.M.A.'s views

As this is now a matter of urgency: it is now for
M.M.A. share the directive was issued, and the Italian

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any such C.O.D. must be efficient (or at least have a chance to appear to be efficient) in view of:

The coming elections - prestige - morale
The Yugoslav problem - humanitarian supervision
The coming peace treaty - further responsibilities
The close bond of Allied installations and A.F.H.Q.

Before coming to a decision I would ask you to consider each item of equipment separately on general lines leaving the detailed ^{arguments} to the afternoon meeting.

2. Arms and Ammunition

(a)

The decision (2) have required in that of the C.O.D. that they should be British pattern. This has been tentatively agreed but we cannot risk a change as it is a basic matter affecting training organization, (interdependence and interchangeability), ammunition supply. The arguments are well known, (I have a phrase with me) but we do need a firm decision.

(b)

We also want to have some idea of the duration of this ^{commitment} contract so that armament stocks, replacements and ammunition (for training as well as operations) can be provided and adequate maintenance assured.

(c)

We suggest that an immediate issue of lots of a full scale of armaments and associated stores for training and ops. in tested and finished under para 11.0 (1) of the directive (even though the given date (1st Jan. 46.) is past) on account of the above mentioned delays. A period of 2 years ^{is} seems to be reasonable. Such an issue might ^{be} around the run down of our own stores.

Detailed requirements could be dealt with this afternoon if agreed in principle this morning (3).

(d)

C.O.D. I. has a statement of our requirements.

(e)

We also require to know which staff is responsible for detailed needs etc. and will refer to this again when we have dealt with all the contents.

(f)

A.F.H.Q. has notes on local manufacture of arms and ammunition of C.O.D. if needed.

3. Lethal Requirements

(a)

The point here is that Italian Army receives this direct from Ops. and not through Ministry of Supply and A.F.H.Q. as C.O.D. have to render military

(a) The definition (3) have required is that of the C.C.B. that they should be British pattern. This has been tentatively agreed but we cannot risk a change as it is a basic matter affecting training organizations, (standardization and interchangeability), ammunition supply. The arguments are well known; (I have a pressia with me) but we do need a firm conclusion.

(b) We also want to have some idea of the duration of this ^{commitment} contract so that armament experts, replacements and ammunition (for training as well as operations) can be provided and stores maintenance assured.

(c) We suggest that an immediate issue on loan of a full scale of armaments and associated stores for training and use, is needed and justified under para 11 c (1) of the directive (even though the given date (1st Jan. 46) is past) on account of the above mentioned delays. A period of 2 years ^{at present} prior rule is suggested, such an issue might assist the issue of our own copies.

Rebilled requirements could be dealt with this afternoon if agreed in principle this evening (3).

(d) C.S.C. I. has a statement of our requirements.

(e) We also require to know which staff is responsible for detailed working etc, and will refer to this again when we have dealt with all the contents.

(2) A.C.C. has notes on local manufacture of arms and ammunition of C.C.B. if needed.

3. Local equipment

(a) The point here is that Italian Army receives this direct from Ind. and not through Ministry of Supply and A.S.A.S. as C.S.C. I. has to render military services with equipment. As A.S.A.S. may have other fish to fry we give (4) for as wide a definition of local equipment as possible to include all A. vehicles, gunnery instruments for fire direction and control and possibly certain signal and engineer equipment of the town's military quality. If this is not done vehicles parts will be lost to the Army.

(b) Details are available from C.S.C. I.

4. Local equipment

(a) Present position for A.C.C. I.

(b) Since 15th November we have had such correspondence and three conferences have had no substance and

very little efficient M.I. has been provided from Allied sources and I can tell they are simply not available. We must therefore seek another solution and before doing so might try and cut them out from the cloth.

We suggest as a working agreement that we try and equip only the FIVE Inf. Divs. to M.I. with full maintenance for 3 years from Allied sources. Is this acceptable in principle? (5)

If (c) above is agreed M.I.I.A. will undertake with the Ministry of War to equip the remaining half of the Italian Army from Italian sources.

I have already referred generally to the need of high quality maintenance equipment, this applies particularly to M.I.

Responsibility of working out details of (c) above will be discussed later.

The sudden withdrawal of Allied technical assistance was a mistake and has meant loss of efficiency, interest and production. If we can no longer help with personnel can we give greater material help with technical equipment?

If agreed in principle (6) details can be presented when of interest.

Regular sources of supply of M.I. spare parts. Can we tap our reserves outside those in the directive which has listed up (7) 9 such as reserves (as exposed to surveillance) or stocks outside the theatre, as insufficient of theatre supplies can not encourage them the directive was written.

We have brought all details for discussion this afternoon.

See agenda.

See agenda.

Responsibility for detailed scales and schedules. M.I.I.A. will do everything possible but on M.I. has to be the best and we are really only a channel of communication and agreement; our M.I. have certain

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5. Maintenance

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6. Materialist Equipment

7. M.I.I.A.

8. Finance

9. Personnel

(e) I have already ruled generally to the need of not issuing unserviceable equipment, this applies particularly to M.I.

(f) Responsibility of making out details of (c) above will be discussed later.

5. Maintenance.

(a) The sudden withdrawal of allied technical assistance was a disaster and has caused loss of efficiency, interest and confidence. If we can no longer help with personnel we can give them technical help with technical equipment.

(b) If agreed in principle (c) details can be provided this afternoon.

(c) Records sources of supply of M.I. parts, that we keep on various outside bases in the directives which has lined up (7) 9 such as reserves (as opposed to surplusage) or stocks outside the theater, as in the majority of these surplusage was not envisaged when the directive was written.

6. Supply/Dist Equipment.

We have brought all details for discussion this afternoon.

See agenda.

See agenda.

Responsibility for detailed advice and schedules. U.S.I.A. will do everything possible but on U.S. has moved to that base and we are really only a channel of communication and inspection, on U.S.I.A. continue to provide equipment lists etc. or alternatively send U.S.I.A. Ordnance personnel. (6)

7. C.I.A.

8. Personnel.

9. Personnel.

10. Any other points.

PROPOSED AGENDAFORAFHQ CONFERENCE ON EQUIPMENT OF ITALIAN ARMY.1. Object of Conference.

- (a) Based on AFHQ Directive of 2 Nov 45.
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- (d) Need of ensuring serviceability and maintenance of equipment issued, particularly if payment is insisted on.

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- (a) Remainder of Italian Army to improvise from Italian and other miscellaneous sources.

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4. MT and Spares (contd).

- (e) Essential that no equipment is forced on Italy without adequate maintenance.
- (f) Question of responsibility of working out details of spares and replacements.

5. Repair and Maint. Services and Replacements.

- (a) Need for greater assistance if proper use is to be made of all equipment issued.
- (b) Make recommendations re technical vehicles and machines ex British Workshops.
- (c) Can supplies be obtained from reserves, surpluses or manufacture outside this Theatre.

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C O N S I S T E N Z A E S P L O S I V I

E N T I DEL GENIO	Amatolo Kg.	Dinamon Kg.	Donarit Kg.	Gelatina Kg.	Melinite Kg.	Nitramon Kg.	Pentrite Kg.
22 ^a Off. Rip. Genio Pavia	--	--	1500	1700	--	--	900
Direz. Lav. G.M. Bari	--	2000	--	--	800	150	500
Direz. Lav. G.M. Roma	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Direz. Lav. G.M. Napoli	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Sottodirez. Lav. G.M. Sardegna	7100	--	--	470	--	--	2790
TotaliKg.	7100	2000	1500	2170	800	150	4190

Roma, li 15 Marzo 1946.

C O N S I S T E N Z A E S P L O S I V I

	Amatolo Kg.	Dinamon Kg.	Donarit Kg.	Gelatina Kg.	Melinite Kg.	Nitramon Kg.	Pentrite Kg.	Romite Kg.	Tritolo Kg.
a	---	---	1500	1700	---	---	900	2900	31650
i	---	2000	---	---	800	150	500	90300	120000
B	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	200
oli	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	21000	837000
li.	7100	---	---	470			2790	8300	151500
g.	7100	2000	1500	2170	800	150	4190	122500	1140350

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CARB. INTERI GENERAL COMMAND HQ.

Establishment of CC.RR. Vehicles.

COMMANDS	AUTOVEICOLI m/cars persons carriers.	IMMAGNI 30 cwt-3 ton	PESANTI Over 3 ton	AUTOFURGONCINI Light vans	MOTOCICLI Motor-cycles	AUTOBLINDO Armored Cars	OFFICINE Workshops	AUTOTRIFORMANTI Petrol-carriers	AUTOBUS	AUTOCAMIONCINI Light trucks	MOTOCICLI Three wheeled motor-carrier	BICICLETTE Bicycles
GENERAL COMMAND	14	1	1	2	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
Central School	2	1	1	1	20	2	1	1	1	1	1	30
Cadets Legion	2	1	1	1	60	2	1	1	1	1	1	100
2nd "Podgora" Division	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
4th Brigade	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
(Mob. Bns "Raggruppamento" of Roma)	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Roma Territorial Legion	21	20	3	19	42	1	1	1	1	1	1	254
Squadrons Group - Roma	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Royal Guards Squadron	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Lazio Legion	58	57	3	56	116	1	1	1	1	1	1	726
Abruzzi Legion	42	41	3	40	84	1	1	1	1	1	1	544
Caflari Legion	47	46	3	45	94	1	1	1	1	1	1	648
3rd Brigade	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
(Mob. Bns "Raggruppamento" of Florence)	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Florence Legion	45	44	3	43	90	1	1	1	1	1	1	656
Ancona Legion	33	32	3	31	66	1	1	1	1	1	1	440
Bologna Legion	59	58	3	57	98	1	1	1	1	1	1	786
Livorno Legion	33	32	3	31	66	1	1	1	1	1	1	464
3rd Division	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
5th Brigade	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
(Mob. Bns "Raggruppamento" of Naples)	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Naples Legion	62	61	3	60	124	1	1	1	1	1	1	908
Bari Legion	57	48	3	47	98	1	1	1	1	1	1	570
Catanzaro Legion	54	53	3	52	108	1	1	1	1	1	1	762
6th Brigade	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Palermo Legion	17	50	3	49	102	1	1	1	1	1	1	626
Messina Legion	2	45	3	45	94	1	1	1	1	1	1	598
1st "Pastrengo Division"	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
2nd Brigade	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
(Mob. Bns. Raggruppamento of Milan)	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Milan Legion	56	55	3	54	112	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Bolzano Legion	35	34	3	33	70	1	1	1	1	1	1	796
Padova Legion	41	40	3	39	82	1	1	1	1	1	1	456
Trieste Legion	43	42	3	41	86	1	1	1	1	1	1	532
Verona Legion	32	31	3	30	64	1	1	1	1	1	1	520
1st Brigade	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	436
Torino Legion	38	37	3	36	76	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Alessandria Legion	39	38	3	37	78	1	1	1	1	1	1	500
Genova Legion	45	44	3	43	80	1	1	1	1	1	1	530

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VEHICLES.	INF. DIVS.	INTERNAL SECURITY DIVS.	ENG. REG.	SERVI S ADM UNITS.	CC. RR.	TOTALS.
TRUCK 45 CWT 4 X 2 MACHY TYPE K.L.	10					10
" " " 9 K.W.	5					5
" 4 X 4 WIRELESS HOUSE	65					65
LORRY 3 TON 4 X 2 DISINFESTOR				22		22
" " " X RAY				4		4
" " " REFRIGERATOR				2		2
" " " BATTERY CHARGER	5					5
" " " STORAGE	5					5
" " 4 X 4 COMMAND L.P.	45					45
" " " H.P.	20					20
" " " T.E.V.	5		1			6
" " " WIRELESS				3		3
" " 6 X 4 CIPHER OFFICE	5					5
" " 4 X 2 BREAKDOWN	10					10
" " 6 X 4 BREAKDOWN	25		1	38		64
" " 6 X 4 24 K.W.	5					5
" " 4 X 2 WEEP R.A.S.C.	10	3		10		23
" " 6 X 4 MACHY TYPE D I	5					5
" " " " F	5					5
" " " " I	5					5
" " " " I 30				2		2
" " " " M	5		6	2	35	48
" " " " Z	10					10
" " 4 X 2 BINNED STORES	55			15		70
" " 6 X 4 " "	70					70
" 6 TON " " "	50					50
" 3 TON " " " "	5					5
TRACTOR 6 X 4 BREAKDOWN	45		3	44	12	104
TRAILERS 10 CWT 2 WILD MACHY	5					5
" 5 TON MAC AND WHITE			6			6
" 7 1/2 TON 6 WILD LIGHT REC	20					20
	495	3	17	142	47	704
Previous figures as per Staff table. 290		3	18	313	161	785

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REVISED FIGURES OF REPAIR

Notes

1. Inf Divs The difference for by the recent reorganiza.

2. Eng. Reg. All Eng. Regs. in this list is not yet known.

3. Adm Units The large diff.

(a) Vols such as " Mob included in the previous list the correct list of each Vol.

(b) Vols which have been excluded.

(c) Certain details are not available and have been

Details of discrepancies

11 x Disinfestor Secs

5 x Mob Bath Units

4 x Repair Units Class

2 x " " "

3 x Service Stations

(Unit no longer rep)

2 x Mob Parks

2 x Recovery Secs

1 x Adm Spt Coy For Spt

of 10

1 x (Qd Coy Secano)

(Unit no longer rep)

3 x Engr Reg Type 1

3 x " " " 2

1 x (Georg Centre Drive)

(Unit no longer rep)

1 x (Transit Camp Rivin)

(Unit no longer rep)

CCRR Units

The previous figure of 47 has been supplied figure.

The previous figures no longer bear any relation to fact. The figure of 17 has been supplied by U.A.C.B.C. Class and this is intended to be an agreed figure.

UNIT. CC. RR. TOTALS.

		10
		5
		65
22		22
4		4
2		2
		5
		5
		45
		20
		6
3		5
		5
		10
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		10
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AND FIGURES OF REQUIREMENTS TECHNICAL VEH BY ITALIAN DEFENSE ARMY

Notes

1. Inf Divs

The difference in the requirements of the five Inf Divs is accounted for by the recent reorganization and revision of all Inf Divs.

2. Trg Bats

All Trg Bats have been included except the Culpr School. The figure for this unit is not yet known.

3. Agn Units

The large difference in the two figures is accounted for as follows:-

(a) Vets such as "Mob Water Sterilizer", "Buses" and "Trailers 3ton GS" were included in the previous estimate of Tech Vets Required. These are ~~not~~ included in the correct list of Tech Vets and have therefore been excluded from these calculations.

(b) Vets which are marked as coming from Italian resources such as Mob Bath, Barriers have been excluded.

(c) Certain details e.g. Requirements of Mob Parks for vet repairs and Engr Vets are not available and have therefore had to be left out of these calculations.

Details of discrepancies are:-

11 x Disinfectant Secs	1 x Mob Water Sterilizer	=	22
5 x Mob Bath Units	1 x Mob Bath	=	5
4 x Repair Units Class 1	1 x Mob Bath	=	5
2 x " " " 3	2 x 3ton Trailer GS	=	8
3 x (Service Stations	1 x 3ton Trailer GS	=	2
(Unit no longer reqd)	1 x 624 D/Down	=	3
2 x Mob Parks	16 Tech Vets each	=	92
2 x Recovery Secs	3 Trailers /ton GS	=	6
1 x Agn Tpt Coy for Min of War	10 Buses	=	10
1 x (G Coy Cassano	6 x Tech Vets	=	6
(Unit no longer reqd)			
3 x Engr Vets Type A	4 Tech vets	=	12
3 x " " " B	3 " "	=	9
1 x (Reorg Centre Service	2 x Trailers	=	2
(Unit no longer reqd)			
1 x (Transit Camp Ravenna)	2 Trailers	=	2
(Unit no longer reqd)			

Discrepancy 179
Still required 142
Previous figure 313

CORR Units

The previous calculations no longer bear any relation to fact. The figure of 47 has been supplied by DAFS CORR Sec and is understood to be an agreed figure.

SUBJECT: Supply

RECEIVED

30/10/46

HQ BRITISH TROOPS IN AUSTRIA,
C.M.F.
165 G

CHQ CMF

MMIA

13 Mar 46

On Return

Dep. Gen.
BGS
Col.

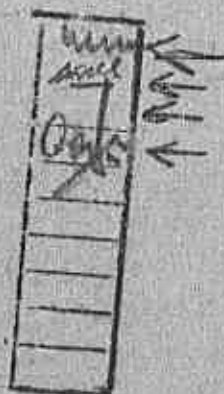
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It is considered that in the future there will be large commitments in supplying the Italian Army with equipment through MMIA.

It is felt by this HQ that since this equipment may come all over ITALY, it would be better that MMIA dealt direct with this HQ as from 7 May 46, rather than through 3 District.

Will you please recommend what channels you consider would be most satisfactory, since this point was out covered by the ROME Conference.

Col. GS
GSO I (D)
Dep. G3
GSO II (S)
GSO II (I)
GSO II (W)
GSO III (S)
GSO III (O&B)
G (Tr)



Lt Gen.
C in C.

MMIA - 'G'

FILE: SD/109

DATE: R/18/3

181000

Engineer Unit for the ITALIAN ARMY

Lead Forces Sub Command AG.
(MFA)
Rome.
11/4

11 Mar 46

To : "C"

Reference HQ Letter ISM/88/3 of 27 Feb.

It is considered that the following engineer eqpt will be required:-

(a) Bulldozers

No.2 for each of 5 Field Park Coy's
No.2 for Engineer School

=	10
=	2
Total	12

(b) Air Compressors (with tools)

No.2 for each of 10 M Coy's
No.4 for Engineer School

=	20
=	4
Total	24

2. Bailey Bridge requirements of field units will be met if supplied to British scale. Estimated reqts are:

7 1/2 Platoons. (10 1/2 pls for each of 5 M Pk Coy's)

3. Bailey Bridge requirements for PzG purposes are estimated as:

2 1/2 Pls. (this for Eng School, CIVILIAN SCHOOL, and does not allow for unit trg within Divs).
1 Pontoon Platoon (Eng Platoon).

4. Reference explosives, the Ministry of War state that whilst being able to supply explosives of old type, they are unable to supply modern explosives such as Plastic HE or fuso such as Cymex. This naturally calls for a policy decision as to whether or not the older type of explosives are suitable for Italian Engineer units.

If it is decided that modern HE or US explosives are necessary estimated requirements will be:

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1. It is considered that the following engineer cost will be required:-

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No.2 for each of 5 Field Park Coy's
No.2 for Engineer School

"	10
"	2
Total	12

(b) Air Compressors (with Tools)

No.2 for each of 10 Rn Coy's
No.4 for Engineer School

"	20
"	4
Total	24

2. Bailey Bridge requirements of field units will be met if supplied to British scale. Estimated costs are:

7 1/2 Platoons. (1 is 1 1/2 pls for each of 5 5d Pk Coy's)

3. Bailey Bridge requirements for the purposes are estimated as:

24 Pls. (This for Eng School, DIVISIONAL, and does not allow for unit trg within Divn).

1 Pontoon Platoon (Eng Platoon).

4. Reference explosives, the Ministry of War state that whilst being able to supply explosives of old type, they are unable to supply modern explosives such as Plastic III or fuse such as Cartrite. This naturally calls for a policy decision as to whether or not the older type of explosives are suitable for ITALIAN Engineer units.

If it is decided that modern III or IS explosives are necessary estimated requirements will be:

E.H.J. Harding, Major.
SACRE
MILL

Col. GS
GSO I (SD)
Dep. Q3
GSO II (SD)
GSO II (I)
GSO II (W.F.)
GSO III (SD)
GSO III (O.R.S.)
e (Trg)

MEMO. 'C'
FILE: SD/109
DATE: 12/3

TO : Arms for OCH

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC, (MIA)

20/47

20 Feb 46

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Reference your letter 4/2734/81V dated 7 Dec 45.

1. The proposed scale of weapons suggested for the rearming of the OCH is agreed to by this Headquarters with the following exceptions:

- (a) It is considered that it is essential for stations of less than 10 men, of which there are 4106, to be armed with 1 "BRDA" model 30 cal 6.5 light machine gun.
- (b) It is considered that the four Commandi Raggruppamenti should each be armed with 4 "BRDA" model 38 cal 9 automatic rifles, but that this should not be carried out until all other demands for "BRDA" automatic rifles have been met.

2. It is considered that the arming of the 4106 stations consisting of less than 10 men, as stated in para 1(a) above, should be commenced forthwith by utilising the surplus "BRDA" light machine guns already held by all Brigades except No. 1 Bde.

It is further considered that priority should be given to the equipping of such stations in SICILY and 3 Bde.

3. Please ensure that this Headquarters is kept informed of the progress of the rearming of the OCH and of any further arms or ammunition required to complete this rearming.

Internal: "J" OCH Sec

ALL/OP

Major General
Major General,
M.H.I.A.

(a) It is considered that it is essential for stations of less than 40 men, of which there are 4106, to be armed with 1 "BREDA" model 30 cal 6.5 light machine gun.

(b) It is considered that the four Commandi Raggruppamenti should each be armed with 4 "BREDA" model 38 cal 9 automatic rifles, but that this should not be carried out until all other demands for "BREDA" automatic rifles have been met.

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3. Please ensure that this Headquarters is kept informed of the progress of the rearming of the CCR and of any further arms or ammunition required to complete this rearming.

W. J. Cunningham
Major General,
M.H.I.A.

Internal: "Q"
CCR Sec

AMB/cp

[DATE: 11/1/45]

