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ENGINEER BRANCH

G.H.Q.

C.M.F.

Tel : PADUA 22282

ENG/6/1268

3 Dec 46

Subject : Bridging Equip. for Italian Army.

To : Land Forces Sub. Comm. A.C.  
M.M.I.A.

SD/109/1/A.

R.E.

Reference your SD/109/1A of 23 Sep 46 and further to this HQ ENG/4/614 dated 29 Nov 45.

Please forward details of Italian Unit to which these stores can be vouchered and approximate date on which collection from ES(B)D MESTRE can be commenced.

*See foris 34 for A.C. reply.*

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| GSO 1 (-D) | <i>Re</i> |
| Dep G      |           |
| GSO (SD)   | <i>Re</i> |
| GSO (P)    |           |
| GSO (L)    | <i>X</i>  |
| GSO (C)    |           |
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| FILE           | SD/109/1/A |
| DATE           | 6 DEC 1946 |

*G.A.B. Brown*  
G.A.B. BROWN,  
Captain R.E.  
for Brigadier  
Chief Engineer.

*Have asked Sup. Inspectorate for disposal orders.*  
*B. S. 1000*

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ENGINEER BRANCH  
G.H.Q.  
C.M.F.

Tel: PADUA 22283

SUBJECT: Engineer Equipment for Italian Army.

ENG/4/614

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission, AC,  
(MMIA).

29 Nov 46

COPY TO: ES(B)D, MESTRE.

1. Further to this GHQ ENG/4/614 of 10 Oct 46.
2. It is now possible to release 1 set of Bailey Pontoon Equipment to the Italian Engineers.
3. Please arrange collection from ESBD MESTRE earliest.

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| MMIA - 'G'      |
| FILE NO. 109/1A |
| DATE 2 DEC 1946 |

D. BIRKETT,  
Captain, RE,  
for Brigadier,  
Chief Engineer.

Internal. G(SD). (MMIA letter SD 109/1A of 23 Sep 46, addressed to you, refers).

ADW (Stores), Engineer Branch, GHQ.CMF.

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| BGS         |                  |
| GSO I (SD)  | <i>K. A. 100</i> |
| Dep G. H.   |                  |
| GSO II (SD) | <i>K. A. 100</i> |
| GSO III (C) |                  |
| GSO IV (C)  | <i>OK</i>        |
| GSO V (C)   |                  |
| G. H. (I)   |                  |

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LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AG (MILIA) ONE

52/405/1/1

9 Nov 46

MINISTRY OF WARSubject: Loan of Electrical Apparatus  
FRENCH FILM COY

With reference to the attached extract from a letter from the French Embassy in Rome this is to inform you that this mission has no objection to your lending the electrical apparatus to the French Film Company should you wish to do so.

MUN/sb

M. W. Howe B55

A Major General,  
800, W.H.A.Ambassade de France  
en Italie

Monsieur Jean Loublinac vient tourner ici un film Franco-Italien. Il a besoin pour 15 jours d'un groupe électrique de 100 kilowatts. Le Ministère de la Guerre Italien lui a dit qu'il pourrait lui en prêter un, si l'Ambassade le demandait - ce qui est fait - et si le M.W.H.A. y consent."

Rept out 14/11  
JMA



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WWS/eb

M. W. Hope BSS

Major General,  
GOC, MIA.

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Replout 14/11  
g.m.



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ROME 489081 Ext. 467

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC (MIA) CMF

7 Nov. 1946

Ministry of War

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| MIA - 16           |
| FILE 50/109/1/A.   |
| DATE Recd. 7/11/46 |

SD/109/1/A

Subject:- Equipment for Engineer School- CIVITAVECCHIA.

Stores and equipment as shown on attached list are at the L'Officina Genio Militare di PAVIA and would be extremely useful for the Engineer School. There is also a complete ~~air~~ aerial ropeway, now stored in a place 15 miles from MILAN also on the charge of the above establishment.

The Comdt. at PAVIA states that all these stores could be issued to the Engineer School with sanction from War Ministry.

Will you please consider the release of these stores etc. and if they are not required elsewhere may they be allotted to the School.

JGO<sup>17</sup>/rg

*J. M. M. M. M.*  
Maj Gen C.O.C. MIA

Copy to :- C (Trg)

SORE (with Copy of List)

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*File 25*

SUBJECT : Engt Equip for ITALIAN ARMY

LAND FORCES SUB COM AG (MORITA)

(489081 Ext 218) SD/109/A

29 Oct 46

TO : GM (Engt Branch), GMF

Ref your RMG/4/614 dated 13 Oct 46.

It is confirmed that the pontoon equipment listed in AFHQ RMG/845/QPS to DDW, GHQ dated 6 May 46 was in fact issued, was signed for by Major CHAPMAN, and is at present held at the ITALIAN SHS, CIVITAVECCHIA.

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*Presented by*  
for Major-General,  
H. M. I. A.  
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*GS*

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ENGINEER BRANCH  
G.H.Q.  
C.M.F.

Tel: PADUA 22283

SD/109/1/A. 

~~Eng. Q~~ ✓

So RE. ✓

22A

Subject: Engineer Eqpt for  
Italian Army.

ENG/4/614

To : Land Forces Sub Commission,  
AC, MMIA.

18 Oct 46.

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Reference your SD/109/1/A dated 15 Oct 46.

Enclosed please find copy in duplicate of AFHQ  
letter ENG/815/OPS dated 6 May 46 as requested in your  
above quoted letter.

  
D. BIRKETT,  
Captain, RE,  
for Brigadier,  
Chief Engineer.

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| MMIA - (G)      |
| FILE SD/109/1/A |
| DATE Reg/21/10. |

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| GSO I (SD)  |  |
| Dep G II    |  |
| GSO I (SD)  |  |
| GSO I (P)   |  |
| GSO II (-1) |  |
| GSO I (116) |  |
| G II (L)    |  |

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ENGINEER BRANCH  
A.F.H.Q.  
C. M. F.

22B

SUBJECT: Eqpt for Italian Army.

ENG/815/OPS+

TO : D.D.W., GHQ.

6 May 46

Copy to: MMIA(2).  
G(Trg).  
G(SD).

My ENG/815/OPS of 3 May is cancelled herewith (not to copy addressees).

1. Please issue the following pontoon Bailey Equipment on loan to the Italian SME CIVITAVECCHIA :-

1 32' - 0. Floating Bay. (Cl.40)  
1 31' - 6". End Floating Bay. (Cl.40)  
1 Cl 40 Landing Bay pier.  
4 Landing Bay Hook Posts.

2. The equipment should be consigned to:-

c/o Major W.N. Chapman RE,  
Italian SME,  
CIVITAVECCHIA.

3. Please arrange its early despatch by rail to CIVITAVECCHIA.

For the Chief Engineer,

(Signed) C.B. HOUSE,  
Major, RE,  
SO.II (Ops).

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| MMIA (2)         |
| FILE SD/109/1/0  |
| DATE Recd/21/10. |



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SUBJECT: Engineer Equipment for Italian Army

LAND FORCE SUB-COM, AO (MMIA)

(489081 Ext. 218) SD/109/1/A

15 Oct 46

TO : REGIMENT BRANCH,  
GENERAL HEADQUARTERS,  
GENERAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES

*13 file*

Ref your ENG/4/614 dated 10 Oct 46.

May a copy please be forwarded of your letter AMHQ, OGP,  
ENG/815/OPS dated 6 May 46, as there is no trace at this HQ.

*7 folio 22 B.*

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Internal: SORE

*A. C. Smith*  
Major General,  
M. M. I. A. 535



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

ENGINEER BRANCH  
G.H.Q.  
C.M.F.

TEL : PADUA 22666

SD/109/1A 18  
TRG GSO  
RE

SUBJECT : Engineer Equipment for Italian Army

ENG/4/614

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

10 Oct 46

See folio 16

1. Ref your SD/109/1A of 25 Sep 46 regarding Bailey Pontoon  
Bridging equipment for Italian S.M.E.

2. The present position is that all serviceable surplus to  
Theatre requirements have been exported and there is nothing available  
at the moment.

3. The War Office are at present re-considering the Theatre  
holdings and if these are reduced the position will be re-considered.

4. Ref AFHQ CMT ENG/615/CPS to LW GHQ of 6 May 46 copy to you.  
Can you please state whether the pontoon equipment listed in para 1  
was in fact issued and if so its present whereabouts.

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| M.M.I.A. - 'G' |           |
| FILE           | SD/109/1A |
| DATE           | Reg/14/10 |

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| BGS          | X | MMI | X |
| GSO I (SD)   | X | MMI | X |
| Dep G III    |   |     |   |
| GSO II (SD)  | X | MMI | X |
| GSO II (I)   |   |     |   |
| GSO III (SD) |   |     |   |
| GSO I (TRG)  |   |     |   |
| G II (L)     |   |     |   |

(J.L. MITCHELL)  
Capt RE  
for Brigadier  
Chief Engineer

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see folio 22 B  
taken at  
folio 25

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16.

Subject :- Engineer Equipment for the Italian Army.

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

SD 109/1A  
23 September 46.

To:- 'C/SD' Branch,  
CHQ. C.M.F.

1. The Italian Engineers have got no Bailey Pontoon Bridging Equipment whatsoever. As they have adopted Bailey Bridging Equipment for their army, and have about two sets of B.P. per Division they are repeatedly asking for some B.P. equipment.

2. When I enquired about this previously I was informed that no B.P. equipment could be released. Is it possible for this matter to be taken up again so that at least one set of B.P. equipment be made available for the Engineering School for instructional purposes.

See Folio 18

See Folio (33)

(Signed) J.C.O'FERRALL, Major R.F.  
for Major General,  
M.M.I.A.

Copy to :- 'E' Branch, CHQ. C.M.F.

Internal:- RF 4/2

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April

SUBJECT: RE: [REDACTED] (Ref: [REDACTED])

LATE FROM [REDACTED], [REDACTED] (REF)

(LATE FROM [REDACTED], [REDACTED]) — 16/10/71/A

16 APR 76

TO

: RE: [REDACTED]

1. Further to this office letter of 12 Aug 70 16/10/71, could this be please be informed of the Unit Serial Numbers of the three Field Post Boxes - in "which" they appear as 1, 2 and 3, but are referred to in correspondence by other numbers.

2. It is suggested these boxes be placed under the Div Staff Section in the "Order" and not, as at present, under "Services".

*L. P. Channing Major*

Major General,  
R. E. L. A.

12/10/76

Internal: 'RE'

10/9/72

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2(SD) Branch,  
CHQ, CMF.

ESD/31/3K

6 Jun 46

TELE NO : FREEDOM 254

SUBJECT : Engineer Equipment for ITALIAN Army.

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

COPY TO : RE

Ref your SD/109/1B of 17 May 46.

Will you please forward the list referred to in para 5 as soon as possible.

*SD/109/1A  
of 17 June  
replies  
forward*

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*Wright*

WII/as

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

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| BGS          |           |
| GSO I (SD)   | <i>AM</i> |
| Dep G-III    |           |
| GSO II (SD)  |           |
| GSO III (SD) |           |
| GSO IV (SD)  | <i>AM</i> |
| GSO V (SD)   |           |
| G II (L)     |           |

*Action SO RE*

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| MMIA - '8' |                    |
| FILE       | <i>SD/109/1B-A</i> |
| DATE       | <i>2/11/6</i>      |

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SUBJECT: Engineer Equipment for the Italian Army.

LAND FORCES SUB-COMM, AG. (MMIA)

SD/109/1B

17 May 46

TO : G(SD)-4  
GENERAL HEADQUARTERS (5 copies)

1. Ref para 5 of Minutes of Engineer conference held at this HQ on 16 Apr 46 and para 4 R.E. 4 dtd 29 Apr 46.
2. No accurate information has been obtained from the Italian Ministry of War as to the present holdings of Bailey bridging by the Italian Army. It is not anticipated that such information will be forthcoming.
3. Accordingly it has been estimated by this HQ that four sets of Bailey bridging should be sufficient to make up the holdings of thirteen sets agreed in the above mentioned conference.
4. It is requested therefore that release of four sets of Bailey bridging be made to the Italian Army as soon as possible.
5. Equipment list for the remaining Engineer equipment required are at present being prepared and will be forwarded as soon as completed.

MW/sb

Internal : G(Trg)

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*APM*  
for *M. M. I. A.* Capt  
Major General,  
M. M. I. A.

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17/17/5



Subject:- Engineer Equipment for the Italian Army

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

RE 4

16 May 46

To:- 'G' (SD)

1. Reference para 5 of minutes of Engineer Conference held at this H.Q. 16 April and para 4 RE 4 dated 29 April.
2. No accurate information has yet been received from the Italian Ministry of War as to the present holdings of Bailey bridging by the Italian Army. It is not anticipated that such information will be forthcoming.
3. Accordingly, it is estimated that four sets of Bailey bridging should be sufficient to make up the holding of thirteen sets agreed to in the a/m conference.
4. It is requested that G (SD), G.H.Q. be asked to authorize the issue, on loan, of this equipment.

R.N.J. HIBBARD, Major,  
S.O.R.E.,  
M.M.I.A.

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| GSO I (SD)  |  |
| Dep G III   |  |
| GSO II (SD) |  |
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| GSO IV (SD) |  |
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| M.M.I.A. - 'G' |              |
| FILE           | SD/109/131A. |
| DATE           | R/16/5.      |

an letter  
of 17 May  
answers.

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TELE : FREEDOM 254.  
 SUBJECT : Mine-detectors for G.O.R.R.  
 TO : G (AB)  
 COPY TO : Land Forces Sub Commission, AG(MMIA)  
 RE  
 Ord.



G(SD) Branch  
G.H., C.M.F.

ESD/84/38

7 May 46.

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SD/109/1

Reference MMIA letter SD/109/1 dated 25 Apr 46, copy attached.

This request is approved. Please issue Mine detectors to the scale required.

*Chas. L. Anderson, Capt.*  
 J. D'A. ANDERSON,  
 DIS(SD).

CVNL/IM.

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| DIS          | <i>MMIA</i> |
| GSD I (-1)   | <i>AB</i>   |
| Dep G II     |             |
| GSD II (-1)  | <i>AB</i>   |
| GSD II (1)   |             |
| GSD III (-1) |             |
| GSD I (PRG)  |             |
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| MMIA - '0'     |
| FILE SD/109/1A |
| DATE R/9/5     |

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TELE : FREEDOM 254  
 SUBJECT: Correspondence.  
 TO : NMIA (for SD)

G(SD) Branch  
 G(1) CMT.

ESD/81/3K

May 46.

This branch has received two letters direct from your RE branch (see your RE/4 of 25 Apr and 29 Apr).

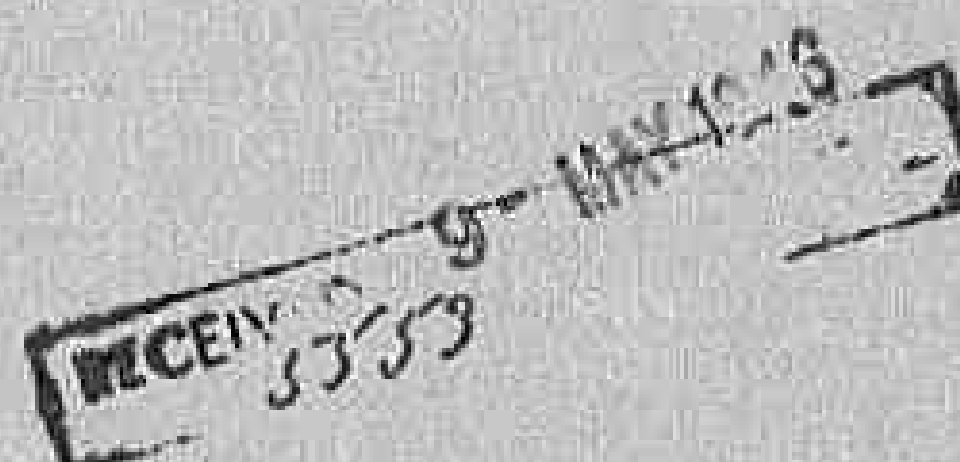
May such correspondence be sent from G(SD) at your HQ in future please.

*Ch. Love. Capt.*

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

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| NMIA - (B)    |
| FILE SD/109/A |
| DATE R/9/5    |



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| GSO III (SD) |  |
| GSO I (TGG)  |  |
| G II (H)     |  |

*SD Dist*  
*Q*

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NOTE. Draft any such letters in future and bring to me for SD reference and signature.

*Attd. [Signature]*

*[Signature]*  
 10/15

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RECEIVED 9 - MAY 1946

SD/1009/1A

TELE : PRNDOM 254  
 SUBJECT : Engineer Regt for Italian Army.  
 TO : RE  
 COPY TO : Land Forces Sub Commission AG(MMIA).  
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G(SD) Branch  
GPO GMP

ESD/84/3K

7 May 46

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Reference MMIA letter RG/4 dated 29 Apr 46.

Please issue on loan to Italian Army 3 Sets PIR.

CPHL/IM.

*Conf. Ague Cap.*  
 J. D'A. ANDERSON,  
 BGS(SD)

SD Dist

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| MMIA - (G)      |
| FILE SD/1009/1A |
| DATE R/9/5      |

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| Dep G II     |  |
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