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PROVISION OF ITALIAN GUARDS FOR ALLIED USE

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Roma, 27 marzo 1946

PROMEMORIA PER IL MAGGIORE BAUMANN

Il comando territoriale di BOLOGNA ha dato assicurazione che la guardia al Dep. materiale ferroviario di Castel Maggiore, comandata dal 69 reg. Str., sotto la data del 31 corrente non sarà più fornita.

The territorial command has given assurance that the guard on the Railway Depot at CASTEL MAGGIORE of 6 Inf Regt will not be supplied with 31 March

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[Signature]

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SUBJ: Rollout of I and III/60 (ID) Post.

LAND FORCE HQ-SUB-COM, AD. (MIA)

9/16 ✓

May 48

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Further to my 9/16 of 5 May.

Please state whether or not you require to replace any of the guards previously found by these line by armed civilian witnesses, and, if so, provide detail of the strength, weapons and locations of these guards.

[Signature]
Major General,
M. K. I. A.

ABGS/20

Copy to : HQ No 3 District
10 British Liaison Unit

Internal: SB/13/2

9/6/5

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SUBJECT: Employment of III-51 based on Camp Bucca
other sites in various Italian interests.

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LAND FORCES DISTRICT, A.C. (LFD)

W/16

TO : REPLY OF LFD

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2004/001/1

Ref your 2004/001/1 dated 15 Apr 46 and this HQ W/16 dated 17 Apr 46, 3 District have replied as follows:-

"I do not know of the 60 I.A. regt are in no way employed by any British formation for guards or in any other capacity.

They are employed solely in the interest of the Italian population by, so far as is known, the Italian Ministry of War.

This question has been discussed with 10 HQ who are satisfied with the above.

1. This reply is at variance over / find with your 2004/001/1 dated 15 Apr 46.
2. It is clear however, that 3 District have no concern with the employment of I and III/60. These battalions may therefore be re-deployed at your discretion.
3. Please inform this HQ what action you take and of new locations, if any, of units.

W/16/30

Copy to: HQ 3 District
 10 British Liaison Unit

Internal: W/16/2

for *A. H. H. H. H.*
 Major General,
 H. H. H. H. H.

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W/16/5

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6208 MAY 1946SUBJECT: Employment of ITI-ITI troops on Guard Duties3 District
Ext 5
313/GMMIA
10 ELU
ILO 227 Div

25 Apr 46

Ref MMIA letter G/16 dated 17 Apr 46 NOT to all addressees.

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La Zanne
(DM de L CAZENOVE) Major
for Maj. Gen.
Comd.

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MMIA - 'G' 4446
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REF TOUR 4/6/3 DATED 24. MINISTRY OF WAR (G(30)) AGREE WITH YOUR
 VIEW AND ARE TAKING NECESSARY ACTION WITH REGARD DISSEMINATION (.)
 REPORT PROGRESS OR LACK OF PROGRESS 10 MAY

See 10/13 to 4

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ROUTINE

G(30)

A.R.C. BOUTRY

Subject : Guard duties, 6 Inf Regt

6 British Liaison Unit
Tel : Vicksburg 119
Ref : G/6/5
24 April 46

To : Land Forces Sub Com, AC
(MMA) ROME

RECEIVED 2-5 APR 1946

Ref telephone conversation FENCELLEY-WILKINSON morning of today's date.

1. 6 Inf Regt is supplying a guard of 34 all ranks for an allied dump of railway construction and maintenance equipment, situated at CASTELMAGGIORE, near BOLOGNA, and in the process of being turned over by 156 TN Stores Coy RE to the Italian State railways.

2. 156 TN Stores Coy are under command TRANSPORTATION, BRITISH, ROME, which HQ arranged with General DI RAIMONDO, Comando Genio, Min of War, that the guarding of this dump should be taken over by Italian Military engineers from Allied troops during the first fortnight of April.

It is understood that the change over from Allied to Italian guards is the result of the fact that most of the dump has now been turned over to Italian State railway authorities.

3. However no Italian Engineer troops are available in 6 Terr Cnd and consequently 6 Inf Regt have had to supply the guard. This appears to be irregular since the material concerned is not being handed over to the Min of War.

4. May this matter be taken up with General DI RAIMONDO and this BUJ informed of your HQ's findings.

PDHP/ATT
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Major
GSO II
6 BUJ

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Major
GSO II
6 BLU

MMIA - 'G'
FILE: 785020 13/2 C/1/2
DATE: 8/26/4

Spoke Protection 29 April
The affair with BLU - will advise action later.

SUBJECT: Allied Stores Depots.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.G. (MSEA)

5/16

24 APR 46

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Ref your 205943/II dated 24 Mar 46.

1. AFHQ were approached in this HQ 4/16 dated 28 Mar 46 (copy to you) and have now replied as follows:

It is assumed that surplus Allied stores are the subject of the War Minister's complaint. If OMH is the subject of similar difficulty it should be noted that all available OMH materials have now been handed over to the Italian Government.

As you know, neither the US nor the British Military hand over stores of any nature directly to the Italian Government. Surplus Allied stores are declared to civilian agencies of the two governments which in turn negotiate the sale and direct delivery to the purchaser. The contract of sale executed between the US or UK civilian agency and the Italian Government agency states that physical possession will be taken by the Italian Government within a specified period. The Allied military have accepted guard responsibility for Allied stores during this period. In actual practice, however, it has been necessary for the Allied military to provide guards for periods much longer than those specified, in spite of the critical shortage of Allied military man-power.

It is understood that discussions are now in progress between the US military and US - UK - Italian civilian agencies with a view to establishing more rapid and efficient methods of accomplishing these hand overs.

2. Any breakdown in arrangements for guarding such stores would appear to be due to no Italian guards having been provided "within the specified period" mentioned in para 1.

3. It is suggested that you should now examine the matter with AFHQ and inform this HQ of any further action you desire to have taken.

Approved
4/16/46
for

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

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3. It is suggested that you should now examine the matter with ARAR and inform this HQ of any further action you desire to have taken.

AMC/jw

Internal: "HQ"

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

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-3 SECTION

File: G-3 AFHQ/81

16 April 1946

SUBJECT: Guarding of Allied Stores Depots.

TO : MMIA

RECEIVED 18 APR 1946

Reference is made to your letter, file G/16, subject as above, dated 23 March, and to accompanying translation of Italian Ministry of War letter 205143/II of 21 March.

1. It is assumed that surplus Allied stores are the subject of the War Minister's complaint. If GEM is the subject of similar difficulty it should be noted that all available GEM materials have now been handed over to the Italian Government.
2. As you know, neither the US nor the British Military hand over stores of any nature directly to the Italian Government. Surplus Allied stores are declared to civilian agencies of the two governments which in turn negotiate the sale and direct delivery to the purchaser. The contract of sale executed between the US or UK civilian agency and the Italian Government agency states that physical possession will be taken by the Italian Government within a specified period. The Allied military have accepted guard responsibility for Allied stores during this period. In actual practice, however, it has been necessary for the Allied military to provide guards for periods much longer than those specified, in spite of the critical shortage of Allied military man-power.
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BY COMMAND OF LIEUT. GEN. MORGAN:

MMIA-'G'
FILE: <i>23 Apr 46</i>
DATE: <i>18/4</i>

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

OFFICIAL:

MacLeod

1918. 761

SUBJECT: Employment of IPI-ITI troops on Guard Duties
other than in purely ITALIAN interests.

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

G/16

27 Apr 46

TO : 3 DISTRICT
 10 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

1. This HQ is informed that I/60 I.S. Regt is employed by Allied request on guards at GROTON harbour and at certain dumps in 52 Area, also that III/60 I.S. Regt is largely employed in guarding the SEEA hydroelectric works.
2. It is not within the terms of the handover of the ITALIAN Army to ITALIAN control for all purposes, that IPI-ITI troops should be so employed. The Ministry of War have requested this HQ to take steps to have I and III/60 I.S. Regts relieved of these commitments.
 This HQ considers that this request should be acceded to.
3. It will therefore be appreciated if you will inform this HQ how soon these guards can be relieved.
 10 BLU will liaise direct between 3 DISTRICT and NAPLES Territorial Region HQ.
4. If it is considered that certain guards (e.g. on the SEEA installations) are still required in ITALIAN interest, the Ministry of War will replace the troops withdrawn by armed civilian watchmen.

ARCS/jw

Copy to: Ministry of War (ref 2051/Ord/1 dated 15 Apr 46)
 Internal: SD/13/2

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

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TRANSLATION

FROM: M.O.F W.
TO : MMIA

REF: 2051/ORD/1
DATE: 15/4/46

SUBJECT: Guards.

In reply to your letter G/16 dated 5/4/46.

- 1 - This S.M. has for some time given its attention to the duties carried out by the first and 3rd Battalion of the 60th Infantry with the intention of relieving them from guard duties in Calabria and restoring personnel to the 60th Infantry.

With this object in view we have repeatedly exchanged ideas with your Mission, which, agreeing with the opinion expressed by M.O.F W. Cabinet, approached 10 B.L.U. for the relief of the personnel of the Battalions from guard duties, replacing them where necessary with civilian sworn guards (See letter SD/16/2 dated 31/12/45).

- 2 - We confirm the intention that the duties in question be no longer carried out by Military personnel.

Instructions to this effect have been to Naples Military Territorial Command; instructions, however, which must be put into effect following agreement with 10 B.L.U.

Col G5	
GSO I (SG)	
Des. 1	
GSO II (SG)	
GSO II (I)	
GSO I (Irg)	

sgd.. Liuzzi
Gen.

MMIA - 'G'

FILE: *[initials]*

DATE: 8/17/46

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Subject: Relief by Allied Forces of Grenada of
 present found by Grenadier Gov. 333.

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see folio 25A (also folios 33
 for reduction
 in strength)
 folio 29 refers

LAND FORCE'S SUB COM 2.0. (MIA)

- 9/16 -

16 APR 46

TO: MINISTRY OF WAR

1. RMG have agreed to relieve the Grenadier Gov of all Allied Guard commitments by 30 April 46.

2. RMG state the following:

"Apart from the guard on the barracks the three largest guard duties performed by the Grenadier Company are on important buildings vacated by the Allies and awaiting release to the Comando Genio Militare. It is thought to be in the interests of the Italian Government that these should continue to be guarded in order to safeguard Italian property, and the only reason why the guards have been so long required is the length of time taken by the Genio to effect the formalities of release. However the Genio Militare will be told that circumstances no longer permit us to continue to guard these properties and that this head-quarters is no longer able to accept responsibility for damage done once they are vacated."

3. It is ~~understood~~ ^{understood} that the three important buildings mentioned are:

- (a) the Exhibition Buildings on Route 8.
- (b) the IMMOBILI factory.
- (c) the Studio Nazionale.

4. This information is passed to you in order that you may have time to prepare to safeguard Italian interests when the guards concerned are withdrawn by RMG.

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Internal: 2/13/2

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO No 794 US Army

SUBJECT: Guards

DC/9/G-3(Br)
9 April 1946

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission
Allied Commission (M.M.I.A.)

In reference to your letter No G/16 dated 5 April and conversation today's date (Brigadier LOW - Brigadier HOPE).

1. Apart from the guard on the Quirinale the three largest guard duties performed by the Grenadier Company are on important buildings vacated by the Allies and awaiting release to the Comando Genio Militare. It is thought to be in the interests of the Italian Government that these should continue to be guarded in order to safeguard Italian property, and the only reason why the guards have been so long required is the length of time taken by the Genio to effect the formalities of release. However the Genio Militare will be told that circumstances no longer permit us to continue to guard these properties and that this Headquarters is no longer able to accept responsibility for damage done once they are vacated.

2. The number of guards found on British installations is quite inconsiderable and their replacement by watchmen will present no difficulty whatever. It is requested that the Company may remain at our disposal till the 21st April or preferably if possible till the end of the month in order to allow us time to make alternative arrangements.

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Brigadier
Commanding
British Troops in ROME

*see folio 34
for action
taken 4437*

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO No. 794 U. S. Army
Office of G-3 (British)

Tel: 66643
4 April 46

9/340/G3(Br)

SUBJECT: Grenadier Coy.

TO : Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MMIA)

1. Further to telephone conversation Brig Hope and Anderson to-day.
2. Attached find copies of signals correspondence during Nov 45 relating to the Grenadier Coy under RAAC.
3. It is pointed out that the figure quoted in our 9/339/G3(Br) of 1 Offr 17 NCOs and 75 OR will include the guard of 1 Offr 3 NCOs and 22 OR at the disposal of the Prince of Piedmont but does not include administrative personnel for the company.

W E M Anderson
W. E. M. ANDERSON,
Major GS

for Commander British Troops Rome

Encl.

Col. G3	
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2nd Lt	
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FILE: 9/16
DATE: R/5/4

C O P Y

FROM AFHQ 181337A
TO ROME AREA
INFO MMIA 30 CHESHIRE REGT

FX53596 FROM G(SD) GHQ CMF . REF YOUR GO 5731 OF 13 NOV 45
GRANATIERI GDS WILL REMAIN UNDER OF COMD ROME AREA

Distributed by G-3 British.

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C O P Y

ROME AREA

130830A

AFHQ (G3 SEC)

MMIA

30 CHESHIRE REGT

GO 5731

SECRET (.) SUBJECT GRANATIERI GDS UNDER COMD ROME AREA AND POLICY REF
ABLE GEORGE ZERO NINE ONE POINT SEVEN ONE ONE SLANT ZERO EIGHT NINE GEORGE
CHARLIE TARE DASH OBOE OF TWO ZERO AUG AND MMIA SUGAR DOG SLANT ONE THREE
OF TWO FOUR AUG APPROVING RETENTION GRANATIERI AS LONG AS REQUIRED (.) IN
VIEW HANDOVER DIRECTIVE ITALIAN GOVT ABLE GEORGE ZERO NINE ONE POINT
SEVEN ONE ONE GEORGE SUGAR DOG OBOE OF TWO NOV IN RESPECT ITI-ITI TROOPS
REQUEST CONFIRMATION GRANATIERI REMAINS UNDER COMD THIS HQ (.) WITH BRIT
RELEASES AND LIAP UNABLE MEET COMMITMENTS WITHOUT ASSISTANCE IF GRANATIERI
ARE RETURNED ITALIAN ARMY CONTROL

4432

PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: PROSECUTION STATEMENT ON INTERVIEW OF RAMO.

1. DATE FORWARD THIS MEMO, A.S., (MIA)

0/43

5 Nov 45

TO : MR. R.A. 1.2.

Re: THIS IS LETTER NO 43/2 OF 29 NOV 45, AND YOUR REPLY 2/23/45 3 (MIA)
of 2 Nov 45.

1. The correspondence referred to above has brought up the whole question of the employment of the Grenadier Company.

2. This Company was originally two Grenadier Companies of the Guard Battalion and was assigned to RAMO with the object of providing RAMO with Italian troops to guard the Quirinale so as to avoid involving British troops in any troubles that might arise between the Italian populace and the monarchy, and also to provide other Italian guards for R.A.A.C.

3. Subsequently RAMO have deployed portions of this force as guards to British VEs in the ROM area, leaving only a portion of the troops to act as the palace guard.

4. Although the use of Italian troops to guard British VEs was legitimate up to 14 Nov 1945 when the Italian law was still under Allied control, it has ceased to be so since that date, the consent of the Italian Army having passed to the Italian Government.

5. AMO Directive no 331,711 (142)-2 of 2 Nov 45 clearly states that with effect from 14 Nov 45, Allied Commanders will have no power of command over IM-VEI units.

6. It will not be the Italian War Minister has agreed as a principle arrangement between RAMO and themselves, and with the concurrence of IM-VEI, to the continued use of the Grenadier Company for guarding British VEs although the employment of Italian troops for those purposes is against ABN policy.

7. Now, however, the Ministry are anxious to discontinue the use of Italian troops as guards for British VEs and this Government has no objection to any such change of policy.

8. It would be appreciated if you would inform this Headquarters of the date when you will be able to discontinue the services of all troops of the Grenadier Company.

4431

Mr. H. F.

Major General,
M. F. I. A.

1130

Enc this is letter 12/1/2 of 29 Nov 46, and your reply 2/3/50/13 (M)

of 2 Apr 46.

1. The correspondence referred to above has brought up the main question of the employment of the Grenadier Company.

2. This Company was originally two Grenadier Companies of 512 Guard Battalion and was assigned to B&G with the object of providing B&G with Italian troops to guard the pipeline so as to avoid involving British troops in any trouble that might arise between the Italian population and the monarch, and also to provide other Italian guards for B&G.

3. Subsequently B&G have employed portions of this force as guards to British VEs in the Rome area, leaving only a portion of the troops to act as the Italian guard.

4. Although the use of Italian troops to guard British VEs was authorized up to 14 Nov 1945 when the Italian Army was still under Allied control, it has ceased to be so since that date, the control of the Italian Army having passed to the Italian Government.

5. The Directive at 031.711 6(42)-0 of 2 Nov 45 clearly states that with effect from 24/11/45, Allied Commanders will have no power of command over Italian units.

6. Up till now the Italian War Ministry have agreed as a private arrangement between B&G and themselves, and with the concurrence of B&G, to the continued use of the Grenadier Company for guarding British VEs although the employment of Italian troops for these purposes is against Allied policy.

7. Now, however, the Ministry are anxious to discontinue the use of Italian troops as guards for British VEs and this War Ministry has no option but to support their request.

8. It would be appreciated if you would inform this Headquarters of the date when you will be able to dispense with the services of all troops of the Grenadier Company.

4431

M. H. F.

Major General,
L. H. F. A.

20/1/2

Internal: 20/1/2

SUBJECT: Guarding of Allied Stores Depots

LAND FORCES SUB-COMM, AD. (MILIA)

— 9/16 —

28 Mar 46

TO : Allied Force Headquarters

Ref att translation of 205443/II dated 21 Mar from ITALIAN Ministry of War to this HQ.

Key action please be taken to obviate future recurrence of similar unfortunate instances?

ARCS/ab

Copy to : Ministry of War

List B less serial 12 - for action with local Allied comds.

Internal: Q

TRANSLATION

From : Ministry of War

Ref 205443/II

To : MILIA

Date 21 Mar 46

Subject: Allied Stores Depots

I have been informed that some depots of war disposal materials have been unexpectedly left without the gds which were mounted for the purpose by the Allied authorities.

In some cases the Military Territorial Commands have used their initiative and mounted Italian units on guard, but, despite this, cases have occurred of removal and spoliation of the stored materials on the part of out-side elements.

In order to avoid such inconvenience I should be pleased if your Mission would kindly approach the competent Allied authorities in order to ensure

*Received by
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.*

*Set up
for 15/3/46*

Ref att translation of 205443/II dated 21 Mar from ITALIAN Ministry of War to this HQ.

May action please be taken to obviate future recurrence of similar unfortunate instances?

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

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Copy to : Ministry of War
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Internal: Q

TRANSLATION

Ref 205443/II

Date 21 Mar 46

From : Ministry of War

To : MCH

Subject: Allied Stores Depots

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In some cases the Military Territorial Commands have used their initiative and mounted Italian units on guard, but, despite this, cases have occurred of removal and spoliation of the stored materials on the part of outside elements.

In order to avoid such inconvenience I should be pleased if your Mission would kindly approach the competent Allied authorities in order to ensure that on the occasion of a transfer of command of materials depots, the competent ITALIAN military authorities be given timely warning.

signed
EROSTO
War Minister

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Yes this
let on 6/16
(Regular first)

FILE NO. Q150

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DATE	SECTION or SERVICE	ACTION REQUIRED
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	TO	

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War

REF: 205143/11

TO: M.M.I.A.

DATE: 21.3.46

SUBJECT: Allied Stores Depots.

I have been informed that some depots of war disposal materials have been unexpectedly left without the guard duties which were mounted for the purpose by the Allied authorities.

In some cases the Military Territorial Commands have used their initiative and mounted Italian units on guard, but, despite this, cases have occurred of removal and spoilation of the stored materials on the part of outside elements.

In order to avoid such inconvenience I should be pleased if your mission would kindly approach the competent Allied authorities in order to obtain that on the occasion of a transfer of command of materials depots, the competent local Italian military authorities be given timely warning.

Sgd. BROGIO

War Minister.

O. Danin Sgt.

MMIA - 11
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DATE: R/29/3

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C/3 (Prognosis Report)

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REF YOUR ~~10-11-10~~ 25 FEB PARA 2 (.) SUPPLY FURTHER DETAIL INCLUDING
DURATION
PARTICULARLY OF COMMITMENT AND WHETHER OR NOT ITALIANS ARE HAPPY
OVER THE EMPLOYMENT OF TPS IN THIS ROLE

see 52/13 f299

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ROUTINE

6/16

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Atkinson
filed 6-16

DETAIL GUARDS FOR ALLIED BENEFIT STILL FOUND BY ITALIAN IPS

AREA	PROVIDED BY	PERMANENT		TEMPORARY		REMARKS
		Offrs	ORs	Offrs	ORs	
TURIN	CREMONA Div 1 ALPINI Regt 1 ALPINI Regt	1	42	12	250 19	6 S.A. Arm Div Old DID PW Camp ALESSANDRIA
GENOA	NIL	NIL		NIL		
MILAN	3 Inf Regt	15		4	84	75 SIB Eleven ALLIED dumps
BOLZANO						
UDINE	5 ALPINI Regt	12	300 } * 66 }			Twenty frontier posts Prisons and refugee camps Orderlies 201 Sub-Area
BOLOGNA	7 Inf Regt		15		17	UNRRA depot
ROME	GREEN Coy		129			Hqs and installation
BARI	9 Inf Regt	6	144			Guards at CASAGIOVE
NAPLES	CALABRIA I.S.Div		6			Transit Camp CASTELLUCCIO
		20	75 380	20	300	CROTONE Harbour SILA Hydroelectric Plant 52 Area dumps
PALERMO	SABAUDA I.S.Div	2	68			Various small guards
		44	1240	36	670	Approx figures

* 517 ALPINI 8th under command 13 Crps.

G.O.C.

On 9 Feb 1 was told you wanted details
for the allies by Italian tps.

BOLZANO	5 ALPINI Regt	12	300 } *	4	84	Eleven Allied camps
UDINE			66			Twenty frontier posts
			15			Prisons and refugee camps
						Orderlies 201 Sub-Area
BOLOGNA	7 Inf Regt				17	UNRA depot
ROME	GRN Coy		129			Hqs and installation
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NAPLES	CALABRIA I.S.Div		6			Transit Camp
						CASTELLUCCIO
			75			CROTONE Harbour
		20	380		20	SILA Hydroelectric Plant
					300	52 Area dumps
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* 517 ALPINI Bks under command 13 Cops.

G.O.C.

On 9 Feb I was told you wanted details

for the allies by Italian Tps.

if all guards found for the allies by Italian Tps.

The information is now all to hand & has been tabulated above. Do you wish any

action?

5 Mar.

M.W.H.

G1 SD
Action plan

W.M.H.

I think that might be right
more of it is indicated in the
The information is not great
with the Italian Tps. I have

COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM : 5 BDU
 TO : MMIA (ROME)
 REF : G/106

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REF YOUR SIGNAL 0175 OF 21 FEB (.) ONE (.) TOLMEZZO
 ALPINI BN FOR 13 CORPS (A) PERMANENT GUARD DUTIES ON
 20 CHECKPOSTS BORDER V E N E Z I A G I U L I A
 FOR 13 CORPS (.) (B) GUARDS TOTALLING 66 ORS ON
 PRISONS AND REFUGEE CAMP (.) (A) AND (B) ABSORBS
 NEARLY THE WHOLE BN AND ONLY LITTLE TRAINING IS
 POSSIBLE (.) TWO (.) 516 GUARD BN 15 ORS ORDERLIES
 201 SUB AREA (.) AMMUNITIONS DUMPS TOTAL 27 ORS

G DISTRIBUTION :

ACTION : G/10

4 March 1946
 SD

Col. GS
 GSO I (SD)
 Dep. G3
 GSO II (SD)
 GSO II (I)
 GSO II (Wg)
 GSO III (S-)
 GSO III (Snd-)
 G (Reg)

4424

11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

G/16.

Ref: PAL/1/2.

25 February 1946.

Subject :- Guards - Allied Installations.

To :- H.Q. M.M.I.A.
ROME.

G.

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Ref. your G/16 dated 9 Feb. 46 and signal
(unreferenced) dated 21 Feb. 46.
Herewith required information.
The delay in forwarding this information is
regretted.

R.E. Hector
R.E. HECTOR, Major
G.S.O. II.,
11 B.L.U.

REH/gp.

Col. GS
GSO I (D)
Deo. G3
GSO II (SD)
GSO II (I)
GSO II (Wg)
GSO III (SD)
GSO III (ORDAT)
G (reg)

M.M.I.A. - 'G'
FILE: G/16
DATE: R/2/3

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ITALIAN GUARDS ON ALLIED INSTALLATIONS

Italian Unit performing Guard	Allied Unit for whom guard performed	Strength of Guard		Location of guard duty	Duration of duty
		Offrs.	N.C.O.s O.R.s		
5° Rgt. S.I.	U.S. Naval Detachment Palermo	-	1 30	American am-munitions Depot, Mondello (Palermo).	Permanent duty
45° " "	H.Q. British Troops Sicily.	-	- 5	British Food Warehouse DID Catania.	do
45° " "	do	-	- 3	Officers Club Catania.	do <i>being withdrawn 26. Feb. 46.</i>
45° " "	do	-	- 4	Signal-Catania	do
45° " "	do	-	- 3	Terminal Station Submarine hollow for Malta.	do
45° " "	do	1	- 2	British rest Camp, Etna Catania.	do
45° " "	do	-	- 1	Refrigeratory waggon escort, Messina.	do
45° " "	do	-	- 7	British autopark Catania.	do
16° " "	British Navy H.Q. Augusta.	1	- 16	British Naphtha Depot, Augusta.	do
		2	1		

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Subject: Guards furnished by Italian Unit
for Allied use

Headquarters
4 ELU BOLZANO
Ref 4/CP/13-39
25 Feb '46

To: Band Forces sub-Comm AC
MMIA Rome

Reference your C46 dated 9 Feb '46

The following are details of Guards supplied by Italian Units in 4 Territorial Region for Allied use. All personnel are from Units of Friuli Inf. Div. and all guards are permanent having been taken over between the cessation of hostilities and 14 Nov '45 when the Division was still RRI-ITI.

- (a) DUMP No. 166 FELTRE (Belluno) Strength- 4
- (b) " Nos 39, 40, 41 VILLA DUSSE (Bell) Strength- 18
- (c) " " 40 PONTE DELLE ALPI (Bell) Strength- 4
- (d) " " 77 S. MARTINO BUONALBERGO (Ver) Strength- 12
- (e) " " 119 MARCO (Trente) Strength- 16
- (f) " " 109 ROVERETO (Trente) Strength- 4
- (g) " " 142 EGNA (Trente) Strength- 4
- (h) " " 134 LAVIS (Trente) Strength- 4
- (i) " " 123 LOMPIO (Trente) Strength- 4
- (l) " " 130 TRENTO Strength- 6
- (m) " " 165 GARDOLO (Trente) Strength- 12

Col. G3
GSO I (SD)
Deo. G3
GSO II (SD)
GSO II (I)
GSO II (WE)
GSO III (SD)
GSO III (ORD-1)
G (Trg)

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Lt. Col.
G.S.

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Subject :- Guards.

10 British Liaison Unit
Tel. 53623 NAPLES
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25 Feb 46

Land Forces Sub-Coma., AC.,
MIA, ROME

HQ., Territorial Command, Naples.

Ref. your G/16 dated 9 Feb 46 herewith report required.

	LOCATION	PERSONNEL	UNIT
1. Permanent Guards.			
1)	Transit Camp, CASTELLUCCIO	- 6	1/60
2)	CROTONE Harbour	75	1/60
3)	Hydroelectric Plant, SILA	Almost entire	III/60

2. Temporary Guards.

1/60 in charge of Allied material in process
of being removed by 52 Area.

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MCD/bb

Y.O. J. may
Lt-Col.
CS.

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61. GS
GSO I (DI)
Dep. G3
GSO II (S)
GSO II (C)
GSO II (W)
GSO III (C)
GSO III (ORR)
G (Irg)

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FROM : 4 BLU

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TO : LAND FORCES S.C. A.C. (MMIA) ROME

REF : 4/GB/13-380

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REF G/16 DATED 9 FEB (.) DETAILS DESPATCHED BY RAIL
 MAIL 15 FEB (.) TOTAL OF 38 PERSONNEL EMPLOYED FOR
 GUARDS ON 11 ALLIED DUMPS (.) DELAY IN REPLY IS
 REGRETTED OWING TO MY ABSENCE FROM HQ ON DUTY WITH
 BGS (.) REGRET MUST ANTICIPATE DELAYS OF THIS NATURE
 PENDING POSTING OF AT LEAST ONE OTHER OFFICER TO
 ASSIST ME VIDE MY REPORT NO 5 OF 18 FEB PARA S(A)

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ACTION : G/16

6. GS
 GSO I (D) →
 Dep. G3
 GSO II (SD)
 GSO II (U)
 GSO II (W)
 GSO III (EL)
 GSO III (ORB -)
 G (Trg)

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26 Feb 46
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SUBJECT : Employment of GURKHA Div Personnel
as Guards and Drivers with 6 S.A. Armoured Div

LAND FORCE S. S. S. G. M. (MIA)

— 3/16 —

26 Feb 46

TO : Ministry of War

Ref Ministry of War letter reference 6/256/5217 dated 24 Feb 46.

The circumstances are understood. In view of your expressed approval of this temporary employment of Gurkha troops, this HQ is naturally in favour of the continuance of such excellent collaboration with ALLIED troops.

If, however, you had wished to be relieved of this commitment, this HQ would have been prepared to support you.

Antony

for Major General
 H. H. A.

atlet

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ARCS/abo

9/26/2

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Translation

From MIL.Terr.HQ Turin
To Min.of War.

Ref. 02/869/CP/IO
Date 16/2/46.

Subject Guard duties at the Vehicle Park at Serravalle
Arquata belonging to the 6° South-African Armoured
div - Personnel for Vehicle transfers.

I refer to enclosure No 6/586/Serv dated 5/2/46.

- 1 - The request for the above service was made during the beginning of the last month of January directly to the C.O. of the "Cremona" division by EM.Lt.Col.A.Y.Marton belonging to the 6° South-African Armoured division on behalf of this div.Lt.Col.A.Y.Marton was accompanied by the chief of the I° P.L.U.
- 2 - The officer pointed out the deficient situation of personnel in which the division found itself due to releases and the necessity of ensuring the guard at the vehicle park sited near the aerodrome at Serravalle Arquata in progress of being transferred.
He therefore asked the "Cremona" div C.O. the possibility of supplying the following services;
 - Guard at the Serravalle park for the duration of about one month: strength: about one company.
 - employment of drivers for the transfer of vehicles from the park at Genoa to other localities.
- 3 - the "Cremona" C.O., also further to the application made by the chief of I.P.L.U., has willingly agreed, remembering the period in which the division had been under command of the South-African div in the recent campaign and the good service relations set up then in perfect agreement.
- 4 - Due to the temporary nature of the request, I approved the action taken by the "Cremona" C.O.

P.T.O.

The services in question are at present working and quite likely, due to the slowness of transferring the vehicles, they will last some time yet.

In the event that these measures should be against the views of this S.M.I ask you to kindly let me know.

E di Pralormo.

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1 British Liaison Unit

G 1/16

Subject : Italian Guards.

To : Hq Land Forces Sub Comm AC
(MMIA) Rome.

Reference your G/16.

1. Replying to your letter of the 9th Feb, I herewith give you details of all guards provided by this Territorial HQ on behalf of the Allies:-

- (1) Guard at the veh Pk of VI South African Armd. Div in Serravalle Arquata.
Strength: 1 Coy of III/21st Inf. Regt.
Also 6 Offrs., 6 NCOs, 120 soldiers of CREMONA Transport Section i/c of veh movements from Serravalle Arquata to Genoa and other localities.
The above duty was agreed by General PRIMIERI, Lt.Col. SLATEA, M.B.E., and Lt.Col. A.Y. MOUTON of VI South African Armd Div to which my letter ref. G 1/16 of 3rd Feb refers to.
- (2) Guard duty at the old D.I.D. in Turin.
Strength: 1 Snr NCO, 2 Jr NCOs, 16 soldiers (1st Alpini Regt).
- (3) Guard duty at the German Prisoners of War Camp in Alessandria; Duca d'Aosta Bks.
Strength: 1 Offr., 1 Snr NCO, 3 Jr NCOs, 38 soldiers (1st Alpini Regt).

Guards 1 and 2 are of a temporary nature. Guard 3 would appear to be permanent as long as the prisoners of war camp remains in Alessandria.

Field
10 Feb 46

Col. GS
GSO I (CD)
Dno. G3
GSO II (SA)
GSO II (I)
GSO II (W. 9)
GSO III (S)
GSO III (OAB 11)
G (19)



J.W. Hamblet

MAJOR
GSO II

MMIA - 'G'
FILE: G/16
DATE: 8/15/2.

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TO : ISMA

REF : GAI /15

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 LETTER G/16 OF 9 FEB SENT 20 FEB THIS OFFICE REF G1/16

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Col. GS
 GSO 1 (DI)
 Dir. G3
 GSO 1 (G3)
 GSO 1 (1)
 GSO 1 (W3)
 GSO 1 (V3)
 GSO 1 (G3/1)
 GSO 1 (G3/2)

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Recd G3 2/16

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EXPEDITE REPLY TO THIS HQ G/16 dated 9 FEB

PRUDENCE IMPORTANT AUTHENTICATED

A. J. Smith (y)

6 Col
SS

File: G/16

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Subject:- ITALIAN GUARDS.

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9 British Liaison Unit,
BARI.

11/9.

18 Feb 46.

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

Ref G16 dated 9 Feb 46.

1. 4 Coy of 1/9 Inf. Regt. is employed on guard duties at Casagiove (Caserta), on permanent duty for Allied use.
2. MMIA signal SD 3071 of 27 Nov 45 stated that this Coy. (then 4 Coy of 501 GD. BN.) had been relieved of train guard duties.

Application has now been made to HQ. Mov. Naples for the Coy. to join it's bn. at Trani.

S. Ferro
(H. Ferro) Major.
GS.

HT/opr.

Col. GS
332 LCP
Col. GS
332 LCP
GSO (M. 9)
GSO (M. 1)
GSO (M. 10-11)
G (M. 1)

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16/16
LE: 16/16
DATE: 2/21/2.

for Lt Col ^{MAJ} G.S.

COPY OF INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM : 7 B L U

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TO : NMIA

REF : BLU/18

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YOUR LETTER G/16 OF 9 FEB REFERS (.) ONLY
 ITALIAN TROOPS (EXCLUSIVE BR-ITIS & US-ITIS)
 BEING USED ARE 17 MEN OF 2 BN 7 INF REGT TO
 GUARD UNRWA DEPOT LEGHORN (.) UNDERSTAND THIS
 IS A TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENT

SD DISTRIBUTION

ACTION COPY : G/16 ←

Col. G5
 GSO I (G)
 Dep. G3
 GSO II (G)
 GSO III (G)
 GSO IV (G)
 GSO V (G)
 GSO VI (G)
 GSO VII (G)
 G (Reg)

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM : 2 BLU
 TO : MMIA ROME
 REF : G 1/1

131510 A .

UNCLASSIFIED

REF YOUR G/16 DATED 9 FEB 46 (.) NO ITI GDS SUPPLIED
 FOR BRIT INSTALLATIONS BY ANY UNITS UNDER COMD 2
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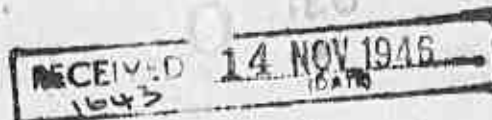
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Subject : Italian Guards for Allies

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8 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
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8/A/6

14th Feb 46.

To : H.Q. M.M.I.A. Rome

Ref your letter G.16 of the 9 Feb 46, on the a/m subject,

The following are details of Guards being found for Allied use by Italian Troops (exclusive Br-ITIs and U.S.ITIs) within the Rome Territorial Command.

All the Guards are of a permanent nature and are being furnished by the Special Grenadiers Company located in the Caserma Regina Margherita Rome.

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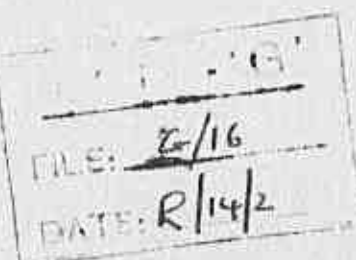
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Duties carried out by The Grenadiers Coy (ITI-ITI)
for the Allies, under command of Cheshire Regt.

Location	Nco's	Troops
Petrol Point - Verona 40 MPSP	2	5
159 Transit Camp - Via Appia Nuova	6	23
Palazzina Torre Gaia - British H.Q.	1	3
Billets formerly occupied by 144 GT Coy RASC	3	8
British Embassy Residence at The Holy See	1	8
Al B.P.S.S. Di Portonaccio	3	6
Workshops 1767 - Batteria Nomentana	2	7
1208 Engineer Stores - Portonaccio	3	6
Radio Station - British - Monte Mario	2	6
European Exhibition Building - with Cheshires	4	12
Via Appia Antica 280 - Villa occupied by an English detachment	2	6
Institute of Chemistry Via Laurenziana	1	4
Corso Club - Corso Umberto 418	1	4
Total :	31	98

Subject : Italian Guards

G/16.
1630
14 REV 1346
6 British Liaison Unit
Tel : Vicksburg 119
Ref : G/5/7
12 Feb 46

To : Land Forces Sub Comm AC
(MMIA) ROME

Ref your letter G/16 dated 9 Feb 46.

1. No guards for allied military purposes are being formed by ITI/ITI troops in No 6 Terr Cnd.

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Leavelle
Major
GSO II
6 BIU

MMIA.
FILE: <i>G/16</i>
DATE: <i>8/14/2</i>

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SUBJECT: Italian Guards

2-2-45 (1)
9, 10, 13, 14
15, 16
see 27/12 for 19
LAND FORCES SUB-COMM, AG (MMIA)

G/16

9 Feb 46

TO : List 'B' (less Ser 12)

1. The GOC intends to take up with AFHQ the question of Guards still being found for Allied use by ITALIAN Tps (exclusive of BR-ITIs and US-ITIs).

2. A report is required as soon as possible giving details of any such guards in your Territorial Region, showing whether the guards are of a permanent or merely a temporary nature.

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see 27/12 for 19
MWH/sb

Brigadier,
G.S.

19/12
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To: Major General Angley Browning, CE, CBE, MC
Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
MAIA ROME

DO. 11/89
HQ 7 AFRA
5 Oct 45

My Dear General

I fully understand that you do not want General PRALOMMO's I.S. Brigade which is now forming, used for guard duties on Arm Dumps, and I have quite honestly never had any intentions of asking him to do this. In para 3 of the letter to which you refer (G.11/70 dated 24 Sep 45) you will note that I asked for suggestions from General PRALOMMO.

The problem in PIMONTE is enormous, and, at the moment, very little seems to be happening to avoid a very dangerous threat to Internal Security. I see that para 6 of the AFHQ letter you forwarded to me amply covers this aspect of the case and gives full authority to 2 District and myself to destroy arm which is a hazard to Internal Security. Whoever wrote it, uses the words "utilising German personnel", but unfortunately fails to give us the German personnel! Mais ca c'est normal.

I have already arranged with 2 District that German Arm Coys shall be made available to deal with the major dumps, but it is the small dumps which are the pressing problem. There are many thousands of these, and I have not the guards to find for so many.

The whole of Northern Italy was an enormous network of factories and sub-factories manufacturing arms and am for the Hun and I have hundreds of examples of uncompleted orders, ie, grenades and weapons by the thousand, lying about. Recently I found 60 tanks in TURIN which could be put on the road inside a week.

A recent directif from General HEYDLEMAN encourages me to dump small arms and small arms am in the sea: gun am, I understand, is to be sold to the Italian Government for the recovery of metals and nitrates.

I do not find myself in conflict in any way with General PRALOMMO on this matter, nor has he ever mentioned any difficulties to me. We are both cooperating in the interests of law and order and endeavouring to remove the potential danger of all these grenades, SA's, Demolition explosives, mines, etc which are lying about.

It was kind of you to write rather than to countermand my orders to General PRALOMMO and I much appreciate the trouble you have taken.

It was mentioned to me by your GSO.I that General PRALOMMO of the GRUPPO CEREMONIA is showing reluctance in sending officers to your Base Depot on courses. I will do my best to support your wishes.

We would very much appreciate a visit from you at any time and I would arrange some ceremony, such as presentation of medals to the CEREMONIA GRUPPO, or, if you prefer it, a complete rest in the mountains!

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Yours

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Cherub

From: Brigadier W D McN GRAMM, DSO, CBE.

Commander 7 Army Group Royal Artillery

MMI
FILE: 88/149
DATE: 1/17/70

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AG (MMIA)
Rome
SD/149

1 October 1945

My dear

1. I've just seen your 0.11/79 of 24 September 1945, addressed to General Pralormo on the subject of munition dumps.

2. For your information I attach an extract of the AFHQ instruction on the subject, which has been passed to the Ministry of War and by them to their officers. From this you will see why General Pralormo is not in a position to follow your instructions.

3. The Italian Military authorities have been specifically instructed to keep their hands off of dumps of munitions. They can handle only small quantities.

4. Guarding and disposition of dumps is an Allied responsibility. The only Italian troops under General Pralormo's command are IMI-ITI units specifically released by AFHQ from Allied control to Ministry of War control. Therefore General Pralormo does not have the troops necessary to guard dumps. Troops for this purpose must be Allied or Italian troops under Allied Command (Combat Groups, certain Guard Battalions, etc, but not Pralormo's I.S. Brigade now forming).

5. In fact, because of the shortage of troops under Ministry of War control, the Ministry is required to employ civilian guards for their own properties. Anyway, the disposition of captured enemy material (ammunition) is an Allied, not Italian, responsibility. And General Pralormo should not be permitted to handle any of this material except as specifically authorized and as directed by the Ministry of War in accordance with AFHQ instructions. The point is that if the Italian authorities are required to destroy only such munitions as they are authorized to handle, such things cannot fall into the wrong hands.

6. I send this to you personally so that you can re-arrange things without my having to tell the Ministry of War to tell Pralormo that he can't obey your orders!

Hope you are well.

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HQ. 7 AGRA

TURIN

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AG 366.3/163 LOG-O, 22 JUNE 1945

SUBJECT: DISPOSITION OF CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIAL IN ITALY9. f. Ammunition

(1) Attention is drawn to current instructions on the handling of enemy ammunition.

(2) Ammunition of German manufacture if in Category 3 and in original containers will be centralized in a few selected parks under arrangements to be made by the addressees. German transport and personnel will be used for this purpose under Allied supervision.

(3) Small quantities of loose ammunition in unguarded dumps which constitute a hazard to life or property will, under arrangements to be made by MMIA, be reported by Carabinieri to the Italian Ministry of War. MMIA will authorize the destruction by the Italian Ministry of War without reference to this headquarters of all such small quantities of German or Italian ammunition. Explosives will, if not available in the dumps, be demanded by MMIA from Armies, Districts, or Base Section.

(4) Small Dumps of German and Italian ammunition (other than that in Category 3 in original containers) of 500 tons or less will be destroyed by the most suitable means by German personnel under Allied supervision. German technical units may be formed for this purpose. If practicable the brass will be recovered and be returned through Allied Army Salvage organizations.

(5) Larger Dumps of German and Italian ammunition in excess of 500 tons will be placed under guard, their contents reported and disposal instructions awaited.

(6) Nothing in these instructions is to be regarded in any way as restricting the authority of addressees to destroy ammunition in any quantity which is in a dangerous condition or constitutes a hazard to internal security, utilizing German personnel, under Allied supervision, for the work.

General P. L. I. O. M. O.
 600 Italian Mil Territory
 1000

Copies to: AMLA Rome
 2 District All
 173 Med Regt
 600 Italian Mil Territory
 Capt O'Donnell, AMLA 1000

1/70

24 Sep 45

1. My Headquarters has been making an investigation of all known dumps of munitions in P.L.A.M.I. This investigation which is being made with the assistance of Maj P. L. I. O. M. O. is not complete but has proceeded far enough to establish several things which need immediate attention.

2. The guarding arrangements for the dumps which in some cases contain thousands of tons of munitions and explosives is far from satisfactory. In many cases I find that only civilians are guarding these dumps and in some cases there is no guard at all. This is particularly unsatisfactory where the dumps contain small arms and rifles and bazookas.

3. I understand that you were making arrangements for all small arms and hand grenades etc to be collected in a central dump under a suitable guard. I now find that there is still a large quantity of small arms and in some dumps guarded by civilians.

Example. See also 6000 AL O.P. (1.0347)

Small arms and	45,450 rounds
hand grenades	8,500
Mortar bombs	23,000
Rear up bombs	2,000

I should be grateful if you could give us your suggestions to cure this state of affairs.

4. I am most anxious that all munitions such as sub, grenades, mines and explosives shall be centralized as soon as possible and I shall be obliged if you will exert every effort to see that this is done. It is most important that such weapons shall not fall into the wrong hands.

5. I find that the same situation exists in C.M.D. Province. I shall be grateful if you will arrange with the Italian Commander in C.M.D. which includes C.M.D. to destroy all mines, grenades, explosives and gas containers in the dumps at C.M.D. (0.0673), 1000 (1.0347), 1000 (1.0347) and 1000 (1.0347).

6. Maj Villasi has been instructions in the C.M.D. area but needs more assistance and also authority from C.M.D. to destroy all munitions which he finds.

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Example. See File 6300 at Camp (J. 0347)

Small arms and hand grenades	432,450 rounds	630235
Mortar bombs	8,500	630235
Four 4.2 inch bombs	23,000	630235
	2,000	630235

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J. M. G.

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M. M. I. A. 'G'
FILE: 52/149
DATE: 1/26/5

Major Villasi
Commander

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