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GEN. CORRES., STORES,
AND AMMO.
APR. 45 - SEPT. 46

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Here are the
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Originator should
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"CITE FMGEG" should
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Msg Ctr should
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As stated in
12/XII TWScc

NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.

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AFHQ

PRIORITY

CHIEF COMMISSIONER, A.C.

North

YOUR SIGNALS PX 73434 OF 26 NOVEMBER AND PX 73649 OF
10 DECEMBER REFER X THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HAS NO
OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSED DUMPING OF AMMUNITION PROVIDING
THAT THE OPERATION IS CARRIED OUT IN POSITION LAT 41
DEGREES 55 MINUTES NORTH, LONGITUDE 17 DEGREES 5 MINUTES
EAST APPROVED BY COMMANDER IN CHIEF MEDITERRANEAN STATION RX

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J. C. RISK, LIEUT. COMMANDER,
NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.

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FX 73649
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ROUTINE

AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FUGED
ALCOM INFO: GHQ CMF

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Our FX 7343A of 26 November refers.

As no reply has been received to our above quoted signal it is
presumed the Italian government has no objection.

Please confirm.

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CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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6th floor

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FX 73434

H/8138
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AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHCOT

ROUTINE

ALCOM INFO GHQ CMF

RESTRICTED

YOU ARE REQUESTED TO INFORM THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT THAT WE
PROPOSE TO DUMP INTO THE SEA THROUGH THE PORT OF VENICE A CERTAIN
QUANTITY OF SERVICEABLE AMMUNITION AND THAT THIS DUMPING PRESENTS
NO GREATER RISK THAN NORMAL SHIPMENT. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT
DUMPING WILL COMMENCE IN EARLY JANUARY.

AC DIST

ACTION : NAVY S/C
INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER
EX COMMISSIONER
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95411 No. 628, 1946.

H. W. FROST,
COMMISSIONER, U. S. NAVY,
FOR HEAD ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY PUN COMMISSION.

SUBJECT:- Disposal of Ammunition -

3 District
Tel Ext 83
OS4/4002 (28)

14 Sep 46

Navy Sub Commission HQ (APO 394),
HQ Allied Commission.

Ref your NSC/5441 of 9 Sep 46.

1. A reply to you NSC/5267 of 12 July 46 was given under my ref OS4/4002 (23) of 3 Sep 46, a copy of which is attached hereto.

D/th

W N Darbyshire
Maj for Lt Col
ADOS
(W N DARBYSHIRE)

3003

C O P Y

SUBJECT:- Disposal of Amn -

3 District
Tel Ext 83
OS4/4002 (23)

3 Sep 46

HQ Allied Commission
Navy Sub Commission APO 394

Ref your NSC/5267 of 12 July 46.

1. . Enclosed please find copy report by the Amn Examiner of this HQ Cpl PEARSON, from which it will be seen that considerable time was wasted in trying to locate the amn reported by you.
2. It would appear that the amn in question is no longer at CORR Barracks at RIOMAGGIORE.

Signed

D/th

Maj for Lt Col
ADOS
(W N DARBYSHIRE)

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C O P Y

Subject:- Disposal of Ammunition -

HQ 59 Sub Area
Tel 632008
ORD/1420/1

28 Aug 46

ADOS 3 District

Ref your signal OSI/4002/18 dated 20 Aug 46.

Herewith copy of report of investigations carried out by
the AE Cpl Pearson.

"On thursday 22 Aug 46 I proceeded to LA SPEZIA and on arriving I discovered that no Allied units were stationed in the area. The local police informed me that the Barracks at RIOMAGGIORE were occupied by a detachment of Carabinieri, and on arriving at the Barracks I questioned the Sjt Major who appeared to know nothing of the ammunition described, but to support his statement he contacted the commander of the local battery of Artillery and he claims no knowledge of having seen any American ~~arms~~ in the vicinity. He stated however that previously he disposed of some German ~~arms~~, that had been left on an Artillery site. I returned to LA SPEZIA for the night and proceeded back to Milan the following day the 23 Aug 46."

P.A. PEARSON
Cpl A.E.

Signed H.G. WILLIS
Capt O.O.

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SUBJECT:- Disposal of AMM -

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Tel Int 63
OSL/4002 (23)

3 Sep 46

HQ Allied Commission,
Navy Sub-Commission WFO 394 ✓

Ref your WSC/9267 of 12 July 46.

1. Enclosed please find copy report by the AM Examiner of this HQ Col PEARSON, from which it will be seen that considerable time was wasted in trying to locate the AM reported by you.
2. It would appear that the AM in question is no longer at CCEH Barracks at RICHAGIONE.

D/th

W. S. Darnish
Maj for Lt Col
ADOS
(W S DARNISH)

NAVY AND MARINE CORPS COMMISSION
NAVY AND MARINE CORPS COMMISSION NO. 324

NAV/524.
24th September, 1946.

From : Navy and Marine Corps Commission.
To : The Assistant Director of Overseas Services,
Headquarters, No. 3 District.

Subject: Disposal of surplus stock.

It would be appreciated if the Navy and Marine Corps Commission could now be informed of the action taken on letter number 882/9267 dated 12th July, 1946 from this office, in order that a reply may be made to the Italian Ministry of Marine.

G. F. MENTZ,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS COMMISSION.

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12 SEP 1946

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394

MSC/5257.
12th July, 1946.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : The Assistant Director of Ordnance Services,
Headquarters No. 3 District.

Subject : Disposal of Ammunition.

Enclosure (A) :- Ministry of Marine's letter SM/8728 dated 16th
February, 1946.

Enclosure (B) :- Navy Sub Commission's letter MSC/4525 dated
21st February, 1946.

Enclosure (C) :- Navy Sub Commission's letter MSC/4908 dated
15th April, 1946.

Enclosure (D) :- Headquarters No. 2 District's letter 1265/3/93 of
19th April, 1946.

Enclosures (A) through (D) are forwarded herewith for information
and appropriate action with reference to your letter OSA/4002 (211) dated
11th June, 1946.

2. While it cannot be confirmed that this ammunition has been
inspected by an I.O.C., it would appear that in view of the details contained
in Enclosure (A), an inspection was carried out a few days prior to the 16th
February, 1946.

G. F. MENTZ,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR
HEADQUARTERS, U. S. N.
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION,
ACTING.

15 JUL 1946

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Enclosure (A)

From : MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
 To : H.S.C. Ross
 Date : 16th February 1946.
 Ref. : SM/3728

Subject : Allied Munitions.

1. This Maristat is informed that at the CO. HQ. Barracks at Riomaggiore (La Spezia) the following cases of foreign munitions are held, having been recovered along the coast :

a) A case, closed and sealed, which has not been opened. It bears the following external markings :

On the lid

"Detonating FUZZ"
 "S.G.F.U.A. - Lot"
 "P.A. 128 - 85"

On the sides

"15 - P.O.F. 6"

On the bottom

"PICATINNY-ARMED"
 "DOVER - N.Y. 10-44"

b) An open case bearing the same markings externally and containing 15 No. Milk tins, painted black, with instructions for opening with a key. One of these tins is open and it contains a chronometrical device weighing about $1\frac{1}{2}$ kgs. :

c) A third case, also open, containing 10 No. projectiles of about 35 mm. calibre, which bears the following markings :

On lid

"Be Grenades Handle carefully"

On forward side

"10 grenades A.T.M.G.A.I."
 "Lot. G.R. 5 - 10 S.4.N.B.B."

On one side

"Grenades A.T.M.G.A.I."
 "GAREN 10 - C.I.C.S."
 "RIFLE GRENADE cal. 30 M. 3 S"

On the projectiles

GRENADE A.T.M.G.A.I.
 Lot. G.R. 5 - 10 - 7 - 44

2. As this is unknown Allied Material of which the transportation and handling by untrained personnel could have unfortunate results, the Navy Sub Commission is requested to examine the desirability of instructing Allied personnel to collect it.

for CHIEF OF STAFF.

Enclosure (B)

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394

NRG/4625.
21st February, 1946.

FIRST REPORT ON
Ministry of Marine's letter No.
SM/3728 dated 16th February, 1946.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : The Commanding Officer, Headquarters No.2 District.

Subject : Allied Munitions.

Forwarded for information and necessary action please.

2. It is requested that the Navy Sub Commission be informed of the action taken in due course.

REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

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Enclosure (0)

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394.

NSC/4908.
15th April, 1946.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : The Commanding Officer, Headquarters No. 2 District.

Subject : Allied Munitions.

It would be appreciated if the Navy Sub Commission could now be informed of the action taken on Navy Sub Commission letter NSC/4625 dated 21st February, 1946.

REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

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Enclosure (D)

SUBJECT : Allied Munition s.

HQ. No. 2 District, CWP

1265/3/03

19 Apr. 46.

HQ Allied Commission
Navy Sub Commission,
APO 594

Ref your letter WIC/4908 dated 15 Apr. 46

(CWP) CWP have been asked for disposal instructions for the
munition referred to and their reply is awaited.

Lt. Col.
A. J. G.

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SUBJECT:- Disposal of Amn -

3 District
Tel Ext 82
CSL/4002 (211)

HQ Allied Commission,
Navy Sub Commission APO 394.

// Jun 46

Ref your NSC/5055 of 21 May 46.

1. As no trace can be found of 2 Dist letter 1265/3/Q3 of 19 Apr 46, will you please fwd the following infm in respect of the British amn held at the CCMR Barracks, Riomaggiore (La Spezia):-

- (i) Natures and quantities
- (ii) Total tonnage
- (iii) State whether such amn has been inspected by an IOC, and, if so, at what date.
- (iv) Give any infm as to present general condition, e.g., whether amn is properly packed or otherwise.

D/th

W N Darbyshire
Capt for Lt Col
ADCS
(W N DARBYSHIRE)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission AGO 394

AGO/5035.
21st May, 1946.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Ag., Allied Commission.
To : Commanding General, No. 3 District, C. I. F.

Subject : Allied Partitions.

With reference to Headquarters No. 2 District's letter
1365/3/23 dated 19th April, 1946, it would be appreciated if
General Headquarters, C. I. F. could be instructed for disposal
instructions for the British acquisition held at the C. I. F. Barracks,
Riverside (LA Specie).

(Sd) G. E. W. W. W.
HIGH GENERAL,
HEAD, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

24 MAY 1946

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SUBJECT: Allied Munitions

HQ No 2 District, CMF

1265/3/43

19 Apr 46.

HQ Allied Commission,
Navy Sub Commission,
AFD 394

Ref your letter NSC/4908 dated 15 Apr 46.

GHQ CMF have been asked for disposal instructions for the
ammunition referred to and their reply is awaited.

Headquarters

Lt. Col.
AQMG.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394

NSC/4908.
15th April, 1946.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : The Commanding Officer, Headquarters No.2 District.

Subject : Allied Munitions.

It would be appreciated if the Navy Sub Commission could now be informed of the action taken on Navy Sub Commission letter NSC/4625 dated 21st February, 1946.

Q. F. MENTZ,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR
REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

16 APR 1946

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394

WFO/1524.
21st February, 1946.

FIRST PARAGRAPH on
Ministry of Marine's letter No.
M/5728 dated 16th February, 1946.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : The Commanding Officer, Headquarters No. 2 District.

Subject : Allied Munitions.

Forwarded for information and necessary action please.

2. It is requested that the Navy Sub Commission be informed
of the action taken in due course.

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G. E. MENTZ,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR DEPT. ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

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From : MINISTER OF MARINE (Maristat)
 To : U.S.C. - Rome
 Date : 16th February 1946.
 Ref : 3/3728

Subject : Allied Munitions.

1. This Maristat is informed that at the U.S.M. Barracks at Sion-gloro (La Spezia) the following cases of foreign munitions are held, having been recovered along the coast :

- a) A case, closed and sealed, which has not been opened. It bears the following external markings :

On the lid	"Detonating Fuse" "U.S.F.C.A. - Lot" "P. 128 - 35"
On the sides	"15 - P. 1. 6"
On the bottom	"PROHIBED-ARMED" "DOVER - N.Y. 10-44"

- b) An open case bearing the same markings externally and containing 15 No. Milk tins, painted black, with instructions for opening with a key. One of these tins is open and it contains a chronometrical device weighing about 1 1/2 kgs.;

- c) A third case, also open, containing 10 No. projectiles of about 35 mm. calibre, which bears the following markings :

On lid	"GRANADE" "HEAR grenades Handle carefully"
On forward side	"10 grenades A.T.M.G.A.I." "Lot. G.H. 5 - 10 - 4 N.B.B."
On one side	"Granades A.T.M.G.A.I." "CAUTION 10 - G.I.G.A." "RIFLE OR P.A.S. cal. 30 M. 3"
On the projectile	"GRANADE A.T.M.G.A.I." "Lot. G.H. 5 - 10 - 7 - 44"

2. As this is unknown Allied material or which the transportation and handling by untrained personnel could have unfortunate results, the Navy sub Commission is requested to examine the desirability of instructing Allied personnel to collect it.

For CHIEF OF STAFF

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394

W36/4626.
21st February, 1946.

From : Navy Sub Commission, No., Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject : Allied Munitions.

With reference to the Ministry of Marine's letter No. 41/3726 dated 16th February, 1946, the matter has been referred to the Headquarters No. 2 District for necessary action.

2. The Ministry of Marine will be informed in due course of the action taken.

G. F. MENTZ,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR HEAD ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

25 FEB 1946

From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
 To : N.S.C. - Rome
 Date: 16th February 1946
 Ref.: SM/8728

Subject: Allied Munitions

1. This Maristat is informed that at the CO.RR. Barracks at Riomaggiore (La Spezia) the following cases of foreign ammunitions are held, having been recovered along the coast :

a) A case, closed and sealed, which has not been opened. It bears the following external markings :

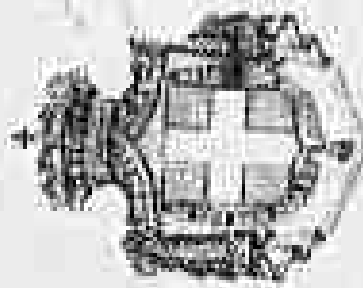
On the lid	"Detonating FUXES"
	"S.G.F.U.A. - Lot"
	"P.A. 123 - 35"
On the sides	"15 - P.C.T. 6"
On the bottom	"PICATINNY-ARSENAL"
	"DOVER - N.Y.10-44"

b) An open case bearing the same markings externally and containing 15 No. Milk tins, painted black, with instructions for opening with a key. One of these tins is open and it contains a chronometrical device weighing about $1\frac{1}{2}$ kgs.;

c) A third case, also open, containing 10 No. projectiles of about 35 mm. calibre, which bears the following markings :

On lid	"HEGR envades Handle carefully"
On forward side	"10 grenades A.T.M.G.A.I."
	"Lot.G.R.5 - 10 S.4.N.B.3"
On one side	"Grenades A.T.M.G.A.I."
	"CARTR 10 - C.I.G.3."
	"RIFLE GRANADE cal.30 M.3 S"
On the projectile	GRANADE A.I.M.A.A. 1
	Lot. G.R.5 - 10 - 7 - 44

2. As this is unknown Allied material of which the transportation and handling by untrained personnel could have unfortunate results, the Navy Sub Commission is requested to examine the desirability of instructing Allied personnel to collect it.



Stato Maggiore della R. Marina

Reg. M.D.S. *UFF* E.D.

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO MARISTAT - ROMA

Post. V. 1894/8 - Allegato

Mod. 39

Roma 16 Febbraio 1946

LA NAVY SUB-COMMISSION

ROMA

ARGOMENTO Materiale di munizionamento Allestimento.

I. - Risulta a questo Maristat che a Riomaggiore (La Spezia), presso la Caserma dei Carabinieri, sono depositate le seguenti cassette di munizionamento streniero, recuperate lungo la costa:

- a) - una cassetta chiusa e sigillata, che non è stata aperta.
Esse reca all'esterno le seguenti diciture :
 - sul coperchio
 - "Detonating FUSES"
 - "S.G.F.U.A. - lot"
 - "P.A. 128 - 85"
 - sui lati
 - "15 - P.C.T. 6 "
 - sul fondo
 - "PICATINNY-ARSENAL"
 - "DOVER - N.Y. IO-44"
- b) - una cassetta aperta recante all'esterno le stesse diciture e contenente n.15 scatole di letta dipinte in nero, con dispositivo di apertura a chiavetta. Una di tali scatole è aperta e contiene un congegno ad orologeria del peso di circa un chilogrammo e mezzo;
- c) - una terza cassetta, pure aperta, contiene n.10 proiettili di calibro circa 35 m/m e reca le seguenti iscrizioni :
 - sul coperchio
 - "HEER envides Handle carefully"
 - parte anteriore
 - "IO grandes A.T.M.G.A.I."

ARGOMENTO Materiale di munizionamento Allestito.=

I. - Risulta a questo Meristat che a Riomaggiore (La Spezia), presso le Caserma dei Carabinieri, sono depositate le seguenti cassette di munizionamento straniero, recuperate lungo la costa:

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Essa reca all'esterno le seguenti diciture:

- sul coperchio
"Detonating FUZES"
"S.G.F.U.A. - lot"
"P.A. 128 - 85"

- sui lati
"15 - P.O.T. 6"
- sul fondo
"PICATINNY-ARSENAL"
"DOVER - N.Y. IO-44"

b) - una cassetta aperta recante all'esterno le stesse diciture e contenente n. 15 scatole di latte dipinte in nero, con dispositivo di apertura a chiave. Una di tali scatole è aperta e contiene un congegno ad orologeria del peso di circa un chilogrammo e mezzo;

c) - una terza cassetta, pure aperta, contiene n. 10 proiettili di calibro circa 35 m/m e reca le seguenti iscrizioni:

- sul coperchio
"HECR envides Handle carefully"
"10 grenades A.T.M.G.A.I. ~"
"Lot. G.R. 5 - IO S. 4. N. B. B."

- de un lato
"Grenades A.T.M.G.A.I."
"CARTEN IO - C.I.G.S. "
"RIFLE GRANADE cal. 30 M. 3 S"
sul proiettile GRANADE A.I.M.A.A. 1
Lot. G.R. 5 - IO - 7 - 44

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2. - Trattandosi di materiali Alleati sconosciuti, il cui maneggio ed il cui trasporto da parte di personale incompetente potrebbe dar luogo ed inconvenienti, si prega codesta Navy Sub-Commission di voler esaminare l'opportunità di disporre perchè essi siano ritirati da personale Alleato. =

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE



From : MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : M.S.C. HQ. A.C.
Date : 22nd August 1946.
Ref. : 10456/2.

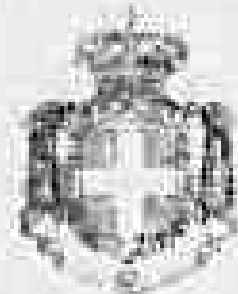
Subject : Foreign munitions.

It would be appreciated if a reply could be given to our letter No. 10456/2 of 19th June, 1946, subject as above.

CHEF OF CABINET.

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Ministero della Marina
GABINETTO

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARINA - ROMA

Dist. N° 10456/2 *Alligati*

ARGOMENTO Munizionamento estero.

Si prega voler riscontrare il
foglio di questo Ufficio di Gabinetto
pari numero datato 19 giugno 1946, al
l'argomento sopra indicato.-

IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
C. di V. G. MARINI

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394

NSC/5396.
23rd August, 1946.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject : Discharge of Allied Ammunition from Italian Ships.

With reference to the Ministry of Marine's letter 10456/2 dated 19th June, 1946, the matter was referred to the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station who has now directed me to inform the Ministry of Marine that the Italian Navy may dispose of this ammunition in the most suitable manner.

C. F. MENTZ,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

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26 AUG 1946

DISCHARGE OF ARMED ADMIRALS;
FROM ITALIAN SHIPS.

(Navy Sub Commission, Headquarters,
Allied Commission's Letter dated
1st July, 1946.)

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Dec. 15/19/46/11.
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION.

The Italian Navy should dispose
of this examination in the most suitable
manner.

Phil

REDACTED FOR A D R T R A L
10th August 1946.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission ASC 394

H30/5216.
1st July, 1946.

FIRST ENDORSEMENT on
Ministry of Marine's letter
Ref. 10456/2 dated 19th June, 1946.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.

Subject : Discharge of Allied Ammunition from Italian Ships.

Forwarded with the request that disposal instructions may
be given in respect of the ammunition referred to in Minute I.

W. F. BAHMANN
Comdr, USNR

For

REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION,
FOR CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

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From : MEMBERS OF CABINET (Cabinet)
 To : H.S.O.
 Date : 19th June, 1946
 Ref. : 10456/2.

Subject : Foreign munitions.

1. The Commander-in-Chief of the Military Maritime Department of Naples has informed us that the steamships "GRITTI" and "LAVORO", following derequisition, have unloaded the following British munitions at the Capo Miseno magazine :-

S.S. "GRITTI".

54 102 mm. firing charges.
 16 boxes for same
 81 102 mm. shells with fuses
 27 boxes for same
 500 20/70 mm. rounds.
 2 boxes for same.

S.S. "LAVORO".

42 mortar bombs
 7 boxes for same
 8400 50 calibre rounds
 35 boxes for same
 2160 20/70 mm. rounds
 12 boxes for same
 149 120 calibre rounds.
 38 boxes for same.

2. The munition in question being British property, information is requested whether it is to be returned to the Allied Authorities and, if so, to which ones, or whether the Italian Navy may dispose of it in the most suitable manner.

CHIEF OF CABINET.
 Sgd. G. di V. G. Marini.

JLP/E/KP
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To : M.S.C.
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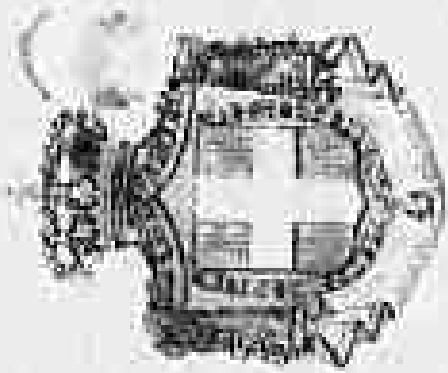
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42 mortar bombs
7 boxes for same
8400 50 calibre rounds
35 boxes for same
2160 20/70 mm. rounds
12 boxes for same
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Chief of Cabinet.
Sgd. C. di V. G. Marini.



Ministero della Marina

GABINETTO

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO MARINA - ROMA

Ord. N° 10456/2 Allegato

ARGOMENTO: Munizionamento estero.

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"	81 proietti con spoletta da 102
"	27 casse per dette
"	500 cartucce da 20/70
"	2 cassette per dette

Piroscafo "LAVORO"

No. 42	bombe da mortaio
"	7 casse per dette
" 8400	cartucce calibro 50
"	35 casse per dette
" 2160	cartucce da 20/70
"	12 casse per dette
" 149	cartucce calibro 120
"	38 casse per dette

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Trattandosi di munizionamento inglese si pregerebbe

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HEADQUARTERS, A.C.

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2. Trattandosi di munizionamento inglese si pregherebbe far conoscere se il materiale deve essere restituito ad Autorità Alleata e quale; o se la Marina Italiana ne può disporre nel modo che risulterà più opportuno.

IL CAPO DI CABINETTO
 C. di V. G. MARINI

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394

NSC/5171.
13th June, 1946.

SECOND RECONSTRUCTION on
Navy Sub Commission, Headquarters
Allied Commission's letter No. NSC/5005
dated 10th May, 1946.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Land Forces Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission
(A.M.F.A.)
(Copy to :- Flag Officer Liaison Italy.)

Subject : German Material Ex Allied Ammunition Depot.

Forwarded in reply to paragraph 2 of your letter A.106
dated 7th May, 1946.

C. P. MENTZ,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR

DEAC ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

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(Navy Submarine, Headquarters Allied
Comandante's letter No. 100/5005 dated
10th May, 1946.)

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Ref. 100/5005/2.
NAVY HQ, WASHINGTON,
D.C.
10th May, 1946.

Approved for the material listed in the
enclosure to your letter 100/5005 dated 10th May,
1946 to be used as such by the Italian Military
Commission, subject to confirmation, which should
be given by the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean,
that the material is of Allied Naval origin.

100/5005/2
10th May, 1946.

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SCRAP MATERIAL EX ALLIED APPOINTMENT DE VUE

(Navy Sub Commission, Headquarters Allied
Commission's letter No. NSC/5005 dated
10th May, 1946.)

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NAVY SUB COMMISSION,
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED
COMMISSION, ROUE.

Approved for the material
listed in the enclosure to your letter
NSC/5005 dated 10th May, 1946 to be used
as scrap by the Italian military
authorities, subject to confirmation,
which cannot be given by the Commander-in-
Chief, Mediterranean, that the material is
of Allied Naval origin.

Peter Catolet

MEDITERRANEAN
3rd June, 1946.

for ADMIRAL

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394

HRG/5005.
10th May, 1946.

FIRST PRESENTMENT ON
Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission
(MIA)'s Letter G-106 of 7th May, 1946.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.
(Copies to :- Flag Officer Liaison Italy,
Land Forces Sub Commission,
Allied Commission (MIA).)

Subject : Born Metal ex Allied Ammunition Depot - CANAPA.

Forwarded with the request that disposal instruction be
given in respect of this material should it be confirmed that the
material is of Allied Naval origin.

H. W. ZIROLL,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR

REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION,
FOR ALLIED COMMISSION.

14 MAY 1946

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Subject : Scrap Metal on Allied Ammunition Depot CANADA.

LAND FORCES SUB COMD. A.C. KCMG
(M.M.I.A.)
Tel. 478103

O. 106

7 May 46.

TO : A.C. (for Navy Sub Commission).

Ref attached copy of letter 85786/9AA dated 10 April 46 from Italian War Ministry.

1. It is thought that this letter refers to Allied Naval material.
2. If this is so, war disposal instructions please be issued as per para. 2 of the above quoted letter.

M. W. BRADLEY,
Major Inmate
for Major General
M. M. I. A.

M. W. B./3m.

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COPY of
TRANSLATION

FROM :- Ministry of War

REF : 23765/USA

TO :- S.M.I.G.

DATE : 10/4/46

SUBJECT : Metal scrap found in the ex Allied
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- 500 small sheet metal containers, weight approx. 50 tons, stored in the Garfa depot;
- 2250 corrugated sheet iron containers, weight approx. 13 tons, stored in the Garfa depot,
- large sheet metal rectangular cases, 720- weight approx. 5 tons, stored in the Garfa depot.

(2) Please inform us as to whether there is any objection to said scrap being used by this administration.

Sgt. COTTE

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Subject : Scrap Metal. ex Allied Ammunition Depot. CARAF.

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

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E.W. Bradley Major.

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for Major General
M.E.I.A.

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T R A N S L A T I O N

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TO : M.M.I.A.

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HEADQUARTERS
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ECONOMIC SECTION

Navy &c

Ref: ES/15.05/2

28 June 1946

Reference is made to minutes of a meeting held 24 June (ES/15.05/2) at 10:00 hours by the Economic Section, Allied Commission, on the subject of supply of guards for ammunition deposits.

The last paragraph on Page 7 of the minutes, stating:

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is modified by the following:

As regards the turning over and guarding of the deposit of airplane bombs, Prof. Rossi declares that it is not possible to accept any obligation until the Italian Government (that is: the Ministers he intends to consult) have taken the decision to accept or not the bombs in question.

This has been communicated by telephone to Colonel Blakeney, G-4, MTOUSA, who agrees that if the Italian Government does not want the air force bombs they will not be expected to furnish the guards. However, he still is of the opinion that assistance from the Italian Government in a disposal program, by dumping or otherwise, will be necessary.

CHARLES W. WALTON
Colonel, A.C.
Acting Vice President

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1 copy to each of the following:

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Mr. Joseph Keegan, G-5, AFHQ
Col. D. P. Caulkins, O.F.L.C.
Lt. Col. J. J. W. Nicholson, Ministry of Supply
Mr. A. S. Woodall, Ministry of Supply
Prof. Ernesto Rossi, President of A.R.A.R.
Avv. De Marchi, A.R.A.R.
Col. Fausto Monaco, Ministry of War
Luigi Gerbello, Ministry of Industry & Commerce
Salvatore Romano, Ministry of Industry & Commerce

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EXCERPT (continued)

Vittor Giacomo Romano, Ministry of Treasury
Major D. S. Strachan-Audax, C.E.M. Branch

Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission
Executive Commissioner, Allied Commission
Land Forces Sub-Commission
Air Forces Sub-Commission
Navy Sub-Commission

U.N.R.R.A. (Attn: Mr. Harlan Cleveland)
Mr. Bombasse, Italian Liaison Officer, Allied Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
ECONOMIC SECTION

Navy s/c

ES/1505/2

24 June 1946

A meeting was held on 24 June at 10:00 hours by the Economic Section, Allied Commission, on the subject of supply of guards for ammunition deposits.

PRESENT:

Economic Section:	Col. Charles W. Walton Lt. Col. R. E. Rora
G-4, MTOUSA	Col. C. G. Blakeney
G-5, AFHQ	Col. W. P. Arnold Mr. Joseph Morgan
G.F.L.C.	Col. D. P. Calkins
Ministry of Supply	Lt Col. J.J.W. Nicholson Mr. W. W. Woodall
A.R.A.R.	Prof. Ernesto Rossi Avv. De Marchi
Ministry of War	Col. Fausto Monaco
Ministry of Industry & Commerce	Luigi Gerbella Salvatore Romano
Ministry of Interior	Roberto Scandaliato
Ministry of Treasury	Vittor Giacomo Romano
C.E.M.	Major D. S. Struchan-Audas

Colonel Walton presided.

Colonel Walton stated, by way of review, that because of redeployment of Allied troops there is an increase in the volume of surplus material to be turned over to the Italian Government through A.R.A.R., which includes ammunition. It is necessary to have a rapid turn-over because, (a) it will be helpful to Italian economy and, (a) because of the reduction in Allied Forces. The meeting today is to be confined to the discussion of the turn-over of ammunition deposits. Some of the questions to be discussed are:

- (a) What deposits remain to be turned over?
- (b) How many guards are needed for these deposits?
- (c) Can A.R.A.R. assume this responsibility?

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(d) Will the new civil guard corps be able to assume the responsibility, and which?

(e) Are there any other guards available?

Colonel Walton then asked for a statement from the Americans and the British as to what depots (ammunition) remain to be turned over.

Colonel Blakeney, G-4, stated that the Americans have approximately 2,000 tons of air force bombs at Accera, Bari and Manfredonia. In addition there are, roughly, between 6,000 and 7,000 tons of artillery shells, motor projectiles and other ground force ammunition at Aversa. The present commitment of guards is 75 at Accera, 140 at Bari, 50 at Manfredonia, and 224 at Aversa. The American Forces have made a study of the number of guards required and it is felt that 178 total for the Accera, Bari and Manfredonia dumps would be sufficient. The hundred would be required at Aversa -- or a total of 378 guards for the American depots to be turned over. Colonel Blakeney asked Prof. Rossi if this ammunition were turned over, say 1 July, how long it would take to de-militarize the ammunition and break it down into usable components.

Prof. Rossi said this would depend on the total ammunition turned over by both the Americans and British.

Colonel Walton then asked for a statement of the British ammunition to be turned over.

Lt. Col. Nicholson, Ministry of Supply, reported that the British have already turned over some 50,000 tons, which is now guarded, while there remains only about 5,000 tons to be turned over. It is planned to land this in at Ancona, furnishing the necessary transport to Ancona. There is already a guard at Ancona, but an extra guard commitment of some 30 to 40 guards may be required.

Colonel Walton asked whether C.E.M. will be making any further turn-overs.

Major Strachan-Lucas reported that some 300 small dumps have been turned over in North Italy and guards have been provided. The remainder will be almost negligible.

Colonel Walton summed up the ammunition turn-over to be some 55,000 tons of British ammunition; about the same quantity of American, and an unknown quantity of CEM, or well over 100,000 tons of ammunition in all. He then asked Prof. Rossi, if on the basis of these figures, he would care to answer Col. Blakeney's previous question of how long it would take to de-militarize and break down the ammunition for industrial uses.

Prof. Rossi said that he could not answer that question today because there is the question of whether the air force bombs could be held separately since they are less important to the economy, and whether they will want to take over the air force bombs.

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Colonel Walter said he would like to know what the attitude of Italian industry now is with regard to de-militarization of this ammunition. It would seem that in the past few months there is less interest shown.

Prof. Rossi stated that if they can guard this ammunition it could be no problem, but it all revolves around the problem of guards.

Colonel Blakeney stated that what he was interested in determining was roughly whether it would take one year, two years, or three years to de-militarize this ammunition.

Mr. Woodall said that the British felt that the rate which ought to be maintained is the rate of break-down achieved in the early days when industry was enthusiastic. In those days a rate of 600 tons per day, per depot was achieved, and it was felt this was a fair rate. On this basis we could figure how long it would take to break down the total.

Prof. Rossi pointed out that this rate was achieved at Pola where there was good equipment and only one type of ammunition involved. Now they have to plan for all different kinds of ammunition, and it may take many months to get the necessary equipment. He asked whether the amounts previously stated were all that would be turned over.

Colonel Blakeney said that as long as it was necessary to maintain forces in Venezia-Giulia there would be no additional ammunition turned over insofar as the United States is concerned. At the conclusion of this commitment in Trieste there will be additional ammunition, but it cannot be stated in what amount.

Prof. Rossi said that he would like a chance to talk with the other interested Ministers, but he felt that he could make the statement for them, that so far as they (A.R.A.R.) are concerned the air force bombs could be dumped into the sea.

Colonel Blakeney asked what help the Italian Government would give in accomplishing this mission.

Prof. Rossi replied that they could give no help; that it would probably be necessary for the Allies to take care of it as they have done at Naples, Bari and Livorno.

Colonel Blakeney pointed out that circumstances have changed, and that if the Allies did do the dumping the Italians should furnish free use of railroads, free use of ports and the required ships. Colonel Blakeney stressed that these were not commitments, since he was "thinking out loud", but he felt these would be at least part of the requirements.

Prof. Rossi said that as far as its being free of charge the Ministry of Treasury would undoubtedly agree, but to provide the material means would be difficult.

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Colonel Blakeney said that the Americans might be able to furnish trucks and some personnel, but they had no ships. In attempting to arrive at the number of ships necessary, Colonel Blakeney said that as he remembered in a previous dumping program something like 2,000 tons were dumped using four schooners in about a week. Prof. Rossi indicated that the Italians could not furnish the ships for such an operation.

Mr. Woodall, speaking for the British, stated that so far as they were concerned the air force bombs had already been turned over to the Italians and are being guarded by them. Whether they decide to do with them is entirely up to the Italian Government and they can expect no help from the British Army authorities. The British Army authorities have already dumped the ammunition they felt necessary and the rest is up to the Italians.

Colonel Walton stated that it would seem the physical means is going to be difficult no matter who undertakes a further dumping program. Whether the Italian Government advises, as they felt before, that these bombs would be useful or not, it is doubtful whether we are getting very far here discussing the matter because guards are required in any case. Suggest letting the question of dumping into the sea or utilizing them rest with the Government.

Prof. Rossi agreed that this is a question for the Council of Ministers.

Colonel Blakeney pointed out that the American Forces have been holding and guarding this air force ammunition for the Italians for more than six months, because the Italians had said they wanted it. It could have been disposed a long time ago.

Avv. De Marchi said that even though the request for such material is much less now, it could be used but there is the big problem of danger to the population.

Prof. Rossi asked if Allied Commission could give any help in organizing and getting the Armed Forces ceilings raised for additional guards.

Colonel Walton stated that in the last meeting General Hadden had said it was useless to talk about that, and his statement should be taken as final.

Avv. De Marchi said that on the basis of the figures presented today, which were much less than expected particularly on the British side, it would seem that the problem is much simpler.

Colonel Walton pointed out that the total guards necessary would appear to be 418, and asked if A.R.A.B. could provide these necessary guards.

Prof. Rossi asked if they could have more information as to the exact location of the air force bomb dumps, and how far they are from the ports.

Colonel Blakeney replied that Ascea is about 20 miles from Naples, but Naples coast is used for dumping. It is about the same distance from the sea for Bari and Manfredonia. There are about 17,000 tons at Ascea, 17,000 tons at Bari and the balance at Manfredonia -- about equally divided.

Colonel Walton again asked whether A.R.A.R. thought it could provide the necessary guards.

Prof. Rossi said that he thought so -- as far as the guards are concerned in the figures presented. He asked if the Italian Government put the ships at the disposal of the Americans, would the Americans be able to do the actual dumping into the sea?

Colonel Blakeney said that he thought we could probably give some assistance, but he was not sure as to how much. He suggested that Prof. Rossi discuss this matter with him. If a decision to dump is reached, but the immediate problem is to get guards on these ammunition depots. If a decision is made to dump the air force bombs it will have to be made quickly because the American Forces are getting smaller and smaller.

Prof. Rossi asked if he could have a list of the types of bombs, and Colonel Caulkins stated they had a breakdown available for A.R.A.R. in his office.

Prof. Rossi asked if the chemical composition was indicated on the breakdown. Colonel Caulkins said the list did not include a chemical breakdown but just the amount of powder, steel, brass, etc. Colonel Caulkins said it probably would be possible to get this information if urgent, and Prof. Rossi indicated he would like to have these details as soon as possible so that they could get their experts to work on it.

Colonel Walton asked if we could assure the Italian Government would furnish the guards?

Avv. De Marchi said that they would furnish the guards with the exception of the air force bombs.

Colonel Walton stated that he realized this was only one of A.R.A.R.'s problems, but the matter of guarding the ammunition was an important one, and in order for Colonel Blakeney to go ahead with any program it is necessary to settle the problem of guards.

Prof. Rossi said that from a technical point of view it is a problem and guards will be provided, but there is the question of whether A.R.A.R. will take over the air force bombs.

Colonel Walton then pointed out that the air force bomb depots were included in the estimated number of guards required.

Prof. Rossi said that as a technical problem it could be solved, but A.R.A.R. doesn't want to provide guards if they decide not to take over the air force bombs.

Avv. De Marchi pointed out that it is a commercial problem as well as a technical one, and it will undoubtedly be decided this coming week.

Colonel Blakeney said there is no question but what the ground force

ammunition at Aversa is desired. Therefore he would like to turn over the depot at Aversa at once, and let the matter of air force bomb depots wait for a week or 10 days until a decision is reached. He pointed out that the Italian Government has asked for the release of certain Italian troops working with the Allies, but it is not possible to release these troops as long as there is such guard duty to be performed.

Prof. Rossi asked how soon the Italian Government would have to take over the Aversa dump.

Colonel Blakeney stated that the Allies were a little disappointed that the carabinieri were not able to take over the depots in Naples on the 15th, but that they are pleased that they will take over on the 27th of June. It is absolutely essential that the Aversa dump be taken over just as soon as possible -- 1 July should be the outside date. We are just going to have to abandon it if the guards aren't there because we just don't have the people.

Prof. Rossi asked if it would be possible to have at least 10 days.

Colonel Blakeney agreed to setting 5 July as the date for taking over the Aversa dump and 5 July for a decision as to what is going to happen to the air force bombs. He asked when it would be possible to set a date for taking over the guard responsibility on the air force bombs.

Prof. Rossi said that in order to make a decision on the air force bombs they need the data on chemical composition.

Colonel Blakeney said he would have an expert in Rome tomorrow with this information.

Avv. De Marchi said 5 July as a date for the Aversa plant and a decision on the air force stuff was O.K., but the question of guards for the bombs is a question which must be considered by the Italian Ministries.

Prof. Rossi asked whether the guards could be armed.

Lt. Col. Horn stated that Public Safety has ruled that no automatic weapons will be allowed. Guards may carry the ordinary carbine, but it is not desirable to arm civilian guards with automatic weapons.

Prof. Rossi asked if the problem of guards could be examined independently of the guards necessary for the ammunition depots.

Colonel Blakeney said he wished to discuss this so far as the United States is concerned.

Colonel Monroe said he was asked to point out that the Ministry of War would like to avoid keeping soldiers away from their ordinary training and schedule on guard duty, and substitute civilians for military guards.

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Colonel Blakeney stated that as long as the U. S. Army has the responsibility it will use Italian military guards. They are now under the control of the U. S. Army and will be used so long as necessary. As for the entire problem as far as the United States Forces are concerned, it is this: The Italian Government has agreed to take over the Naples Ground Force Depot by the 27th of June. There is a depot at Naples containing air technical supplies, that is largely spare parts for airplanes, which will be ready for turn-over on 30 June and will require 56 men. There is an Ordnance Depot at Caserta, presently manned by Air Force personnel, containing trucks, spare parts, and miscellaneous ordnance items. It will be ready for turn-over on 31 July and will require 72 men. There are three depots in Leghorn in which property has been segregated as surplus. One is an engineer's depot, 1 an ordnance vehicle depot, and 1 scrap depot. It is estimated that 75 men will be sufficient and this will be ready for turn-over about 15 July. That is all at the present time. There will be no additional requirements. Not all the material in these depots has been accepted by the Italian Government by signature, but the major part has been.

Colonel Walton stated that the Italian Government has been furnished with a list of the GEM material so far as it is known.

A summary of the necessary guards follows:

Ascona, Bari, Manfredonia	178 guards	
Aversa	200	"
TOTAL for U.S.	378	"
Ancona	TOTAL ADDITIONAL FOR BRITISH	40
		418

Additional U. S. FORCES DEPOTS

Naples Air Force Technical Depot	56	"	30 June
Air Force Ordnance Depot, Caserta	72	"	31 July
1 Engineer Depot, 1 Ordnance Vehicle Depot, 1 Scrap Depot, Leghorn	75	"	15 July
GRAND TOTAL	621	"	

Colonel Blakeney emphasized that these are the United States Army's best estimates both as to turn-over dates and as to number of guards required, and the estimated number of guards is the minimum number.

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MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:45 A.M.

CHARLES W. WALTON
Colonel, A.C.
Acting Vice President

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMM' ON

Office of the Chief Commissioner

A.P.O. 3 934

Ref: 9/28/44.25 June 1946.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

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

Under Article 13 of the Armistice Terms, the manufacture of war material and its transit is prohibited except as directed by the United Nations. Further, as you will be aware, under Article 3(a) of the Revised Armistice which is now being considered by your Government, the responsibility for the control of production of armaments will be vested in the Allied organization to be set up to supervise the Armed Forces in Italy.

My attention has been particularly drawn to the extent to which the Civil Police Forces (other than G.C.M.) are being armed for the maintenance of law and order.

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

- (a) The type and scale of weapons authorized for each of these Police Forces (other than G.C.M.) under Italian law;
- (b) The system of control by your Government of the manufacture, repair and transit of war material, and the Ministry by which this control is exercised.

Very truly yours,

WILFRED L. GORDON
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Alcide de Gasperi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
Rome.

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Navy Sub Commission

Commander Risk

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CIVIL
AFFAIRS SECTION ON MONDAY, 27 MAY 1946 AT 1430 HRS TO
DISCUSS CONTROL OF PRODUCTION OF ARMS, AMMUNITION AND
WAREHOUSE STORES.

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In the Chair: Brigadier M. CARR

Present

[1] Commander, J.C. RISK, Navy Sub-Commission.

Colonel W. PIESLEY, Land Forces Sub-Comm.

(MIA)

Lt. Col. H. MCGILL, do.

Lt. Col. R. CURTIS, do.

Major R. C. VAN KIRK do.

S/Lt. M. E. REID, Air Forces Sub-Comm.

Colonel H. M. WALKER, Ind. & Util. Br, Econ.

3rd.

Capt. T. E. MILLOTT do.

Lt. Col. F. J. WILSON Public Safety Sub-Comm.

Major N. W. HIND-SMITH, Office of Ex. Comm.

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the Italian Government of the prohibition in regard to the production of arms and ammunition. Here again nothing had been done.

Matters had come to a head recently because certain elements in the Italian police forces were being supplied with quantities and types of arms and ammunition beyond those considered necessary or desirable. Although this HQ had acquiesced in the policy of issue of automatic weapons to certain elements of the Police, it had always been considered that control of issue should be maintained, which would have been the case if authorized releases from stocks and factories had been made.

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Recommendations as to action to be taken in AC to implement policy laid down.

Brig. Carr said it had been pointed out in correspondence that AC had not the necessary technical staff to administer control. He recommended that it was a matter to be taken up by one of the Service Sub-Commissions, in view of recent developments and the future of AC. In view of the fact that Land Forces was the largest Service Sub-Commission he considered it might be their responsibility.

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Col. Pidelley replied that the views of his Sub-Commission were mainly as expressed in their letter Q.000 dated 7 May. The opinion was then given that if it was felt that restriction was necessary under the terms of the Armistice the responsibility on the Italian side should be that of our Ministry, possibly the Ministry of War. If this was done then it would be necessary for our authority to take responsibility for supervision on the Allied side.

Col. Pidelley considered that the Navy would have to be separate in the matter, but all other arms could come under War Ministry. The situation rather pointed to a section composed of technical experts in addition to military personnel. Provided suitable technical assistance was forthcoming, Land Forces Sub-Commission might assume the responsibility for control.

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Brig. Carr expressed agreement with this suggestion.

Col. Pidsley undertook to prepare a draft letter to the Italian Government.

As regards the strength and armament of the Police Forces other than CC.BP., Col. Pidsley felt that AFHQ and CCS had not the same view of the picture as HQ and there was a danger of errors being issued based on incomplete information. It was therefore necessary to give them all the information we had available. Brig. Carr agreed and said he would prepare a letter to AFHQ in consultation with Col. Pidsley, based on a letter prepared by Land Forces Sub-Commission.

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Commander Risk entered the meeting and Brig. Carr reviewed what had been discussed and the recommendations made. Commander Risk said that the Navy-Subcommission had refused permission for the Ministry of Marine to acquire additional weapons except in cases of emergency. A survey of naval munition factories had been carried out with a view to ascertaining those that could be converted to civilian use. No complete control was exercised, the only form of control being on a voluntary basis.

Brig. Carr said AC should put the whole case to LPHQ and if they were prepared to provide the necessary staff there was no reason why control could not be exercised.

Col. Pidalet suggested that it was necessary to obtain from the Italian Government a full resume of the existing laws for manufacture of weapons, including sporting weapons.

Brig. Carr concluded the discussions by saying that the recommendations made would be submitted to the Executive Commission.

The meeting closed at 1515 hrs.

To: NA SUB-COMMISSION. ✓HEADQUARTERS ARMED COMMISSION.
APO 794
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION.*Mark alluded
Minutes sent to
and around*SUBJECT: Control of Production of Arms and
Ammunitions.

24th May, 1946

Reference Para 4 of the Minutes of the Executive Commissioner's
meeting 14th May:-

The Vice President, Civil Affairs Section will hold a
meeting on Monday, May 27th at 11.30 hrs in the Vice President's
office to discuss the question of control of production of arms
and munitions.

Brigadier Carr, Vice President, Civil Affairs Section
will preside:

The following are requested to send a representative:-

Naval Sub-Commission,
Land Forces Sub-Commission,
Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Economic Section,
Executive Commissioner,
Public Safety Sub-Commission.

Points of reference for the meeting:-

1. With reference to AFHQ Secret letter 388.3487 SA-0
of the 2nd August 1945 * to consider in general the
present extent of production of arms and munitions
so far as is known at this Headquarters.
2. To consider what control, if any, is being exercised
in accordance with the directions contained in the
above quoted letter.
3. To make recommendations as to:-
 - (a) What action should be taken within this Headquarters
to implement the policy laid down.
 - (b) What action should be taken with AFHQ or the ^{Region} ~~Region~~
Government in this matter.

Manley
Staff Officer,
W. C. Section.

* (Copies of this letter were sent to all Service Sub-Commissions,
Economic Section and Executive Commissioner.)

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POLICE ON ITALIAN POSITIONS PROMOTION.
(Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station's No.
Med.45/00120/42, dated 11th August, 1945.)

II.

No. F.O.I.L. 1112/5.

NAVY SUB COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION,
ROME.

Forwarded for information with particular
reference to paragraph 4 (d) of the Allied Force
Headquarters Directive.

ROME,
25th August, 1945.

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Office of Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Station,
Allied Force Headquarters.
11th August, 1945.

Med.45/00180/42.
THE FLAG OFFICER, ITALY AND LIAISON.

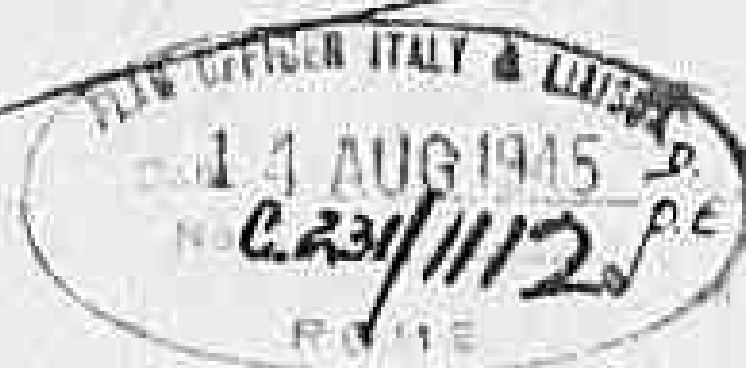
POLICY ON ITALIAN MUNITIONS PRODUCTION

... The attached copy of a directive,
AG 380.3/087 GEG-O, dated 2nd August, 1945,
from Allied Force Headquarters to the Chief
Commissioner, Allied Commission, is for-
warded for information. This rescinds
directive forwarded to the Flag Officer,
Taranto, Adriatic and Liaison, Italy, and
the Flag Officer, Taranto, Adriatic and
Liaison, Italy (Rome), under cover of
Med.45/00180/42 of 21st March, 1945.

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M. B. Harrig

for ADMIRAL



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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

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: Date 2 August 1945 :
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2 August 1945

TO: Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
APC 394

1. As directed by the Combined Chiefs of Staff in TM 638 dated 21 July 1945, AFHQ letter 1145 and subject as above dated 11 February 1945 is rescinded and the following substituted with effect as an interim policy pending the negotiation of a peace treaty when this policy will be reviewed.
2. Pending receipt of a policy directive from Combined Chiefs of Staff, the following interim policy will govern the disposition of Italian industries required for production or repair of arms, munitions or other implements of war. This policy is applicable to all such plants, tools, equipment, facilities and production in such plants, whether State owned or privately owned.
3. NO armaments, munitions or implements of war will be produced except as directed by the US and British armed forces.
4. The Allied Commission will:
 - a. Encourage the maximum utilization of all arms and munitions plants, tools and equipment essential to the Allied military effort.
 - b. Encourage the manufacture of equipment and material directed by the Allies as being necessary for the maintenance of the interim Italian Army.
 - c. Impound all tools and equipment which can produce only prohibited war-like stores, pending decision of possible use in the Allied military effort.
 - d. Insure operation of industries required for production or repair of arms, munitions or other implements of war only to the extent required by the Allied armed forces and Merchant Marine service. 5% output of Italian arms or munitions plant will NOT be furnished to the Italian Navy without the prior consent of the Commander in Chief, MEDITERRANEAN.

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Ltr AFHQ, APO 512, file AG 388.3/087 GEG-0, dtd 2 August 45, (Cont'd).

e. Make a survey of Italian war-like stores in arsenals, factories, depots, dumps, and in the hands of the Italian armed forces.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

Edmund R. Shugart
 EDMUND R. SHUGART
 Colonel, AGD
 Asst Adjutant General

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BBC/5084
27 May 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine.
Subject: Issue of 500 Carbines to the Italian Royal Navy.

Reference: (a) Ministry of Marine (Cabinet) letter B/17/2
of 18 May 1946.

1. The Ministry of War has been authorized to re-lease to the Ministry of Marine 500 automatic carbines 38/A with walnut butt.
2. The Ministry of War has been directed to complete arrangements for the transfer and safe custody of carbines direct with the Ministry of Marine.

H. W. ZIROLL,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR

REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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28 MAY 1946

URGENT:- REMOVING ARMS FROM THE

Genl Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,
 F.I.I.A.
 D.O.M.A.
 S.005
 23 May 1946

TO: Genl Forces

Reference your 29556/5303 of 13 Apr 46 and further to
 this D.O. S.005 of 3 May 46.

1. You are authorised to release to the Ministry of Marine
 the 500 automatic carbines 32/A with salient butt.
2. Arrangements should be completed direct with the Ministry
 regarding removal and safe custody of these weapons during transit.
3. Please report completion of transfer.

R.R. Lintley
 Major General,
 F.I.I.A.

Copy to:- A.C. for Navy Sub-Commission - your 150/5303 of 23 May refers
 Executive Commissioner.

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NSC/5068
23 May 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Land Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission (NSIA).
Subject: Issue of 500 Carbines to the Italian Royal Navy.

1. The issue of 500 carbines, now held in reserve by the Ministry of War, to the I.R.N. is authorized.
2. Inasmuch as this matter is urgent it is requested that steps be taken to expedite the issue.

H. W. ZIROLL,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.

WST 251
23 MAY 1946

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S. 1320d.
(Established—May, 1920)
(Revised—June, 1964)

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NAVY SUB. COMMISSION
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Approved your 214607B. Not to RMT.

224416A/May.

Ref: Issue of 500 Cartridges to RMT.
Dist: O-6 to MSC (14).

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Request approval may be given to I.R.N. to acquire 500 carbines which are urgently needed for the proper safeguarding of munition dumps and naval establishments. Carbines can be made available by War Ministry through M.H.A. In view of present Italian internal political situation it is strongly recommended that this issue be authorized as a very urgent requirement.

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : N.S.C. - H.Q. - A.C.
Date: 18th May 1946
Ref.: 8917/2

U R G E N T

Subject: Supply of rifles for the I.R.N.

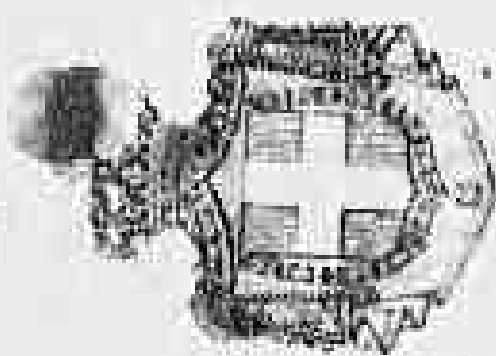
Reference to letter 22622 from the General Staff of the Italian Royal Navy, dated 22nd April 1946, I inform you that, for lack of arms, the provision of sentries for munition dumps and naval establishments is definitely deficient.

I request this Navy Sub Commission to allow us to order from the Beretta Company of Gardone V.T. (Brescia) the 500 machine carbines of calibre 9, which we have asked for.

Sgd. THE MINISTER

JLP/P.
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Ministero della Marina

GABINETTO

INVIATO TELEGRAFICO MARINA - ROMA

Ord. n. 8917

Urgente

ARGOMENTO

Fornitura moschetti per la R. Marina italiana.

URGENTISSIMO

Con riferimento al foglio n. 22622 dello Stato Maggiore R. Marina in data 22 aprile 1946, segnale che per mancanza di armi adeguate il servizio di guardia ai depositi munizioni ed agli stabilimenti della R. Marina è decisamente deficiente.

Prego pertanto codesta S. Commissione Navale voler concedere l'autorizzazione alla Ditta Beretta di Gardone V.T. (Brescia) di fornire alla R. Marina i 500 moschetti mitra, calibro 9, richiesti.

IL MINISTRO

[Signature]

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Roma

NAVY SUB-COMMISSION

HEADQUARTERS, A.C.

From: MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT (Canada)
 To: C.T.C. - Board
 Date: 22nd April 1960
 Ref.: 22622

Subject: Supply of Wheat to the I.R.C.

1. With reference to the request made by the I.R.C. on page 2 of letter 130/1470 dated 1st March 1960, this Minister has requested the War Ministry to issue a limited quantity of wheat for use by the I.R.C. but as the Ministry of Agriculture has not sufficient for its own needs, the Ministry of Supply has been unable to comply with the above request.

2. It is therefore requested that the War Ministry may grant the necessary authorization so that the Canada Wheat Board (Ottawa) may send over the existing rail railway to the I.R.C. of 500,000 bushels of wheat, which will allow the establishment of a small reserve in relation to the wheat needs of the dependent departments.

THE CHIEF OF BOARD

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Stato Maggiore della R. Marina

Roma 12 Aprile 1946

Sup. E.D.S. *W* B.D.

NAVY SUB COMMISSION

MINISTERO TELEGRAFICO MARISSTAT - ROMA

R O M A

Aut. M. D. D. V. M. M. M.

ARGOMENTO: Forniture di moschetti per la R. Marina Italiana.

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1. - Con riferimento a quanto suggerito da codesta N.S.O. al capo- verso 2. del Foglio N. 50/4570 in data 10 marzo u.s., questo Stato Maggiore richiede al Ministero della Guerra la cessione di un lotto di moschetti di armi portatili per uso della R. Marina, poichè le armi di cui dispone attualmente il R. Esercito sono insufficienti alle necessità dei suoi servizi, quello Stato Maggiore non ha potuto aderire a tale richiesta.
2. - Si prega pertanto codesta Navy Sub Commission di voler concedere la necessaria autorizzazione affinchè la Ditta Beretta di Gardone Val Trompia (Piemonte) possa effettuare il collaudo e la consegna alla R. Marina di 500 moschetti mitragliatori calibro 9, che consentirebbero di costituire una esigua scorta in relazione alle urgenti necessità dei servizi dipendenti.

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
Accom

ESC/1670
1 March 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.
Subject: Supply of Rifles for the Italian Royal Navy.
Reference: (a) Ministry of Marine Ltr. SP/26001 of 1 December 1945.

1. The Navy Sub-Commission has been informed by higher authority that it is planned to transfer considerable stocks of Italian weapons, including automatic rifles, to the Italian government in the near future. In view of the size of these stocks, and the stocks of weapons already in Italian hands, it is considered that ample automatic weapons should be available to meet the needs of the Italian Navy.

2. It is suggested, therefore, that the Ministry of Marine ascertain whether the rifles requested in reference (a) cannot be made available from existing resources at the disposal of the Italian government.

Captain, U.S. Navy,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AG.
Acting.

1 MAR 1946

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MSC/4518
30 January 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.
Subject: Request for Beretta (9 Cal.) Automatic Rifles by
Ministry of Marine.

1. An early reply to MSC/4268 dated 18 December 1945
would be appreciated.

G. E. MENTZ,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

31 JAN 1946

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
NAVY SUB-COMMISSION APO 394

NSC/4268.
18 December 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.
Subject: Request for Beretta (9 Cal.) Automatic Rifles
by Ministry of Marine.
Enclosure: (A) Ministry of Marine ltr. SM/26901 dated
1 December 1945.

1. In accordance with Allied Force Headquarters
directive AG 388.3/087 GEG-O dated 2 August 1945, paragraph 4d,
enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith for the decision of the
Commander-in-Chief.

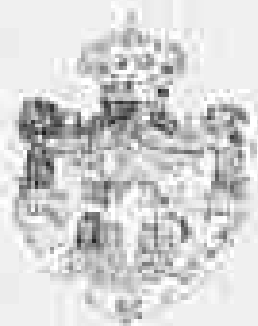
2. It would be appreciated if the Navy Sub-Commission
could be informed of the Commander-in-Chief's decision on the
subject so that an appropriate answer can be made to the Ministry
of Marine.

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G. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AG.
For CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

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Roma

~~Novembre~~ 1945

Stato Maggiore della R. Marina

NAVY SUB-COMMISSION
ROMA

Rep. M.D.S. Off. B.D.

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO MARISTAT - ROMA

n. 14/26941 *Stagione*

ARGOMENTO Moschetti mitragliatori Beretta Cal.9

In relazione alla grande scarsità di armi automatiche esistenti nei depositi della R. Marina, si è ravvisata l'opportunità di ordinare alla Ditta BERETTA di Gardone Val Trompia (Brescia) n. 500 moschetti mitragliatori cal. 9.-

Si prega di voler concedere la necessaria autorizzazione perchè la Ditta sopracitata possa effettuare il collaudo e la consegna alla R. Marina di tali armi.-

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

LACCOMES

From : MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : N.S.C. - H.Q. - A.C.
Date : 1st December, 1945.
Ref. : SM/26901.

Subject : Beretta (9 Cal.) Automatic Rifles.

In view of the great shortage of automatic weapons which exists in the I.R.N. Armouries it has appeared desirable to place an order 500 No. automatic rifles (9 Calibre) from the Beretta Co, Gardone, Val Trompia, (Brescia).

It is requested that the necessary authorisation may be granted for the above Company to test the above arms and consign them to the I.R.N.

FOR CHIEF OF STAFF.

MINISTRY OF MARINE - Cabinet - Liaison Office

Memorandum for the Naval Sub Commission

With reference to your verbal request :

1. In the district under the jurisdiction of Madridport La Osa are the following munition dumps :

Vallegrande
S. Bartolomeo
Panigaglia
Plan delle Gordaie
Folagaro
Virgolette (Villafrales)
Ca di Roncello

2. In the dumps of Plan delle Gordaie, Folagaro, Virgolette, which are being closed there are quantities of munitions, which will have to be disposed of, as they are nearly complete.

The supervision of these dumps is carried out by civilians.

3. In the dumps of Vallegrande, Panigaglia and S. Bartolomeo, nearly all the munitions are to be conserved.

The supervision of these dumps was, up to the end of March, carried out by both civilians and the military.

During April this Ministry contacted the Naval Command of La Osa concerning the replacement of civilians by the military, but, up to now, this Ministry does not know whether such a substitution has been made.

4. While stating that small-arms ammunition, including hand grenades is stored in the Vallegrande, Panigaglia and S. Bartolomeo dumps, this Ministry has no precise information and does not now how these munitions are distributed between the various dumps.

The Naval Command of La Osa was asked on 15th April to send an officer, urgently, with the required information. The compliance with our request has been demanded again by telegram on 19th instant.

21st May 1946

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MINISTRY OF MARINE - Cabinet - Liaison Office

Memorandum for the Naval Arm Commission

With reference to your verbal request :

1. In the district under the jurisdiction of the Captain of La España are the following munition dumps :

Valleguando
S. Bartolomeo
Sanigaglia
Plan de la Sierra
Pelegru
Virgilette (Villafraanca)
Ca de Bonellie

2. In the dumps of Plan de la Sierra, Pelegru, Virgilette, which are being closed there are quantities of munitions, which will have to be disposed of, as they are nearly obsolete.

The supervision of these dumps is carried out by civilians.

3. In the dumps of Valleguando, Sanigaglia and S. Bartolomeo, nearly all the munitions are to be conserved.

The supervision of these dumps was, up to the end of March, carried out by both civilians and the military.

During April this Ministry contacted the Naval Command of La España concerning the replacement of civilians by the military, but, up to now, this Ministry does not know whether such a substitution has been made.

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MINISTERO MARINA - GABINETTO - UFFICIO COLLEGAMENTO

PRO-MEMORIA PER LA S.COMMISSIONE NAVALE

In relazione alla vostra richiesta verbale si comunica quanto segue:

1. Nella zona di giurisdizione di Maridipart La Spezia si trovano i seguenti depositi munizioni:

Vallegrande
S.Bartolomeo
Panigaglia
Pian della Quercia
Felegara
Virgolette (Villafranca)
Ca di Moncello

2. Nei depositi di Pian della Quercia, Felegara, Virgolette, in via di eliminazione, trovasi munizionamento, che per la sua quasi totalità dovrà essere alienato.

La sorveglianza di detti depositi è affidata a personale civile.

3. Nei depositi di Vallegrande - Panigaglia - S.Bartolomeo trovasi munizionamento quasi tutto da conservare.

La sorveglianza di detti depositi era a fine tutto Marzo affidata a personale civile e personale militare.

Nel mese di Aprile questo Ministero ha interessato Marina La Spezia per la sostituzione del personale civile con personale militare, ma a tutt'oggi questo Ministero non è a conoscenza se tale sostituzione è avvenuta.

4. Pur ritenendo che il munizionamento per armi portatili, comprese le bombe a mano, sia conservato nei depositi di Vallegrande, Panigaglia e S.Bartolomeo, questo Ministero non è in grado di precisare se effettivamente così e come tale munizionamento è ripartito fra i vari depositi.

Ha pertanto chiesto a Marina La Spezia in data 15.4. che invii con urgenza un proprio ufficiale con i dati suddetti. E' stata sollecitata l'esecuzione con telegramma successivo in data 19 corrente.

21 Maggio 1946

Translation

MINISTERO DELLA MARINA
Gabinetto

Rome, 31 March 1946

To the Navy Sub-Commission.

Prot. n. 3.330

SUBJECT: Loading and dumping of Allied munitions in the sea.

1. As is already known to your Sub-Commission, for some months Allied munitions have been dumped in the sea in various areas along the coast of Italy. In the discussions on the subject for putting into effect this work, Merimercant pointed out to the Allied authorities concerned, the necessity for dumping the munitions in the sea where the depth was well over 400 metres as this was the depth limit used by the Italian fishermen in the areas where they employ nets for fishing.
2. The maritime authorities of Bari have informed our Ministry several times recently that the above mentioned limitative rules are not being applied; and that in addition to the actual munitions, containers and shells loaded with dangerous chemicals are being thrown into the sea. This has not only been the cause of unfortunate accidents but has also created serious unrest amongst the fishermen of the place. At least three people have lost their lives and 19 have been seriously burnt.
3. The Harbour Office of Bari has requested the Allied authorities carrying out these operations that:-
 - a) the munitions and especially dangerous chemicals should be dumped where the depth exceeds 1,000 metres, and suggesting as most suitable the area between meridian $17^{\circ} 25'$ and $17^{\circ} 40'$, and between meridian $41^{\circ} 35'$ and $41^{\circ} 45'$ (centre zone 43 miles by 45 from Bari).
 - b) in the port of Bari the loading of munitions for dumping should take place in the military area - at the old quay no. 9 and no. 10 - seeing that in the civilian area of the port loading is taking place of other Allied munitions.
4. We earnestly beg your Sub-Commission to take the matter up with the competent Allied authorities with the minimum delay and to use your good offices so that the request of the Harbour Port of Bari may be granted and that also the same rules may be applied to all areas of Italy where Allied munitions are dumped into the sea.

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MINISTERO DELLA MARINA
Gabinetto

Rome, 31 March 1946

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Prot. n.B. 5360

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IN CARO DI CABINETTO
C. di V.G. MARINI

MINISTERO DELLA MARINA
Gabinetto

Roma, 31 marzo 1946

ALLA NAVY SUB COMMISSION

Prot. n.B.3380

OGGETTO: Imbarco e getto in mare di munizionamento alleato.

1.- Come è noto a codesta N.S.C. in varie zone, lungo le coste metropolitane, procede già da qualche mese il getti to di munizionamento alleato in mare.

Merimercant nel trattare la questione per organizzare l'esecuzione del lavoro fece presente alla Autorità Alleata interessata la necessità che il gettito delle munizioni in mare dovesse avvenire in acque i cui fondali fossero largamente superiori ai 400 metri, essendo tale il fondale limite delle zone in cui i pescatori italiani usano praticare la pesca con le reti.

2.- Le autorità marittime di Bari hanno recentemente, ed a più riprese, comunicato a questo Ministero che le norme limitative innanzi indicate, non vengono applicate; non solo, ma che oltre alle munizioni vere e proprie vengono gettate in mare recipienti e proietti carichi di aggressivi chimici, il che oltre che essere stato già causa di luttuosi incidenti, ha generato un grave fermento fra i marittimi del luogo. (Ben tre persone vi hanno lasciato la vita e 19 sono state gravemente ustionate).

3.- Il Comando della Capitaneria di Porto di Bari ha chiesto

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3.- Il Comando della Capitaneria di Porto di Bari ha chiesto alle autorità alleate preposte alle operazioni, di disporre: a) - che le munizioni - e soprattutto gli aggressivi chimici - affondati in fondali superiori ai 1.000 metri, desi= gnando come zona più favorevole quella compresa fra i

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Subject: Manufacture - Small arms.

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

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5 March 1946

TO : Ministry of War

Reference your 15606/1935 of 1 February 1946.

1. Approval is given for the manufacture of the following
maximum quantity of small arms :-

Pistols cal. 9mm mod. 34	70,000
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The above represents the estimated minimum requirements for C.C.R. including Royal Finance Guard and Public Security Agents and is to enable you to equip these forces with modern firearms of uniform design.

2. You are required to notify this Headquarters the firms with which contracts for manufacture will be placed and to notify the precautionary measures which will be taken to ensure that the output of such manufacturing concerns is exclusively under the control of the War Ministry.

W. A. G. G. G.
R.A. GUNTIES Lt Col
For Major General
M.H.I.A.

Copy to: GHQ (ref EST/31/3 dated 23 Jan 1946)
AC For Executive Commissioner (ref 5012/143/EC dated 22 Nov 45)
" " Air Forces Sub Commission
" " Naval Sub Commission
" " Public Safety Sub Commission (ref AC/14613/3/PS of 26 Feb 46)

INTERNAL: G(39)
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NSC/4884
10 April 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.
Subject: Ammunition belonging to I.R.N. Ships "ITALIA"
and "VITTORIO VENETO".
Reference: (a) Ministry of Marine (Maristat) letter SM/7184
of 9 February 1946.
(b) Navy Sub-Commission letter NSC/4401 of 10
January 1946.

1. In conformity with the request contained in Reference (a), the question of the subject ammunition has been carefully reconsidered.

2. It is regretted that the decision already given in this matter, in Reference (b), cannot be altered.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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Office of the Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Station.
3rd April, 1946.

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THE NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION,
ROME.

AMMUNITION FROM ITALIAN ROYAL NAVY SHIPS
"ITALIA" AND "VITTORIO VENETO".

With reference to your letter dated 11th March, 1946, the considerations on which the decision given in the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean's letter No. Med.46/22/5/1 dated 4th January, 1946, was taken are the same now as they were on the earlier date. It is requested, therefore, that you will inform the Ministry of Marine that the decision already given cannot be altered.

E. C. Harris

for ADMIRAL

ENC/4727
11 March 1946.

FROM: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
TO : Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.

SUBJECT: Ammunition belonging to Italian Royal Navy
ships "ITALIA" and "VITTORIO VENETO".

ENCLOSURE: (A) copy Ministry of Marine let. SM/7184 of
9 February 1946.

reconsideration Enclosure (A) again requests reconsideration
of ammunition belonging to subject ships.

2. Enclosure (A) is attached for consideration
and the Commander-in-Chief's decision.

(Sgd) G. L. W. [illegible]
REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.
FOR CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

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Office of the Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Station.
4th January, 1946

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THE NAVY SUB COMMISSION, HEADQUARTERS ALLIED
COMMISSION, ROME

AMMUNITION BELONGING TO ITALIAN ROYAL
NAVY SHIPS "ITALIA" AND "VITTORIO VENETO"

With reference to your letter dated 6th December, 1945 on the above subject, after full and careful consideration of all the circumstances, the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean regrets that the Ministry of Marine's request cannot be approved. The Ministry of Marine should be informed accordingly and also, therefore, that the former decision must stand, and that any ammunition which is considered unsafe for further storage will be dumped.

A. Packer

for ADMIRAL

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Office of the Commissioner-in-Chief,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.
Jan. 29, 1944.

1. The first step is to identify the problem or question that needs to be answered. This involves understanding the context and the specific requirements of the task.

(344) H. A. PACKER

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/4401
10 January 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Ministry of Marine, Rome.
Subject: Ammunition Belonging to I.R.N. Ships "ITALIA" and
"VITTORIO VENETO".
Reference: (a) Ministry of Marine ltr SM/26281 of 24 November 1945.

1. In connection with reference (a), the Navy Sub-Commission has been informed that the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, after full and careful consideration of all the circumstances, regrets that the Ministry of Marine's request cannot be approved, and that any ammunition which is considered unsafe for further storage will be dumped, in conformity with the decision previously stated.

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COMMODORE IN CHIEF,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APC 394

NSC/4172
6 December 1945

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.
Subject: Ammunition Belonging to I.R.N. Ships "ITALIA"
and "VITTORIO VENETO".
Enclosure: (A) Copy Ministry of Marine ltr SM/26281 of 24 Nov. 1945.

1. Enclosure (A), in which the Italian Ministry of Marine requests authority to unload ammunition for the subject vessels which has been declared unsafe and to recover the empty cases and cartridges, is forwarded herewith for information. In view of Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean letter Med.45/22/5/3 of 25 May 1945 and Navy Sub-Commission letter NSC/2748 of 25 June 1945, unless otherwise directed it is proposed to inform the Ministry of Marine that the matter cannot be reopened and that any ammunition which is considered unsafe for further storage should be dumped.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC,
For CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

F3C/E746
25th June, 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To: Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.
(Copy to : -Flag Officer Taranto, Adriatic and
Liaison, Italy.

Subject: Ammunition ex "V. VENETO" and "ITALIA".

The attached copies of correspondence which has recently taken place between the Navy Sub-Commission and the Ministry of Marine with regard to the proposals for the repair of Italian Ammunition in the Eastern Mediterranean are forwarded for the information of the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station with reference to Mediterranean letter No. 43/22/5/3 of the 25th May 1945.

REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION
FOR CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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C O P YHEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394NSC/2743
25th June, 1945.From: Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To: Ministry of Marine, Rome.Subject: Ammunition from "V. VENETO" and "ITALIA".

With reference to the Ministry's letter No. S. 12457 of the 21st June, 1945, the proposal to send a party of specialists to Egypt to carry out repair work on the Italian ammunition stored in the Eastern Mediterranean was fully considered by the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, after consultation with all authorities concerned.

2. The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean's decision in this matter has already been communicated to the Ministry and it is not proposed to reopen the question.

REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION

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C O P Y

From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : N.S.C. - Rome
Date: 21 June, 1945
Ref: SM.12457

Subject: Ammunition ex. "V. VENETO" and "ITALIA".

Your N.S.C./2563 of 4th inst. refers.

This matter had been given particular attention as the deterioration of ammunition in question means a considerable loss to Italian Royal Navy since no further stocks are available.

The present condition of the Depots in Egypt indicates that there will be a progressive worsening of the situation and that a large part of this ammunition will have to be condemned with no possibility of its replacement.

I consider it necessary, therefore, to insist that this Ministry's proposal to send a small party of specialists to Egypt to carry out the necessary work on the spot be re-examined, or, should this not be possible, to arrange transfer of ammunition in question to Italy as soon as transport is available.

(sgd) CHIEF OF STAFF.

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C O P Y

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 894

NSC/2563
4th June, 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To: Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject: Ammunition from "VITTORIO VENETO" and "ITALIA".

With reference to the Ministry's letter No. SM.68061/S of the 21st December 1944, the state of the ammunition of the 9th Battleship Group has been under consideration by the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station, and the local naval authorities concerned.

2. The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station, has stated that no action can be taken, at present, with regard to the proposals for the repair of damaged ammunition but instructions have been given for its maintenance in as good a state as storage conditions at Port Said will permit.

3. Any ammunition which becomes unsafe for storage will have to be dumped.

REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION

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(COPY)

AMMUNITION FROM "VITTORIO VENETO" AND "ITALIA"
(Navy Sub Commission, H.Q., Allied Commission's No.NSC/2237 dated
27th April, 1945).

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THE FLAG OFFICER TARANTO ADRIATIC AND LIAISON, ITALY.

(Reference Minute II No.T.A. 1050/18 of 12th May, 1945).

(Copies to:- The Flag Officer Levant and Eastern Mediterranean
The Navy Sub Commission, H.Q., Allied Commission
The Senior Naval Officer, Red Sea and Canal Area).

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MEDITERRANEAN
25th May, 1945

/s/
for ADMIRAL

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394.NSC/2237.
27th April, 1945.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Flag Officer Taranto, Adriatic and Liaison, Italy.
(Copy to:- Flag Officer, Levant and Eastern
Mediterranean.
Senior Naval Officer, Red Sea and
Canal Area.)

Subject : Ammunition from "VITTORIO VENETO" and "ITALIA".

With reference to the attached translation of the Ministry of Marine's letter No. SM.58061/S of the 21st December, 1944, together with the remarks of Flag Officer, Levant and Eastern Mediterranean and Senior Naval Officer, Red Sea and Canal Area, the Ministry wish to undertake reconditioning of ammunition from the 9th Battleship Group and propose the following courses of action:-

- (a) that an Italian armament repair party be sent to Port Said to carry out the work by arrangement with the local authorities ;
- (b) that the unserviceable ammunition be returned to Taranto for treatment.

2. The views of Senior Naval Officer, Red Sea and Canal Area on the proposed action at (a) above are stated in paragraph 3 of his letter No. 5603/RS/67/23B of the 1st January, 1945. The alternative proposal at (b) if approved could be implemented by the employment of an Italian warship for the shipment of the damaged ammunition to Taranto, but this course may well be considered objectionable from two points of view :-

- (a) the undesirability of returning ammunition to Italian authorities in Italy ;
- (b) the possibility of work on reconditioning being to the prejudice of activity in Allied interests.

Furthermore, the policy on the future employment, or otherwise, of the 9th Battleship Group will influence the decision to be taken.

3. It is suggested, therefore, that this correspondence be forwarded for the consideration of the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station, together with your remarks and recommendations.

/s/ G.L. Warren
REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

(COPY)

From : I.R.N. Staff Office.
To : F.O.L.I. - Rome.
Date : 21/12/44
Ref. : SM.58061/3

Subject : Ammunition from I.R.N. Ships "V. VENETO" and "ITALIA"

As you are aware, all the Ammu. of the above Battleships is stored in British Magazines in Egypt; the 381 projectiles in the Lake Timsah and Fort Agrud Magazines and all the rest in the Port Said Magazine.

The 381 Ammu. is in good condition save for slight rusting of nozzles and driving bands.

Moreover, at S.M.O.R.S.C.A.'s request, personnel from these ships went to the Port Said Magazines to co-operate with British technicians to test the explosives as should be done periodically in accordance with I.R.N. regulations.

The Officer I/C of this party, 1st Gunnery Officer of the "ITALIA", informs that the Ammu. is stacked without regard as to which ship it came from and that it is in a very bad state of preservation: the 152 projectiles are mainly rusted; the fuses show signs of rust; the 152 charges mostly have their fuse settings (?) - "opercelo" - damaged; the 90 and 120 cartridges which remain in their transport cases have been subjected to much humidity (some of the cases were found to be full of water).

The Officer I/C Magazine was unable to give any explanation in regard to this state of affairs.

In short, in his opinion, the ammunition (with the exception of the 381) could not be put aboard for use unless it underwent a long and careful overhaul.

Your Command is therefore requested to obtain an authorization for the damaged ammu. to be transferred to Italy, where I.R.N. workshops in a relatively short time, could recondition it.

The Officer I/C Port Said Magazine would appear to have recommended this solution.

Should this not be possible, it is proposed to send a group of specialists to I.R.N. Ships in the Bitter Lakes to carry out this work in the Port Said Magazines.

We shall be glad to have your reply at earliest convenience.

/s/ CHIEF OF STAFF.

From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : N.S.C. - Rome
Date: 24th November 1945
Ref.: SM/26281

Subject: Ammunition belonging to I.R.N. Ships "ITALIA" and
"VITTORIO VENETO".

Reference is made to Navy Sub Commission's letter
No. NSC/2743 of 24th June 1945.

1. The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, did not accede to the request put forward by this Staff in June last that Italian technicians might be sent from Italy to inspect the battleships' ammunition which is stored at Port Said.

2. Furthermore, application was made by the C.C. of the Battleship Group to SHORSCA at Port Said for authority to unload the launching charges adjudged unsafe after visual inspection and to keep the empty cases; he replied that - as communicated by the Naval Armament Supply Officer Levant - it is not customary to unload ammunition declared dangerous by the proper inspecting Officer and for the destruction of which orders have been given, and in consequence the empty cases can not be returned to the ships.

3. Taking into consideration the difficulties of supply and the increased prices of the above materials and the changed situation generally, this Staff requests the Navy Sub Commission to approach the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, in order that - contrary to past instructions - permission may be given for skilled personnel from the Battleships to dismantle the launching charges declared unusable and to recover the empty cases and cartridges.

for CHIEF OF STAFF



STATO MAGGIORE DELLA R. MARINA

REPARTO N.D.S. - B.D.

Prot. N. *SM/26287* Allegati
Indir. teleg. MARISTATRoma, *24* Novembre 1945

ALLA NAVY SUB-COMMISSION

R C M A

Argomento: Munizionamento delle NN.NN. "ITALIA" e "VITTORIO VENETO".-

Riferimento foglio NSC/2743 del 24/6/45 di codesta Navy Sub-Commission.

1. - La richiesta avanzata nel giugno u.s. di questo Stato Maggiore per ottenere la revisione del munizionamento delle navi da Battaglia depositato a Port Said a mezzo di tecnici italiani inviati dall'Italia, non è stata accolta dal Comandante in Capo del Mediterraneo.-

Lo SMOGSA di Port Said interpellato inoltre dal Comando Gruppo NN.BB. per ottenere l'autorizzazione a sconsigliare le cariche di lancio giudicate inservibili alla visita oculare ed a recuperare i bossoli vuoti, ha risposto che - come comunicato dal Naval Armament Supply Officer, Levante - non è sua consuetudine sconsigliare il munizionamento dichiarato pericoloso dall'Ufficiale Ispettore addetto e del quale è stata disposta la distruzione e che, per conseguenza, i bossoli vuoti non possono essere restituiti alle navi.

2. - Questo Stato Maggiore, in considerazione delle difficoltà di rifornimento e dell'elevato costo dei materiali sopraindicati e della mutata situazione generale, prega codesta Navy Sub-Commission di interessare il Comandante in Capo del Mediterraneo acciocchè - in deroga a quanto disposto in passato - sia consentito che il personale delle NN.BB. a ciò destinato proceda allo sconsigliamento delle cariche di lancio dichiarate inservibili ed al recupero dei bossoli e cartocci vuoti.-

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : H.S.C. - Rome
Date: 9th February 1946
Ref.: SE/7184

S E C R E T

Subject: Ammunition belong to I.R.N. Ships "ITALIA" and
"VITTORIO VENETO"

Reference is made to your letter NSC/4401 dated 10th January 1946.

1. The ammunition from the battleships "ITALIA" and "VITTORIO VENETO" which is held in the powder magazines at Port Said is subject to a thermic strain which renders it no longer of practicable use in reconstituting the complement of the two battleships, and this despite the care of the personnel attached to the said magazines.

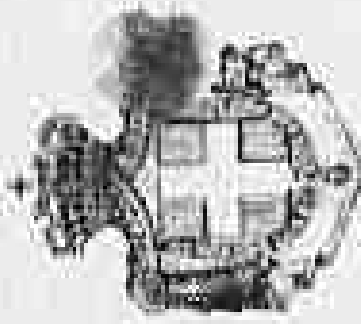
2. In view of the very great value of the ammunition (2500 tons), of the lack of reserves and the impossibility of forming them again, this Naval Staff requests the Navy Sub Commission to approach the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, in order that the I.R.N. may be allowed to recover the metal which can be used again, employing its own means for that purpose.

In the event of this concession being granted, this Naval Staff requests that the Navy Sub Commission may authorise specialist personnel from the two battleships to enter the powder magazines where the ammunition in question is deposited in order to :

- I - unload all cartridges (and not only those suspected of being defective) which are stored in the Egyptian depots and which belong to the two battleships, and to recover all the metal which could be re-embarked on the two battleships or else sent gradually to Italy in Italian naval and merchant vessels;
- II - overhaul the projectiles, which could be taken back on board the two battleships or carried to Italy in Italian merchant vessels.

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for CHIEF OF STAFF



Stato Maggiore della R. Marina

Pop. M.D.S. *Mff* B.D.

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARISTAT - ROMA

Ind. V. E. M 7/9h. Allegati

Roma 9 Feb 1946
Febbraio 1946

ALLA NAVY SUB COMMISSION

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ARGOMENTO: Munizionamento delle RR.NN. ITALIA e VITTORIO VENETO. =

SEGRETO

Si fa riferimento al foglio NSC/4401 in data 10 gennaio 1946.

1. - Il munizionamento delle NN.BB. ITALIA e VITTORIO VENETO accantonato nelle polveriere di Port Said non ostante i provvedimenti del personale preposto alle polveriere stesse é, per le condizioni climatiche della zona, sottoposto ad un tormento termico che lo rende praticamente non più idoneo a ricostituire le dotazioni di servizio delle 2 NN.BB. -

2. - In considerazione dell'ingente valore del munizionamento (2500 tonn.), dell'indisponibilità di scorte e dell'impossibilità di ricostituirlle, questo Stato Maggiore prega codesta N.S.C. di interessare il Comando in Capo del Mediterraneo perché conceda alla R. Marina Italiana la possibilità di recuperare con propri mezzi il materiale metallico reimpiegabile.

Nel caso che si ottenga tale concessione, questo Stato Maggiore prega codesta N.S.C. di autorizzare che personale specializzato delle 2 N.B. si rechi nelle polveriere ov'è depositato

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1° - procedere allo sconfezionamento di tutte le cariche di lancio (e non solamente quelle sospette di avaria) depositate nei depositi egiziani e appartenenti alle 2 N.B., e al recupero di tutto il materiale metallico che potrebbe essere o imbarcato sulle 2 N.B. ovvero inviato gradualmente in Italia con Unità militari o mercantili italiane;

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II° - procedere al riordinamento dei proietti che potrebbero o essere reimbarcati sulle 2 N.B. ovvero trasportati in Italia con Unità mercantili italiane. =

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'D. J. ...', written over the typed text 'IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE'.

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Subject:- Manufacture of Ammunition for CC.RR.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. S. I. A.)
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26th January, 1946.

To:- War Ministry.

Reference is made to your 54605/DT dated 18 Jan 46.

1. Arrangements are being made for the release from Allied stocks of 8,000,000 rounds of 9 mm ammunition (Parabellum).

2. Approval is given for the manufacture of the following maximum quantity of small arm ammunition:

9 mm Pistol	8,000,000
7.65 mm	500,000
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6.35 mm	110,000

The above represents the estimated minimum requirement of ammunition for CC.RR, including Royal Finance Guard and Police Forces.

3. You are required to notify this M.O. the firms with which contracts for manufacture will be placed and to notify the precautionary measures which will be taken to ensure that the output of such manufacturing concerns is exclusively under the control of the War Ministry.

4. Bearing in mind that in all probability the Italian arms at present held by units of the Intervim Italian Army will be replaced by Allied weapons, and thus become available as a reserve for the CC.RR, it may be found possible, as a measure of economy, to reduce the amount of ammunition to be manufactured below the figures given above, which will at present constitute the maximum. You are requested to give an assurance to this effect.

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R.A. CURTIS Lt. Col.
Per Major General,
M. H. I. A.

Copy to:- CHQ (reference your RST/61/3 dated 23 Jan 46)
AC for Executive Commissioner (reference your 5042/143/ES)
dated 22 November 45)

✓ A.C. for Navy Sub Commission.
✓ A.C. for Air Forces Sub Commission.

Internal:- "C"
CC.RR Section.

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SUBJECT:- Italian Munitions Production and the Re-equipping of the Italian Armed Forces.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,
M.M.I.A.,
R C M E
S/O.054

January 1946

TO : A.P.H.Q.

1. This Headquarters has received a request from the Italian Ministry of War for the release from Allied stocks of 8,000,000 rounds of cal. 9 mm ammunition (Parabellum) or alternatively, permission to manufacture the same quantity in Italian munitions plants. The ammunition is requested in order to maintain a holding of 1,000 rounds of ammunition for each automatic carbine in use by Carabinieri units. A total of 10,000 of these automatic carbines was released to the Carabinieri from the BERETTA Arms Factory at GARDONE in your G-5 000.5 of 7 Nov 45, subject: "Arms for the Italian Police Forces".

2. Present holdings of 9 mm automatic carbine ammunition in the Italian Army dumps are approximately 2,000,000 rounds. See Annexure "ZA" to this H.Q. S/O.054 of 4 Jan 46.

3. It is therefore requested that a release of 8,000,000 rounds of cal. 9 mm Parabellum ammunition be made to the Italian War Ministry if Allied stocks are available in the theatre. If stocks are not available, an interim decision is desired on the question of manufacture of small arms ammunition either in private Italian firms by contract to the Italian War Ministry, or within munitions plants owned and operated by the Italian War Ministry. As it is understood the CC.PP will continue to be equipped with Italian weapons, Small Arms Ammunition manufacture, if permitted, would be restricted to the quantity needed to complete CC.PP holdings.

4. Discussion on the necessity of manufacture to meet the needs of the Army as a whole must await the decision as to the arming of the Italian Army (less CC.PP) from British stocks, as requested in our SD/109 of 4 Jan 46, subject "Policy-provision of British Arms for Italian Army".

5. A list of firms prepared to commence small arms ammunition manufacture is attached at Appendix "A". The War Ministry state there would be little delay in commencing production and are anxious to authorise the necessary preliminary preparation.

6. Additional requests have been made by the Italian Ministry of War for permission to manufacture 500,000 rounds each of 9 mm and 7.65 mm for pistols assigned to CC.PP units. The 9 mm cartridge for the automatic carbine will not fit the 9 mm pistol. Stocks of 9 mm pistol ammunition stand at 78,496 rounds vide Annexure "ZA"

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7. Unless reserves of the ammunition available for certain weapons in present use by the CC.RR are to fall dangerously low, it is necessary to provide the following calibres.

Your decision as to whether or not manufacture can commence is therefore requested.

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<u>Nature</u>	<u>Quantity to be approved.</u>
9mm Auto/Carbine	8,000,000 (a)
9mm Pistol	500,000 (b)
7.65mm Pistol	500,000 (b)

NOTE: (a) unless available from Allied sources, see para 1 above.
 (b) Italian weapons and no corresponding ammunition held by Allies.

W. P. Fisher
 Major General,
 M.H.I.A.

Copy to:- A.C. for Executive Commissioner,
 Navy Sub-Commission,
 Air Force Sub-Commission,
 A.C. for Economic Section,
 A.C. for Public Safety Sub-Commission,
 File Q.009.

Appendix "A" to M.H.I.A. letter
 S/O.054 dated Jan. 45.

List of Italian Plants capable
 of producing Small Arms Ammunition.

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BOMBARDI - PARODI - DELFINO	COLLEFERRO (FROSINONE)
SOCIETA' METALLURGICA ITALIANA	CAMPOTIZZORO (PISTOIA)

A. Private Firms:

W.P. Johnston
Major General,
H.M.I.A.

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5/2.054 dated Jan 46.

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SOCIETA' METALLURGICA ITALIANA	CAMPOTIZZOLO (PISTOIA)
B. War Ministry Controlled Establishments:	
1006 FUSE SECTION	CAPUA (CAMPANIA)
1007 EXPLOSIVE WORKSHOP	FONTANELLA LIRI (FROSINONE)

SUBJECT:-

Italian Munitions Production and the Re-equipping
of the Italian Armed Forces.

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

S/Q.094

21 January 1946

TO : A.F.H.Q.

1. Reference is made to this Headquarters letter of 16 January 1946, file and subject as above.
2. The Italian War Minister has now requested authority to manufacture ammunition additional to that reported in our letter under reference, for use of CC.RR units for training, and Royal Finance Guards and Agents of Public Safety for training and reserve.
3. Paragraph 7 of our original letter therefore should be amended to read:

"7. The Italian War Minister has represented that the following amounts of small arms ammunition are necessary for training and reserve of CC.RR, Royal Finance Guards and Public Security Agents.

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9 mm Pistol
7.65 mm Pistol
10.35 mm Pistol
6.35 mm Pistol

Quantity to be approved.

8,000,000	(a)
8,000,000	(b)
500,000	(b)
1,400,000	(b)
110,000	(b)

NOTE : (a)
(b)

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4. Appendix "A" of above mentioned letter should be amended to the firm of LEON BELUX of BELL/ALTE, MILAN, capable of producing shell casings and the firm of MOHET, capable of producing gun powder for small arms.

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W. P. Doherty
for Major General,
M.M.I.

Copy to:- L.C. for Executive Commissioner,
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Air Force Sub-Commission,
L.C. for Economic Section,
L.C. for Public Safety Sub-Commission,
File 4.009

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/4390
8 January 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject: Salvage of Assault Craft Equipment.

Reference: (a) Ministry of Marine ltr 113/OA dated 3 Jan. 1946.
(b) Navy S/C ltr NSC/3652 dated 26 Sept. 1945.

1. With regard to reference (a), paragraph 3, the Navy Sub-Commission wishes to cite reference (b), which cancelled the authorization contained in NSC/3358 of 25 August 1945.

H. W. ZIROLI,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

10 JAN 1946

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
 Navy to Cominchief of Staff

SEC 3012
 20th September, 1945.

From : Navy to Cominchief, St., Allied Cominchief.
 To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject : Recovery of Assault Equipment.

Further to Navy to Cominchief letter No. 10-10 of 19th August, 1945 and with reference to the Ministry of Marine's letter No. 123456, dated 2nd August 1945, within there was no objection to the removal of this material to the use of the time, information has now been received from the Naval Officer in Charge, Venice, that the assault craft, some of which were damaged or partly, are being refitted and overhauled by workers from the yard of Milan and that the diving equipment is being overhauled on by Commander Boland and expert from the Seattle Factory.

2. The Navy to Cominchief further informed that the British and American Divisions are reported to be in the equipment and assault craft of which, some, have already been despatched to the United States.

3. It is suggested therefore, that the material and craft in question cannot be released to the Italian Royal Navy for transfer to Trieste at present. The Naval Officer in Charge, Venice has, however, been instructed to hand over to the Italian Navy for disposal in due course, all equipment and craft which are not required by the Allied Forces.

H. W. EMMETT,
 COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
 FOR THE SECRETARY,
 CHIEF, NAVY ON COMINCHIEF.

28 SEP 1945

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HEAD OFFICE ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission 220 324

221/3631
26th September, 1945.

REPLY RECOMMENDATION ON
Navy Sub Commission Letter
No. 122/3632 of 26th
September, 1945.

From: Navy Sub Commission, No., Allied Commission.
To: Naval Officer in Charge, Venice.

Subject: Recovery of Assault Equipment.

Forwarded for information.

2. In view of the remarks contained in the Naval Officer
in Charge, Venice's letter No. 531/26/2 of 2nd September, 1945, the
refitting of the draft and the experiments on the equipment should
proceed as scheduled, and items disposed of as required by the
Admiralty.

3. Any items not required by the Royal Navy or the United
States Navy should be turned over to the Italian Navy authorities
in due course.

FOR THE COMMANDER,
HEAD OFFICE ALLIED COMMISSION,
220 324
221/3631

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NAVY AIR COORDINATION
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100-300
24th September, 1945.

From: Navy Air Coordination, No. 100-300
To: Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject: Report of Naval Aircraft

Reference is made to Navy Air Coordination letter No. 100-300 of 24th August, 1945, and which referred to the Ministry of Marine's letter No. 100-300 of 24th August, 1945, which stated that no objection to the proposal of this material to be made at the time, information has not been received from the Naval officer in charge, Venice, that the material, some of which were known previously, are being collected and controlled by various from branch of Milan and that the diving equipment is being organized by the branch of the Navy and reports from the Naval Factory.

2. The Navy Air Coordination has further informed that the British and American Navies are interested in the equipment and material, some of which, some, have already been accepted to the United States.

3. It is reported therefore, that the material and craft in question cannot be released to the Italian Royal Navy for transfer to the United States. The Naval officer in charge, Venice, has, however, been instructed to hand over to the Italian Navy for his own use, in the event, all equipment and craft which are not retained by the United States.

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THE HONORABLE CHIEF OF THE
NAVY SUB COMMISSION

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From: Navy Sub Commission, No. 1111
To: Ministry of Marine, No. 1111

Subject: Recovery of Assault Equipment

With reference to Ministry of Marine's letter to the Navy Sub Commission of 2nd August 1945, the proposals contained therein are approved and the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Canada has been instructed to make arrangements for the transfer of this equipment to Toronto.

H. ST. J. BUTLER,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR THE NAVY SUB COMMISSION.



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27 AUG 1945

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APR 194

RSC/1385.
20th August, 1945.

FILE

FIRST BRIDGE MEET ON
Ministry of Marine's letter No.
12248/OA of the 2nd August, 1945.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission,
To : Naval Officer-in-Charge, Venice.

Subject : Recovery of Assault Equipment.

Forwarded for information concurring in the proposals
contained in Minute I.

2. It is requested that arrangements be made for the transfer
of the equipment in question to Venice by the next available
opportunity, preferably an Italian warship.

H. ST. J. BUTLER,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.



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23 AUG 1945

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From : I.R.N. STAFF OFFICE.
TO : P.O.I.L. - Rome.
Date : 2nd August 1945.
Ref. : 12282/CA.

Subject : Recovery of assault equipment.

As is known to you a certain amount of surface and underwater assault equipment which was formerly taken over by the Republican Navy, has been collected at St. Andrea (Venice) and other bases in the North.

In order to complete the examination of this material and to give it the necessary care to prevent its deterioration, it would be advantageous to transfer it to the I.R.N. Underwater Response Centre at Taranto.

If you are in agreement with this proposal, it is requested that you will issue instructions in the above sense to the Allied Authorities in the North and grant your permission for the transport of the equipment to Taranto.

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CHIEF OF STAFF.

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From : I.R.F. STAFF OFFICE
To : S.C.A.A. - Rome.
Date : 2nd August 1945.
Ref. : 12228/CA.

Subject : Recovery of assault equipment.

As is known to you a certain amount of surface and underwater assault equipment which was formerly taken over by the Republican Navy, has been collected at Genoa (Venice) and other bases in the North.

In order to complete the examination of this material and to give it the necessary care to prevent its deterioration, it would be advantageous to transfer it to the I.R.F. Underwater Weapons Centre at Taranto.

If you are in agreement with this proposal, it is requested that you will issue instructions in the above sense to the Allied authorities in the North and grant your permission for the transport of the equipment to Taranto.

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Yours faithfully,
JAMES OF STAFF.

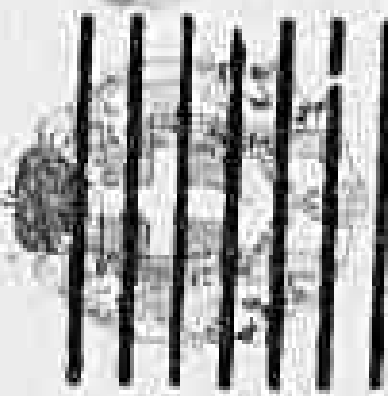
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DATE: 7th August 1945
TO: S.C.A.A. - Rome.
FROM: I.R.F. STAFF OFFICE, HQ. AC.

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INIZIO TELEGRAMMA MARISTAT - ROMA

Del 19/2288/OP

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Qualora d'accordo, si pregherebbe dare disposizioni nel senso sopraindicato alle Autorità Alleate del Nord e comunicare a questo Maristat il nulla osta per il trasporto del materiale a Taranto.-

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IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

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SUBJECT: RECOVERY OF ASSAULT EQUIPMENT.

FROM: Naval Officer in Charge, Venice.

DATE: 3rd September, 1945.

No. 831/26/2.

TO : NAVAL SUB COMMISSION, ROME.

Reference: Ministry of Marine's letter No. 12288/OA of 2nd August 1945 and NSC/3285 of 20 August 1945.

The equipment referred to in the Ministry of Marine's letter No. 12288/OA of 2nd August 1945, has been the subject of a number of reports and signals culminating in a visit from the Superintendent of Diving, Admiralty. This officer made a report and certain proposals to the Director of Torpedoes and Mining, Admiralty, a copy of which was sent to P.O.T.A.L.I. Rome dated 16th July, 1945. In view of the remarks made in the Conclusion and Recommendations Section of the first part of the report, no move has been made to hand over any craft of the Royal Italian Navy pending Admiralty sanction.

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4. A further 6 S.S.B.'s and 1 S.L.C. were recovered by Lieutenant Commander Crabb and party from the Murano Cannal Venice after 3 months immersion. These craft were German property and are held as prizes of War. They are now being refitted by workmen from the builders, Caproni of Milan. All diving gear now held has been received direct from the factories. A further consignment of this material has been sent to the U.S.A. at the request of the U.S.N.

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5. There is no question of the material at S. Andrea deteriorating as is suggested in the Ministry of Marine's letter. Commander Belloni, the inventor of the diving equipment, is at present carrying on experiments with the help of experts from the Pirelli factory who manufacture this equipment as has been pointed out the underwater craft are undergoing overhaul by their builders. Further the P.O.W.'s at work here are familiar with all the latest equipment.

6. Two S.S.B. are now ready at the Caproni workshops and two more can be completed in a matter of days. They have been told not to proceed further with this work pending direction.

W. Mackinnon

Commander, R.N.
~~Master~~ in Charge.

SUBJECT: SECURITY OF ASSETS IN ITALY.

FROM: Naval Officer in Charge, London.

DATE: 2nd September, 1945.

TO: J. G. and C. G. 18-20, 20-21.

NO. 034/25/2.

REFERENCE: Ministry of Marine's letter No. 12228/50 of 2nd August 1945 and 034/25/2 of 21 August 1945.

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5. There is no mention of the material as a subject of the report.

From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : N.S.C.
Date: 3rd January 1946
Ref.: 116/O.A.

Subject: Salvage of Assault Craft equipment.

1. Upon the request of Maristat the Navy Sub Commission in its letter NSC/3358 of 25th August 1945 authorised the transfer from Venice to Taranto of several S.S.B. ("pigs" - human torpedoes) which are at the premises of the CAPRONI Co., upon agreement with N.C.I.C. Venice who had been informed of the authorisation.

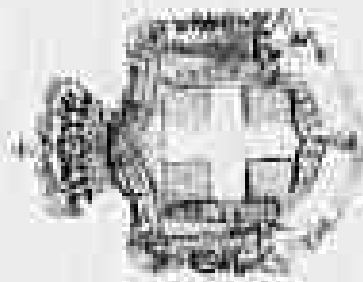
2. Maristat instructed Marina (I.R.N. Command) Venice to take delivery of the materials but the Allied Authorities in Venice have not allowed this material to be taken away.

3. It is requested that N.S.C. may confirm to the Allied Authorities in Venice that the I.R.N. has already been granted authority to take the S.S.B. from the CAPRONI Co.

for CHIEF OF STAFF

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NAVY SUB-COMMISSION

Rep. Operazioni 1111 O/A.

MINISTERO TELEGRAFICO MARISTAT - ROMA

Aut. V. 113/012

ARGOMENTO Ricupero materiale mezzi d'assalto.-

1. Dietro richiesta di questo Maristat codesta MSC. con foglio MSC/3358 in data 25/8/1945 ha autorizzato il trasferimento da Venezia a Taranto di alcuni S.S.B. (maiali), giacenti presso la Ditta CAPRONI, prendendo accordi con il NOIC Venezia il quale è stato informato di tale autorizzazione.
2. Questo Maristat ha interessato Marina Venezia al ritiro dei materiali in argomento ma le Autorità Alleate di Venezia non hanno concessa la autorizzazione per il prelievo di tali materiali.
3. Si prega codesta MSC. confermare alle Autorità Alleate di Venezia l'autorizzazione già concessa alla Marina Italiana per il ritiro degli S.S.B. della Ditta CAPRONI.-

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IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

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Rome, Italy

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ITALY - Navy - Inventory of Naval Armament and Equipment Produced by Italian Industries.

Reference: (a) GENOVA, Italy, confidential report Serial 339-45, dated 8 December 1945, subject: ITALY - Navy - Inventory of Naval Armament and Equipment Produced by Italian Industries, Piedmont Area.

Enclosure: (1) List of naval materials ordered by the Royal Italian Navy, the Republican Fascist Navy, and the German Navy from private Italian firms.

1. Enclosure (A) is a supplement to Reference (a). It was forwarded to this command from the Northwest Italy Representative, and is forwarded separately for information.

2. Enclosure (A) consists of a list of submarines (U-Boats) ordered by the Italian Navy, the Republican Fascist Navy and the German Navy, from Ansaldo Sperimentale Poggiani, Lecco; Ritta Radoni, Lecco; Ritta S.I., Sesto Calende, and Ritta C.A.S.I., Milano.

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2. Enclosure (A) consists of a list of submarines (Masse d'assalto) ordered by the Italian Navy, the Republican Fascist Navy and the German Navy, from the Sperimentale Foggioni, Lecce; Ditta B.I.I.L., Genoa Calanda, and Ditta C.A.B.I., Milano.

(CMI; ComNavNav; ComNavNav; Naval sub-Com., A.C., Italy; N/A House; File.

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ENCLOSURE A)

List of the following materials ordered by the Royal Italian Navy, the Republican Fascist Navy and the German Navy, from private Italian firms.

1. REGGIONI, Isecco:

Under orders from the Ufficio Studi Superiore of the Fascist Republican Navy a Mezzo Sperimentale Pompiere, Type P-1, was constructed at Isecco. In order was also given by this Fascist Group to construct 10 units of Type P-2; five of which were to contain "telecomandi" and five without this device. Of the latter order only the material was delivered; but the P-1 was constructed and is still at Isecco.

2. DITTA BALONI DI LEGNO:

An experimental submarine, Type U.S.-1, was constructed by the above firm. The close of the war interrupted the completion but the work has progressed to a point where it is considered 80% completed. This submarine is in the yard of the above firm.

3. DITTA S.I.A.I. of BRESCIA CANTIERI:

Mezzo d'assalto type SM/42

- 1 - 100% completed.
 - 24 - from 10 to 90% completed.
 - 1 - 50% completed.
 - 18 - 90% completed (90%) but without motors.
 - 2 - 30% completed.
 - 2 - 100% " but without motors
 - 5 - being repaired, without motors.
- Mezzo d'assalto sommergibile type MS-3
- 1 - 70% completed.

4. DITTA C.A.B.I. of MILANO:

Mezzo d'assalto Type MTM

- 27 - 100% completed.
- Mezzo d'assalto Type SMA
- 8 - 100% completed.
 - 20 - from 80 to 85% completed.
 - 17 - 85% completed.
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Mezzo d'assalto type SMA/102

- 1 - 100% completed.
 - 24 - from 10 to 90% completed.
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Senior US Liaison Officer

Rome, Italy

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Northeast Representative ~~SECRET~~, Italy

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ITALY - Navy - Inventory of Naval Armament and Equipment Produced by Italian Industries, Province of Lombardy.

Reference: (a) ~~SECRET~~, Italy, confidential report Serial 391-45, dated 31 December 1945, Subject: ITALY - Navy - Inventory of Naval Armament and Equipment Produced by Italian Industries, Province of Lombardy.

Enclosure: (A) two Microfilm No. 2009.

1. Enclosure (A) is a supplement to reference (a), and was forwarded to this command by the Northeast Italy Representative. It is forwarded herewith for information.

2. Enclosure (A) is an inventory of the Naval Armament in the possession of private Italian firms in the Province of Lombardy, and was originally ordered either by the Royal Italian Navy, Republican Fascist Navy, or the German Navy.

Reference: (a) UNSUBS, Italy, confidential report, serial 391-45, dated 31 December 1945, Subject: ITALY - Navy - Inventory of Naval Armament and Equipment. Produced by Italian Industries, Province of Lombardy.

Enclosure: (4) One Microfilm No. 2009.

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Subject:- Italian Armament Industry.

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Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.)
S/O. 050.
27 November, 1945.

To:- A.C. for Executive Commissioner.

Reference your ES/12.11 dated 9. Nov 45.

1. The manufacture of small arms at the factories mentioned has not been approved by this Sub Commission.
2. It is considered that as the output of these factories may be of value to the War Ministry who are responsible for the buying of the G.P.R. (your AG/A-60/11/PS 14 Sep 45 refers), the assembly of completed weapons should continue and the number of arms available be reported to A.F.C.M. as D.A.M. available for disposal.

Pending A.F.M.V. authority, manufacture of component parts should cease.

It is pointed out that neither the Soc Fabbrica Nazionale d'Armi at BASiglio nor the Soc Piretta at CARONNE are under War Ministry control.

Nothing is known of any correspondence between these firms and the War Ministry.

R. A. G. G. G.

R. A. G. G. G. Lt. Col.
for Major General,
I. I. I. A.

Copy to: Air Forces Sub Commission A.C.
Naval Sub Commission A.C. _____

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HEAD QUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission AGO 394

NRO/1026.
17th November, 1945.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.

Subject : Tracer Ammunition.

With reference to the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station's letter Med.45/25/6/3 dated 6th October, 1945, the Ministry of Marine who were requested to give a full explanation of the matter, including the reasons why the manufacture of tracer ammunition was contemplated, and a statement as where the ammunition would have been manufactured, have now replied as follows:-

"The Directorate of munitions at Taranto have 5000 empty 100 mm. tracer shells which require gun-las for the loading of their tracer charge.

2. The loading in question would take place within the Establishment of the Directorate of munitions at Taranto.

3. These projectiles are used for practice shoots".

(S20) G. L. WARREN
REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION,
FOR CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Rue de la Commission 100 194

HC/3763
18th October, 1945.

From : Navy Air Commission, HQ, Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject : Tractor Acquisition - Requirement in respect of.

The information contained in the Ministry of Marine's
Letter No. 22/20155 dated 16th September, 1945, was forwarded to
the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station who has now
requested further details on this subject.

4. It is requested therefore, that a full explanation of
this matter may be given, including the reasons why the manufacture
of tractor acquisition was contemplated, and a statement on where
the acquisition would have been manufactured.

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(Sgd) G. L. WILKINSON

HEAD AIRMAN,
HEAD, NAVY AIR COMMISSION.

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Office of Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Station,
MALTA.
6th October, 1945.

No. 45/25/6/3.
THE NAVY SUB COMMISSION,
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.

TRACER AMMUNITION - REQUIREMENT
IN RESPECT OF

With reference to your HSC/3621,
dated 21st September, 1945, the Ministry of
Marine's reply does not explain why the
manufacture of tracer ammunition was con-
templated. A full explanation is requested,
which should include a statement on where
the ammunition would have been manufactured.

Peter Cozack

for ADMIRAL

NAVY SUB COMMISSION
NAVY SUB COMMISSION

1945/2021.
21st September, 1945.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.

Subject: Submarine Commission - Requirements in respect of

As per report to the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station's minute No. 15/25/45 dated 19th July, 1945, the Ministry of Defence was requested to supply the information required by paragraph 7 of the 7th Annex, 1945, and after an exchange of correspondence, they have stated that the following equipment was required for the manufacture of approximately 4,000 tender projectiles of 100 mm. calibre.

(Sgd) G. L. WARDEN
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.
FOR CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : N.S.C. - Rome
Date: 16th September 1945
Ref;. SM/20155

Subject: Tracer ammunition - requirement in respect of.

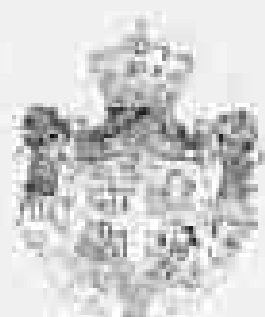
Reply is made to your letter No.N3C/3357 dated
25th August 1945.

The 1000 (one thousand) kgs. of gun-lac requested
is required for the manufacture of about 5000 in No. tracer
projectiles of 100 mm. calibre.

for CHIEF OF STAFF

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Stato Maggiore della R. Marina

NAVY SUB COMMISSION

Reg. M.D.S.

Reg. C.R.A.

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INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO MARISTAT-ROMA

Ref. *Im/20155* *Allegati*ARGOMENTO Munizionamento tracciante - fabbi-
sogno relativo.-Risposta alla lettera NSO/5557 in data
25 Agosto 1945.La richiesta di Kg. 1000 (Mille) di gom-
ma lacca occorre per ottemperare alla fabbrica-
zione di circa N° 5000 proietti illuminanti ca-
libro m/m 100.-

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

Allegati

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/3357
25 August 1945

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject: Tracer Ammunition - Manufacture of.

Reference: (a) Navy Sub-Commission Ltr NSC/3131 of 7 August 1945.
(b) Ministry of Marine Ltr SM/16913 of 17 August 1945.

1. The Navy Sub-Commission in reference (a) informed the Ministry of Marine that the supply of gum-lac for the manufacture of tracer ammunition is not approved. Information was further requested as to the necessity for the manufacture of tracer ammunition for the Italian Navy. Reference (b), in reply, merely states that gum-lac is required for the manufacture of tracer ammunition.

2. It is requested that the Navy Sub-Commission be furnished with data for transmittal to the Allied Naval Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, indicating the type, caliber and quantities of tracer ammunition which the Ministry of Marine intended to manufacture and for which the supply of gum-lac was requested.

REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.



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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : M.S.C. - Rome
Date: 17 August 1945
Ref.: SM/16913 - Encl.No.1

Subject: Supplies of Gum-lac for the Italian Ministry of Marine.

1. The contents of your NSC/3131 dated 7th August 1945 are noted.
2. The purpose of the request was defined in our SM/4445 of 7th March 1945, addressed to F.O.L.I. Rome. Copy of this is enclosed.

for CHIEF OF STAFF

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : F.O.L.I. -Rome
Date: 7.3.45
Ref.: SM.4445

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Subject: Gum-lac (lacquer) for manufacture of I.R.N.
Tracer Ammunition.

1. Marimuni Taranto requires 10 quintals of gum-lac for the above purpose.

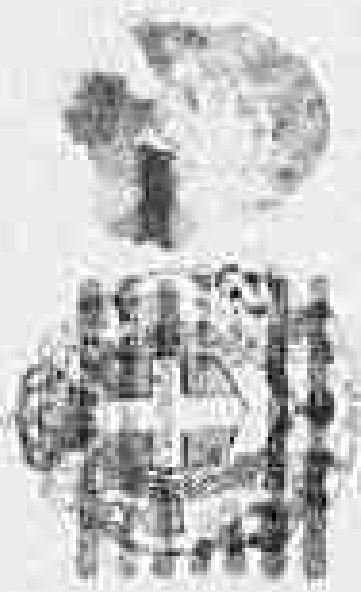
2. Request that this product may be supplied by the Allies as there is none available on the local market. A first delivery of 2 Q. would be enough for the time being.

for CHIEF OF STAFF

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Stato Maggiore della R. Marina

Cap. M.D.S. *M.D.S.* C.R.A.

MINISTERO TELEGRAFICO MARITIMO - ROMA

Cap. M.D.S. 13 Agosto 4

NAVY SUB COMMISSION

R O M A

Fornitura di gomme lacca per il Ministero della
Marina Italiana.

ARGOMENTO.

1. - Si prende atto della lettera NSC/DIVI in data 7 Agosto 1945.
2. - Lo scopo della richiesta era stato già precisato con il foglio SM/4445 in data 7 Marzo 1945 diretto al F.O.I.I. Roma, di cui si eccide copia.

IL DIRETTORE STATO MAGGIORE

[Signature]

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Aut. Maggiore della R. Marina

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INDIRIZIO TELEGRAFICO MARISTAT - ROMA

Prod. N. 1. 1877
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ARGOMENTO: CONTRA LAZZER PER CONCESSIONE DIRIZIONE
ILLUMINATA R. MARINA.

- 10) - Per la confusione del munizionamento illuminante, da parte di Marinumì Taranto, occorrente per le esercitazioni in corso, occorrono quintali 10 di gomma lacca.-
- 20) - Si prega disporre perchè tale materiale sia fornito dalla Autorità Allente, non essendo disponibile sulla piazza, tenendo presente che in un primo tempo era parte dell'ente L'assegnazione di un quantitativo di almeno 2 quintali.-

THE CASE OF GRADE AUGUSTUS

P. 49 ACCOUNTING

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/3131
7 August 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.
Subject: Gun-Lac Supplies for Italian Ministry of Marine. **FILE**

1. Further to Navy Sub-Commission's letter number NSC/2540 dated 1st June 1945, the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean has now directed that the release of any gun-lac supplies to the Italian Royal Navy for the purpose of manufacturing tracer ammunition cannot be approved.

2. It is requested that the Navy Sub-Commission be informed of the reasons for the necessity, and the purpose for which, tracer ammunition is required, and of any further information concerning the Ministry of Marine's expressed intention to manufacture tracer ammunition.

H. W. ZIROLLI,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.



9 AUG 1945

GUM-LAC SUPPLIES FOR ITALIAN MINISTRY OF MARINE
(Headquarters Allied Commission, Navy Sub Commission's
No. NSC/2879 of 7th July, 1945.)

II

Med. 45/25/6/3
NAVY SUB COMMISSION, HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION.

Action proposed in paragraph 2 of Minute I is
approved.

2. Full information is desired concerning the
Ministry of Marine expressed intention to manufacture
tracer ammunition.

MEDITERRANEAN
19th July, 1945.

Ad. Hamer
for ADMIRAL

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GUM-TAC SUPPLIES FOR ITALIAN MINISTRY OF WAR
(Headquarters Allied Commission, Navy Sub Commission)
No. NSC/2875 of 7th 3, 1945.)

II

Ref. 15/25/6/3
NAVY SUB COMMISSION, HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION.

Action proposed in paragraph 2 of Annex 1 is
approved.

2. Full information is desired concerning the
Ministry of Marine expressed intention to manufacture
tracer ammunition.

(Sgd) J. B. S. HAINES

for ADMIRAL

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19th July, 1945.

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED CO-OPERATION
NAVY SUB COMMISSION 400 491.

400/2573.
7th July, 1945.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Co-Operation.
To : Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.
(Copy to :- Flag Officer Taranto, British and
Liaison, Italy, Taranto.)

FILE

Subject : Gum-lac supplies.

With reference to paragraph 2 of Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station's letter No. Med.45/25/6/3 dated 24th June, 1945, the Navy Sub Commission have received no information that tracer ammunition is in fact being produced under the direction of either United States or British armed forces.

It is therefore proposed, in these circumstances, to inform the Ministry of Marine that the release of Gum-lac supplies cannot be approved.

(Sgd) G. E. WARREN
REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION,
FOR CHIEF CO-OPERATION.

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10 JUL 1945

Office of the Commander-in-Chief,
 Mediterranean Station,
 Allied Force Headquarters,
 24th Army, 2nd AF.

Ref: 44/25, 44/25.
 The Atlantic Commission, 1944-1945,
 Atlantic Commission.

(Copy for:
 The State Department, Atlantic Commission and Atlantic Policy.)

WFO-1200 SUBJECTS FOR JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS IN THE

With reference to your letter 44/250 in and 1200
 June 1945, your attention is invited to the Supreme Allied
 Commander's Directive Ref. 44/250/007 dated 12th
 February 1945 (renewed under Ref. 44/250/12 dated 21st June
 1945), of which paragraph 3 reads as follows:-

"The persons or organization will be punished during the
 period of the European war, or Japanese war, except as
 directed by the United States and British armed forces."

1. Information is requested whether the manufacture
 of armor ammunition referred to is in fact, being produced
 under the direction of United States or British armed forces.

2. In the manufacture and release of gas for application
 is not approved.

M. B. Lang

For J. B. Lang

DUPLICATE

Office of the Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Station,
Allied Force Headquarters,
24th June, 1945.

Ref. 45/25/6/3.

THE HAVY SUB COMMISSION, MEMORANDUM,
ARMED COMMISSION.

(Copy to:-

The Flag Officer, Maritime Station and Liaison Italy).

CITE-142 (HAWK) AND BRANCH MEMORANDUM ON HAWK.

With reference to your letter 10/25/45 dated 11th June 1945, your attention is invited to the Supreme Allied Commander's Directive No. 10 XG.3/087 Cite-G dated 11th February 1945 (forwarded under Ref. 45/00100/42 dated 21st March 1945), of which paragraph 2 reads as follows:-

"No weapons or ammunition will be produced during the period of the European and/or Japanese Wars, except as directed by the United States and British armed forces."

2. Information is requested whether the manufacture of tracer ammunition referred to is in fact, being produced under the direction of United States or British armed forces.

3. In the meantime the release of gun lac supplies is not approved.

Sgt. W. B. LAINB
for ADMIRAL

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission 120 394.

873/7630.
11th June, 1945.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.
(Copy to :- Flag Officer Taranto, Adriatic and
Lionese, Italy.)

Subject : Gum-lac supplies.

A request has been received from the Ministry of Marine
for the following quantities of gum lac to be provided for purposes
of manufacturing tracer ammunition :-

7500 Lbs. July - December 1944.
5000 Lbs. January - June 1945.

2. In view of the purpose for which this commodity is stated
to be required and the difficulty which was encountered in locating
supplies, it is requested that the Navy Sub Commission may be
informed whether or not this item should be released.

REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION,
FOR CHIEF COMMISSIONER.



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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission 100 191.

MSC/1930.4
11th June, 1943.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.
(Copy to :- Flag Officer Taranto, Anzio and
Liaison, Italy.)

Subject : Gun-lac supplies.

A request has been received from the Ministry of Marine
for the following quantities of gun lac to be provided for purpose
of manufacturing torpedoes :-

2500 lbs.	July - December 1944.
5000 lbs.	January - June 1945.

In view of the purpose for which this commodity is stated
to be required and the difficulty which was encountered in locating
supplies, it is requested that the Navy Sub Commission may be
informed whether or not this item should be released.

YOUR ORDER,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION,
FOR CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

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ALLIED FORCE LOCAL RESOURCES SECTION
AFHQ

IRS/329/95

SUBJECT : Gun-lac.

TO : Senior Naval Officer,
ROME.Postal Address:
AFHQ, Rome Area
Allied Command,
C.M.F.

Telephone: ROME 26429.

6 June 1945

1. Ref. your verbal enquiry, AG. are informed by the Ministry of Industry, Commerce & Labour, that Bontrini-Farodi-Delfino, Corso Umberto I° No. 262, could supply within a month of receipt of order, 6 or 7 quintals of Gun-lac;

*Miller H. Brown*Miller H. Brown, Major, DAQMG,
For Chiefs of Section,
A.F.M.A.S.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission LPO 194.

HSC/2540.
1st June, 1945.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject : Gum Lac for manufacture of Tracer Ammunition.

With reference to Navy Sub Commission letter No. 2446 of 21st May, 1945, all reports on the availability of gum lac have been received and are entirely negative.

2. If the Ministry can trace and report the existence of the material, efforts will be made to obtain the desired quantities.

Blackburn
REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.



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ALLIED FORCE LOCAL RESOURCES SECTION
A.F.L.R.S.

LRS/329/164.

SUBJECT : Gun Loc.

TO : Senior Naval Officer, ROME. /

Postal Address:
A.F.L.R.S.,
Rome Area Allied Command,
C. M. F.

Telephone: ROME 66029

29 May 1945.

Further to this Section letter LRS/329/165 dated 15 May 45,
it is regretted that all information reports have come to hand on this
enquiry, and these are of a negative nature.

M. H. Brown

M. H. BROWN,
Major, D.M.E.,
for Chiefs of Section,
A.F.L.R.S.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 194.

File
HRC/2446.
21st May, 1945.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject : Gomma lacca (Gum Lac) for Manufacture of I.R.H.
Tracer Ammunition.

With reference to the Ministry's letter No. 3M/8677
of 29th April, 1945, attempts to obtain supplies of gum-lac
have been unsuccessful.

2. Further enquiries are being made.

H. W. ZUREN
COMMISSIONER
REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.



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ALLIED FORCE LOCAL RESOURCES SECTION
AFHQ

LRS/329/163

SUBJECT : Gas Inc (Marquet)

TO : Chief Naval Officer,
ROME.Postal Address:
AFHQ, Rome Area
Allied Command,
C.M.F.
Telephone: ROME 65429.

15 May 45

1. Ref. your verbal enquiry for 1 ton of the a/p item -
it is regretted that up to the present all enquiries for
sources of supply have proved negative.

2. Further enquiries are being made, and information
will be forwarded to you on receipt by this Section.



Miller H. Brown, Major, DARTS,
for Chiefs of Section,
A.F.L.R.S.

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : N.S.C. - Rome
Date: 29 Apr. '45
Ref.: SM.8677

Subject: Gomma lacca (Gum Lac) for Manufacture
of I.R.N. Tracer Ammunition.

Our N°4445 of 7th ultc. refers.

1. In above-cited, Allied Authorities were requested to supply I.R.N. with this product.

2. Demands put forward up to now are for :-

2500 Kgs.	-	required for half-year	July	-	Dec. 1944
5000 "	-	" " " " "	Jan.	-	June 1945

3. As no delivery has been made so far, N.S.C. is requested to arrange that at least 1000 Kgs. be supplied to Dockyard Taranto ("Marimuni").

CHIEF OF STAFF

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MOT. 29

Roma, 29 APR. 1945

Stato Maggiore della R. Marina

CHIEF NAVY SUB COMMISSION

M.D.S. C.R.A.

ROMA

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARISTAT - ROMA

Dir. N. 304 9577

ARGOMENTO: Gomma lacca per confezionare munizionamento illuminante - R. Marina.

Riferimento foglio n° 4445 di questo Maristat in data 7 marzo 1945 diretto al F.D.L.I.

1. - Con il predetto foglio si prospettò che le Autorità Alleate venissero direttamente incontro alla R. Marina circa la fornitura di gomma lacca necessaria alla confezione di munizionamento illuminante.
2. - Nelle richieste finora avanzate agli Alleati, la gomma lacca figura per:
Kg. 2500 : fabbisogno semestre Inglio - Dicembre 1944
" 5000 : " Gennaio - Giugno 1945.
3. - Considerato che di tale indispensabile prodotto nessuna consegna è stata finora effettuata dagli Alleati, stante la urgenza dei lavori in argomento, si prega codesta N.S.C. a voler svolgere il proprio cortese interessamento presso le competenti Autorità Alleate per la sollecita fornitura di almeno Kg. 1000 di gomma lacca, da consegnarsi al R. Arsenale di Taranto (Maritimi).

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

ACCORVA 2000

From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : F.O.L.I. - Rome
Date: 7.3.45
Ref.: SM.4445

Subject: Gum-lac (lacquer) for Manufacture of I.R.N.
Tracer Ammunition.

1. Marimuni Taranto requires 10 quintals of gum-lac for the above purpose.
2. Request that this product may be supplied by the Allies as there is none available on the local market. A first delivery of 2 Q. would be enough for the time being.

for CHIEF OF STAFF

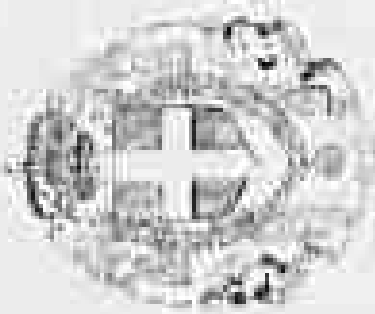
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DATE: 10th March, 1945
FROM: F.O.L.I. - Rome
TO: F.O.L.I. - Rome

FOOTNOTES: None

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Stato Maggiore della R. Marina

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ARGOMENTO

Uomo laico per confezionamento amministrativo

Interessante R. Marina?

- 1o) Per la confezione del manifestazione illuminante, da parte di Marina Marina, occorrono per le esecuzioni in corso, occorrono materiali 10 di prima luce.
- 2o) Si prega di sapere perché tale materiale sia fornito alla Marina Marina, non essendo disponibile sulla Marina, tenuto presente che in un primo tempo sarebbe sufficiente l'assegnazione di un quantitativo di almeno 2 quintali.

EL CIO DI S. MARCO MARCONI

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : N.S.C. - Rome
Date: 30th October 1945
Ref.: SM.23503

Subject: Tracer ammunition.

With reference to your letter No.NSC/3763 of 13th October 1945 you are informed that the Directorate of Munitions at Taranto has five thousand 100 mm. tracer bullets which require gum-lac for the loading of their tracer charge.

The said loading would take place in the Establishment of the Directorate of Munitions at Taranto. These projectiles are used during exercises.

for CHIEF OF STAFF

CGE/P.

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From: MINISTRY OF ARMS (Munitions)
To : H.Q. - Rome
Date: 30th October 1945
Ref: M. 33805

Subject: Tracer ammunition.

With reference to your letter No. H.Q. 3763 of 13th October 1945 you are informed that the Directorate of Munitions at Turin has five thousand 100 mm. tracer bullets which require GWT-12C for the loading of their tracer charge.

The said loading would take place in the establishment of the Directorate of Munitions at Turin. These projectiles are used during exercises.

for CHIEF OF STAFF

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From: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (MONTREAL)
To : C.D.C. - 4000
Date: 30th October 1945
Ref: 22.0000

Subject: Tracer ammunition.

With reference to your letter No. 100/5753 of 15th October 1945 you are informed that the Directorate of Ammunition at Toronto has five thousand 100 mm. tracer bullets which require gun-lac for the loading of their tracer charge.

The said loading would take place in the establishment of the Directorate of Ammunition at Toronto. These projectiles are used during exercises.

for CHIEF OF STAFF

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From: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (Secretariat)
To : C.M.C. - Rome
Date: 30th October 1945
Ref: 22.33533

Subject: Tracer ammunition.

With reference to your letter no. 443/3753 of 18th October 1945 you are informed that the Directorate of Ammunition at Toronto has five thousand 100 mm. tracer bullets which require gun-lac for the loading of their tracer charge.

The said loading would take place in the establishment of the Directorate of Ammunition at Toronto. These projectiles are used during exercises.

for CHIEF OF STAFF

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From: DIRECTOR OF MILITARY (MILITARY)
To: H.Q. - CORD
Date: 20th October 1945
Ref: 10.25.00

Subject: Tracer ammunition.

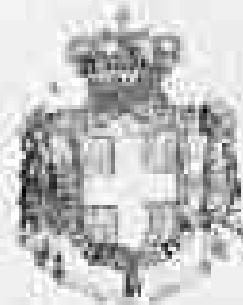
With reference to your letter NO. 10.25/3733 of 18th October 1945 you are informed that the Directorate of Ammunition at Toronto has five thousand 100 gr. tracer bullets which require gun-lac for the loading of their tracer charge.

The said loading would take place in the establishment of the Directorate of Ammunition at Toronto. These projectiles are used during exercises.

For CHIEF OF STAFF

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Stato Maggiore della R. Marina

Sup. E.D.S. M. G.R.A.

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARISTAT - ROMA

Aut. Km 23803 Allegati

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NAVY SUB COMMISSION

ROMA

ARGOMENTO: Munizionamento tracciante.

Con riferimento, vostro foglio NSG/3763 del 13/10/45, si comunica che la Direzione Munizionamento di Taranto possiede 5000 proiettili illuminanti da 100 m/m vuoti che abbisognano di gomma lacca per il caricamento illuminante.

Detto caricamento verrebbe eseguito negli Stabilimenti della stessa Direzione Munizionamento di Taranto.

I proiettili servono per tiri di esercitazione.

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

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IN THE NAPLES AREA THE LOADING OF AMMUNITION OR OTHER EXPLOSIVES
WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS DIRECTED BY THE US PORT COMMANDER.

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1. Distwo in message GO/3956 of 17 October states that investigation has shown that BERETTA Factory GARDONE holds 12000 machine pistols and Fabbrica Nazionale Factory BRESCIA holds 13000 rifles that both are assembling more machine pistols. It was also reported that in MILAN miniature submarines and a military aircraft are being made. Statement made that one case suspected clandestine arms manufacture TURIN.

2. Distwo states further investigation with AMG assistance now being made.

3. Request immediate report relative to result of AMG investigation.

Office of Executive Commissioner.

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(Sgt) F.H. MCKEAY,
Lt.Col., CSO.

Copy to: Eoon Sec
Land Forces S/C
Navy S/C
Air Forces S/C

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NSC/3368
25 August 1945

THIRD ENDORSEMENT ON
CINC MED Ltr Med. 45/
22/5/2 of 5 August 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Flag Officer Italy and Liaison.

Subject: Powder Samples - Request for.

1. The firm of Bombrini Perodi - Delfino is a private company with offices located in Rome at Corso Umberto I° 267. While the Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. AC, has cognizance over the disposal of war materials, since the company is not under the Italian Ministry of Marine, it is not considered that the Sub-Commission has cognizance over the procurement of powder samples.

2. It is suggested that Bombrini Perodi - Delfino be requested direct by the Flag Officer Italy and Liaison to furnish the powder samples required.

14 SEP 1 1945
CAPTAIN U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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14 SEP 1945

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COMPLAINING OFFICER'S REPORT - SUMMARY OF CASE
(Commander-in-Chief, Westoverhead Station's letter No. 100.43/20/3
R. dated 5th August, 1945.)

II.

No. P.O.I.I. 1050/1/

NAVY SUP. COMMISSION, HANOVER, GERMANY,
MILITARY COMMISSION.

Forwarded, with the request that the necessary
arrangements may be made and that I may be informed in
accordance with paragraph 2 of minute I.

/s/ C.H. Blackburn

RCM,
13th August, 1945.

for HBA-AMTRAL
(absent on duty)

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Office of the Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Station,
Algeria Force Headquarters,
30th August, 1945.

Ref. 45/2/5/1.
THE FLAG OFFICER, ITALY AND LIAISON.

RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE STATUS OF NAVAL STATION

Further to Naval Sub-Committee's Report of 24.8.45, sent
4th August, 1945 to the War Office, Western Italy, and the (Flag Officer
Italy and Liaison's) letter No. 1.45/2/5/1 dated 1st September, 1945 and the
Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean's No. 45/2/5/2 dated 27th February,
1945 to the Flag Officer, Western Italy and Liaison Italy (Rome), the
Comatree has now been received that Admiralty require - 1. It, copies of
each of the following:

- Propellant - 1.45/2/5/1.
- Propellant - 1.45/2/5/2.
- Propellant - 1.45/2/5/3.
- Propellant - 1.45/2/5/4.

4. The Flag Officer Italy and Liaison is, therefore, requested
to ensure that these copies are in ready availability. Collection will
be carried by the Senior Armament Supply Officer Mediterranean as es-
sential or details of time and place from which copies can be collected.

For A. J. E. I. R. 1.1

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Office of the Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Station,
Allied Force Headquarters,
27th February, 1945.

Ref. 15/22/5/2.

THE FLAG OFFICER, NORTHERN AREA, MEDITERRANEAN
THE FLAG OFFICER, TARANTO, ADRIATIC AND LIAISON, ITALY (ROME)
(Copy to each)

(Copy to:-

The Deputy Inspector Naval Ordnance, Western Mediterranean)

STORAGE OF NAVAL POWDER BY
BOERHIL, PARODI, DELVINO.

The attached copy of Director of Armament Supply's letter A.S.O.328/L/B.90 dated 20th January, 1945 to The Senior Armament Supply Officer, Mediterranean, is forwarded for information with reference to POWIT 22 dated 2nd September, 1944, to The Flag Officer Taranto, Adriatic and Liaison (Rome) and The Flag Officer Taranto Adriatic and Liaison (Rome)'s No.L.42/2 dated 1st September, 1945.

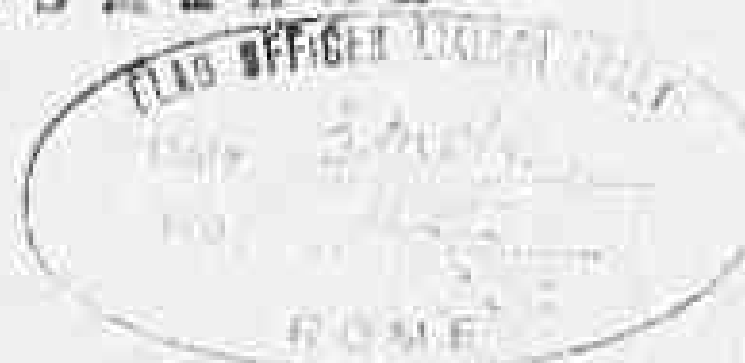
22 March, 1945.

ADM. POTALI, ROME

NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, HQ. AQ.

FORWARDED FOR APPROVAL BY

(Sgt. J. R. S. HAINES)
for ADMIRAL



COPY.

O.4238/44/B.90

20 January, 1945.

Senior Armament Supply Officer,
MEDITERRANEAN

Italian Propellant

With reference to your submission 59/2/44/1 dated 19th October, 1944, it is confirmed that there is no Admiralty requirement in the U.K. for the Italian propellant stored at the Bombrini, Parodi, Delfino plants of Amgmi and Colleferro.

Enquiry of the Ministry of Supply has shown that they have no use for this propellant for reworking nor any other purpose.

(sgd.) C.F. HATFIELD

DIRECTOR OF ARMAMENT SUPPLY

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DOI: 10.1002/jbm.b

With reference to my letter of 1974, of 10th August, 1974, the British Embassy at London advised that the British Foreign Office considers that the British should be in the position of not making any further contribution.

(Sgd.) J. E. PALMER.

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STORAGE OF NAVAL POWDER BY BONERINI PARODI DELFINO

(Naval Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission's MSC/694 dated
4th August, 1944)

II

No. DOWIT 22

FLAG OFFICER TARANTO, ADRIATIC & LIAISON (ROME).

(Copies to:- Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean,
Chief Administrative Officer, Allied Armies in
Italy,

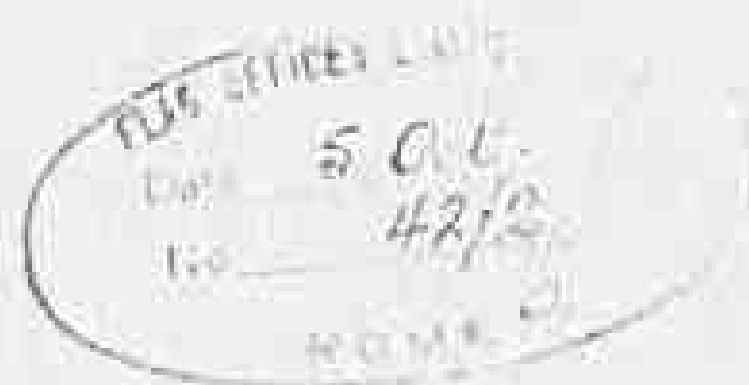
Flag Officer Taranto, Adriatic & Liaison (Taranto).

It appears from the description that this powder is intended for propellant charges. If so it is useless for demolition purposes, and useless for any guns except the type for which it was designed. The Italian Navy are therefore likely to be the only interested parties.

2. Major L. Priestley, R.M., Deputy Inspector of Naval Ordnance, intends to visit the factory as soon as possible.

WESTERN ITALY.
2nd September, 1944.

C. Appelt
for REAR ADMIRAL.



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Navy Sub-Commission
APC 394

NSC/1037B

23 October 1944.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. ACC.
To: War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission, Hq. ACC.
Subject: Storage of Ammunition by *BRONERINI PARODI DEFEIHO*.

1. A copy of Navy Sub-Commission letter No. NSC/694 of 4 August 1944, in connection with the storage of ammunition by the subject company is forwarded herewith for information. The Flag Officer Eastern Italy has inspected the magazines and advised that the powder is for propellant charges primarily for use in Italian Naval guns. The Italian Ministry of Marine has informed the Navy Sub-Commission that the powder is not required by the Italian Navy.

2. An inspection of the magazines at Anagni and Colleferro has recently been completed by the Senior Armament Supply Officer attached to the staff of FORIT who advises that the magazines are unsafe as loose powder is lying mingled with old German ammunition and recommends that the establishment should be tidied up as soon as possible. From an inspection made by this office, it is considered that the Colleferro plant is particularly referred to. It is requested that the War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission issue the necessary instructions to the subject company.

R. S. STELLI,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, ACC.



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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission
APO 394

NCC/694

4 August 1944.

TO:

Flag Officer Eastern Italy.
(Copy for CINC, 15th AF, AFI., SOUTHERN).

POWDER STORAGES - STORAGE OF Naval
Powder by.

1. With reference to my letter NCC/694 of 26 July 1944, an officer from the Naval Sub-Commission, AOC, inspected the Anagni plant and the Colleferro plant of the subject company on 1 August 1944. A list of the powder stored at Anagni is enclosed herewith. The powder is stored in four (4) underground magazines, access to which is gained by tunnels from 50 to 100 feet long. Each magazine is divided with two compartments approximately 16' x 30'. The magazines are comparatively dry, cool, clean and well stored.
2. All of the powder is in bulk, packed in wooden boxes, approximately 12" x 12" x 30", each weighing approximately 50 kilograms and containing approximately 40 kilograms of powder. The several boxes opened were in excellent condition and the powder showed no signs of deterioration. All of the powder examined was in strip form running in size from strips 1/16" x 3/8" x 14" to strips 3/4" x 1 1/2" x 10". The bulk of the powder is for large calibre guns. None of the powder is bagged or in casks ready for use.
3. Dr. Tommasi of the Colleferro plant was contacted. Apparently the powder was manufactured under contract for the Italian Navy but was not delivered and paid for. It is therefore, an asset of BONICZAI RIMONI and CILFINO which the company desires to liquidate. To accomplish this the company requested authority to transfer the powder from the Anagni plant to the Colleferro plant "to salvage this powder and to place it in a dump where it may be protected from eventual deterioration, rather than leaving it in a collapsed cave". An inspection was therefore made of the Colleferro plant to determine where the powder would be stored, if transferred. The powder magazines at Colleferro are subterranean galleries inferior in construction to the magazines at Anagni. The description "collapsed cave" used by the company for the latter magazines, is misleading. While they are not modern, they were constructed for the storage of powder. Only the entrances were caved in.

Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. ACC.

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4. It is therefore, not recommended that the powder be transferred from Anagni to Collesacro. It is recommended that the list of powder attached, be examined by Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean and HQ. IAI, C.M.F., to determine whether any of the powder can be utilized for demolition work in the present form. The Naval Sub-Commission, ACC, will take steps to have adequate guards stationed at the Anagni plant to safeguard the powder pending disposition.

5. During the visit to the Collesacro plant, a considerable quantity of ammunition was found to be stored in the magazines inspected which is an underground gallery consisting of numerous separate magazines. Some of this powder is the same as stored at Anagni and the remainder is German ammunition, mortar charges in cases, projectiles, etc.. No inventories available as to what is actually stored in the magazines and the Italian plant officials contended that they did not know what had been placed in them by the Germans. These magazines should be inspected by trained technicians at an early date.

COMMODORE

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NAVAL MESSAGE

To F.O.T.A.L.I. Rome

FROM
F.O.W.I.T.Restricted.

Senior Armament Supply Officer has recently visited ANAGNI Powder Factory and considers it unsafe as loose Powder is lying mingled with old German ammunition. He advises that establishment should be tidied up as soon as possible.

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FORNIT PARODI DELFINO - SAMPLES OF PROPELLANT
POWDER.
(The Flag Officer Italy and Liaison's No. P.O.I.L.
1050/1 of 6th September 1945.)

Med. 45/22/5/2 II
THE FLAG OFFICER ITALY AND LIAISON.
(Copy to:-
The Navy Sub Commission, Headquarters, Allied
Commission.)

These samples will be collected from
Colleferro by Lieutenant R.W. JAMES, R.N.V.R. on
Tuesday 18th September 1945.

RODITERGEMAN
14th September 1945.

(Sgd.) J. R. S. HAINES
for ADMIRAL

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Office of the Flag Officer,
Italy and Liaison,
RMC.

6th September, 1945.

No. F.O.I.L. 1050/1

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN FLIGHT.
(Copy to: Navy Sub Commission, Headquarters, Allied Commission)

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THE COMMISSIONER-IN-CHIEF, COMMISSIONER OF THE ARMY,
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With reference to Commander-in-Chief Mediteranean's
letter No. Med.45/249/2 of 26th August, 1945, arrangements have
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Delfino for the supply of the following samples:-

- Propellant M.A.M. 1.
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- Propellant F.O. 4.
- Nitro Cellulose Powder.

It is requested that arrangements may be made with
Superintending Armament Supply Officer Mediterranean for these
articles to be collected either the 15th September from the
firm's premises at Collefero, situated about 90 kilometres
south of Rome on route 6, any weekday between the hours of
0730 and 1630.

Should any difficulties be experienced by
Superintending Armament Supply Officer Mediterranean in the
collection of these items, it is requested he may be informed
that application should be made to Mr. Gascia, the Assistant
Manager of the firm.

(Signed) *[Signature]*

for *[Signature]*
(absent on duty).

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NCC/2923
12 July 1945

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Ministry of Marine, Rome.
Subject: Fire Near Italian Naval Ammunition Dump, LEGHORN.

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2. Investigation later brought out the fact that this dump did not have fire lanes and fire guards cleared around it; also, that only one Italian Royal Navy Officer and three enlisted men now guard three widely separated dumps in this area.
3. In view of the above it is requested that the Ministry of Marine direct the subordinate naval command in Leghorn to initiate appropriate action to clear fire lanes and fire guards around the ammunition dump above mentioned, and that sufficient personnel be assigned to guard the area. Also, it is requested that the Ministry of Marine direct all subordinate naval commands to initiate appropriate action to insure proper and safe guarding of all ammunition dumps along the lines mentioned in this letter.

WILLIAM L. WOODEN
REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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(SGT) G. L. WARREN
REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, J.C.

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Office of the Naval Officer in Charge,
LICHORN.

4th July, 1945.

No. 50/43/1.

Navy Sub-Commission, Rome.

(Copy to:- Officer Commanding, 975th Air Eng. Squadron.)

FIRE NEAR ITALIAN NAVAL AMMUNITION DUMP.

Forwarded for information ~~and necessary~~
~~action.~~

R. M. D. MacKenzie
CAPTAIN.

(Enclosure to Naval Officer in Charge, Leghorn's HQ 10/43/1
dated 4th July, 1945.)

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HEADQUARTERS
549th AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 650

20 June 1945.

975th Air Eng. Sq.

DAILY STAFF JOURNAL AS OF 2400 HRS.
19 June 1945.

No.	FILE	SUBJECT.	ACTION TAKEN.
5	SQUADRON HQS. 2030		Captain Smith was informed by an Italian naval officer, Capo Boncampagni, that a brush fire near the 975th bivouac area was threatening a dump of Italian naval ammunition. After investigation the 975th and the Fire Fighting Platoon from the field were ordered out. Details from the 8th and 51st Troop Carrier Squadrons also reported with a decontaminating unit of water. The fire was out at 2130 hours. The Italian naval officer was informed by Captain Smith through an interpreter that the embers were still dangerous and that sentinels should patrol the area burned over. Men and equipment were dismissed at 2145 hrs. At 2230 hours Capt Smith was informed that the fire had broken out again. This was extinguished in a few minutes. Recommendation: That proper Authorities (Ministry of Marine, Livorno) be advised to

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975th AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 690

20 June 1945.

975th Air Reg. Sq.

DAIRY STAFF JOURNAL AS OF 2400 HRS.
19 June 1945.

No. TIME SUBJECT.

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3 SQUADRON REG.
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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission AFO 394

NSC/2810
2 July 1945

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Headquarters Venezia Region, Allied Commission.
Subject: Depth Charge Throwers.
Reference: (a) Hq. Venezia Region, AC, ltr File No. R XII/IND/
600 of 27 June 1945.

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REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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Office of the Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Station,
Allied Force Headquarters,
Raidway, 1945.

No. 2362/med.45/3014/1.

THE SECRETARY OF THE DEFENSE.

(Copy to: The Navy Sub-Commission, Headquarters,
Allied Commission, Rome.)

PROPOSED VISIT OF REPRESENTATIVES OF DEPARTMENT OF
CHIEF ENGINEER AND SUPERINTENDENT ARMAMENTS DESIGN
TO DISCUSS PLANNING OF NAVAL GUNS.

Be pleased to inform Your Lordships that enquiries have been made in accordance with Admiralty Letter No. G.66311/35 of the 20th April, 1945.

2. It has been ascertained that the Italians have had no experience in exchanging the liners in 301/50 guns, as no such guns have been sufficiently worn to require re-lining.

3. It was stated that although these guns were designed for exchange of liners without application of heat, it is considered that heat would be necessary in practice and that in any case guns sent to a factory to be re-lined.

4. The principles of construction of 301/50 guns are similar to the British, but procedure and equipment differ; the inner tube is pre-rifled.

5. The greatest Italian expert on modern gun design is General ENZO ISNORI, who has lately been liberated and who is about to take up a post with the firm of ANILCO in Genoa. He is understood to have been cleared politically.

6. It is clear that the Italians have made a close study of the case and speed of re-lining heavy calibre guns, and it is considered that a visit by representatives of the department of the Chief Engineer and Superintendent Armaments Design would be of value.

Such a visit would be acceptable.

Be pleased to inform Their Lordships that enquiries have been made in accordance with Admiralty Letter No. C.06311/45 of the 20th April, 1945.

2. It has been ascertained that the Italians have had no experience in exchanging the liners in 381/50 guns, as no such guns have been sufficiently worn to require re-lining.
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Such a visit would be acceptable.

For A D M I R A L,

Sgt 1 - 0181-2

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Any further communication should
be addressed to -

N-11 LTR, 4th.

The Secretary of the Admiralty,
Windsor, Somerset, quoting Admiralty
Reference "Q.03511/45" on the outside
of the envelope as well as in the text.

20th April, 1945.

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Commodore-in-Chief,
Mediterranean.

I wish to acquaint you that at the end of 1943 the
Flag Officer, Maritime and Arctic, in his No. 1065/3 dated
1st December, 1943, forwarded designs of certain Italian
naval guns.

2. The preparation of designs is now in hand for a new heavy
naval gun and their Lordships desire to ascertain if any
information can be obtained regarding Italian experience
in exchanging the liners in their 4.5" guns.

3. Their Lordships are conscious that it might be of advantage to
send to Italy, representatives of the Department of the Chief
Engineer and the Assistant Secretary Design, to discuss the
matter with Italian authorities who have had actual experience
of this work. May be the fact you will cause an effort to
be made as to the value that might be achieved by such
a visit, and state whether the visit would be acceptable.

AT THE END OF THIS LETTER,

M/G.010161/45

18th September, 5

Whitehall 9000
Extension 808CONFIDENTIAL

The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.

Copy to: The Navy Sub-Commission, Headquarters,
Allied Commission, Rome.

With reference to your submission No. 2362/Med.45/301/8/1 of the 2nd May, 1945, I am to acquaint you that the information regarding Italian 15" naval guns has been noted with interest. As, however, the conditions governing their design differs fundamentally from that proposed for the new British naval gun, it is not now considered that a visit by representatives of the Admiralty departments concerned would be justified.

BY COMMAND OF THEIR LORDSHIPS

Lyd J C [signature]

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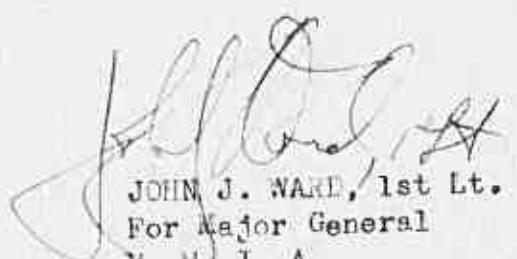
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION,
A. C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
C/23/1
17 April 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Naval Guns

TO : Navy Sub-Commission, A. C.

1. AMIA L/O, 5th Army, reports that there are 26 Regia Marina large guns and range finders located at Querceta, Route 1, north of Viareggio.

2. Further information may be obtained from Major Krisl, Captured Enemy Materials Section, Headquarters 5th Army. (Telephone-Lightning Rear 55.)


JOHN J. WARD, 1st Lt.
For Major General
M. M. I. A.

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