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ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch

NOTES ON CONFERENCE
11 JULY 1947

Present

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GSO 2 } L.L.F.B.
ACME }

Military Attache RMG
Genl. Identi } Ministry of
Lt. Col. Olivetti } National Def.
Army

Director

Assessment Everything possible has been done to find and produce ammunition for Italian Army from BRITISH and AMERICAN sources.

Results could now, in most cases be seen, though the MOVING INVENTORY were not yet implemented. Further, an BRITISH UNIT withdrawal from GEF have accumulation of all matters will become available and this has been promised to the Italian Army. However the longer the Allies remain in occupation the smaller such a reserve will become.

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He reply from WASHINGTON sources has yet been received. It may be hoped (but only hoped) that they will take expression on the Italian Army and subsequently offer more equipment.

Now with regard to the future.

It would be useless to look on getting the needed equipment. It can not expect the Allen to go on giving ~~information~~ ^{information}.
 Representatives and other needs should now be reviewed in the light of permission from ~~MEYER~~ ^{MEYER} in writing via Diplomatic channels.

Regarding letter of 10 July from Ministry of National Defense - /my/. We cannot say that you can rely on residents in political issues being turned over to the Army.

Gen. Leland It is however important that they should come to us that not go to AMH.

WGL This is assured.

Director 1948 is an Italian Government Agency dependent and attributable to various ~~AMH~~ ^{AMH}. We can give no orders to AMH. It is up to them in consultation with other Government Agencies to serve their own Army's needs.

Gen. Leland Agreed but... If it could be arranged as was done at ~~AMH~~ ^{AMH} to let the Army have direct place.

Director This is done on the AMH side, but on the AMH side you must of ~~AMH~~ ^{AMH} presence in first necessary.

There are however certain difficulties that cannot be solved up from either AMH or AMH sources in Italy. Your Government and Army must therefore consider other sources of supply.

agreed.

Gen. Leland AMH, AMH would like the prints and drawings of Italian ammunition in order to produce them in Italy to some ~~AMH~~ ^{AMH} made. Previous Military Attache is not in agreement.

WGL, Attache. Said, a letter has been received from ~~AMH~~ ^{AMH} (speaks in letter on orders of AMH regarding on Civil Import List).

... That is required.

Gen. Leland It would be cheaper for us to buy direct from Italy, for the next few years anyway.

Director Agreed, and better way to bring up question of AMH through Italian Ambassador in AMH.

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Gen. Leland Well, they will see what is forthcoming from AMH. AMH reports in AMH and AMH and their place the order through diplomatic channels.

WGL, Attache. It possible that by 1 Sept (latest 1 per 1) for delivery Italian AMH.

Gen. Leland: It is impossible to get any more to us
and we go to ARK.

AG: This is correct.

Director: ARK is an Italian Government Agency designed and
established to assist Italy. We are giving no orders
to ARK. It is up to them in consultation with other
Government Agencies to serve their own Army's needs.

Gen. Leland: Agreed but... If it could be arranged on our own
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AG: Yes.

Gen. Leland: Indeed, I think will also give prints and drawings of
Italian equipment in order to produce them in Italy
to save transportation costs. I believe military standards
is one to consider.

Mr. Atchison: Well, a letter has been received from the ARK...
(I quote) re letter on orders of ARK...
should report back.

..... What is required.

Gen. Leland: It would be difficult for us to buy direct from Italy, for
the Army for years ago.

Director: Agreed, and better way to bring us question of this
problem through Italian Ambassador in London.

AG: Yes.

Gen. Leland: Well, they will see what is forthcoming from their
allied resources in Mexico and America and then place
the order through diplomatic channels.

Mr. Atchison: It possible that by 1 Sept (latest 1 Nov 41) for
delivery of this.

Director: Yes, any on training is. Yes, this is very high,
urgent situation.

Gen. Leland: Agreed. Really come directly.

Col. Oliver: I have a list of American equipment.

Gen. Leland: That is correct, the receiving him and says that he has
a number of pieces of what can be obtained and cannot
be obtained from Italian sources in Italy and some important
still, he has a different picture of method of production
for the future.

SUBJECT:- Supply of Equipment for Foreign Countries

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Tele No. 22328

June 30/6

The attached WO letter 57/GEN 4/5124 (GS (W)1) dated 17 June 47 is fwd for information.

W. L. ...
Lt Gen,
GOC in C.

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902. to see
[Signature]

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THE WAR OFFICE,

WHITEHALL, S.W.1.

57/Gen.A/5124.(GS(W)1).

17 June, 47.

Memorandum for :-

British Military Missions to

Belgium & Luxembourg

Czechoslovakia

Denmark

Egypt

Ethiopia

France

Greece

Iraq

Saudi Arabia

Military Attaches to

Argentina

China

Eire

Iran

Italy

Lebanon

Netherlands

Norway

Portugal

Sweden

Switzerland

Syria

Turkey

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3. It has been decided, however, that all demands will continue to be submitted to the War Office via the appropriate Military Attaches.

Czechoslovakia
 Denmark
 Egypt
 Ethiopia
 Finland
 Greece
 Iraq
 Saudi Arabia
 Military Attaches to
 Argentina
 China
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 Iran
 Italy
 Lebanon
 Netherlands
 Norway
 Portugal
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 Switzerland
 Syria
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The Ministry of Supply will endeavour to arrange supply either from surpluses in its possession or from new production. Where supply is arranged from private firms the Ministry of Supply would normally place the "outside customers" in direct contact with the private firm concerned and all further negotiations will be between the latter and the "outside customer".

In future the War Office will only receive demands for exclusively "Warlike" stores. As regards other stores, which although used by Armies are similar to articles used by civilians, foreign governments should obtain their requirements through normal commercial channels.

/Instructions

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Instructions defining these items for which demands may be submitted to the War Office will follow shortly.

4. It will be appreciated that as the future requirements of "outside customers" for "warlike" stores will have to be met very largely from new production, early warning of these requirements will be essential. Forecasts will be called for annually by the War Office and dealt with as explained above. Requirements will have to be on an itemised basis and submitted in a form suitable to the War Office. Full instructions on the submission of these forecasts will be issued shortly by C.M.C.

5. Forecast requirements for the year 1st April 1948/ 31st March, 1949 will be required by 1st September, 1947. It is realised that these will only be forecasts and that they may be subject to amendment at a later stage. Firm demands for the year 1st April, 1948/ 31st March, 1949 will be required as soon as possible after September and not later than March, 1948.

6. The new procedure outlined will be introduced for the 1948/49 requirements and for the present year the following action is being taken:

- (i) To date the War Office has dealt with demands as they are received and has met them as far as possible from available stocks;
- (ii) The balance of the requirements received are being "bulked" and passed to the Ministry of Supply who will try and arrange to supply from surpluses in their possession or from new production.

7. Large numbers of small "ad hoc" demands continue to be received. It is regretted that for the present no further demands of this nature can be accepted except in cases of operational urgency. Other demands should be forwarded with 1948/49 requirements or when called for by the War Office. In cases where demands are of such importance that they cannot wait, reasons substantiating this will be required since only in exceptional cases can such demands be considered.

8. The above instructions refer to all demands from foreign countries with the exceptions of equipment required for the following forces:-

- (i) The Belgian Corps in Germany.
- (ii) The Danish Brigade Group in Germany.
- (iii) The Norwegian Brigade Group in Germany.
- (iv) The Norwegian Brigade Group in Norway.
- (v) The Greek National Army.

The War Office estimates the equipment required for the above forces and includes them with its own requirements for production. Further instructions on forecasts required and method of placing demands for these contingents will follow.

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9. Would you please bring the relevant parts of this letter to the immediate notice of Governments to which you are accredited.

HRB Cagyl Co

Major-General,
Director of Weapons & Development.

Foreign Office

Combined Operations Headquarters
Ministry of Supply.

His Excellency, The Commander-in-Chief in India

The Commander-in-Chief, Middle East Land Forces

The Commander-in-Chief, South East Asia Land Forces

The Commander-in-Chief, British Troops in Austria

The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Central
Mediterranean Force

The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, British Army
of the Rhine

SAN FELICE and FORLI VehiclesPartsProgress Report for the month ofMay, 1947CONFIDENTIAL1. SITUATION.

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Make & Type	SAN FELICE			FORLI			GRAND TOTAL
	CL.	CL.	CL.	CL.	CL.	CL.	
	1	2	3	1	2	3	
Sherman 1E/105.....	11						11
" 1/15.....	5						5
" 1E/17 par.....	3						3
" 1L/75.....	4						4
" 1L/75.....	12	5					17
" 1L/Donner.....	1						1
" V/75.....	95	2					97
" W3/17 par.....	25						25
S.P. M7/105.....	11	24	43				78
" M10/3".....	1	24					25
Staghound 1/37.....	24	30	50				104 + 8
" 1L/3" Bow.....	11	1	5				17
" 1A.....	2	1	1				4

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PCS	
GSO I (SD)	1
DET. G. H.	1
GSO II (SD)	1
GSO III (SD)	1
GSO II (I)	1
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" 1L/75.....	4					4
" 1L/75.....	12	5				17
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" 1/75.....	95	2				97
" 1E/17 pdr.....	25					25
S.P. 17/105.....	11	24	43			78
" 1E/105.....	1	24				25
Staghound 1/57.....	24	30	50			104 + 8 CENTRAL SCHOOLS
" 1L/3" How.....	11	1	5			17
" 1A.....	2	1	1			4
Greyhound 57.....	21	6	1	15	2	65
S.C. Ford MK II.....	4		1	9	1	24
" 1A.....					2	2
" 1A.....					1	1
" 1A.....					2	2
Stuart Recon.....	3	6				9
						25
						34

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2. STRENGTH (Personnel)(a) British

(i) O.Rm 1 Clerk
 1 S/Sgt. Arm. Artificer.

(b) Italian

	<u>SAN FELICE</u>	<u>FORLI</u>
(i) Officers	5	1
(ii) N.C.Os	18	3
O.Rm	85	8

(Includes 37 personnel erecting and repairing buildings, and carrying out guard duties.)

3. ACCOUNTING.

All available data for vehicles at SAN FELICE has been collated, and census cards are complete. Cards for vehicles at FORLI are in course of completion. Rinning and accounting of vehicle equipment continues.

4. MAINTENANCE.

Cleaning and maintenance of vehicles is proceeding. All weapon pieces of S.P. Mg MG have been inspected, cleaned and re-greased. 105 m.m. pieces of 17's are now undergoing similar maintenance. All Class I and II Armoured Cars have been parked on hard standings, under cover, and steps taken to protect their tyres from the heat of the sun.

A plan has been made to concentrate all vehicles ex FORLI at BOLOGNA, where hard standings and cover exist. Restricting A.J.Fs will be parked at SAN FELICE, and de-militarised vehicles ex ARAR will be parked separately, but in the proximity of the existing park. The LUCA D'ACQUA barracks will be used to augment accommodation and garage all trailers, (not restricted).

5. EQUIPMENT.

Further accommodation, including the original

(i) Officers	5		1
(ii) H.C. Co	18		3
O.R.	85		8

z (Includes 37 personnel erecting and repairing buildings, and carrying out guard duties.

3. ACCOUNTING.

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4. MAINTENANCE.

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A plan has been made to concentrate all vehicles on FORMI at BOLIGNA, where hard standings and cover exist. Restricted A.F. V's will be parked at SAN FELICE, and de-militarised vehicles ex ARAR will be parked separately, but in the proximity of the existing park. The DUA D'AOSMA barracks will be used to augment accommodation and garage all carriers, (not restricted).

5. EQUIPMENT.

Further accommodation, adjoining the original stores, has been made available, and extra racking has been ordered from FIACENZA Arsenal.

Equipment has been sorted into kind, lined, and is now in process of counting and checking against BRITISH vouchers. It is estimated that this process will be completed by the end of June '47.

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Last of experienced stormer, as previously reported, is proving a severe headache. Spare batteries have now been sorted into types, Surveillant and Unsurveillant Groups. Catalogue, (Survivor Parts) are required for all types of eleven and small arms of trucks, and S.P. A/M. H704. A catalogue for the M70 is in possession.

6. GENERAL

Miss Mason has been procured locally, and are in course of erection at SAN MATEO. One will be used as a guard room, and the others for personnel sleeping accommodation.

This S.P. M704 for H704, (see your letter SU/109/TP of 18 Feb. '47) are still awaiting rail movement: vehicles for the M.P. Study Office, (see your SU/109/TP of 12 Mar. '47), will not be provided from present holdings, but from de-militarized vehicles brought from H704. Vehicles provided from the same source will also be used for driving instruction, when training exercises. Movement of these vehicles, on H704 Park, PCHL, is estimated to commence 9 Apr. '47.

General program has been satisfactory, and interest has not slackened. This is considered mainly due to the efforts of the VI CHIEF STAFF whose co-operation is excellent and enthusiastic.

D. A. Price
Major MA 4 QEG
6 MAR

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AMR, M704 (3 copies)

and 2.P. A/2. 1764. A catalogue for the 1910 is in possession.

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15 Apr 47

Ministry of National Defence - Army

Subject: Release of US Equipment
to the Italian Army

1. Verbal information has been received that the Equipments and Ammunition shown on the attached list are available in USA depots at LIVORNO and UDINE for direct transfer to the Italian Army. These have been verbally accepted by S.E representative. As certain of this material is due to be demilitarized or demolished unless taken over by the Italian Army, it is necessary that the transfer should be made without delay and before formal notification from AFHQ is received.

2. All tanks and SP guns transferred will be held by the Italian Army on the same conditions as those already received from the British Army, and now held at S. FELICE.

3. You are requested to nominate representatives (if convenient from 7 and 5 Territorial Commands) at LIVORNO and UDINE to negotiate the method of transfer and storage in these areas with the USA authorities through the medium of US officers selected by this mission. The US officers selected are:-

UDINE. Lt Col E.J. BOCCINO (attached 5 BH)

LIVORNO. Capt W.F. JUDFINS Jnr (HQ MFA)

These officers will check quantities transferred and be responsible that Shipping Tickets are correctly prepared and signed.

4. It is suggested that where possible arrangements should be made to accept, and guard this material at or near its present location rather than to move it to its final destination until formal and complete transfer has been effected.

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6. Please let me have your very early agreement to this proposal.

VP/jm

Copies to:

GHQ (for G(SD))

PBS (Ref conversation 14 Col DORNEY)

5 BIJ (for Lt Col BOCCINO)

Major General,
Director.
Dep Comdr (for Capt Judkins)
G (SD)

BCS	
GSO 1 (SD)	X
DEF C. III	
GSO II (SD)	
GSO III (SD)	X
GSO II (I)	
GSO II (L)	

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EQUIPMENT

105 mm Howitzer, M2	Quantity
76 mm Med Tanks, M4 A3	63
75 mm Light Tanks	56 +
Tank Transporters, 45 tons, M19	25
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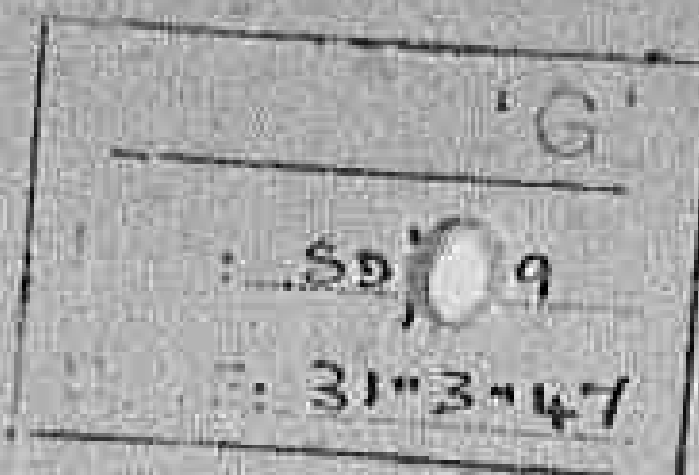
30 Cal Browning	5,000,000
37 mm HE Base Fuse	3,000
50 Cal	12,000
75 mm various	23,000
105 mm HE	166,000
" " " mixed	94,000
" " " smoke	15,000

SPARES and ASSOCIATED STORES

Quantities at present unknown, but all surplus material necessary for the functioning and maintenance of the above equipment is being made available to the Italian Army.

NOTE:

- + The acceptance of 56 tanks is conditional on the final number being within that allowed by the Peace Treaty. A number of the less suitable tanks may then have to be returned or demilitarised.



TRANSLATION

From: M. of D.

Ref: 4233/DST

To : Bologna Military Territorial
Command.
IMAS (for info)

Date: 24/3/47

(Ref. letter SD/109/LF dated 12/3/47)

In complying with the request made, AFHQ IMAS LFSS has placed at the disposal of this Ministry, one of each of the following types of armoured vehicles which were withdrawn from the Allied camp of Forlì for the Armoured Vehicles Park of S. Felice:

BCS	
GSO I (S)	
DEI (S)	
GSO II (S)	
GSO III (S)	
GSO IV (S)	
GSO V (S)	

- Greyhound light armoured car
- Recce car
- Shermann tank
- 105 m/m M. 17 Mobile gun
- CC 3 inch (7.5) Mobile gun

- N° 6 BLU has already been informed by LFSS.

- We request you therefore to arrange for the dispatch (2 at a time) of the a/m armoured vehicles to the MT Studies Office in Viale Pinturicchio - Rome.

- Direct agreements will be made with the Studies Office for the dispatch and handing over.

- For the Studies Office we repeat the instructions in letter N° 95 dated 7 -I -47 i.e. that the vehicles must be quickly returned after they have been studied, to the Park of S. Felice in the same conditions in which they are received as the vehicles are British Army W.D. property.

We await your reply.

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Sgd. ROSSI
Gen.

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- Light armoured car Greyhound
- Recce car
- Shermann tank
- Mobile gun IO5 m/m M I7
- Mobile gun C.C. 3 inch (7.5).

Should your AFHQ IMAS. LFSS. accept the request, the above armoured vehicles should be handed over to the MT. Study Office - Viale Pinturicchio - Rome, from time to time at a rate of 2 each time.

We await your kind reply on the matter.

C/A

Sgd. ROSSI
Gen.

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From: M. of D.

Ref : 6/697/Serv

To : IMAS

Date: 4/3/47

Subject: Armoured vehicles.

Ref your letter SD/109/4/LF dated 28/2/47.

The movement of the armoured-cars from the Bologna Armoured Vehicle Park to the Armoured Car School was carried out due to a misunderstanding by this S.M., who, at first, thought that the armoured cars were excluded from the restrictions imposed on the vehicles in question.

This office realized the error, after having carried out the movement.

Whilst giving assurance that the regulations contained in letter SD/109 dated 17/1/47 will be observed, we would point out that the armoured cars transferred to the Armoured Car School are the following:

- 8 Medium Staghound armoured cars.
- 6 Light Greyhound armoured cars.

Up to the 28/2/47 only 6 Greyhound armoured cars of the original 28 have been handed over to the Bologna Armoured Vehicle Park.

The 6 Greyhounds armoured cars transferred to the Armoured Car School will be returned to the Bologna Armoured Vehicle Park as they are to be considered in excess to the requirements of the School.

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sgd. MELONI
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IMAS/116/CS

Subject : Control of Production of Armaments in Italy.

To : Chief of Staff, AFHQ, APO 512, U.S. Army.

1. Paragraph 2 FAN 711 authorizes the establishments of IMAS, to be charged with the control functions of supervision and direction of the Italian Armed Forces heretofore exercised by the Land, Naval and Air Force Sub-Commissions of the Allied Commission and the control of the production of armaments.

2. Paragraph 4 of Acting Chief of Staff's letter, G-3 AFHQ/131/1 of 26 January states that "IMAS and its Sub-Sections will continue to operate in accordance with existing directives for, and practices of, the Service Sub-Commissions."

3. Since AFHQ staff Memorandum No. 3 dated 31 January 1947 excludes from the responsibilities of the Chief Civil Affairs Officers, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5, AFHQ, control of the production of armaments in Italy, and since existing directives and practices of the former Service Sub-Commissions of the Allied Commission did not include responsibility for Italian armament production control instructions are requested as to whether this function should be assumed by IMAS. If so, it is recommended that this function be added to those of the Land Forces Sub-Section, with authority to co-opt services of the Naval and Air Forces Sub-Sections when necessary.

4. In this connection, it is the view of director, Land Forces Sub-Section, with which I concur, that if the responsibilities of his Sub-Section are to include supervision and inspection of factories and arsenals, it may become necessary to augment the staff of his Sub-Section with personnel having technical qualifications beyond those at present available.

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DATE: 6-3-47

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Rear Admiral, USNR
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Italian Military Affairs Section

This has been seen
by: GOC
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Col MIA
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SD/109, LP

18 Feb 47

Ministry of National Defense - ARMYSubject: Transfer of Equipment for Post
Peace Treaty ITALIAN ARMY.

Ref this HQ letter SD/109 of 17 Jan 47.

1. A verbal request has been received from the Inspector of Artillery for the loan of Self Propelled equipment from the holding Depot at BACCHIA to the School of Artillery.

2. This sub-section agrees to the following equipment being sent to BRACCIANO:-

One Self Propelled 3 inch Anti Tank (L.10)
One Self Propelled 105 mm Field Gun (L.7)

3. It should be understood that the condition stated in para. 2. of the above quoted letter will continue to apply to these two vehicles.

4. You are requested to ensure that personnel having adequate knowledge of driving and maintenance of these vehicles similar to the types in question are either already at BRACCIANO or will be attached there in order that the vehicles may have proper attention.

5. Detail issues of ammunition for these guns will not be available in advance of any general release of ammunition for the ITALIAN Army on the withdrawal of ALLIED Troops from ITALY.

SD/109

M. H. H.
Major General,
Director.

Copy to: Inspector of Artillery, S.E.E.
SD/109/4

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COPYTRANSLATION

From: Ministry of War

Ref : 1/431/Serv.

To : M.M.I.A.,

Date: 31/1/47

Subject: Transfer of eqpt for the Post Peace Treaty
Army.

Ref your letter SD/109 of 17/1/47.

We acknowledge and approve the above mentioned letter.

sgd. LIUZZI
Gen.

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REFERENCE 76531 GS (W)1 OF 11 JAN (.)

- ONE (.) ASSUMPTION OF RESPONSIBILITY BY UNITED STATES OF SUPPLY TO ITALIAN ARMY OF QUOTE 'A' UNQUOTE VEHICLES AND THEIR FUTURE MAINTENANCE IS MATTER FOR DECISION BY UNITED STATES WAR DEPARTMENT WHO ARE BEING QUERIED (.)
- TWO (.) COLONEL PIDSLEY MMIA WHO IT IS UNDERSTOOD WILL SHORTLY VISIT YOU IS ACQUAINTED WITH THE SITUATION (.)
- THREE (.) SUGGEST BAS WASHINGTON BE DIRECTED TO TAKE UP MATTER WITH UNITED STATES WAR DEPARTMENT

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LAND FORCES SUB COM. AG (AFMA) CMB

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17 Jan 47

WAR MINISTRY

Subject: Transfer of Equipment for
Post Treaty Italian Army.

1. On in instructions received by this Headquarters from AFMA it is necessary to make clear to you the conditions under which British Equipment intended for your post Peace Treaty Army is being transferred to your care at BOLAGNA or other similar holding depots which you may establish.
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Internal:-

Major-General,
GOC, MILA.

Appendix to SD 98

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MEMO - 109
REF. SD/109
DATE 18/1/47

WAR MINISTRY
S. M. E.
SERVICES BRANCH.

REF. NO. 1170/SERV.

SUBJECT : Equipment for Italian Army.

Att.: 1.

To L. F. S.C.

Following verbal agreement & ref. folios n. 1170/SERV. of 9 dec. '46 addressed to Gen. GOULBRURN & n. 1170/SERV. dated 11 dec. '46 addressed to MMIA, we hand over two copies of table shewing the amount of Equipment needed for the It. Army, & calculated following the lines given by your MMIA. ?

Signed : General LIUZZI.

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REQUIREMENT OF WEAPONS OF ALLIED MANUFACTURE
FOR THE ITALIAN ARMY

1	2	3	4	5	6
Arms- Transport and tractor vehicles	Arms already in possession by the It. Army	Further requirements for work and training units	Reserve	Totals of col. 2-3-4 (1)	Total quantity to be withdrawn
Rifles	✓ 137,100	60.000	50.000	247.100	110000
Bren LMGs	6373	3.000	2.000	11.373	5.000
PIATs	2.564	1.500	850	4.910	2.350
17 pdrs	113	80	50	243	130
25 pdrs	303	366	160	829	526
6 pdrs	192	60		252	60
40 m/m guns	225	172	100	497	272
Staghound armoured cars	(2) 367	-	90	457	90
Dingo recce cars	-	104	25	129	129
Light armoured cars with 1 radio set (3)	(1) 28	95	26	149	121
Light armoured cars with 2 radio sets (3)	-	45	11	56	56
Light observation armoured cars (4)	-	237	55	292	292
Light tanks	-	385	84	419	419
Medium tanks	(2) 198	-	-	198	-
Heavy tanks	-	75	40	115	115
3" A/Tk mobile guns or 17 pdrs (5)	(2) 24	16	10	50	26
105 m/m mobile field guns (5)	34	6	10	50	16
3.7 A.A. guns (5)	5	195	50	250	245
155 heavy guns (5)	-	32	8	40	40
183 m/m heavy howitzers (5)	-	32	4	40	40
Heavy 114 m/m field guns (5)	-	66	16	82	82
5.5 heavy field howitzers (5)	-	66	16	82	82
Carriers	(2) 2134	450	-	2584	(6) 450
Porter "B"	-	140	30	170	170
Tank trucks	-	67	13	80	80
Matador 6x4 tractors for heavy and A.A. guns	-	264	-	264	264

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Accessories and instruments, including an adequate reserve, are also required for the forming of:

	<u>Regiments</u>	<u>Batteries</u>	<u>Groups</u>
6 pdrs {		18	48
17 " {	38	16	48
25 " {		56	112
40 m/m {		20	50
Mobile guns	1	6	18
Heavy guns {	1	3	7
heavy howitzers {		3	7
Heavy field guns {	4	9	18
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Heavy A.A. guns	4	16	50

NOTE :

- (1) - including the scales of issue for the Schools, Academies and CARs
- (2) - including the material at present being released from the Forli Dep.
- (3) - For the Engineer Signal Battalions
- (4) - For the Field Artillery Regiments
- (5) - The calibres of the Mobile, A.A. heavy and heavy field guns are pointed out as a guidance only; it is necessary to define them in accordance with the availability of material.
- (6) - Classification of the types of carriers:

Universal carriers	100
Bren "	150
Mortar "	100
MMG "	100

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LAND FORCES SUB COM HQ, (MMIA) CMF

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10 Jan 47

MINISTRY OF WAR

Subject :- BRITISH Procedure for
Inspection at all levels
of Small Arms

Ref personal request by Colonel AVALIAME to Lt-Col
SOUTHBY made in early Dec 46 for details of BRITISH Procedure for
inspection at all levels of small arms.

Herewith set out at Appendices 'A', 'B' and 'C' are
details as prepared by REME Branch of this HQ.

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'G' Branch

Subject -: Examination & Inspection of Small Arms, Machine Guns, etc.

Ref., conversation Lt/Col. Southby - Maj. John on 18 Dec. '46.

1. The 3 appendices attached give the system of inspections for small arms, m/guns, etc. carried out in the British Army. The information given is as follows :-

App. 'A' - General particulars regarding Inspection and Examination of Equipments.

App. 'B' - Table showing who is responsible for inspection of equipments in the hands of troops.

App. 'C' - Table showing who is responsible for inspection of equipments held in Mobilization and Ordnance Stores.

2. No reference has been made to the army form numbers of Inspection Reports; these can be given if required.

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*Three appendices
forwarded to Maj. John
ref. 10 JAN 47*

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Ed B.L.A. (4 Copies)

Subject: Equipment - Italian Army

Reference Minutes of Conference held at HQ B.L.A. on 14 Dec 46 and your 2002/25 of 18 Dec 46.

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- (b) One of these goes to Financial Advisor BIA.
- (c) The other is sent by BIA to the MILA where a shipping ticket (specimen attached) is prepared in triplicate for War Ministry signature.
- (d) The shipping ticket is disposed of as follows:
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- (b) 3 or 4 Italian technical officers to accompany MIA Liaison officer to identify and advise on stores required and remain as long as necessary.
- (c) 3 or 4 Italian War Ministry officers to visit Depot for a few days and return to War Ministry as soon as they have collected the necessary information.

They will be prepared to move on or after 15 Jan 47.
It is requested that these officers may be afforded the usual facilities granted to Italian Army Liaison officers and be allowed accommodation, rations and currency exchange, on terms to be notified by you.

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5. To avoid political difficulties arising from Italian train guards entering Austria and incidents which might result from their being obliged to use fire-arms the War Ministry wish to provide military guards from the frontier (PARVISIO) only.

They accept the disadvantage of accepting the stores at GAZZ and propose that a conductor be detailed from their representatives at GAZZ to accompany the trains to the frontier.

You are therefore requested to reconsider the possibility of escorting the trains as far as the Italian border.

6. The War Ministry request that all trains be routed via PARVISIO to VERONA where the waggons will be taken under control of War Ministry Movements Staffs and diverted to the appropriate Depots.

7. ATT in signal EX 13941 of 24 Dec 46 addressed this HQ, copy to CHQ authorise the direct transfer to the Italian Army of equipment declared globally surplus.

*Major General,
G.O.C.*

Major General,
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Subject:- Reduction in Strength of units
and maint of Brit equipment.

HQ 3 British Liaison Unit
Tel: 152965 Ext. 107
G/35/2

To:- M.M.I.A. (2 copies)

18 Dec 46

Further to my G/35/2 of 26 Nov 46.

1. Strengths of units throughout 3 Terr Comd are now at approximately 70%, with the following exceptions:-

(a) Legnano Inf Div.

(i) 3 Cavalry.

Has been formed per W.E. Being a new unit, it has not been advisable to carry out any reduction for the moment, in order that sub-units can assume their role.

(ii) Engineer Bn.

The Bn has an average strength equal to 70% of W.E. and both Coys have been formed. It has not been considered advisable to reduce one Coy to skeleton, as otherwise the other would be much overstrength. More recruits are in fact expected from the Schools in January.

(iii) S & T unit.

Present strength about 85% of W.E. This will gradually dwindle to 70% and no difficulties are foreseen.

(iv) Div HQ Mobile Engr Works.

Has not been reduced owing to large amount of work to be done.

(b) 3 Bersaglieri Regt.

At present about 80%, but this includes the Demonstration Platoon and duty platoon at No. 3 C.A.R.

2. Each Bn or equivalent formation (apart from those referred to in Para 1 above) has now formed a skeleton Coy (or equivalent) for the dual purpose of reducing to 70% of W.E. and maintaining weapons and equipment not in use.

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Lt Col,
G.S.

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Dear your SL/109 of 17 Oct 1946.

Re-org is being carried out in accordance with Annex D IMA SD/103
02:29 Oct 16.

9 Inf Rags is the only formation effected in this Terr Cond.

Details of reports are furnished as follows to assist the reader in making the necessary comparisons:

IN 2 Terr Govt proposes making units responsible for storage and
 maint of curruis weapons (also shown in art).

Switzerland

(J. HILL) Major,
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Apex "A" to a HLT letter 67/1/11
of 18/10/1965

AUTHORIZED STR AND SURPLUS WEAPON STATE AFTER RE-ORG - 9 INF REGT (Apex "B" to
JLIS SD/103 of 29 Oct 48
refers).

(a) Authorized Strs

UNIT	CATEGORIZED SURPLUS		
	Offrs	NCO's	Privs
<u>2 Inf Regt - Overall Str</u>	107	194	1376
<u>HQ 9 Inf Regt</u>	16	13	68
<u>Inf Bns - Overall Str - Each</u>	29	57	441
<u>HQ Coy</u>	5	13	89
<u>HQ Platoon</u>	1	7	25
<u>Signal Platoon</u>	1	3	23
<u>Recon Platoon</u>	1	2	16
<u>LI Section</u>	1	1	19
<u>2 Rifle Coys - Each</u>	5	11	116
<u>1 Rifle Coy on Cadre</u>	5	11	15
<u>Support Coy</u>	4	11	75
<u>HQ Platoon</u>	1	3	19
<u>Mor Platoon</u>	1	3	22
<u>LT Platoon</u>	1	5	34
<u>Mortar Coy</u>	4	10	75
<u>HQ Platoon</u>	1	4	27
<u>Mor Pls - Each</u>	1	5	24

(b) Surplus Weapon State

	Regt HQ	Each Bn	Mor Coy	Total
Pistols		1		3
SMG		45	4	139
Rifles	22	142	21	469
Sniper Rifles		2		6
BMG		15		45

HQ 9 Inf RegtInf Bns - Overall Str - EachHQ Coy

HQ Platoon
Signal Platoon
Recon Platoon
AT Section

2 Rifle Coys - Each1 Rifle Coy on CdiveSupport Coy

HQ Platoon
Mor Platoon
IG Platoon

Mortar Coy

HQ Platoon
Mor Pls - Each

	16	13	68
	29	57	411
	5	15	89
	1	7	25
	1	5	23
	1	2	16
	1	1	19
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	5	11	15
	4	11	75
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Sniper Rifles		3		6
Even IAC		15		45
PLAT		4		12
4.2 mm Mortars		1		9
81 mm Mortars		2	4	10
160		4		12

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S.H.Q., C.M.F.

8159/91

Dec 46

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FILE <u>SD/109</u>
DATE <u>23-12-46</u>

SUBJECT: Equipment for the Italian Army

TO: THE WAR OFFICE - Q(AE)
Q.M.G. HOUSE,
WHITEHALL PLACE,
LONDON, S.W.1.

1. As the result of the Combined Chiefs of Staff Standardisation policy the Italian Army now holds appreciable quantities of British weapons and equipment; to this has recently been added in anticipation of an increased entitlement under the terms of the Peace Treaty a number of weapons and 'A' Vehicles (including some Lend Lease items in British custody which US did not wish to recapture); details of these were reported in our letter 8159/91 dated 11 Dec 46.

2. Normal maintenance of this equipment is denied to the Italian Army since

- (a) Indigenous resources cannot provide spares or ammunition for British or Allied equipment.
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TO: THE WAR OFFICE - Q(AE)

Q.M.G. HOUSE,
WHITEHALL PLACE,
LONDON, S.W.1.

FILE SD/109

DATE 23-12-46

1. As the result of the Combined Chiefs of Staff Standardisation policy the Italian Army now holds appreciable quantities of British weapons and equipment; to this has recently been added in anticipation of an increased entitlement under the terms of the Peace Treaty a number of weapons and 'A' Vehicles (including some Lend Lease items in British custody which US did not wish to recapture); details of these were reported in our letter 8129/01 dated 11 Dec 46.

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6. The financial and economic reasons for the current policy are appreciated by this GHQ but it is considered that the situation produced is so serious as to warrant special measures; in addition the Italian Army require some assurance of continued supply after signature of the Peace Treaty, of expendable maintenance items for British Equipment held.
7. MMIA are preparing a list of items of maintenance not likely to be available from global surpluses, after visiting 500 AOD. In the meantime it is urged that some ammunition, on limited scales if necessary, be released to complete existing deficiencies and to provide at least sufficient for training for the 'A' Vehicles and weapons now being issued.
8. A full case will subsequently be submitted for other urgent items, some of which will not be available in the theatre, and also a request for clarification as to the future policy to be adopted to the Italian Government over maintenance and spares for British Equipment in the hands of their Army.

(I.L.D.D. LAURIE), Colonel,
for Lieut-General,
Commando-in-Chief,
GHQ CEF.

WD/C/EH

Copy to: AFHQ
MMIA
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Ord

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
 FLORENCE
 Tele: 295618-23

16 DEC 1946

Ref: BLU/3

6 Dec. 1946

MMIA - 'G'

FILE: 50/109

DATE: 17-12-46

Subject: Carrying of Arms by M.T. Drivers

To: MMIA

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1. Enclosed is copy translation of a letter (3887/3 Prot of 2 Dec. '46) received from 7 T.C.
2. As there appears to be a matter of policy involved, will you please forward directions on this subject.

W. S. L. GIBSON
 D.S.L. GIBSON
 Major
 MA & US

*Action by Inf Comd Group for this letter
 to 7 T.C.*

Copy 7 T.C. (your 3887/3 Prot. dated 2 December refers)

A/c 50/109
 "Q"

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Translation

7 Territorial Command - FLORENCE

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ref: 3387/3 Prot.

2 December 1946Subject: Arms of Drivers.To : 7 R.L.U.

On 20th November a lorry of the "FLORENCE" Div. proceeding on duty through LEGHORN, was stopped by policemen of the 530 Central Station of the American M.P. They collected the Thompson rifle in the drivers possession stating that the Italian Military vehicles are not allowed to carry weapons.

The rifle has been returned to an Officer of the Division by the Capt. Commander of that station, who confirmed that the Italian Military personnel are not allowed to carry arms in LEGHORN Area without authority of the Divisional Commander, countersigned by an Officer of the BLU.

As the above is in contradiction to the instructions issued by the Ministry of War with circular 5175/2 CA dated 6 May 1946, in which it states that the drivers must carry arms on duty, will you, please let us know if there is any amendment to the a.m. circular.

The Col. Chief of Staff
GIAN FRITZ GRASSO

Translated by Lt. Franchini
4.12.46

SUBJECT: British Equipment.

5 British Liaison Unit,
Tele: 1133,
AQ 42/24,

G (SD)

Laird Forces Sub Com AC., RM

2 Dec 46

Ref your SD 109 of 17 Oct 46.

MMTA - 'G'
FILE NO. SD 109
DATE 5 DEC 1946

1. Sub para (a) of your above noted letter. We are assured that reductions will take place in accordance with Ministry of War Circular No 5090/Ord/1 of 17 Oct 46, although it has not yet been possible to get any actual details out of 5 Terr Command.

Owing to lack of equipment in 8 Alami Regt; Mortar Pls, MG Pls, Sig Pls and Pioneer Pls are only at Cadre strength and are likely to remain so until the essential equipment is forthcoming. Rifle Coys are reasonably well up to strength, and as far as is known no steps have been taken to reduce the fourth Coy to Cadre strength.

The following Units are about to be disbanded:-

22 Recovery Commission
Mob Vet Section, UDINE

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Adequate supplies of cleaning materials will be supplied to units. Terr Comd however point out that there is a shortage of pullthroughs, and cleaning rods, spare parts and armours tools.

3. I would ask M.M.I.A. if they will continue to press the War Ministry for the provision of the latter. An armours course was run recently by 5 Terr Comd at which a representative from every Coy and equivalent unit in the Comd attended. It is reported that the course was very beneficial and that the students were enthusiastic. However in view of the fact that there is only one set of armours tools in the Comd., it is thought that on return to their units the students will soon lose their keenness.

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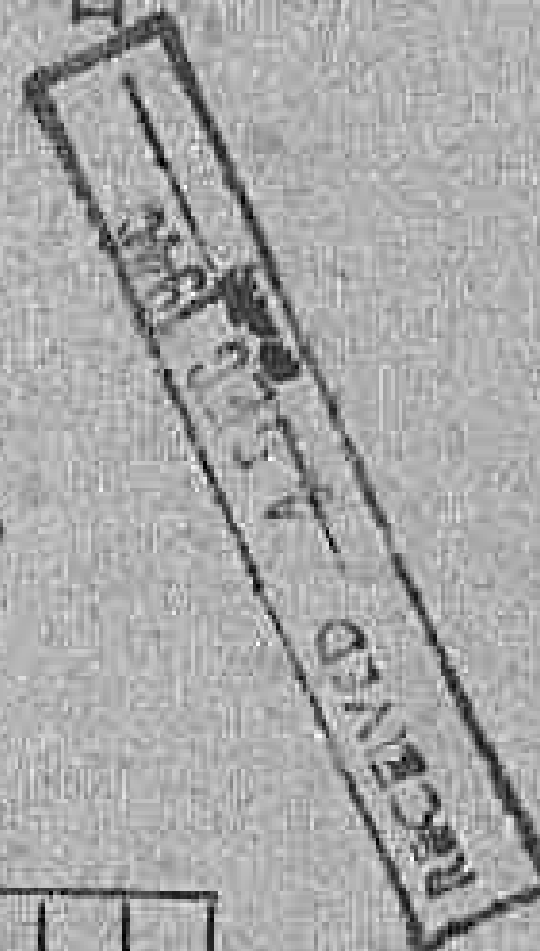
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Lt-Colonel,
G.S.



TRANSLATION

From; M. of W.

Ref: 4/3651/Serv

To : MMIA

Date: 7/12/46

Subject: "Beretta" pistols (cal.9) -

Ref. your letter SD/109 dated 5/11/46 and verbal agreements with Maj. Byatt. -

1. - Your Mission authorised, with letter Q.009 dated 5/3/46, the manufacture of 70.000 "Beretta" automatic pistols (cal.9) for the requirements of the Carabinieri, Finance Guards and Police. Consequently the Ministries of Finance and of the Interior were informed that, in compliance with the requirements of the Carabinieri, it would be arranged to assign to them a quota of pistols from the quantities that, time to time, were manufactured and issued by the "Beretta" Factory.

2. - At present we do not think it advisable to alter the information given to the Ministries of Finance and of the Interior, also because both the Ministry of Finance and the Public Security are Armed Corps of the State, who are entrusted with the duties essential for the life of the Nation.

3. - However, bearing in mind the essential requirements of the Army and the Carabinieri, we propose that each quantity of pistols issued from the Beretta Factory is distributed according to the following percentage:

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GSO II (E)	
GSO II (F)	

Army 10%
 Carabinieri 70%
 Finance Guard 10%
 Public Security 10%.

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REF YOUR C 6601 DATED 23 NOV PARA 3 (.)

TOLUNGO BN IS AT PRESENT THE ONLY ITALIAN ARMY
UNIT IN THIS CATEGORY (.) HQ C 6313 DATED 27
NOV REFERS

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A.M.C. SOUTHERN, LT. COL.

Subject:- Reduction in strength of units
and Maint of Brit Equipment.

HQ 3 British Liaison Unit
Tel: 152965 Ext. 107
G/35/2
26 Nov 46

To:- M.M.I.A. (2copies)

Your SD/109 of 17 Nov 46, and SD/103 of 29 Oct 46.

1. 3 Terr HQ have issued instructions to dependent formations based on Ministry of War letter 5090/Ord/1 of 17 Oct 46.
2. As regard Care and Maintenance of weapons, War Ministry issued instructions that the first of the two solutions outlined in their letter 4/2943/Serv of 3 Oct 46 (Para 2) should be adopted. In their letter 5440/Ord/1 of 12 Nov 46 they lay down that a small quota of N.C.O's, specialists and men will remain in the skeleton units for the express purpose of maintaining the weapons.
3. The matter has therefore rather passed out of Terr HQ's hands in that War Ministry have laid down the policy to be adopted.
4. 3 Terr HQ have issued the necessary instructions to units. A copy of the report called for in Para 3 of War Ministry 5090/Ord/1 of 17 Oct 46 will be forwarded in due course.

Milan,
HME/SGD.

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GSO III (SD)	
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GSO VI (SD)	

Lt Col,
G.S.

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DATE 5 DEC 1948

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FROM: MTOUSA
TO : GHQ CMF
INFO: MMIA

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O 66931 (.) REQUIREMENTS IN EXCESS NORMAL ITALIAN ARMY SCALES IS SUBJECT
(.) ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS C/65785 OF 22 OCT GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SD 0354 OF 19 NOV REFER (.) PARA ONE (.) INVESTIGATION HERE INDICATES
WORK TOLMEZZO ALPINI BATTALION IS DOING IS IN INTEREST OF ITALIAN
GOVERNMENT AND AT THEIR REQUEST (.) PARA TWO (.) UNLESS THIS UNIT IS
CARRYING OUT ADDITIONAL FUNCTIONS DEFINITELY IN THE ALLIED INTEREST
REPLACEMENT FOR EXCESS REQUIREMENTS FURNISHED BY GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SHOULD BE SOUGHT FROM ITALIAN GOVERNMENT (.) PLEASE CONFIRM OR COMMENT
(.) PARA THREE (.) FOR MMIA, THIS ANSWERS YOUR SD/109 OF 15 OCT (.)
PLEASE ADVISE IF THERE ARE ANY REPEAT ANY ITALIAN UNITS CARRYING OUT
ALLIED TASKS WHO REQUIRE EQUIPMENT OR SUPPLIES IN EXCESS OF ITALIAN
ARMY SCALES.

26 Nov 46
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MMIA - (Q)
FILE SD/109
DATE 26/11/46

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This is just what
we asked when
we started the
ball rolling at

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Will GHQ now
answer 68.

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Subject: Maintenance of British Equip.

11 British Liaison Unit

To : Land Forces Sub Comm. A.S.,
(M.N.I.A.)
ROME.

Tel. 18372 FALOMO
9/13

19 Nov. 46

MMIA - 'G'

FILE 50/109

DATE 23/11/46

Ref. your 81/109 of 17 Oct. 46.

War. Herewith copy of letter despatched by 11 Terr. H.Q. to Min. of
The reply and developments will be reported in due course.

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WDB/SI
C.M.P.

Encl:

Copy of 5984/03/A

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GSO II (b)	
GSO III (a)	
GSO III (b)	
GSO III (c)	
GSO III (d)	

W.D. BANKS,
Major,
M.N.I.A. & M.C.

Subject: MAINTENANCE OF BRITISH EQUIPMENT.

6 British Liaison Unit
Tel: 217 Area 119
Ref: Q/A/A
17th Nov. '46

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

Reference your SD/109 of 17 Oct. '46.

1. The idea of reducing to cadre, certain units in each formation, is preferred. The weapons of each unit will remain in fixed armouries. This arrangement is already in effect at 6 C.A.R. and 6 INF. Regt.
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5. A course of three weeks' duration, in the Repair and Maintenance of BRITISH weapons, is scheduled to commence shortly. This course will cover the following small arms:-
Rifles Nos. 1 and 4
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Bren .303
Mortars 2" Ground/Pank
Browning M.G. .30 and .50.
6. It will be attended by ITALIAN armourers from C.A.R.s, and full attention will be paid to the method of zeroing rifles, so necessary but not possible at this present time. The local Directorate of Artillery is giving full co-operation.
7. It is considered that when it becomes possible to arrange periodical inspections by fully trained armourers, considerable progress in the maintenance of BRITISH small arms will be effected, and the general situation vastly improved.

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Major DAA & QMG
6 BEM

MEMO - 8
FILE 50/1109
DATE 20 NOV 1948

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM : GHIQ CMP
 TO : NMIA
 INFO : AFHQ
 REF : SD 0249

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REFERENCE AMIQ G 65783 AND TELETYPE GSO I (SD) NMIA - GSO 3 (SD)
 GHIQ (*)
 FIRST (*) FOLLOWING ITEM REQUIRED (*)
 (A) NORMAL SCALE OF ISSUE FOR TO ITALIAN INF MTS MONTHLY (*)
 (B) G 1098 AND BIL HOLDINGS OF VINE AND WIRELESS ROFT FOR
 ITALIAN INF MTS (*)
 SECOND (*) FOR G-3 AMIR (*) THIS ITEM REQUIRED BEFORE REPLY
 ABOVE SIG CAN BE GIVEN

4 NOV 66
 SD

SD DISTRIBUTION: *Q* for action.

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MMIA - 'G'
FILE <u>SD/109</u>
DATE <u>Reg 30/10</u>

7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE
Tele: 33513-23

SD/109. 70

Ref. BN/

23 Oct. 1946

Subject : Maintenance of British Equipment
To : 7 Territorial Command

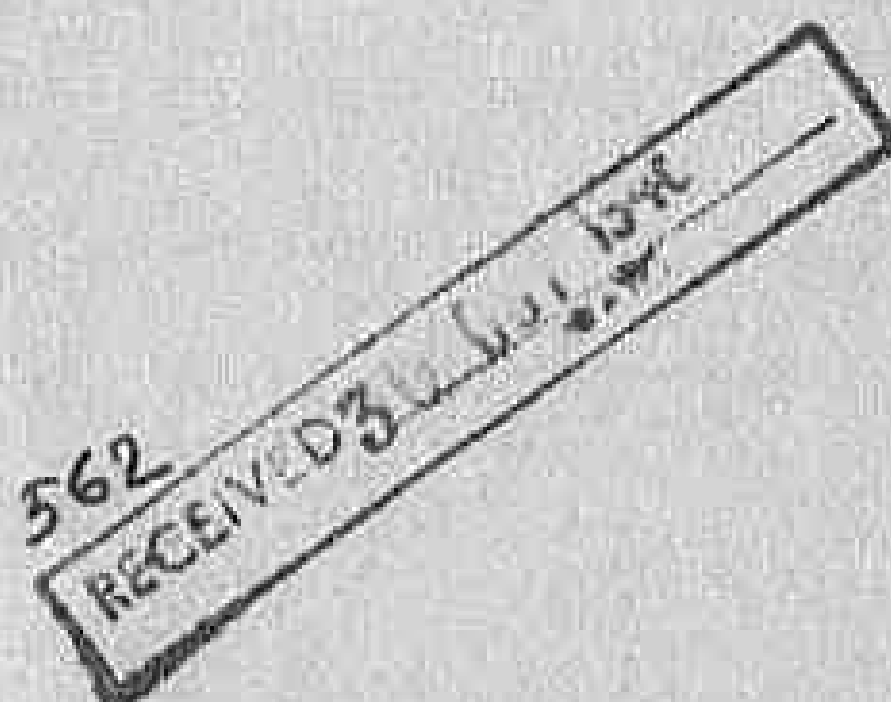
Ref. Italian Min. of War letter 4/2943/ser. of 3 Oct. 46, copy of which has been forwarded to this BN by HQ. MMIA (their SD/109 of 17 Oct. 46)

2. Will you please notify this BN of any recommendations or suggestions which you may make to the Ministry of War, with special regard to

(a) steps taken towards disbanding or reducing units to cadre

(b) other suggestions designed to secure improved conditions in the storing and maintenance of Allied weapons.

W. Frankes
G.S. MARCOS
Lt. Col.
GSO I



Copy MMIA (ref SD/109 of 17 Oct.)

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GSO I (SD)	☒
Dep G III	☒
GSO II (SD)	☒
GSO III (I)	☐
GSO IV (I)	☐
GSO V (I)	☐
G II (I)	☐

SUBJECT: Maintenance Tolmesco Alami M.LAMP FORGES AND COMMISSION A.C.
M.E.L.A.
R O N B
8.002

24 October 1946

TO: For Ministry (by LO)

Further to this M.O. 9.138 dated 12 Oct 46.

1. G.E.O. have authorized the temporary issue of the following equipment to the Tolmesco M-

- 4 3 ton Lorries
- 1 Jeep
- 12 Rd telephones
- 20 miles x Rd Cable
- 6 V/T sets.

2. As however the above items will have to be returned in the immediate future and as it is understood you have already arranged for a signal detachment to join the M in order to improve communication it would appear unnecessary for withdrawal to be made from British Depots.

3. You are requested to notify 5 Territorial Command what assistance you are rendering and to instruct them to notify 5 B.L.U. what temporary issues if any you wish arranged from British Depots.

4. 5 B.L.U. are authorized to communicate direct with G.E.O. to save time and eliminate any unnecessary issue of stores or vehicles.

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GSO 1 (SD)	☒
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GSO 1 (SD)	☒
GSO 1 (C)	☒
GSO 1 (H)	☒
GSO 1 (RG)	☒

Copy to: G.H. (15 105/1 26 Dep refers)
G.E.O. for "M" (G 38/2146/8 22 Oct refers)Internal:
"G" (38/109 15 Oct refers)
38 II 3 SignsMajor General,
M.E.L.A.

MMIA - 'G'

FILE SD/109

DATE 12/24/46

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM: AFHQ

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TO : GHQ CMF

INFO: MMIA

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SUPPLY OF ITALIAN TROOPS UNDER ALLIED CONTROL IS SUBJECT (.)

1 MMIA RAISES QUESTION OF SUPPLY AND EQUIPMENTS REQUIREMENTS
BEYOND ITALIAN ARMY SCALES NEEDED BY ITALIAN TROOPS ON ALLIED MISSIONS(.)

2 EXAMPLE QUOTED IS NEEDED FOR ADDITIONAL SIGNAL EQUIPMENT AND POL
BY TOLMEZZO BATTALION ON FRONTIER CONTROL DUTY IN UDINE AREA(.)

3 MMIA CONSIDER THESE EXCESS REQUIREMENTS SHOULD BE MET BY ALLIED
FORCES(.)

4 INFORMATION NEEDED HERE IS:

A WHERE HAVE SUCH TROOPS OBTAINED EXCESS REQUIREMENTS IN PAST(.)

B WHAT IS TOTAL EXCESS REQUIREMENTS EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLY
INVOLVED(.)

EGS	<i>X</i>
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Dep G 10	
GSO 2 (SD)	<i>X</i>
GSO 3 (C)	
GSO 4 (C)	
GSO 5 (C)	
G 11 (C)	

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FROM : AMPLI NAMED SACHED OTTE FINE

TO : GME GOF

INFO : TROOPERS MIA.

EX7E765 EXHIBIT. FOR "Q" MIA.

REFERENCE YOUR 001400 DATED 15 OCT.

PARA 1. POLICY REGARDING EQUIPMENT FOR NON TREATY ITALIAN ARMY ALREADY UNDER CONSIDERATION BY COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF. IMP1219 OF 1 OCT COPY TO YOU REMES.

PARA 2. PROVIDING A DECISION: FIRST COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF AS AN INTERIM MEASURE MIA HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED TO OBTAIN SURPLUS BRITISH AND UNITED STATES EQUIPMENT AND TO HOLD SUCH EQUIPMENT IN A TEMPORARY DEPOT. OUR LETTER G-3/AMH/135 OF 3 OCT COPY TO YOU REMES.

PARA 3. MIA HAVE NOTIFIED US THAT ITALIAN MINISTER OF WAR WISH TO ACCEPT ALL EQUIPMENT LISTED IN OUR G-3/AMH/135 WITH THE EXCEPTION OF 170 BTRUCKS. THEY ALSO STATE THAT THEIR ARMY HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH YOU AND IS ALREADY RECEIVING BRITISH EQUIPMENT.

PARA 4. IMMEDIATE REQUIREMENTS IN BRITISH ARMS REQUESTED BY ITALIAN ARMY REFERRED TO G(2D) IS OUR P-72048 OF 12 OCT.

"Q" DISTRIBUTION: FILE Q.002

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G(2D) for info

MIA - 'Q'	
FILE	SD/109
DATE	Aug 26/10

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FROM :- 131 GND DEP

TO :- ITALY

INFO :- 13124 AFHQ DIA

9 CH126

SUBJECT: 13124 AFHQ DIA

ONE. FURTHER 9 CH126 PARAD 15 SUBJECT MEETING REMAINS FOR EQUIPMENT AND INFORMATION ITALIAN ARMY.

TWO. PARAS TWO AND THREE ALREADY COVERED BY SACRIFICE PT 72443 (RAF 1219) DATED 30 SEPT 45 ADDRESSING COMBINED GULF OF SWAMP AND BULGARIAN CHIEF'S STAFF (SEE TO INFO ADDRESS).

THREE. FIVE PARA FOUR. ITALIAN ARMY HAVE NOW SUBMITTED TENTATIVE LIST WEAPONS AND VEHICLES FOR CONSIDERATION WHICH IS NOW UNDER EXAMINATION TO ESTABLISH POSSIBILITIES OF SUPPLY. FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO YOU. FOUR. AS ABOVE QUOTED SIGNAL SHOULD THEREFORE BE DISCLOSED.

13124 DISSEMINATION :- 13124 9.002

A/Q

C(GB) For Info.

MMIA - '6'
FILE 50/109
DATE 24/10

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Dep G 11	
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IMPORTANT

SD 3924

FOR G(SD) (.) SUBJECT IS EQUIPMENT OF ITALIAN ARMY (.)
 REF YOUR SIG F70093 DATED 4 AUG FROM CHIEF OF STAFF TO GENERAL
 GOULBURN (.) ITALIAN ARMY SHARED IN HANDOVER TO ARAR AS DIRECTED
 AND NOW DEPENDENT ON WORKING AGREEMENT WITH ARAR (.) COPIES OF
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 THIS HQ INFORMED THROUGH SERVICE CHANNELS BY BRIG PHELPS-ADOS MMIA
 THAT COPIES WERE FORWARDED TO GHQ FOR MMIA (.) THESE URGENTLY
 NEEDED AT PRESENT JUNCTURE (.) REQUEST YOUR ASSISTANCE OBTAIN
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Lt-Col A.R.C. SOUTHEY

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*Approved by
 Lt-Col A.R.C. SOUTHEY*

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SUBJECT : Maintenance of BRITISH Equipment

LAND FORCES SUB COMM AC (MMIA)

(489081 Ext 218)

SD/109

17 Oct 46

TO : LIST 'B'

reply folio 83

folio 51

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

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

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

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

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REF PARA 7 YDIB C350737 9(42)5 DATED 20 SEPT 45, SUBJECT DETERMINE
 DEBATES FOR BUILDING AND MAINTAINING ITALIAN ARMY STOCK SUPPLIES IN 500400.
 TO. 2ND YDIB DETERMINE CHARACTERIZATION OF UTILIZATION NOTE SYSTEM APPROVED
 BUILDING DETERMINE, DOES THIS MEAN THAT ITALIAN ARMY CAN ONLY OCCUPY
 DETERMINES AGAINST THE FRANCH TREATY SYSTEM, SUBJECT.

THESE, IT COULD BE THAT THIS WOULD BE SHORT TERM OFFENSE AND MORE EXPENSIVE
 PLAN WOULD BE TO ALLOW ITALIAN ARMY TO BID FOR EQUIPMENT AND UP TO POST
 FRANCH TREATY ESTABLISHMENT. IF NECESSARY SOME MAJOR TIES IN EQUIPMENT
 WOULD BE NEEDED OVER TO ITALIAN ARMY HELD GENERALLY AND NOT ISSUED FOR
 USES UNTIL RATIONIZATION OF FRANCH TREATY.

NOTE, REQUEST EARLIEST CHANCE. IF PROPOSALS AT PARA THREE AGREED WITH
 ALSO REMINDS DETERMINE ON FUTURE ITALIAN ARMY PROVIDING FINANCIAL INDICATIONS
 AND NOT INDICATIONS OF LIMITATIONS OF EQUIPMENT WHICH IS MAKE AVAILABLE.
 IF PARA THREE NOT AGREED SUGGEST THAT HIGH EQUIPMENT AND STOCKS WILL BE LEFT
 TO ITALIAN ARMY FOR WHICH THERE WOULD APPEAR TO BE LITTLE OPPORTUNITY TO
 OBTAIN OFFENSIVE.

FIVE, WITH TO STRESS URGENT DETERMINE IF DETERMINE OF DETERMINE AND VARIOUS
 FACT IN AUSTRIA AND FUTURE ITALY IS NOT TO BE HELD UP.

SIL, MEMO 5 (20)

MAILED - GP
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 DATE 12/17/10

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DATE 8/17/10

Q. PAR 7 YOUR 6850752 9 (A) 5 DATED 20 SEPT 46, SUBJECT MENTIONING DEMANDS FOR EXCHANGING AND MAINTAINING ITALIAN ARMY PRISONERS IN 500,000. PAR 8, HAD THE MENTIONED COMPLETION OF VALIDATION DATE RETURN APPROVED COTING UNIFORMS, DOES THIS MEAN THAT ITALIAN ARMY CAN ONLY OBTAIN DEMANDS AGAINST THE THROUGH TREATY EXCHANGE MEANS.

A. I WOULD BE SURE THAT THE COURSE AND HOW THE EXCHANGE MEANS WOULD BE TO ALLOW ITALIAN ARMY TO BID FOR EQUIPMENT AND UP TO POST PARAS TREATY EXCHANGE MEANS. IF NECESSARY SOME MAJOR ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT MIGHT BE HANDED OVER TO ITALIAN ARMY HELD GENERALLY AND NOT ISSUED FOR USE UNTIL RATIFICATION OF PEACE TREATY.

Q. PAR 8, SUBJECT MENTIONING GUIDANCE. IF PROPOSALS AT PARA THREE AGREED WITH ALSO HAVING DIRECTIVE ON FUTURE ITALIAN ARMY EXCHANGING FINANCIAL INVESTIGATIONS AND ANY INVESTIGATIONS ON LIMITATIONS OF EQUIPMENT WHICH IS AVAILABLE. IF PARA THREE NOT AGREED SUGGEST THAT SUCH EQUIPMENT AND STOCKS WILL BE LEFT TO ITALIAN ARMY WHICH WOULD APPEAR TO BE LITTLE OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN EQUIPMENT.

A. YES, YES TO THESE VERBALLY DECISION IF HUNDREDS OF DROPS AND VARIOUS PART IN GERMANY AND NORTH ITALY IS NOT TO BE HELD UP.

ALL. AGREED 9 (M)

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FROM : Ministry of War

MMIA - 'G'

FILE SD/109

Ref 4/2943/Serv

TO : Addressees

DATE Reg/16/10

Date: 3/10/46

M.L.I.A. for info

(Ref your SD/109 dated 10/8

and your Q/126 dated 23/9/46

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SUBJECT : Care and maintenance of arms.

1. As known, the strength present in corps and units is approximately of 1/3 inferior to that shown in the W/E as the 1/3 of the total strength is being trained at CATs. Consequently 1/3 of the arms in the W/E cannot be distributed and used regularly.

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

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

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

a) The Military Territorial Commands

- To issue instructions immediately so that the care and maintenance of small arms and guns - specially those not used - be brought up to the highest standard as soon as possible;
- study and forward by the 31st inst. concrete suggestions regarding procedures to secure improved conditions in the storing and maintenance of weapons as stated in para 2 above.

a) The General Directorate of Arty and Motorisation

- To confirm and control in units under their command the application of the instructions given in letter 3690/DT dated 8th June 1946 concerning the supply and issue of war material required for the care and maintenance of small arms and guns.

Gen. LUZZI

SUBJECT: Employment and maintenance of ITALIAN Army
tps in AMG Controlled Territory

LAID FORCES SUB-COMM, AG (MIA)

(489081 Ext. 218)

SD/109

15 Oct 46

TO : CHIEF HEADQUARTERS (G-3)

1. All ITALIAN tps in 13 Corps Area are technically under ALLIED Comd.
2. Where these tps are allotted a specific task by such ALLIED Comd, a question arises as to the precise responsibility of the ITALIAN vis a vis the ALLIED authorities, for provision of any special equipment or special maintenance required by reason of the ITALIAN tps carrying out ALLIED orders.
3. A case in point is POLINIZZO (Alpini) Bn of 8 (Alpini) Regt, employed on frontier control in UDINE area.
4. To carry out the role allotted by 13 Corps this Bn requires equipment (e.g. No 19 sets, field telephones, cable) in excess of G 1098 or REQ for an ITALIAN Inf Bn and it requires POL in excess of the monthly ITALIAN allotment to an ITALIAN Bn.
5. It is the opinion of this HQ that in these circumstances such requirements in excess of normal ITALIAN allotments should in fairness be met by the ALLIED.
6. A general policy ruling is requested.

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

SUBJECT: Exchange of rifles.

LAND FORCE HQ COL, 10 (MIL)

(TEL EXT: 40)

SD/100

Oct 46

TO : A.M.E.

Re: your Q1 of 23/9/46.

Please deal through your Territorial Command on this matter. This HQ letter ~~WAVES~~ of Oct 2/46 refers.

R.C. Q. 006

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H. Channing
Major-General,
R. M. I. A.

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Subject: Exchange of rifles.

Headquarters
4 B.L.U.
Bolzano
Ref: Q11

23 Sep 46

To : Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.
(MMIA) Rome.

Ref telcon LUCKETT-BRADLEY.

- 1.- I have visited DADOS 217 AREA who has told me confidentially (since Ord. Officers are not supposed to disclose stocks) that he has in R.S.D. adequate rifles to do a complete exchange for 6th Alpini. (Please do not quote DADOS 217 Area).
- 2.- The rifles held at present by 6th Alpini are the type P.14, which are extremely heavy and, owing to their great length, almost unmanageable when climbing. The numbers involved are about 2.000.
- 3.- DADOS, 217 Area says that it is his opinion, that these rifles would be released if taken up on a high level.

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E.W. BRADLEY
MAJOR INNISKS
for Lt.Col.GS.

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A/Q decided action to draw
attention to this HQ letter
for 57/9

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Q.006.

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

SUBJECT:- Transfer of British Ordnance
Depot to ARAR

1 October, 1940.

TO:- The War Minister.

D. Branch

You will remember from my letter, Q.006 of 30 August that I gave you the detailed arrangements for the disposal of British Ordnance Stores to be handed over to ARAR, and sent you a copy of the decisions reached at a meeting between this Mission and representatives of your Ministry, of ARAR and of the President of the Council of Ministries. In my subsequent letter of 10 September, I informed you that the transfer was imminent. I now write to inform you that the whole of 557 Base Ordnance Depot, consisting of the 3 Sub-Depots previously mentioned, have today been transferred complete, to the custody of ARAR. Although ARAR is not at the moment empowered to dispose of these stores until certain minor Allied and UNRRA needs have been met, it is important that (in accordance with the agreement reached), you should be adequately represented from now on in the Base Depot in order that full use may be made of the conditions under which your Ministry will be entitled to certain vital material required for the Italian Army.

I can do no more than impress on you most emphatically, the need for energetic action on the part of your representatives to ensure that material required by your Ministry, and to which you are entitled, does not pass into other hands. You will understand that, as this material has now been transferred from British to Italian custody, there is no further action which I can take to help you in this matter which is now entirely an Italian one.

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

SUBJECT:- Releases British Equipment.

MINISTRY OF WAR
FILE SD/103
DATE 2/1/1946

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

30 September 1946

TO : Ministry of War

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

Authority :- GHQ ESD/31/3D of 6 Jun 46
GHQ 8159/Q1 of 7 May 46.

SERIAL NO.	ITEM	PART NO.	QTY.	DESTINATION
1	Bren Walleys Spare Parts, Empty	EE 9443	2726	(a)
2	Bren Holdalls	EE 9445	3183	(a)
3	Bren Magazines 303 MG 30 Rds	EE 8801	170971	(a)
4	Bren Boxes Magazines 303 MG Mk I	EE 6096	3198	(a)
5	Bren Slings	AA 1640	5000	(a)
6	Bren Cans Oil MG Mk I	EE 6167	650	(a)
7	Rifles Slings Web	AA 1657	38804	(a)
8	Bottles Oil Mk V	BA 6320	41602	(a)
9	Piat Springs Main Mk I	BB 5476	492	(a)
10	Thompson SMG Magazines 30 Rds		32544	(a)

Note (a) to be notified by War Ministry.

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

HRL/ow.

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

Copy to : HQ 10 HLU (for action ref this HQ Q.101 of 25 Jul 46)
Internal: G (Ops & SD)

PORTUGAL and taken to Depot at GRICEMANO D'AVERSA,

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

SERIAL NO.	ITEM	PART NO.	QTY.	DESTINATION
1	Bren Wallets Spare Parts, Empty	EE 9543	2726	(a)
2	Bren Holdalls	EE 9445	3183	(a)
3	Bren Magazines 303 MG 30 Rds	EE 8801	170971	(a)
4	Bren Boxes Magazines 303 MG Mk I	EE 6096	3198	(a)
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M.M.I.A.

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

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Q Accounts - Confirm receipts of vouchers to Q.

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ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS

G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 945.20

SUBJECT: Manufacture of Arms.

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission, APO 79.→ 50/109
* 50/109/17
September 1946

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FILE 50/109
DATE 17/10/46

Reference your 9/28/GA of 6 September.

1. As the draft Peace Treaty with ITALY contains a definition of War Materials, it is undesirable to use any other definition even temporarily. This definition will therefore be adopted now.

2. This definition (so far as is relevant) is

"War material shall include all arms, ammunition and implements specially designed or adapted for use in war as listed below

Category I -- Military rifles, carbines, revolvers and pistols; barrels for these weapons -- and other spare parts not readily adaptable for civilian use.

Category VII -- Propellants, explosives...destined for...use in connection with the (above) war material not capable of civilian use or manufactured in excess of civilian requirements."

3. It is considered therefore that the manufacture of all weapons which are clearly non-military can be left to the Italian Government. The only difficulty is likely to arise with regard to weapons capable of military use. The arbitrary selection of 8 mm. calibre as a criterion is not entirely satisfactory as the Italian Army uses rifles, machine guns and pistols of 6.5, 7.65 and 7.7 mm., while the German Army uses a calibre of 7.92 mm. For this reason 7.5 mm. is considered to be a better criterion.

4. Subject to there being no technical objections to the adoption of this criterion for small arms or cartridges, it is agreed that supervision of the manufacture of non-military small arms of less than 7.5 mm. calibre may provisionally be left to the Italian Government.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

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(SOD) A.L. Hamblen
A. L. HAMLEN
Colonel, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

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SUBJECT: Surplus 6 pdr A/TK guns
held Surplus by Italian
Army

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

8159/C1

26 Aug 46

TO : ORD

1. The 6 pdr A/TK guns held surplus to WE by the Italian Army will not now be handed in to Ordnance.
2. These equipments will be stored by them as operational reserves.

(sgd) T.R.A. WHITEHEAD, Captain
for Brigadier
D.J.M.

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Copy to:- MMIA - Year SD/109/4 of 20 Aug 46

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SUBJECT: Equipment for Italian Army

LAND FORCES SUB COM AG (MIA)

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26 Aug 46TO : GENERAL HEADQUARTERS for G(3D)Ref F70095 of 4 Aug. *see file 44A*

1. A conference was arranged on 23 Aug 46 to discuss the participation of MIA and War Ministry in the bulk transfer of Surplus Stores from Min of Supply (GEO) to ARAR.

The subject detailed on attached copy of Promemoria was discussed between reps of Ital Govt, ARAR, Min of War, and MIA.

2. Agreement was reached on the principles enumerated in para 10 of the Promemoria and the position is considered to be satisfactory.

The Chief Commissioner is writing officially to the Prime Minister to put on record the outcome of the conference.

*M. W. H.*Major General,
M. H. L. A.

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Copy to: C.D.O. (Italy)
25 Corso d'Italia, Rome

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Ref: 8255/33

22 August 1946

SUBJECT: Equipment for Italian Army.

TO : V.P. Economic Section
Land Forces Sub Commission.

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1. A meeting will be held under the Chairmanship of the Executive Commissioner in the Chief Commissioner's Conference Room on Friday 23 August 46 at 1630 hrs, for the purpose of discussing the provision of equipment for the Italian Army. A memorandum for the basis of the discussion is attached.
2. Addressees are requested to send representatives to this meeting who are fully conversant with the matters to be discussed. Navy and Air Forces Sub-Commission's are also invited to attend if they so wish.
3. Representatives of the Italian Government departments concerned will be present at the meeting.

seen by
G. H. A. T. E.

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B. S. (S. S.)

Z. W. Smith.
Lt-Col.

Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

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

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

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

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

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

5. Now the last remaining British depot is closing immediately and this cannot be delayed. In a few days the complete depot and its contents will begin to be handed to our Disposals agencies who will (after meeting possible U.N.R.R.A. needs) transfer them in toto to A.R.A.R.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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8. The Supreme Allied Commander has suggested that M.M.I.A. and representatives of the War Ministry should take part in the hand over so as to facilitate identification of stores and to ensure the most economical use of purely warlike equipment in the interest of the Italian nation.
9. This representation would only be effective if the Italian Government instructs A.R.A.R. to give the War Ministry some preference in respect of certain material.
10. The Italian Government is therefore asked to agree to the following three principles :-
- (a) That representatives of M.M.I.A. and of the Ministry of War should be present at the hand over and should subsequently have access to the Depot (and their schedules of contents) to facilitate the economic transfer of stores required by and allotted to the War Ministry.
 - (b) That the War Ministry be allowed to submit a claim for such M.T. spares in No.1 Sub Depot as are needed for the maintenance of special army pattern vehicles as are held by the Italian Government and that such claims (if supported by M.M.I.A.) should be favourably considered by A.R.A.R.
 - (c) That the War Ministry should be given absolute priority in regard to all material in No.3 Sub Depot which is essential to the maintenance and employment of weapons held by the Italian Army, and is of no use in its present form to anyone else.

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

TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War.

REF: 4120/Ord.I

TO: Bari Military Territorial Command. DATE: 16 Aug 46.
 Central Military Schools H.Q.
 M.M.I.A. For information.

SUBJECT:- Variations in armament of Artillery
 School (W.E. IS/12/I publication 42/S).

Further to circular 3313 ord. of 20 June last.

The supply of individual and unit weapons to the Artillery
 School (list IS/12/I of publication 42/S) has been modified
 according to enclosure.

The Services Office of this S.M. will give instructions
 for the assignment of stores according to the above changes.

sgd. LIUZZI
 Gen.

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Pistole mod. 38	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1
Carabine Thomson	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1
Pistole da segnalazione	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1

(1) Servono per le sezioni add.to ufficiali.

All al fg. n. 4120/Ord/I di prot
del 16 Agosto 1946

allievi				2 gr add. da 25 lbs (ciasc)		Gruppo di addestramento misto				Gruppo dimostra tivo									
Btr Allievi uff. cpl.	Btr all. sott.	Btr specializzati art.	Totale	Comando	Sez. Comando	3 Btr da 25 lbs.	Totale	Comando	Sez Comando	Btr. da 17 lbs	Btr da 40 m/m	Btr da 6 lbs	Totale	Btr. meccanici e operai di artiglieria	Comando	2 btr da 25 lbs	Btr mista	Totale	Totale scuola arti- glia
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ARMIA INDIVIDUALI E DI REPARATO

SCUOLA ARTIGLIERIA

(18/12/1)

ufficiali.

Translation

From : M. of W; S.M.E.
To : M.M.I.A.

Ref : I/2627/Serv.
Date: 22/8/46.

Subject : Transfer of British Armament Stores to the
Italian Army.

With reference letter SD/IO9 dated 2/8/46 and meeting same
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(Col. Pidsley and Min. of War representatives).

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 FILED SD/IO9
 DATE 8/24/8/46

SUBJECT: Maintenance of BRITISH Equipment.

Copy letter of 10 Aug 46 to GOC, 1st Army, from GOC, 1st Army, dated 10 Aug 46, subject: Maintenance of British Equipment.

LAND FORCES SUB-COMM, AG (MMIA)

(489081 Ext. 213)

SD/109

10 Aug 46

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Internal: 'Q' - ORD - G(Trg)
SD/109/2

Mr Hope.
BGS for
Major General,
R. M. I. A.

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SUBJECT: Brit Weapons for Issue to Regts Not Incl
in a DIV. Wk. IS Div

LAND FORCES SUB COM AC (MMA)

(439081 Ext 401)

SD/109

2 Aug 46

TO: Unit 'B'

Further to SME letter No. 4/1/1782 of 20 Jul 46.

Attached is translation of above quoted letter
originally sent to all BLUs only.

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R. H. Marling
Major-General,
M. M. I. A.

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ASSIGNMENT OF BRITISH WEAPONS (AS PER WE LAID DOWN FOR
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Degree of Priority (a)	Units (b)	Railway Sta where the Egpt must be sent (c)	Pistols .38 (d)	Thompson SMGs (e)	Rifles .303 (f)	Bren LMGs (g)	PIAT (h)	Vickers MMGs (j)
1	3 Bers- Comd Regt Cp Mortar I Bn II Bn III Bn	BRESCIA BRESCIA MILAN PAVIA BESCIA	20 5 41 41 41	11 21 162 162 162	88 98 472 472 472	- 5 48 48 48	2 2 15 15 15	- - 8 8 8
2	4 Alp Comd Regt Cp Mortar Bn SUSA Bn SALUZZO	TURIN TURIN TURIN ALESSANDRIA	20 5 41 41	11 21 162 162	88 98 472 472	- 5 48 48	2 2 15 15	- - 8 8
3	6 Alp Comd Regt Cp Mortar Bn BOLZANO Bn TRENTO Bn EDOLO	VERONA VERONA BRESSANONE MERANO BRUNICO	20 5 41 41 41	11 21 162 162 162	88 98 472 472 472	- 5 48 48 48	2 2 15 15 15	- - 8 8 8
4	8 Alp Comd Regt Cp Mortar Bn FELTRE Bn TOLMEZZO	BELLUNO BELLUNO ESTE LOVARIA	20 5 41 41	11 21 162 162	88 98 472 472	- 5 48 48	2 2 15 15	- - 8 8

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Appx 'A' to
IMIA letter SD/109
Dated 8 Aug 46

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2nd Regt	BRESCIA	20	11	88	-	2	-	-	-
2nd Mortar	BRESCIA	5	21	98	5	2	-	-	-
1st Bn	MILAN	41	162	472	48	15	8	39	7
2nd Bn	PAVIA	41	162	472	48	15	8	39	7
3rd Bn	BESCIA	41	162	472	48	15	8	39	7
2nd Regt	TURIN	20	11	88	-	2	-	-	-
2nd Mortar	TURIN	5	21	98	5	2	-	-	-
1st Bn	TURIN	41	162	472	48	15	8	39	7
2nd Bn	ALESSANDRIA	41	162	472	48	15	8	39	7
2nd Regt	VERONA	20	11	88	-	2	-	-	-
2nd Mortar	VERONA	5	21	98	5	2	-	-	-
1st Bn	BOLZANO	41	162	472	48	15	8	39	7
2nd Bn	BRESSANONE	41	162	472	48	15	8	39	7
3rd Bn	TRENTO	41	162	472	48	15	8	39	7
4th Bn	EDOLO	41	162	472	48	15	8	39	7
2nd Regt	BELLUNO	20	11	88	-	2	-	-	-
2nd Mortar	BELLUNO	5	21	98	5	2	-	-	-
1st Bn	ESTE	41	162	472	48	15	8	39	7
2nd Bn	TOLMEZZO	41	162	472	48	15	8	39	7

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)
5	8 Ftr	Comd Regt	ROME	20	11	88	-	2
		Cp Mortai	ROME	5	21	98	5	2
		I Bn	ROME	41	162	472	48	15
		II Bn	VITERBO	41	162	472	48	15
		III Bn	L'AQUILA	41	162	472	48	15
6	2 Ftr	Comd Regt	GENOA	20	11	88	-	2
		Cp Mortai	GENOA	5	21	98	5	2
		I Bn	BOLZANETO	41	162	472	48	15
		II Bn	GENOA	41	162	472	48	15
		III Bn	MONDOVI'	41	162	472	48	15
7	6 Ftr	Comd Regt	MODENA	20	11	88	-	2
		Cp Mortai	MODENA	5	21	98	5	2
		I Bn	PARMA	41	162	472	48	15
		II Bn	FERRARA	41	162	472	48	15
		III Bn	BOLOGNA	41	162	472	48	15
8	7 Ftr	Comd Regt	FLORENCE	20	11	88	-	2
		Cp Mortai	FLORENCE	5	21	98	5	2
		I Bn	FLORENCE	41	162	472	48	15
		II Bn	LATERINA	41	162	472	48	15
		III Bn	PISA	41	162	472	48	15
9	9 Ftr	Comd Regt	BARI	20	11	88	-	2
		Cp Mortai	BARI	5	21	98	5	2
		I Bn	TRANI	41	162	472	48	15
		II Bn	BARI	41	162	472	48	15
		III Bn	BARI	41	162	472	48	15

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Comd Regt	ROME	20	11	88	-	2	-	-	-
Op Mortai	ROME	5	21	98	5	2	-	-	-
I Bn	ROME	41	162	472	48	15	8	39	7
II Bn	VITERBO	41	162	472	48	15	8	39	7
III Bn	L'AQUILA	41	162	472	48	15	8	39	7
Comd Regt	GENOA	20	11	88	-	2	-	-	-
Op Mortai	GENOA	5	21	98	5	2	-	-	-
I Bn	BOLZANO	41	162	472	48	15	8	39	7
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Comd Regt	FLORENCE	20	11	88	-	2	-	-	-
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II Bn	LATERTINA	41	162	472	48	15	8	39	7
III Bn	PISA	41	162	472	48	15	8	39	7
Comd Regt	BARI	20	11	88	-	2	-	-	-
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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)
10	10 Ftr Comd Regt Cp Mortai I Bn II Bn III Bn	CATANZARO CATANZARO COSENZA NAPLES SALERNO	20 5 41 41 41	11 21 162 162 162	88 98 472 472 472	- 5 48 48 48	2 2 15 15 15	- - 8 8 8
11	59 Ftr (1) Comd Regt Cp Mortai I Bn II Bn III Bn		20 5 41 41 41	11 21 162 162 162	88 98 472 472 472	- 5 48 48 48	2 2 15 15 15	- - 8 8 8
12	60 Ftr (1) Comd Regt Cp Mortai I Bn II Bn III Bn		20 5 41 41 41	11 21 162 162 162	88 98 472 472 472	- 5 48 48 48	2 2 15 15 15	- - 8 8 8
13	45 Ftr (1) Comd Regt Cp Mortai I Bn II Bn III Bn		20 5 41 41 41	11 21 162 162 162	88 98 472 472 472	- 5 48 48 48	2 2 15 15 15	- - 8 8 8
14	46 Ftr (1) Comd Regt Cp Mortai I Bn II Bn III Bn		20 5 41 41 41	11 21 162 162 162	88 98 472 472 472	- 5 48 48 48	2 2 15 15 15	- - 8 8 8

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	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)	(l)
egt tai	CATANZARO	20	11	88	-	2	-	-	-
	CATANZARO	5	21	98	5	2	-	-	-
	COSENZA	41	162	472	48	15	8	39	7
	NAPLES	41	162	472	48	15	8	39	7
	SALERNO	41	162	472	48	15	8	39	7
egt tai		20	11	88	-	2	-	-	-
		5	21	98	5	2	-	-	-
		41	162	472	48	15	8	39	7
		41	162	472	48	15	8	39	7
		41	162	472	48	15	8	39	7
egt tai		20	11	88	-	2	-	-	-
		5	21	98	5	2	-	-	-
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		5	21	98	5	2	-	-	-
		41	162	472	48	15	8	39	7
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		41	162	472	48	15	8	39	7
egt tai		20	11	88	-	2	-	-	-
		5	21	98	5	2	-	-	-
		41	162	472	48	15	8	39	7
		41	162	472	48	15	8	39	7
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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)
15	5 Ftr (Aosta) (1)	Comd Regt	20	11	58	-	2	-
		Cp Hospital	5	21	98	5	2	-
		I Bn	41	162	472	48	15	8
		II Bn	41	162	472	48	15	8
		III Bn	41	162	472	48	15	8
16	6 Ftr (Aosta) (1)	Comd Regt	20	11	58	-	2	-
		Cp Hospital	5	21	98	5	2	-
		I Bn	41	162	472	48	15	8
		II Bn	41	162	472	48	15	8
		III Bn	41	162	472	48	15	8

NOTE :- (1) = Further info will be forwarded regarding the localities where the weapons are to be sent.

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	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(k)	(m)
egt		20	11	88	-	2	-	-	-
ad		5	21	90	5	2	-	-	-
		41	162	472	48	15	8	39	7
		41	162	472	48	15	8	39	7
		41	162	472	48	15	8	39	7
egt		20	11	88	-	2	-	-	-
ad		5	21	90	5	2	-	-	-
		41	162	472	48	15	8	39	7
		41	162	472	48	15	8	39	7
		41	162	472	48	15	8	39	7

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Appx
 MIA
 Date

Degree of Priority	Divisions	Railway station where the eqpt must be sent	Telephone Instruments	Fuller phones	10 Line sets (Switchboard)	38 Sets	48 Sets	107 Receiving Sets	Generators for Charging 300 watt batteries
1	FRIULI	Levico	138	18	6	-	103	-1	28
2	LEGNANO	Bergamo	-	11	31	-	-	-	-
3	FOLCORE	S. Marcello Pistoiese	-	6	-	66	-	-	9
4	MANTOVA	Varazzo	15	2	-	-	-	-	-
5	CREMONA	Torino	-	-	8	-	1	-	2

Appx 'B' to
MMA Letter SD/109
Dated 8 Aug 46

Station No.	Telephone Instruments	Fuller phones	10 Line sets (Switchboard)	38 Sets	48 Sets	107 Receiving Sets	Generators for Charging 300 watt batteries	Generators Charging 1260 watt batteries
	138	18	6	-	103	1	28	3
	-	11	31	-	-	-	-	-
	-	6	-	66	-	-	9	2
	15	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	8	-	1	-	2	2

TRANSLATION

FROM : Ministry of War
General Directorate and Motorisation
: M.M.I.A.

Ref: 4/2201/Serv.

Date: 26/7/46

SUBJECT : Distribution of Breda 37 Mts.

Ref to letters of this S.M. 4/1782/Serv dated 26/6/46 and 4/2027/Serv dated 19/7/46 (for the Units which have received them).

1. Allied Mission has approved the proposal of this S.M. concerning the issue of Breda mod. 37 M.G. instead of "Vickers" M.G.
2. Consequently we beg your Directorate General to provide that:
 - a) 40 Breda M.G.s complete with tools and accessories and 100,250 cartridges for same (quantity requested by Central Schools HQ. for Vickers M.G.s and destined for the training of the 1st echelon of recruits) are sent immediately to Cassino Infantry School.
 - b) 24 Breda M.G.s with the quantity of ammo. corresponding to the total amount of 1st and 2nd line scales of issue (2nd line scale of issue for Legnano and Folgore Divisions only) and 25,920 cartridges for training calculated as follows: 180 cartridges for each of the 6 men to be trained on each weapon and 100 cartridges for each weapon for tactical training are sent to each Inf. Regt of the 5 Inf. Divisions.
 - c) 6 Breda M.G.s with an issue of 1000 rounds for each weapon and training issue of 6480 rounds for all the weapons (180 cartridges for each of the 6 men to be trained on each weapon) are sent to Anzio Gens School.
 - d) Breda M.G.s complete with tools and accessories and ammo, for same corresponding to the quantities laid down for Vickers M.G.s respectively in 1st and 2nd letters referred to above, are sent to Inf. Regts. not included in Divisions.
 - e) Each of the 2 Rgt. of the 3 Inf Bdes., which will be formed from the present Internal Security Divisions, after the formation of the Brigades will be left with only 24 Breda Mts from those already issued. The weapons of the present scales of issue (122 for "Aceta and Calabria" Divisions and 135 for "Sabaudia") exceeding the a/m 24 for each Rgt., must be sent and handed to Naples Arty Directorate, complete with tools and accessories.
 - f) The Vickers Mts at present being released at Naples must be stored at that Arty Directorate awaiting further instructions.
 - g) The 24 Vickers Mts on charge to the Folgore Division and the 16 Vickers Mts on charge to the Legnano and at present on temporary loan to the Inf. School must be sent and handed in to the Naples Arty Directorate complete with tools and accessories.
 - h) The ammo for Vickers M.G.s already sent to Inf. School and Inf. Divisions must be handed in to Directorate Depots.
3. We should like to be informed as soon as movements are carried out.

Sgd. LUENI Gen.

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BRITISH ARMY CLUTTER MESSAGE

VICTOR SERIAL 2245

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TO NATA

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MMIA - (C)
 FILE 50/109
 DATE 8/1/78

F70075. SERVIC. FOR OFFICIAL COMMENT. THIS COPY OF THE

REFERENCE DOCUMENT OF THE ITALIAN ARMY.

GEN. I HAVE BEEN INTO THE PROBLEM SINCE OUR CONFERENCE OF THE MAIN FACTORS ARE (A) ISSUES OF STRESS TO ITALIAN ARMY FROM 557 AND HOW WOULD SERIOUSLY DELAY CLOSING DEMOS AND CAUSE FURTHER ROW OF PROTESTS.

IN ANY CASE AS MEDIA COULD NOT GET AN OVERALL PICTURE OF COMMENTS OF DEMET UNTIL FINAL LINES ARE COMPLETED ONLY FINANCIAL. RESERVES COULD BE EXPANDED. IT IS CLEARLY TO HAVE ADVANTAGE OF ALSO OBTAINED IF 557 WAS CLOSED DOWN QUICKLY

(B) THE HANDOVER OF COMPT. HERE (SHEET) DEMOS OR BUILDINGS DIRECT TO ITALIAN ARMY WOULD NOT ONLY CONTRIBUTE THE SCENE OF OUR INSTRUCTIONS BUT WOULD COME ITALIAN ARMY TO RESPONSIBILITY FOR LARGE QUANTITIES OF USELESS STORES. CONSIDERATION OF STORES IN 557 BOD IS VERY LIMITED OBTAIN TO UNBALANCED NATURE OF RECORDS.

TWO. WE HAVE TODAY RECEIVED SERIAL FROM TROOPS OBSERVING THAT WE HAVE BEEN KNOWING NOT ONLY GLOBAL, HIGHLIGHTS IN VIEWERS TO ITALIAN ARMY AND THAT IT MAY BE NECESSARY FOR US TO SHIP BACK LARGE QUANTITIES OF STORES AT EXPENSE OF ITALIAN ARMY.

THREE. IN ANY CASE FINAL THAT YOU WILL NOW WANT TO CONCENTRATE ON POLICY FOR EQUIPMENT BRACE THREAT ITALIAN ARMY AND IN SO DOING WILL HAVE TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT FUTURE MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT ASSIGNED. FINANCIAL ISSUES OF BRITISH EQUIPMENT WILL NOT THEREFORE BE OF REAL HELP TO YOU.

FOUR. THEREFORE WE CAN NOT HELP YOU AS FOLLOWS (A) BY GIVING YOU AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE INFORMATION AS TO WHAT SERIAL NUMBER INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE TO

557/10936
 Q
 GND

Q. I HAVE NOW ENDED THE PRESENT PHASE OF OUR DISCUSSION OF THE MAIN FACTORS ARE (A) ISSUES OF STORIES TO ITALIAN ARMY FROM 557 DOD NOW

WOULD SERIOUSLY DELAY CHANGING DEPT AND CAUSE FURTHER DOW OF PERSONNEL,

IN ANY CASE AS MILA COULD NOT GET AN OVERALL PICTURE OF CURRENTS OF DEPT

UNTIL FINAL LINES ARE COMPLETE ONLY FUNDAMENTAL RESULTS COULD BE DETERMINED. IT

IS CLEARLY TO DEBT ADVANTAGE OF ALSO GAINED IN 557 DOD CLOSING DOWN STORIES

(B) THE HANDOVER OF COMBAT ^{SUB} (5579) BECAUSE OF BUILDINGS

DIRECT TO ITALIAN ARMY WOULD NOT ONLY OVERSTRESS THE S-100 OF OUR INSTRUCTIONS

BUT WOULD COMMIT ITALIAN ARMY TO RESPONSIBILITY FOR LARGE QUANTITIES OF USELESS

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-3 SECTION

File : G-3 AFHQ/135

3 August 1946.

SUBJECT: Possession of Italian Weapons by Italian Army.

TO : MMIA.

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Reference your SD/109 of 10 May.

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Reference your para 3(c).

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OFFICIAL:

L. A. Anderson
J.D.A. ANDERSON,
Brigadier G.S.,
AC of S, G-3.

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Chief of Staff.

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Major General E.H. Goulburn, D.S.O.,
Land Forces Sub Commission, A.S.,
(M.M.L.A.)
RCM.

SD/109/

6 August, 1946.

My Dear

Thank you so much for your letter of 24 July,
(D.M.I/G/7/2/46 refers).

It was good of you to take the trouble to look
into this question and to write to me about it.

I was interested to note in D.W.D. remarks that
other foreign armies are being equipped in much the same
way.

AFHQ are fully aware of our problems, and are
doing all they can to help us and we have the closest possible
liaison with them in the matter.

Yours

S.H.G.

Major General G.W.R. Tappin, CB, CBE, DSO, CBE,
The War Office,
WHITEHALL, S.W.1.

EHC/RCM.

From: Major-General G.W.R. Templer, CB, CMG, DSO, OBE

THE WAR OFFICE,

WHITEHALL, S.W.1.



D.M.I/G/7/1/46

24th July, 1946

My Dear *Goulburn*

You will remember that when I saw you the other day, we discussed certain aspects of the provision of equipment to the Italian Army, and whether any closer tie-up between you and the War Office was necessary.

I attach a brief note on the subject, as seen by D.W.D., War Office. He asked me to tell you that he and his staff are of course quite ready to see members of the Mission at any time, or for you to write to him D.O. if you wish; but it is most important that C.M.F. knows what is going on, and that all official correspondence continues to come through them.

This matter has really nothing to do with me, but I am writing this letter to you since the matter arose between us.

Yours *Ever* *G.W.R. Templer*

Major-General E.H. Goulburn, D.S.O.,
Military Mission to the Italian Army,
ROME.

NOTE ON PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT
FOR THE ITALIAN ARMY

Channeling of Demands etc.

1. The War Office deals with C.M.F. and not with the British Military Mission on all matters connected with the equipping of the Italian Army. This procedure is applied in the case of other Foreign Armies e.g. the War Office deals with BAOR and not with the British Military Mission to the Belgians.
2. In the case of the Italian Army, there is the added complication that the army is being equipped according to the policy laid down by the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

Supply of Equipment.

3. The Italian Army, in accordance with FAN 621, is to be equipped chiefly from surpluses in Italy, and anything extra that it needs must be imported as part of the Government Import Programme.

In May AFHQ tried to get this decision reversed, since the policy in FAN 621 was not proving effective, owing to the unwillingness of the Italian Government to agree to eqpt which had a civil use going to the army as opposed to civilian use.

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In July (NAF 1135) the Combined Chiefs of Staff re-affirmed their policy that supply must be either from global surpluses in Italy or from the Government Import Programme.

4. It is important to remember that all stocks in Italy surplus to theatre requirements are not necessarily globally surplus, and C.M.F. have been ordered to send many stocks back to the U.K. or to the M.E. or Greece, rather than use them for the Italian Army.

Recently C.M.F. were ordered to return 5000 tons of 25 pdr amn to the U.K., but, on representations from C.M.F., the War Office finally agreed that this amn could be retained by the Italian Army.

5. From the above, it is apparent that C.M.F. are fully alive to the necessity of having a properly equipped Italian Army and are doing what they can to achieve this.

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From: Ministry of War

Ref: 4/2040/Serv

To : Arty and M.T. Gen Dir
MMIA (for information)

Date: 20 July 46

Subject: Issue of Allied released weapons

Further to letter attached to list I circular 4/1782 dated 20th June 46, we hereby give the localities to which weapons have been sent for Regiments from the present I.S. Divs.

For HQ and Units of the	45	Inf	Regt	Catania
" " " " " "	46	Inf	Regt	Messina
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Liuzzi, Gen.

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From: M. of W.

To: see addresses
MMIA for information

Ref: 4/1782/Serv

Date: 20 June 46

SUBJECT: Issue of weapons, signal stores and spare MT parts
released by the Allies.With ref to our letter 4/1685/Serv dated 8th inst sent
to you.

1. Immediately after the check and taking on charge of the
first quantities of the a/m stores, the despatch of these materials
to the units requiring them will begin.

In particular:

- Weapons: will be sent to Alpine and Inf Regts not belonging
to Divisions and Internal Security Regts in the order of
priority and the amounts shown in enclosure I;
- Signal stores: those listed in enclosure 2 will be sent
to Infantry Divisions HQs in the order of priority and the
amount laid down in the a/m enclosure; the remainder will
be stored pending further orders from this S.M.
- M.T. spare parts: will be gradually sent to the OARE
Bologna.

2. Requests for transport: by telegraph to this S.M.
Transport Office.

3. The Gen Arty and M.T. Directorate is asked to kindly
issue the necessary instructions for the withdrawal of the
weapons and Italian ammunition by the a/m Regts, an operation
which will take place gradually as each Regt. has received weapons
and British ammunition to complete their scale of issues.

(sgd)

Gen. Liuzzi

SUBJECT: Weapons Policy for the ITALIAN Army.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (ITALIA)
(439081 Ext 400) 30/109

2 Aug 46

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. It is appreciated by this Headquarters that up till now the transfer of BRITISH weapons to the ITALIAN Army have been effected very much on the hand to mouth principle and that very little advanced information has been available to the ITALIAN War Ministry either as to the quantities and types of weapons that would be forthcoming or as to the dates that they might expect delivery. This has made it almost impossible for the War Ministry to review the whole question of the re-arming of the ITALIAN Army and arrive at any firm policy.

2. This Headquarters has been pressing ANHQ for a definite statement as to the Allied intentions as regards the arming of the ITALIAN Army and ANHQ has in turn been pressing the matter with the Combined Chiefs of Staff at WASHINGTON. As a result of these representations, certain information has now come to hand and has enabled a clearer statement of policy to be announced for the information of the ITALIAN War Ministry.

3. In broad terms the Allied policy has now been agreed upon as follows:

(a) In so far as stocks in this country permit, all weapons needed for the ITALIAN Army for present outstanding requirements, together with a suitable reserve to cover wastage over a period of years will be transferred direct from BRITISH Army to ITALIAN Army.

(b) The ITALIAN Government is to be encouraged to develop its own production (within the limits of economic possibilities) of such weapons and ammunition as:

(i) The BRITISH are unable to supply,

(ii) The ITALIANS may prefer to provide from their own designs in the place of available BRITISH types.

(c) Such requirements in arms or ammunition as are not available from the reserves in this theatre and cannot be produced by ITALIAN manufacture may be obtained in the future by an import programme.

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4. As regards 3 (a) above the BRITISH authorities are not proposing, except in certain special cases, to remove from this country surplus stocks of weapons at present held in depots but are in the process of demilitarising them in order that they may be sold as scrap.

It is important therefore that ITALIAN requirements should be submitted as soon as possible in order to ensure that adequate quantities may be retained intact for transfer to the ITALIAN Army.

I would also advise you to consider the weapons required for the post treaty Army including both those types already permitted by the Armistice terms and also those not at present allowed i.e. Medium Army, Heavy AA Guns, Tanks etc.

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Para 4 (Contd)

It is appreciated that it will not be possible, at short notice, to work out exact requirements for the future ITALIAN Army, particularly as the shape of that Army has probably not yet been determined. It is thought possible however that a maximum possible requirement figure could be worked out and submitted.

If your approximate requirements are known, it may be possible to arrange a scheme whereby some or all of these weapons are temporarily retained though it is obviously impossible to make final and definite arrangements until the peace-treaty provisions as effecting the Army are settled.

5. In order to help you decide on whether to ask for BRITISH weapons or to develop ITALIAN production we are now able to inform you that it is considered that BRITISH stocks will be able to provide for all anticipated ITALIAN requirements except for:

Snipers Rifles
Pistols
2" Mortars
4.2" Mortars
Bayonettes

6. As regards vehicles we have informed you that the ITALIAN Army is only prepared to accept vehicles in good running condition and with an adequate useful life before them. In view of this and because of the general state of BRITISH vehicles in this country it is now apparent that only a small proportion of the vehicles required by the ITALIAN Army are likely to become available from BRITISH sources.

It is understood however that your present intention is to rely on the ITALIAN motor industry to supply.

In the main, the motor transport requirements of the Army. As regards Bren Carriers the position is also unsatisfactory and it seems probable that, if only carriers in first class condition are transferred, there will be a shortage of approximately 450 on your present requirements.

7. In order to clear up any doubtful points arising as a result of this letter and to give you the maximum amount of information to assist you in preparing your plans I shall be very pleased to hold a conference at this Headquarters in the near future at which both members of the War Ministry and representatives from AFHQ would be present. If you would like such a conference to be held I should be glad to have your proposals for:

- (a) The date (2th & 9th August will not be suitable for this Headquarters)
- (b) The officers who will be attending.
- (c) The subjects that you wish to raise.

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A.H. COULEUR

Major General,
M. H. I. A.

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SUBJECT: Equipment for ITALIAN Army

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

(489061 Ext 216)

SD/109

22 Jul 46

TO : GENERAL HEADQUARTERS (G(SD))

M. Corbett

Ref my SD/109 dated 3 Apr 46 to which no written replay can be traced in this HQ. Is it possible to say whether any such equipment has been or can be earmarked for the ITALIAN Army?

ARCS/rr

Internal: G(Trg)
*Q*Major General, *for*
M. M. I. A.

R/22/7

Subject: ALLIED Airborne Equipment - Plans of

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LAND REVENUE 6/3 COMMISSION AG
(A.L.L.L.)

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18 July 1945

MEMORANDUM

TO : KLATION OF

Re: It is important

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and

(b) to discover on what the Department of Loading no opportunity to acquire Allied surplus equipment from this source in view of the decreasing chance of obtaining Allied material from British Depots of anything other than tactical equipment.

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(2) knowing what A.L.L.L. have to dispose of

(3) obtain Government support to their bids on A.L.L.L.

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(1) passing advance information to the War Ministry concerning Allied surplus equipment offered to A.L.L.L.

(2) taking such action through A.L.L.L. as may be requested by the War Ministry in an official letter to the G.O.C.

4. The problem is essentially as which concerns the Italian Govt. You are required to discuss the matter with the Ministry and to report on

(a) the name of the individual (if any) nominated to coordinate any bids on A.L.L.L. for "maintenance material"

(b) what opportunity the Ministry may have to know that stories A.L.L.L. have to dispose of.

(c) what assistance if any is desired to obtain from A.L.L.L.

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and

(b) to insure on the importance of losing no opportunity to acquire Allied surplus equipment from this source in view of the decreasing chance of obtaining direct supplies from British agents of anything other than formal equipment.

2. Success under (a) above depends on the War Ministry

(1) knowing what they want

(2) knowing what A.R.A.R. have to dispose of

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4. The problem is essentially one which concerns the Italian Govt. You are requested to discuss the matter with the Ministry and to report on

(a) the name of the individual (if any) nominated to coordinate any bids on A.R.A.R. for "restitution material"

(b) what opportunities the Ministry now have to have that stands A.R.A.R. have to dispose of.

(c) what assistance, if any it is desired to obtain from U.S.I.P.

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Brigadier J.D'A. ANDERSON, CBE, DSO.,
G Branch,
GHQ,
CMF.

16 July 1946

My dear Maurice,

You asked me yesterday on the telephone for information about the Combined Chiefs reply to our NAF 1135, on the question of equipment for the Italian Army. We received FAN 679 a few days ago, and I have got the Chief of Staff's permission to relay the gist of it to you, as you know that these messages are not supposed to go outside AFHQ.

The Combined Chiefs agree standardization on British types for weapons and equipment, but the source of supply must be either from global surpluses in this Theater or from Italian Government import program.

They are opposed to a policy of trying to short-circuit the Italian Government by providing material direct to the Army, both on political grounds and also from the point of view of upsetting the present disposals machinery. They say, however, that such direct transfers from genuine global surpluses may be made at SACMEDs discretion, when such action is considered essential either to cover immediate urgent requirements or to expedite run-down of British Military installations. Such issues would have to be notified to the Italian Government promptly.

The Combined Chiefs concluded by saying that copies of NAF 1135 have been sent to the State Department and the Foreign Office in order that they may take action as they consider desirable to ensure that the Italian Armed Forces are effectively maintained.

Although this reply is not in any way sensational, I feel that if sensibly interpreted, we should be able to help you. I am sure that General Browning's letter on the unsatisfactory state of equipment is getting attention on the highest level, and we will do our level best to help in this matter.

*Yours ever**John Anderson*

Brigadier M. W. HOPE, DSO.
HQ, MMIA
CMF

SUBJECT : Correspondence

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

SD/109 ←

11 Jul 46

TO : G.H.Q. for G(SD)

Ref telephone conversation chief clerk G(SD) GHQ - chief clerk MMIA, p.m. today.

Herewith further copy of this HQ letter SD/109 dated 6 Jul 46. It is believed that this copy corresponds exactly with that despatched on 6 Jul, but should the latter eventually be traced and found to differ from that att, it is requested that MMIA please be notified of the differences.

M. W. Hope BGS

Major General
MMIA

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SUBJECT: Equipment - ITALIAN Army

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

SD/109

6 JUL 46

TO : G.H.Q.

1. I wish to refer once again to the delay still occurring in the transfer of BRITISH arms and equipment to the ITALIAN Army.
- Since the GCS policy was made known to me by SACRED last autumn I have prepared a great number of staff tables, equipment lists, excesses at GAGLIAN and appropriations; my staff have attended many conferences at GAGLIAN and continually visited Allied depots, with comparatively little result.

2. Under your 8459/84 of 7 May 46, the Ordnance Directorate at GHQ was instructed to issue forthwith the balance of weapons and equipment required by the ITALIAN Interim Army.

It was stated however that "such issues are to be made from surpluses, that normal maintenance would not be scaled but that major items only will be issued" and that the Ordnance Directorate should arrange issues direct with my staff. The result can not be said to be satisfactory. Little information can be obtained as to availability while unbalanced issues are being made of certain items.

It is clear that many items are not going to be "available from ex-surpluses" and that maintenance is virtually non-existent. The ITALIAN War Ministry are endeavouring to carry out Allied policy regarding the reorganisation of the Interim Army but can be given no clear indication by me as to what equipment will be provided or when.

3. I realise that AFHQ has other commitments to fulfill and that trained BRITISH personnel are in short supply, nevertheless it is my opinion that, unless a definite GCS staff instruction is given for specific issues of items needed in the very near future the ITALIAN Army will fail to achieve any useful operational efficiency.

4. The detailed requirements are well known to your staff and services concerned. I most earnestly recommend that either more immediate and more definite steps may be taken to meet them or that alternatively I may indicate to the War Ministry that there is little hope of our meeting their full requirements within a reasonable period.

5. SMO who spoke to me about this when here in RLM last week agrees entirely and asked his staff officer to make a note of it.

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signed

L. BROWNING

Major General
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SD/109
G(3D) Branch,
GHQ, CEF.

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Tele No : Freedom 254

Subject : Equipment issues - ITALIAN Interim Army.

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

3 Jul 46.

Ref your letter SD/109 dated 1 June.

1. It is regretted that no official reply has been sent.

Lt Col SOUTHEY was informed verbally on 2 or 3 June that there was no substance in this rumour.

No such Cable has been received from the War Office.

2. It is thought that possibly there has been some confusion with a letter received from the War Office regarding payment for RASC supplies for the ITALIAN Navy and Air Force which are to be paid for in sterling after 1 April 46.

3. For your information no reply has yet been received from the War Office to our Cable asking for a decision regarding the method of financial settlement for eqpt handed over to the ITALIAN Govt for the Army.

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

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G(SD) Branch,
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Tele Re : Freedom 254

Subject : Issues to ITALIAN Army.

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1 Jul 46.

Copy To : Ord

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (MMIA)
(conversation Lt-Col. MERRILL - Maj. IRELLS
of 25 June refers).

It has always been understood by all concerned that initial issues to the ITALIAN Army would be complete eqpts, together with associated stores. It appears that this has not always been the case in practice, possibly due to non-availability of the items concerned.

It is considered that such matters should be cleared between G1 and G2 on Ord channels.

WAC/as

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 794

Ref: 8/28/51

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I am somewhat disturbed by information which reaches me from time to time regarding the manufacture and transit of arms and munitions in Italy.

Under Article 13 of the Armistice Terms, the manufacture of war material and its transit is prohibited except as directed by the United Nations. Further, as you will be aware, under Article 5(a) of the Revised Armistice which is now being considered by your Government, the responsibility for the control of production of armaments will be vested in the Allied Organisation to be set up to supervise the Armed Forces in Italy.

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In connection with this matter I would much appreciate, my dear Mr. Prime Minister, information from you on the following matters:

- (a) The type and scale of weapons authorized for each of these Police Forces (other than C.C.P.R.) under Italian law;
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Italian Government,
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TRANSLATION

FROM : Ministry of War

Ref L 4/1782/Serv

TO : See addresses

Date: 20/6/46

M.M.I.A. for information

SUBJECT : Issue of weapons, signal stores and spare M.T. parts released by the Allies.

With ref. to our letter 4/1685/Serv dated 8th inst., sent to you.

1. Immediately after the check and taking on charge of the first quantities of the a/m stores, the despatch of these materials to the units requiring them will begin.

In particular:

- weapons: will be sent to Alpine and Infantry Regts not belonging to Divisions and Internal Security Regts in the order of priority and the amounts shown in enclosure I;
- signal stores: those listed in enclosure 2 will be sent to Infantry Divisions HQs in the order of priority and the amount laid down in the a/m enclosure; the remainder will be stored pending further orders from this S.M.
- M.T. spare parts: will be gradually sent to the CARE Bologna.
- 2. Requests for transport: by telegraph to this S.M. Transport Office.
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Sgd. IMZZI, Gen.

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SUBJECT: Maintenance - ITALIAN Army Transport.

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

(489081 Ext. 218)

SD/109

4 Jun 46

TO : GENERAL HEADQUARTERS (G (SD)) - 4 Copies

Reference is made to GHQ 8459/Q1 dated 7 May 46.

1. This HQ has since been in direct touch with the Ordnance Directorate GHQ whose reply to this HQ Q.003 of 22 May 46 is awaited.

It is pointed out that information is urgently needed as to availability of transport with particular reference to serviceability of vehicles offered and an adequate supply of maintenance stores.

2. It is assumed that present policy pending a reply to MAF 1135 is that the ITALIAN Army shall be assisted to maintain efficiency so far as theatre stocks may permit.

It is desired again to point out that the five Infantry Divisions were originally equipped with BRITISH transport and that without very early delivery of essential maintenance stores and replacement vehicles these divisions will be immobilised for want of transport.

3. The present state of these divisions is illustrated at Appendix "A" and the requirement of the ITALIAN Army Base Vehicle Workshop are listed at Appendix "B".

Unless positive action can be taken to supply these deficiencies it is estimated the Divisions will be virtually non-effective by the end of July.

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Major General, C.S.
M. M. I. A.

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Major General, C3
M. M. I. A.

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LIST OF TRANSPORT IN THE FIVE
ITALIAN INFANTRY DIVISIONS

Appendix "A" to
SD/109 dated 4

TYPE	"FOLGORE" DIVISION	"MANTOVA" DIVISION	"CREMONA" DIVISION	"LEGNANO" DIVISION	"FRI DIVIS
<u>MCs</u>					
Vehicles in possession	171	347	299	233	236
V.O.R.	101	78	61	80	94
<u>'B' VEHs</u>					
Vehicles in possession	515	821	941	815	814
V.O.R.	308	281	177	342	222
<u>CARAVANS</u>					
Vehicles in possession	88	99	182	180	137
V.O.R.	41	21	6	36	19

Appendix "A" to K-1A letter
SD/102 dated 4 June 46STATE OF TRANSPORT IN THE FIVE
TALIAN INFANTRY DIVISIONS

"FOLGORE" DIVISION	"MANTOVA" DIVISION	"CREMONA" DIVISION	"LEGNANO" DIVISION	"FRIULI" DIVISION
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Appendix 3 to MMLA Letter
SD/109 dated 4 June 46

REQUIREMENTS OF THE ITALIAN
ARMY BASE WORKSHOP

T Y P E	Engines required for vehicles "V.O.R."	Est, Monthly Engine requirements	Battery requirements for vehicles "V.O.R."	Est, Monthly Battery requirements
<u>MOs</u>				
R.S.A.	135	40	60	25
Matchless	50	2	40	3
Ariel	40	5	2	-
Triumph	40	25	30	30
Norton	20	15	15	15
<u>CARS</u>				
Austin Lt Utility	15	2	10	2
Morris "	5	-	-	-
Jeep	70	10	10	10
<u>LORRIES</u>				
Austin Ambulance, 2 ton	10	2	5	2
" 3 ton	10	-	2	-
Bedford, 15 cwt, GS	105	15	55	20
" 3 ton, GS	135	35	120	30
" Tractor, L.M.	5	-	15	2
Dodge, 15 cwt, GS	165	45	105	35
" 3 ton, GS	260	70	250	60
Chev, 15 cwt, GS	20	10	25	10
" 3 ton, GS	10	5	25	10
Ford, 15 cwt	100	15	70	20
" 3 ton	55	20	65	10
" Tractor	10	-	15	2
Morris, 15 cwt	15	5	40	10
" F.A.T.	15	10	20	10
<u>CARRIERS</u>				
Carrier Universal	60	5	75	20
" Mortar	-	-	75	20
" Lloyd	25	5	40	10
White Scout Car	4	-	-	-

SUBJECT: Equipment Issues - Italian Interim Army

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

SD/109

Jun 46

TO : GENERAL HEADQUARTERS - G(SD)

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1A 13312	One bag, covered out	21	43	22
2A 13311	Shingle 6 in.	21	43	23
2A 13310	Gravel, 2nd layer 4 in.	21	43	24
2A 13309	Gravel -	21	43	25
2A 13308	Gravel, 1st layer 8 in.	21	43	26
2A 13307	Gravel, 2nd layer 4 in.	21	43	27
2A 13306	Gravel, 3rd layer 4 in.	21	43	28
2A 13305	Gravel, 4th layer 4 in.	21	43	29
2A 13304	Gravel, 5th layer 4 in.	21	43	30
2A 13303	Gravel, 6th layer 4 in.	21	43	31
2A 13302	Gravel, 7th layer 4 in.	21	43	32
2A 13301	Gravel, 8th layer 4 in.	21	43	33
2A 13300	Gravel, 9th layer 4 in.	21	43	34
2A 13299	Gravel, 10th layer 4 in.	21	43	35
2A 13298	Gravel, 11th layer 4 in.	21	43	36
2A 13297	Gravel, 12th layer 4 in.	21	43	37
2A 13296	Gravel, 13th layer 4 in.	21	43	38
2A 13295	Gravel, 14th layer 4 in.	21	43	39
2A 13294	Gravel, 15th layer 4 in.	21	43	40
2A 13293	Gravel, 16th layer 4 in.	21	43	41
2A 13292	Gravel, 17th layer 4 in.	21	43	42
2A 13291	Gravel, 18th layer 4 in.	21	43	43
2A 13290	Gravel, 19th layer 4 in.	21	43	44
2A 13289	Gravel, 20th layer 4 in.	21	43	45
2A 13288	Gravel, 21st layer 4 in.	21	43	46
2A 13287	Gravel, 22nd layer 4 in.	21	43	47
2A 13286	Gravel, 23rd layer 4 in.	21	43	48
2A 13285	Gravel, 24th layer 4 in.	21	43	49
2A 13284	Gravel, 25th layer 4 in.	21	43	50
2A 13283	Gravel, 26th layer 4 in.	21	43	51
2A 13282	Gravel, 27th layer 4 in.	21	43	52
2A 13281	Gravel, 28th layer 4 in.	21	43	53
2A 13280	Gravel, 29th layer 4 in.	21	43	54
2A 13279	Gravel, 30th layer 4 in.	21	43	55
2A 13278	Gravel, 31st layer 4 in.	21	43	56
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2A 13276	Gravel, 33rd layer 4 in.	21	43	58
2A 13275	Gravel, 34th layer 4 in.	21	43	59
2A 13274	Gravel, 35th layer 4 in.	21	43	60
2A 13273	Gravel, 36th layer 4 in.	21	43	61
2A 13272	Gravel, 37th layer 4 in.	21	43	62
2A 13271	Gravel, 38th layer 4 in.	21	43	63
2A 13270	Gravel, 39th layer 4 in.	21	43	64
2A 13269	Gravel, 40th layer 4 in.	21	43	65
2A 13268	Gravel, 41st layer 4 in.	21	43	66
2A 13267	Gravel, 42nd layer 4 in.	21	43	67
2A 13266	Gravel, 43rd layer 4 in.	21	43	68
2A 13265	Gravel, 44th layer 4 in.	21	43	69
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2A 13262	Gravel, 47th layer 4 in.	21	43	72
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2A 13260	Gravel, 49th layer 4 in.	21	43	74
2A 13259	Gravel, 50th layer 4 in.	21	43	75
2A 13258	Gravel, 51st layer 4 in.	21	43	76
2A 13257	Gravel, 52nd layer 4 in.	21	43	77
2A 13256	Gravel, 53rd layer 4 in.	21	43	78
2A 13255	Gravel, 54th layer 4 in.	21	43	79
2A 13254	Gravel, 55th layer 4 in.	21	43	80
2A 13253	Gravel, 56th layer 4 in.	21	43	81
2A 13252	Gravel, 57th layer 4 in.	21	43	82
2A 13251	Gravel, 58th layer 4 in.	21	43	83
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2A 13239	Gravel, 70th layer 4 in.	21	43	95
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2A 13237	Gravel, 72nd layer 4 in.	21	43	97
2A 13236	Gravel, 73rd layer 4 in.	21	43	98
2A 13235	Gravel, 74th layer 4 in.	21	43	99
2A 13234	Gravel, 75th layer 4 in.	21	43	100

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1731	Open jaw double ended -			
1734	1 1/2 in x 1 1/16 in.	21	40	61
	1 1/2 in x 1 1/16 in.	21	40	61
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1738	No. 3	21	40	61
1739	No. 4	21	40	61
1740	No. 5	21	40	61
1741	No. 6	21	40	61
1742	No. 7	21	40	61
	Stamps, steel for metal			
	or wood 5/16 in.			
1770	Figures 0 - 9 sets	21	40	61
1772	Letters 1 - 9 sets	21	40	61
17826	Flame, bend 5 in.	21	40	61
	Section 1.1			
	Clash heavy			
003	No. 2	125	200	325
004	No. 1	125	200	325
	Section 1.2			
0721	Cartridges on dummy - 503	210	400	610
	in. 11, mm. 7.			

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Equipment Issues - ITALIAN Interim Army.

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

— 30/109 —

28 May 46

TO : CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS-(C (PD))

1. It is understood from a "Q" rep of MILIA who recently visited G.I.I. that a signal has been sent to her office on the subject of the financial basis on which MILITARY arms and equipment are being made available to the ITALIAN Interim Army.

It is thought that this HQ Q 104 dated 26 Feb 46 para 5 and your ESD/81/3 dated 27 Mar 46, para 17 of attached minutes refer.

2. Although as stated, the ITALIAN Government are naturally anxious to know exactly where they do stand as to payment for MILITARY equipment, no increased or undue anxiety has been evinced on their part since the dates of the above quoted letters, and it is most strongly urged that the actual provision of vitally needed equipment may be in no way delayed by waiting for a decision on financial details.

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Approved
Major General,
M. L. I. A.

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Ref N.A.F. 1135 Para 9 subject equipment and maintenance Interim
Italian Army.

- ONE Italian Government is becoming increasingly reluctant to accept further British material until it is informed of:-
- (A) Cost of equipment handed over on 15 Nov 45.
 - (B) Cost of equipment being transferred direct and being offered through Ministry of Supply.
 - (C) Method of financial settlement.
- TWO For this reason transfers proposed in para 7 of N.A.F. 1135 were to be on loan.
- THREE In order to end issues on loan basis earliest clarification of points in ONE above requested.

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SECRET TO AGWAR FOR CCS AND TO CABINET OFFICES FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF .

SIGNED SACMED CITE PHGSD . THIS IS NAF 1135 . SUBJECT EQUIPMENT AND
MAINTENANCE OF INTERIM ITALIAN ARMY .

- ONE . I UNDERSTAND YOUR POLICY WITH REGARD TO THE INTERIM ITALIAN ARMY IS TO BE
THAT THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT SHOULD CONTROL AND MAINTAIN A SMALL BUT
EFFICIENT ARMY INCLUDING CARABINIERI .
- TWO . IN ACCORDANCE WITH PAR 621 CONTROL OF THE ITALIAN ARMY PASSED TO THE ITALIAN
GOVT ON 15 NOVEMBER 1945 AND YOUR POLICY IN PARAS 7 TO 9 OF THAT CABLE
WAS THEN IMPLEMENTED .
- THREE . SINCE THE HANDOVER WAS EFFECTED THERE HAS BEEN A MARKED DETERIORATION IN THE
EFFICIENCY OF THE ITALIAN ARMY LARGELY BECAUSE IT IS NOT OBTAINING THE
EQUIPMENT VEHICLES AND SPARES REQUIRED. MARKED LACK OF DETERMINATION ON
PART OF ITALIAN GOVT TO MAKE ARMY EFFICIENT IS ALSO APPARENT: THIS
ALTHOUGH EVERYTHING POSSIBLE HAS BEEN DONE BY THIS HEADQUARTERS TO IMPRESS
THE IMPORTANCE OF A WELL EQUIPPED AND TRAINED ITALIAN ARMY WITHOUT
APPEARING TO DICTATE TO THE ITALIANS .

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FOUR. THE FIVE GRUPPI WERE ORIGINALLY EQUIPPED COMPLETELY WITH BRITISH WEAPONS EQPT AND VEHICLES. REVIEW OF BRITISH AND US SURPLUSES IN JANUARY SHOWED THAT US SURPLUSES OF WEAPONS WERE NOT SUFFICIENT TO MEET REQUIREMENTS OF WHOLE ITALIAN ARMY. THEREFORE IN ORDER TO ATTAIN SOME DEGREE OF STANDARDIZATION OUR POLICY HAS BEEN TO EQUIP

- (A) CARABINIERI CIVIL POLICE AND SIMILAR ARMED BODIES FROM INDIGENOUS RESOURCES IN SO FAR AS THAT SOURCE PERMITS.
- (B) REMAINDER OF THE ITALIAN ARMY WITH BRITISH WEAPONS AND EQPT OTHER THAN VEHICLES

FIVE. POLICY IN PARAS 7 AND 8 OF PAN 621 HAS NOT PROVED EFFECTIVE FOR FOLLOWING REASONS

- (A) YOUR PARA 7(A) PROVIDES A VERY LIMITED SOURCE OF SUPPLY. EQPT IS LARGELY INFERIOR OBSOLETE AND OF SUCH VARIETY THAT LITTLE STANDARDIZATION IS POSSIBLE.
- (B) YOUR PARA 7(B) WOULD THEORETICALLY PROVIDE NEARLY ALL REQUIREMENTS. THE ITALIAN GOVT HOWEVER DIVERTS VERY LITTLE

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OF THE SURPLUSES DECLARED THROUGH DISPOSAL AGENCIES TO WAR MINISTER BECAUSE OF PRIORITY OF CIVIL REHABILITATION REQUIREMENTS. LARGE NUMBERS OF VEHICLES HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO ITALIAN GOVT FROM BRITISH AND US SURPLUSES BUT FEW HAVE BEEN DIVERTED TO THE ARMY. US VEHICLE DECLARATIONS ARE COMPLETE ON PRESENT SURPLUSES MAKING 8000 NOW AVAILABLE FOR SALE TO THE ITALIAN GOVT. SUFFICIENT BRITISH VEHICLES OF REASONABLE CLASSIFICATION WILL SOON BE DECLARED SURPLUS AND SHOULD COVER THE ESSENTIAL NEEDS OF THE ITALIAN ARMY.

- (C) YOUR PARA 7C IN PRACTICE PROVIDES A NEGLIGIBLE SOURCE OF SUPPLY OWING TO THE FACT THAT SUPPLIES IMPORTED FOR REHABILITATION OF THE COUNTRY BY UNRA CANNOT BE USED FOR MILITARY EGYPT OR SUPPLIES.
- (D) DIRECT TRANSFER FROM S.C-MED TO ITALIAN MILITARY AUTHORITIES OF LETHAL WAR-LIKE EGYPT ONLY HAS BEEN EFFECTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 8 YOUR FAN 621.

SIX. IN ORDER TO PROVIDE STANDARDIZATION OF EGYPT BOTH WARLIKE AND NON-WARLIKE AND BECAUSE THERE ARE SUFFICIENT BRITISH STORES ON HAND IT HAS BEEN

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DECIDED THAT EQPT FOR THE ITALIAN ARMY NORMALLY SHOULD COME FROM BRITISH SOURCES. ANY EQPT REQUIRED FROM US SOURCES CAN BE HANDLED WITHIN THE PRESENT US CHANNELS FOR DISPOSAL.

SEVEN. IT IS NOW APPARENT THAT THE ONLY METHOD OF ACHIEVING DESIRED RESULT IS FOR DIRECT TRANSFER FROM BRITISH MILITARY AUTHORITIES TO THE ITALIAN WAR MINISTRY OF ALL WARLIKE AND NON-WARLIKE EQPT AND VEHICLES (EXCL MAINTENANCE) SURPLUS TO ALLIED MILITARY REQUIREMENTS WHICH ARE REQUIRED BY THE ITALIAN ARMY AS APPROVED BY SACMED OR HIS SUCCESSORS. IN ANTICIPATION OF YOUR APPROVAL WE ARE NOW PROCEEDING TO MAKE INITIAL ISSUES ON LOAN UNDER MILITARY ARRANGEMENTS WITHOUT CHANNELING THROUGH BRITISH DISPOSAL AGENCIES PENDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN BRITISH AND ITALIAN GOVTS OF METHOD OF FINANCIAL SETTLEMENT.

EIGHT. MAINTENANCE FOR VEHICLES INCLUDING TYRES IS REQUIRED UP TO END OF 1947 APPROX WHEN ITALIAN GOVT ANTICIPATES SUFFICIENT PRODUCTION FROM ITALIAN SOURCES TO RE-EQUIP ARMY WITH INDIGENOUS TRANSPORT. MAINTENANCE FOR OTHER EQPT PROBABLY REQUIRED INDEFINITELY. FURTHER SUPPLY OF ALL

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ABOVE MAINT BY DIRECT TRANSFER IS NOW IMPRACTICABLE OWING TO THEATER RUN-DOWN. HOWEVER QUANTITIES OF SPARES WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE ITALIAN GOVT THROUGH NORMAL DISPOSAL CHANNELS. RESULTING SCALING WILL BE SMALL AND UNBALANCED. PROXIE THEREFORE TO IMPRESS ON ITALIAN GOVT THE NECESSITY FOR DEMANDING THE CONTINUANCE OF MAINTENANCE FROM ALLY SUPPLYING EQPT. THIS MAINTENANCE CANNOT HOWEVER BE HANDLED BY ALLIED MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN AFHQ TERRITORY.

NINE. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS ARE PRESENTLY FIRM FROM THE US VIEWPOINT. ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATION WILL BE MADE ON THE PART OF GHQ CMP DIRECTLY TO THE WAR OFFICE CONCERNING BRITISH FINANCIAL PROCEDURE.

TEN. BASED ON EXPERIENCE OF THE PAST 5 MONTHS WHEN THE ITALIAN GOVT HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONTROL OF ITS ARMY I REQUEST

- (A) YOUR APPROVAL OF PARA 4 ABOVE.
- (B) YOUR APPROVAL THAT IN THE INTERESTS OF STANDARDIZATION WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION BE BRITISH SUPPLY AND OTHER EQPT AND VEHICLES (FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE ARMY) INCLUDING ALL SPARES BE OF

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BRITISH SUPPLY SO FAR AS BRITISH SURPLUSES PERMIT.

(C) YOUR CONFIRMATION BE GIVEN TO PARA 7 ABOVE.

(D) YOUR APPROVAL TO PARA 8 ABOVE.

ELEVEN. I MOST STRONGLY URGE THAT THE US AND BRITISH GOVERNMENTS BE INFORMED OF THE NECESSITY OF FORMING AND MAINTAINING AN EFFECTIVE ITALIAN FORCE AS A PREREQUISITE TO BOTH INTERNAL SECURITY AND SECURITY OF THE ITALIAN FRONTIER. IN THE CASE OF FOOD CLOTHING MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND POL STEPS MUST BE TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ITALIAN GOVT FOR ITS ARMED FORCES ARE MET BY PRODUCER COUNTRIES.

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SUBJECT: Ann for Interim ITALIAN Army

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May 46

TO : ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

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ARMY REQUIREMENTS FOR TRAININGIN ALL NATURES

	T Y P E				
	.303 Bandolier	.303 Ctn	.303 Tracer	.303 Incendiary	.303 S/Belted Mk VII
Released	5,819,732	19,889,776	2,017,744	1,836,752	106,591,000 rounds
Required	8,317,175	7,669,200	1,845,600	693,400	6,178,000 rounds
Already held by Divs	5,616,236	4,030,190	88,855	---	21,082 rounds
NET REQUIRE- -MENT	2,700,939	3,639,010	1,756,745	693,400	6,156,918 rounds

1. From requirements are to be subtracted present holdings of Divs.
2. Deficiencies of Bandolier can be offset by issuing Ctn in lieu.

.303 Amp Required or COMBAT DIVS,
INDEPENDENT REGTS and INTERNAL SECURITY DIVS

	T Y P E				
	.303 Bandolier	.303 Ctn	.303 Tracer	.303 Incendiary	.303 S/Belted Mk VII
Divisions	3,845,975	3,973,200	981,600	357,400	2,530,000 rounds
Independent Regiments	267,900 2,525,100	92,400 2,217,600	25,200 514,800	8,400 201,600	— 2,280,000 rounds
Sub Total	6,638,975	6,283,200	1,521,600	567,400	4,810,000 rounds
Internal Security Divisions	1,678,200	1,386,000	324,000	126,000	1,368,000 rounds
TOTAL	8,317,175	7,669,200	1,845,600	693,400	6,178,000 rounds

Above equals: 10 Independent Regts
3 Divs, each 2 Regts
5 Combat Divs

Subject: Technical Equipment for
Italian Base Workshops.

Land Forces Sub Commission, (MMIA)
HQ Allied Commission, ROME (2 copies)

Reference your SD/109 of 28 Mar 46.

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for Major General,
MEA,

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Ord Directorate - Your DOS/7209/Plans of 19 Apr 46 refers.
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Ord Directorate - Your DOS/7209/Plans of 19 Apr 46 refers.

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Appendix "A" to 8159/Q1 dated
16 May 46.

Part No.	Designation	Quantity
QM 5863	Testing, straightness of bore, M12" Mortar and 2" bomb thrower, Mk II	2
CM 5102	Gauge, testing, straightness of bore, M1 3" Mortar Mk I (a)	2
BC 3016	Bags, armourers, SA Mk I	28
3052	Braces, armourers, Mk III	103
3056	Bits Cleaning No. 2	62
3469	Drifts, armourers No. 2	48
3472	No. 5	160
3495	Floats Small	11
3503	Gauges, Armourers, .052 in	8
3506	.064 in No. 1	131
3510	.067 in	7
3512	.074 in No. 1	107
6830	.4 in	36
6831	.41 in	35
BC 3519	Hammer point No. 2	82
BD 6458	Plug .301 in	64
BC 3542	.307 in	17
3545	.308 in No. 2	15
3548	.310 in	14
3549	.352 in	17
3550	.358 in	9
6840	.55 in	43
3551	Lead	5
3554	Rods Mk II	11

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6840	.55 in	43
3551	Lead	5
3554	Rods Mk II	11
3557	Stockbolt	15
3560	Striker point No. 1	56
6845	No. 3	63
3606	Keys, sight	20
3621	Mandrels No. 2	5
3622	No. 3	8

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Part No.	Designation	Quantity
EC 3632	Pincers, armourers	19
3651	Taps No. 1 Plug	14
3652	Taper	2
3653	No. 2 Plug	22
3654	Taper	4
3655	No. 3 Plug	5
3656	Taper	18
3657	No. 4 Plug	10
3658	Taper	12
3659	No. 5 Plug	27
3660	Taper	10
3661	No. 6 Plug	28
3662	Taper	5
3671	No. 11 Plug	20
3672	Taper	4
3673	No. 12 Plug	9
3674	Taper	17
3675	No. 13 Plug	9
3676	Taper	114
BB 3911	Rods, cleaning - Pistols, No. 2 Mk I	14
BC 3918	Saws, cleaning	174
3925	Screwdrivers - Armourers - Large	232
3926	Small	234
3929	Extractors, screw	14
3932	Forked No. 1	3
3933	No. 2	9
3934	No. 3	12
8458	Spanners, tubular, Mk I	

3657	No. 4 Plug	10
3658	Taper	12
3659	No. 5 Plug	27
3660	Taper	1
3661	No. 6 Plug	10
3662	Taper	28
3671	No. 11 Plug	5
3672	Taper	20
3673	No. 12 Plug	4
3674	Taper	9
3675	No. 13 Plug	17
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3932	Forked No. 1	14
3933	No. 2	3
3934	No. 3	9
8458	Spanners, tubular, Mk I	12
3966	Tools - Bore - Bushes	180
3968	Rods	4
4001	Cleaning - Funnels	22
4025	Rods No. 1	9

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Part No.	Designation	Quantity
BC 4027	Rods No. 2	4
4029	No. 4	20
4036	Sticks	47
4045	Foresight - Cramps - No. 1 - Mk II	61
4051	Punches	10
4065	Sight line	6
4068	Scribers	4
4075	Spring Extractor - No. 1	116
4100	Wad	25
4114	Vices, parallel, armoured	30
BD 4198	Brushes, rod, cleaning cylinder -.303 in MG Mk II Or	30
6120	Bren .303 in MG Mk I	
BE 2207	Mops, rod; cleaning cylinder -.303 in MG Mk II or	9
8829	Bren .303 in MG Mk I	
2503	Plugs, clearing -.303 in MG Mk I or	49
2502	Vickers, .303 in MG Mk I	8
4199	Rods, cleaning, cylinder, Bren, .303 in MG Mk II or	25
9204	Mk I+	66
9203	Mk I	79
9280	Combination - Bren .303 in MG Mk I	22
EG 4702	Keys, tube, pict. Besa MG Mk I, Plugs clearing Besa -	90
QB 0720	Cartridges SA Dummy - .303 in U, Mk V	3
0726	7.92 mm, U, Mk I	3
13180	Screw, rigid No. 10 (see Schedule 1391/1)	1
13200	Stud, 1/4 in to 5/8 in	1
13800	Gauges, Cylinder - No. 2 in to 6 in	1
14570	Indicators, Dial test	

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4199	Rods, cleaning, Cylinder, Bren, .303 in MG Mk II or	25
9204	Mk I+	
9203	Mk I	66
9280	Combination - Bren .303 in MG Mk I	79
EG 4302	Keys, tube, piston, Besa MG Mk I, Plugs clearing Besa - 7.92 mm Mk II	22
QB 0720	Cartridges SA Dummy - .303 in U, Mk V	90
0726	7.92 mm, U, Mk I	3
13180	Screw, rigid No. 10 (see Schedule 1391/1)	3
13200	Stud, 1/4 in to 5/8 in	1
13800	Gauges, Cylinder, 2 in to 6 in	1
14570	Indicators, Dial test	1
14571	Gauges Dial	2
15185	Micrometers - Metric outside - 0 mm to 25 mm	1
15186	25 mm to 50 mm	1

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Part No.	Designation	Quantity
17061	American thread - Bibexagon ring type, double ended - 7/16 in x 1 1/2 in	7
17065	25/32 in x 13/16 in	24
17067	1.1/16 in x 1.1/8 in	21
17095	open jaw, double ended 5/16 in x 3/8 in	20
17096	7/16 in x 1 1/2 in	60
17097	9/16 in x 5/8 in	35
17098	19/32 in x 11/16 in	53
17099	3/4 in x 7/8 in	52
17101	15/16 in x 1 in	24
FA 18404	Tools, screwcutting - ANC - Taps - Plugs - 1/4 in	2
18405	5/16 in	1
18406	3/8 in	10
18407	7/16 in	10
18408	9/16 in	4
18409	9/16 in	7
18420	Second 1/4 in	5
18421	5/16 in	5
18422	7/16 in	2
18423	1/2 in	1
18450	Taper 1/4 in	1
18451	5/16 in	12
18452	3/8 in	2
18453	7/16 in	11
18455	9/16 in	6
18467	ANF Sets - No. 2 (see Schedule 150/1)	3
9725	BSF Sets - No. 1 (" " 154/1)	2
15725	No. 2 (" " 155/1)	1

17099	3/4 in x 7/8 in	52
17101	15/16 in x 1 in	24
18404	Tools, screwcutting - ANC - Taps - Plugs - 1/4 in	2
18405	5/16 in	1
18406	3/8 in	10
18407	7/16 in	10
18408	9/16 in	4
18409	9/16 in	7
18410	1/4 in	5
18411	5/16 in	5
18412	7/16 in	2
18413	1/2 in	1
18414	1/4 in	1
18415	5/16 in	12
18416	3/8 in	2
18417	7/16 in	11
18418	9/16 in	6
18419	ANF Sets - No. 2 (see Schedule 150/1)	3
18420	BSF Sets - No. 1 (" " 154/1)	2
18421	No. 2 (" " 155/1)	1
18422	BSW Sets - No. 0 (" " 156/1)	1
18423	No. 1 (" " 79/1)	1
18424	No. 2 (" " 80/1)	2
18425	No. 3 (" " 157/1)	3

REPORT: Possession by ITALIAN Interior Army of AA and SA Arms
of ITALIAN Design.

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

SD/109 ✓

10 May 46

TO : ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS

1. A report from 5 BH confirmed by a personal inspection by AME of this HQ shows that in the ITALIAN Arsenal at PIACENZA there are either under repair or recently made serviceable some six 88 mm AA guns of about 3.7 in. calibre and some dozen 75 mm guns of about 75 mm. all of ITALIAN make. It is to be supposed that further similar equipment may be reaching the ITALIANS out of GCH released to them.

2. This is the first specific instance of this kind which has come to the notice of MIA.

3. A ruling is requested:-

- (a) are the ITALIANS to be allowed to make serviceable such equipment?
- (b) what limit if any is to be imposed on how much they make serviceable.
- (c) what restrictions if any are to be placed on their subsequent disposal or use of such equipment.
- (d) what check if any exist on the accounts of such equipment which may become available from GCH.

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M. W. Hope.
Brigadier G. S.
Major-General,
MIA.

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NOTES: Reading in of C.I.R. Tables and Arch. Data.

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Not your 6/10/2014/2007 about 5 AM 10/10.

There is no objection to the fact that the Government has been able to obtain the necessary information from the various sources mentioned above.

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1. All kinds of winter clothing need be ordered a long while before the onset of the weather, so that part of the preparation of the 15.10. be the wintering. It is important not provide for heights which have to make her to be clean and.

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(b) The following information is being furnished to you for your information only and is not to be used for any other purpose.

M. W. Hope.
Brigadier G.S.

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1e. There is no objection to TULLIN's position and the policy required by and to such sites as the latter are readily taken into due consideration.

2. All Motion and Game used to be hunted in Corvallis. One 10/10/94 at
20 Near 44 center.

all being as mentioned and it is to be noted that the same of the mentioned is not this part of the evidence of the 12. 10. on the 12. 10. 1947. It is therefore not possible for anyone who has to be given notice.

The first of these is the fact that the majority of the population of the United States is now of foreign birth. This is a fact which has been recognized by the Government and the people alike. It is a fact which has been recognized by the Government and the people alike. It is a fact which has been recognized by the Government and the people alike.

(a) To secure the highest degree of uniformity and consistency in the handling of cases for which awards are made, awards should be made only in such cases as are referred to in 2.10.11.

M. W. Moore.
brigadier G.S.

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ESD/81/3G.

7 May 1946.

SUBJECT : Policy on Italian Munitions Production.
 TO : Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MMIA).

Your SD/109 of 2 May 1946 on the above subject has been received in AFHQ. Your proposals will be examined without delay and the answer will be sent as soon as possible.

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

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SUBJECT:- Equipment for Italian Army.
Interim.

8159/01

97 May 46

TO : OIA Directorate (5 copies)

Reference TSD/81/3 of 29 Jan 46, Minute 2.

1. Approval is now given by para 7 of AFHQ signal NAF 1135 (not to all) for the issue forthwith of the balance of weapons and equipment required by the Italian Interim Army.
2. These issues will be made direct from British Depots to the Italian Army under arrangements to be agreed by Ordnance Directorate with AFIA direct.

3. The issues will officially be regarded as 'on loan' but the normal Crd procedure of issues will NOT be followed. Instead the vouchering will be as for issues to the Italian Army prior to 14 Nov 45. Previous issues made 'on loan' are governed by this policy, and outstanding vouchers will be amended accordingly. Items concerned are listed in Appendix "A" to this letter. Copies of lists attached to bundles of vouchers in accordance with normal payment procedure should be forwarded to this HQ for Financial Advice. (En).

The equipment not to be issued is detailed at Appendix "B" to this letter. Normal maintenance will not be scaled, but repair items only will be issued.

5. It is emphasised that issues are to be made from surplus i.e. not at the expense of the British, S. African or Greek Armies. However issues will be made if necessary from stocks which would otherwise be returned to UK vide para 4 of War Office letter Q(AT)5/373 of 28 Feb 46.

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SGD. W. D. A. CLARE, Lieut-Colonel,
for Brigadier,
DOMG.

Lead Forces Sub Commission (ISIA)
HQ Allied Commission Rome

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Reference ESD/81/3 of 29 Mar 46, Minute 2.

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4. The equipment now to be issued is detailed at Appendix "B" to this letter. Normal maintenance will not be scaled, but major items only will be issued.

5. It is emphasized that issues are to be made from surpluses i.e. not at the expense of the British, 3. African or Greek Armies. However issues will be made if necessary from stocks which would otherwise be returned to UK vide para 4 of War Office letter Q(AE)5/373 of 28 Feb 46.

SCD. W.D.A. GIARE, Lieut-Colonel,
for Brigadier,
DOMG.

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CONFIDENTIALAPPENDIX "A" TO 8159/Q1 DATED
MAY 46.

AUTHORITIES DETAILING ITEMS ISSUED TO ITALIAN
INTERIM ARMY ' ON LOAN ' WHICH ARE NO LONGER
SUBJECT TO ORD ' ON LOAN ' PROCEDURE.

GHQ letter reference	Date	Equipment	Remarks
8159	8 Feb 46	Weapons for CARS	
FX 60362 (Sig)	8 Feb 46	Staghounds and Daimler Scout Cars	Ex ARG
8159	12 Feb 46	Weapons for Inf Bns	
8159	15 Feb 46	Arty Tractors and Sights Dial	
ESD/81/3/A	26 Feb 46	Armd QPs Qty 2	Release Note No 8850
8159	4 Mar 46	Web Eqpt for Cars	
ESD/81/3B	3 Apr 46	25 pr Eqpts w/o Muzzle brakes Qty 2	
ESD/81/3A	9 Apr 46	Appx A Inf and Arty weapons	Appx B Sig eqpt already issued, as amended by ESD/81/3H of 19 Apr 46.

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APPENDIX "B" TO 8159/Q1 DATED MAY 46.

EQUIPMENT NOW AUTHORISED TO BE ISSUED
DIRECT TO ITALIAN INTERIM ARMY

Letter Ref:	Date	Equipment	Remarks
1 MMIA Letter SQ 054	21 Feb 46	Appendix "C" Coln 9 Vehs	To be provided from surpluses especially those at 13 Veh Pk (Ord letter DOS/3/21/3 of 2 May 46 refers)
GHQ letter 8159	12 Mar 46	Appendix "A" Coln (c) Weapons.	Excl 4.2 in Mor. Figs amended by ESD/81/3 of 6 May 46.
GHQ letter 117/3 (RA Branch)	22 Mar 46	Balance of requirement in Appx "A" "B" and "C" not shown as available ex British School of Artillery.	Excl Predictors, Height and Range finders, and RADAR eqpt ESD/81/3H of 3 Apr 46, 29 Apr 46 and War Office signal 18810 GS(W) 1 of 1 May 46 refers.
8159	20 Apr 46	Tools as available	ESD/81/3B of 5 Apr 46 refers.
ESD/81/3B	9 Apr 46	Med Arty Eqpt incl tractors	8159/Q of 18 Apr 46 refers.
ESD/81/3B	29 Apr 46	Para 2 60 Portcoes	NOT on loan
ESD/81/3H	30 Apr 46	Type B Sig Eqpt.	8159 of 2 May 46 refers as amended by ESD/81/3H of 4 May 46.
ESD/81/3J	6 May 46	Tyres and Tubes	As available from recent War Office Global Surplus

