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Subject: Enemy ammunition

HQ 59 Area
HQ 60 Sub Area
HQ 66 AA Bde
HQ 151 Sub Area
HQ 215 Sub Area
HQ 51 ICG
HQ 52 ICG
HQ 6 SA Armd Div

HQ No.2 DISTRICT CMF
Te. 113
CR. 1
26 July 45

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1. Attention is drawn to GR 517 44 which should be repeated in Unit orders quarterly.

2. In no circumstances will movement of this ammunition (which contains many highly dangerous natures) be carried out unless authorised either by AFHQ or this Headquarters.

[Signature]
Col. D.D.C.S.

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Subject :- 62 Crime and Public Health Incidents.

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The following is a copy of WHC Signal #3 68115 of 26 Apr, for information -

"RECEIVED (.) PX 66115 (.) Subject is number 69 Grenades and Handbombs and according one and one quarter pounds (.) War Office signal notifies that production of subject war has been discontinued, and no further releases to theatres will be made (.) Theatre holdings will be used until exhausted (.) Action will be taken later to delete from equipment section"

Major
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202/024

Copy to :- Home Staff
14008

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Subject: 2nd Line Ammunition.

52 British Liaison Unit,
CTF.

27 Sep 45.

G/46/A3.

HQ LIGEMANO Gruppo.

The following is copy of HQ 59 Area letter 25/6 G dated 19 Sep 45,
and is forwarded for information, in reply to your 01/3629 of 8 Sep 45.

TEL/MS

ML
Lieut-Col.
GS.

COPY

Subject: Ammunition - Policy.

59 Area
25/6 G

19 Sep 45.

52 ELU.

Reference your G/46/41 of 11 Sep 45.

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2. It is not considered that ammunition, if properly stored, can constitute 'a grave danger to the village'.
3. There are no facilities at CASALE for the dumping of ammunition. The nearest ammunition depot is at ANCONA.
4. Training ammunition, if required, may be obtained on application to this HQ.

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(signed) ??? Capt

TMA/MB

Lieut-Col.
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(signed) 279 Capt

for Major,
GS.

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59 Area
25/6 G

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AHL/rbd

Atkinson
for Major
GS

Subject: 2nd Line Ammunition.

527th Main Gun Unit,

GP

14 Dec 45.

0466/41

HQ 59 Area.

1. The attached letter has been passed to this HQ for urgent transmission to your HQ.
2. It is appreciated that HQ 2nd Line Ammunition have ruled in their favor in the HQ 53 dated 26 Aug 45 that 1st and 2nd line am is to be held.
3. If you consider it advisable any application please be made to HQ 2nd Line Ammunition for consideration of this order, for the reasons submitted by HQ 59 Area Ammunition.

JED/43

Ken Taylor
Lieut-Col.
GP.

UPPER SECTION.

Subject: 2nd Line Ammunition.

HQ 1st Line Ammunition
GP
14 Dec 45.

HQ 59 Area (Army) 52 HQ

01/562

1. The 2nd line am of the whole Group is at present stored with the 527th Main Gun Unit (GP) (MUNITION) 527th. This represents a grave danger to the village and it is necessary to move the am to a more convenient locality.

2. Bearing in mind:

- (a) that the present situation would not appear to necessitate the prompt availability of 2nd line am;
- (b) that the 1st line am held by units appears to be sufficient to meet any necessities;
- (c) that it is very difficult to find covered store places away from inhabited localities wherein the am could be stored;
- (d) that it is not desired to create a necessity for a further duty to be supplied, and we also wish to avoid the fitting up of an uncovered dump, surrounded with barbed wire and the vision of sentry boxes, etc.

3. It is therefore proposed to use 2nd line am on training in the following weapons: pistols, rifles, etc.

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JMS/RS

John Taylor
 Liaison-Officer
 (S)

MEMORANDUMSubject: 2nd Line Ammunition

TO: 1st BATT BATTAL
 C OPA of the 1st BATT
 11 Sep 55.

04/3529

Re: 2nd Line Area (Area 52 B.1)

1. The 2nd Line area of the whole camp is to remain stored with the ammunition at the 1st BATT (MILITARY) (K5669). This represents a grave danger to the village and it is necessary to move the area to a more convenient locality.

2. Bearing in mind:

- (a) that the present situation would not appear to necessitate the present availability of 2nd line area;
- (b) that the 1st line area held by units appears to be sufficient to meet any necessities;
- (c) that it is very difficult to find covered above places away from inhabited localities wherein the area could be stored;
- (d) that it is not desired to create a necessity for a further delay to be supplied, and to also wish to avoid the fitting up of an uncovered dump, surrounded with barbed wire and provision of sentry boxes, etc.

3. It is therefore proposed to use 2nd line area on tanking in the following weapons: pistols, rifles, rifles, rifles, 2nd and 3rd mortars, 6 1/2 A.M., P.W. and hand grenades. 25 pr, 17 pr and 100mm can would be headed in to the 1st BATT area dump 56.31.

By Order of Chief of Staff
 (Signed) G. J. M. M. I.

Red Line Ammo.

Re: HQ 59 (Line 52 B.L.H.)

HQ Legano.

Sg Ops - 9/1

01/3629

8 Sept 65

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1. The second line ammo of the whole group is at present stored at with the Legano 59. This represents a grave danger to the village as it is necessary to move it to a more secure location.
2. For the following reasons:
 - (a) - That the present situation would not appear to warrant the prompt availability of this line ammo.
 - (b) - That the 1st line ammo held by units would appear to be sufficient to meet any present requirements.
 - (c) - That it is very difficult to find covered storage areas which are far from inhabited locations. Moving the ammo could be altered.
 - (d) - That it is not desired to create a necessity for a further guard duty to be supplied as it is also to be used with the falling of 5' as measured by (surrounding with barbed wire, granular in 2' units) from 1 to 2'.
3. It is therefore proposed to use second line ammo on training in the following:

recoils - 150mm rifles 150mm guns & 4' mortar 6' 100mm hand grenades.

also 2' 5' 10' 15' 20' 25' 30' 35' 40' 45' 50' 55' 60' 65' 70' 75' 80' 85' 90' 95' 100' 105' 110' 115' 120' 125' 130' 135' 140' 145' 150' 155' 160' 165' 170' 175' 180' 185' 190' 195' 200' 205' 210' 215' 220' 225' 230' 235' 240' 245' 250' 255' 260' 265' 270' 275' 280' 285' 290' 295' 300' 305' 310' 315' 320' 325' 330' 335' 340' 345' 350' 355' 360' 365' 370' 375' 380' 385' 390' 395' 400' 405' 410' 415' 420' 425' 430' 435' 440' 445' 450' 455' 460' 465' 470' 475' 480' 485' 490' 495' 500' 505' 510' 515' 520' 525' 530' 535' 540' 545' 550' 555' 560' 565' 570' 575' 580' 585' 590' 595' 600' 605' 610' 615' 620' 625' 630' 635' 640' 645' 650' 655' 660' 665' 670' 675' 680' 685' 690' 695' 700' 705' 710' 715' 720' 725' 730' 735' 740' 745' 750' 755' 760' 765' 770' 775' 780' 785' 790' 795' 800' 805' 810' 815' 820' 825' 830' 835' 840' 845' 850' 855' 860' 865' 870' 875' 880' 885' 890' 895' 900' 905' 910' 915' 920' 925' 930' 935' 940' 945' 950' 955' 960' 965' 970' 975' 980' 985' 990' 995' 1000' 1005' 1010' 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SUBJECT :- Highly Dangerous Explosive

59 Area
G 6

21 Aug 45

All Units
Internal
City Officers File

Copy of 2 District signal GO/3599 dated 21 Aug is given below for your information and action as necessary.

Discovery of this will be reported to this HQ by fastest means.

AM/438

M. Langley
Major
GS

FROM DISTRICT 214100B

ACTION 6 CIA ARMD DIV : 59 AREA : 4 LOCATIONS

GO/3599 (.) RESTRICTED (.) 3 TERRIBLELY HIGHLY DANGEROUS EXPLOSIVE STORES

EX 46 BAD NOLA (.) CASE IDENTIFIED BY FOLLOWING MARKINGS (.)

FIRST (.) COLOUR ORANGE (.)

SECOND (.) 3/4 INCH YELLOW LETTERING ON SIDES (.)

THIRD (.) SPECIAL TYPE CIRCULAR NOZZLE (.)

ALL TPN WILL BE MARKED NOT SET NOT TO TOUCH PINS IF LOCATED (.) CD WILL BE MOUNTED

TO TYPE JENSEN TOUCHING (.) DISCOVERY OF THIS WILL BE REPORTED BY FASTEST MEANS

TO THIS HQ (.) ALL INFORMED

Subject: Enemy Ammunition.

52 British Liaison Unit,
CWP.

26 July 45.

645/37

IN LINGUO GROUP

1. The following is copy of DSS 2 District letter Ord 4/421 dated 26 July 45, for information and necessary action.
2. Copy of GSO 517/4 is attached for easy reference.

721/45

Copy to: 4/3
Ord.

Al
Lieut-Col.
C.

Subject: Enemy Ammunition.

IN No 2 District CWP
Tel. Ext 113
GSO 4/421
26 July 45.

IN 59 Area
IN 60 Area
IN 66 A2 Rde
IN 151 Sub Area
IN 215 Sub Area
IN 51 RLV
IN 52 RLV
IN 6 BA Area Div.

1. Attention is drawn to GSO 517/4 which should be repeated in unit orders quarterly.

2. In no circumstances will movement of this unit (which contains very highly dangerous nature) be carried out unless authorized either by HQ or this HQ.

(signed) Major
for Colonel DWS.

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ENEMY MUNITIONS AND EXPLOSIVES HANDLING AND MOVEMENT

REF 517/44.

1. No Enemy Munitions except Enemy Aircraft Bombs will be moved or handled until they have been examined by an IOO who will, as the result of his examination, decide whether the munitions will be destroyed (in situ) or wired off and indicated by warning notices pending further investigation, or whether they are safe to move. In the last case, a report will be rendered to this HQ certifying they are safe to move and under what conditions the movement will take place. Such movement may be authorized by the HQ receiving this certificate except as in para 3 below. Only the above-mentioned officer will examine, destroy or certify enemy munitions, except Enemy Aircraft Bombs, safe for movement. Enemy Aircraft Bombs will be dealt with as in para 2 below.

2. Enemy Aircraft bombs will be moved only under supervision of RE Bomb Disposal Units, with any necessary technical assistance from the PAF. The OC Bomb Disposal Unit responsible for a report will make the necessary certificate for movement as in the case of the IOO for other enemy munitions.

3. No movement of enemy munitions in bulk, by rail or ship, will be made without reference to AFHQ (Unit), giving the following details :-

Type

Quantity

Number of packages and type of packages.

Group, which will also be marked on each package.

Type of storage necessary.

Reason for proposed movement.

4. (a) The above will not be interpreted as in any way restricting essential handling of enemy munitions in forward areas or the clearing of minefields, bombs, booby-traps, explosives etc.

(b) If enemy mines lifted in the ordinary course of operations from minefields are not required for intelligence purposes or relaying locally they will be destroyed under RE arrangement. They will not be returned to Ordnance depots or reported for IOO's inspection. The same applies to enemy bombs, booby-traps and explosives.

5. When it is found impracticable to destroy lifted mines, bombs, booby-traps or explosives under para 4 (b) in the immediate neighborhood of where they are found, the following precautions will be observed in so far as operationally practicable.

(a) The explosives will be taken by MT to the nearest suitable site for final disposal.

(b) The driver of the vehicle will keep clear of other vehicles in front and warning signs will be displayed on the front and rear of the vehicle with the words 'DANGER EXPLOSIVES KEEP CLEAR' in letters not less than 4 ins high.

(c) Working parties will not be permitted to travel in the vehicle.

(d) No person will be permitted to smoke on or within 50 ft of the vehicle.

(e) Petrol or other highly inflammable materials will not be carried on the vehicle except in proper carriers fitted to accommodate receptacles for such.

(f) Loads will be so packed as to prevent movement of explosives in transit.

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Enemy aircraft bombs will be used.

2. Enemy aircraft bombs will be used only under supervision of IAF (RAF) Disposal Units, with no necessary technical assistance from the RAF. The RAF Disposal Units will be responsible for ensuring that the necessary conditions for movement are in the case of the IAF for all or other conditions.

3. No movement of enemy munitions in bulk, by rail or ship, will be made without reference to AFHQ (G.I. 100), giving the following details:-

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Quantity
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Reason for proposed movement.

4. (a) The above will not be interpreted as in any way restricting essential handling of enemy munitions in forward areas or the clearing of minefields, bombs, booty-traps, explosives etc.

(b) If enemy mines lifted in the ordinary course of operations from minefields are not required for intelligence purposes or retained locally they will be destroyed under IAF arrangements. They will not be returned to German depots or reported for IAF inspection. The same applies to enemy bombs, booty-traps and explosives.

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- (f) Loads will be securely stowed to prevent movement of explosives in transit.
- (g) Loads of mined explosives will be avoided.
- (h) The above precautions are in amplification of those contained in 'Notes on the care and preservation of Am and explosives in the field' 1941 Pts 1 & 2.

6. Enemy munitions will not be stored nearer than one quarter of a mile from British munitions and explosives.

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SUBJECT: 69 Ground and Noble Land Secondary

British Movement, (G Branch)
 HQ PAPER ARMY.
 Ref: LITHEMING WED 98
 202/2/6(30)
 27 Apr 45.

6 (AM) ARMD DIV
 52 HMI

The attached copy of AMHQ signal 9X 66115 of 26 Apr,
 is forwarded for information.

David Anderson
 2 Brigadier,
 Deputy Chief of Staff.

C O P Y

FROM: AFM 2616923

TO: 15 ARMY GROUP MAIN EIGHTH ARMY
 REAR EIGHTH ARMY FIFTH ARMY

CR 64 HP

RESTRICTED PX 66115

subject is number 69 grenades and bombs Hand Incendiary one and one quarter pounds, signed named cite FIBOT. Fifth Army pass to part Incr.

1. Troopers signal notifies that production subject ammunition has been discontinued and no further releases to theatres will be made.
2. Theatre holdings will be used until exhausted. Action will be taken later to delete from equipment scales.

SUBJECT:- Ammunition

Res. HQ.,
52 British Liaison Unit
G.F.
22 Apr 45

To:- HQ Legnano
(Sezione Servizi)

10/2/76

Under British Increment Fifth Army signal 3336 of 21
Apr 45.

Instructions have been given that no further issues of
ammunition will be made to Legnano Gruppo from 127 FMC.

Only demands for special natures will be met in future
for which there is operational necessity, and any such demands
must be countersigned by the G.S.O.I. of 52 BLU.

WM.

J.D. Ruffell
Major.
for, DAAACMG.

Copy to:- DABST., 52 BLU.

" " "G" Branch, 52 BLU.

Subject: Operational Plan

to furnish Michigan Bell

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The following is copy of H. 5 Army signal 1295 dated
 21 Apr, for information and necessary action:-

" Signal (...) 1295 (...) to furnish our my type will be
 given by Michigan Bell from our depots until group
 holdings fall to normal first and second line (...)
 disruption permitted only on authority of H. 5 Army "

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 Major

21/4

Copy for the
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INCOMING MESSAGE

FROM 5TH ARMY

DATED 21 APR

1945

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CHECKED BY

SECRET REF NO ONE FOUR FOUR FOUR X SUGAR DOO NINE NINE FOUR NO
 FURTHER AND NOT ANY TYPE WILL BE DRAWN BY LEONARD GRUPPO
 FROM ARMY DEPOTS UNTIL GRUPPO HOLDINGS FALL TO NORMAL FIRST AND
 SECOND LINE X EXCEPTIONS PERMITTED REF PERMITTED ONLY ON AUTHORITY
 NOW QUEN FIFTH ARMY X PAREN FROM FIFTH ARMY ACTION TO CHARLIE GEORGE
 TWO CORPS AND FIVE TWO BAKER LOVE UNCLE PAREN 2111500

G.I. Sen

Subject: Allocation of Am.

52 British Liaison Unit,
Camp.

21 Apr 45.

W/5/35

1. Am.

Ref previous correspondence this is ref 6/46.

1. 25 pr an expenditure up to 2515000 Apr was :-

Am - 25,635
Camp - 2,014.

As this is in excess of your allotment to incl 3018000, will you please state how much of this figure can properly be claimed as fired in support of attacks by neighbouring formations. A re-allocation will then be asked for to cover any firing which may take place during the remainder of April.

2. It should be stressed that any expenditure made during the next ten days will have to count against the allotment for B - 15 to B + 40 - 30,400 Nos 25 pr. Utmost economy should therefore be practised.

W/5/35

Copy to: 11 Artillery Regt.
Rear 52 ILL.

Ident-Cat.

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Subject: See Allotment - Ball and Ray

See Allotment

Re: this letter (1/2/53) dated 23 Nov 45 concerning copy of
in 5 May (first and) letter 102/13/45 (m) dated 21 Nov 45.

1. Allotments of 5 months are not 5 per cent more in 10, 5 and
letters quoted above, on the basis of an allotment for 1944 and 1945,
and for offensive operations.

2. In offensive operations are not in progress it is necessary to
clearly the position and advise the allotment to formations until the
end of May.

3. Letters (1) and (2) of Regs. 101 to the 5 May letter quoted above
are accordingly cancelled, namely:-

Cancelled Letters

Letter	(1)	(2)
101	10,000	10,000
102	10,000	10,000

The accounting purposes will be considered that offensive operations
commenced in 1944 for 15 May, and all services of 101 at that time and
date from the April allotment (namely 3 months - 10,000, 6 per cent - 100)
will be unannounced.

4. A fresh allotment for the period 101 to 15 May to the end of May
is made, as follows:-

Cancelled Letters

Letter	(1)	(2)
101	10,000	10,000
102	10,000	10,000

Any balance of the allotment in 101 May may be carried over to May.

5. Authority for all above is 5 May (first and) letter 102/13/45 (m)
dated 19 May 45.

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3. Policies (a) and (b) are "1" to the 1 day later action above are accordingly cancelled, namely:-

Accounting Details

Particulars	1954	1955
3. Balance	40,000	30,000
4. 1st	100	200

For accounting purposes it will be considered that effective 1st November 1954 there is 15 Apr, and all sections of the 1st Nov 1954 date from the 1st Nov 1954 (namely 3rd Nov 1954, 5th Nov 1954 - 100) will be maintained.

4. A final statement for the period 1954 has 15 Apr to the end of May is made, as follows:-

Accounting Details

Particulars	1954	1955
3. Balance	40,000	30,000
4. 1st	100	200

Any balance of the statement on 30 Apr may be carried out to 1955

5. Authority for all above is 5 Apr (1st Nov) letter 100/15/1000 dated 19 Apr 55.

TEL/NS

Copy to: Rear 52 RU.

Lieut-Col.

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SUBJECT :- Arm Allotment - April and May.

SECRET.

British Secretariat, G-3D Branch,
HQ Fifth Army.
Tele : LIGHTNING 98.
202/19/G(SD)
14 Apr 45

MAIN HQ 6 (SA) ARMD DIV

52 HJ

Copy to :- CG II Corps for G-3

Copy to :- G-3

G-4 Brit
Arty Brit
Ord Brit

1. Allocations of small arms ammunition 75 mm, 105 mm and 6 pr ammunition were made in this HQ letters 202/19/G(SD) dated 24 Mar 45 on the basis of an allotment for April and May, and for offensive operations.
2. As offensive operations are now in progress it is necessary to clarify the position and revise the allotments to formations until the end of May.
3. Columns (c), (d), (f) and (g) of Appendix 'A' to Fifth Army letter 202/19/G(SD) of 24 Mar are accordingly cancelled. For accounting purposes it will be considered that offensive operations commenced at 1800 hrs 15 Apr, and all savings of ammunition at that time will derive from the Apr allotment shown in columns (b) and (e) will be surrendered.
4. A fresh allotment for the period 1800 hrs 15 Apr to the end of May is made in Appendix 'A' to this letter. Any balance of the allotment on 30 Apr may be carried forward.
5. Fifth Army holds small reserves for all natures of ammunition shown in Appendix 'A' for allocation, if operations require it, on demand from formations to this HQ. However, it is pointed out that Fifth Army will not receive a further allocation of ammunition until June. Furthermore, it is known that no further 4.2" mortar ammunition, beyond the present allotment and the small reserve, can be expected before August.

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Deputy Chief of Staff.

C-4 Brit
Arty Brit
Ord Brit

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Deputy Chief of Staff.

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Appendix 'A' to 202/19/G(SD) dated 19 April 45 ^{SECRET}

(a)	6 (SA) ARMD DIV		LEGNANO GRUPPO	
	Apr 1800 hrs 15 to 30 (b)	May (c)	Apr 1800 hrs 15 to 30 (d)	May (e)
3" Mortar	24,000	13,980	9,900	8,000
4.2" Mortar	14,000	Nil	Nil	Nil
75 mm	8,000	2,800	Nil	Nil
.303 Mk VIII (bolt)	1,250,000	777,550	Nil	Nil
.303 Mk VIII (bolt)	200,000	251,700	Nil	Nil
2 pr 88	700	400	200	200
102 mm	18,000	4,500	Nil	Nil

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Appendix 'A' to 202/19/GISD dated 19 April 45 ^{SECRET}

(SA) ARMO DIV		LEGnano	GRUPPO
hrs 15 to 30 (b)	May (c)	Apr 1800 hrs 15 to 30 (d)	May (e)
000	13,900	9,900	8,000
000	Nil	Nil	Nil
000	2,800	Nil	Nil
000	777,550	Nil	Nil
000	254,700	Nil	Nil
000	400	200	200
000	4,500	Nil	Nil

Copy to Allocation: Allocation

22 Air Mail Allocation Unit, *WJ*

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12 Apr 45

SP/131

1. Allocation

Ref previous correspondence - this is the 2nd of 2.

1. Allotments of major nature of only an addition were made in para 7 of 5 May (first issue) letter 202/19/1(1) dated 23 Mar 45 (forwarded to you under cover of this letter 2/16/45 dated 23 Mar 45), to cover April expenditure prior to the start of the payment offensive.

2. For account's purposes, since Japan offensive started on different dates, balance of the allocation will be cancelled as at the following date:-

Japan Day - 1800 hrs 15 Apr 45.

3. With effect from the above date, any filed by Japanese Group will be set against the allocation made in 4/10/45 to 5 May (first issue) letter 202/19/1(1) dated 2 Apr 45 (forwarded to you under cover of this letter 2/16/45 dated 5 Apr 45), namely:-

1 - 1 x 10 = 10,000 rds 25 pr.
10 - 10 x 10 = 10,000 rds 25 pr.

The second allocation made in the second part of this letter, namely 10,000 rds, is hereby confirmed. All savings on the first 15 days of the offensive may be carried forward for the succeeding 70-day period. Similarly, any expenditure in the first period will have to count against the second period.

4. The allocation to Japanese Group of 100 rds of 25 pr. made in 5 May letter 202/19/1(1) dated 23 Mar 45, is cancelled owing to non-availability.

5. Authority for all above is 5 May (first issue) letter 202/19/1(1) dated 18 Apr 45.

WJ/13

Copy to: WJ/13
None of WJ/13.

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for WJ/13 WJ/13

SUBJECT :- Allocation of Ammunition.

SECRET

British Increment, G-SD Branch,
HQ FIFTH ARMY.
Tele : LIGHTNING 98.
202/19/G(SD)
18 Apr 45.

MAIN HQ 6 (SA) ARMED DIV
7 AGRA
52 BLU

Copy to :- CG II Corps for G3
CG IV Corps for G3
CG 92 Div for G3

Copy to :- G-3
G-4
G-4 Brit
Arty Brit
Ord Brit

1. Allocation of major natures of artillery ammunition were made in para 7 of this HQ letter 202/19/G(SD) dated 23 Mar to cover April expenditure prior to the start of the present offensive. For accounting purposes, since Corps offensives started on different days, balances of the allocation will be cancelled as at the following dates :-

6 (SA) ARMED DIV	-	1800 hrs 15 Apr
LEGNANO Gp	-	1800 hrs 15 Apr
7 AGRA	-	1800 hrs 14 Apr

2. With effect from the above dates, ammunition fired by formations will be set against the allocations made in Appx 'A' to this HQ letter 202/19/G(SD) dated 2 Apr. The forecast allocations made in the second part of this appendix are hereby confirmed, subject to the following reduction of allocations to 7 AGRA in support of IV Corps :-

(a) 4.5"	- substitute "22,000" for "24,000".
(b) 5.5"	- substitute "31,500" for "32,400".

All savings on the allocations made for the first fifteen days of the offensive may be carried forward into May for the succeeding thirty-day period. Similarly, overexpenditure in the first period will have to count against the second period.

3. No further medium ammunition is available for allocation during April and May, since a reduction in shipments to the theatre has absorbed all the unallocated balances at Army disposal, and has in the case of the out detailed in para 2 above. In the case

CG 92 Div for G3

Copy to :- G-3

G-4

G-4 Brit

Arty Brit

Ord Brit

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3. No further medium ammunition is available for allocation during April and May, since a reduction in shipments to the theatre has absorbed all the unallocated balances at Army disposal, and has in addition necessitated the cut detailed in para 2 above. In the case of 25 pr, 3" HE and 3.7" Fuze 208, however, there is a small balance held by Army for allocation, if operations require it, on demand from formations to this HQ.
4. The allocation to the LEGHANO Group of 160 rds of 25 pr Blue smoke, made in our letter of 23 Mar, is cancelled owing to non-availability.

/arw

Genl. Chavare Col
for. Brigadier,
Deputy Chief of Staff.

Ad Legnano.

SECRET
G/46/25

Subject. DS. Anna.

Attached Copy of . . .
forwarded for information and action where necessary.

Copy to SORA
DADOS
Rear BLU.

all
major G.S.

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Subject: DS Army

SECRET

British Increment, G (SD) Branch,
HQ FIFTH ARMY.

Tel No: LIGHTNING 98.

202/16/G(SD)

14 Apr 45.

Main 6 SA Army Div (1 copy)
52 BLU
G-4 Brit

Copy to :- AFV Brit
AFV (U)
Arty Brit
Ord Brit
WTSFF

1. Attached is a copy of AFM Letter ESD/103 of 8 Apr, for info and action as necessary.
2. 24 Sherman 17-pr eqpts are held by US Units in FIFTH Army. G-4 Brit FIFTH Army are requested to earmark 6 barrels specifically for the use of these Units.
3. The present reserve holdings of barrels for 17-pr Arty eqpts are considered adequate.

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Handal Phawase 841
for Col
Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

C O P Y

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

S E C R E T

8 April, 1945

FILE NO : ESD/103

SUBJECT : D.S. Ammunition.

TO : All Concerned.

1. Both trials and operational experience have shown that 17pr DS shot is inaccurate. As a result of further accuracy trials with a mixture of APCBC and DS shot, it has been found that DS shot leaves a deposit in the bore and when this deposit has accumulated sufficiently the accuracy of subsequent APCBC rounds is seriously affected. After as few as 15 DS rounds the accuracy with APCBC may become appreciably worse than that with DS where there is no evidence as yet that the accuracy of further DS rounds is affected by the deposit.

No chemical method of clearing the deposit is likely to be effective neither will the firing of normal copper banded shot clear the bore.

It is undesirable that resort should be made to any mechanical means of removing the deposit in the field.

2. All 17 pr guns which have fired DS shot will therefore be regarded as suspect as regards accuracy. The degree of degradation cannot exactly be stated but it appears that for Field Artillery equipment the 90% Zones of guns when subsequently firing APCBC may be increased by a factor of two or three. This figure is given only as a guide for the purpose of assessing the operational effect.

3. It is possible that the use of DS ammunition may have the same effect in 6 pr guns as in the 17 prs, but the trials with this equipment have not been concluded.

4. It is considered essential that all guns be allowed to use DS ammunition without restriction should the necessity arise. In order to overcome the resulting inaccuracy with APCBC ammunition after the use of DS ammunition, however, all barrels will be changed at the first opportunity after it is noticed that the gun has become inaccurate after firing DS shot, and in any case in accordance with the following scale.

Weapon	Arm	Barrel to be changed after
		rds of D.S. fired

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Weapon	Arm	Barrel to be changed after rds of D.S. fired
17 pr	RAC	10.
17 pr	RA	15.
6 pr	RAC	No maximum at present.
6 pr	RA	15.
6 pr	Inf	15.

3. In order that personnel be available when required an adequate supply of 12 printed 6 in barrels will be held in forward Ordnance depots to allow for the immediate exchange of worn-out barrels.

4. The use of 12 cartridges for training will be restricted so that limited number of expended guns and the barrels on these guns will be changed on the completion of the training. The use of 12 and 12000 rounds in any one company will be avoided during training.

By Command of Major General J. A. H. H. H.

M. J. H. H. H.
(for J. A. H. H.)
Lieutenant General,
Chief of Staff.

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SECRET

Subject: Ammunition Allocations

52 British Liaison Unit
CMF.

11 APR 45

G/46/23

RE: DEGNARD.

1. The attached copy of 5 Army (Brit Inc) letter 202/19/C(3D) dated 2 Apr is forwarded for information and necessary action.
2. 5 Army have informed this H. verbally that this ammunition can be expended on and after D - day.

TPL/hjj

Al
Major.
G.S.

Copy to A/Q - ref your AC/5/56 dated 9 Apr.

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SECRETSUBJECT:- 3" Mortar HERear HQ
52 British Liaison Unit
CMF.9 April 45A2/5/56To:- GSO I.,
52 BLU.

Under authority Fifth Army letter 202/19/G(SD) of 24 March an allocation of 8000 rounds 3" Mortar HE was made to Legnano Group. This allocation was not to be fired without reference to Fifth Army HQ.

It is understood that authority to fire this allocation has now been given. May this authority please be forwarded to this HQ., and may a directive please be issued as to the period over which the allocation is to be fired and when, under the "G" plan, ~~the~~ allocation is required at 60 GMA to be available for forward Units.

RWG/WN.

Major.
DAA&QMG.Copy to:- DADST.,
52 BLU.

46/21
C. C. R. T.
SUBJECT:- 25 pdr HE Ammunition

Reur. A.,
52 British Liaison Unit
C.M.V.
8 April 43

To:- "Q" British Increment
HQ Fifth Army.

AC/5/34

On 4th April a report was made by the Legnano Group to this HQ that certain charges for 25 pdr HE ammunition had been found to be dexp and unserviceable. The matter was reported to DADOS (4th) Fifth Army on 5th April by DADOT., 52 BLU who visited Army for that purpose. As a result DADOS sent 1 W.O. CL.III (A.E.) and 2 storemen to assist the Sgt storeman of 52 BLU in checking all ammunition in 60 B.A.A.

The examination took place on April 6th and 7th and the following report has been received:-

Total charges examined	18,808
Serviceable	12,496
Unserviceable but repairable	5,880
Unserviceable	432

A complete copy of the Report is attached hereto for information. It is proposed to return the 6,312 unserviceable charges to 127 FMC for exchange on a one-for-one basis and instructions to this effect have already been issued to the Group.

The stocks at present held by the 11th Artillery Regt as 1st and 2nd line holdings are in process of examination and if further defective charges are found these will be similarly exchanged.

RWC/JN.

Major.
D. A. R. Q. M. G.

Copies to:- GSO I, 52 BLU.

HQ Legnano Gruppo di Combattimento.

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Total charges examined	18,808
Serviceable	12,496
Unserviceable but repairable	3,880
Unserviceable	432

A complete copy of the Report is attached hereto for information. It is proposed to return the 6,312 unserviceable charges to 127 FMC for exchange on a one-for-one basis and instructions to this effect have already been issued to the Group.

The stocks at present held by the 11th Artillery Regt as 1st and 2nd line holdings are in process of examination and if further defective charges are found these will be similarly exchanged.

RWC/IN.

Major.
D. A. S. M. G.

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Copies to:- GSO I, 52 B.M.

HQ Legnano Gruppo di Combattimento.

TO: Cdr. Carl E. Burt

FROM: William F. Burt
1st Lt.

Sir,

Herewith report of examination of cartridges
 25-pdr carried out on 6 - 7 Apr 49

Total charges examined	13,808
Serviceable	12,493
Unserviceable but recoverable	5,780
Unserviceable	432

Of the carts examined a proportion were
 "calibrated draped" and I am of the opinion that this
 wrapping tends to induce moisture rather than prevent it.
 Some of the charges complained of by the Artillery Unit.
 may not be due to faulty propellants, but rather to faulty
 primers.

A proportion of the charges are reported to have
 been examined prior to reaching the Unit GMA, but I have
 nevertheless found quite a number of these have moisture
 around the leather bound caps.

7th April 49

Sgt.
 24 British Division Unit.

FROM D TO D + 14
FROM D + 14 TO D + 49

46/50
Ref. 500001.Many of the
24,000 additional allocations
7,000 to 10,000Total HC Legions
(Quotations 500000)Coulter tot- "g" Allocation Increment
HC Rear Fifth Army.
HC Legions (Fifteen)3300 1. 1. 1. 1. 1.
34000 1. 1. 1. 1. 1.

1. These instructions are summaries from Fifth Army orders and instructions relating to supplies of 25 and 30 ammunition for the period prior to Fifth Army D-Day and 40 days subsequent thereto. Instructions relating to other types of ammunition will be issued separately.

2. A total allocation of 16,000 rounds of 25 and 30 ammunition under Fifth Army 254/30/3(100) of 23 March. This, under Fifth Army Operational Instruction 20.2, covers the supply up to and including 14 April. The "g" allocation of this amount, between 23 March and 14 April is given as:

251500 - 101500 at basic rate + 10000	= 24400
301900 - 171500 at basic rate + 70000	= 4392
071500 - 141500 at basic rate + 5000	= 10148
	<u>38940</u>

This figure is 30% rounds in excess of the allocation.

3. For immediate planning purposes Fifth Army D-Day is taken as April 15th. If it is later than April 15 an additional allocation will be made to cover the intervening period and estimate will be forwarded immediately on receipt. If it is earlier than April 15 any unexpended balance of the allotment referred to in para 2 above will revert to Army control for re-allocation.

4. From and after D-Day the following further allocations are made under authority Fifth Army 204/15/1(100) of 2 April:-

From D to D + 14	24,000
From D + 14 to D + 45	38,400

Sheet 2

5. Under authority Fifth Army 161 3 of 1 April all reserves of ammunition will in future be held in Army depots instead of by formations. The ammunition at present held in reserve by the Gruppo in the S.M.A. (viz: 14 days at 850 rates and 5 days reserve) will be expended under para 2 above and will be used as part of the allocation authorized under Fifth Army 234/15/3(30) of 23 March.
6. The Gruppo reserve will consist of 10,240 rounds and will be held by Army at 127 PAC under authority Fifth Army 161 4 of 1 April and 161 5 of 4 April.
7. In view of the phased artillery programme and the present situation of the S.M.A. it is not considered necessary to dump ammunition forward. A normal programme of replenishment of the S.M.A. based on the above figures should be sufficient. If for operational reasons it should become necessary to dump forward full particulars of the proposed site of such dumps and the quantities of ammunition involved must be submitted to this HQ for transmission to Fifth Army BEFORE any ammunition is moved.

Major.
D. AARMOG.

234/15/3.

Major General William H. Harrison

22 October 1964

1200

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11-15-64

1. The attached copy of my (Harrison) letter # 1200
to you dated 10/12/64 is being furnished for information and
necessary action. 12

2. Please acknowledge receipt.

Very truly yours,
William H. Harrison

W. H. Harrison
Major General

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SUBJECT:- 81mm Artillery Ammunition

Rear HQ.,
52 British Liaison Unit.
Camp.
AC/5/51

4 Apr 42

To:- HQ Legnano
(Sezione Servizi)

Notification has been received that 1200 - 81 mm
bombs are being railed to 21 A.A.D. for Legnano Group between
9th and 15th April.

Thereafter 600 per week maintenance rate will be
railed. These will be cleared to 127 POC for collection after
checking and examination. The matter has been passed DADST to
arrange collection.

Al. Bonds

Major.
DIA&MG.

AC/5/51.

Copy to: "G" 12 SLD.

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5/11/45 *Para to GSO I* *46/17*
2.8.45
SUBJECT:- Ammunition Expenditure

near HQ.,
52 British Liaison Unit
CMF.
1 April 45

To:- GSO I. /
52 BLU

AQ/24/17

Reference conversation Gwyther/Luckock.

It is confirmed Fifth Army have today telephoned ref; excess ammunition expenditure within the Group. The existing limitation on expenditure has been imposed owing to restricted stocks in the Theatre and Army insist on the r.p.g.p.d as laid down being adhered to. Replacement in future will only be permitted for the authorised scale and if this is exceeded the Group will be left short.

Previous warnings to this effect have been issued by this HQ and it is known that representations have been made by the Group "Q" staff to the Group "G" staff. It is suggested that, a limitation could be imposed within the Group by which only the authorised scale of daily expenditure be replaced to Units from the GMA unless "G" authority is given for additional expenditure for permitted operational reasons.

RWG/WN.

[Signature]
Major.
DAA&QMG.

Copy to:- Major Terranova
Sezione Servizi
HQ Legnano.

SECRET

British Movement, 4-SD Division,
HQ H.A. 2d Army.
Tel No: H.A. 2d Army 98.
202/19/6(51).
2 Apr 45

Main HQ 6 SA Army Div
52 RVN
62 AA 33s

Copy to: G3 II Corps for G-3
G3 IV Corps for G-3
G3 31 Div for G-3

Copy to: G-3 BRIS D.C./S BRIS
G-3
G-4 BRIT
Army BRIT
ORG BRIT

1. Approval is given to extend and modified under reference (a), (b) and (c) of Army "A" to this HQ letter number 202/19/5(30) of 24 May 45, and additions thereto made on the same date (in respect of 105 lbs only).

2. Fifth Army Operation Instruction No. 7 is referred to. It is pointed out that the allocations made were based on the ammunition actually available for the forty-five day period, in conjunction with the tasks planned for each formation. The amounts are therefore a guide to the maximum expenditure that is permissible, rather than a directive as to the rates to be fixed during each period. The latter must necessarily depend, within the allocations, on detailed formation plans.

Ralph H. Kates

Brigadier,
Deputy Chief of Staff

/arw

These have been approved, but when in 1945 a report was received that they were not used.

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Subject: Ammunition Allocations

TOP SECRET

British Increment, B (SD) Branch,
HQ FIFTH ARMY.

Tel No: LICKHAMS 38.

202/19/C(SD)

2 Apr 45.

Main HQ 6 SA Armed Div
7 AGRA
52 ELU

Copy to :- CG II Corps (2) for G-3 and Corps Arty.
CG IV Corps (2) for G-3 and Corps Arty.
CG 92 Div for G-3.

Copy to :- G-2 G-4 Brit
G-3 Arty
G-4 Arty Brit
G-5 Ord Brit

1. This HQ letter 202/19/C(SD) dated 23 Mar made allocations of artillery ammunition to cover programmes up to 14 Apr as directed by FIFTH Army Operation Instruction No. 5. Attached herewith at Appendix "A" are allocations of the major nature to cover the first fifteen days of operations to be carried out as directed by FIFTH Army Operation Instruction No. 5. Also given are forecast allocations, which are subject to later confirmation, to cover the ensuing thirty day period.
2. It is pointed out that the allocations made herein have been based on the ammunition actually available for the forty-five day period, in conjunction with the tasks planned for each formation. The amounts are therefore a guide to the maximum expenditure that is permissible, rather than a directive as to the rates to be fired during each period. The latter must necessarily depend, within the allocations, on detailed formation plans.
3. If the operations directed by Operation Instruction No. 7 start before 15 Apr, unexpended balances of allocations made in our 202/19/C(SD) dated 23 Mar will revert to Army control for subsequent reallocation. If, on the other hand, the operations start later than 15 Apr, an additional allocation will be made to cover the intervening period.
4. Allocations have been based on the following gun strength for each British formation, broken down in the case of 7 AGRA between guns supporting IV Corps and guns supporting 92 Inf Div:

Copy to : CC II Corps (2) for G-3 and Corps Arty.
 CC IV Corps (2) for G-3 and Corps Arty.
 CC 92 Div for G-3.

Copy to : G-2 G-4 Brit
 G-3 Arty
 G-4 Arty Brit
 G-5 Crd Brit

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4. Allocations have been based on the following gun strength for each British formation, broken down in the case of 7 AGRA between guns supporting IV Corps and guns supporting 92 Inf Div :

Formation	25 pr.	4.5"	5.5"	16 M10	16 M10 AA
6 SA Armcd Div	72	"	16	24	8
7 AGRA for IV Corps	8	16	24	"	"
7 AGRA for 92 Div	16	"	8	"	24
LEGHANO	32	"	"	"	"

continues sheet 2

5. A figure has also been placed against each total in Appendix 'A', giving the average rpg per day over the period. This is purely for information, and is inserted as a guide to formations to show at a glance the maximum average expenditure that can be sustained.

6. (a) Super-heavy ammunition is controlled only by availability, and no reserves are being held either by AFHQ or Army. Anticipated deliveries to F. TH Army are as follows :

	11 Div		12 Div	
	2nd	240 mm	8th	240 mm
Forward Holdings (1 Apr)	370	250	-	-
Due April	240	340	560	590
Due May	250	125	250	125
Due June	400	250	400	250
	1260	965	1210	965

(b) Since 11 and 12 Div are to be maintained up different routes, it has been necessary to plan on an even division of ammunition as outlined above, even though both Divs are attached to II Corps. If II Corps wish a different distribution between Divs, this can be arranged on demand to this HQ.

(c) No further super-heavy ammunition has been notified for shipment to this theatre.

7. (a) No further allocations are being made for the following reasons, the quantities detailed in para 8 of our 202/49/G(EM) dated 23 Mar being the total available for Apr and May :

25 pr coloured smoke
3.7 in AA Pace 223
17 pr MG

(b) 3.7 in AA Pace 199 and 40 mm AA 53 continue to be available for firing as required, and are not controlled.

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Paul S. S. S.

Brigadier,
Deputy Chief of Staff.

Due April
Due May
Due June

240	340	560	590
250	125	250	125
400	250	400	250
1260	965	1210	965

(b) Since 11 and 12 Bty are to be maintained up different ratios, it has been necessary to plan on an even division of ammunition as outlined above, even though both Btys are attached to II Corps. If II Corps wish a different distribution between Btys, this can be arranged on demand to this HQ.

(c) No further super-heavy ammunition has been notified for shipment to this theatre.

7. (a) No further allocations are being made for the following reasons: the quantities detailed in para 8 of our 202/19/6(EN) dated 23 Mar being the total available for Apr and May:

25 pr coloured smoke
3.7 in AA Fuse 223
17 pr RS

(b) 3.7 in AA Fuse 199 and 40 mm AA FB continue to be available for drawing as required, and are not controlled.

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Paul S. Skewes

Brigadier,
Deputy Chief of Staff.

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Appendix "A" to 202/1

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ALLOCATIONS - D TO D + 14

	<u>25 PR</u>		<u>4.5"</u>		<u>5.5"</u>		<u>3" HE</u>	
	<u>Rounds</u>	<u>RPG</u>	<u>Rounds</u>	<u>RPG</u>	<u>Rounds</u>	<u>RPG</u>	<u>Rounds</u>	<u>RPG</u>
1. 6 SA Armd Div	108,000	100	-	-	12,000	50	7,200	20
2. 1 MHA	2,400	20	12,000	50	18,000	50	-	-
FOR IV Corps	4,800	20	-	-	3,000	25	-	-
FOR 92 DIV	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3. 120MM	24,000	50	-	-	-	-	-	-
	139,200		12,000		33,000		7,200	

FORECAST - D + 15 TO D + 32

1. 6 SA Armd Div	86,400	40	-	-	14,400	30	10,800	15
2. 7 AAA	4,800	20	24,000	50	32,400	55	-	-
FOR IV Corps	3,600	20	-	-	4,800	25	-	-
FOR 92 DIV	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3. 120MM	36,000	40	-	-	-	-	-	-
	130,800		24,000		51,600		10,800	

Notes: - Forecasts above are D day - 100% (day 0 day)

33,000
12,000
21,000

Appendix "A" to 202/19/G(SD) dated 2 Apr 45

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ALLOCATIONS - D TO D + 14

	<u>4.5"</u>		<u>5.5"</u>		<u>3" HR</u>		<u>3.7" Fuze 207/3</u>	
HR	<u>Rounds</u>	<u>EPG</u>	<u>Rounds</u>	<u>EPG</u>	<u>Rounds</u>	<u>EPG</u>	<u>Rounds</u>	<u>EPG</u>
00	-	-	12,000	50	7,200	20	1,800	15
20	12,000	50	18,000	50	-	-	-	-
20	-	-	3,000	25	-	-	5,400	15
50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	12,000		33,000		7,200		7,200	

FORECAST - D + 15 TO D + 29

40	-	-	16,400	30	10,800	15	2,400	10
20	20,000	50	32,400	55	-	-	-	-
20	-	-	4,000	25	-	-	1,200	10
40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	20,000		51,400		30,800		3,600	

Approved: [Signature] Date: [Date]

Subject: Ammunition Supplies

B. O. [unclear]

[unclear] Service

03/905

27 Mar

[unclear] G. Brunch

We have been informed by DAST that
a further issue of first line ammunition has been
authorised - but limited to -

T.S.M.G. rounds.
& Rifle & Bren mds.

As is known, we had previously put forward ~~that suggestion~~
that the necessity for having a ^{second} ~~complete~~ first line
reserve located in the forward area.

As the reasons for this request are still extant, please take
the necessary action to this end.

Taking into consideration the fact that the 5 Day Reserve
& the 14 Shooting Days ~~are transported~~ to have to be transported
to 60 GMA by our own vehicles, we should be pleased if
this ammunition could be transported on Army Transport.

By Order
Rec'd 28 Mar Chief of Staff
ST/6/17 signed - Col F. Randolph

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and will permit adjustment of corps artillery weapons observers who have communication with division artillery headquarters.

5. Deception as to D-day and H-hour will be created by firing a complete short, intense artillery preparation, including counter battery neutralization, interdiction of routes, concentrations on CP's, assembly areas and known strong points once each day during the third phase beginning at varying hours, as designated by this headquarters. These preparations will be planned to support simulated attacks at points across the Corps front as designated by this headquarters.

6. Infantry raids in appropriate strength will be planned to take advantage of these preparation fires to increase the deception, test and locate defenses, and secure identifications.

7. Planning of harassing fires will continue, as at present, by the Air-Artillery Target Committee, Headquarters II Corps.

8. Allocations will be published separately.

KEYES
COMDG

OFFICIAL:

Thurman
HARRIS,
ACTG. G-3.

DISTRIBUTION: (To include each Div and Corps Arty Bn)

CG, Fifth Army	1-5	CG, 1 Armd Div	18
CG, IV Corps	6-8	CG, 1 Armd Div Arty	19
GOC, 13 Corps	9	CG, II Corps Arty	20-23
CG, 34 Inf Div	10	CG, 71 AAA Brigade	24
CG, 34 Div Arty	11	C/S, II Corps	25
CG, 65 Inf Div	12	D/T, "	26
CG, 65 Div Arty	13	G-2, "	27
CG, 88 Inf Div	14	G-3, "	28
CG, 88 Div Arty	15	G-4, "	29
CG, 91 Inf Div	16	Arty, "	30
CG, 91 Div Arty	17	AG, "	31
		Extra, "	31-62

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HEADQUARTERS II CORPS

COPY NO. 34

OPERATIONS INSTRUCTION)

NUMBER

42)

: TOP SECRET :
 : By authority of :
 : C. G., II Corps :
 : Initials: LEH :
 : Date: 24 Mar 45 :

24 March 1945.

ARTILLERY FIRES

1. Increased ammunition allowances will be made for the period 26 March - 14 April inclusive. The period will be divided into three phases, 251800A March to 301800A March, 301800A March to 071800A April, 071800A April to 141800A April.
2. The purpose of this special allocation is to permit:
 - a. An increase in the volume of fire for effect upon profitable targets.
 - b. A gradual increase in the number of targets attacked.
 - c. Use of artillery fires during third phase for deception as to D-day and H-hour.
3. The following limitations will apply:
 - a. The 240mm H of 11 Btry, 54 SH Regt will fire only upon orders of this headquarters.
 - b. The following units will register one piece on order of Corps Artillery Commander, and otherwise will not fire:
 - 1 Btry 530 FA Bn (155 G)
 - 1 Bn (155 H) (765th or 766th)
 - c. Only one piece per day of the following units may be fired:
 - 527 FA Bn (8" H)
 - 536 FA Bn (8" H)
 - d. Indiscriminate firing on unprofitable targets will not be done. Harassing fire will be increased only when included in programs fired for deception purposes. Unobserved counter battery missions will be fired only when our troops are being shelled, and only upon the recommendation of the Corps Artillery Counterbattery Officer.
4. The weight of the increased allocation will be placed upon observed hostile artillery, including that identified by photo interpretation, upon active mortars, other profitable targets of opportunity, and known enemy installations and defenses of all types. Every effort will be made to put observed precision fire for destruction by medium and heavy weapons on all types of field fortifications. This will require major effort on the part of forward infantry units and artillery forward observers in location and identification of such enemy installations. Wire communication between division artillery headquarters and corps artillery group headquarters is now satisfactory,

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Subject:- Ammunition

52. Unit Liaison Unit

CMF

23 MAR 45

5246/25

To:- H. LAMARCO GROUP.

Below please find copy of GPO 256/45 forwarded to you for your information.

Major.
G.S.

COPY

256. Bombs in 4.2 inch mortar, 3 inch mortar, 2 inch mortar - Loose Tails and Missing Springs.

1. Inspectors have observed on several occasions ranging from 4.2 inch mortar, 3 inch mortar and 2 inch mortar, due to loose tail units.
2. Before firing, bombs should therefore be examined for loose tails, i.e. tails that can be unscrewed by hand.

If such bombs are required for immediate use, they should be tightened by two men, one holding the bomb and the other twisting the tail. Whenever circumstances permit, however, they should be set on one side for reconditioning by an IOO or AE, so that an improved key fitting over the fins can be used. This gives more thorough tightening without any risk of distorting the fins.

3. Short ranging may also occur with bombs in 4.2 inch mortar and 3 inch mortar due to loss of propellant from burst misfiring charges. Such bombs should on no account be fired until the defective cartridge has been replaced.

In 3 inch mortar bombs fitted with three 250 grain plus three 100 grain augmenting charges it is possible that one or more of the 100 grain charges may slip from under the retaining spring. This should be checked before firing.

4. Steps have been taken both in this theatre and in UK to eliminate these defects but it is possible that a certain number of defective bombs may still be found.

5. GPO 256/45 is hereby cancelled.

2394. Bombs for 4.2 inch mortar, 3 inch mortar, 2 inch mortar - Loose tails and other details.

1. Bombs are examined at short intervals ranging from 100 to 1000 feet. Bombs, 3 inch mortar and 2 inch mortar, due to loose tail nuts.

2. Before firing, bombs should therefore be examined for loose tails, i.e. tails that can be unscrewed by hand.

If such bombs are required for immediate use, they should be tightened by two men, one holding the bomb in one hand and the tail. Whenever circumstances permit, however, they should be set on one side for reinspection by an IGO or AE, so that an inspection key fitting over the pins can be used. This gives more thorough tightening without any risk of disturbing the pins.

3. Short ranging may also occur with bombs of 4.2 inch mortar and 3 inch mortar due to loss of pin or pin not being secured. Such bombs should on no account be fired until the defective cartridge has been replaced.

In 3 inch mortar bombs fitted with three 200 grain pins have 100 grain augmenting charges it is possible that one or more of the 100 grain charges may slip from under the remaining spring. This should be checked before firing.

4. Steps have been taken both in this theatre and in UK to eliminate these defects but it is possible that a certain number of defective bombs may still be found.

5. GPO 33/44 is hereby cancelled.

necessary for you to work out and carry the load
 elated to indicate excitement.

3. The daily rig and time must not be exceeded, unless there is necessity, in order to prevent over-fatigue, and to let others to their work without any delay.

turned to all concerned
Expenditure above the maximum
allowed for the following
months:

19. The following is a summary of the results of the study conducted during the time period of 1947-1948:

By first calling
1-800-455-2222

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Concerning the limited money available during the period and having allowed for completion of what is the 500,000, this organization appears excessive, but it is estimated at the present time, your amount, particularly in the case of the 500,000. (2) 100 - 10,000, 500,000 - 10,000,000 will be provided for, and the 500,000 will be provided for.

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Copy to:
Dear Sir:

11-18-51
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T/pm.

Com. DGM.
28/3/45.

COMANDO GRUPPO COMBATTIMENTO "LEGNANO"

- Sezione Servizi -

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N° 03/905 di prot.

P.M. 155, li 27 Marzo 1945

Oggetto: Dotazione munizioni.-

AL 52° BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

Il DAST ha comunicato che è stato autorizzato il prelevamento di un'altra prima linea di munizioni limitatamente però :

- alle cartucce per Thompson
- alle cartucce per fucili e Bren.

Come noto, questo comando aveva rappresentato la necessità di avere in una zona avanzata un'altra completa dotazione di prima linea. Dato che sussistono ancora i motivi che hanno provocato la richiesta, si prega voler provvedere in conseguenza.

Si gradirebbe che il munizionamento venisse trasportato al 60 G M A con mezzi dell'Armata in considerazione che questo comando ha dovuto provvedere a completare con i propri mezzi le 5 Days Reserve e 14 Shooting days.-

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d'ordine
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
- Col. F. Garofoli -



SECRETSUBJECT :- App allotment.British Increment, G(SD) Branch,
HQ PWDK ARMY.

Tele No: Lightning 98.

202/19/G(SD).

24 Mar 45.

Main HQ 6 SA Armed Div
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G2 A1 BDO.Copy to :- CG II Corps for G-3
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CG 91 Div for G-3Copy to :- G-3 Brit
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Ord Brit1. Appendix 1A attached shows allocations of certain numbers of men
submitted from this HQ letter 202/19/G(SD) dated 23 Mar 45.2. The allocations for Apr and May are subject to the same conditions
as those for previous months. Applications to carry forward weekly balances
from Apr to May are to be made to this HQ (G-3(Brit)).3. The allocations made in column (d), (e) and (f) are not to be fixed
without reference to this HQ.

/cmr

Ralph Thirkwaller
Brigadier,
Deputy Chief of Staff.

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Appendix "A" to 202
dated 24 Mar 45.

(a)	6 SA ARMED DIV		(d)	LECHANO			62 AA REG		(c)
	(b) Apr	(c) May		(e) Apr	(f) May	(g)	(h) Apr	(i) May	
3" wtar	14,000	14,000	24,000	10,000	10,000	8,000			
4.2" Mortar	7,000								
75 mm	1,400	1,400	8,000						
603" Mx VII (Belt)	400,000	400,000	1,250,000						
603" Mx VIIIZ (Belt)	150,000	150,000	200,000						
3.7" MAA Pass 207	2,400	2,400	3,900				7,200	7,200	1
6 pr CS	200	200	700	100	100	200			

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Appendix "A" to 202/19/C(SD)
dated 24 Mar 45.

MID DIV		LECHANO			62 AA REP		
(c) May	(d)	(e) Apr	(f) May	(g)	(h) Apr	(j) May	(k)
14,000	24,000	10,000	10,000	8,000	---	---	---
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1,400	8,000	---	---	---	---	---	---
400,000	1,250,000	---	---	---	---	---	---
150,000	400,000	---	---	---	---	---	---
2,400	3,900	---	---	---	7,200	7,200	11,700
200	700	100	100	200	---	---	---

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British Increment, G(SD) Branch,
HQ FIFTH ARMY.

Tele No: Lightning 98.

202/19/G(SD).

27 Mar 45.

Main HQ 6 SA Armd Div
10 AREA (pass to 7 AGRA)

50 ELM

62 24 750

COPY to: G3 II Corps for G-3
G4 IV Corps for G-3
G5 91 Div for G-3

COPY to: G-2

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G-4 Brit

Army Brit

Civ Brit

1. These instructions deal with expenditure of Brit's arm during Apr and remaining days of Mar, and are in amplification of those already issued by G-3 FIFTH Army in connection with the special arty programme to be fired in that period.

2. Separate instructions will be issued dealing with other controlled matters not referred to in this letter.

3. The rates at which the allotments are to be fired will be in accordance with orders issued. As these rates vary in respect of periods, of corps and of arms, no basic rate of expenditure is given in this letter, totals only being shown.

4. The total allotments made in this letter cover the arty programme laid down up to a certain point only in that programme. Further allotments to cover later parts of the programme will be made as the necessity may arise.

5. No part of the allotment detailed in this letter is to be fired on tasks other than those for which it is specifically intended as set out in para 1 above.

6. Should it become necessary to divert some of Army's resources from its normal holdings, or to open new dumps on the area, they must be made to G-3 FIFTH Army through normal channels before such action is ordered either by G-4 Brit or FIFTH Army Rear or by some firing the programmes which demand it. It will be necessary to make all our arrangements for the reception of the increased quantities BEFORE the arm is moved, and not, if authorised, will be under cover of darkness. In view of the probability of leakage of info through ground rather than air channels in this theatre, any movement must be delayed as long as safety permits. The expression "normal holdings" is to be taken to mean such quantities as have been held for the last three months.

Copy to: G-2
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Army Staff
G-2 Staff

1. These instructions deal with expenditure of funds during the period of the war, and are in addition to those already issued by G-3 Staff Army in connection with the special army programs to be fixed in that period.

2. Separate instructions will be issued dealing with other controlled matters not referred to in this letter.

3. The rates at which the allotments are to be fixed will be in accordance with orders issued. As these rates vary in respect of periods, of units and of items, no basic rate of expenditure is given in this letter, totals only being shown.

4. The total allotments made in this letter cover the army programs laid down up to a certain point only in that program. Further allotments to cover later parts of the program will be made as the necessity may arise.

5. No part of the allotment detailed in this letter is to be fixed on tasks other than those for which it is specifically intended as set out in para 1 above.

6. Should it become necessary to divert funds of Army and Air Force from normal holdings, or to open new funds on the same, they must be made to G-3 Staff Army through normal channels before such action is ordered either by G-4 Staff or G-5 Staff Army Rear or by those fixing the programs which demand it. It will be necessary to make all our arrangements for the reception of the increased quantities of funds the unit is moved, and now, if authorized, will be under cover of darkness. In view of the probability of leakage of info through ground rather than air channels in this theatre, any movement must be delayed as long as safety permits. The expression "normal holdings" is to be taken to mean such quantities as have been physically present in funds on an average over the last three months.

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7. Subject to the foregoing limitations, sum is allotted to firms as shown:

FIRM	NATURE			
	2 1/2-in	4 1/2-in	5 1/2-in	3 1/2-in
6 SA ARMED DIV	22,700	-	2,800	2,500
7 ARMED	12,600	7,900	10,500	-
ARMED DIV	16,500	-	-	-
62 AA REC	-	-	-	7,200

8. Agents from the allotments made in para 7 above, the following natures are also sub-allotted, these being basic rates and not specifically concerned with the special entry programme referred to above.

	6 SA ARMED DIV		LEWIS	
	APRIL	MAY	APRIL	MAY
(a) 2 1/2-in Coloured marks	1,500	500	500	150
Yellow	560	170	200	90
Red	170	80	20	50
Green	200	140	100	50
Blue	-	-	-	-
(b) 3 1/2-in AA FUSE 223	2,000	1,600	-	-
(c) 1 1/2-in AA	120	120	-	-

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Ralph Richardson

for
Deputy Chief of Staff

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be apart from the allotments made in para 7 above, the following matters are also sub-allotted, these being basic rates and not specifically concerned with the general army programme referred to above.

	£ 84 April May		LEONARD	
	APRIL	MAY	APRIL	MAY
(a) 20th Coloured units				
Yellow	1,500	500	500	15
Red	560	170	200	90
Green	170	80	20	50
Blue	260	140	100	50
(b) 3rd Air AA Sqn 223	2,000	1,650	-	-
(c) 17th Div	120	120	-	-

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Ralph Richardson
Brigadier
Deputy Chief of Staff

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CONFIDENTIAL

Subject: Ammunition Officer32 HQU,
ST/6/11,
22 Mar 45.Ammunition Officer's Commitments

It is recommended that it should be put in complete command of the I A Ammunition point, as he appears to have a thorough knowledge of ammunition procedures, and it is essential that a fully competent officer should be in charge of such a vital supply.

The present Ammunition Officer is ~~disqualified~~ very poorly equipped and this will result in various serious dangers.

1. The Officer
2. The Officer

J. W. Pinfold
Major,
RAF.

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Subject: Ammunition - March Allocations.52 British Liaison Unit,
GSE.

18 Mar 45.

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RE: AMMUNITION.

1. Under authority of Hq. 5 Army (First SMO) letter 202/17/6(45) dated 24 Feb, the following are the maximum daily rates of expenditure authorized for firing until 1 Mar 45 by formations for operations and training:

(a) Artillery Am.

25 pr 155	-	10 rpg.
Yellow smoke	-	0.1 rpg
Red	-	0.2 rpg
Green	-	0.2 rpg

(b) AA and A-Tk Am.

17 pr 155	-	0.1 rpg
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(c) Inf Am.

505 pr 81 mm	-	300 rpg
3" mortar	-	11 rpg

2. The above rates will only be exceeded when additional expenditure is essential to repel enemy attacks, or to support offensive operations for which an additional allotment has been approved by 5 Army Hq.

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Copy to: 52 BUL.
Reur 52 BUL.

dl
Major,
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PROJECT :- Ammunition Requirements

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52 418, 41/4
2/1/3,
4 Mar 45

5th AFHQ (1st French Division) INCT. SENT

Reference your request for scale of 1st and 2nd line
holdings of 5th AFHQ. Please find attached information
required.

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D. R. R. R.
Major,
5th AFHQ.

Copy to :- 1st French Division INCT. —

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H/	25 pdr		17 pdr		40 mm		5 pdr		3" Mortar		2" Mortar		Su/L	
	Smoke	AP	AP	HE	HE	AP	AP	HE	HE	Smoke	Illum	Red	Green	Blue
1st Line	4008	384	720	3168	3168	567	2160	4060	1280	4200	1680	840	840	840
2nd Line	2019	160	384	1440	1440	288	1728	2120	550	2100	840	280	280	280
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			No 35	No 65	No 73	No 74	No 75	No 77		45		303		58
1st Line	747000	1364	3360	7244	600	3264	2904	150		64000		68150		7608
2nd Line	258500	1008	343	1122	300	1132	1452	175		144050		193900		2556

Larger figure is 1st line and the other figure is 2nd line holding

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1. British Increment, 6 (SB) Secret.
 2. IN FIFTH ARMY.
 3. Ref No: 202/17/0(10)

British Increment, 6 (SB) Secret.
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26 Feb 45.

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Ref No: 202/17/0(10) dated 26 Feb 45 para 1 (b).

The statement fully sets out the reasons for 3.7 in 202/17/0(10) is approved to 8.

Robert J. ...
 Brigadier
 Deputy Chief of Staff

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Subject: Operational Requirements

52 British Liaison Unit,
CIS.
22 Feb 44.

22 Feb 44.

Re: 52nd British Liaison Unit

1. Logistical support has not yet been the 1st and 2nd line units.
Will you please say whether this will be done here, or after the Gruppe has moved forward from this area?

2. If it is found that the Gruppe is heavy, there will be the difficulty with the limited transport which the Gruppe has, of carrying it forward. It will require the equivalent of 94 x 5-ton lorries to move. There will not be available within Gruppe resources, and a number of lorries would be required to return for a second trip.

On the other hand, if it could be done from 24 Feb during the flood 11 days of March, the distances involved in moving would not be very great and there would be time for the collection and correct distribution to units.

3. If it is done after the Gruppe has moved forward, sufficient time will be necessary for its collection and correct distribution, and for this I consider 100 lorries will be required then for a British formation.

4. If this allows, I am in favour of moving to the forward area.

L. S. Taylor
Lieut-Col.
CIS.

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Copy to: HQ 1 Division.
HQ 32 Div.
and 32 Div.

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SUBJECT: Ammunition - Marsh Allocation2nd Air Division, G-3 Branch,
HQ Fifth Army.

Ref No: LITERATURE 98.

202/17/2(SD).

7/1 Feb 45.

6 (SA) Army Divs.
10 AAA.
62 AA Bns.
52 AA Bns.

Army Co:

C/II Corps: Cols.
C/IV Corps: Col. (Bnco).
C/S: Art.
D: C/S (Bnco). Art. (Bnco).
G-3.

1. The following are the maximum daily rates of expenditure authorized for firing w.e.f. 1 Mar by formations for operations or training in

(a) Artillery Arm.

23 pr	10 pr	10 pr
Yellow Smoke	0.1 pr	
Red Smoke	0.2 pr	
Green Smoke	0.2 pr	
5.5 in	5	5
7.2 in	12	12
155 mm	8	8

(b) AA & A. T. Arm.

3 in	6	6
3.7 in	3	3
17 pr	1	1

2 May be increased later.

None + 3.7 in AA Bn 159/221 no longer controlled.

(c) AA & A. T. Arm.

105 mm	15	15
155 mm	2	2

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6 (SA) Army Div.
10 AAA
52 AA Bns
52 ALG

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1. The following are the minimum daily rates of expenditure authorized for firing P.O. 1 per by formations for operations or training in

(c) Artillery Bns

23 PG	10 RFG
Yellow Smoke	0.1 RFG
Red Smoke	0.2 RFG
Green Smoke	0.2 RFG
3.3 in. H2	5 RFG
7.2 in. H2	12 RFG
155 mm H2	8 RFG

(d) AA & AT Bns

3 in. M40 AT	6 RFG
3.7 in. AA Bns 297/8	3 RFG
17 in. D/S	0.1 RFG

x may be increased later.

Note: 3.7 in. AA Bns 199/223 no longer controlled.

(e) 240 mm

105 mm H2	15 RFG
75 mm H2	2.5 RFG
76 mm H2	4.5 RFG

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