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SDOSIS (.) OUR SDO 511 DATED 11 DEC IS INVALID (.) 5 CARRIERS B AND C WILL BE ISSUED TO YOU SOONEST

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MMIA 105
FILE SD/109/1
DATE 12-12-46

FROM: AFHQ

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TO: GHQ CMF

INFO: MMIA

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BT C 67472 (.) SUBJECT IS EQUIPMENT OF TOLMEZZO ALPINE BATTALION (.) YOUR ~~GEORGIE THREE ONE THREE, TWO SEVEN NOVEMBER~~ S. 313 27th November REFERS (.) PARA ONE (.) AS YOU CONSIDER SUBJECT UNIT IS PERFORMING DUTY IN ALLIED INTEREST THE FURNISHING OF NECESSARY EQUIPMENT AND POL IN EXCESS OF ITALIAN ARMY SCALES IS APROVED (.) PARA TWO (.) EQUIPMENT IS TO CONTINUE TO BE PROVIDED ON A REPEAT AFLE REPLACEMENT BASIS AS NOW BEING DONE (.) PARA THREE 50% OF POL SO PROVIDED WILL BE REPLACED BY UNITED STATES (.) G/4 MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS WILL MAKE NECESSARY ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

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FROM: CHQ CMF

ACTION: MMIA

INFO : AFHQ

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ROUTINE

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30/109/1
Date 8-11-12-46

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REF YOU SD 3929 UNDATED (.) REGRET CARRIERS S AND C ON SHORT LIST AND NOT AVAILABLE FOR ISSUE TO ITALIAN ARMY

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Tel No : PADUA 22693.

Subject : Compressor Lorry.

To : LAND FORCES SUB COMM, AC (MMIA)

SD/109/1

G (SD) Branch
GHQ CMF.

SD/2146/6

Dec 46

Reference your SD/109/1 dated 6 Dec 46.

It is regretted that Compressor Lorries are in very short supply and consequently one can NOT be released to the Italian School of Arty.

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FILE 30/109/1
DATE 12.12.46.

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GSO II (SD)	Return
GSO II (A)	
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GSO II (L)	

J.D'A. Maxwell Major
for J.D'A. ANDERSON,
Colonel, G.S.

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FILE SD/109/1
DATE 10/12/46.

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TRANSLATION

SD/109/12

G(TRC)
Copy of last two sheets
Ex SD/103

HQ. 6th ALPINE REGIMENT

The Alpine Regiment must be considered capable of acting quickly and isolated and therefore must be equipped with all the necessary means to live, move and fight as a small Division. Its Units, trained for special grounds and acclimatised for high mountain warfare, must exploit vastly, in tactical field, the surprise which can be obtained through their particular training consolidating immediately the advantages with a heavy use of fire.

From said points the following emerge:

- each alpine company operating on vast fronts must have the following squads already detached: recce- ski and rock climbers, sappers;-
- each company must be equipped with a certain number of support weapons (81 m/m mortars MGs)
- each company must be equipped with a certain number of pack transport units mobile or combat having a particular tactical training and in which the animals are considered combatant as the men;
- each Bn. must be equipped with a certain number of wire transmission equipment, wireless and motorcycles as well as optical apparatuses to be issued to the companies in accordance with their requirements.
- Each Bn. must be equipped with a certain number of logistic pack tpt. to be distributed in part between the companies in accordance with their requirements as well as be equipped with a certain number of light and track vehicles for logistic and tactical use;
- each Bn. must be equipped with a certain number of support weapons (81 m/m mortars and guns) with which to reinforce the fire of the companies as necessary;
- each Bn. must be able to concentrate, by detaching from the various companies the recce, ski, rock climber and sapper squads, so as to be able to carry out an eventual employment on mass of said specialists in actions of special spred or courage.

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The Rgt., having such a formation would not need the mortar coy. at present assigned to it for manoevre, while it could have a gun unit to be used as support and also for A.A. or A.T. action. The Rgt. would require also a mixed MT Unit, equipped with vehicles and track-vehicles as well as a signal unit and a police unit.

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THE TRAINING CARRIED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH PRESENT INSTRUCTIONS: presents the following main inconveniences:

OFFICERS: the officers are at present very few in number in comparison with W/E and therefore cannot be taken away from their duties to go on various refresher courses without harming the training of their units. It is necessary to arrange that said training be carried out within regiments and battalions and at any rate with short and frequent instructions at the local CAR. A good method could be that in CARs, Alpine units to commanded by Alpine officers who are sent with these units to the Rgts. when the recruits are transferred. I refer to platoon commanders.

In such a way we would have a periodical exchange of junior officers between the CAR and the Rgt. with common advantage. And this until we shall be able to return to the system of training of recruits entirely entrusted to the Rgts. ever since the first day, system which for the alpine troops has yelded the best results since their formation.

SENIOR N.C.Os : the same can be said with suitable alterations for senior NCOs specialists: the present system of courses carried out after the CAR at the central school, does not reach the aim for the alpine troops as, while the technical training can be carried out perhaps more accurately in Regiments, the tactical one is completely lost by specialists who on returning from courses are far behind the companies of the Regiment while the handling of weapons and equipment in scholastic surroundings and flat grounds is completely misguiding towards their employment in the characteristic surrounding of the high mountains.

MEN: the abundance of equipment and accomodation existing in CARs cannot be found in the Rgts. and this effects the discipline and training of the men. It is necessary to hasten the equalisation between CARs and Rgts. particularly those recently formed which, not having the possibilities given by the long period of formation, are in poor conditions as regards equipment for which every small problem must be solved quickly and with initiative not always sanctioned by admin. possibilities.

ALPINE TRAINING: no change regarding training on rocky grounds and on ascensious with war equipment.

SKI TRAINING: for a small number of officers NCOs and men is schemed.

It is essential to extend said training to all the officers and youngest NCOs in accordance with the already existing instructions.

AOSTA ALPINE SCHOOL: should be attended only by officers and NCOs newly appointed.

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PERIODS OF COMMAND.

The needs of rotation do not bring about profit for the training of units when the officers must stay with the men for a short time. In order to save and perfectionate the units it is required that the officers selected to command, be transferred only after 2 years, in the case of senior officers, and after 3 years for company commanders and junior officers. No personal reason or any other reason should permit exceptions.

SELECTION OF ALPINE MEN IN DISTRICTS. This selection is made thoroughly setting aside those who for physical defects, diseases, social or economical reasons are entitled to be incorporated for sedentary service or for shorter period.

RECRUITING OF NCOs: it is necessary to recruit NCO after a solid preparation in suitable schools.

ALPINE PERSONNEL NOT IN REGIMENT: must not be permitted. The honour of belonging to such Corps must be paid with the active life bruden, in uncomfortable places. The former Alpine men should not wear any sign of the Alpine Corps.

LOCATIONS OF UNIT: each unit must have a normal winter and summer location where the present training cycles should be carried out.

MOUNTAIN TRAINING: must be carried out both in summer and winter with units having the WE complete as far as possible.

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FOOD DURING TRAINING: men and animals cannot have during training the same ration issued to them when in static location for obvious physical reasons. Food issued during training should vary in accordance with efforts requested and the surrounding and climate in which training has to be carried out. Men should have the bread pasta ration increased and fats and sugar should be issued while for animals oat and forage ration should be increased.

CLOTHING: the clothing of the Alpine soldier is composed of special items on account of the climate. A new type of uniform essential for the person who operates and stays out at night is being studied.

ALPINE EQUIPMENT: it is an essential part of the equipment, but the Rgt. is almost completely without it (mountain ropes, picks, calks, rock nails and ice nails, blunderbusses etc.)

RGT. AND INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENT CANNOT BE THE SAME AS THAT ISSUED

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TO OTHER UNITS. Their type and number must cope with the requirements of life in coldest climates and pack tpt. in a dangerous area. The Rgt. is studying, but for the time being has no equipment common to the Infantry.

PACK TPT EQUIPMENT. The British equipment, excellent for hills is not suitable for the Alps and above all lacks the saddles with strong frame for pack tpt.

MULES FOR ALPINE TPT UNITS: are not common mules but big animals acclimatised, a mule which never saw snow and ice cannot be suitable for Alpine service as he is afraid and often becomes affected with mental diseases. For this reason, as alpine drivers cannot be replaced, Alpine pack tpt Unit cannot be interchangeable with other not specialised pack tpt Units.

The pack tpt Unit of the Rgt. has mules not suitable for the Alpine service.

VEHICLES: The regiment has at present a very small number of vehicles (none with tracks) of various types, used for most urgent transport and has not yet received any vehicle laid down on W/E to train M.T. sections and groups considered in the British regulation for employment.

The rates of pay are at present ridiculous. A colonel's pay is inferior to the pay of a civilian non-tradesman and decreases according to the rank. It is urgent to give to the staff means for a decorous life unless we want to loose the men morsly and technically capable and retain the useless ones.

ALPINE INDEMNITY. A modest indemnity was granted to officer and NCOs for the renewal and completion of personal and alpine clothing scale of issue. 1500

It is necessary to restart the payment of said indemnity and adjust it to the present value of the money.-

FIRST ISSUE OF CLOTHING TO OFFICERS AND NCOs.

As done during the war, it would be advisable to issue free the first issue of clothing for officers and NCO, issuing to them a uniform of the new type. Owing to the present rates of pay the purchase of a uniform is an unbearable burden to officers and NCOs.

Sgd. SIMEONE
Col.

G.F.

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HQ 6th Alpine Rgt.

Strength of officers and NCOs present in units
as at 21st November 1946. -

Units		Senior officers	Capt.	Sub-alterns	NCOs	Remarks
Rgtl HQ and HQ Coy	W/E	4	7	3	13	
	present in Regt.	4	5	4	13	
Mortar Coy	W/E	=	1	3	14	
	present in Regt	=	1	2	3	
"EDOLO" Alpine Bn	W/E	1	6	22	64	
	present in Regt	1	4	8	14	
"Trento" Alpine Bn	W/E	1	6	22	64	
	present in Rgt	1	5	12	19	
"Bolzano" Alpine Bn	W/E	1	6	22	64	
	present in Rgt	1	1	13	16	
6th Pack Transport Unit	W/E	1	1	4	14	
	present in Rgt	=	1	3	6	
MOs	W/E	=	=	3	=	
	present in Regt	=	1	7	=	
Veterinary Officers	W/E	=	=	3	=	
	present in Regt	=	1	=	=	
TOTALS	W/E	8	29	82	233	494
	present in Regt	7	18	49	71	

Notes:
- The animal infermery of the territory functions with personnel of the Rgt.
- There is no O.C. for the Pack Transport Unit.
- The various Regiments of the Garrison Commands (especially that of Merano which absorbs officers and men) are not taken into account.
- 1 Senior Officer, 1 Captain and 3 subalterns have been ordered to attend courses at the Central Schools. They are to stay away for several months.
- The total includes 7 officers and 21 NCOs not of the Alpine Corps.
- All MOs, except 2, are being discharged.
- The return for NCOs includes Alpine NCOs recovered after being transferred from the Corps.
- Many subalterns were forgotten. -

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Col.

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6th ALPINE REGT. HQ

STRENGTH of Junior NCOs and men present in units
as at 21st November 1946. -

Units	W/E 100%	W/E 70%	Present in Units	Remarks
Rgtl HQ and HQ Coy	90	-	72	
Mortar Coy	106	-	12	
"EDOLO" Alpine Bn	588	-	368	
"TRENTO" Alpine Bn	588	-	370	
"Bolzano" Alpine Bn	588	-	407	
6th Pack Transport Unit	476	-	141	
TOTALS	2436	1705	1370	

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sgd. Simeone
Col.

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GSO 1 (T)	
GSO 1 (A)	
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G II (L)	

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LAND FORCES SUB COM AC (MMIA) CMF

HD/109/1

10 Dec 46

MINISTRY OF WAR

Subject: AA Radar Equipment for ITALIAN ARMY

1. It has been reported to this HQ that there are 156 Sets of RADAR AA No 1 Mk 2 in 557 MDD (MOUNT COMPLETE GUN PARK). These sets are not all in a good state of repair but it has been estimated that 50 could be made efficient. This type of RADAR equipment is now obsolete in the British Army having been replaced by a new type RADAR AA No 3 Mk 2.

2. In order to give your Ministry the best advice as to whether these sets should be acquired from AFAP, this HQ consulted AMG as to the future policy in regard to issue of RADAR equipment to the Italian Army and a reply has been received to the following effect:-

(a) RADAR AA No 3 Mk 2 cannot be made available for the Italian Army as it is on the secret list.

(b) No other type of British or American RADAR is available or likely to become available in this Theatre for transfer to the Italian Army.

3. It would appear therefore that your Ministry has the choice of:-

(a) Acquiring sufficient of the 156 Sets of RADAR AA No 1 Mk 2 from AFAP to meet the requirements of the AA Units that you may be going to form. (Note: 1 Set is required for each troops of 4 Heavy AA Guns).

(b) Acquiring a few sets only for experiment and research.

(c) Acquiring no sets.

4. In view of the fact that a considerable amount of work may be required to make sufficient RADAR Sets efficient and that even then the sets will be of an obsolete type this HQ does not recommend 3 (a) above.

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5. This Mission has no Officer on its strength who is an expert on RADAR matters. Should you wish for further information or advice on RADAR matters however, HQ would be asked to make an Officer of suitable experience available in Rome to discuss any problems and give you any further information that you may require.

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for
Major General,
GSO, AMIA.

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DATE 10 DEC 1946

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GD 3029
FOR G(SD) (.) REQUEST THAT TRANSFER TO ITALIANS MAY BE AUTHORISED [illegible] 12 [illegible] (.) [illegible]

see folio 104 for NA & 106 for issue!

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LAND FORCES SUB COMM, AC (MAIA) CMF

SD/109/1

6 Dec 46

GHQ for G(SD)

SUBJECT: Compressor Lorry.

1. The Artillery Repair Training Centre (S.M.O.A.) of the Italian School of Artillery is in urgent need of a Compressor Lorry for recharging the Air Bottles used in charging recoil systems of Artillery Equipment.

2. It is understood that 18 Vehicle Park, CASARSA may hold British Compressor Lorries.

3. A release of one of these with serviceable equipment would add considerably to the efficiency of the Repair Centre.

reply at folio 123.

for Major-General,
GOC, MAIA.

SGC/mm

Copies to: G(Trg)
'Q' (your file Q203 folio 120 refers)
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replyat folio 103.
for Brig
Staff Capt.

SGC/mm

for Major-General,
GOC, MMLA.

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FILE SD/109/1
DATE 5 DEC 1946

FROM: AFHQ

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TO : M.M.I.A.

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INFO: GHQ CMF

EX 73571 (.) SUBJECT IS ALLIED POLICY IN REGARD TO RADAR (.) PARA SIX OF YOUR SD/109/1 OF 13 NOVEMBER REFERS (.) PARA ONE (.) POLICY IS TO PERMIT TRANSFER OF ANY SURPLUS RADAR EQUIPMENT FROM UNITED STATES OR BRITISH STOCKS WHENEVER AVAILABLE, PROVIDED SUCH EQUIPMENT IS NOT REPEAT NOT ON SECRET LIST (.) SIGNED SACMED GITE FHGCT (.) PARA TWO (.) HOWEVER, IT IS REGRETTED THAT OTHER THAN THE BRITISH SETS OF RADAR A.A. NO I MK II REFERRED TO IN YOUR ABOVE QUOTED LETTER NO BRITISH OR UNITED STATES RADAR EQUIPMENT IS AVAILABLE OR LIKELY TO BECOME AVAILABLE

DGS	
GSO 1 (SD)	
Dep G III	
GSO 2 (SD)	
GSO 3 (C)	
GSO 3 (A)	
GSO 3 (W)	
G 1 C	

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FROM : GHQ CMF

TO : AFHQ

INFO : MMIA

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SD0424 (.) FOR G(SD) (.) REF YOUR FX 73452 DATED 271724 PARA SECOND (.) REGRET THERE IS NO FURTHER RADAR EQUIPMENT IN THIS THEATRE WHICH CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ITALIAN ARMY.

MMIA - 'G'
FILE SD 109/1
DATE 2 DEC 1946

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GSO 1 (SD)	✓
Dep G (I)	
GSO II (SD)	✓
GSO [illegible]	
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FROM: AFHQ

TO : GHQ CMF

INFO: MMIA

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MMIA - 'G'
FILE SD/109/1
DATE 2 DEC 1946

FX73452 (.) FOR G(SD) (.) PARA ONE (.) THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO THE TRANSFER OF RADAR EQUIPMENT TO THE ITALIAN ARMY PROVIDED SUCH EQUIPMENT IS NOT ON THE SECRET LIST (.) SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGCT (.) PARA TWO (.) YOU ARE REQUESTED TO INFORM THIS HQ WHETHER THERE IS ANY SUCH RADAR EQUIPMENT NOT ON THE SECRET LIST, OTHER THAN 156 SETS OF RADAR AA No 1 MK II, WHICH CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR TRANSFER TO THE ITALIAN ARMY, STATING AMOUNT AND LOCATION

BGS	✓
GSO 1 (SD)	✓
Dep G (T)	
GSO II (SD)	✓
G (O)	
GSO II (Trg)	
GSO II (G(Ops))	
G II (S)	

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FROM : CHIEF CMF

TO : MAIA

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SD 046 FROM SOUTHEY (.) FIRST SUBJECT (.) FOR DGS (.)
COLONEL ANDERSON PROVISIONALLY WILL VISIT YOU 2 DEC TO DISCUSS
/74408 AFTER SEEING GENERAL AIREY AT AFHQ (.) WILL CONFIRM FROM
AFHQ 30 NOV (.) SECOND SUBJECT TRANSFER OF TKS FROM F O R L I
TO B O L O G N A (.) AIME AND ITALIAN REPS TO PREPARE TO
VISIT F O R L I 5 DEC FOR FINAL CHECK OF EQUIPMENT (.)
MOVEMENT OF TKS TO B O L O G N A BY TRANSPORTERS PROVIDED
BY CHIEF T TO BEGIN 9 DEC (.) TWENTY TKS PER DAY TO ARRIVE
B O L O G N A (.) MINISTRY OF WAR TO PREPARE TO RECEIVE (.)
CMF WILL CONFIRM (.) THIRD SUBJECT TKS OF ITALIAN TK PERSONNEL (.)
COURSE FOR SIX SQUADS FOR SIX WEEKS ON BRITISH EQUIPMENT WILL BE
ARRANGED AT 269 ARMD DELIVERY SQN AT E S T E (.) ITALIAN
INTERPRETERS AND ITALIAN ACCOMODATION WILL BE REQUIRED

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War. REF: 4/3489/Serv.

TO: Arty & M.T. Directorate General. DATE: 24 November 1946.

SUBJECT:- Sets of webbing equipment for newly formed units.

1. - You are requested to immediately arrange for the despatch to the Military Academy, to each Division and each inf bde (order of precedence for the Divisions: "Folgore", "Legnano", "Friuli", "Mantova", and "Cremona" and for the bdes: "Aosta", "Reggio" and "Calabria") of sets of webbing equipment for each unit indicated in the following paragraph.

2. - a) Military Academy.....774

b) each inf Div.:

-div arty specialists unit	146	
-one field arty regt	715	
-one A Tk arty regt	596	3381
-one light A.A. arty regt	582	
-engineers bn	378(1)	
-signals bn	358(2)	
-recce group	606	

c) each inf bde: for bde H.Q. coy.....102

3. - a) Sets of equipment to be despatched to all units and to be multiplied by the figure shown in preceding paragraph:

-belts waist.....1
-braces left.....1
-braces right.....1
-frogs bayonet W.E37.....1
-haversack.....1
-straps s.l. 1
-straps s.r. 1
-carriers w.b. 1

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b) Equipment to be despatched only to the Military Academy:

-pouches basic.....pairs.....774
-pouches uty front and rear.....pairs.....140
-cartridge carriers (3) .....pairs.....200

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c) Equipment to be despatched only to the inf Divisions:
- cartridge carriers.....3381
- holsters pistol signal.....91

d) Equipment to be despatched only to inf bde H.Q. coys:
pouches basic.....pairs.....96
pouches uty front and rear---.....pairs.....6
holsters pistol signal.....5

4. - The equipment required will be drawn from the stocks recently released by the Allies and at present stored in the Gricignano d'Aversa Depot of the Naples Artillery Directorate. However said stocks do not include pouches for non-infantry units. As said pouches should be in one of the stores of 557 B.O.D. recently released to A.R.A.R., you are requested to arrange that, in accordance with agreement with Officer i/c Services of Naples Military Territorial Command, the said Command makes a search for the pouches in question, which must be sent to the units concerned as soon as the stores of 557 B.O.D. are unfrozen.

5. - Transport requests to this S.M. - Transport Office.

6. - We request that:
- Arty & M.T. Gen Dir kindly informs us from time to time of the movements to be carried out;
- the Military Territorial Commands concerned inform us when the units under their command have received the equipment assigned to them.

sgd. LIUZZI
Gen.

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NOTES

1) - for the Bn H.Q., 1 engineer coy and the field park coy as the other engineer coy existed in the mixed engineer bn of the old divisional W.E.

2) - for the Bn H.Q., the signals coy for inf regt and the signals coy for arty regt as the signals coy for div H.Q. existed in the mixed engineer bn of the old W.E.

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3) - each pouch consists two pockets each of which is, in turn, divided into two compartments. Practically, each pair of pouches consists of four pockets.

R.A.G.

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MAAF FORCES SUB UNIT, AG (M.I.A) GHQ

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2 Dec 45

GHQ G(3D)

Subject: A.A. Equipment Italian Army

Ref G(OS) Folio 92

Ref this HQ letter 10 GHQ of 23 Nov to D.C.G. GHQ the following information is requested:

1. Further to the two Indicators for Radar No 4 Mark II, referred to in the above letter, whether there are any more of this type of equipment in the Theatre.

2. Whether they would be available for transfer to the Italian Army.

3. Whether this transfer would be effected on a basis of repayment or not.

Major-General,
GHQ, MAAF.

MCC/mm

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G.S.
GHQ

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LAND FORCES SUB COMM, AC (MMIA) CMF

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29 Nov 46

SD/109/1.

DCS - CMD - CMF.

Subject: Equipment for Italian Army

1. Ref CMD letters G(SD) SSD/81/5/A dated 3 April 46 and 29 April 46.

2. Authority is requested please for the issue of Predictors for Radar No 1 Mk II qty 2, if available, for use in connection with M A A training.

Lt-Col.
ADCS, MMIA.

BGS/ra

Copy to: "G"
"Q".

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Dep G [illegible]	
G80 [illegible] (SD)	
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G80 II (A)	
G80 I (TEG)	
G H (O)	

MMIA - 'G'
FILE: SD/109/1
DATE: 30/11/46.

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LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC (MMIA) CMF.

215 Q

29 Nov 46

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WAR MINISTRY (by LC)

Subject: Efficient Vehicle Park -
"A" Vehicles [redacted]

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Reference attached copy of signal and this HQ 215 Q of 23 November 46.

1. GHQ have agreed to assist with tank transporters on condition transfer commences on 9 December and is completed without delay.

2. ADRE this HQ will advise on final selection. Vehicles will be "efficient" before departure from FORLI.

3. It is essential that immediate action be taken to prepare approaches etc to Park at [redacted] in order that 20 vehicles can be accepted daily.

The necessary maintenance staff will be required to take over the vehicles on delivery and you are advised to avoid imposing this task on GARE whose normal functions will otherwise be hampered.

4. The permanent accommodation project must inevitably take time but immediate steps are needed to provide firm standings, tarpaulins, and the maximum security from sabotage or theft.

5. You are requested to notify this HQ the arrangements you are making in this respect.

MMIA - 'G'
FILE 50/109/1
DATE 29/11/46

Rae
L. Major General
GOC MMIA

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Copy to: 6 MLU (your G/1/1 of 6 Nov 46 refers)

INTERNAL: G(SD) (your SD/109/1 of 1 Nov 46 refers)
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GSO 1 (O)

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3. It is essential that immediate action be taken to prepare approaches etc to Park at BOLOGNA in order that 20 vehicles can be accepted daily.

The necessary maintenance staff will be required to take over the vehicles on delivery and you are advised to avoid imposing this task on GHQ whose normal functions will otherwise be hampered.

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5. You are requested to notify this HQ the arrangements you are making in this respect.

MMIA - 'G'
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Rae
Lt. Major General
GOC MMIA

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INTERNAL: G(SD) (your 30/109/1 of 1 Nov 46 refers)
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GSO 1 (C)	X
GSO 1 (L)	X
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CIPHER INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM: G2(A) CMF

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TO : I

INFO: MMIA

See folio 105 for reply

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06313 (.) FIVE (.) SUBJECT IS DGFT OF TOLMEZZO ALPINI BN (.) YOUR 066934 OF 25 NOV 46 REFERS (.) ENCLOSED (.) TOLMEZZO ALPINI BN IS DEPLOYED ALONG WESTERN BDY OF VENEZIA GIULIA (.) THEIR TASK TO CHECK CIV TFC INTO AND OUT OF VENEZIA GIULIA (.) TO DO THIS BN FINDS RD POSTS THROUGHOUT LENGTH OF BDY (.) THIS THEIR TASK OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO ALLIED FORCES (.) IMPARTIAL MILITARY CHECK OF CIVIL ENTERING VENEZIA GIULIA (.) IF TOLMEZZO ALPINI BN UNABLE TO CARRY OUT THIS TASK SERIOUS THIS WILL HAV TO BE SUBSTITUTED (.) FOREGOING INSTRUCTIONS DO NOT PREJUDICE THIS (.) FOURTH (.) TO ENSURE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR TASK CMF HAVE ASKED THAT TOLMEZZO ALPINI BN RECEIVE SUPPLEMENTAL TO THAT REQUIRED BY NORMAL ITALIAN BN (.) SUCH NOT REQUIRED URGENTLY AND TO OBVIATE CERTAIN DELAY IF CREATED THROUGH ITALIAN WAR MINISTRY CMF ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO ISSUE ON LOAN FROM DUMP SOURCES (.) THIS LOANED SUPP TO BE REPLACED BY ITALIAN WAR MINISTRY SOURCES (.) FIFTH (.) SERIOUSLY HOPE NO CHANGES BE MADE TO ARRANGEMENTS OUTLINED IN PARA FOURTH ABOVE (.) ALL IMPORTANT (.)

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA)
GHQ
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23 Nov 46

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WAR MINISTRY (by LO)

81A

Subject: Vehicle Park for AFV's at [redacted].

Reference is made to 6 Territorial Command letter 17763/Serv of 30 Sep 46 relative to repair and reconstruction of a site at SAN FELICE for the reception of AFV's in Allied Park at FORLI.

As requested in your 1/5475/Serv of 23 Oct 46, action has been taken by MMIA to obtain the services of British tank drivers and transporters. Should these be made available it will be necessary to commence and complete the move of these vehicles with a minimum of delay.

It is apparent that the expenditure of 45,000,000 lire is beyond the limit of prompt sanction and will require careful consideration.

As an interim measure you are advised to prepare the selected site for immediate occupation.

You are requested to inform this HQ :

(a) If a decision has been reached as to the parking place for the AFV's in question.

(b) What date delivery may commence should Allied transportation facilities become available and what number of vehicles you are prepared to accept each week from that date.

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GSO I (TEG)	
G II (L)	

MMIA - 'G'
FILE 5A/127/1
DATE 23/11/46

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[signature]
[illegible]. Major General,
CCC MMIA

Copy to: 6 MIU (with copy of 6 Terr Comd letter your 1/4/1 of 6 Nov 46 refers)

81A.

INTERNAL:
G(SD) (SD/109/1 of 1 Nov 46 refers)

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COPY OF TRANSLATION

Bologna 30 Sept 46

Ref 17763/Secret

FROM : 6 (MILITER (Servizo Affico)

TO : Ministry of War
and for information
TO : 6 Sez.

The Allied Forces are assigning to the Italian Army a certain number of vehicles of different types and it is therefore necessary to prepare at once a park for them.

Inside the park there will have to be a workshop for the maintenance of said vehicles, a store for spare parts, and also premises to serve as offices and billets for troops (workers and guards).

The first solution examined was that of using the Parli cattle market for this purpose. However, this would have meant keeping the vehicles for four months (checking & repairs), and the expense incurred would have been only slightly inferior to that foreseen for the plan I attach. Besides, the place was not State property. Particularly for this latter reason the first solution was put aside with the approval of the Chief of 6 Sez.

The solution laid out in the attached plan foresees the constitution of a Vehicle Park in the immediate vicinity of Bologna and on State property (S.Felice).

The expenses for putting the place in order have been estimated at L.5.000.000 lire. The thus necessary will be engaging more workers and assigning jobs to different contractors.

It will take 15-20 days to get the park sufficiently in order to receive the first vehicles.

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I beg you to give me your authority to initiate the works while I wait for the total financing which will be based on the detailed plan I shall submit later.

Sgd. GENERAL MISSIART

Attach

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Tele No : PADUA 22693

Subject : Radar for Italian Army

G (SD) Branch,
GHQ, CMF.

SD/2146/6

21 Nov 46

To : MMLA

Copy to : AFHQ

Ref your SD/109/1 dated 13 Nov and AFHQ FX 73321 dated 19 1806A.

1. It is regretted that Radar AA No 3 Mk 2 can NOT be issued to the Italian Army.

2. Steps are being taken by Ord this HQ to withdraw any of that type of Radar from 557 BOD.

MMLA - 'G'
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DATE 25/11/46.

J.F.M. Maxwell Major

for Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

JKM/JTW

Internal Distribution

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Ord

25 NOV 1946

BGS	Wm	X
G (SD)		X
Deputy		
G (Ops)		X
G (I)		
G (Trg)		
G (Plans)		
G (L)		

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FROM: AFHQ

SECRET

ACTION: MMIA

INFO : GHQ CMF

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FX73333 (.) YOUR SD/109/1 OF 22 OCTOBER REFERS (.) PARA ONE (.) REFERENCE PARA FIVE (.) NO BALANCE OF EFFICIENT VEHICLES ARE HELD IN ANY OTHER PARK (.)
PARA TWO (.) THE FACT THAT THE COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF HAVE RULED THAT ONLY EQUIPMENT WHICH IS SURPLUS TO WORLD WIDE REQUIREMENTS MAY BE ISSUED TO THE ITALIAN ARMY HAS MADE THE EQUIPPING OF THE ITALIAN ARMY DIFFICULT, SINCE SUCH EQUIPMENTS ARE OBSOLETE AND MAINLY OF SERVICEABILITY (.) PARA THREE (.) IT IS HOPED THAT THE EQUIPMENT IN 557 BASE ORDNANCE DEPOT WHICH HAS NOW BEEN VIRTUALLY THROWN OPEN TO THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WILL BE OF CONSIDERABLE BENEFIT TO THE ITALIAN ARMY (.) PARA FOUR (.) YOU CAN BE ASSURED THAT EVERY ENDEAVOUR WILL BE MADE TO ISSUE THE BEST EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE

20 Nov 46
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SD Distribution

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Tele No : PADUA 22693

G(SD) Branch,
GHQ, CMF.

Subject : Reorganisation of Internal Security Divisions

SD/2146/7

18 Nov 46

To : Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MMIA)
'Q'

see file SD/109/2 Folio 48 Cover for reminder 15

Reference your SD/109/1 dated 26 October 1946.

1. Authority for the release of these guns was not given, as all issues to the Italian Army were in abeyance at that time.

2. 'Q' have now been instructed to issue the guns if they can be made available.

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GSO III (SD)	
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GSO I (Int)	

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Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

CFNL/JTW

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM : AFHQ

19 1806 A

TO : GHQ CMF

INFO : MMIA

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EX73321 (.) REFERENCE MMIA LETTER SD/109/1 DATED 13 NOV COPY TO YOU (.)

SIGNED SACMED CITE PHGCT (.) WILL YOU PLEASE INFORM MMIA DIRECT CMA

WITH COPY TO US CMA WHETHER RADAR ABLE ABLE NUMBER THREE MARK TWO

SETS MAY BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ITALIAN ARMY

see Jones 88. for document

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~~G (SD)~~ SD/109/1
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Brig	X	
GSO II (SD)	X	
Dep G III		
GSO II (Ops)		X
GSO III (T)		
GSO III (Int)		
GSO I (Trg)		
G II (L)		

MMIA - 'G'
FILE SD/109/1
DATE 20 NOV 1946

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War.

TO : M.M.I.A.

REF: 4/3362/Serv.

DATE: 14 November 1946.

SUBJECT: Distribution of material to artillery groups of infantry brigades.

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Reference letter TRG/43/1 of 1st inst.

1. With reference to para 1 of letter referred to above, we would point out that in letter 4/3179 of this S.M. dated 20 October, relative to the distribution of British weapons to artillery groups of infantry brigades, it was stated that "at any rate the guns must be sent complete with sights and various accessories".

2. With reference to technical equipment for battery and group H.Q.s, we point out that:

- there is not at the moment any availability and the required material would have to be drawn from that existing in sub-depots of the disbanded 557 BOD recently handed over to A.R.A.R., from which at the moment it is not permitted to make any withdrawal. Instructions have been issued for the selection and dispatch of the required material as soon as the sub-depots of 557 BOD are unfrozen;
- in the mean time, to facilitate and hasten the selection and collection of the required material, it is necessary for your Mission, in accordance with previous statement made by Col Pidsley to Lt Col Olivetti, to send the catalogues of British material for the weapons of every calibre in distribution to the Italian Army as soon as possible to the BLU at Naples.

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Dep G III
GSO II (SD)
GSO II (T)
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GSO I (TRG)
G II (I)

sgd. LIUZZI
Gen.

R.A.G.

Internal: SD/109/1
SD/109/2
Trg
'Q'
Ord.

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Dep G III
GSO I (SD)
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LAND FORCES SUB COM, MG (BAOA) CMF

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18 Nov 46

Ministry of War.

Subject : LAND CMF 587 ROD.

Information has been received that Chief Disposals Officer has instructed ADAM to proceed with the disposal of stores held in 2 Sub Depot 587 ROD.

For your information, the following are the Sections held in 2 Sub Depot with a brief description of items in each Section. This may prove useful in assisting you to determine the items you require.

SECTIONS	ITEMS
VOTE 7	
All Clothing Sections.	All items of clothing and accessories, including Mountain Warfare and Ski clothing.
VOTE 8	
A.1. Accountrements and Musical Instruments.	All items of Web equipment.
A.2. Anti gas stores.	Respirators, Detectors etc.
B.1. Harness, Saddlery.	Riding, driving, draught and pack saddlery.
B.2. Horseshoes.	Horse and Mule shoes and nails.
E.1. Carts and Wagons.	
E.3. Lifting apparatus.	Blocks, tackles, cranes, shears, chains etc.
F. Tools.	All tools used by Tradesmen i.e. Fitters, Carpenters, Blacksmiths, Electricians etc and Vehicle Tools.
G.1. Ironmongery.	Nails, Screws, split pins etc
G.2. Metals.	Bars of steel, copper, brass etc.
H.1. Oils, paints, chemicals.	

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Information has been received that Chief Disposals Officer has instructed ARAR to proceed with the disposal of stores held in 2 Sub Depot 557 BOD.

For your information, the following are the Sections held in 2 Sub Depot with a brief description of items in each Section. This may prove useful in assisting you to determine the items you require.

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E.1. Carts and Wagons.	
E.3. Lifting apparatus.	Blocks, tackles, gyns, sheers, chains etc.
F. Tools.	All tools used by Tradesmen i.e. Fitters, Carpenters, Blacksmiths, Electricians etc and Vehicle Tools.
G.1. Ironmongery.	Nails, Screws, split pins etc
G.2. Metals.	Bars of steel, copper, brass etc.
H.1. Oils, paints, chemicals.	All kinds of paint and oil, including Buffer oil for guns, Rifle oil for small arms, Mineral jelly for preservation, Acid for secondary batteries. Does not include lubricating oils and grease for motor vehicles.

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GSO 1 (SD)
GSO 2 (O)
GSO III (A)
GSO 3 (SD/A)
G II (d)

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VOTE 3 cont.

J.2.	Cordage and textile material	Ropes, kemps, jute etc.
J.1.	Camp equipment	Tentage etc.
J.2.	Portable cooking equipment	All kinds of cooking equipment for use in the field.
K.A.	Furniture.	Chairs, tables.
K.B.	Beds.	Barrack and Camp Beds.
K.C.	Games and Gymnastic equipment	
K.D.	Crockery and glassware	
K.E.	Brooms, brushes, soaps, garden tools.	
K.F.	Enamelled and metal household utensils.	
K.G.	Fire fighting appliances.	Fire engines, trailer pumps, hoses, extinguishers.
K.H.	Barrows and trunks.	

It is regretted that no indication can be given as to what actually is available, the above represents what can normally be found in 2 Sub Depot.

for Major General,
GOC, MMIA

Copy to : S
Chief Dispensals Officer

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K.D. Crockary and glassware

K.E. Brooms, brushes, lamps, garden tools.

K.F. Enamelled and metal household utensils.

K.G. Fire fighting appliances. — Fire engines, trailer pumps, hoses, extinguishers.

K.H. Barrows and trunks.

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Major General,
GOC, MMIA

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Chief Disposals Officer

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LAND FORCES SUB COM AC (MAIA), CMF
SD/109/1
16 Nov 46

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Subject: Equipment for the ITALIAN Army

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Ref this HQ SD/109/1 dated 22 Oct 46.

Can any reply yet be given, please?

Still 87 replies.

A.H. Gordon Cox
Lt Col
GS
for Major General,
GOC, LFSA.

ARCS/rr

Copy to: GHQ

Regret civ.
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LAND FORCES SUB COM AC (MMIA) CMF

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14 Nov 45

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Subject:- Diagrams and Construction Charts

1. Arty Directorate at Ministry of War have asked whether it is possible for us to provide them with "diagrams and Construction Charts" of BRIT Arms and Eqpt held by the ITALIAN Army.

They want them for their tech experts to be able to mend or replace broken parts etc, so I imagine what they need is some form of blue-print. It seems a reasonable request. Can you help and to what extent ?

2. They also asked for details of the BRIT procedure for Inspection of Arms etc all the way up the scale from e.g. the man who carries the rifle in a pl up to Base Wksps. Will you please provide this, copy to C(AM) ?

Ref SD/109/1 Cover II W.F. 120.

A.H.C. Gautrey

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Lt-Col,
G.S. MMIA.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Subject: RADAR for ITALIAN ARMY

473C (This also tells us RADAR AA No 3 MK2 will NOT be issued)

1. In May 1946 the War Office ruled that the Italian Army should not be issued with RADAR AA No 3 Mk 2 but could be allowed RADAR AA No 1 Mk 2. Four of latter sets have, in fact, been issued to the Italian School of Artillery on Loan. (GHQ letter RED/81/3A of 24 May 46 copy attached refers).

2. Included in the material that is in the process of being handed over to the Italian Government (ARAR) on the close down of 557 BOD are AA RADAR sets as follows:-

(a) RADAR AA No 3 Mk 2 NOT to be issued to Italians see folio 88
It is estimated that one these sets might be made serviceable. 2 sets

(b) RADAR AA No 1 Mk 2 156 sets
It is estimated that at least 50 of these sets could be made serviceable.

3. This Mission is responsible for advising the War Ministry on what material should be acquired from ARAR for the use of the Italian Army.
Before advice can be given to the War Ministry on RADAR equipment a knowledge of future Allied policy in regard to issue of RADAR equipment to the Italian Army is required.

4. If it is intended to make available to the Italian Army in the near future RADAR AA No 3 Mk 2 or other up to date Allied Radar Equipment it would obviously be unwise for the Italian Army to acquire a large number of obsolete sets now and to spend time and money making them serviceable. On the other hand the two AA No 3 Mk 2 sets might be useful for preliminary study and instructional purposes. 473

5. If it is not intended to make the more modern types of RADAR available for the Italian Army it would probably be worth while to acquire the AA No 1 Mk 2 sets and to make as many serviceable as possible and at the same time steps should be taken to ensure that the two AA No 3 Mk 2 sets are withdrawn from 557 BOD (Montecorvino Gun Park) before they fall into unauthorised hands.

6. It is therefore requested that the earliest information be given to this Mission as to future Allied policy in regard to AA RADAR for the Italian Army in order that suitable advice may be given to the War Ministry as regards

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Subject: RADAR FOR ITALIAN ARMY

130 (This and RADAR AA No 3 will not be issued)

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M. W. Hope. BSS
for Major General,
GOC, MMIA.

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ORDNANCE DIRECTORATE
G.H.Q. C.M.F.

Ref : DOS/14.11(Gen 1)
Tel : Freedom 989
Date: 14th August '45

SD.

16 AUG 1946

RECEIVED ..... (DATE) .....

Subject : Web Equipment.

To : GO 2AD 557 BCD.

Reference conversation Major Willis/Cronk.

1. It is understood that MAIA representative has inspected Web Equipment at RAD and is satisfied with the quality.

2. Please, therefore, arrange to issue Web Equipment Qty. 10,000 Sets to MAIA for Italian Army.

3. Vouchering in all cases will be done in accordance with AFHQ letter A.G.400/Off GBSO dated 6th October '44, para 12(a).

4. In addition to the original signed vouchers to be forwarded to MAIA another signed copy is required by the Financial Adviser GHQ CMF.

5. Receipted copies of Vouchers for Financial Adviser and ADOS MAIA will be passed where possible and accompanied by a schedule with each bundle of vouchers, the schedule to give details of the issue voucher numbers etc. in each bundle.

C. E. Cronk

C. E. CRONK Major
DADOS (Stores)
for Brigadier
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Copy to :- GOC 557 DCU
Land Forces Sub-Commission, AC Rome - Your SD/109/1 dated 15th July '46 refers. Please arrange for immediate collection.

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FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGCT

TO : GHQ CMF

INFO: ROME AREA

REF : FX 73038

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FOR G(SD) (.)

REFERENCE PARA 7 OF MMIA LETTER SD/109/1 OF 29 (.) YOU ARE REQUESTED TO TRANSFER STAGHOUND ARMOURED CARS 56 SHERMAN TANKS 189 SP ANTI TANK GUNS 59 FROM 12 VEHICLE PARK FORLÌ TO THE ITALIAN HOLDING DEPOT

7 Nov 46
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MMIA - 'G'
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SUBJECT: Issue of Equipment to Artillery Batteries of Infantry Brigades.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC(MMIA)
(TEL EXT: 476) TRG/43/1
1 Nov 46

TO : Ministry of War.

Reference your 4/3179/Serv of 20 Oct 46.

1. It is noted that in your letter arrangements have been made for the issue of Sights with the guns but no mention is made of gun stores and Troop stores.

2. It is not known if these items are available but it is suggested that essential gun stores should be issued in order that the guns may be properly maintained and fired.

3. It is considered that such Troop Stores as a director, artillery board, protractors and range tables should also be issued if available so that the troop command post can function efficiently.

GHC Connell Major RA
Major-General
D. M. M. I. A.

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SUBJECT : BRITISH Equipment for the ITALIAN Army

LAND FORCES SUB COM AC (MMIA)

(489081 Ext 218) SD/109/1

1 Nov ~~Oct~~ 46

TO : GHQ, CMF

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

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MINISTRY OF WAR (less appendix)

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Appx 'A' to MMIA
letter SD/109/1
dated [illegible] Oct 46

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SUBJECT: Establishment of Proposal "A" Vehicle Park - ITALIAN ARMY - within 6 Territorial Command.

6 British Liaison Unit.
Tele: 217 Area 119.
Ref : G/1/1.
14 October, 1946.

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

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Appx 'A' (Contd) to
SD/109/1 of [illegible] 46

3. It was decided therefore, that a site in the FORLI area presented so many difficulties as to make it impracticable; and in order that economical administration could be effected, the possibility of park being established at BOLOGNA, should be investigated.

4. With this end in view, the site of the PARCO di SAN FELICE, badly damaged by bombing, was reconnoitred, and in the opionion of all representatives was considered adequate for requirements.

5. The following factors substantiated this opinion:-

(a) An adjacent railhead is available.

(b) The site comprises sufficient hard standings for approximately 500 vehs., and may be enlarged if necessary.

(c) The property is State owned, (ITALIAN Army), and although repairs will be necessary to existing buildings required as accommodation for personnel, kitting store, servicing bay etc., authority for this work to be carried out, should not be difficult.

(d) The site is in a 'ZONA MILITARE', the perimeter is already protected, and generally the security of the proposed park should be simple.

(e) Road approaches are reasonable, and necessary alterations to enlarge the entrance(s) can be effected at little cost.

(f) Petrol pumps are in situ, and electric power available.

6. It was finally agreed that Major FICKE, (SHAEF), should return to ROME with plans of the proposed project, and a request for GENIO work to start immediately.

7. This matter will be further reported on as necessary.

(sgd) W.H. WRITTER
Major DAA & QMG
6 British Liaison Unit.

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SUBJECT : BRITISH Equipment for the ITALIAN Army

Reference 79 for reply to para 1.

LAND FORCES SUB COM AC (MMIA)

(439061 Ext 400) SD/109/1

29 Oct 46

TO : ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

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Ref your G-3/AFHQ/135 dated 5 Oct 46.

1. In the recent correspondence between this HQ and AFHQ on the subject of holding tanks etc for the possible future requirements of the Post Treaty ITALIAN Army the terms "issue, require and accept" are begining to creep in to both our letters and yours. It is feared by this HQ that, unless this tendency is checked, a state of affairs may develop other than what was originally intended.

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Ref 1 to 1 — 29 Oct 46

TO : ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

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Ref your G-3/AFHQ/135 dated 3 Oct 46.

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Reg out 30 Oct 46.

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4. In principle, therefore, all 'A' vehicles, Heavy Anti-aircraft and Medium Guns etc which would otherwise be demilitarised and which are in serviceable condition should be transferred to the ITALIAN Holding Park up to the total of ITALIAN possible maximum requirements. Unserviceable material should normally be demilitarised by the ALLIES and disposed of as scrap through normal disposal channels.

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Self Propelled Anti Tank Guns	9

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Major-General,
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SUBJECT : Reorganisation of Internal Security Divs

LAND FORCES SUB COM AC (MMLA)
(489081 Enc 401) SD/109/4
26 Oct 46

TO : GHQ, CMF

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Ref this HQ letter SD/109/4 of 13 Jul 46, (11.9 x 17 pn 31 0 x 25 pn)
para 3.

No authority for the release of these guns appears to been given. Will you please authorise.

requested in para 3

J K Clarke, Brig
Major-General,
M. M. L. A.

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FILE SD/109/1
DATE Reg/22/10

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SUBJECT: Spare parts for Artillery Equipment.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC(MMIA)
(TEL EXT: 476) TRG/43/1
21 Oct 46

TO : Ministry of War.

1. It appear that it will be sometime before spare parts for Artillery equipments will be available for issue to units.

2. In the returned Stores Depot at MONTECORVINO, near NAPLES there is a large dump of guns of all types. These are under the control of ARAR.

3. All the equipment have been demilitarised by damaging the barrels but the remaining parts of the guns appear to be serviceable.

4. In order to obtain the Spares required it is suggested that authority should be obtained from ARAR to send a party to MONTECORVINO to strip down some/the guns there and to remove the parts required for Spares.

5. Attached is a suggested list of parts which would be useful to maintain the equipment of all Artillery units in a good state of repair.

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G B Bonnell Major RA
for Major-General,
M. M. I. A.
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SUGGESTED LIST OF STORES AND PARTS REQUIRED FROM EQUIPMENTS PARKED AT FSD

EQPT	ITEM	QUANTITY
25 Pr Guns	Firing Mechanisms	250
	Gun Wheels complete with tyre and tube	100
	Sights complete	50
	Buffer and Recuperator Systems	50
	Buffer and Recuperators Systems less Blocks	30
	Grease Nipples Tecalemit	200
	Trail Eye Assembly	50
	Plat forms	20
	Shields	5
	Elevating Gear	10
	Drag Links	50
	Breech Assembly less block	20
	Cradle clamps	20
	Hub assembly	30
17 Pr and 6 Pr		
Quantities for each type	Firing Mechanism	100
	Sight Brackets	50
	Recuperators complete	10
	Recuperator system less block	10
	Shields complete	5
	Spade tips	20
	Trail Eyes	10
	Elevating Gear	5
	Cradle and Carriage	5
	Wheels complete	50
	Drag Links	10
	Semi Automatic gear	10
	Breech assembly	10
	Trail clamps	20
	Cradle clamps	10
	Hub assembly	10
QF 40 mm	Complete breech Assembly less block	20
	Wheels complete	100
	Recuperator Spring sets	20
	Buffers complete	10
	Firing Mechanisms	100
	Jacks	20
	Gun Stays	10
	Firing Pedal and Linkage	30
	Engine Draught Connector	20
	Traversing gear	5
	Elevating gear	5
	Cartridge Deflector	5
	Gun Balancing Gear	10
	Automatic Loader	5
	Hub Assembly	30

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	Elevating Gear	5
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	Cradle clamps	20
	Hub assembly	20
		30

17 Pr and 6 Pr

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	Automatic Loader	30
	Hub Assembly	5
	Elevation Trip Switch Gear	

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SUBJECT: Equipment for the ITALIAN Army

LAND FORCES SUB-COMM, AC (MMIA)
(489081 Ext. 218) SD/109/1 —
22 Oct 46

TO : ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS

Ref this HQ signal SD 3923 dated 9 Oct 46 and your G-3/AFHQ/135 dated 3 Oct 46.

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4. He considered unserviceable approximately:

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and all the DINGOES examined.

5. In view of the fact that the numbers of serviceable vehs listed in para 3 above fall very far short of those shown as immediately available for issue to the ITALIANS in para 3 of your above quoted letter, may this HQ please be informed whether the balances of efficient vehs required are held in some other veh pk.

6. This information is required before the ITALIANS can reach a decision as to how many of the different types to accept.

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Ref this HQ signal SD 3923 dated 9 Oct 46 and your G-3/AFHQ/135 dated 3 Oct 46.

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

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SUBJECT: Equipment Survey Files

LAND FORCES SUB-COMM, AC (LOCA)

File (489061 Encl. 401) — SD/109/1 —

21 Oct 46

TO : GENERAL HEADQUARTERS (G(SD))

Ref telephone conversation CHARTRES-LOWE of 21.10.46.

Attached are copies as requested of this HQ letters SD/109/1 of 15/8, and SD/109/1 of 22/9.

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L. L. Clarkson
Major

Major General,
M. H. Q. L. A.

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MMIA - 'Q'
FILE SQ/10 9/1
DATE Reg 15/10.

SUBJECT: Identification of Stores

LAND FORCES SUB-COMM, AC (MMIA)
(TEL EXT.: 476) TRG/42
11 Oct 46

TO : R.A. BRANCH
GENERAL HEADQUARTERS

1. Recently 557 B.O.D. was handed over to the Italian Government for disposal.

In this B.O.D. there are considerable quantities of gun stores and items of the AFG 1098 for Artillery units of all types. Italian Artillery Regiments are being organised and equipped on a British basis and the stores applicable to Gunnery units are required from this B.O.D.

2. Before any stores from 557 B.O.D. are disposed of by the Italian Government on to the civilian market it is proposed to screen the stores and identify and set aside any items which might be required by Italian Artillery Units.

3. However there is no person sufficiently qualified within this Mission to be able to identify all the stores required for the AFs G 1098 of various artillery units.

4. It is believed that there may be some surplus Quartermasters within 13 Corps. Should this be so, would it be possible please for a quartermasters (Field), Quartermasters (A.A.) and a Quartermasters (Survery) or any persons able to identify all stores required for the G 1098's of Artillery units to be loaned to this Mission as soon as possible for a period of 2 or 3 weeks.

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

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SUBJECT: Tolmezzo Alpini Bn.

MMIA - 'G'
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DATE R/15/10

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC(MMIA)

M.M.I.A.
R O M E
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12 October 1946

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TO : War Ministry (by LO)

1. It is reported that the Tolmezzo Alpini Bn is hampered in its role of guarding check points on the boundary of Venezia Giulia by lack of equipment.

G.H.Q. consider that in view of the quantity of British war material handed over to the War Ministry further direct issue from British sources is not justified.

2. The immediate minimum requirements are reported as under:

(a) TRANSPORT replacement of four 3 ton lorries, issue of 1 Jeep. All vehicles to be provided with weather-proof hoods;

(b) WEAPONS issue of adequate quantity of oil and cleaning material;

(c) TORCHES issue of 40 hand electric torches with spare bulbs and batteries;

(d) SIGNAL EQUIPMENT
12 Field telephones
20 miles cable
6 W/T sets with range of approx 15 miles.

It would appear desirable to attach a signal detachment for special duty with this Bn.

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TO : War Ministry (by LO)

1. It is reported that the Tolmezzo Alpini Bn is hampered in its role of guarding check points on the boundary of Venezia Giulia by lack of equipment.

G.H.Q. consider that in view of the quantity of British war material handed over to the War Ministry further direct issue from British sources is not justified.

2. The immediate minimum requirements are reported as under:

(a) TRANSPORT replacement of four 3 ton lorries, issue of 1 Jeep. All vehicles to be provided with weather-proof hoods;

(b) WEAPONS issue of adequate quantity of oil and cleaning material;

(c) TORCHES issue of 40 hand electric torches with spare bulbs and batteries;

(d) SIGNAL EQUIPMENT 12 Field telephones
20 miles cable
6 W/T sets with range of approx 15 miles.

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Signed Lt Col R.A. CURTIES
Major-General
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: 5 BLU (G106/41 26 Sept refers)

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Subject : Releases - British Equipment.

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

Q.138
28 Sep 46

TO : Ministry of War.

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

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

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

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Note (a) to be notify by War Ministry.

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

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G(Ops & SD)
G II (L)

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

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

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SUBJECT:- Release - British Equipment.

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

20 August 1946

TO : Ministry of War.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SUBJECT : Equipment - Survey Batteries - Italian Army

LAND FORCES SUB COMMAND (MTOIA)

(A9909) Ext 401) SD/109/1

26 Aug 46

TO : Ministry of War 53 62 Jan 64

1. I attach herewith a copy of two letters recently sent to AFHQ requesting release of equipment for survey batteries (SD/109/1 dated 22 Jul and 15 Aug 46).

2. We have now received a reply from AFHQ informing us that the majority of survey equipment held in this country is being shipped back to UK in accordance with instructions from War Office.

3. A small balance, still held in Ordnance Depot will become available when the Depot is handed over to the Italian Government by Chief British Disposals Officer.

4. It has been impossible to ascertain the quantities of the various types of equipment that will become available.

A.B. Courtenay
Lt Col
GS

for Major-General,
M. M. L. C.

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

Subject:- Equipment Italian Army

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15 Aug 46

To:- LF Sub- Commission AC (MMIA)

53.

Reference your SD/109/1 dated 22 Jul 46.

1. It is regretted that Survey Equipment is being shipped to UK in accordance with War Office instructions.

2. A small balance only will become available when the Depot is handed over to the CDO.

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G(MA)

Dell forwarded for action taken

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T.R.A. WHITEHEAD, Captain,
for Brig. i/c Adm.

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SUBJECT : Eqpt - Svy Btys - ITALIAN Army

LAND FORCES SUB COM AC (MMIA)

(489081 Ext 218) SD/109/1

15 Aug 46

TO : G(SD) BRANCH GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
CENTRAL MEDITERRENEAN FORCE (4)

folio 64
tells us no eqpt
available.

1. Herewith list of Special Eqpt required for new Svy Btys, one for each Inf Div (5) of the ITALIAN Interim Army and for the ITALIAN Arty School. None of these stores have previously been requested.

2. For the old Combat Gps when in the line under ALLIED Cond svy was carried out by BRIT personnel.

3. The Arty of the five Inf Divs has been approx doubled by recent new WEs. It is quite impossible for this augmented Div Arty to train or function efficiently without their own Svy Btys. The stores listed are consequently essential to the efficency of the ITALIAN Army.

4. It is requested therefore that these stores may be forthwith released direct to the ITALIAN Army, under the Combined Chiefs of Staff provision which allows SAC to adopt this course in the interest of essential efficiency.

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

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

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LIST OF EQPT REQUIRED FOR PROPOSED
ITALIAN SVY BTYS
(LESS PERSONAL EQPT AND PERSONAL WEAPONS)

Sec (a)	Item (b)	Five Svy Btys each: Bty HQ (c)	Svy Tp (d)	Observation tp (e)	Met Sec (f)	Total For a Svy Bty (g)
A1	Belts Linesman	4	-	5	-	9
	Cases Binocular WE pattern '37	4	6	9	-	19
	Frogs, web, pliers, side-cutting	4	-	5	-	9
	Pockets Compass	4	6	8	-	18
A3	Carriers, Everest, Mk II folding	-	-	12	-	12
V2	Arrows	-	45	60	-	105
	Banderols 8ft wood jointed Mk I	-	4	16	-	20
	Boards Drawing Atlas	-	1	1	-	2
	" Map GS No 1 Mk I	4	4	8	-	16
	" " " " " " " Panels	8	8	16	-	32
	Compasses Beam 26 in Mk II	-	1	1	-	2
	" Prismatic Liquid	4	6	8	-	18
	Dividers Mach Mk IV	-	-	5	-	5
	Instruments Drawing GS Sets	-	1	1	-	2
	Rules Sight 24 in	-	2	-	-	2
	Scales Punters 40 in	-	-	1	-	1
	Tapes Measuring Steel 100 ft	-	3	4	-	7
	" " " 300 ft	-	3	4	-	7
	Theodolites, optical scale 3½ in or Italian type	-	4	4	-	8

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Appx 'A' to MMIA
letter SD/109/1
Dated Aug 46

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an	4	-	5	-	9	-	45
dar WE pattern '37	4	6	9	-	19	-	95
pliers, side-cutting	4	-	5	-	9	-	45
nss	4	6	8	-	18	-	90
erest, Mk II folding	-	-	12	-	12	12	72
	-	45	60	-	105	-	525
t wood jointed Mk I	-	4	16	-	20	-	100
ing Atlas	-	1	1	-	2	1	11
S No 1 Mk I	4	4	8	-	16	-	80
" " " " " Panels	8	8	16	-	32	-	160
am 26 in Mk II	-	1	1	-	2	-	10
rismatic Liquid	4	6	8	-	18	-	90
ch Mk IV	-	-	5	-	5	-	25
Drawing GS Sets	-	1	1	-	2	-	10
24 in	-	2	-	-	2	-	10
ters 40 in	-	-	1	-	1	1	6
ring Steel 100 ft	-	3	4	-	7	-	35
" 300 ft	-	3	4	-	7	-	35
optical scale 3½ in or Italian type	-	4	4	-	8	8	48

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
V3	Adaptors shelf FS Mk I	-	-	12	-	12
	Bases, ground, flash spotting instrument	-	-	6	-	6
	Beacon Banderol Sets RA	-	6	8	-	14
	Demi Banderols (Spare)	-	10	-	-	10
	Guys (Spare)	-	3	-	-	3
	Boards Plotting FS Mk I	-	2	3	-	5
	Boxes, Spare Parts Mk III No 4 FS Instruments Filled Mk I	1	-	-	-	1
	Charts Air-burst Ranging No 1 Mk I 25 Pdr	-	-	4	-	4
	" " " " No 2 Mk I 5.5 in	-	-	4	-	4
	Covers Waterproof Mk III No 4 FS Instrument Mk I	-	-	5	-	5
	Flags Beacon/Banderol Blue Striped	-	60	-	-	60
	" " " Red & Yellow	-	-	60	-	60
	Instruments Flash Spotting No 4 Mk III or Mk II	-	-	5	-	5
	Lamps Reference RA	-	6	8	-	14
	Machines Calculating Twin RA Mk I	-	2	-	-	2
	Plotters Single OP Mk I	-	-	4	-	4
	Protractors, Fan FS Mk I	-	-	5	-	5
	Quivers	-	3	4	-	7
	Range Finders No 13 Mk IV or III or 13a Mk I	-	3	4	-	7
	Rods, Stadia, RA Mk I	-	1	4	-	5
	Rolls, Housing Coburn Scales	-	-	2	-	2
	Romers A.B.R. Mk I	-	-	4	-	4
	Scales Coburn Sets	-	-	2	-	2
	" FS Mk I	-	-	4	-	4
	" Tanget FS Mk II or I	-	-	1	-	1
	Set Square Adjustable RA Mk II or I	-	-	5	-	5
	Skirts Beacon/Banderol Red & Yellow	-	6	8	-	14
	Spigots, Supporting Telescope Carriers Mk I	-	-	4	-	4
	Star Identifier (Planisphere) Bow Type Sets	-	1	1	-	2
	Telephones sets F.S. or D Mk V	-	-	10	-	10
	Telescopes F.S. or signalling	-	-	4	-	4
	Trestles F.S. and S.R. Plotting Boards Mk I	-	6	3	-	9

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(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)
shelf FS Mk I	-	-	12	-	12	8	68
round, flash spotting instrument	-	-	6	-	6	8	38
anderol Sets RA	-	6	8	-	14	-	70
derols (Spare)	-	10	-	-	10	-	50
are)	-	3	-	-	3	-	15
lotting FS Mk I	-	2	3	-	5	8	33
pare Parts Mk III No 4 FS Instruments Filled Mk I	1	-	-	-	1	1	6
ir-burst Ranging No 1 Mk I 25 Pdr	-	-	4	-	4	-	20
" " No 2 Mk I 5.5 in	-	-	4	-	4	-	20
terproof Mk III No 4 FS Instrument Mk I	-	-	5	-	5	8	33
con/Banderol Blue Striped	-	60	-	-	60	-	300
" " Red & Yellow	-	-	60	-	60	-	300
ts Flash Spotting No 4 Mk III or Mk II	-	-	5	-	5	8	33
ference RA	-	6	8	-	14	-	70
Calculating Twin RA Mk I	-	2	-	-	2	4	14
Single OP Mk I	-	-	4	-	4	4	24
rs, Fan FS Mk I	-	-	5	-	5	-	25
	-	3	4	-	7	-	35
ders No 13 Mk IV or III or 13a Mk I	-	3	4	-	7	-	35
dia, RA Mk I	-	1	4	-	5	-	25
using Coburn Scales	-	-	2	-	2	4	14
B.R. Mk I	-	-	4	-	4	-	20
burn Sets	-	-	2	-	2	4	14
Mk I	-	-	4	-	4	8	28
nget FS Mk II or I	-	-	1	-	1	1	6
re Adjustable RA Mk II or I	-	-	5	-	5	8	33
acon/Banderol Red & Yellow	-	6	8	-	14	-	70
Supporting Telescope Carriers Mk I	-	-	4	-	4	8	28
ntifier (Planisphere) Bow Type Sets	-	1	1	-	2	1	11
s sets F.S. or D Mk V	-	-	10	-	10	-	50
s F.S. or signalling	-	-	4	-	4	-	20
F.S. and S.R. Plotting Boards Mk I	-	6	3	-	9	8	53

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
V3 (contd)	Weights load coloured Mk I (b)	-	-	18	-	18
	" " counter poise	-	-	9	-	9
		-	1			
V5	Polometers Mk I	-	1	5	-	6
V6	Adapters Trivet Stand	-	2	10	-	12
	Apparators illuminating Instruments No 1 Mk I	-	3	10	-	13
	Binoculaus, prismatic No 2	4	6	9	-	19
	Boards Arty No 3 Mk I	-	-	4	-	4
	Directors No 7C Mk II or 7 Mk IV	-	2	2	-	4
	Intheadjusting R.I. No 1 Mk III	-	1	-	-	1
	Protractors Fan RA No 4 Mk I	-	1	5	-	6
	" " RA 6 in No 1 Mk I	-	1	4	-	5
	" " " 9 in No 1 Mk I	-	5	8	-	13
	Rules Slide RA 10 in	-	3	9	-	12
	Scales Arty No 1 Mk I	-	6	9	-	15
	" " No 2 Mk I	-	1	-	-	1
	" " No 3	-	7	8	-	15
	Stands Instrument No 13	-	2	-	-	2
	" " No 27	-	-	4	-	4
	" " No 39	-	6	18	-	24
W2	Cable Electric D3 Mk VI miles	4	-	4	-	8
	" " " Twisted miles	3	-	-	-	3
	" " 'J' single low .002 yds	-	-	100	-	100
	Drums Cable No 5	2	-	-	-	2
	Reels Cable No 1 Mk II	12	-	-	-	12
	" " No 3	16	-	-	-	16
Y	Apparatus Cable Laying No 6	1	-	8	-	9
	" " " No 3	5	-	5	-	5
	Sticks Crook jointed sets	2	-	2	-	4
	Switchboards UC 10 line	2	-	2	-	4
	Telephone Sets D Mk V					
	Wireless Stations and Accessories					

NOTES :- No MET Stores are incl. List to follow. Sufficient already in possession of

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(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)
ead coloured Mk I (b)	-	-	18	-	18	36	126
" counter poise	-	-	9	-	9	18	63
	-	1					
Mk I	-	1	5	-	6	-	30
rivet Stand	-	2	10	-	12	12	72
illuminating Instruments No 1 Mk I	-	3	10	-	13	-	65
, prismatic No 2	4	6	9	-	19	-	95
y No 3 Mk I	-	-	4	-	4	-	20
No 7C Mk II or 7 Mk IV	-	2	2	-	4	1	21
sting R.I. No 1 Mk III	-	1	-	-	1	-	5
Fan RA No 4 Mk I	-	1	5	-	6	-	30
" RA 6 in No 1 Mk I	-	1	4	-	5	-	25
" " 9 in No 1 Mk I	-	5	8	-	13	-	68
RA 10 in	-	3	9	-	12	-	60
y No 1 Mk I	-	6	9	-	15	-	75
" No 2 Mk I	-	1	-	-	1	-	5
" No 3	-	7	8	-	15	-	75
rument No 13	-	2	-	-	2	-	10
" No 27	-	-	4	-	4	-	20
" No 39	-	6	16	-	24	20	140
rio D3 Mk VI miles	4	-	4	-	8	-	40
" Twisted miles	3	-	-	-	3	-	15
'J' single low .002 yds	-	-	100	-	100	-	500
No 5	2	-	-	-	2	-	10
No 1 Mk II	12	-	-	-	12	-	60
No 3	16	-	-	-	16	-	80
able Laying No 6	1	-	8	-	9	-	45
" No 3	5	-	5	-	5	-	25
k jointed sets	2	-	2	-	4	-	20
s UC 10 line	2	-	2	-	4	-	20
ets D Mk V							
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Sufficient already in possession of Italian Army

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SUBJECT:- Web Equipment Basic Sets.

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

12 August 1946

TO : British Liaison Unit

Q 05 76

Ref your Ord/11 of 16 July 1946.

1. In addition to the 40,000 sets reported as collected the following stores have been approved for issue under CBC 6152/41 of 9 August 1946 :

Magazines LMG Bren 2,000
Basic Web Equipment Sets 15,000

2. These are the last to be issued before 257 HQD closes down.

3. Obtain and forward earliest Depot issue notes.

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

Copy : War Ministry
C (SD)

Note: Basic Web Equipment position is as follows :

(SD/109/1) Collected on 18 Mar 46	32,000
Collected on 16 Jul 46	40,000
To be collected vide ab.	15,000
Total.	107,000

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FILE SD/Web/1
DATE 8/13/46

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SUBJECT: [illegible]

[illegible] SUB-COMM, AG. (ATTN:)
(4 COPIES REQ. FOR)
[illegible] 46

TO : [illegible]

Confirming meeting at War Ministry on 3 Aug 46, COS CURRITT-HAJ CORRESPONDENCE.

1. It was agreed that the "Balance" of 50,000 sets, in addition to the sets already issued, would entail no asst requirements as mentioned in War Ministry letter A/2121/Gen of 31/7/46.

2. U.S.A. were contacted by phone this morning and stated that a release order had been given for the full 50,000 sets.

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R. Charrington-Major
Major General,
A. A. A. G.

MMC/ab

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SD 59

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

Subject:- Web Equipment

8359/QI

6 Aug 46

To:- QMD

RECEIVED 9 AUG 1946 DATE

References conversation Major COOK and Capt WHITEHEAD.

1. It is understood that META representative has inspected web equipment at REB and is satisfied with the quality.

2. Please, therefore issue 10,000 sets of web equipment in accordance with this Branch letter 8359/QI dated 7 Mar 46.

T.E.A. WHITEHEAD, Captain,
for Brigadier,
D/QMG.

TEAW/CE

Copy to:- METAA your SD/109/1 dated 16 Jul 46 refers.

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SD/109/1 58

FROM : M.M.I.A. A 30

TO : 10 BLU

Q. 1026

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UNCLASSIFIED

FOR TAYLOR FROM CURTIES STOP GHQ HAVE REFUSED REQUEST DIRECT RELEASE STAGHOUND SPARES OUR Q.003 19 JULY COPY TO YOU REFERS STOP CONTACT BRIG PHELPS WITH OBJECT OF OBTAINING RELIABLE LIST OF AVAILABLE SPARE PARTS AND ARRANGE FOR THESE TO BE PACKED IN SEPERATE MARKED BOXES BEFORE TRANSFER TO MINISTRY OF SUPPLY STOP ACK

Q.003

INTERNAL DIST :

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R.A.CURTIES.Lt.Col.

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DATE 8/30/7/46.

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1 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

SD 3914 UNCLASSIFIED

REF YOUR Q.7 OF 19 (.)

HASTENING ACTION ALREADY TAKEN WITH GENERAL STAFF AT

WAR MINISTRY

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ROUTINE

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SD/109/1
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A.R.C. SOUTHEY, Lt Col

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HQ MMIA ROME

Q/7.

MMIA - G2
FILE SD/109/1
DATE 8/2/8/46 G2

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) UNCLASSIFIED (.) REF YOUR Q/1002 OF 17 (.)
ULLY APPRECIATE THAT DESPATCH OF ARMS AID EQPT IS
ITALIAN RESPONSIBILITY BUT CAN YOU HELP BY BRINGING PRESSURE TO
BEAR ON WAR MINISTRY DEPT CONCERNED

BT 191200B

CON:-WA TO BEAR ON

SENT NR 99 WRL 1740/20 BB

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RECEIVED 22 JUL 1946

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SIGNALS

"Q" BUCK SLIP

FILE No 8138

DATE	SECTION or SERVICE		ACTION REQUIRED
	FROM	TO	
25 July.	Q	G.	Please see Q 138 17 July. to you. No Q action possible Embodiment of Eyejoment & rearming of Unit now with SHAPE. Attached message passed for retention 4? Action as considered necessary.

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25 July.	Q	G	Please see Q 138 17 July. to you. No Q action foreseen. Confirmation of Cyprus and receiving of Unit now with SHAEF. Attached message passed for retention 443 action as considered necessary. Rao

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SUBJECT: Vehicles for C.M.H. Legions.

SD/109/1

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

(189081 Ext 218) SD/109/1

25 Jul 46

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

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Ref your 6/3194/5 dated 20 Jul and this HQ SD/109/1 dated 4 Jul.

1. The financial difficulties involved are fully appreciated, but this HQ stands by the opinion expressed in para 4 of SD/109/1 of 3rd Jul.

2. In your letter under reference you further state that although a total of 759 15 cwt trucks are struck off the WEs of CC units, the units will in fact have an assignment of light lorries and jeeps as soon as availability permits.

3. Such an intention appears to recognise that your proposed WE is admittedly NOT sufficient for the operational and administrative needs of the CC.

4. To strike vehicles off WE because of financial stringency and then to issue the equivalent vehicles in unspecified numbers in excess of WE contradicts the whole purpose of having official standard WE for units, and cannot be approved by this HQ.

5. You are therefore requested to include whatever number of vehicles are considered necessary for operational or administrative purposes within the WE of CC Units, quite irrespective of whether existing financial stringency prevents actual provision at the present time.

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6. CC Section of this HQ, in conjunction with CMHQ, CC have recommended a scale of transport which in their expert view is adequate. It is felt that this scale should not be substantially reduced unless CC CMHQ and CC section MMLA are for military reasons prepared to modify their estimate of requirements.

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC No. 185020

Ref your G/3206/5 dated 20 Jul and this HQ 33/169/1 dated 4 Jul.

1. The financial difficulties involved are fully appreciated, but this HQ stands by the opinion expressed in para 4 of 33/169/1 of 5th Jul.

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M. W. Hoa
B.S.S.
Major General,
M. M. I. A.

AHQ/rr

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SD/109/1 5-35

Subject : Releases - Technical Equipment.

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

Q . 138

24 July 46

TO : Ministry of War.

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

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

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

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

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

HRL/lm

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

INTERNAL : G(Ops & SD)
: G(Trg)
: Q Accounts. Confirm receipt of vouchers to Q
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SD/109/1/54

TRANSLATION

FROM: M. of W.

TO : M.M.I.A.

REF: 6/3284/S

DATE: 20/7/46

SUBJECT: Vehicles for CC.RR. Legions.

In reply to your SD/109/1 dated 6 July 1946.

This S.M., in compiling the W/E of vehicles for CC.RR. had to take into account the requirement of CC.RRs and the financial state of the budget of which availability, in accordance with the present situation, is always decreasing.

Neverthless the number of vehicles laid down in said W/E is such as to cope with (even if not excessively) the requirement of CC.RR. units. And this also considering that in llew of the 759, 15 cwts trucks not laid down in the W/E forwarded to your M.M.I.A. with covering letter 6/2856 dated 22nd June, these Units will have an assignment (as soon as availability permits) of light lorries and jeeps.

In accordance with the above this S.M. is of the opinion of keeping the present W/E within the limits permitted by ~~of~~ the availability awaiting reexamination of same for a further increase as soon as the present W/E is completed to strength.

The problem relating to assignment of vehicles to CC.RR. is followed by this S.M. with special attention and all efforts are and will be made in order to solve it efficiently as soon as possible.

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SUBJECT: Equipment Italian Army.

LAND FORCES SUB-COMM. AC. (MMIA)
(489081 Ext. 401) SD/109/1

22 Jul 46

TO : GENERAL HEADQUARTERS FOR G(SD) (4 copies)

1. The proposed war establishments for a Survey Bty for each of the five Infantry Divisions has now been written and is awaiting approval by the Italian W.E.C.

2. The Equipment for these units has not been included in any previous demand submitted to you by this HQ.

3. The Equipment lists are in course of preparation and are expected to be ready in the near future for submission to you.

4. In view of the above it would be very much appreciated if disposal instructions for Survey Equipment at present in the theatre could be suspended until such time as you receive these equipment lists from this HQ.

for Major General, G.S.
M. M. L. A.

MW/sb

Internal: 'Q'
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SD/109/152

SUBJECT: Enquiries at War Ministry

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

(48900 Ext 218) SD/109/1

22 Jul 46

TO : LIAISON SECTION

Please make following enquiries at War Ministry and report to G(SD).

1. Small arms and equipment for Terr Inf Regts and Inf of IS Divs were handed over to ITIs during second week in June.

When will these weapons (and the web equipment to go with them) be in physical possession of Regts and units concerned? And will they be up to full scale? (1 BLU state that e.g. they have not yet reached 4 Alpini Regt).

2. Reorganisation of IS Divs of two bdes each of two regts each of two bns into IS Bdes each of two regts each of three bns.

Principle is clear and agreed: but the detail of how the existing eight bns turn into the new required six bns is not clear. Explanation?

3. (a) New Arty Regts for Inf Divs. When is it expected that these will actually be formed on the ground? (Guns etc are already in ITI possession).

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(b) Ministry of War were also asked if they would eventually like to standardise on BERETTA SMG instead of STENS. No reply received. Please elicit verbal reply, to be confirmed in writing.

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(Ministry of War were asked to get on with this a month ago).

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Lt Col,
GS.

ARCS/rr

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Subject: Equipment for Italian Interim Army.

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

Q.003

1/4 July 1946

TO : GHQ (for Q1)

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Reference your 8159/Q1 of 12 July 1946.

1. Progress is noted and all possible steps are being taken to expedite collection of equipment as soon as released.

2. It is fully appreciated that action to obtain Allied surplus stores declared to Ministry of Supply rests with the War Ministry and is an Italian Government responsibility. Difficulty is anticipated but no further action can be taken by MMIA until a request is received from the War Ministry for assistance specifying what stores they are unable to obtain from this source.

3. It is apparent that maintenance items for MT, Weapons, and Signal stores will not be available as surpluses do not exist. The effect can only be judged when details of deficiencies are known.

4. It is realised that scalings of spares can not be expected owing to shortage of personnel. In the case of Staghound Armoured Cars an attempt has been made to scale 12 months maintenance and in view of the fact that

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(a) The 200 cars already issued were unaccompanied by any maintenance items.

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(b) These cars are for the greater part in operational use by the CC.RR.

(c) Considerable delay must ensure before the War Ministry can obtain the special items which may become available through Ministry of Supply.

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

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

Copy to: G(SD) ✓
CC.RR. Section
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MMIA - 'G'
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Appendix "A" to S.003
dated 19 July 1946.

Group 01.

SCALING FOR REACHING ENGINE [illegible] 400 VEHICLES 12 Months

USD No.	USAF No.	Description	Qty	Vols	Per 400 Vhs.
A291957	CV 603439	Engine with bypass reduce assy L/H	1	20	20
A291958	CV 603440	" " " " " R/H	1	20	20
B2B4455	CV 603004	Gasket hld engine overhaul.	2	1	800
260804	CV 660988	Block cyl. assy	1	100	4
----------	CV 603436	Oil seal or sleeve cover	2	1	800
A2B2647	CV 603012	Gasket hld cyl head.	5	2	800
B2A4554	CV 3033019	Head cyl assy	1	100	4
A2A0237	AC 1566004	Bearing unit crankshaft starboard	1	30	6
A2B1438	CBN4373809	Oil seal crankshaft rear bearing	1	2	800
A3022B9	CV 660788	Thrust washer 1/4	1	50	8
A2B4780	CV 6407247	Bushing piston pin.	1	4	400
A2B4576	CV 2136844	Piston with pin assy	1	4	400
A2B4977	CV 2134771	Piston ring set	1	4	400
T2A0946	CV 2135251	Bearing cam; full standard	1	5	80
0445033	CV 3671852	Rod connecting assy	1	40	100
[illegible]15	CV 2135405	Valve exh.	3	2	600
2B44829	CV 6407535	Valve Int.	1	2	200
B2A4778	CV 29004	Guide Int and Exh Valve	6	4	600
A2B1481	CV 602975	Guide Int and Exh Valve	6	4	600
A2B1721	CV 603004	Bearing Unit crankshaft.	1	40	10
A2B7640	CV 603003	Gasket Int oil pan.	2	1	800
A2B1488	CV 603004	Gasket oil pump cordem	1	20	20
A2B1726	CV 603010	Oil pump regular kit	1	2	200
2B4B485	CV 3668535	Gasket, oil cooler water connection	2	10	80
B2A4116	CV 3673570	Gasket engine oil cooler to core	2	10	80
B2A4B89	CV 3677265	Pipe engine oil cooler assy	1	25	16
B2A4198	CV 3674576	Pipe engine oil cooler, flexible assy	1	25	16
3B4802	CV 3668424	Flywheel assy	1	25	16
A3278B6	AC 1335502	Replacement unit, oil filter	2	1	800
3B4484	CV 3673859	Seal Flywheel crankshaft	1	1	400

Group 02.

0103082	BND 8602286	Timer driving assy	1	50	8
0103084	BND 8602282	" driven "	1	50	8
----------	CE 307109	Housing clutch pilot	1	25	16
0115712	BND 8602284	Timer flywheel assy	1	25	16
A2B1074	CV 302819	Housing clutch	1	50	4

Group 03.

0445038	CV 3671744	Carburetor assy	1	40	10
A372858	CV 603831	Gasket kit carburetor	1	2	400
2B24298	CV 603125	Repair kit carburetor	1	10	80
0116477	AC 1347001	Pump fuel assy	1	20	8
----------	AC 1347070	Screen unit fuel pump	1	25	16
A2B1846	CV 607412	Repair kit rocker cylinder accelerator control	1	10	40
A2B7857	CV 603410	Gasket kit rocker cylinder accelerator control	1	50	8
0116442	AC 1353134	Filter fuel assy L/H	1	50	8

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ORD ARSENAL 7178.

GEARS FOR SCRAPER [illegible] 400 VEHICLE [illegible] 12 mth

ORD Prefix.	MAN Prefix.	DESIGNATION	Qty	Veh	Req 400 Veh.
3446803	ORD 8600735	Lever transmission manual control, assy (at transmission)	1	20	8
2165902	ORD 8600261	Band, brake front unit	1	25	16
2116859	ORD 8605791	Transmission assy			
2115727	ORD 8600060	Drum, brake front unit transmission assy	1	100	4
A281965	ORD 8604096	Band w/lining, brake rear unit, transmission assy	1	35	16
2115708	ORD 8600857	Gear, bevel front and internal, rear unit transmission	1	100	4
2227152	ORD 8600847	Plate clutch driven, front unit trans: steel	6 / 18 } 26	100	4
2227084	ORD 8600848	Plate clutch driven front unit trans:Bronze	10 / 20 } 30	100	4
2227150	ORD 8600845	Plate clutch pressure front unit trans.	2	100	4
A262238	ORD 86.0855	Piston clutch control front unit trans.	12 / 12 } 24	100	4
A262255	ORD 8600711	Ring snap retainer, transmission	2	100	4
A264880	ORD 8600135	Spring clutch release, front unit trans.	12	100	4
A262242	ORD 8602530	Stop, brake band anchor front unit trans.	2 / 2 } 4	100	4
2214166	ORD 8600837	Plate clutch pressure rear unit trans.	2	100	4
A281291	ORD 8600845	Spring clutch release, rear unit trans.	12	100	4
2214178	ORD 8602524	Bracket, shifter, reverse unit trans.	1	20	20
2115704	ORD 8600160	Gear internal, reverse unit transmission	1	40	10
A262265	ORD 8603052	Pin, anchor reverse unit trans: assy	1	40	10
A262260	ORD 8600711	Plunger, anchor reverse unit transmission	1	40	10
A262262	ORD 8600128	Shifter crank, reverse unit trans.	1	40	10
A262265	ORD 8600835	Band anchor spring, reverse unit transmission	1	40	10
A262261	ORD 8600832	Spring anchor plunger, reverse unit trans.	1	40	10
A262262	ORD 8600134	Spring anchor retaining, reverse unit trans.	1	40	10
A281344	ORD 8604096	Governor, transmission assy.	1	20	8
A241726	ORD 8606587	Levers control inner transmission engine bar.	1	50	8
A262250	ORD 8604,582	Gasket kit, transmission transmission	1	10	40
A262252	ORD 8604,585	Gasket kit, cardinal transmission	1	20	20
A262248	ORD 8604866	Ring kit, oil transmission	1	50	8
A262246	ORD 8604,584	Ring kit, retainer transmission	1	50	8
A262247	ORD 8604,587	Washer kit, thrust transmission	1	50	8
236762	ORD 8604,707	Transmission, lens beam and pedestal, assy L/H	1	50	8
236763	ORD 8604,723	" " " " " " " R/H	1	50	8
2214420	CT 391575	Gasket, transmission oil gun plug.	1	20	20
A262444	ORD 1007257	" " " " " and side cover plug	1	20	20
A281727	CT 600913	Gasket kit, transmission reduction	1	25	16
A281599	CT 600856	Repair kit oil pump transmission reduction	1	25	16

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3027139	MFD 3600648	Plate clutch pressure front unit trans.	2		100	4
A2G7956	MFD 3603505	Piston clutch control front unit trans.	12	24	100	4
			12			
A2G2552	MFD 3603011	Ring snap retainer, transmission	2		100	4
A2G1280	MFD 3600452	Spring clutch release, front unit trans.	12		100	4
A2G4042	MFD 3603690	Plug, brake band anchor front unit trans.	2	4	100	4
			2			
3024966	MFD 3600365	Plate clutch pressure rear unit trans.	2		100	4
A2G1297	MFD 3600445	Spring clutch release, rear unit trans.	12		100	4
3026178	MFD 3602361	Bracket, shifter, manual unit trans.	1		20	20
0115706	MFD 3600350	Gear internal, governor unit transmission	1		40	10
A2G2983	MFD 3603952	Pin, brake reverse unit trans. duty	1		40	10
A2G2349	MFD 3600544	Plunger, brake reverse unit transmission	1		40	10
A2G2383	MFD 3600434	Roller shifter arm, reverse unit trans.	1		40	10
A2G2365	MFD 3600434	Rod anchor spring, reverse unit transmission	1		40	10
A2G2361	MFD 3600512	Spring anchor plunger, reverse unit trans.	1		40	10
A2G2382	MFD 3600434	Bearing roller retaining, reverse unit trans.	1		40	10
A2G1344	MFD 3602393	Governor, Transmission assy.	1		50	8
4342725	MFD 3600367	Lever control inner transmission regulator valve.	1		50	8
A2K2G20	MFD 3603382	Gasket kit, governor transmission	1		10	40
A2G2338	MFD 3601383	Gasket kit, manual transmission	1		20	20
A2G2358	MFD 3604366	Ring kit, oil transmission	1		50	8
A2G2036	MFD 3604394	Ring kit, reverse transmission	1		50	8
A2G2037	MFD 3601367	Valve kit, thrust transmission	1		50	8
1006720	MFD 3603727	Transmission, less torus and retarder, assy	1		50	8
3027[illegible]	MFD 3604733	" " " " " " "	1		50	8
			1		50	8
3024420	GF 391375	Gasket, transmission oil pan plug	1		20	20
A2G3644	MFD 1302237	" " " " " " end side cover plug	1		20	20
A2G1722	GF 402813	Gasket kit, transmission reduction	1		25	16
A2G1599	GF 402838	Repair kit oil pump transmission reduction	1		25	16

Group 48

A2G33	GF 367018	Transfer assy. Complete with housing ready to install.	1		100	4
0113896	GF 366738	Gasket cover transfer case	1		20	20
0A4G128	GE 367312	Bearing, ballDrive shaft front transfer, single row	1		40	10
0A4G121	GE 224833	" " " " row "	12	1	40	10
3024730	GF 367143	Gasket cover, drive shaft rear bearing retainer transfer	1		20	20
0113892	GF 3680191	Gasket retainer drive shaft front bearing transfer.	1		20	20
3024693	GF 3680190	Gasket retainer drive shaft rear bearing transfer	1		20	20
3024697	GF 3680197	Oil seal drive shaft front bearing transfer	1		20	10
3024696	GF 3680195	Oil seal . Drive shaft rear bearing transfer assy	1		20	20

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Stock No.	Mfr Code & No.	Nomenclature	Qty	Feh.	Mfr Ass'y No.
[illegible]	CF [illegible]	Retainer roller, high speed drive gear transfer	1	40	10
[illegible]	CF [illegible]	Retainer roller, low speed drive gear rear and high speed drive	1	20	20
[illegible]	CF [illegible]	Retainer low speed drive gear from transfer	1	40	10
[illegible]	CF [illegible]	Retainer drive shaft front bearing No 1/2	1	80	5
[illegible]	CF [illegible]	Retainer drive shaft rear bearing transfer	1	40	10
[illegible]	CF [illegible]	Retainer bearing from axle drive shaft transfer assy	1	40	10
———	CH [illegible]	Bearing ball, rear axle drive shaft rear transfer (double row)	1	40	10
———	CH [illegible]	Bearing roller rear axle drive shaft front transfer assy	1	60	10
[illegible]	CF [illegible]	Bushing rear axle drive shaft transfer (bronze)	1	40	10
[illegible]	CF [illegible]	Gasket, cap rear axle drive shaft bearing transfer	1	40	10
[illegible]	CF [illegible]	Gasket retainer rear axle drive shaft bearing housing	1	40	10
[illegible]	CF [illegible]	Retainer, bearing, rear axle drive shaft	1	40	10
[illegible]	CF [illegible]	Retainer low speed gear rear axle driven	1	40	10
[illegible]	CF [illegible]	Shield, front axle drive shaft transfer	1	40	10
[illegible]	CF [illegible]	Oil seal shifter shaft front axle drive clutch transfer	1	40	10
[illegible]	CF [illegible]	Oil seal shifter high & low speed transfer	1	20	20
[illegible]	CF [illegible]	Impeller oil, oil pump transfer	1	20	20

Group 38

[illegible]	CF [illegible]	Shaft u/j joint, front axle propeller assy ([illegible])	1	40	10
[illegible]	CF [illegible]	Shaft u/j joint rear axle propeller assy 3 ([illegible])	1	40	10
[illegible]	CF [illegible]	Shaft u/j joint transmission to transfer assy ([illegible])	1	40	10
[illegible]	CF [illegible]	Transfer & bearing unit transfer case to transmission shafts	1	10	40
[illegible]	CF [illegible]	Transfer & bearing unit front & rear axle propeller shafts.	1	10	40

Group 40

[illegible]	CF [illegible]	Axle front assy	1	[illegible]	2
[illegible]	CF [illegible]	Gasket flange, front axle housing outer end.	1	25	16
[illegible]	CF [illegible]	Gasket retainer front axle housing outer end seal.	1	25	16
[illegible]	CF [illegible]	Seal front axle housing outer end assy	1	25	16
[illegible]	CF [illegible]	Gasket for differential carrier	1	25	16
[illegible]	CF [illegible]	Gasket, differential to axle housing	1	25	16

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[illegible]	GM [illegible]	Bearing ball, rear axle drive shaft pump transfer (double row)	1	40	10
[illegible]	GM 190142	Bearing roller rear axle drive shaft front transfer assy	1	40	10
2884700	GM 3682825	Bushing rear axle drive shaft transfer (bronze)	1	40	10
3834704	GM 3662802	Gasket, cap rear axle drive shaft bearing transfer	1	40	10
3113097	GM 3662826	Gasket retainer rear axle drive shaft bearing transfer	1	40	10
3660886	GM 3662734	Retainer,bearing,rear axle drive shaft	1	40	10
3834701	GM 3662824	Retainer low speed gear rear axle driven	1	40	10
3834697	GM 3662748	Clutch, front axle drive shaft disengage	1	40	10
3834721	GM 366086	Oil seal shifter shaft front axle drive clutch transfer	1	40	10
3834816	GM 191145	Oil seal shifter high & low speed transfer	1	20	20
A261728	GM 683914	Impeller #14,oil pump transfer	1	20	20

Group [illegible]

3685714	GM 3682827	Shaft u/j joint,front axle propeller assy (Ref#23-1-#3)	1	40	10
3660949	GM 3682821	Shaft u/j joint rear axle propeller assy (Ref#21-1-#)	1	40	10
3110128	GM 3679696	Shaft u/j joint transmission to transfer assy (Ref#19)(#)	1	40	10
A29137	GM 682137	Transfer & bearing unit transfer case to transmission shafts	1	10	40
A261963	GM 683914	Transfer & bearing unit front & rear axle propeller shaft.	1	10	40

Group 10

35237	GM 3670077	Axle front assy	1	900	2
3113071	GM 3662823	Gasket flange,front axle housing outer end.	1	25	16
3113087	GM 3662825	Gasket retainer front axle housing outer oil seal.	1	25	16
3113088	GM 3647883	Seal front axle housing outer oil assy	1	35	16
A261713	GM 682137	Gasket #2 differential carrier	1	25	16
3113087	GM 3662802	Washer,differential to axle housing	1	25	16
[illegible]	GM [illegible]	Bearing,ball thrust, Hypoid drive gear (double row) (#2 5571)	1	150	4
[illegible]	GM 197831	Bearing,roller radial Hypoid [illegible] assy (Ref#19).	1	100	4
3834707	GM [illegible]	Bearing, ball, thrust, Hypoid pinion (double row) (#[illegible])	1	100	4
[illegible]	GM 190834	Bearing roller, radial Hypoid pinion (#[illegible])	1	100	4
[illegible]	GM 191272	Bearing, roller, differential assy	1	100	4
A261967	GM 684102	Gear & pinion unit, front Hypoid drive	1	100	4
A261970	GM 683835	Gear & pinion kit, differential axle	1	100	4
3834822	GM 3671517	Oil seal, Planet pinion assy (includes oil seal and packing)	4	90	8

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SPD Parts	MAT Parts	DESCRIPTION	Qty	Veh	Per 400 Ve
[illegible]	CV 3680120	Carrier with pnd, thrust. Hypoid drive gear	1	40	10
[illegible]	GS 1681147	Nut, Hex, Crown, 9/16-12 BSF	1	20	20
[illegible]	CV 3668124	Main, bearing Hypoid, pinion (Steel) (.018)	1	10	40
[illegible]	CV 3668132	Packs (.020)	1	10	40
[illegible]	CV 3668140	Packs (.022)	1	10	40
[illegible]	CV 3667998	Bushing, steering Knuckle	1	50	8
[illegible]	[illegible]	Lock, Steering Knuckle Flange & arm			
[illegible]	GS 1946467	Cone, bearing, taper roller, steering knuckle (TSN 33287)	1	25	16
CV 15369	CV 3667943	Gasket, upper steering knuckle	1	25	16
[illegible]	CV 3667673	Retainer, oil, steering knuckle bronze bearing	1	25	16
[illegible]	CV 3677055	Cone, bearing, steering knuckle (.002)	1	25	16
[illegible]	CV 3677056	" " " " " (.005)	1	25	16
[illegible]	CV 3677056	" " " " " (.10)	1	15	16
[illegible]	CV 3670134	Stud, steering knuckle (R/H upper, L/H & R/H lower)	1	100	4
[illegible]	CV 3668181	Flange, drive front axle	1	100	4
CV 15870	CV 3668182	Gasket drive flange, front axle (steel).	1	25	16
[illegible]	CV 3668183	Gasket, plate, front axle drive flange	1	25	16
[illegible]	[illegible]	Stud, U joint, front axle assy L/H	1	100	4
[illegible]	CV 3668182	Nuts R/H	1	100	4

Group 11.

[illegible]	CV 3670175	Axle rear assy	1	50	8
[illegible]	CV 3669189	Shaft axle L/H (45 28/32)	1	50	8
[illegible]	CV 3669184	" " R/H (45 2 3/32)	1	50	8
[illegible]	CV 600188	Spring, U bolt R/H	1	100	4
[illegible]	CV 600491	Gasket Nut diff. carrier	1	50	8
[illegible]	CV 600195	Washer, axle gear Nut, diff.	1	50	8
[illegible]	GS 934366	Bearing, pinion, hypoid pinion	1	50	8
[illegible]	GS 1946	Bearing, radial roller, hypoid pinion assy	1	50	8
[illegible]	GS 934365	Bearing, ball thrust, hypoid drive gear	1	50	8
[illegible]	GS 190286	Bearing, roller, radial, hypoid drive gear	1	50	8
[illegible]	GS 193972	Bearing, roller, diff. assy.	1	25	16
[illegible]	CV 3669119	Flange, deflector, hypoid pinion	1	100	4
[illegible]	CV 600211	Gear, pinion unit, rear, hypoid drive	1	50	8
[illegible]	CV 3677517	Oil seal, flange, hypoid pinion assy	1	20	20
[illegible]	CV 3668121	Ring, bearing, hypoid pinion (.018) wheel	1	10	40
[illegible]	CV 3668122	" " " " (.020) wheel	1	10	40
[illegible]	CV 3668125	" " " " (.022) wheel	1	10	40

Group 12.

[illegible]	CV 3670336	Cable, hand brake assy. (65" long).	1	50	8
[illegible]	CV 3669196	Lever, hand brake	1	50	8
[illegible]	CV 3670047	Spring, pawl, hand brake lever	1	50	8
[illegible]	CV 3678042	Spring, pull back, hand brake equalizer	1	50	8
[illegible]	[illegible]	Lever, propeller shaft brake assy. R/H L/H.	1	40	10
[illegible]	CV [illegible]	Lining, R/H, propeller shaft brake.	1	10	40
[illegible]	CV 3671305	Spring, anchor, belt, propeller shaft brake band	1	40	10
[illegible]	CV [illegible]	Lining, R/H brake shoe	1	10	40

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[illegible]	CV [illegible]	" " " " " "	(.031)	1	35	16
[illegible]	CV 367a305	" " " " " "	(.035) (.10)	1	85	16
[illegible]	CV 367031A	Bearing,plunging knuckle (R/H upper,L/H & R/H lower.)		1	15	16
[illegible]	CV 3668A01	Flange drive front axle		1	100	4
6113670	CV 3668A02	Gasket drive flange,front axle(steel).		1	25	16
[illegible]	CV [illegible]	Gasket,plate,front axle drive flange		1	25	16
[illegible]	CV [illegible]	Axle, R/Shaft,front axle assy L/H		1	100	4
[illegible]	CV 3669A02	" R/H		1	100	4

Group 11.

[illegible]	CV 367A075	Axle rear assy		1	50	8
[illegible]	CV 3669180	Shaft axle L/H (43 25/32)		1	50	8
[illegible]	CV 3669A81	" " R/H (43 21/32)		1	50	8
[illegible]	CV [illegible]	Spindle unit R/H		1	75	8
[illegible]	CV [illegible]	Gasket fin diff. carrier		1	100	4
[illegible]	CV [illegible]	Pinion & axial gear tit die.		1	50	8
[illegible]	CM [illegible]	Bearing thrust hypoid pinion		1	50	8
[illegible]	CM [illegible]	Bearing radial roller hypoid pinion rear		1	50	8
[illegible]	CM [illegible]	Bearing ball thrust.Hypoid drive gear		1	50	8
[illegible]	CM [illegible]	Bearing roller radial Hypoid drive gear		1	50	8
[illegible]	CM [illegible]	Bearing roller diff.carr.		1	25	16
[illegible]	CV 3669119	Flange deflector hypoid pinion		1	100	4
[illegible]	CV [illegible]	Inner pinion unit rear hypoid drive		1	50	8
[illegible]	CV 3673517	Oil seal,flange hypoid pinion rear		1	20	20
[illegible]	CV 3669121	Tube bearing hypoid pinion(.012)wheel		1	10	40
[illegible]	CV 3669122	" " " " (.020)wheel		1	10	40
[illegible]	CV 3669123	" " " " (.022)wheel		1	10	40

Group 12.

[illegible]	CV 3672506	Cable hand brake assy. (85" long).		1	50	8
[illegible]	CV 3669006	Shaft hand brake		1	50	8
[illegible]	CV 3673057	Steering post hand brake lever		1	50	8
[illegible]	CV 367A012	Bowden pull back hand brake equalizer		1	50	8
[illegible]	CV 367363	Hand propeller shaft brake assy. R/H&L/H.		1	40	10
[illegible]	CV [illegible]	Lining kit, propeller shaft brake,		1	10	40
[illegible]	CV 3673035	Spring anchor belt propeller shaft brake hand		1	40	10
[illegible]	CV [illegible]	Lining kit brake shoe		1	10	40
[illegible]	CV 3668135	Shoe & web assy		1	10	40
[illegible]	CV 3668139	Spring brake shoe		16	100	64
[illegible]	CV [illegible]	Spring brake shoe hold down		16	100	64
[illegible]	CV 3671036	Cylinder master brake assy		1	50	8
[illegible]	CV [illegible]	Gasket end plate master cylinder		1	10	40
[illegible]	CV [illegible]	Repair kit, brake master cylinder		1	10	40
[illegible]	CV [illegible]	Cylinder wheel assy L/H		1	40	10
[illegible]	CV [illegible]	" " " R/H		1	40	10
[illegible]	CV [illegible]	Valve bleeder wheel cylinder		8	50	64
[illegible]	CV [illegible]	Repair kit, wheel cylinder		8	10	320
[illegible]	CV 3670389	Washer cylinder to power tension cylinder lines		1	40	10
[illegible]	CV 3670390	" " " " " " "		1	40	10

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SCALE PER STANDARD BRAKE ——— 40 VEHICLES ——— 12 Units Per 400 Ve

GRS Ptn No	BRS Ptn No.	Description	Qty	Value.	400 Ve
0110380	CF 3672255	Master cylinder to party brake cylinder lines	1	40	10
0116060	CF 3670344	" " " " " "	1	40	10
2265015	CF 3671101	" " " " " "	1	40	10
324,5012	CF 3671035	" " " " " "	1	40	10
19267	CF 3670777	" " " " " "	1	40	10
192729	CF 3670728	" " " " " "	1	40	10
192655	CF 3671764	" " " " " "	1	40	10
270776	CF 3671252	" " " " " "	1	40	10
1201751	CF 7203536	Power bleeder valve	1	40	10
224,5005	CF 3670601	Valve brake bleeder assy 1/2	1	40	10
221,5014	CF 3670602	" " " " 3/4	1	40	10
1201752	CF 1736,993	" " " "	1	40	10
0119020	CF 4,5679	Hose assy	1	8	50
1224,617	CF 3669,502	Pipe	1	40	10
1224,611	CF 3669,197	Pipe	1	40	10
1224,612	CF 3669,198	Pipe	1	40	10
192,608	CF 3669,550	Pipe	1	40	10
192,607	CF 3669,551	Pipe	1	40	10
0115075	CF 3670,549	Pipe	1	40	10
0115076	CF 3670,550	Pipe	1	40	10
0115,72	CF 3670,551	Pipe	1	40	10
0115074	CF 3670,552	Pipe	1	40	10
270775	CF 3670,553	Pipe	1	40	10
0116,50	CF 3670,554	Pipe	1	40	10
272,96	CF 6,2,75	Cylinder Power Brake Assy	1	50	8
1201,97	CF 2,14,,05	Swivel Flange Pipe	1	50	8
224,5027	CF 673,29	Repair Kit Power Brake Cy Inlet	1	16	30
0272,82	CF 6,0,,9	Valve,relay,power brake,cylinder assy	1	16	30
1201,775	CF 3672,55	Hose	1	16	30
1201,715	CF 3660,,8	Pipe	1	16	30
1202,,8	CF 2,56,,6	Hose	2	16	32
1201,06	CF 6,0,,9	Hose	2	16	32
1201,,6	CF 6,,,76	Hose	2	16	32
1202,77	CF 2,72,,5	Hose	2	16	32
224,617	CF 3673,69	Pipe	2	16	32
192,609	CF 3670,57	Pipe	2	16	32
0115,75	CF 3672,,7	Pipe	2	16	32
224,,,5	CF 3672,,5	Hose	2	16	32
0110,76	CF 3672,70	Pipe	2	16	32
0110,,9	CF 3670,,9	Pipe	2	16	32
0115,,0	CF 3670,60	Pipe	2	16	32
224,5015	CF 671,67	Pipe	2	16	32
224,5016	CF 3671,68	Pipe	2	16	32

Group 13

1270,5	CF 3669,54	Brake wheel assy	1	20	20
1201,75	CF 609,00	Retaining brake wheel hub outer	1	20	20
1201,76	CF 6,0,,4	Retaining right wheel hub inner	1	10	40
201,,,,3	CF 2,1,,,3	Brake wheel hub outer bolt	4	10	40

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GSR A[illegible]2 T1711.

SCALING FOR SCHEDULED SERVICE				400 Miles		12 Months
Ord. Pt. No.	Manu. Pt. No.	Description	Qty.	Vol.	400 Te.	
[illegible]	[illegible]	Gasket hydraulic cyl.	1	20	20	
AB.5666	[illegible]	Gasket side cover housing steering gear				
[illegible]	[illegible]	Gasket valve steer steering gear	1	30	30	
366757	[illegible]	Gear steering assy	1	20	20	
A3o2298	GT 656/50	Lash adjuster kit	1	30	6	
A2[illegible]	[illegible]	Oil seal Hydraulic Valve housing	1	40	10	
A281546	[illegible]	Oil seal Pitman shaft	1	20	20	
C115747	[illegible]	Shaft Steering assy	1	20	20	
[illegible]	[illegible]	Plate top covering steering gear housing	1	50	8	
[illegible]	[illegible]	$\frac{1}{2}$(.002),	1	10	40	
[illegible]	[illegible]	" " " " " $\frac{1}{2}$(.005	1	40	40	
[illegible]	[illegible]	" " " " " " (010)	1	40	40	
A281818	GT 367e35o	Gasket, steering pipe steering gear	1	100	4	
C113674	GT 367e858	Pipe, control valve return	1	20	20	
C119634	GT 367e871	" " " supply	1	40	10	
[illegible]	GT 367e869	Pipe drain	1	40	10	
C115682	GT 3671732	Pipe vent Res. tank	1	40	10	
366753	GT 3672230	Pump Hydraulic steering gear assy	1	40	4	

Group 16

[illegible]	GT 367e7[illegible]	Bushing eye front & rear spring	1	5	60	
366346	GT 3670[illegible]	Spring ft assy	1	20	20	
D78856	GT 3671831	" rear assy	1	20	20	
3667353A	GT 367e655	Ranger ft, spring ft, L/H	1	100	4	
3667350	GT 367e656	" " " " R/H	1	100	4	
3667351	GT 367e647	" " " rear L/H	1	200	2	
3667350	GT 367e643	" " " " R/H	1	200	2	
3667354	GT 367e657	Ranger rear spring ft L/H & rear R/H	1	100	4	
3667349	GT 367e658	" " " " R/H & rear L/H	1	100	4	
[illegible]	GT 648192	Pin & shackle pin unit	1	5	60	
C115374	GT 367e[illegible]	Shackle with bushing assy	1	5	60	
A3[illegible]	GT 3676705	Washer	1	10	40	
A2[illegible]	GT 3573636	Absorber, shock front assy L/H	1	80	5	
A2[illegible]	GT 3573637	" " " " R/H	1	80	5	
A2[illegible]	GT 3579013	" " rear assy L/H	1	80	5	
A2[illegible]	GT 3579012	" " " " R/H	1	80	5	
A3[illegible]	GT 609583	Repair kit. Shock absorber	1	80	20	

Group 22

[illegible]	AD 1366[illegible]	Shaft & flexible, speedometer assy (121 in long)	1	50	8	
S139298	AD 1367104	Speedometer assy	1	50	8	
[illegible]	GT 3673290	Pump tyre assy	1	100	4	
A3[illegible]	GT 608728	Repair kit. Cyl outlet valve tyre pump	1	40	10	

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[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] (015)	1	10		10
2004568	Hyd 2510A6	Valve hydraulic steering gear assy	1	100		4
A2841018	GT 3670350	Gasket,connector pipe steering gear	1	20		20
0119674	GT 3670353	Pipe,control valve return	1	40		10
0119684	GT 3670071	" " " supply	1	40		10
2823002	GT 3670309	Pipe drain	1	40		10
0119682	GT 3671731	Pipe vent gas,tank	1	40		10
D69753	GT 3672230	Pump Hydraulic steering gear assy	1	50		4

Group 21

RR44820	GT 367074	Bushing eye front & rear spring	1	5		20
D69918	GT 3670918	Spring ft assy	1	20		20
2726918	GT 3673833	" rear assy	1	20		20
D667334	GT 3670805	Hanger ft,spring ft,1/2	1	100		4
D667338	GT 3670806	" " " " 3/4	1	100		4
D667344	GT 3670847	" " " rear 1/2	1	200		2
D667328	GT 3670848	" " " " 3/4	1	200		2
D667914	GT 3670837	Hanger rear spring ft 1/2 & rear 3/4	1	100		4
D667910	GT 3670838	" " " " 3/4 & rear 1/2	1	100		4
RR41072	GT 600499	Pin & shackle pin ends	1	5		20
0119974	GT 3670836	Shackle with bushing assy	1	5		20
A2882261	GT 3670780	Bumper	1	10		40
A2824184	DP 5375806	Absorber,shock front assy 1/2	1	20		5
A2824812	DP 5375807	" " " " 3/4	1	20		5
A2824848	DP 5373043	" " rear assy 1/2	1	20		5
A2824843	DP 5373042	" " " 3/4	1	20		5
A2827667	GT 600885	Repair kit. Shock absorber	1	20		20

Group 22

324587	AS 1556615	Shaft & flexible,speedometer assy (121 in long)	1	50		8
D119308	AS 1567404	Speedometer assy	1	50		8
278772	GT 3673290	Pump tyred assy	1	100		4
A2821[illegible]	GT 608728	Repair kit,Cyl outlet valve tyre pump	1	40		10

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CAR ALLOWANCE SYSTEM

CAR ALLOW. NO.	ARMY PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	Qty	Val.	12 months Per 100 Pc.
370719	DR 5304142	Motor steering gear Assy 24 Volts	1	40	10
5116259	DR 5377377	Armature Motor Steering Gear Assy	1	40	10
-------	DR 1373525	Bearing Ball Motor Steering Gear	1	30	20
A302872	DR 644556	Brush Motor Steering Gear Assy	1	20	20
3243167	DT 403596	Repair Kit Motor Steering Gear	1	10	40
01 6709	DR 4058001	Battery 6 Volts	1	20	20
A302854	DR 1054643	Cable Battery Ground Assy	1	40	10
3243272	DR 1059760	Cable Battery to main switch box (12"thhs 32"long).	1	50	8
3243271	DR 1059545	Cable Battery to main switch box (2, Volts 42" long)	1	50	6
3243276	DR 1059743	Cable Motor switch box to steer. Motor------103-3/4" long	1	50	6
370804	DR 1100365	Motor Steering, Assy	1	50	8
3243325	DT 603517	Repair kit Starting Motor	1	10	40
1243177	DR 1059557	Armature starting Motor Assy	1	40	10
A301147	DR 644543	Brush Starying Motor	1	20	20
3230249	DR 1073789	Drive starting motor assy	1	40	10
3243143	DR 1119113	Switch Solenoid Starting Motor Assy	1	20	20
5116203	DR 1116197	Regulator Generator Assy	1	50	8
370233	DR 1117341	Generator Assembly 1/2	1	100	4
370234	DR 1117350	" " 3/4	1	100	4
-------	DR 3073.6	Bearing Ball Generator Drive End.	1	10	40
A301730	DT 603515	Repair Kit Generator	1	10	40
372036	DR 1100370	Armature Generator Assembly	1	40	10
A301732	DR 1073642	Brushes Generator	1	20	20
5116108	DR 1110136	Distributor Ignition Timer Assy	1	50	8
3243128	DT 603537	Overhaul Kit Distributor	1	10	40
A302665	DR 1053970	Rotor Distributor	1	20	20
A301773	AD 1056720	Gasket cent apert Plug	12	50	96
-------	AD 1077747	Plug Spark Assy.	12	3	2400
3243726	DT 603512	Wire kit	1	10	40
3243251	DR 1112854	Coil Ignition Assembly	1	20	20
A301731	DT 603511	Repair Kit Distributor Points	1	10	40
3214661	DR 1057732	Cap Distributor	1	40	10
3243253	AD 1100611	Breaker assy. 60 amps	1	40	10
3178643	AD 1100577	Arrester assy 100 amps.	1	50	5
3178641	AD 1100.60	Gage Fuel Assembly	1	50	8
3243672	AD 1122743	Gage Heat Indicator assy (Inst.Panel)	1	40	10
3243675	AD 1121352	Gage Heat Indicator assy (Engine unit)	1	40	10
3243234	AD 1100437	Gage Oil Pressure assy(Inst Panel)	1	40	10
3243235	AD 1100493	Gage Oil pressure assy (Engine Unit)	1	40	10
A299728	DT 3573106	Indicator Instantaneous Oil pressure assy	1	40	10
3243239	DR 1100313	Control Lighting Switch Assy	1	50	8
3120697	DR 1115139	Switch Headlight Assembly	1	40	10
3243155	DT 3672745	Breaker Circuit-Ign.c/out Relay assy	1	40	10
3243672	AD 1122743	Breaker Circuit-Lighting Switch assy	1	40	10

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[illegible]	[illegible]	(12 volts 20" long)				
		Cable Battery to main switch box (24 Volts 42" long)	1	30		8
2020476	DR 1909743	Cable Master switch box to steer. Motor——103-3/4" long	1	30		8
2753901	DR 1108563	Motor Steering Assy	1	50		6
2343085	CT 606917	Repair kit Starting Motor	1	50		8
2883177	DR 1899557	Armature Starting Motor Assy	1	10		40
A231147	MA 52853	Brush Steering Motor	1	40		10
2226430	DR 1075789	Drive starting motor assy	1	30		20
2267163	DE 1116113	Switch Solenoid Starting Motor Assy	1	40		10
0116205	DR 1119127	Regulator Connector Assy	1	30		20
D70855	DR 1117511	Generator Assembly 1/4	1	30		8
270854	DR 1117595	" 3/4	1	100		4
[illegible]	CM 9e85e6	Bearing Ball Generator Drive End.	1	100		4
2261730	CT 606916	Repair Kit Generator	1	10		40
572856	DR 1108733	Armature Generator Assembly	1	10		40
2216732	DR 1899610	Brushes Generator	1	40		10
0116100	DR 1112156	Distributor Ignition Timer Assy	1	30		20
2263169	CT 606837	Overhaul Kit Distributor	1	30		8
1270669	DR 1885309	Rotor Distributor	1	10		40
2241773	AC 1930709	Contact point with Plug	1	30		30
[illegible]	AR 1297747	Ring Mount Assy.	18	30		35
2254728	CT 606912	Wire kit	12	2		1500
2224354	DR 1112364	Coil Ignition Assembly	1	10		40
A231720	CT 606911	Repair Kit Distributor Point	1	30		20
A214665	DR 1057722	Cap Distributor	1	10		40
2263955	AC 1900611	Armature assy. 60 amps	1	40		10
2170943	AR 1903577	Armature assy 100 amps.	1	40		10
2170441	AR 1906439	Gage Fuel Assembly	1	30		5
2226472	AR 1302545	Gage Tank Indicator assy (Inst.Panel)	1	30		8
2263256	AR 1241362	Gage Tank Indicator assy (Engine Unit)	1	40		10
[illegible]	AR 1906457	Gage Oil Pressure assy(Inst Panel)	1	40		10
2263253	AR 1906453	Gage Oil pressure assy (Engine Unit)	1	40		10
2263788	CT 3675406	Indicator Transmission Oil pressure assy	1	40		10
[illegible]	DR 1890348	General Lighting Switch Assy	1	40		10
2263697	DR 1906439	Switch Master Assembly	1	30		8
2264153	CT 3673503	Breaker Circuit-Gen.o'out Relay assy	1	40		10
3199426	AR 1567091	Breaker Circuit-Lighting Switch assy	1	40		10
A231723	CT 3671167	Breaker Circ.Starting Gear Mot.assy	1	30		10
264567	CT 3674439	Oil Pressure Gage Assy	1	40		10
247569	CT 606873	Motor Elec.Turret Traverse control assy (AF.4-10274/5)	1	40		10
4261939	CT 606911	Repair kit as above	1	30		8
263892	CT 606853	Motor Hydraulic Turret traverse control assy(AF.4/10290/5)	1	40		40
A263158	CT 607539	Oil seal Hydraulic Motor Turret Traverse control (AF.4-10450-1)	1	30		8
A231724	CT 606892	Gasket Manifold Valve Turret Traverse control	1	30		20

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GUN ASSEMBLY 5"/38

SCALING FOR SPARE PARTS			CONVERSION		12 month per 100 Ea
GUN PT. No	NAVY DWG. No	NOMENCLATURE	Qty	Mds	
GUN.ICE	DV 508552	Oil sealgear chg% Hydr Valve Turret Traverse control			
A284753	DV 601583	Repair Solenoid valve hdr Valve unit Traverse control	1	20	20
A284400	DV 108,52	Oil seal hd Turret traverse mech control	1	20	20
A284399	DV 609,51	Shim kit case as above.	1	20	20
			1	20	20

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Subject: British Arms & Equipment for Italian Army.

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

Q.138

17 July 1946

FROM : 1 BIU

TO : M.M.I.A.

Originators No 07 UNCLASSIFIED

SUBJECT BRITISH ARMS AND EQUIPMENT FOR NO 4 ALPINI REGIMENT (.)
NO BRITISH ARMS OR EQUIPMENT YET RECEIVED OR DESPATCHED NOTIFIED (.)
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SUGGEST IMMEDIATE DESPATCH SUFFICIENT ARMS AND EQUIPMENT FOR 3 COMPANIES
BALANCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE (.) PLEASE SIGNAL WHEN ABOVE MAY BE EXPECTED

FROM : M.M.I.A.

TO : 1 BIU - TURIN

SD/109.
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Originators No Q.1002 UNCLASSIFIED

YOUR 07 15 JULY (.) SEE Q003 25 MAY 46 ADDRESSED LIST B (.) ARMS AND EQUIPMENT TRANSFERRED TO ITALIAN DEPOTS (.) SUBSEQUENT ACTION ITALIAN RESPONSIBILITY (.) ADVISE TERRITORIAL COMMAND ACCORDINGLY

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Originators No Q7 UNCLASSIFIED

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SUBJECT : Training Equipment for the Italian Interim Army.

GHQ CMF

8159/Q.1

16 Jul 46

Ord Directorate

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Reference 8159/Q.1 dated 12 Jul 46 para 9.

1. Enclosed are four copies of MMIA's revided requirements for training equipment.

2. You are requested to make issues upto availabilities of items listed as Priority I.

3. Serial numbers given are those shown in the staff tables and equipment lists forwarded under this Branch letter of even reference dated 11 Jul 46.

Sgd. B.A. CATTEL, S/Comd,
for Brigadier,
D/MG.

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Copy to: MMIA
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Subject : Equipment for Italian Interim Army.

LAND FORCES SUB COMM.AC
(M.M.IA) ROME
Tel;489081 Ext407

Q . 003

16 July 46

TO : G(Ops & SD)
: G(Trg)
: Sigs
: ORD
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Attached hereto copy of G.H.Q. 8159/Q1 dtd 12 Jul 46, giving the up to date position of releases of British equipment to the Italian Interim Army.

Au F.49.

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

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Subject : Equipment for Italian Interim Army.

G.H.Q. C.MF.
8159/Q1
12 July 46

TO : M.M.I.A.

Reference your Q.003 of 22 May 46.

TRANSPORT.

1. 'A' Vehicles

The maximum releases possible were made four months ago under the following authorities:

Qty 2 Carriers ACP MK III A/VR 8850 of 5 Mar
Qty 168 Staghounds (T17EI) GHQ Signal C 34602 of 30 Mar
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It is hoped that further carriers may be released shortly from the throw up of vehicles of 2 Polish Corps.

2. Passenger Vehicles

These are in short supply in the British Army and it is unlikely that any appreciable quantity will be available unless cars 2 str 4x2(Austin) are acceptable.

3. Load Carrying Vehicles etc.

Your detailed list of requiremnts has now been refeived and issues will commence almost immediately.

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The highest possible class of vehicle will be made available to the Italian Army but no guarantee can be given that part worn vehicles will not be the only vehicles available. It is NOT possible to issue any scalings of spares direct to the Italian Army since 557 BOD have not the personnel to undertake this task. Spares will become available to the Italian Government through Ministry of Supply when 557 BOD

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WEAPONS AND ARTILLERY EQUIPMENT.

5. Issue of these stores is now almost completed. All items are issued to AFG 1098 Scale, but no maintenance can be issued. Artillery equipment of the highest classification held in the Gun Park will be issued but prior inspection cannot be agreed.

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TOOLS

6. Arrangements have been made to issue tools as shown is Appendix 'A' to M.M.I.A. letter Q.138 dated 23 May 46. No further issues of tools can be made before the closing down of 557 BOD.

TYRES AND TUBES.

7. Instructions were issued to 557 BOD on 22 May for the following issues :

900 x 16 RF Assys	Qty 1000
1050/1100x 20 Tubes	Qty 3000

These are the only items for which War Office authority is held to dispose of locally as Global surpluses from serviceable stocks.

SIGNAL EQUIPMENT

8. 557 BOD has been instructed to issue in accordance with DOS/7209/ Plans dated 18 Jun 46 (copy to MMIA) and these issues should now be in progress.

TRAINING EQUIPMENT

9. Issues of equipment, mainly tools, for training tradesmen are still under discussion. Conversations Lt.Cols NEEDHAM - BLUNT - BUTLIN - CLARE 9 July 46 refer. Your further recommendations are awaited.

WEB EQUIPMENT

10. Ord are proceeding with the issue of Web Equipment as detailed in MMIA letters Q.003 dated 22 May and Q/OS/1 dated 30 May.

ARTILLERY TRACTORS

11. Supply of C1 I or C1 ID is dependent on availabilities when Polcorps have completed their hand-in. None are available at the moment.

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GENERAL

12. It is understood that all stores due to be issued direct from 557 BOD are now prepared ready for issue,which is in progress.

13. If the situation generally is not clarified in the immediate future, it is suggested that a meeting might be held at this GHQ during the week 21 - 27 Jul,attended by representatives of MMIA, when any outstanding difficulties could be discussed.

W.D.A. CLARE,LT.Col.
for Major General
MGA.

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SD 109/1/47

SUBJECT: Web Equipment.

LAND FORCES SUB-COMM, AC. (MMIA)
(489081 Ext. 401) SD/109/1
16 Jul 46

TO : GENERAL HEADQUARTERS FOR G(SD) - (4 copies)

1. It has been found that in addition to the Web equipment already authorised for the Interim Italian Army an additional 10,000 sets are required to bring the army up to scale.

2. It would be appreciated, therefore, if these additional 10,000 sets could be released to the Italian Army forthwith.

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

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SD/109/1

SUBJECT:- Administration - Italian Army

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.)
ROME

Q.002 15 July 1946

TO: MINISTER FOR WAR

Equipment - Italian Army

1. It is expected that increasing quantities of the following war-like material will be issued to the Italian Army almost immediately, from British Depots around Naples:-

(a) Arms and ammunition
(b) Motor vehicle spares and tyres
(c) Wireless and Signal equipment
(d) Engineer and other stores

2. The conditions under which British Depots will be handling this material, and the Allies desire to close most of these installations as soon as possible, are likely to lead to a considerable confusion unless your organization is able to receive and distribute expeditiously large and unbalanced consignments of all types of material, at very short notice.

3. It is probable that your emergency Depot at Aversa may become over-worked and over-loaded and that as a result the issue of equipment to units may be delayed, and the flow from British Depots so checked that consignments may have to be diverted to surplus disposal agencies (ARAR) and so lost to the Italian Army.

4. To prevent this happening it is considered that an immediate interim plan should be made (related, as far as possible, to your final organization), which would facilitate the handling of material in appropriate Depots.

5. This has already been discussed with your representatives in the Directorates concerned, and the following suggestions have been made:-

(a)	Arms	Depot	Piacenza	Separate works stores sections to be established as required in vicinity of Base Workshops.
(b)	MT Spares	Depot	Milan	
(c)	Signal Stores	Depot	Pavia	
(d)	Engineer Stores	Depot	Pavia	

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6. It is of importance that such depots should be staffed by Officers and Other Ranks with experience of the British equipment they will be handling. This may well necessitate the temporary withdrawal of additional personnel from Infantry Divisions. The W.E. of the Depot's staff should be decided as soon as [illegible]

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7. Will you please give this matter your urgent consideration and inform me as soon as possible what your plans are for the establishment and staffing of the necessary Depots. If you so wish, I should be pleased to discuss, or give any further information required, from the Allied point of view so as to enable you more effectively to produce a plan.

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List 5 for info.

W. Patrick Colonel.
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT: Reorganisation of Internal Security Divisions.

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LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.G. (12LA)

(489081 Ext. 401) SD/109/1

Jul 46

TO : GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES (G(SD)) - (20 Copies)

Reference this HQ letter SD/109 dated 6 Dec 45 as amended by SD/109/1 dated 25 May 46.

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1. The Ministry of War have decided to reorganise the three Internal Security Divisions, which it was previously planned should each consist of a HQ, Two Inf Bdes each of Three Bns, one Mixed Engr Bn, one Supply and Ordnance Coy and one MT Coy on to the following organisation: the designation of the formation being changed from Internal Security Division to Internal Security Brigade.

	Strength
HQ of Internal Security Brigade (incl one Sigs Platoon)	117
Two Infantry Regts (on same WEs as Inf Regts in the Inf Divs)	4578
One Mixed Artillery Battery consisting of:	
Battery HQ Strength 42)	
One 25 Pounder Troop " 80)	175
One 17 Pounder Troop " 53)	
TOTAL strength, An Internal Security Brigade	4870

This will result in a total strength for the three Internal Security Brigades of 14,610, as compared with the figure of 15,123 which was the estimated strength for the three Internal Security Divisions on the previous organisation.

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2. It will be noted that no administrative units are to be included in the organisation of the Brigade. The responsibility for maintaining an Internal Security Brigade will rest with the HQ of the Territorial Command in whose area it is located.

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amdt made Bpk.

Major General,
M. M. I. A.

AAB/jw

Copy to: Headquarters Allied Commission
Ministry of War
List 'B'

Internal: List 'A' (less serials 17 & 19)
Spare (Fifty)
SD/13/2

(This letter supersedes this HQ letter SD/13/2 dated 2 Jul NOT to All.)

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SUBJECT: Reorganisation of Internal Security Divisions.

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

(489081 Ext, 401) SD/13/2

2 Jul 46

SD/13/2

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

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C.C. Finnimore

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M. M. I. A.

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Copy to: 8 British Liaison Unit
11 British Liaison Unit

Internal: "A"
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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NND NO. 785020

SUBJECT: Staff Equipment Lists - ITALIAN Interim Army

LAND FORCES SUB-COMM, AC. (MMIA)
(489081 Ext. 401) SD/109/1
12 Jul 46

TO : GENERAL HEADQUARTERS for Q1 (five copies)
" " for G (SD) (one copy)

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Orde Lininngton
Major General, HQ
R.E.M.M.I.A.

AAB/sb

Copy to : 12 British Liaison Units

Internal: G(Trg)
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Major General, MGA
D.M.M.I.A.

AAB/sb

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Lt. Col CLARE

MMIA - 'G'
FILE SD/109/1.
DATE 29/8/46

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Appendix 'A' to MHA letter
SD/109/1 dated 12 July 46

LIST OF SERIAL Nos OF TOOLS REQUIRED FOR CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS

Priorities

Priority I			Priority II		Priority III
238	620	-6	474	810	820
239	-1	-7	-5	-1	-1
243	-2	-8	-6	-2	-2
244	-3	-9	-7	-3	-3
250	-4		-8	-4	-4
-1	-5		64[illegible]	-5	-5
-2	-6		-7	-6	-6
-3	641		-8	-7	-7
255	-2		-9	-8	-8
256	-3		652	-9	-9
320	660		-3		830
408	681		-4		-1
-9	688		-5		-2
418	707		658		-3
437	-8		-9		-4
511	-9		770		-5
512	710		-1		-6
572	-1		-2		875
-3	-2		-3		-6
-4	-3		-4		879
-5	-4		-5		915
-6	-5		-6		-6
-7	716		-7		-7
-8	717		-8		
-9	729		-9		
580	730		780		
-1	-1		-1		
-2	-2		-2		
588	-3		-3		
-9	-4		-4		
590	-5		-5		
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Subject : Releases-British Equipment.

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

Q. 138

10 July 46

TO : Ministry of War.

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

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

Q Brand.

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

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

H.R. LUCKETT,
Capt.Gen.List.
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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HRL/lm

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

INTERNAL : G(SD)
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11 JUL 46

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SUBJECT: AMM FOR ITALY.

AMMO FOR .22 CAL. M1(RIFLE)
(TSL NO: 309) TRG/43
II Aug 44.

TO : Gen. - G Trng.

1. A request for Am .22 was made some time ago, this HQ being then informed that no Am .22 existed in this theatre. We have now heard however that stocks do exist.

2. The Italian Schools have 4 rifles .22 attached (for sub calibre shooting) to 6 pr and 17 pr Guns.

3. 6,000 rds Am .22 is urgently required for use on these equipments in Trg of Artillery recruits for Anti Tank Units.

4. It is pointed out that firing is done at a few yards range and that larger calibres of Am could not be safe to use.

5. May we please be informed if a special issue can be made to meet this urgent need.

FLB/ms

Copy for info - G/SD
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INTERNAL : G(SD)

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MMIA - 'G'
FILE SD/109/L
DATE R/11/7

Subject: Maintenance Italian Army

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

Q.006

10 July 1946.

TO : General Headquarters (3)
C.M.F.

Reference is made to your ESD/81/3D of 6 June 46 (in particular para 2(a)).

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Surplus Stores Division,
MINISTRY OF SUPPLY.

A.C. (for Executive Commissioner) - your 9006/309/EC of 21 May refers)

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FILE SD/1096
DATE 8/11/7.

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Appendix "A" to
6006 of 10.7.46

SUBJECT:- Equipment for Interim Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Commission AC.,
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q.006

2 April 1946

SD/109-COVER II-Jc.57.

TO : G.H.Q.

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5. It is therefore recommended (vide Minute 16) that the definition of lethal equipment should be a wide one to include the following and that these should then be made available in such quantities as are necessary :-

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(b) All instruments for fire direction and control.

(c) All Army signals equipment.

(d) All Field engineering stores and special equipment

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

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AFHQ 410

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Tele No. : FREEDOM 254

G(SD) Branch,
GHQ CMF

SUBJECT : Maintenance of Lethal Equipment for ITALIAN ARMY.

ESD/81/3D

6 June 1946

TO : "Q"

COPY TO : ORD
Land Forces Sub Commission AC,(MMIA)

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Salvage return

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It is emphasised that this requirement is quite separate from, and additional to any previous requirement.

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

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDG NO. 135020

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A.1

Subject: Releases - British Equipment.

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

Q.138

1 July 1946.

TO : WAR MINISTRY

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

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

2.

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

NOTE: (a) to be notified by War Ministry

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

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

Copy to: 10 BLU for action

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Unclassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. T 25020

SUBJECT: Vehicles for ex. H Tractors.

LAND FORCES SIER LEONE, A.P.O. (WACA)

(45903 Inf. Bn) 22/Jun/46

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Reference your G/1254/8 dated 22 June 46.

1. It is noted by this H that the figures quoted in para 4 of the letter under reference, and set out on the appendix thereto show a decrease of 759 x 15 cwt trucks on the figures previously agreed between WAR and SEA., CO.H.

2. This decrease is presumably accounted for by the fact that the 15 cwt trucks formerly proposed for the establishment of companies and sections are not to be included on these establishments.

3. In view of the fact that the scales of transport originally agreed by this H with WAR., CO.SE were minimum scales on which CO.SE could function. It is very strongly recommended by this H that these vehicles should be included on the WE of Inf.Bn companies and sections.

4. In the above connection it is appreciated that lack of funds prohibit the issue of these trucks at the present time. There is no reason, however, why the trucks cannot be included in the WE, and truly issue not implemented until such time as sufficient funds are available to provide them.

5. Your views on the above proposal would be appreciated.

M. W. Hop.
Lt Colonel, '55
M. M. to A.

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Internals "Q" (2ms)
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MD/47/2

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

Subject: Disposal of Surplus Equipment to the Italian Army.

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

Q.203

3 July 1946

TO : GHQ (for Q1). (3)

Reference your 8159/Q1 dated 26 June 1946.

1. The surplus equipments listed in DME letter 20/1546/2 of 6 June 46 are urgently required by the Italian Army and if released will be put into immediate operation at the Base M.T. Workshops at BOLOGNA.

2. It is further requested that the raw materials listed at Appendix A may also be released so far as available surpluses permit. These are urgently required at the Base Workshops BOLOGNA and output will be otherwise severely curtailed as the War Ministry are unable at present to obtain from ARAR or indigenous resources.

3. In order that the urgency of the demand may be appreciated it is pointed out that the Italian War Ministry have concentrated all available resources at BOLOGNA with the intention of re establishing there the principal M.T.repair workshops.

Under REME supervision considerable progress has been made. The buildings, much damaged during the war, have been repaired, power plant has been installed and a creditable start made to repair and recondition the British vehicles with which the five infantry divisions are still equipped.

As is well known the supply of British maintenance spare parts has been almost negligible since 15 November 1945 and a very large amount of the material now demanded will go into local manufacture of essential parts.

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FILE SD/102/1.
DATE 8/7/46

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Dep G [illegible]	
GSO [illegible]	
GSO [illegible]	
GSO 1 [illegible]	
GSO 1 (LofC)	
G II (L)	

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

APPENDIX "A"
to Q.203 of 3 Jul 46

METALS REQUIRED FOR WORKSHOPS O.A.R.E. BOLOGNA

PART I : SECTION G. 2 A. NON FERROUS METALS

DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY REQUIRED	
Brass, free cutting, various, flat	5	Tons
Brass, foil cold, rolled	3	"
Brass, hexagon, free cutting, various	25	"
Brass, round, free cutting, various	25	"
Brass, sheet 4' x 2' cutting, various	100	Sheets
Brass, sheet cold rolled, S.W.G., various	25	Tons
Brass, square, various	5	"
Bronze, Manganese, round, various	25	"
Bronze, phospher, round, various	25	"
Copper, flat, various	5	"
Copper, round, various	10	"
Copper, sheet, various	5	"
Gauze, Brass, Copper and Bronze 200 ~~-99 mesh~~	250	Square feet
Lead, Antimonial	5	Tons
Lead, INGOT pure	3	Tons
Lead, sheet, various	5	"
Tubing, Brass, Seamless, all sizes	2500	Feet
Tubing, Copper, Seamless, all sizes	2500	"
White metal, Group 1	100	Lbs.
White metal, Group 2	1000	"
White metal, Group 3	250	"
Zinc, perforated	100	Sheets

PART II : GROUP G. 2 B. FERROUS METALS

Steel, free cutting, hexagon	80	Tons
Steel, free cutting, round	80	"
Steel, mild angle, various	10	"
Steel, mild channel, various	10	"
Steel, mild flat, various	50	"
Steel, mild square, various	10	"
Steel, mild round, bright	10	"
Steel, mild tubing, seamless, cold drawn	2500	Feet.

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PART III : GROUP G. 2 C. ALLOY & OTHER SPECIAL STEELS & WELDING METALS

Steel carbon Manganese, round, various	30	Tons
Steel Manganese hardened, hexagon	10	"
Steel Manganese hardened, round	10	"
Steel Nickel Chromium, round	10	"

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Brass, [illegible], rolled	3	"
Brass, hexagon, free cutting, various	25	"
Brass, round, free cutting, various	25	"
Brass, sheet 4' x 2' cutting, various	100	Sheets
Brass, sheet cold rolled, S.W.G., various	25	Tons
BHass, square, various	5	"
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Steel Manganese hardened, round	10	"
Steel Nickel Chromium, round	10	"
Steel tool, Carbon No 1, flat	1	"
Steel tool, Carbon No 1, round	1	"
Steel tool, Carbon No 1, square	1	"
Steel tool, High Speed, round	1	"
Steel tool, High Speed, square	1	"
Welding metals, Electrodes :		
Aluminium	15,000	feet
Bronze	10,000	"
Steel, high teasile	150,000	"
Steel, mild	250,000	"

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TO : FREEDOM 234

SUBJECT : Eqpt for ITALIAN Army

TO : 'Q'

COPY TO : Ord
Land Forces Sub Commission AC, (MMIA)
(ref visit Lt-Col MEDIAM 28 Jun 46)

G(SD) Branch,
GHQ CMF.

SD/109/1

29 Jun 46

1. MMIA's final demands for misc trg eqpt, etc. are set out in the enclosed document (Col 7).

Certain serials have been deleted by agreement with MMIA - these are Serials 1 - 26, 36 and 918.

2. Certain serials are required urgently by MMIA for mechanics courses to be run at their Central Military Schools - these are given at Appx 'A'.

Certain other serials are required (after those in Appx 'A') more urgently than the remainder - these are given at Appx 'B'.

3. MMIA's list of suggested spares for maint of this eqpt is attached for 'Q' (only one copy received from MMIA).

4. Will you please meet MMIA's requirements as far as possible.

5. For MMIA.

(a) The last 2 pages of your list (new serial nos. 1 - 27) have not been forwarded to our 'Q' or ord.

Serial 11 has been added to main list as Serial 941.

Serial 18 duplicates serial 919 of main list.

(b) Appx 'A' is Appx 'A' to your SD/109/1 of 7 June.

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GSO II (SD)	
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GSO II (SD)	
GSO I (TRG)	
G II (L)	

M.W.N. MACKENZIE,
Major-General,
Chief of General Staff.

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GSO II ( )	
GSO III (SD)	
GSO I (T&S)	
G II (L)	

WGI/MMIA

M.W.M. MORRISON,
Major-General,
Chief of General Staff.

Enclosures

for 'Q' - (1 copy of list and Appx 'A' and 'B'.
(1 copy of list of suggested spares.

3rd/Hd - (2 copies of list and Appx 'A' and 'B'.
(1 copy of detailed parts list for serials 927, 928, 930.

for MMIA - 2 copies Appx 'B'.

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Appx 'B' to HQ/31/3A
29 Jun 46

LIST OF SOCIAL MEMBERS RECORDED PER CAPITAL MILITARY
REPORTS AS SHOWN ON INDEX AT THE FRONT OF EACH
APPX 'A'

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Info Q ORD SD/109/4
(Lt Col) Partridge,
Actg. Asst.
SD.

TELM NO : FREEDOM 254

SUBJECT : 40mm BOFORS LAA for ITALIAN Army

"Q"

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

17 Jun 46.

Ref our Sub/31/30 of 23 May and Sub/31/30 of 6 June.

The embargo on issues of 40mm BOFORS LAA guns to foreign powers has now been lifted. (Authority Freedom 259(a)(xii) of 31 May refers)

Will you therefore please arrange for issue of guns under Serials 16 of Appx "A" of above quoted letters to be made.

W.W.I./ss

J. D'A. [illegible],
BGS (SD).

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For Amendment see 785 33

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TRANSLATION

From: M2of W.
To : M.M.I.A.

Ref: 6/2856/3
Date: 22/6/46

Subject: Vehicles for CCRR Legions.

Ref. your letter SD/109/I dated 4/6/46. -

Proposals concerning the W/E of vehicles for Territorial CCRR formations, mentioned by your M.M.I.A., have been presented by the Gen. HQ, who had elaborated them in order to submit them for the examination and approval of this Ministry.

These proposals have been for a long time the object of discussion by the competent Departments of this Ministry and only in the last few days has a scheme of W/E been laid down which takes into consideration what the requirements of the Arm are and the possibilities of satisfying them with budget availability.

This scheme, which is shown in the attached list, has been approved by the Prime Minister and will be examined further by the W/E Board.

The number of vehicles laid down for these W/Es is as follows:

- cars	nº 937
- 3 tons trucks	" 891
- trucks of over 3 tons	" 64
- vans	" 138
- m/cycles	" 2456

We would inform you moreover that following further recent assignments of vehicles, CCRR arm territorial formations have at present:

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sgd. Liuzzi
Gen.

OK

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Allegato al foglio 6/ 2856 /3 in data
dello S.M.E. - Ufficio Servizi 16/

FABBISOGNO DI AUTOMOTOMEZZI PER ARMA CC.RR.

Comandi	Numero dei Comandi	Auto-vett.	autocarri leggeri	autocarri pesanti	autofurgoncini	motocicclette	autobliindo	biciclette
Comando Generale	1	14	1	1	2	8	–	6
Comando Divisione	3	2	–	–	–	2	–	2
Comando Brigata	6	2	–	–	–	2	–	2
Comando Legione	20	3	2	3	1	6	–	6
Comando Gruppo	106	1	1	–	1	2	–	2
250 Comando Compagnia	251	1	1	–	–	2	–	2
484 Comando Tenenza o Sezione	484	1	1	–	–	2	–	2
Stazione fino a 10 militari	3859	–	–	–	–	–	–	2
Stazione fino a 25 militari	708	–	–	–	–	–	–	2
Stazione fino a 50 militari	204	–	–	–	–	2	–	4
65 Stazione con oltre 50 militari	65	–	–	–	–	2	–	6
Gruppo Squadroni	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	2
Legione Allievi	1	2	8	2	6	40	6	100
Scuola Centrale	1	2	1	1	4	20	2	30
Totale mezzi		937	891	64	138	2456	8	12098

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dello S.M.R.E. - Ufficio Servizi

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	1	14	1	1	2	8	-	6	
	3	2	-	-	-	2	-	2	
	6	2	-	-	-	2	-	2	
	20	3	2	3	1	6	-	6	
	106	1	1	-	1	2	-	2	
	251	1	1	-	-	2	-	2	
Sezione	484	1	1	-	-	2	-	2	
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militari	708	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	
militari	204	-	-	-	-	2	-	4	
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FILE SD/109/1
DATE 8/22/6.

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GSO II (-)	
GSO 1 (-)	
GSO 1 (-)	
G II (-)	

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

Q . 138

21 June 46

Subject : Releases Weapons.

TO : Ministry of War.

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

Serial	Authy	BOD.Ref.	Type	Qty	To be coll.from
I	DOS 7209of 21/5	P3/5805	Rifles	19301	3 SubDepot 557 BOD
II	" " " "	"	Scabbards	12385	" " "
III	" " " "	"	Bayonets	12385	" " "
IV	" " " "	"	Slings	22312	" " "
V	" " " "	"	Covers Breech	22312	" " "
VI	" " " "	"	Bottles Oil	22312	" " "
VII	" " " "	RS/34A	Rifles	3011	R.S.D. 557 BOD
VIII	" " " "	"	Bayonets	6075	" " "
IX	" " " "	"	Scabbards	6075	" " "
X	DOS 7209of 2/6	P3/5831	Pistols Signal	2984	3 SubDepot 557 BOD
XI	" " "4/6	"	Mine Detectors	63	" " " "
XII	" " "5/6	"	P.I.A.T.	~~1435~~1425	" " " "
XIII	" " "6/6	"	Brens	2723	" " " "
XIV	" " "	"	Rifles	670	" " " "
XV	- - -	"	Slings	30674	R.S.D. " "
XVI	- - -	"	Covers Breech	30674	" " "
XVII	- - -	"	Bottles Oil	30674	" 399 "

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

2. Please arrange collection without delay and report

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

CEK/lm

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

INTERNAL: G(2)
: 9 A/c's } (confirm receipt of vouchers to 'Q')
: ORD }
: REMK.

Amended by Ltr 30-

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC No. 78502D

S01/009/1-2A

Subject: Transfer British Equipment to Italian Army

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

Q.002

19 June 1946.

TO : WAR MINISTRY 3213

Reference 4/1685/Serv of 8 June 1946.

1. The transfer of British Equipment will be considerably facilitated by the measures outlined therein.

Unfortunately paucity of personnel prevent MMIA being represented by technical officers and every endeavour is being made to obtain for the War Ministry further assistance in the nature of British personnel familiar with the equipment in question.

2. It is suggested that the selection of Italian personnel ordered in above quoted message be made by the War Ministry from specially qualified individuals who have had practical experience in the Infantry Divisions in handling this equipment.

3. You are advised to set up the three departments under Terr Command NAPLES each dealing with one of the following sections:-

(a) Weapons and component parts.

(b) MT spares tyres and tubes.

(c) Wireless and Signal stores.

The individuals selected should form the nucleus of the "Stores Depots" staff which it is considered will be essential to meet the needs of the Base Workshops to be established

(a) for weapons at PIACENZA

(b) for MT at BOLOGNA

(c) for Wireless and Signal stores at PAVIA

4. It is requested that this HQ be informed as soon as possible regarding the number of officers and other ranks selected for this special duty and the rank and name of the officer in charge of each of the three sections described above.

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GSO 1 (SD)	
Dep G (I)	

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G II (L)	

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FILE 20/1a9/1
DATE 8/20/6

for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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} 4/1685/Serv of 8 June 45 attached.

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TRANSLATION

FROM : M.W.

TO : Addressees

Ref : 4/1685/Serv.

Date: 8.6.46

S I G N A L

MMIA has announced the imminent release of large quantities of arms signal equipment and M.T. spares which will be made by Allied Depots of Pontecagnano and Naples. Particularly the arms are for Territorial Regiments and Internal Security Divisions. Considering that it is essential to check carefully all the material on withdrawal, the addressees are kindly requested to issue instructions of their /s concern, in order to set up, at Naples, 3 separate Depots, each staffed with sufficient personnel under the command of an Officer competent and reliable to take over the arms, Signal equipment and M.T. spares. Please inform this Office when the Depots are ready.

From : M/W.

To : Naples Terr.Command
(enclosed copy for 10 ELU)

Ref : 4/1685/Serv.

Date : 9th.June 46

The above signal is hereby confirmed.

TO : MMIA

Ref. conversation between Lt.Col.Olivetti - Lt.Col. Curitiea

The above is forwarded for information.

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sgd. Meloni Col.

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SD/109/1 TRG

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TELE NO : FREEDOM 254

G(SD) Branch,
GHQ CMF.

SUBJECT : Staff Tables - ITALIAN Army

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

ESD/81/3B

14 Jun 46

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Ref your SD/109/1 of 25 May and Summary attached and confirming tele conversation Lt Col SOUTHBY - Maj INGLIS of 13 June.

1. The total of Armd Cars is altered to read 250 (figure for CCRR amended to read 168).

2. The figures for 6 pr guns are amended by your SD/109/4 of 6 June. SD/109/4

3. (a) The total of guns 3.7 HAA (shown under Vehicles) should be 5.

(b) Entitlement of 5.5 guns Qty 5 has been omitted. (~~See our ESD/81/3B of 24 May~~).

(See our ESD/81/3B of 24 May)

MMIA - 'G'
FILE SD/109/1
DATE R/17/6

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

WMI/ECD

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GSO I (SD)	
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GSO I (ORG)	
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G.H.Q., C.M.F.

8359/01

12 Jun 46

SUBJECT: Equipment for Italian Army

TO: Ord Directorate

29 SD.

Reference G(SD) letter ESD/81/3A dated 7 Jun 46

1. Please arrange to issue to MMIA for the Italian Army the RADAR Equipment detailed in the a/m letter.

2. Issue will be made in accordance with this Branch letter 8359/01 dated 7 May 46.

BGS	
GSO 1 (SD)	
Dep G III	
GSO II (SD)	
GSO II ( )	
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MMIA - 'G'
FILE 50/109/1
DATE 21/3/6

(Sgd) R.A. CATHIE, S/Comdr,
for Brigadier,

RAC/AC

Copy to: Land Forces Sub Commission (MMIA)
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Tele No : MBDH 254

SUBJECT : Equipment for Artillery School

'C'

COPY TO : RA
ORD
Land Forces Sub Commission MC, (Ottawa)
(Ref your SD/109/1 of 1 Jun 46)

G(SD) Branch
GHQ CMF

ESD/81/3A

7 Jun 46

Reference our ESD/81/3A dated 24 May 46.

1. MMA have confirmed requirement for the following:-

Equipment RADAR A.A. No.1 Mk II
less Generators — Qty 4

Plotters composite A.A. No.1 Mk I — Qty 2

Additional Transport

Tractors 4 x 4 Heavy A.A. — Qty 2
Lorries 4 x 2 GS — Qty 1
} As shown in Appx 'C' to RA letter 117/3 of 22 Mar 46

MMI/hre

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

BGS	
GSO 1 (SD)	
Dep G III	
GSO II (S)	
GSO II ( )	
GSO III ( )	
GSO I (TPG)	
G II (S)	

MMIA - 'G'
FILE SD/109/1
DATE 8 JUL 46

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Equipment R/DLR A.A. No.1 Mk II
Less Generators

Qty 4 } As shewn in Appx 'C'
Qty 2 } to RA letter
Qty 1 } 117/3 of 22 Mar 46

Plotters composite A.A. No.1 Mk I

Additional Transport

Tractors 4 x 4 Heavy A.A.

Lorries 4 x 2 GS

WAI/hrc

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

BGS	
GSO 1 (SD)	
Dep G II	
GSO II (-)	
GSO II (-)	
GSO II (-)	
GSO 1 (TRG)	
G II (E)	

MMIA - 'G'
FILE 50/109/1
DATE 8/4/6.

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2&A

SUBJECT: Staff Equipment Lists - ITALIAN Interim Army

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (MMIA)
(489081 Ext 401) SD/109/1
7 Jun 46

TO : GENERAL HEADQUARTERS (five copies)

Ref conversation Lt Col SOUTHBY - Maj INGLIS.

1. At Appx 'A' hereto is a list of serial numbers from Staff Equipment lists forwarded under cover of this HQ SD/109/1 dtd. 10 May 46.
These are the serial numbers of all tools urgently required for use on the mechanics courses.

Lt Col H+S A

Major General,
M. M. I. A.

MW/aa

Copy to : 12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

Internal: G (Trg)
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Appendix 'A' to MMIA letter
SD/109/1 of 7 Jun 46

LIST OF SERIAL NOs OF TOOLS REQUIRED URGENTLY FOR CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS

209	580	681	767	822	904
211	-1	688	-8	-3	-5
235	-2	707	-9	-4	-6
236	588	-8	770	-5	915
238	-9	-9	-1	-6	-6
239	590	710	-2	-7	-7
243	-1	-1	-3	-8	
244	-2	-2	778	-9	
250	-3	-3	-9	830	
-1	-4	-4	780	-1	
-2	-5	-5	-1	-2	
3	-6	-6	-2	-3	
255	-7	-7	-3	-4	
6	-8	724	-4	-5	
280	-9	-5	-5	-6	
317	600	-6	-6	859	
318	-1	729	-7	860	
320	-2	730	-8	-1	
408	-3	-1	-9	864	
-9	609	-2	790	-5	
411	610	-3	-1	-6	
-2	-1	-4	-2	-7	
-3	-2	-5	-3	-8	
418	-3	-6	-4	-9	
474	-4	-7	-5	870	
-5	-5	-8	-6	-1	
-6	-6	-9	-7	-2	
-7	-7	740	-8	-3	
-8	-8	-1	-9	-4	
499	-9	-2	800	-5	
511	620	744	-1	-6	
-2	-1	-5	-2	-7	
518	-2	-6	-3	-8	
-9	-3	-7	-4	-9	
520	-4	-8	-5	880	
-1	-5	-9	-6	-1	
541	-6	750	-7	-2	
560	641	-1	-8	-3	
-1	-2	-2	-9	-4	
-2	-3	-3	810	-5	
-3	645	-4	-1	-6	
-4	-6	-5	-2	-7	
571	-7	-6	-3	-8	
-2	-8	-7	-4	895	
-3	-9	-8	-5	-6	
-4	652	761	-6	-7	
-5	-3	-2	-7	-8	

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1. Sd(a)(i)
2. Sd(3)(2)

Minutes of 'Q' Conference held at
M.M.I.A. at 1100 hours 6 June 46

Present :	Lt.Col.R.A.	CURTIES	A.Q.M.G.
:	Lt.Col.J.	HEAD	A.D.O.S.
:	Major C.E.	KING	D.A.Q.M.G.(1)
:	Lt.Col.	OLIVETTI	S.M.R.E.

1. After discussion the following points were agreed:

1) Releases of arms and equipment.
Procedure: a) "Q" G.H.Q. release to ORD G.H.Q.
b) ORD G.H.Q. release to M.M.I.A., instructing BOD to issue when available.
c) War Ministry warned impending release
d) B.O.D. inform A.D.O.S. M.M.I.A. items ready for collection.
e) War Ministry instructed to collect - assisted by 10 B.L.U.

2) a) Owing to existing circumstances B.O.D. can only issue items ready cased.
b) This is acceptable to War Ministry but in order to avoid descrpancies of quantity and of condition it is necessary for War Ministry to set up temporary receiving and distributing Sub-Depots within 10 Territorial Comd for the purpose of controlling, inspecting and issuing all items received.
c) Three Sub-Depots of this nature will be required i.e.

a) M.T. spares and equipment.
b) Arms and spares.
c) Sigs and R.E. equipment.

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d) War Ministry will select personnel and establish Sub-Depots as above without delay.

Distribution : War Ministry
: 10 B.L.U.
INTERNAL : G(2) — GI(file in Sd(3)(2))
: A(1)
: Q(3)
: Sigs
: R.E.
: ORD
: R.E.M.E.

for Major C.E.

KHGS	
DA/QMG	
DepGeneral	
M&T A/(S)	
GSO II ( )	
GSO III (S)	
GSO I (TPG)	
G II (S)	

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SD Dist 26

SD/109/1

Tele No : FX[illegible] 254

SUBJECT : Weapons Entitlement and Holdings ITALIAN Army

G(SD) Branch,
CMF CAIRO

SD/81/3D

5 Jun 46

'D'

COPY TO : CRO
Inter Forces Sub Commission AC, (M.I.A.)

Reference para 1 of our SD/81/3D dated 29 May 46.

Please amend number of 6 pr guns to be withdrawn from ITALIAN Army to read 36.

This allows retention of 9 guns on 12 months maintenance for U.S. of 137.

W.T./hrs

K.W.D. BRIMMER,
Major General,
Chief of General Staff.

BGS	
GSO 1 (SD)	
Dep G III	
GSO II (SD)	
GSO II (-)	
GSO II (-)	
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G II (L)	

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SUBJECT : Weapons Entitlement and Holdings Italian Army.

G (SD) Branch
GHQ CMF

ESD/81/3D

29 May 1946

"Q"

Copy to : ORD
Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MMIA)

Reference our Polio ESD/81/3D dated 25 May 1946.

1. 6 pr.

MMIA have confirmed holding of 202, and agree that 45 guns are due to be withdrawn.

Will you please arrange this.

2. 40 mm.-

MMIA have confirmed holding of 67.

Please amend para 2 your signal F.66413 of 18 May accordingly.

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

Copy to : ORD

MMIA - 'G'
FILE SD/109/1
DATE 8/6/46

EGS	
GSO I (SD)	
Dep G III	
GSO II ( )	
GSO II ( )	
GSO III ( )	
GSO I (TRG)	
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Appendix A Held by C.3. SD.

Alan Hall Capt.

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Tele No : FREEDOM 254

SUBJECT : Maintenance of Lethal Equipment for ITALIAN Army

'Q'

COPY TO : ORD
Land Forces Sub Commission AC, (MAIA)

G(SD) Branch,
GHQ CMF.

ESD/81/3D

6 Jun 46

1. AFHQ policy is to make available to the ITALIAN Government 12 months maintenance for all equipment, etc provided for the ITALIAN Army in so far as it is available from surpluses (AG.091.711 G(SD)-O of 2 Nov 45 refers).

2. (a) In the case of NON-lethal equipment, no problem arises since all surpluses will eventually be available to the ITALIAN Government through the medium of the Ministry of Supply.

(b) In the case of lethal equipment however, any maintenance available will either be shipped out of the theatre or demilitarised before handing over to Ministry of Supply unless it is transferred direct to the ITALIAN Army now.

3. It is understood, unofficially, that the War Office has approved AFHQ policy of standardisation on BRITISH weapons as stated in MAF.1135.

It therefore follows that in order to avoid the necessity for shipment into this theatre at a later date, maintenance for lethal equipment should now be transferred direct as far as available from global surpluses in this theatre.

4. Attached at Appendix 'A' is a table showing in coln (e) the requirement for 12 months maintenance at FEC Quiet Rates - based on the latest edition of the Staff Tables for the ITALIAN Army.

It is emphasised that this requirement is quite separate from and additional to any previous requirement.

Will you please investigate availabilities of weapons in PART I - coln (e) and earmark for issue, after completion of initial issues outlined in ESD/81/3B of 25 May 46.

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. T65020

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

BGS	
GSO 1 (SD)	
Dep G III	
GSO II (SD)	
GSO II ( )	
GSO II (SD)	
GSO II	
G II ( )	

MMIA - 'G'
FILE SD/100/1
DATE 2/7/46.

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NND No. 745020

SUBJECT: MT - CC.RR. Legions.

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LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (MMIA)
(489081 Ext. 218) SD/109/1 -
4 Jun 46

TO : MINISTERY OF WAR

Ref this HQ SD/109/1 dated 14 Mar 46, which approved your suggested scales of MT for CC.RR. Legions at:

952 Passenger Vehicles
1951 Motor Cycles
1879 Load Carriers (3 ton - 915
over 3 ton - 67
Light Trucks - 897)

1. This HQ has received no notification of the passage of these proposals through your HQ, nor have this HQ been informed of any intention on your part drastically to alter these scales, which were in fact your own proposals and were approved by this HQ only as a minimum scale on which CC.RR. Legions could be expected properly to carry out their duties.

2. It is now however understood by this HQ that a SMERS (Ufficio Servizi) letter ref A6/3321 dated 30 May 46 detailing present holdings of MT by CC.RR, shows an entirely different and very greatly reduced scale of MT, including among other things only 880 load carriers for twenty CC.RR. Legions as opposed to 1879 previously approved by this HQ.

3. It is further understood that GHQ CC.RR. are not in agreement with the reduced scales, which in the opinion of this HQ are so small as to render the CC.RR. largely ineffective.

4. Explanation is requested, as well as early action to pass CC.RR. MTs through the MSO and to implement MT scales.

CC.RR. Legions at present hold only 465 load carriers as against 1879 originally suggested by you and approved by MMIA in March 46.

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

ARCS/jw

Internal: "Q"
CC.RR. Section (your letter CC.RR/G/4/2 dated 31 May 46 refers)
SD/47/2

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC No 165020

Ref this HQ SD/109/1 dated 14 Mar 46, which approved your suggested scales of MT for CC.RR. Legions at:

952 Passenger Vehicles
1951 Motor Cycles
1879 Load Carriers (3 ton - 915
over 3 ton - 67
Light Trucks - 897)

1. This HQ has received no notification of the passage of these proposals through your WSC, nor have this HQ been informed of any intention on your part drastically to alter these scales, which were in fact your own proposals and were approved by this HQ only as a minimum scale on which CC.RR. Legions could be expected properly to carry out their duties.

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A.P.M. Lawrence
Lt Col
GS

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

AMCS/jw

Internal: "Q"
CC.RR. Section (your letter CC.RR/Q/1/2 dated 31 May 46 refers)
SD/47/2

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Tele No : FREEDOM 254

SUBJECT : Arm and Explosive for ITALIAN ARMY

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission AC, MMIA

G(SD) BRANCH
GHQ CMF

ESD/81/3A

31 May 46

Reference your SD/109/1 of 11 May 46.

Confirming instructions received by telephone conversation from Captain WILKINSON on 28 May, this letter and attachments are cancelled.

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(Entirely non-combatant)

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

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GSO 1 (SD)	
Dep G III	
GSO II (SD)	
GSO II (G)	
GSO III (SD)	
GSO I (TRG)	
G II (L)	

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SD Dist 21
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G(SD) Branch, GHQ GIF.
SD/109/5

TELE NO : FREEDOM 987

SUBJECT : Special Issue of Equipment for Training

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission, AC MMIA

ESD/81/3A

30 May 46

Ref your SD/109/5 of 22 May (received this Hq 25 May).

1. The 17 prs and vehs have been released. Please see our ESD/81/3A of 25 and 27 May.

2. You are reminded that further transfers of 40 mm LAA Bofors guns may not take place until War Office instructions are received. Please see our 8189/Q1 of 18 May and ESD/81/3D of 25 May.

3. It was understood that the list of equipment required for trg forwarded under your ref SD/109/1 of 10 May was your final list and that any "specially urgent" requirements had been previously demanded. It is not practicable to consider the whole list as "specially urgent".

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

WMI/ecd

MMIA - 'G'
FILE SD/109/1
DATE 28/5/45

BGS	
GSO I (SD)	
Dep G III	
GSO II (SD)	
GSO II (-)	
GSO III (SD)	
GSO I (ERG)	
G II (L)	

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SUBJECT: Equipment for Artillery School.

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

SD/109/1

1 June 46

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

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Ref your ESD/81/3 dated 24 May 46.

1. In view of the availabilities and confirming telephone conversation (CHRISTIE - INGLIS) of todays date, the following is the requirements of Radar equipment:

Equipment RADAR A.A. No. 1 Mk II less Generators	Qty	4
Plotters composite A.A. No. 1 Mk I	Qty	2

Additional Transport

TRACTORS, 4 x 4, Heavy A.A.	Qty	2
LORRIES, 4 x 2, GS	Qty	1

2. It is not intended to use RADAR A.A. No. 4 Mk III.

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

RPC/jw

Copy to: 12 British Liaison Unit (for Maj ALEXANDER)

Internal: G (Trg)
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ORD

See Gen Gen
ref No 29.

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WAR DIRECTIVE = 12 B.L.U. CHIEFS
C.C.O. 557 B.C.D.

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REFERENCE O/03/24 OF 31 MAY 43RD ATTACHMENT SHOULD BE TO B.L.U.

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MMIA - 'G'
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GSO 1 (SD)	
Dep G III	
GSO II (SD)	
GSO II ( )	
GSO III (SD)	
GSO I (CEG)	
G II (L)	

G (TXL)
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HQS
E.A.M.E.

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

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.,
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
G/GA/2A.
31 May 1946

TO : 7 British Liaison Unit

ORD
21 MAY

Reference C.M.C. DCS/7209 dated May 1946.

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

2. Reference also C.M.C. DCS/7209 of 20 May 1946.

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

17 pr. Gun qty.4

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ORD

T. Nicholson

T.N. SHORTHOSE, Major
for A.D.C.S.C.Lt.Col.
M.M.I.A.

Sec 7d 19

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12 M.I.U.
C.C.C. 557 M.C.C.

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To : 7 British Liaison Unit

ORD 21/1/47

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T. N. Shorthose.

T.N. SHORTHOSE, Major
for A.D.C.S.I.t.Col.
M.M.L.A.

See 7d 19

Copy for info : Ministry of War
12 B.L.H.
C.O.C. 357 B.C.D.

Internal : S (Trg.)
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"G" - (w/cs your S.138 of 30 May 46.)
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MMLA - 'G'
FILE SD/109/1
DATE 8/30/5

BGS	
GSO 1 (SD)	
Dep G II	
GSO II (SD)	
GSO II ( )	
GSO III (SD)	
GSO I (Q) & G	
G II (Q)	

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

SUBJECT :- Eqpt for the Italian Army

G159/Q.1

29 May 46

QMD DIRECTORATE (2)

Confirming conversation MALLETT - CATTELL and FODEN - CATTELL.

Please arrange to release the following items to the Italian Army.

QF 17 pr guns Qty 4

Spares for Staghound Armd Car as detailed in Appx "C" to MMIA letter Q.005 dated 22 May 1946.

SD/109-folio II

B.A.CATTELL, S.Condr.
for Brigadier,
DQMG.

MMIA - 'G'
FILE SD/109/1
DATE 31/5/46

BGS	
GSO 1 (SD)	
Dep G (L)	
GSO 1 (SD)	
GSO 1 ( )	
GSO 1 (SD)	
GSO 1 (LEG)	
G (L)	

BAFC/vml

Copy to : MMIA
G(SD)

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SUBJECT: Equipment issues - ITALIAN Interim Army.

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

SD/109

28 May 46

TO : GENERAL HEAD QUARTERS-(G (SD))

1. It is understood from a "Q" rep of MMIA who recently visited G.H.Q. that a signal has been sent to War Office on the subject of the financial basis on which BRITISH arms and equipment are being made available to the ITALIAN Interim Army.

It is thought that this HQ 101 dated 26 Feb 46 para 5 and your MSD/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 BRITISH 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.

for Major General,
A. A. & Q.

ARCS/jw

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TELE NO : FREEDOM 254

SUBJECT : Weapons for the ITALIAN Army.

TO : 'Q'

COPIES : Ord (ref conversation MALLETT - INGLIS 20 May)
Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C. MMIA (ref your SD/109/5 of 22 May).

IMMEDIATE

G(SD) Branch
GHQ GMF

ESD/81/A

17 May 45

Please issue the following to the ITALIAN Army as soon as possible:-

QF 17 pr guns

Qty 4

WMI/lt

BGS	
GSO 1 (SD)	
Dep G III	
GSO II (SD)	
GSO II ( )	
GSO III (SD)	
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BGS (SD)

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MEMORANDUM

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LAND FORCES [redacted], AA (22 Nov 46)

102/109/1

22 Nov 46

TO : 1 [redacted] (Adm) in connection

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ref your memo/dtd/30 of 25 Nov 46.

1. Item 1 agreed.

2. Item 2. Normal holding is 27 Instruments in all.

It is not intended that the range: may be from one item to 100, since for item may have only 2 or 3. It is, however, intended that the holding should be adequate to meet the full requirements of 50, whereas it is in fact one short. Matter regretted.

See Corr I 50/09
Also 12 P I 4-10.
See also Item 9
Other Corr

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for Major General,
U. S. A.

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Tele No : FRE DCM 254

SUBJECT : Weapons for the ITALIAN Army

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COPY TO : OKD
Land Forces Sub Comms ion AC, (MMIA)

G(SD) Branch,
CMH CMF,

ESD/81/3B

15 May 46

Ref ESD/81/3B of 18 Jan 46.

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1. Appx 'A' shews in Coln (d) of Section 'A' the total quantity of weapons required to make up the holdings of the ITALIAN Army to the figures given in the Staff Tables - issued as part D(i) of MMIA's SD/109 of 6 Dec 45, forwarded to you with our letter under reference.

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Appx 'A' to this letter gives these new figures in coln (c). From these figures you should deduct all issues made since 18 Jan 46. The resulting balance is the present requirement.

3. Will you please complete colns (d) (e) and (f) in Appx 'A' to this letter and send copies to this Branch and MMIA.

Our letter ESD/81/3 of 6 May 46

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It is understood that so far only Serial 2, Rifles Qty 22,312 - has been issued (DCS/7209 of 21 May refers).

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Availabilities of both type Serial 3 should be earmarked pending decision by this branch which will be given when availabilities are known.

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GSO II (SD)	X
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H. T. N. MACLEOD
Major General,
Chief of General Staff.

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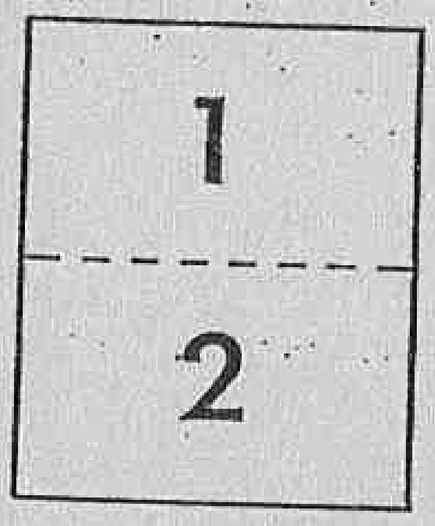

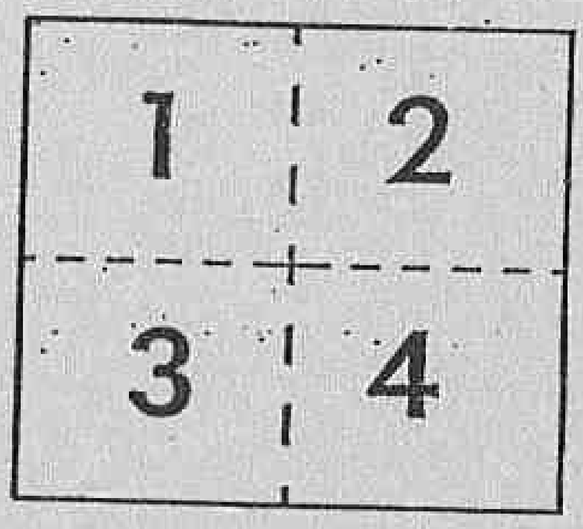

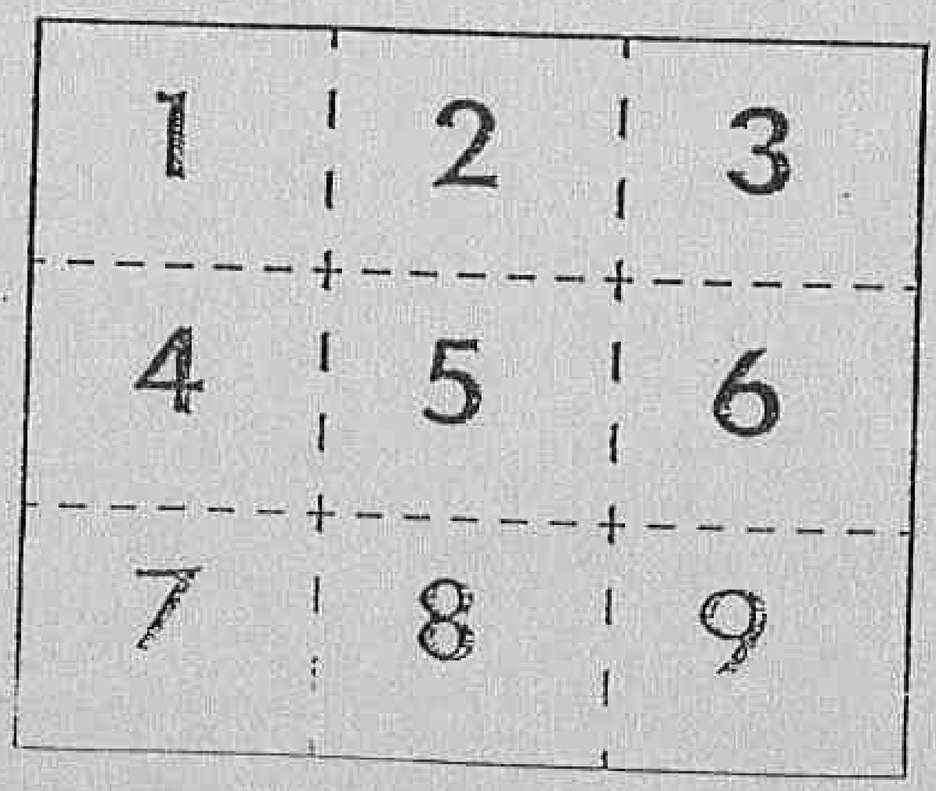

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Appendix 'A' to ESD/81/

WEAPONS FOR THE ITALIAN ARMY

Serial	Item	Total required as at 18 Jan 46 to complete to amended SET total shewn in ESD/81/3B of 24 May	Total issued since 18 Jan	Balance still required	Quantity now available	
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	
1	Pistols 38	14,293				
2	Rifles	99,628				To in
3	TMC 45	17,480	(a) TMC 45 (b) Sten		(a) (b)	Show ma abiliti
4	LMG (Bren)	4,929				
5	LMG (Motley Twin)	NIL				
6	Mortar 2 inch	822				
7	Mortar 3 inch	316				
8	Mortar 4.2 inch	298				Show av issue s ESD/81/
9	PIAT	1,901				
10	Pistol Signal	3,326				
11	HMG (303 Vickers)	664				
12	Rifles Sniper	499				
13	6 pr	NIL				
14	17 pr	60				
15	25 pr	112				
16	40 mm	11.5				Show av issue su 8159/G.1
17	3.7 HA	5				
18	5.5 inch	5				
19	37 mm	4				

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Appendix 'A' to ESD/81/3B dated 24 May

WEAPONS FOR THE ITALIAN ARMY

	Total required as at 18 Jan 46 to complete to amended SET total shewn in ESD/81/3B of 24 May	Total issued since 18 Jan	Balance still required	Quantity now available	Remarks
	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
Rifles	14,293				
Carbines	99,628				
Sub-machine guns	17,480	(a) TMC4.5 (b) Sten		(a) (b)	To incl 670 rifles EY Show maximum availabilities both types
Light machine guns	4,929				
Medium machine guns	NIL				
81 mm mortars	822				
4.2" mortars	346				
3.7" mortars	208				Show availability although issue stopped by our ESD/81/3D of 2 Apr
2" mortars	1,991				
3" mortars	3,384				
20 mm guns	60				
40 mm guns	499				
90 mm guns	NIL				
105 mm howitzers	60				
155 mm howitzers	112				
155 mm guns	145				
8" howitzers	5				Show availability although issue suspended by your B159/Q.1 of 18 Jan
8" guns	5				
240 mm howitzers	4				

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8	Mortar 4.2 inch	208 ✓	
9	ILAT	1,921 ✓	
10	Pistol Signal	3,328 ✓	
11	L.G (303 Vickers)	60 ✓	
12	Rifles Snipar	499 ✓	
13	6 pr	NIL	
14	17 pr	60 ✓	
15	25 pr	112 ✓	
16	40 mm	145 ✓	
17	3.7 H.A	5 ✓	
18	5.5 inch	5	
19	37 mm	4	
20	300 Browning	43	

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	208 ✓			
	1,591 ✓			
	3,325 ✓			
s)	864 ✓			
	499 ✓			
	NIL			
	60 ✓			
	112 ✓			
	145 ✓			Show availability although issue stopped by our ESD/81/3B of 2 Apr
	5 ✓			
	5 ✓			
	4 ✓			
	42			Show availability although issue suspended by your B159/0.1 of 18 1

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FILE NO : FREEDOM 254

G(SD) Branch
GHQ CMF

SUBJECT : Radar Eqpt for the ITALIAN Artillery School.

ESD/81/3A

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C. MMIA.

24 May 46

COPY TO : Q.1
RA
Ord

Ref our ESD/81/3A of 3 and 29 Apr and Appx 'C' of RA letter 117/3 of 22 March.

1. Radar AA No.3 Mk 2

War Office have now ruled that this eqpt will NOT be issued to the ITALIAN Army.

2. Radar AA No.1 Mk 2

Up to Qty 4 are available, but without generators. The specification for the generators issued for this eqpt is: "15 KVA 230 V.AC 3 phase 50 cycles." It is thought that you may be able to obtain suitable generators from indegenous sources.

3. Plotters Composite AA No.1 Mk 1.

Qty 2 are available and will be issued.

MMIA - 'G'
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4. Radar AA No.4 Mk 3

It is not known if you have considered using this eqpt. For your infm, all surplus eqpts have been declared to MOS.

5. Transport

The additional tpt shewn in the Appx 'C' under ref will be deleted if you do not require eqpts in para 2 above.

6. Ref para 2 above, please confirm that you require Qty 4 eqpts.

BGS
GSO 1 (SD)
Dep G III
GSO II (SD)
GSO II (-)
GSO III (SD)
GSO 1 (TRG)
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M.W.M. MACLEOD,
Major General,
Chief of General Staff.

SUBJECT: Staff Table for ITALIAN Interim Army incl CC.RR.

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

— SD/109/1 —

25 May 46

TO : GENERAL HEADQUARTERS,
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Further to this HQ letter SD/109 dated 6 Dec 45.

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

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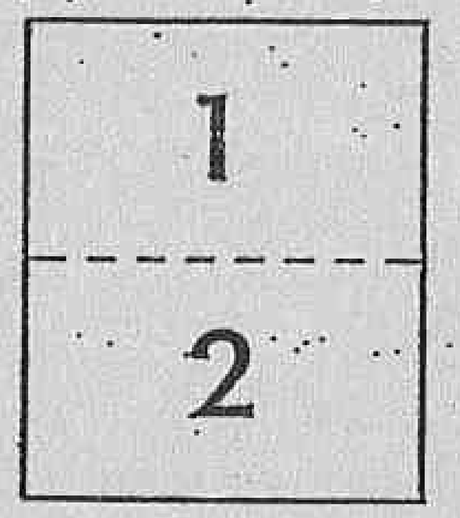

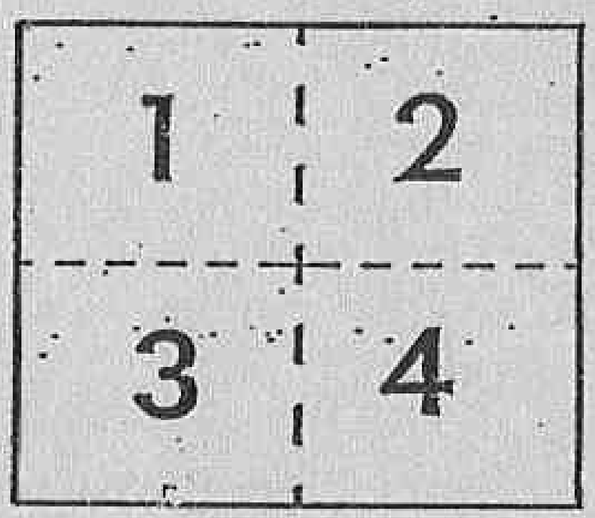

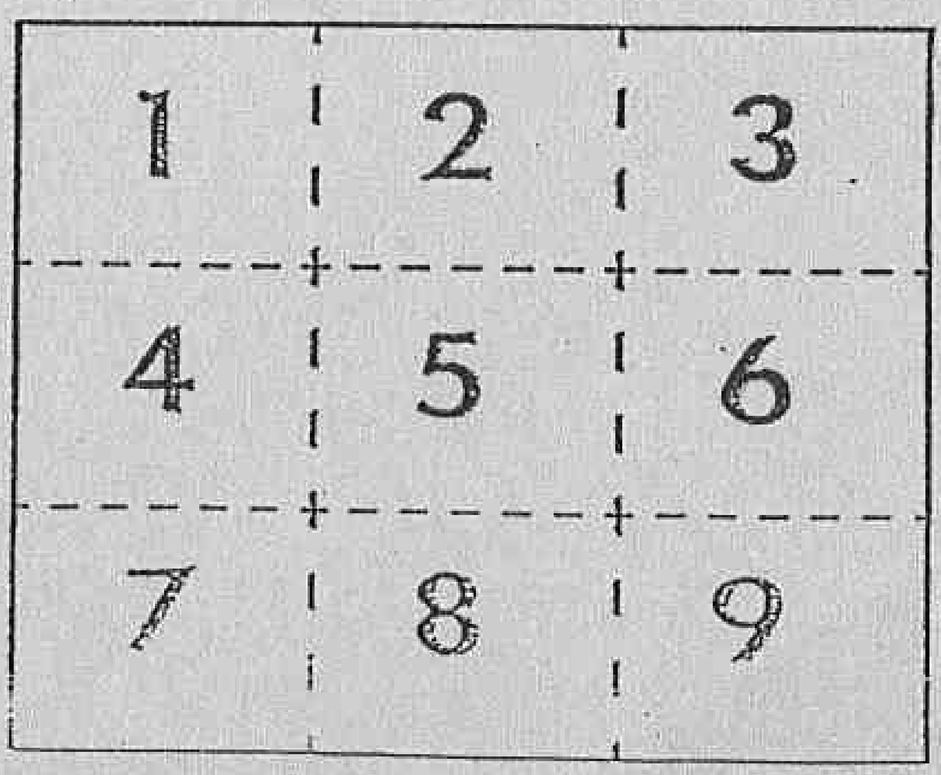

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D.(i) SUMMARY OF EQUIPMENT

Serial No.	UNIT	PERSONNEL Officers	PERSONNEL O.R.s	WEAPONS Pistols .38"	Rifles	M.M.G .45"	L.M.G	L.M.G Motley Twin	Mortar 2"	Mortar 3"
PART 1 (a)	Central Comd RCME	843	1157	1071	929					
(b)	Territorial Comd HQ (11)	871	1787	1140	1518					
(c)	Military District HQ (99)	847	1229	1324	752					
(d)	Regimental Depots (90)	632	634	902	364					
PART 2	Inf Divs (5)	2835	49345	2970	28507	17600	2670	-	415	210
PART 3	Internal Security Divs (3)	846	14325	840	9579	3984	969	-	162	108
PART 4	Independent Regts (10)	1170	21460	1160	14490	5700	1500	-	270	180
PART 5	Trg Establishments	1744	10066	2508	55986	2797	2391	-	628	82
PART 6	Services (Adm Units)	3466	21443	4571	22625	440	142			
PART 7	CC.RR	1339	63205							
	GRAND TOTAL	14593	187651	16486	134750	30521	7672	-	1475	580

CC.RR. WEAPONS (ITALIAN)

Pistols Model 34	Auto Rifles 38	Carbines Model 1891		MGs Breda 30	Mortar 45 mm
6454	17585	45596		2318	108

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	WEAPONS										VEHICLES									
Mortar 3"	Mortar 4.2"	P I A T	Pistol Signal	M M G	300 Browning	Rifle Snipers	6 pr	17 pr	25 pdr	37 mm	40 mm	M.C.	Cars 4 Str	Jeep	2 Str Car	15 cwt GS	15 cwt office	15 cwt W	15 cwt water	3 ton GS 4 x 2	
													Timbers for Part 1 provided by the								
													Adm Dot Coy att respectively to each HQ.								
210	80	1260	1470	260		210	135	80	240		180	2340	175	360	490	1570	70	315	210	1905	7
108	48	366	702	144		126						549	36		69	570	6	6	30	345	
180	80	610	1170	240		210						770	50		90	840	10	10	50	450	
82	-	678	366	144	12	84	22	27	56	4	32	429	51	18	72	150		42	12	480	
												684	173		203	271			14	2116	
												1427½	185		864	1529				259	
580	208	2914	3708	688	12	610	157	~~112~~ 119	296	4	212	1904½	670	378	1708	4930	86	373	316	5555	8
												Motor cycle combination 36									

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	15 cwt water	3 ton GS 4 x 2	3 ton GS 4 x 4	Tech Vehs All sizes	Fd Arty Tractors	Med Arty Tractors	Tractors A/Tk	Arty Trailers	Scout Cars
by the									
to each HQ.									
5	210	1905	725	495	360	180	90	490	165
6	30	345	24	3					
0	60	450	40						
2	12	480	39	17	25	18	14	58	15
	14	2116		142					
		259		47					
4	316	5555	828	704	385	198	104	548	180

	Amd Cars	Ambulances	15 cwt 4 x 4	Amd GS	Carriers Universal	Carriers 3" Mortar	Carriers MMG	Carriers Lmd	30 cwt Slave Bty Observns	3 ton stone	Trailers 10 cwt
					5						
* 70	90	335		415	210	520			10	120	225
		72		54	126	312					87
		120		90	210	520					120
12	7	36	2	33	28	32					18
	290			8							
169											
~~286~~ 250	387	563	2	600	574	1384			10	120	450

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V E H I C L E S

	Universal	Carriers 2" Mortar	Carriers M.G.	Carriers Lloyd	30 cwt Slave Bty Charging	3 ton Lorry	Trailers 10 cwt	Trailers 1 ton GS	Trailers Water	MG Ammunition	3 ton LWB	Personnel	Gun 3.7 A.A.	Lorries 6 ton 4 x 2 Diesel	
15	210	520			10	120	225	95	125			60			* Incl 40 Recce for CmdB
54	126	312					87	16	43						
90	210	520					120		70						
30	28	52					16		5		7		4	24	
8															
										166					
00	574	1324			10	120	450	113	242	166	7	60	54	24	

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SD

IMMEDIATE

Telex : PRIORITY

SUBJECT : Vehicles for ITALIAN Army

TO :

CINCAF for : CMD.2 (ref a conversation [illegible] - [illegible] May)
Land Forces Sub Committee AC, (46)A
(ref request made verbally to
[illegible] (SD) CMD on 2 May)

1. Please issue the following vehicles to the ITALIAN Army as soon as possible.

Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	Qty 6
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS	Qty 4

2. Ser [illegible]

The DU and Jeep situation is such that neither can be issued to the ITALIAN Army.

15 cwts are being issued in lieu.

BGS	
GSO 1 (SD)	
Dep G III	
GSO II (SD)	
GSO II ( )	
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G II (A)	

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Major General,
Chief of Naval Staff.

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See Ref. 21

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Tele No : Freedom 254.

SUBJECT : Weapons Entitlement and Holdings ITALIAN Army

G(SD) Branch, GHQ, CMF

ESD/81/3D

Land Forces Sub Commission AC, (MMIA)

25 May 46

COPY TO : 'Q'
ORD

1. 6 pr

Your SQ.054 of 4 Jan 46 Annexure ZA shows the holdings as 202.

Your entitlement as agreed by our ESD/81/3B of 24 May - Serial 13 - is 157.

It therefore appears that you should hand in 45 guns.

2. 40 mm LAA

When Lt Col SOUTHBY was informed by Major INGLIS by tele on 4 May of suspension of transfer of 40 mm Bofors pending War Office investigation of the Swedish embargo claim, he gave the holding as 50% UE i.e. 95 guns.

3. Your Annexure ZA mentioned above shows the holding as 67.
May we please have your comment.
You are requested to treat this matter as urgent, as it affects our declarations to War Office and shipments from this theatre.

(signed) M.W.M. MACLEOD,
Major General,
Chief of General Staff.

WML/hre

NOTE for 'Q' and ORD

(a) MMIA SQ/054 of 4 Jan forwarded to you under our ref ESD/81/3B of 8 Jan.
(b) Our ESD/81/3B of 24 May NOT to you.

SD Distribution

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Dep G III	
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GSO II ( )	
GSO II (-)	
GSO I ( )	
G II (-)	

MMIA - 'G'
FILE SD/109/1
DATE 2/27/5.

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TOPIC : FREEDOM 254

SUBJECT : Staff Tables ITALIAN Army

Land Forces Sub Commission AC, (MMIA)

RECEIVED 23 MAY 1946

G(SD) Branch,
GHQ CAF,

ESD/81/3B

24 May 46

Confirming figures given by Major BINNINGTON by tele to Major INGLIS on 18 May 46.

1. The figures of weapons shewn in the GRAND TOTAL of the Summary issued as part D(i) of your SD/109 of 6 Dec 45, are altered as shewn below.

You are sending a revised Summary in due course.

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15	25 pr	298	34	-	-
16	40 mm	212	22	-	-
17	3.7 HAA	5	5	-	-
18	5.5 inch	5	5	-	-
19	37 mm	4	4	-	-
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...ing of Reserves in the Orders.

See 7 Apr 73 — See 31

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5	LMG (Motley Twin)	NIL	-	50	-
6	Mortar 2 inch	1,475	27	-	-
7	Mortar 3 inch	580	37	-	-
8	Mortar 4.2 inch	208	-	-	-
9	PIAT	2,914	201	-	-
10	Pistol Signal	3,708	-	56	-
11	MMG (303 Vickers)	688	16	-	-
12	Rifles Sniper	610	20	-	-
13	6 pr	157	61	-	-
14	17 pr	107	15	-	-
15	25 pr	298	34	-	-
16	40 mm	212	22	-	171
17	3.7 HAA ?	5	5	-	-
18	5.5 inch ?	5	5	-	-
19	37 mm	4	4	-	-
20	300 Browning	12	12	-	-

NOTE : Weapons issued with ~~Scout and~~ Armd Cars are NOT included in the above.

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

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SUBJECT: Training Kent - Army School

LAND FORCES SUB-COMM, AC. (MMIA)

SD/109/5

22 May 46

TO : C(SD)
GENERAL HEADQUARTERS (MIDDLE EAST FORCES (4)

1. Included in the "Specially Urgent" List of Equipment required for training are the following items:-

Type	Quantity
QF 17 pdr Guns	4
QF 40 mm Guns	4
Trucks 15cwt 4 x 2 GS	4
Lorries 3-ton 4 x 2 GS	4
Utility Cars or Jeeps	2

2. This equipment is most urgently required at once if training at the Army School is not to be very seriously prejudiced. It is strongly requested that a special release be granted now for this equipment.

3. Correspondence Brig SIMPSON - Brig HOPE (MMIA) of 21 May refers.

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

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TO : C(GS)
GENERAL HEADQUARTERS CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES (A)

1. Included in the "Specially Urgent" List of Equipment required for training are the following items:-

Type	Quantity
QF 17 pdr Guns	4
QF 4.0 cm Guns	4
Trucks 15-cwt 4 x 2 GS	4
Lorries 3-ton 4 x 2 GS	4
Utility Cars or Jeeps	2

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3. Conversation Brig ANDERSON - Brig HOPE (MMIA) of 24 May refers.

See 50/1-4/5 dtd 5th.
See W.O. II

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

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SUBJECT:- Equipment - Issues to Italian Army.

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Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,
M.M.I.A.
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TO : GHQ for Q.
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With reference to stores released under DOS/2614 of 15 April 46.

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1. It has come to notice that the optical instruments collected by the Italian Army from 3 Sub-Depot, 557 B.O.D. PONTECAGNANO on 25 April 46 for use at the Artillery School are for the greater part beyond local repair and of no value for training purposes. Extracts from a DADME report are attached at Appendix "A".

2. The lack of maintenance stores for British equipment held by the Italian Army renders it difficult to recondition these instruments nor can they be returned to a British workshop.

3. The difficulties confronting the Ordnance staff are fully appreciated but it is requested that wherever possible stores issued to the Italian Army are subjected to a preliminary inspection before issue.

R.W. Gentry
Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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With reference to stores released under DOS/2614 of 15 April 46.

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Appendix "A" to M.M.I.A.
letter C.138 of 21 May 46

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EXTRACT FROM REPORT ON INSTRUMENTS

DIAL SIGHTS

See folio 68

1. No. 9 Mk.I Inst. No. 1025

Optical parts are very dirty.
Fungus growth appears to have attacked Greticule surface.
Eye piece loose.
Instrument in wrong case.
Condition:- Very bad, covered in rust and dirt.

2. No. 9 Mk.I Inst. No. 271

Optical parts are very dirty.
Locking nut, retaining Slipping Skin is not functioning.
Crosshead bent.
Condition:- Very bad, covered in rust and dirt.

3. No. 9 Mk.I Inst. No. 2295

Optical parts are very dirty.
Crosshead bent and loose.
Instrument in wrong case.
Condition:- Very bad, covered in rust and dirt.

5. No. 7 Mk.II Inst.No.23733

Optical parts are dirty.
Lens chipped.
Locking nut, retaining slipping Skin not functioning.
Backlash on Crosshead.
Condition:- Fair.

11. No.7A Mk.II Inst.No.14565

Optical parts very dirty.and scratched.
Eye guard missing.
Instrument in wrong case.
Condition:- Poor.

13. No.7A Mk II Inst.No.25793

Optical parts very dirty.
Eye guard perished.
Condition:- Bad.

The Definition of Optical systems on all Instruments is poor, caused through dirt and moisture.

Instruments 1 and 2 are **unserviceable**, and from their appearence it would seem that they have been submerged in water.

Instruments 3 and 11 are better, but never the less in a bad condition.

Instruments 1 and 3 are in what appears to be tool cases with the result that they are not protected in case of breakage

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Condition:- Very bad, covered in rust and dirt.

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Optical parts are very dirty.
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Crosshead bent.
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Instruments 3 and 11 are better, but never the less in a bad condition.

Instruments 1 and 3 are in what appears to be tool cases, with the result that they are not protected in case of knocks.

Instrument 11 is housed in a No.6 Dial Sight base, allowing considerable movement, damage will ensue in case of a knock.

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SUBJECT : Staff Equipment Lists.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC(MMLA)

— SD/109/1 —

22 May 46

TO : A.F.H.Q.

Herewith detailed list of parts contained in items Nos 927, 929, 930, in the Staff Equipment Lists forwarded under cover of our SD/109/1 dated 20 May 46.

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L. Mountbatten Lieut
Major-General
M. M. I. A.

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TABLE NUMBER.

Herewith detailed list of parts contained in items Nos 927, 929, 930, in Staff Equipment Tables.

927.
Contents of Wallet.

Cork for Plug.	1
Cup, muzzle attachment.	1
Disc, muzzle attachment.	1
Fusee, with chain.	1
Gib.	1
Pins, Trigger Lock.	1
" tumbler.	1
" firing.	1
" Keep split $\frac{1}{8}$ x $2\frac{1}{2}$ in (for Mk IV tripod mtg).	3
Pliers, side cutting pairs.	1
Protector, muzzle.	1
Pull-through, double	1
Punches, No.3	1
" No.5	1
Reflector Mirror.	1
Screwdrivers, small	1
Sear, with spring	1
Spring, gib.	1
" lock	1
Trigger.	2
Tumbler.	1
Washers adjusting, No.1 .003-in	3
" " No.2 .005-in	3
Wire guaze (pieces)	1

929.
Contents of Spare Parts Case.

Balance Spring	1
Can, oil	1
Flannelette for binding lutin pads, yds	8
Lock, breech.	1
Lutin, ozs.	6
Plug, clearing	1
Spring, fusee	1
Tool, combination	1
Wallet.	1

930.
Contents of Spare Parts Box.

Blocks, feed	2
Boxes, small parts	3
Bushes, axis, side levers	1
Collars, roller	1
Cork for plug	1
Cups, muzzle attachment	1
Discs, muzzle attachment	4
Eyelets, long, oz.	$\frac{1}{2}$
Fusee with chain	1

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Pliers, side cutting pairs.	1
Protector, muzzle.	1
Pull-through, double	1
Punches, No.3	1
" No.5	1
Reflector Mirror.	1
Screwdrivers, small	1
Sear, with spring	1
Spring, gib.	1
" lock	1
Trigger.	2
Tumbler.	1
Washers adjusting, No.1 .003-in	3
" " No.2 .005-in	3
Wire guaze (pieces)	1

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Boxes, small parts	3
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Collars, roller	1
Cork for plug	1
Cups, muzzle attachment	1
Discs, muzzle attachment	4
Eyelets, long, oz.	½
Fusee with chain	1
Gib	1
Gland, packing	1
Hammer	1
Lever, extractor, left	1
" " right	1
Packing, asbestos (5yd pieces)	4
Pins, trigger lock	1
" tumbler	1
" firing	2
" fixing crank handle	1
" split, collar, roller	2

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Contents of Spare Parts Box (Cont'd).

Pins, split, keeper, $\frac{1}{8}$ x $2\frac{1}{2}$-in (for Mk IV Tripod Mounting)	6
" " Bush, axis, side lever	1
" " check nut, long	3
" " muzzle attachment	1
" T fixing rear cross-piece	2
Plugs, belt.	1
" cork, complete.	1
" screwed	1
" front cover catch	2
Plungers, front cover catch	2
Roller	1
Screwdrivers, large	1
Sights, night, back and fore, each	1
" fore	1
" tangent	1
Spanner, adjastable	1
Springs, bottom pawl	1
" rear cover lock	2
" front cover catch	2
" gib	1
" lock	4
" safety catch with piston	2
" sear	2
" shutter catch	2
" tangent sight	1
" top pawls feed blocks	2
" trigger bar	2
Strips long	25
" short	25
Tool, repairing belts	1
Washers, elevating nut (Tripod Mk IV)	6
Wire gauze, pieces.	4

The M&G stores indented for may not in all cases be correct as is not known which mark of gun will be used.

The main requirements however, are stores sufficient to equip 11 platoons as near as possible to W.E. as it affects M&G Stores.

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SUBJECT: Staff Equt Lists - Italian Interim Army.

LAND FORCES SUB-COMI, AC. (MMIA)

SD/109/1

20 May 46

TO : GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES

Ref conversation INGLIS - DINNINGTON, and further to SD/109/2 of 10 May.

Herewith a further three copies of Training Equipment required for the Interim Italian Army forwarded to you under the above quoted reference.

See Pt. No. I, 5

J. A. Dinnington
Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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SUBJECT:- Equipment for Italian Interim Army.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,
M.M.I.A.
R O M E Tel. No. 478103
Q.138
13 May 1946

TO : ORD

SD/109

Reference GHQ letter 8159/Q1 of 7 May 46.

1. It appears from para 1 of the above quoted letter that "Q" Branch, GHQ have agreed in principle to the issue of equipment as well as weapons. Since, however, there is no mention in the above quoted letter of any specific quantities of webbing equipment, it is assumed that this will be arranged as outlined in para 2 of the GHQ letter which states "These issues will be made direct from British Depots to the Italian Army under arrangements to be agreed by Ordnance Directorate with M.M.I.A. direct".

2. Therefore it is requested that you arrange with Ordnance Directorate that the following quantities of web equipment is made available at the British Depots at the same time as the weapons:-

ITEM	QUANTITY
Equipment, Basic, sets (less Mess tins and large Packs)	40,000
Pouches, utility, sets	8,000
Slings, rifle	23,000
Frogs, bayonet	23,000
Cases, binocular	4,000
Cases, compass	4,000
Pouches, ammunition, revolver	2,000
Haversacks, small, Officers	2,000
Slings T.M.C.	9,000
Holsters, revolver	1,850
Holsters, Pistol signal	1,850

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E.W. Bradley Major.

E.W. BRADLEY,
Major, Inniaks,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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TO : GENERAL HEAD QUARTERS, G(SD) — given by hand of Capt Wilkinson to SD1 from SHAEF 19/5/46 Gnd

Ref conversation LOWE - WILKINSON.

1. Herewith lists of Training equipment required for the Interim Italian Army. Together with a list of suggested spares for the maintenance of this equipment.

2. In connection with these lists it is pointed out that weapons and Web equipment which have already been issued to C&Rs have not been included, nor have any requests for Trg amn or explosives been made in view of the fact that 10,000 tons of amn and explosives have already been issued and further supplies will not be available until XIII Corps is disbanded.

3. It is particularly desired that an early release of the tools mentioned in the list is made as mechanics courses for a large number of students are to begin in two weeks time and as yet no tools are available for use on these courses.

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for Major General,
MMIA.

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Further to our [illegible] of 10 May 45.

1. [illegible] light ammunition and explosives are not required in view of the fact that the previous proposed allowance 27,000 tons has been reduced to 15,000 tons and as this latter figure will not permit of the necessary amount of training being carried out.

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