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FROM: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, A.C., ROME

TO: STATO MAGGIORE AERONAUTICA MILITARE
SEZIONE LOGISTICA

DATE: DECEMBER 9TH 1946

REF: AFSC/635/EQ.

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SMOKE BOMBS

Reference is made to your letter SLRV/304996/L16/G/3834Coll. dated 21st November and it is notified that action has already been taken by this Sub-Commission to obtain your requirements of the above type bombs.

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R. CARTNER
FLIGHT LIEUTENANT
for AIR VICE MARSHAL
DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION

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FROM: CI/SC - STATO MAGGIORE MILITARY AIR FORCE
LOGISTIC SECTION

TO: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, A.C., ROME
(through LIAISON OFFICE) HQ.

DATE: NOVEMBER 21ST 1946

REF: SLRV/304996/L.16/G/3834COLL.

SMOKE BOMBS FOR SIGNALING - ENGLISH TYPE

One hundred (100) signaling smoke bombs, assigned to English Units, are required for all the needs of rescue seaplanes.

Will you please give instructions for the issue of the just quoted quantity of signaling smoke bombs to the Military Air Force.

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THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF
COL. AA. FN. PILOT,
ALDO REMONDINO

Translated by Eva Rosati

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Sezione Logistica

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OGGETTO Bombette fumogene da segnalazione -tipo inglese -.-

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Per le probabili ed eventuali necessità degli idrovolanti soccorso necessitano cento bombette fumogene da segnalazione in dotazione presso i Reparti inglesi.-

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IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
Colonnello AA.ra Pilota
(Aldo Remondino)

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Chief Disposals Officer (Italy)
Ministry of Supply
Surplus Stores Division
British Embassy
R O M E
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1st July, 1946.

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HEADQUARTERS
APO 794
ECONOMIC SECTION

Air Forces

Ref: ES/15.05/2

28 June 1946

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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:

> "Colonel Walton, in summarizing, stated that it was agreed the Aversa dump would be taken over on 5 July; that a decision with regard to the disposition of the air force bombs would be made by 5 July, and that immediately following this decision, and not later than 15 July, guards would be provided for the air force bomb depots.",

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
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
ECONOMIC SECTION

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ES/15.05/2

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. Horn
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G-5, AFHQ	Col. W. T. Arnold Mr. Joseph Meegan
O.F.L.C.	Col. D. P. Caulkins
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 Gorbella Salvatore Romano
Ministry of Interior	Roberto Scandaliato
Ministry of Treasury	Vittor Giacomo Romano
C.F.M.	Major D. S. Strachan-Audas

Colonel Walton presided.

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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 when?

(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 49,000 tons of air force bombs at Accora, Bari and Manfredonia. In addition there are, roughly, between 6,000 and 7,000 tons of artillery shells, motar projectiles and other ground force ammunition at Aversa. The present commitment of guards is 75 at Accora, 100 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 Accora, Bari and Manfredonia dumps would be sufficient. Two 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 hand 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-Audas 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 Walton 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 useful, 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 Bolzano 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 as 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.

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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. Whatever 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 dumped 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 callings raised for additional guards.

Colonel Walton stated that in the last meeting General Hubblen 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 416, and asked if A.R.A.R. 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 Accera is about 20 miles from Naples, but Naples cannot be used for dumping. It is about the same distance from the sea for Bari and Manfredonia. There are about 17,000 tons at Accera, 17,000 tons at Bari and the balance at Manfredonia -- about equally divided.

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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 this 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 from Ordnance 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 is we could assume 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 we 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.

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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

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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.

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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.

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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 Monaco 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 CBM material so far as it is known.

A summary of the necessary guards follows:

Accora, Bari, Manfredonia	178	guards	
Averna	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	"	

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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 on number of guards is the minimum number.

Colonel Walton, in summarizing, stated that it was agreed the Averna dump would be taken over on 5 July; that a decision with regard to the disposition of the air force bombs would be made by 5 July, and that immediately following this decision, and not later than 15 July, guards would be provided for the air force bomb depots.

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MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:45 A.M.

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From: Italian Air Ministry,
Direzione Armamento
Sezione I.

To: Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, ROME.

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Date: 9th July, 1945.

Ref: 1/10775/ARM/3860 Coll.

RETURN OF THE SMALL CALIBRE GUNS AVAILABLE AT THE R.A.

Reply to letter AFSC/31/Air, AFSC/629/Eq., AFSC/635/Eq. dated 30th June, 1945.

1. Enclosed herewith the return of the small calibre guns available in the depots controlled at present by this Directorate.

2. The information relative to the bombs and ammunition have been forwarded to your Sub-Commission by letter 2/00797/ARM dated 3rd July, 1945 from this Directorate.

THE DIRECTOR
(COL. A.A.R.N.Pil. R. BIZZARRI)

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(translated by Anna de Bernardis)

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RETURN OF THE ALLIED SMALL CALIBRE GUNS - ITAL. OR OTHERWISE; BY TYPE INCLUDING THE ANTI-AIRCRAFT MACHINE-GUNS.

IN THE DEPOTS LOCATED IN THE AREA UNDER THE 3rd Z.A.T.

GUNS MAUSER cal.15-20 (German)..... 8
(of which 6 unserviceable)
GUNS SCOTTI cal.20 (Italian) anti-aircraft.....34
(to be repaired)

IN THE DEPOTS LOCATED IN THE AREA UNDER THE 4th Z.A.T.

GUNS MAUSER cal.15-20 (German).....48
(of which 8 unserviceable)

IN THE STORES LOCATED IN THE AREA UNDER THE AERONAUTICA CAMPANIA

GUNS SCOTTI cal.20 (Italian) anti-aircraft..... 2

IN THE STORES LOCATED IN THE AREA UNDER THE AERONAUTICA SARDEGNA
(114th Depot R.A.-Serrenti)

GUNS SCOTTI cal.20 (Italian) anti-aircraft. 39

GENERAL SUMMARY

GUNS MAUSER cal.15-20 (German)..... 56
(of which 14 unserviceable)
GUNS SCOTTI cal.20 (Italian) anti-aircraft 75
(of which 34 to be repaired)

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From: Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, ROME.

To: Italian Air Ministry.

Date: 30th June, 1945.

Ref: AFSC/31/Air
AFSC/629/Eq.
AFSC/635/Eq.

ITALIAN AIR FORCE ARMS, AMMUNITIONS AND EXPLOSIVES.

It is requested that the under-mentioned information please be furnished to this Sub-Commission at your earliest convenience:-

1. Stocks of ammunition, bombs and explosives held by types, Allied, Italian and otherwise.
2. Stocks of incendiary bombs held by types.
3. Stocks of Allied, Italian and other guns including aircraft guns, by types.
4. Location of ammunition and bomb dumps.

Will you please treat this matter as urgent.

R.O. DENNIS,
Flight Lieutenant,
for Air Vice Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

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From :- No. 141, Maintenance Unit, R.A.F., C.M.F.

To :- Headquarters, No. 214 Group, R.A.F., C.M.F.

Date :- 19th April, 1945.

Ref. :- 141MU/43/1/EQ.

R.A.F. Explosives in Italian Custody.

With reference to the above and your Headquarters' letter 214G/3349/10/E2 dated 19th March, 1945, the following Bombs and Components were collected as instructed, and are now held on this unit :-

Bombs 250 lb. Mk. IV (No Pistols)	- Qty.	560.
Tail Units 250 lb. No.2. Mk.I.	- "	612.
Bombs 500 lb. G.P. Mk.IV.	- "	35.
Tail Units 500 lb. No.2. Mk.I.	- "	82.
Pistols No.27 Mk.I.	- "	200.
Pistols No.28.(Brass).	- "	580.

2. The bombs were all subject to 100% inspection before removal, and attached is a full report on the inspection carried out by the A.I.S. at this Unit.

for Flying Officer,
Squadron Leader, Commanding,
No. 141, Maintenance Unit,
Royal Air Force, C.M.F.

Copy to :- Headquarters, M.A.A.F. (Rear), R.A.F., C.M.F.
Headquarters, Balkan Air Force, C.M.F.
Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, C.M.F.

From :- C.I.O., A.I.U., No. 141, Maintenance Unit, R.A.F., CMF.

To :- C.S.O., No. 141, Maintenance Unit, R.A.F., C.M.F.

Date :- 18th April, 1945.

Ref. :- 141MU/W/A16.

EXPLOSIVES IN ITALIAN CUSTODY.

With reference to Headquarters, Fourth Group letter 4140/A.S.D/10/R.A. dated 10th March, 1945, result of 100% examination of explosives which were held at No. 106 Italian Depot, is appended below :-

(a) 500 lb. G.P. IV POWER.

External condition good. All exploders were found to be missing, but exploder containers were in good condition. Sentenced 100% repairable for fitting of exploders.

(b) 250 lb. G.P. IV POWER.

External condition good. One bomb found to have had the base plate removed and filling emptied. Sentenced U/R. Remainder of bombs were sentenced repairable for fitting of exploders and chasing damaged threads. All bombs except thirty which had broken C.T. Pellets were deficient in exploders. Interior of all exploder containers were in good condition.

2. A supply of C.T. Pellets 4 oz. 8 dram, and felt washers 1.25 X .55" X .075" on scale of two each per bomb, and approximately 8 lbs. of paraffin wax, will be required to effect repair of H.E. Bombs.

L. Carlyle 8/

Flight Lieutenant,
C.I.O., A.I.U.,
No.141, Maintenance Unit,
Royal Air Force, C.M.F.

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Copy to :- H.Qrs. M.A.A.F. (Base), R.A.F., CMF. (For CIX, AIG.)
H.Qrs. M.A.A.F. (Main), (For A.M.)
H.Qrs. No.216 Group, RAF., C.M.F. (For T.E.) (SIX AIS)
H.Qrs. Balkan Air Force, R.A.F., C.M.F.
Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, C.M.F.
File - 141MU/80/Mis.

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EXPLOSIVES ON ITALIAN CHITORY.

With reference to Headquarters, R.A.F. Cairo letter 140/Ops/10/1. dated 16th March, 1943, results of full examination of explosives which were held at No. 108 Italian Depot, S.Vito is appended below :-

(a) 500 lb. G.P. IV bombs.

External condition good. All bombs so were found to be missing, but exploder containers were in good condition. Sentenced 100% repairable for fitting of exploders.

(b) 250 lb. G.P. IV bombs.

External condition good. One bomb found to have had the base plate removed and filling emptied. Sentenced 1/2. Remainder of bombs were sentenced repairable for fitting of exploders and chasing damaged threads. All bombs except thirty which had broken C.T. Pellets were deficient in exploders. Interior of all exploder containers were in good condition.

5. A supply of C.T. Pellets 4 oz. 5 drum, and felt washers 1.25 X .75" X .375" on scale of two each per bomb, and approximately 2 lbs. of paraffin wax, will be required to effect repair of H.P. Bombs.

L. Carlyle 81

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Flight Lieutenant,
C.I.C., A.I.E.,
No.141, Maintenance Unit,
Royal Air Force, C.M.F.

Copy to :- H.Qrs. M.A.A.F. (Base), R.A.F., C.M.F. (For G13, Ops.)
H.Qrs. M.A.A.F. (Base), (For A.C.)
H.Qrs. No.214 Group, R.A.F., C.M.F. (For S.A.O.) (SIX AIS)
H.Qrs. Balkan Air Force, R.A.F., C.M.F.
Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, C.M.F.
File - 141MU/50/AIS.

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From :- Headquarters 214 Group R.A.F., C.M.F.

To :- O.C. 141 M.U. R.A.F., C.M.F.

Date :- 19th March 1945

Ref. :- 2140/3349/10/B2

R.A.F. Explosives in Italian Custody

Information has been received from Headquarters Balkan Air Force that the following explosives are in the custody of the Italian Air Force in the Brindisi area.

Item	QTY.
Bombs 250 lb.G.P. Mk.IV	568
Tail Units No.2 Mk.I for above	616
Bombs 500 lb. G.P. Mk. IV	35
Tail Units No.2 Mk. I for above	92
Pistols No.27	138
" " 28	534

2. The stores are located in a building and yard occupied by the Italian Air Force on the Brindisi-San Vito Road adjacent to the long winding bridge.

3. Permission has been granted by the Italian Air Ministry, through the Air Forces Sub-Commission, for these explosives to be handed over to the Royal Air Force. You are to arrange collection and the stores are to be taken into stock at your Depot. As the explosives are ex Greece and have probably been lying without attention since 1941, they are to have 100% inspection before removal.

4. A report is to be rendered to this Headquarters, when the explosives have been taken into stock, stating quantities found to be serviceable, and any other releveant details.

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Information has been received from Headquarters Balkan Air Force that the following explosives are in the custody of the Italian Air Force in the Brindisi area.

Item	QTY.
Bombs 250 lb. G.P. Mk.IV	560
Tail Units No.2 Mk.I for above	616
Bombs 500 lb. G.P. Mk. IV	35
Tail Units No.2 Mk. I for above	92
Pistols No.27	138
" " 28	584

2. The stores are located in a building and yard occupied by the Italian Air Force on the Brindisi-San Vito Road adjacent to the long winding bridge. 1302

3. Permission has been granted by the Italian Air Ministry, through the Air Forces Sub-Commission, for these explosives to be handed over to the Royal Air Force. You are to arrange collection and the stores are to be taken into stock at your Depot. As the explosives are ex Greece and have probably been lying without attention since 1941, they are to have 100% inspection before removal. 1301

4. A report is to be rendered to this Headquarters, when the explosives have been taken into stock, stating quantities found to be serviceable, and any other relevant details.

R. Grime, F/Lt.
for Air Commodore
Air Officer Commanding
No. 214 Group
Royal Air Force, S.E.A.F.

Copy to : HQ. M.A.A.F. (Rear) C.M.F.
HQ. Balkan Air Force, C.M.F.
Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, BARI.

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Comando Unità Aerea
Intendenza

Prot. n. 0652/2 UT

MI'AIR FORCES SUB-COM=
MISSION ALLIED COMMISSION
= B A R I =

OGGETTO: Difettoso funzionamento bombe da 250 e da 500 libbre.-

Si comunica che dalla relazione operativa del giorno 3 Marzo 1045 risulta che due bombe da 250 libbre sganciate da apparecchi Spitfire e 13 bombe da 500 libbre sganciate da apparecchi P.39 non sono esplose.

Le bombe in parola vengono caricate sugli apparecchi sull'Aeroporto di Lissa dove gli apparecchi atterrano per rifornimento.

Tale notizia vi viene comunicata per i provvedimenti che riterrete opportuni.

L'INTENDENTE
(Colonnello Pilota E.CICERZA)

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From: Headquarters, Balkan Air Force, R.A.F., C.M.F.

To: Headquarters, No. 214 Group, R.A.F., C.M.F.
(Copy to: Air Forces Sub Commision, Allied Commission, Bari)

Date: 15th March, 1945.

Ref: BAF/4541/E.

R.A.F. EXPLOSIVES IN ITALIAN CUSTODY

A considerable amount of R.A.F. Explosives has been found in the custody of the Italian Air Force in the Brindisi - San Vito area. This is held in the premises occupied by the Italian Air Force on the Brindisi - San Vito road (proceeding to San Vito) just past the long winding bridge.

2. The following is a list of the British bombs and components stored in the building and yard:-

Bombs 250 lb. G.P. Mark IV.	560
Tail Units No. 2 Mk. I for above.	616
Bombs 500 lb. G.P. Mk. IV	35
Tail Units No. 2 Mk. I. for above.	92
Pistols No. 27	138
Pistols No. 28.	584

3. It appears that these bombs and components were left in Greece at the time of the British evacuation in 1941 and were subsequently transferred to Italy. These bombs will need 100% inspection which could be carried out in situ.

4. The Italian Air Ministry have been approached through Air Forces Sub Commission and have given permission for these to be handed over to the R.A.F.

5. It would be appreciated if disposal instructions be given. It is pointed out that these cannot be handled by "A" Detachment, 123 M.U., which is in the process of closing down.

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(T. H. HURRELL, F/LT.)
for Air Vice Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding,
HEADQUARTERS, BALKAN AIR FORCE

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From: [illegible]
[illegible]

To: [illegible] Air Force,
[illegible]

Dated: [illegible] 1945.

Ref: [illegible]

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1. [illegible] to your letter [illegible] dated 6th January 1946.

2. The Italian Ministry has been approached regarding the bodies and components held in the San Vito [illegible] and they have given their consent for the items to be handed over to the R.A.F.

3. As 100% inspection of the [illegible] is essential, it is requested that you notify us whether you consider the [illegible] to be worth the [illegible] 100% inspection [illegible] bodies [illegible] to be transported [illegible] on the site [illegible], or whether you will carry out the inspection on the site and then transported by R.A.F. transport.

R. Cartier
R.W. [illegible]
[illegible]
AIR [illegible]

M E M O R A N D U M

TO AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION.- BARI

Ref.:-AC/421
Date:-March, 7th, 1945.

Reference to your letter AFS/S.635/EQ. in connextion to a request from BAS/4541/E made on the 8th January 1945, it has been confirmed that the Stato Maggiore Regia Aeronautica and the Armament Branch have nothing to object in regard to the withdrawal from the 106 Depôt R.A.of the armament and ammunition which is hold there.-

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From:- Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, Italy.

To:- Italian Air Ministry, Rome.
(For the attention of Major Pope).

Date:- 22nd. January, 1945.

Ref:- AFSC/S.635/EQ.

R.A.F. EXPLOSIVES IN ITALIAN CUSTODY.

Reference our letter AFSC/S.635/EQ. dated 10th. January, 1945.

2. It is requested that this Sub-Commission be notified what arrangements have been made to hand over the R.A.F. explosives quoted in Headquarters, Italian Air Force letter R.A.F./4844/E. dated 8th. January, 1945.

R. CARTER. F/O.
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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From:- Air Force Sub-Area,
Allied Commission, Berlin.

To:- Italian Air Ministry, Rome.
(For the attention of Mike Papa).

Date:- 10th January, 1946.

Refer:- [illegible]

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RADIO MESSAGES IN TRANSMISSION.

The attached copy of letter received from Headquarters, Polish Air Force, reference [illegible] dated 10th January, 1946, is forwarded to you for action.

2. It is understood that arrangements be made to hand this document to the Signal Air Force at the earliest possible opportunity.

for R. Carlisle Flt
R.W. [illegible], S/Ldr.
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

Copies to:-
Headquarters, Polish Air Force, R.A.F. C.M.F.

Officer Commanding, No.125 Maintenance Unit,
R.A.F. C.M.F.

No. 123 Maintenance Unit, "A" Detachment.
R.A.F. C.M.F.

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From:- Headquarters, Balkan Air Force, R.A.F., C.M.F.

To:- A.C. (A.F.S.C.) Bari. (for attention S/Ldr Broonhead)

Date:- 8th January, 1945.

Ref:- BAF/4541/E

R.A.F. Explosives in Italian Custody.

A considerable amount of R.A.F. explosives has been found in the custody of the Italian Air Force in the Brindisi - San Vito area. At present this is held in premises occupied by Italian Air Force personnel on the Brindis - San Vito road (proceeding to San Vito) just past the long winding bridge.

2. The following is a list of the British bombs and components stored in the building and yard:-

Bombs 250 lb G.P. Mk. IV	560
Tail units No. 2 Mk. 1 for above	616
Bombs 500 lb G.P. Mk. IV	35
Tail units No. 2 Mk. I for above	92
Pistols No. 27	138
Pistols No. 28	584

3. It appears that these bombs and components were left in Greece at the time of the British evacuation in 1941 and were subsequently transferred to Italy by the Germans and Italians.

4. It is requested that the responsible Italian authority concerned, be approached with a view to returning all items to the R.A.F. so that they can be put to effective use.

5. 100% inspection of the bombs will be essential and could be carried out in situ.

(J. P. SCANLON F/LT)
for Air Vice Marshal.
Air Officer Commanding,
H.Q. BALKAN AIR FORCE, C.M.F.

JPS/RR

Copies to:- Officer Commanding, 123 M.U. R.A.F., C.M.F.
123 M.U. ("A" Detachment)

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From: Air Forces Sub Commission,
Allied Control Commission,
Bari.

To : Air Forces Sub Commission,
Allied Control Commission,
Naples.
(for the attention of F/Lt. SHEARS)

Date: 1st November, 1944.

Ref.: AFSC/S.635/EQ.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a letter and attachment received from "A" Detachment No. 123 M.U. (A.A.F.) R.A.F., C.M.F., forwarded for your information.

R.W. BROOMHEAD S/LDR,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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From:- "A" Detachment, 1st S.U. (A.A.P.),
R.A.F., O.M.F.

To:- U.S. Eighth Air Force, R.A.F., O.M.F.
U.S. No. 224 Group, R.A.F., O.M.F.
U.S. No. 141 S.U., R.A.F., O.M.F.
U.S. No. 124 S.U., No. 5 Flak, R.A.F., O.M.F.
Air Forces Sub Commission, Allied Control Commission,
O.M.F. H85 31/10

Date:- 30th October, 1944.

Ref:- 7385 U/A/B1

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Release of R.A.F. and Bombs USSAF from
No. 11 A.F.O.D.

With reference to U.S. 224 Group signal [illegible] dated 17th October, 1944, and R.A.F. signal [illegible] dated 20th October, 1944, relating to the issue of R.A.F. and Bombs USSAF from No. 11 A.F.O.D., attached in Diplomat schedule.

2. It is expected that the issue will be completed by 30th October, 1944.

J. E. Bradley.

Commanding "A" Detachment,
1st S.U. (A.A.P.), R.A.F., O.M.F.

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ISSUES OF AMMUNITION FROM NO. 11 A.F.D.D.

Authority R.A.F. Signal 0212, 14th October, 1944.

Type.		For Issue to No. 128 M.U., "A" Detachment.	For Issue to No. 134 M.U. No. 5 Pool.	For Issue to No. 14
.50 2x2x1 Sequence		70,000	80,000	110,0
	Present Stock	227,105		
.30 2x2x1 Sequence		150,000	100,000	423,0
	Present Stock	264,000		
37m.m. M54 AP/T/AC for M4 Guns (Airacobra Aircraft).		4,000	2,000	15,0
	Present Stock	5,000		
Bombs Practice 100 lb M52A2.		NIL	100	N
	Present Stock	250		

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ISSUES OF AMMUNITION FROM NO. 11 A.P.O.D.

Authority H. Q., B.A.F. Signal [illegible], 14th October, 1944.

	For Issue to No. 133 M.U., "A" Detachment.	For Issue to No. 134 M.U. No. 5 Park	For Issue to No. 141 M.U.	Total.
	70,000	80,000	118,000	218,000
Present Stock	227,105			
	100,000	100,000	448,000	648,000
Present Stock	264,000			
	4,000	2,000	15,000	21,000
Present Stock	5,000			
	NIL	150	NIL	150
Present Stock	252			

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FROM:- Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Control Commission, NAPLES.

TO - Officer Commanding Vesuvius Airfield.

DATE:- 15th September, 1944.

REF :- ASC/EQ/5/4

PRACTICE BOMBS.

Further to F/Lt. Grimes of H.Q. 214 Group telephone conversation it is confirmed that bombs practice 100 lbs smoke (Stores reference 12 B 332) are not available, although they are trying to obtain a small quantity from some which have already been allocated to another Unit. There is a supply of explosive demolition bombs (M.30) available in Italy and steps will be taken to obtain these, if it is possible for you to have the use of a sea or other suitable target. If you decide to use this type of bomb it is requested that this Office be informed of the estimated number required for a period of 30 days, to enable H.Q. 214 Group to take the necessary provisioning action. F/Lt. Grimes understood from W/C. Dunlop that the number of practice bombs already supplied would be sufficient for your requirements.

It is also requested that this Office be informed of the estimated number of 10 lb Smoke bombs and detonator bursters No. 28 required for a period of 30 days.

H. S. Shears

(H.S. Shears)
Flight Lieutenant,
Air Vice-Marshal,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION ORDERLY ROOM 1242

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Bari, 8th August, I944

Prot. No A/20894

TO: A.F.S.C. (attention G/Capt Peccles.)

R. AERON. BOMB=S AT CANDELA STAT.

Following our note No As/79I dated I7/7/944 we beg to communicate that the removal of the abo= ve bombs has been completed with the utmost care.

On the 7th August I944 a convoy of 20 Rail= way vans started from Candela Station with an armed cacont and reached the Station of S. Vito dei Nor= manni on the 8th August, I944.

As soon as the unloading, wich has already begun, is completed you will be informed.

Maj. P E P E

MINISTERO AERONAUTICA
DIREZIONE
UFFICIO SEGRETERIA

Bari, lì 8 [illegible] 1944

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE AERONAUTICA
DELL'A.C.C.
(R.Y. ECCLES. G/ Capt)
= B A R I =

Prot.n° H/20894/

OGGETTO: Bombe della R.Aeronautica alla Stazione di Candela.-

e per conoscenza:
AL COMANDO DELLA 4ª Z.A.T. - Ufficio Ordinamento - = B A R I =

- A seguito del foglio n° As/79I in data I7/7/944 di questa Direzione, si ha il pregio di comunicare che i lavori di sgombro delle bombe in oggetto sono terminati. I lavori sono stati compiuti con ogni norma di sicurezza.-
- Il giorno 7/8/944 un convoglio di 20 vagoni ferroviari è partito dalla stazione di Candela diretto alla stazione di San Vito dei Normanni. Il convoglio è stato scortato con sentinelle armate.-
- Il giorno 8/8/944 detto convoglio è giunto in piena regolarità alla stazione S.Vito dei Normanni.-
- Attualmente si sono iniziate le operazioni di scarico.-
- Questa Direzione si premurerà di comunicare la data nella quale avranno termine.-

IL DIRETTORE
(Maggiore Pilota R.PEPE)

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

e per conoscenza:

AL COMANDO DELLA 4ª Z.A.T. - Ufficio Ordinamento - = B A R I =

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- Attualmente si sono iniziate le operazioni di scarico.-
- Questa Direzione si premurerà di comunicare la data nella quale avranno termine.-

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IL DIRETTORE
(Maggiore Pilota R.PEPE)

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From:- ~~Air Forces Sub Commission,~~
Allied Control Commission, Bari.

To:- Il Ministero.
(For the attention of Maj. Pepe,
Chief Armament Officer).

Date:- June, 1944.

Ref:- AFSC/703/F.1.

ITALIAN AIR FORCE BOMBS AT CANDELA STATION.

The attached copies of correspondence 034/5102/27 and 034/5103/56 dated 22nd. and 23rd. June, 1944, respectively, are forwarded to you for urgent action, please, and it is requested that your disposal instructions be notified to this Office.

R.Y. ECCLES. G/CAPT.
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

Copy to:-
Army Sub-Commission, A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (M.M.I.A).
Le Quile, Lecce.
(Letter SD/1/2 dated 25/6/44 refers).

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S. Ufficiale
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STATO MAGGIORE R. AERONAUTICA

Sezione Logistica — li 8 Maggio 1944

Prot. N. 1246/L.6 Alleg. ..... Risposta al foglio N. ..... del .....

OGGETTO: Richiesta materiali per conto del Battaglione Arditi R.A. "Duca d'Aosta".-

Alla Sottocommissione Aeronautica A.C.C.

= SUA SEDE =

Si comunica che i materiali richiesti, con foglio n° 974/L6 in data 26 aprile c.a., alla Missione Militare Italiana presso Alleati, sono stati forniti dallo Stato Maggiore del R.Esercito, il quale ha autorizzato il prelievo dai Magazzini del R.E..

Per quanto sopra, si prega voler ritenere ormai superata la richiesta in questione.-

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

Magg. Mari Paolo

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We beg to inform you that the material requested in our 974/L6 on the 26/4/44 to the M.M.I.A., has been supplied by the Italian Army H.Q. from Army Stores.

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Please consider above mentionned request as cancelled.

(Tr. P.K.)

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From : Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Control Commission, ERI.

TO : Colonel PORTA 4th Zone Headquarters.
Copies to:- M.T. Officer
W/Cdr. NIGRI, MTOVA.
Major [redacted], Armament, Ministry.
Circulation File.

DATE : 8th May, 1944.

REF. :

Collection of 50 - 1000 lb. Bombs (American)
& Transport from TERCIA to MTOVA (Campo Marino).

It is requested that you will make arrangements to collect in A.C.C. Trucks, 50 - 1000 lb. Bombs (American pattern) from the American Air Force Unit situated at TERCIA, 7 miles South of SAN SEVERO on the FOGGIA Road, and convey them to MTOVA (CAMPOMARINO).

2. This Headquarters has obtained permission for the release of these bombs from the 15th Air Force Service Command Headquarters, and this letter may be considered an authority to collect.

3. It is requested that one of the Italian Armourers who have received a course on the American 1000 lbs bomb accompanies the waggons and ensures that they are transported in a safe condition.

4. Not more than 5 bombs should be transported on one 3-ton lorry at a time. This matter should receive immediate attention as the bombs are urgently required.

5. Major [redacted] should be contacted on this matter.

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R.A. CRAY, W/Cdr. i/c.
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING,
AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

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From: Air Force in Germany, [illegible]
To : Personnel Officer, American Air Depot Unit, [illegible]
Date: [illegible]
Ref : [illegible] 625/44.

Conscription of Germans
for the US Air Force.

It is requested that you will supply American [illegible] with Water [illegible] within [illegible] days, beyond which Water [illegible] will be subject to [illegible] by [illegible] and [illegible] will be subject to [illegible] by [illegible] all [illegible] [illegible] requirements.

[illegible] U.S.C. [illegible] has approved the use of Water [illegible] to the US Air Force.

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SUBJECT:- BULGARIA

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S. 635/Gal

Air Force Sub Commission A.C.C.

Copy to:- S.H. Regia Aeronautica

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MAIA)
LECCE (LECCE)
SD/2/1/5
2 May 44

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SHPA 971/L.6 of 25 April is passed to you as a matter pertaining to your command.

Maj Gen,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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STATO MAGGIORE R. AERONAUTICA

Sezione Logistica li 26 Aprile 194 4

Prot. N. 9746 Alleg. Risposta al foglio N. del

OGGETTO: Richiesta materiali per conto del Battaglione Arditi D.A. "Monte d'Argento".

Al Comando Superiore Forze Armate
= L E C C E = (Lecce)

In seguito alla richiesta inoltrata al Comando Supremo con foglio n° 12370 in data 12 aprile c.a., alla Commissione Alleata di Controllo intesa ad ottenere l'autorizzazione per l'equipaggiamento del Battaglione Arditi D.A. "MONTE D'ARGENTO", si trasmette l'allegata preventiva richiesta di materiali ancora occorrenti al battaglione stesso per completamento dotazione.

La predetta richiesta riveste carattere di urgenza dovendo il Battaglione entrare in linea entro la prima decade di maggio.

Oltre al completamento della dotazione, dovrebbe essere possibilmente assegnata un'aliquota di materiali speciali della dotazione stessa, da accantonarsi presso il Deposito del Battaglione.=

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IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
P. Piccioni

Following request made to MMIA by the Supreme Command under date 12370 dated April 12th. for authority to muster "Monte" Arditi Bn. attached [illegible]

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OGGETTO: Richiesta materiali per conto del Battaglione Genio "Duca d'Aosta".-

Al [illegible]

- [illegible] - (Ferrara)

In seguito alla richiesta inoltrata al comando supremo con foglio n. 2370 in data 12 aprile c.a., dalla Commissione Alleata di Controllo intesa ad ottenere l'autorizzazione per l'approvvigionamento da costituire presso il "Genio D'Aosta", si trasmette l'elenco preventivo richiesto di materiali ancora occorrenti al battaglione stesso per completamento costruzione.

La predetta richiesta riveste carattere di urgenza avendo il battaglione entrare in linea entro la prima decade di maggio.

Oltre al completamento della costruzione, dovrebbe essere possibilmente accantonata un'aliquota di materiali equivalente al 50% della costruzione stessa, da accantonarsi presso il deposito del battaglione.-

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Following request made to MMIA by the Supreme Command under date 12 April 1945 for authority to muster the "Duca D'Aosta" Audit Bn. attached please find list of material that required to complete W.E.

This indent is urgent as the Bn is scheduled moving to the front during the first ten days of May.

In addition to the W.E. another quantity of material equal to 50% of W.E. should be earmarked for storage as reserve in Bn's depot.

P. Germani

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ELENCO DEI MATERIALI OCCORRENTI PER IL COMPLETAMENTO DOTAZIONE DEL BATTAGLIONE ARDITI R. "DUCA D'AOSTA".=

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Armamento:- Munizionamento - Esplosivo

Pistole Beretta cal. 9	n°	26
Moschetti automatici Breda	"	215
Mitragliere da 20 m/m	"	6
Lanciafiamme mod.81	"	6
Cartucce pistole Beretta Cal.9	"	1[illegible].320
Cartucce moschetto Mauser	"	420.000
Cartucce moschetto automatico Breda	"	2.900.000
Cartucce mitragliatrice Breda mod.37	"	1.000.000
Bombe mortai da 45 m/m	"	32.400
Bombe mortai da 81 m/m g.e. ?	"	8.640
Bombe mortai da 81 m/m gr.a. ?	"	8.640
Bombe mortai da 81 m/m fumogene	"	4.320
Cariche fondamentali bombe da 81 m/m ?	"	28.000
Cariche lancio per bombe mortai da 45 m/m	"	36.000
Cariche aggiuntive bombe da 81 m/m	"	80.000
Proiettili da 20 m/m	"	120.000
Bombe a mano	"	108.800
Cartucce fucili mitragliatrice	"	2.080.000
Bombe K con governale (tipo tedesco)	"	7.[illegible]
Bombe incendiarie	"	7.000
Candelotti fumogeni ?	"	7.200
Bombe contro-carro	"	2.080
Liquido per lanciafiamme	"	2.000
Bombolette di azoto	"	24
Bombole grandi di azoto	"	3
Dencelotti di accensione	"	240

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Pistola Beretta cal. 9	n°	26
Moschetti automatici Breda	"	215
Mitragliatrice da 20 m/m	"	6
Lanciafiamme mod.41	"	6
Cartucce pistole Beretta Cal.9	"	135.320
Cartucce moschetto Mauser	"	420.000
Cartucce moschetto automatico Breda	"	2.005.000
Cartucce mitragliatrice Breda mod.37	"	1.005.000
Bombe mortai da 45 m/m	"	52.100
Bombe mortai da 81 m/m g.a. ?	"	8.640
Bombe mortai da 81 m/m gr.a. ?	"	8.640
Bombe mortai da 81 m/m fumogene	"	4.320
Cariche fondamentali bombe da 81 m/m ?	"	22.000
Cariche lancio per bombe mortai da 45 m/m	"	26.000
Cariche aggiuntive bombe da 81 m/m	"	80.000
Proiettili da 20 m/m	"	120.000
Bombe a mano	"	135.000
Cartucce fucili mitragliatore	"	1.080.000
Bombe A con governale (tipo tedesco)	"	7.220
Bombe incendiarie	"	7.220
Candelotti fumogeni ?	"	7.220
Bombe contro-carro	"	1.000
Liquido per lancia-fiamme	"	3.000
Bombole di azoto	"	24
Bombole grandi di azoto	"	3
Bengalelli di accensione	"	240
Fucili da arrito	"	442
Esplosivo (T.4 plastico o tritolo) ?	kg	2.700
Detonatori del n° 8	"	3.000
Miccie detonante	"	25.000

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Cavezzoni di canapa e [illegible] alla [illegible]	mt.	1.000
Muli in ferro per cariche cubiche	n°	300
Scalette metalliche per cariche cubiche	n°	300
Cariccatori per Mitra Beretta	n°	1.818
Cassette porta munizioni mitragl. Mod.37	n°	24
Cartelle per mitragliatrici pe .37	n°	360
Macchine per cari amento cartelle mitragliatrici 37	n°	3
Cassette porta bobe da 81 mm.g.a.	n°	144
Spallaggio universale per mortaio da 81 mm.	"	16

MATERIALE COMBATTIMENTO

Teli mimetici R.E.	n°	2.400
Coperte da campo R.E.	"	2.000
Pinze taglia strozzi o da elettricista	"	72
Scalpelli da minatore	"	35
Martelli a mazza	"	16
Corde per alpini	mt.	300
Bussole tascabili	n°	35
Cinturoni di cuoio	"	242
Torno Weis con impastatrice elettrica	"	1
Carro autogeneratore di energia elettrica	"	1

MATERIALE COLLEGAMENTO

Stazioni R.T. 2 (con accessori)	n°	8
Stazioni R.T. 1 (con accessori)	"	4
Teli individuali da segnalazione	"	252
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MATERIALE SANITARIO

Borse per pronto soccorso	n°	22

MATERIALE VEGETARIO

Scarpe R.E.	n°	1.258

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Macchine per caricamento cartelle mitragliatrici 37	n°	3
Cassette porta bombe da 81 mm.m.m.	n°	144
Spalleggio universale per mortaio da 81 mm.	"	18

MATERIALE EQUIPAGGIAMENTO

Teli tattici R.E.	n°	2.400
Coperte da campo R.E.	"	2.000
Pinze taglia strozzi o da elettricista	"	72
Scalpelli da minatore	"	35
Martelli a mazza	"	16
Corda per alpini	mt.	300
Bussole tascabili	n°	35
Cinturoni di cuoio	"	242
Forno Weis con impastatrice elettrica	"	1
Carro autogeneratore di energia elettrica	"	1

MATERIALE COLLEGAMENTO

Stazioni R.F. 2 (con accessori)	n°	6
Stazioni R.F. 1 (con accessori)	"	4
Teli individuali da segnalazione	"	252
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MATERIALE SANITARIO

Borse per pronto soccorso	n°	22

MATERIALE VETERINARIO

Scarpe R.E.	n°	1.258

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LIST OF EQUIPMENT NEEDED TO COMPLETE UP TO SCALE THE EQUIPMENT OF THE "DUCA D'AOSTA" ARDITI BATTALLION.

Armament:- Ammunition - Explosives.

Revolver Beretta cal. 9	N°.	26-
Automatic rifles Breda	"	215-
Machine guns 20m/m	"	6-
Flamethrowers mod. 81	"	6-
Cal. 9 revolver rounds of ammunition	"	136.920-
Mauser Rifle " " "	"	420.000-
Breda autom. rifle " " "	"	2.908.000-
Breda m/g mod.37 " " "	"	1.008.000-
45m/m mortar bombs	"	32.400-
81m/m mortar bombs g.a.	"	8.640-
81m/m mortar bombs gr.a.	"	8.640-
81m/m mortar smoke bombs	"	4.320-
81m/m mortar primer charges	"	22.000-
45m/m mortar bomb propelling charges	"	36.000-
81m/m mortar additional bomb charges	"	80.000-
20m/m projectiles	"	120.000-
Hand grenades	"	136.800-
Machine gun rifle rounds of ammunition	"	1.080.000-
Steering K bombs (German type)	"	7.920-
Incendiary bombs	"	7.920-
Smoking candles	"	7.920-
Anti tank bombs	"	1.680-
Liquid for the flame throwers	"	3.000-
Azote containers	"	24-
" " (large)	"	3-
Lighting flares	"	240-
Arcito daggers	"	442-
Explosive (T.4 plastic or tritol)	Kgs	2.500-
Detonators N°8	N°.	2.000-
Detonating fuses	"	25.000-
Fuses with phosphorous cap	mt.	1.200-
Iron tubes for cubic charges	N°.	300-
Clips for m/g mod.37	"	300-
Clips for m/g mod. 37	"	1.818-
Boxes to hold ammunition for mod.37 m/g	"	24-
Clips for m/g model 37	"	360-
Machines for loading m/g mod.37 clips	"	3-
81m/m g.a. bomb holders	"	144-
81m/m mortar universal tripod	"	18-

Equipment:

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Fred. m/g mod.37		
45m/m mortar bombs	"	32.400-
81m/m mortar bombs g.a.	"	8.640-
81m/m mortar bombs gr.a.	"	8.640-
81m/m mortar smoke bombs	"	4.320-
81m/m mortar primer charges	"	22.000-
45m/m mortar bomb propelling charges	"	36.000-
81m/m mortar additional bomb charges	"	80.000-
20m/m projectiles	"	120.000-
Hand grenades	"	136.8000
Machine gun rifle rounds of ammunition	"	1.080.000-
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Smoking candles	"	7.920-
Anti tank bombs	"	1.080-
Liquid for the flame throwers	"	3.000-
Azote containers	"	24-
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Detonators N°8	N°.	2.000-
Detonating fuses	"	25.000-
Fuses with phosphorous cap	mt.	1.200-
Iron tubes for cubic charges	N°.	300-
Clips for m/g mod.37	"	300-
Clips for m/g mod. 37	"	1.818-
Boxes to hold ammunition for mod.37 m/g	"	24-
Clips for m/g model 37	"	360-
Machines for loading m/g mod.37 clips	"	3-
81m/m g.a. bomb holders	"	144-
81m/m mortar universal tripod	"	18-

Equipment:

Camouflage canvas (Italian Army type)	N°.	2.400-
Field blankets	"	2.000-
Wire cutting pliers	"	72-
Chisels (miners type)	"	35-
Hammers	"	16-
Alpinists rope	mt.	300-
Pocket compasses	N°.	35-
Leather sam brown type belts	"	242-
~~XXXXXXX~~ Weis stove with electric flour paste mixer	"	1-
Car with electric generating plant	"	1-

Liaison equipment:

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Liaison equipment:

Wireless field unit (R.F. 2)	N°.	8-
" " " (R.F. 1)	"	4-
Canvas for signaling to aircrafts	"	252-

Sanitary equipment:

First aid cases (For 40men)	N°.	22-

Clothing equipment:

BOots (Italian Army type)	N°.pairs	1.258-

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File Bombs Fifo
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FROM : 5th Stormo, Dive Bombers, A2002.

TO : Armament Section, Air Ministry, ROME.

DATE : 30.4.44.

REF. : 1342/43.

SUBJECT: Use of American 1000 lb. Bombs.

In reply to your letter AS/0045 dated 27/4/44 addressed to the Fighter Wing, and passed to us for necessary action, the Fighter Wing Technical Officer was contacted and the following information obtained:-

1) The 1000 lb Bombs, taking into consideration the various types of use on a Ae.2002, will have to be fitted with fuses -
   (a) Instantaneous (for dive bombing, released above 3000 feet).
   (b) with a delayed action of at least 7", released in formation at an angle of 45°, a height of 3000 to 1500 feet (bombs never released below 1,500 feet).
   (c) with a delayed action of 15/100 of a second for specific targets - (shipping - ground defences)

2) The following men, divided into two lots are available for an instruction course on the said bomb, and it would be helpful if a representative of the Technical Office could also be present:-

Sergeant Major	RUGGERO,	DUILIO.
" "	RUSSO,	OSVALDO.
1st Avviere	PATRIZI,	[illegible].
Warrant Officer	MONTI	[illegible].
Sergeant Major	GUELLANI,	[illegible].
" "	DE VADA,	VINCENZO.

We await further instructions on this subject.

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(INTER RUSH).

K. Stotlunds

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5° STORMO TUFFATORI

Aeroporto Lecce, 30 Aprile 1944

AL MINISTERO DELL'AERONAUTICA

Direzione Armamento

N°1349/43 di prot.

= B A R I =

e p. c. AL COMANDO RAGGRUPPAMENTO CACCIA

=C A M P O M A R I N O =

W/Cmr CLAY -SOTTOCOMMISSIONE AERONAUTICA DELL'A.C.C.

= B A R I =

OGGETTO: Impiego bombe americane da 1000 lb.

In risposta al foglio AS/0015 del 23/4/44 di Codesta Direzione, indirizzato al Comando Raggruppamento Caccia e passato per competenza a questo Stormo, presi accordi in proposito col l'Ufficio Tecnico del Raggruppamento Caccia, si comunica:

- 1° - Le bombe da 1000 lb., tenuto conto dei vari tipi d'impiego effettuabili coi Re 2002, dovrebbero essere munite di spolette:

a) istantanee (per sgancio in tuffo con richiamata superiore ai 1000 m.);

b) con ritardo di almeno 7" per tiro inclinato a 45° in formazione e sganci compresi fra 1000 e 500 metri (sgancio mai al disotto dei 500 metri);

c) con ritrdo di 15/100 di secondo per bersagli specifici (navi mercantili - posizioni a terra fortificate).

-2 - Viene messo a disposizione per l'istruzione sulle bombe in argomento, alla quale sarebbe opportuno che assistesse anche un incaricato dell'Ufficio Tecnico, il sottonotato personale diviso in 2 turni:

Sergente Maggiore	RUGGERO Luigi
" "	RUBEO Osvaldo
I° Aviere	PATELLA Nicola
Maresciallo	MONESI Moriz
Sergente Maggiore	GIULIANI Angelo
" "	DI VAIA Vincenzo.

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Si resta in attesa di disposizioni in merito.=

IL COMANDANTE INTER. IL 5° STORMO TUFF.
(Magg. A.A.r.n. Pilota-Carlo Alberto RIZZI)

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IL COMANDANTE INTER. IL 5° STORMO TUFF.
(Magg. A.A.r.n. Pilota Carlo Alberto RIZZI)

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TO :- Fighter Wing, Balata Airfield. Copy to:- W/Cdr. Clay, A.C.C.

FROM :- Armament Section, Air Ministry.

DATE :- 23-4-44.

REF. :- AS/0015.

SUBJECT : American 1,000 lbs. Bombs.

Further to arrangements made with the U.S.A. Air Force, and W/Cdr. Clay's kind intervention, regarding the use of American 1000 lb. bombs by I.A.F. Operational Wings, we would like to point out the following:-

(a) Bands suspending, for the above mentioned bombs carried by Italian Fighters are under way of construction.
(b) We made a request of bombs with two lugs instead of three, in order to enable us to fasten the bands suspending with ordinary bolts, in lieu of specially moulded bolts to avoid the third lug. If we cannot obtain these bombs, I shall see that the third lug is removed, with the object of fastening the bands suspending with ordinary bolts.

2. Will you also kindly inform us

(i) the delayed actions required from the time the bomb is released, in dive bombing, and
(ii) if you can provide an Armourer from your Wing, and send him to the American Authorities who have kindly suggested to give a short course of instructions on 1,000 lbs. bombs.

3. This section would like to stress out the urgency of this matter, and will keep you informed of any developments. Will you also kindly inform me when the American Air Force instructor will be able to give his lecture. 1277

MAJOR PEPE

Capt. Lundy

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MINISTERO AERONAUTICA
DIREZIONE ARMAMENTO

Bari, li 23 Giu 1944

AL COMANDO RAGGRUPPAMENTO CACCIA
R.Aeroporto di PALATA

Prot.n° 45/c15

OGGETTO: impiego bombe americane da 1000 lb.-

e per conoscenza:
W/Cmr CLAY - Sottocommissione Aeronautica dell'A.C.C..-

In seguito ad accordi presi con le Autorità dell'U.S.A. Air Force, con il particolare interessamento del W/Cmr Clay, circa l'impiego della bomba da 1000 lb.americana da parte dei Reparti di codesto Raggruppamento, si comunica quanto segue:

a) - E' in corso di realizzazione la fascia di sospensione occorrente per installare a bordo dei velivoli da caccia italiani la bomba in argomento.-

b) - E' stato richiesto che le bombe che verranno cedute siano del tipo avente due anelli anzicchè tre,per consentire il serraggio della fascia di sospensione con bulloni rettilinei, in luogo dei bulloni sagomati per evitare il terzo anello. Nel caso non si possa ottenere quanto richiesto, la Scrivente provvederà ad eliminare il terzo anello, allo scopo di ottenere ugualmente il serraggio della fascia con bulloni a tiro diretto.

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Per ulteriori sviluppi degli accordi sopra accennati, questa Direzione prega la cortesia di codesto Comando, affinchè le siano comunicati i seguenti dati, richiesti dalle Autorità dell'U.S.A.A.F.:

1°)- i ritardi pirici occorrenti all'allestimento delle spolette della bomba da 1000 lb. per adeguarla alle necessità ed alle finalità del suo impiego nel tiro a tuffo;

2°)- quali specialisti armieri codesto Raggruppamento ritiene opportuno inviare a frequentare una breve istruzione sull'allestimento della bomba in parola, considerato che le Autorità americane ultimamente si sono offerte di farla svolgere a mezzo

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Air Force, con il particolare interessamento del W/Cmr Clay, circa l'impiego della bomba da 1000 lb.americana da parte dei Reparti di codesto Raggruppamento, si comunica quanto segue:

a) - E' in corso di realizzazione la fascia di sospensione occorrente per installare a bordo dei velivoli da caccia italiani la bomba in argomento.-

b) - E' stato richiesto che le bombe che verranno cedute siano del tipo avente due anelli anzicchè tre,per consentire il serraggio della fascia di sospensione con bulloni rettilinei, in luogo dei bulloni sagomati per evitare il terzo anello. 1.246 caso non si possa ottenere quanto richiesto, la Scrivente provvederà ad eliminare il terzo anello, allo scopo di ottenere ugualmente il serraggio della fascia con bulloni a tiro diretto.

Per ulteriori sviluppi degli accordi sopra accennati, questa Direzione prega la cortesia di codesto Comando, affinchè le siano comunicati i seguenti dati, richiesti dalle Autorità dell'U.S.A.A.F.:

1°)- i ritardi pirici occorrenti all'allestimento delle spolette della bomba da 1000 lb. per adeguarla alle necessità ed alle finalità del suo impiego nel tiro a tuffo;

2°)- quali specialisti armieri codesto Raggruppamento ritiene opportuno inviare a frequentare una breve istruzione sull'allestimento della bomba in parola, considerato che le Autorità americane spontaneamente si sono offerte di farla svolgere a mezzo di un loro incaricato.-

Questa Direzione, nel far noto che la pratica riveste carattere d'urgenza, si riserva di informare codesto Comando sugli ulteriori sviluppi della materia trattata e di comunicare la data sotto la quale l'Incaricato delle Forze Aeree Alleate potrà svolgere l'accennata istruzione.-

MINISTERO AERONAUTICA DIREZIONE ARMAMENTO

IL DIRETTORE
(Maggiore Pilota R.PEPE)

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OUTGOING MESSAGE

FROM: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.C., PARI.

TO: WING COMMANDER ROSS-SHORE, A.F.H.Q.,A.C.C., NUOVA,
(BY I.A.F. COURRIER)
(R) ORDNANCE OFFICER 306 WING.

SECRET (.) Q 592 (.) MAY 7TH 1944(.)
HAVE DISCUSSED FITTING AMERICAN 1000 LBS BOMBS TO ITALIAN A/C WITH 15 AIR FORCE SERVICE COMMAND WHO SUGGEST THAT YOU CONTACT ORDNANCE OFFICER 306 WING AND REQUEST THAT THEY LEND ARMAMENT SERGEANT TO ASSIST WITH FUSE SETTINGS WHEN YOU ARE READY.

TO BE ENCYPHERED IF SENT BY W/T. T.O.O. 7I700 B.

PRIORITY - IMPORTANT.

T.A.D. BOWEN-BUSCARLET
AIR VICE-MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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D/R to mission

8 MAY 1944

IMPORTANT

6/322 LGPV V LDFI NR11 IMPORTANT

T AIR FORCE COMMISSION ALLIED CONTROLCOMMISSION BARI

(214 GROUP PASS) - 15TH A F S C

QDI MMXK

TO AIR.FORCE COMMISSION ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION BARI

121 M U (R) 15 A F S C

FROM REAR HQ DAF

GR--- BT

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YOUR.0576 MAY 3RD (.)9 VERY MUCH REGRET THAT SUPPLY POSITION WILL NOT ALLOW US TO RELEASE 50 AMERICAN 1000 LBS. BOMBS (.) ~~SUGGEST YOU~~ SUGGEST YOU CONTACT 15TH A.F.S.C. (.) UNDERSTANT THERE ARE SOME AT NOS A F O D

BT 061223B

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AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION • ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION •
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MEMORANDUM FOR WING COMMANDER CLAY BARI 4/5/44

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To have the possibility of obtaining from the A ericans a 1000lbs bomb to Lecce so as to be able to carry out loading and taxiing tests with the Re 2002.

To have at our disposition for a month a Jeep wheel so as to have blue prints made and similar wheels for use on I.A.F. vehicules manufactured.

Col. Gigerza

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PRO MEMORIA PER IL W/CMR CLAY

Avere la possibilità di prendere a Lecce dagli americani una bomba di 1000 pounds onde eseguire delle prove di caricamento e rilleggio su velivolo Re. 2002

Avere a disposizione per un mese una ruota di Jeep onde prendere dei rilievi e far costruire delle ruote analoghe per le vetture della R.A.

Col. E. Cigerza

Bari 4 maggio 1944

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OUT GOING SIGNAL.

To:- No. 1 Park.
No. 121 Maintenance Unit. (R)15th. A.F.S.C.

From:- Air Forces Sub Commission,
Allied Control Commission, Bari.

R. 578 3rd. May. Secret.

REQUEST SUPPLY TO ITALIAN AIR FORCE LUOVA CAMPO MARINO QUANTITY 50 AMERICAN BOMBS 1000 LBS (. 15th. A.F.S.C. HAVE AGREED IF NECESSARY TO REPLACE QUANTITIES ISSUED BY YOU AT EARLY DATE (.) HAVE YOU QUALIFIED OFFICER TO FIX DELAYED ACTION SETTINGS (.)

TO BE ENTERED IF SENT BY W/T.
TIME OF ORIGIN 1415 DATE.

R. BROOMHEAD. F/L.
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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From:- Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Control Commission, Paris.

To:- Unita Aerea, (Attention of
Genl. Piacentini).

Date:- 26th. March, 1944.

Ref.:- AFSC/S.635/EQ.

AIRCRAFT - BOMBS.

With reference to your letter 05757/2 dated 23rd. March, 1944, it is requested that you arrange transfer of the Bombs to Palata.

2. Please notify this office when the transfer is completed.

R. BROOMHEAD. F/LT.

W.A.B. BOWEN-BUSCARLET.
AIR COMMODORE.
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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COMANDO UNITA' AEREA
UFFICIO DELL'INTENDENTE ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO PER L'AERONAUTICA

Prot.n. 03737/2

= S E D E =

Comunico che n. 31 bombe 420.P. complete di fasce per tiro a tuffo, sono dislocate sull'Aeroporto di Lecce. In più vi sono altre 10 bombe però prive di accessori

(Gen.B.A. - P.PIACENTINI)

P. Piacentini

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23/3 1944

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TRANSLATED BY SGT BIRNIE - 23/3/44.

Ref:
Prot.n.03737/2.

To:- Air Forces Sub Commission,
Allied Control Commission,
Bari.

23rd March 1944.

I beg to inform you that 31 Bombs 420.P are complete with bands for dive bombing. They are dispersed on the airport of Lecce. Furthermore there are 10 bombs minus accessories.

(Sgd). GENERAL B.A.
P. PIACENTINI.

Schelle [illegible] Sten who is checking whether he can take it from Palata with 420 Kg bombs. In joint with the [illegible] and also let me know.

R. [illegible] S/L
23/3/44

Eq. O.

Please arrange to have all the 420 P bombs transferred to Palata.

R. [illegible] S/L.
24/3/44.

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P. PIACENTINI.

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Instructions for 20 bombs (250 Kgs) to go to Pelotas immediately by Lassy

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Later, the following quantities will proceed by rail to Pelotas:

bombs 200 — 100 Kgs.
" 500 — 12 "
" 100 — 250 "

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TELEGRAMMA IN PARTENZA A MANO

106° DEPOSITO S.VITO DEI NORMANNI = AEROPORTO LECCE = AERODISTACCAMENTO CROTTAGLIE ET P.C. AEROZONA UFFICIO CAPO STATO MAGGIORE SEDE

2/0036 5 ... RICHIESTA ARMAMENTO PUNTO DI FORZA IMMEDIATA CONSEGNA ... INCARICATE FORZE AEREE ALLEATE SEGUENTI QUANTITATIVI BOMBE DA QUATTRO A.R. COMPLESSE OGNI ACCESSORIO DUE PUNTI 106° DEPOSITO NUMERO NOVECENTO VIRGOLA AEROPORTO LECCE NUMERO CENTOCINQUANTA ET AERODISTACCAMENTO CROTTAGLIE NUMERO

150 PUNTO AT CONSEGNA MATERIALE ENTI INDIRIZZO RITIRINO RICEVUTA PUNTO ASSICURARE PARCO TEN. MASSAGLI

G. Montalcini

Authority for
Collecting Bombs
Crotaglia
San Vito dei Normanni
Lecce

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MENTO GROTTAGLIE ST P.G. AEROZONA UFFICIO CAPO STATO MAGGIORE SEDE

2/00305 AEROSEZIONE ARMAMENTO PUNTO DISPORRE IMMEDIATA CONSEGNA
AT INCARICATI FORZE ARMATE ALLEGATI SEGUENTI QUANTITATIVI
BOMBE DA QUARTO A.R. COMPLETE OGNI ACCESSORIO NEI PUNTI
106° DEPOSITO NUMERO NOVECENTO VIRGOLA AEROPORTO LECCE
NUMERO CENTOCINQUANTA ST AEROSTACCAMENTO GROTTAGLIE NUMERO
150 PUNTO AT OFFERTA MATERIALE ENTI TEDESCHI RITIRINO RICEVUTA
PUNTO ASSICURARE PUNTO TEN.MASTALLI

G. Montacci

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TELEGRAMMA DA IN PARTENZA A MANO

106° DEPOSITO S.VITO DEI NORMANNI = AEROPORTO LECCE = AEROMISTAGGIO
MENTO GROTTAGLIE ST P.C. AEROZONA UFFICIO CAPO STATO MAGGIORE ECC

2/00305 AEROMISTAGGIO MENTO PUNTO DISPONETE LECCE DATA CONSEGNA
AT INCARICATI FORZE ARMATE ALLEATI SEGUENTI QUANTITATIVI
BOMBE DA QUATTRO A.R. COMPLETE OGNI ACCESSORIO DEI PUNTI
106° DEPOSITO NUMERO NOVECENTO VIRGOLA AEROPORTO LECCE
NUMERO CENTOCINQUANTA ST AEROMISTAGGIO GROTTAGLIE NUMERO
150 PUNTO AT OCCORRENTE MATERIALE CHIAI INDIRIZZO RITIRINO RICEVUTA
PUNTO ASSICURARE PUNTO TRASPORTALI

Sg. Montacci

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From:- Air Division, Allied Control Commission.

To. Units Aerea. H.Q.

Date:- 16th.February, 1944.

Ref:- S.635/-Q.

BOMBS FOR PALATA AERODROME.

It is requested that you will make arrange-
-ments to transport the following quantities of Bombs to Palata and hold a stock at Palata Aerodrome of the quantiti-
-es indicated hereunder:-

100 Clusters	-	12 KG Bombs.
100	-	100 KG Bombs.
20	-	250 KG "
10	-	50 KG " .

2. It is considered that these will have to be transported by Railway Waggon, if any trouble is likely to be experienced in delivering these Bombs in the next few days, it is requested that you will advise W/Cdr. Clay immediately.

R.M.FORT-R.
Air Commodore.
Allied Control Commission.

Copies to:-
W/Cdr. Shaw, Palata.
Col. Francois, Palata.

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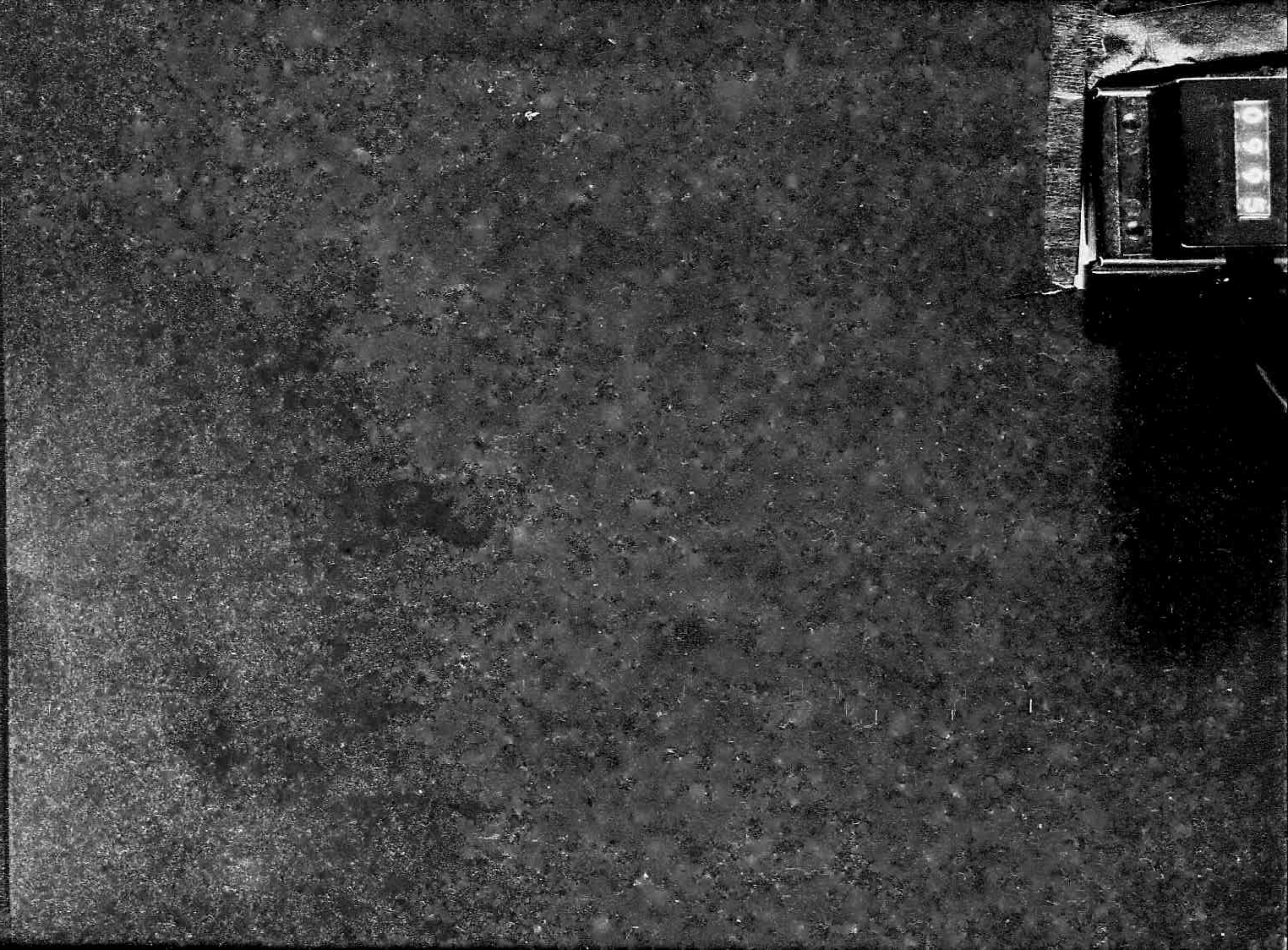
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