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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

REF : 360/23/CA.

20 September 44.

SUBJECT : Italian War Material.

TO : Regional Commissioners, Region I, Southern, IV, V, VI,
VIII, IX, Liguria, Piemonte, XI and XII.
S.G.A.Os. 5 & 8 Armies.

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The following should be added to paragraph 2 (b) of my letter
No. 360/11/CA of 10th August 1944,

" This does not however preclude the rights of Operational
Commanders to make such use of the items mentioned as may
be necessary for operational reasons. "

M. S. LUSH
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

10 August 1944

Ref : 360/11/CA

SUBJECT : Italian War Material etc.

TO : Regional Commissioners, Region I - IX & "Z"
Provincial Commissioner, Foggia Province
S.C.A. Os 5 & 8 Armies.

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2. Attention is drawn to:

(a) AMHQ Circular 13 of 1 May 1944, which clearly states:

"Italian Material. All Italian material belonging to all arms and services of the Italian Ground Forces and in the possession of the Italians at the time of the armistice is considered as Italian material and, except as otherwise directed by this headquarters is reserved for the use of the Italian Army under the direction of the Army Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission."

(b) A.A.I. letter 2030/12/Q2 dated 1 July 1944 of which the following are extracts:

"Cases have occurred (particularly in ROME and other newly occupied localities) where property, transport and materials belonging to the Italian Forces have been removed from them without proper authority and when the operational need for such action no longer existed."

"In future no buildings, real estate, transportation or other materials belonging to the Italian Armed Forces, or in the possession of effective units of the Italian Navy, Army or Air Force, will be occupied, requisitioned, seized or made use of without prior reference to this H.Q."

"The Italian Commanders concerned have been authorised to place notices on their property indicating its ownership. These notices will be respected."

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4. When ownership of any material is in dispute the matter will immediately be referred to this HQ for investigation and final decision.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 304

Ref : 360/10/CA.

9th August 1944

SUBJECT : Disposal of War Material.

TO : Regional Commissioners, Region I-IX & "Z"
Provincial Commissioner, Foggia Province.
S.C.A.Os 5 & 8 Armies.

1. Permission has, in certain cases, been granted by Regions, to civilians to collect material such as motor vehicles, etc., which have been abandoned at the roadside, or which have been partly destroyed in action or otherwise.

2. Your attention is drawn to AFHQ circular No. 13, dated 1 May 1944, relevant extracts of which are attached, which clearly states that all enemy material will only be disposed of on instructions of Captured Enemy Material Section, AFHQ.

3. All Italian material belonging to all arms and services of the Italian Ground Forces is reserved for use of the Italian Army.

4. The War Material Disposal Sub-Commission directs the disposal of war material and will be responsible for the granting of permits to move or recover such material not collected by the Armed Forces for operational purposes.

5. Particulars of all cases where permits have been granted by Regions or SCAOs Armies to individuals, giving permission to collect or move any material will be reported to this H.Q. so that a decision may be given as to the validity of any permit which may have been issued.

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for HQ Staff 10/22

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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Extracts from AFHQ Circular Number 13 dated 1 May, 1944.

The following prescribe the general procedure to be followed in the allocation and assignment of serviceable and repairable captured enemy material.

"All equipment, stores, supplies, previously belonging to all arms and services of the Ground Forces of the enemy.

The responsibility for the assignment of serviceable and repairable captured enemy material and the maintenance of necessary records pertaining to such material and supplies is placed upon a special staff - Sub-Section of the Quartermaster Section of AFHQ. The Section is known as the Captured Enemy Material Section - is an integrated section consisting of American and British Officers.

The Captured Enemy Material Section receives all demands for allocations of captured enemy material and processes such demands to G-3 (Org) for allocation instructions."

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