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AMMUNITION, PYROTECHNICS & MISCELLANEOUS EXPLOSIVES
JAN. - JUNE 1947

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Note.

Encs. 70A to 76A. were discussed during Sec's visit to HQ Medme 7/8th. Feb. 1947. Outcome is that 76A stands and following being ~~[illegible]~~ supplied:

157,500 rounds A.P. .303
157,500 " Inc. .303

Stocks in Italy were reviewed and it is hoped to transfer 480,000 rounds of A.P. .303 to Italians for training purposes in addition.

Stocks of bombs were also reviewed & are as follows:

3416 250 lb. H
164 250 ne.

These are surplus.

Also learnt that American Bombs are not suitable for external stowage on aircraft capable of over 300 knots.

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S Collingwood Wg Cdr.
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M.2.

TO : S.S.A. Seen.

Reference your M.1.

2. I have today spoken with Colonels Valentini (Operations officer) and Donadio at the I.A.F. Apparently the figures set out in Enclosure 31A are the estimated expenditure for one year by the Germans according to the revised training programme that Valentini hopes to put into operation. They stressed on the phone that they would like double the amount to cover two years of training.

3. It is impossible for me to check these estimates in the SD 98 or any other I.A.F. logistical manual since the case of requipping a Foreign Air Force is unique and is not provided for in any SD 98 tables.

4. The requests do not seem to me to be excessive and in view of the fact that the I.A.F. will need to do an enormous amount of firing training to be brought up to scratch I suggest we agree to their requirements.

31st May 1947.

C.N.M. Gough
Wing Commander
Air I

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Air I.

Please see am. 21 (which seems to have lost a lot of there in being translated, etc.)

Would you like to verify these requirements.

Actually, the British Air Ministry are issuing a scale of ammunition requirements under the "Plan". I have not seen this yet but it will only refer to British types and it remains to be seen whether it will cover training requirements, operational requirements or both. But what has been more bearing on the matter is the amount of ammunition in the country. British stocks at 126 M.U. allotted for the Italian Air Force are held on the yellow forms attached to 16 A. In addition there will be the former King reserves located at Foggia airfield, now being checked and listed.

As regards American ammunition I think the Italians realise now that they must deal with OKC etc.

23.5.47

H. Collingwood Wg. Cdr.
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From: Air Forces Branch
Allied Force Headquarters

To: Ministry of Defence - Air

Date: June 5th 1947

Ref: AF3/637/20

AMMUNITION FOR ITALIAN AIR FORCE

Herewith list of Bombs, Ammunition and Pyrotechnics now lying at No. 125 M.U.

This M.U. is being handed over to the Italian Air Force in the course of the next few days.

M.A.D. COLLINGWOOD
WING COMMANDER
For AIR COMMODORE
DIRECTOR,
A.F.B., A.F.H.Q.

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From: Air Forces Branch
Allied Force Headquarters

To: Air Headquarters, R.A.F., Italy

Date: 29th May 1947

Ref: AFB/637/EQ

TRANSFER OF EXPLOSIVES TO I.A.F.

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter AHQI/11703/52/E7 dated 15th May 1947 and attached lists.

W.A.D. COLLINGWOOD
WING COMMANDER
For AIR COMMODORE
DIRECTOR,
A.F.B., A.F.H.Q.

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FROM :- Air Headquarters, R.A.F., Italy, C.M.F.

TO :- Air Forces Branch,
Allied Force Headquarters,
A.P.O. 794. C.M.F.

DATE :- 15th May, 1947.

REF. :- AHQI/11703/52/E.7.

TRANSFER OF EXPLOSIVES TO
ITALIAN AIR FORCE.

Further to this Headquarters letter of even reference dated 15th April 1947 and schedules of explosives attached thereto.

2. A stock check of holdings at 126 Maintenance Unit has been completed, disclosing surpluses and deficiensies in the items which will ultimately be available for transfer to the Italian Air Force.

3. The schedules attached to the above quoted letter should be cancelled and the accompanying lists (three copies) substituted.

4. Acknowledgement of receipt would be appreciated.

Ack'd.

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(S.J.MARRIOTT.) S/LDR.
for Wing Commander,
Senior Officer i/c Administration,
AIR HEADQUARTERS,R.A.F.,ITALY,C.M.F.

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Appendix "A" to Letter AHQI/11419/5/B2

Code	No.	Nomenclature	Quantity
A.	7	Bomb 250lb G.P. Mk.IV W/O/P	3476
A.	11	Bomb 500lb G.P. Mk.IV W/O/P	196
A.	35	Bomb 250lb MC. Mk. I W/O/P	164
A.	40	Bomb 500lb MC. Mk.II W/O/P	50
A.	52	Bomb 500lb MC. Mk.IV W/O/P	105
A.	56	Bomb 500lb MC. Mk.IV W/P 55	92
A.	57	Bomb 500lb MC. Mk.VI W/O/P	70
A.	61	Bomb 500lb MC. Mk.VII W/O/P	51
A.	69	Bomb 500lb MC. Mk.IX W/O/P	114
A.	77	Bomb 500lb.MC. Mk.XIII W/O/P	480
A.	99	Blaze Bomb 45 Gallons	196
A.	100	Blaze Bomb 110 Gallons	136
A.	101	Grenades Hk. 77 Mk. I W/P	2482
A.	102	Igniters M 5	612
A.	103	Igniters M 6	175
A.	104	Napalm Thickner (lbs)	26905
A.	-	Igniters M 15	302
A.	-	Steps Supporting For Blaze Bombs	755
A.	-	Beam Adaptors	236
A.	116	Tail Units 250lb No. 2 Mk. I	5374
A.	117	" " 500lb No. 2 Mk. I	316
A.	124	" " No. 25 Mk.II	659
A.	125	" " No. 2 Mk.III	800
A.	126	" " No. 26 Mk.II	108
A.	127	" " No. 26 Mk.III	81
A.	128	" " No. 28 Mk.I	2021
A.	129	" " No. 26 Mk.II	145
A.	130	Clips Locking Spring on Type	8550
A.	-	Bombs 10lb Practice S.P. Mk.I	50
B.	36	Carts. 303 LW. Mk. I	88104
C.	1	Carts. 303 MP. Belted	74886
C.	2	Carts. 303 MP. Mk.II Links.	119000
C.	4	Carts. 303 Ball Mk.VII	28624
C.	11	Carts. 303 Ball Mk.VIIZ	3744
C.	16	Carts. 303 Inc. Mk.VII	20464
C.	21	Carts. 303 Inc. Mk.VIIZ	189760
C.	26	Carts. Tracer G. 6 (Dey)	29052
C.	-	Carts. 50 Ball M2 Ctnd.	119000
C.	54	Carts. 50 Tracer Mk.I	57750
C.	62	Carts. 50 MPI Loose M 2	276650
C.	63	Carts. 50' Sep. Belted Mk.I 1x1x1x1x1	81360
C.	64	Carts. 50 Sep. Belted 2x2x1	10970
C.	65	Carts. 20 M/M Ball Mk.I Z M.R.	24060
C.	68	Carts. 20 M/M Ball Mk.I Z R.	105600
C.	69	Carts. 20 M/M Tracer Ctnd. other than H47	7320
C.	73	Carts. 20 M/M HDI Mk. IIZ Ctnd.	11655
C.	78	Carts. 20 M/M HDI other than H47 Boxes	46200
C.	79	Carts. 20 M/M SAPI Loose H47 Boxes	88556
C.	81	Carts. 20 M/M SAPI Loose Other than H47	6720
C.	82	Links. 303 Mk.I	414219
C.	87	Links. 303 Mk.II	
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A.	103	Igniters M 6	[illegible]
A.	104	Napalm Thickner (lbs)	26905
A.	-	Igniters M 15	502
A.	-	Staps Supporting Ver Blast Bombs	760
A.	-	Bank Adaptors	255
A.	113	Tail Units 250lb No. 2 Mk. I	5576
A.	117	" " 500lb No. 2 Mk. I	516
A.	124	" " No. 25 Mk. II	659
A.	119	" " No. 2 Mk. III	600
A.	127	" " No. 26 Mk. II	108
A.	128	" " No. 26 Mk. III	81
A.	129	" " No. 28 Mk. I	2021
A.	130	" " No. 28 Mk. II	140
A.	-	Clips Locking Spring on Type	8350
B.	36	Bombs 10lb Practice S.P. Mk. I	50
C.	1	Carts. 303 AP. Mk. I	36104
C.	2	Carts. 303 AP. Belted	74886
C.	4	Carts. 303 AP. Mk. II Links.	119000
C.	11	Carts. 303 Ball Mk. VII	22624
C.	16	Carts. 303 Ball Mk. VIIZ	3744
C.	21	Carts. 303 Inc. Mk. VII	20464
C.	26	Carts. 303 Inc. Mk. VIIZ	109740
C.	-	Carts. Tracer G. S. Day	29952
C.	34	Carts. 50 Ball M2 Ctnd.	119000
C.	42	Carts. 50 Tracer Mk. I	57750
C.	43	Carts. 50 API Loose M 0	276650
C.	64	Carts. 50 Seq. Belted Mk. I 1x1x1x1x1	81360
C.	65	Carts. 50 Seq. Belted 2x2x1	10970
C.	68	Carts. 20 M/M Ball Mk. I Z N.R.	24060
C.	69	Carts. 20 M/M Ball Mk. I Z R.	106600
C.	73	Carts. 20 M/M Tracer Ctnd. other than H47	7320
C.	78	Carts. 20 M/M HEI Mk. IIZ Ctnd.	11056
C.	79	Carts. 20 M/M HEI other than H47 Boxes	45480
C.	81	Carts. 20 M/M SAPI Loose H47 Boxes	88556
C.	82	Carts. 20 M/M SAPI Loose Other than H47	6720
C.	87	Links. 303 Mk. I	414219
C.	88	Links. 303 Mk. II	3211
C.	89	Links. 50 Mk. I	43000
C.	90	Links. 50 Mk. II	732000
C.	91/92	Links. 20 M/M	371340
C.	95	Carts. 303 Ball Ctnd. Mk. VII	167500
C.	113	Carts. 20 M/M Ball Mk. IZ	2760
C.	133	Carts. 303 Sand. Mk. VII	55000
C.	152	Carts. 300 Revolver Mk. IIZ	15036
C.	153	Carts. 9 M/M Sten	645660
C.	156	Carts. 12 Bore 6 Shot	10245
D.	74	Flares Ground Indicating	106
D.	116	Portfires Friction Mk. II	20
D.	124	Rockets Signal 1lb Mk. III	102
D.	153	Signals Distress Mk. III	1879
D.	-	Sticks Rocket 5 ft.	40
G.	7	Bursters Bomb Mk. II	24

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Appendix "A" to Letter AHQI/11419/3/S2 (Sheet 2)

Code	No.	Nomenclature	Quantity
G.	57	Oldre Safety No. I Mk.I	2020
G.	65	Dets. No. 50 Mk.I	1000
G.	67	Dets. No. 51 Mk.I	2550
G.	71	Dets. No. 52 Mk.II	4300
G.	73	Dets. No. 52 Mk.III	11600
G.	74	Dets. No. 52 Mk.III T.D. 1943	1200
G.	[illegible]	Dets. No. 52 Mk.III T.D. 1944	3320
G.	77	Dets. No. 54 Mk.I I S.C.	40
G.79	79	Dets. No. 55 Mk. I S.C.	060
G.	100	Doss. Electric No. 64 Mk. III	200
G.	96	Dets. Thunderer No. 20 Mk. I	3500
G.	81	Sets Conversion No. 2 Mk. I	2000
G.	-	Extractors Detonator No. 1 Mk. I	4 5
G.	143	Extractors Detonator No. 2 Mk. I	
G.	-	Pistols No. 42 Mk.II	194
G.	-	Pistols No. 44 Mk.II	4272
G.	-	Pistols No. 44 Mk.III	2316
G.	160	Pistols No. 45 Mk.I	3234
G.	170	Pistols No. 52 Mk. II	5606
G.	175	Pistols No. 54 Mk. I	880
G.	137	Wires Safety No.I Mk. I	1580
N.	1	Rocket Fins Mk.I	27592
N.	9	Motors Rocket No.I Mk.III	2580
N.	14	Saddles No.3 Mk. I	13248
N.	22	Shells 6lb HE/SAP No.2	7252
N.	33	Weak Link Adaptors	200
Q.	18	Grenades Drill No. 36	12
Q.	19	Grenades Hand No. 36	584
Q.	20	Grenades Hand No. 36 Less Igniters	1434
L.	8	Dets. Commercial No. 27	4219
L.	9	Dets. No. 33 Mk. I	2544
L.	12	Fuses Safety No. II Mk.II	2976
L.	13	Gun Cotton Dry	232
L.	15	Gun Cotton Wet	149

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From: Air Forces Branch, APO 794
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

To : Italian Air Ministry

Date: 19th May 1947

Ref : AFB/637/EQ

Status of Ammunition for Italian Air Force

On 23 April 1947, 1296 tons of United States Air Force ammunition stored at the Treviso Airfield was turned over to ARAR for demilitarization. None of the types included in this transaction were pertinent to subject requirement as outlined in letter Hq MTOUSA, subject: "Ammunition for Italian Air Force" which was sent to the Government of the Republic of Italy on 13 December 1946. However, the remaining 1475 tons, of applicable types, have been withheld from sale, and are presently being guarded by Italian Air Force personnel under the surveillance of an American Staff Sergeant furnished by Headquarters MTOUSA.

2. Attached availability chart lists the total ammunition requirement of the Italian Air Force, and indicated availabilities at Treviso. Where shortages exist, estimated availabilities which may exist in the dumps at Acorra, Manfredonia, Bari and Candolaro as of 15 May are indicated. As these dumps have long since been passed to ARAR for demilitarization, this headquarters cannot order the withholding from demilitarization of any such material. It is requested, therefore, that you take immediate action with ARAR and/or such other agency of the Italian Government as may be necessary in order to withhold necessary material from demilitarization.

FRANK R. MAHER
Lt. Col., Air Corps
Deputy Director

Incl: Availability Chart.

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(1)	(2) Item	(3) Total Requirement	AVAILABILITY (4) On Hand at TRIPLE	(5) Not Yet Delivered	(6) Available for Delivery
1.	Cartridge, 81.50	8,300,000	2,840,550	5,453,450	
2.	Links, metal, 81.50	8,300,000	3,000,000	5,300,000	
3.	Cartridge, 20mm	136,000		132,000	
4.	Bomb, 100 lb incendiary	12,000			8000 lb incl
5.	Bomb, 250 lb frag.	2,000	2,000		
6.	Bomb, 250 lb AP	2,000	1,500	500	
7.	Bomb, 500 lb GP	1,000	1,000		
8.	Bomb, 1000 lb GP	1,000	511	489	
9.	Cart., Ferro, assts solar	170,000			
10.	Flares, air	350,000			
11.	Bell, Signal, 12 gauge	30,000			

Following notes refer to items shown in above chart.

1. Cartridges, 81.50 as shown are not linked. If possible, linked rounds should be supplied.
2. Links are provided in quantity equal to cartridges.
8. Manufacture of links is available in the case of Cartridges, 20mm, available at Aberdeen and
9. For the bomb, 1000 lb, GP, there are sufficient tail fins at Tripoli to fill the entire 1000
11. Cartridges, pyrotechnic, assorted colors are available and are stored in U.S. Army depot [illegible]
Bell, signal, 12 gauge, in required quantities are reserved in depot [illegible], Anchorage, for [illegible]

Attach note: All necessary bomb components, such as fuzes, arming wires, fins, etc., for all bombs are on hand at TRIPOLI.

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AVAILABILITY OF AMMUNITION FOR THE TRAINING

(3) TOTAL REQUIRED	(4) IN HAND AT SERVICE	(5) ADDITIONAL REQUIRED	(6) POSSIBLY AVAILABLE AT ARSENAL	(7) POSSIBLY AVAILABLE FROM BASE	(8) POSSIBLY AVAILABLE AT DISTRICTS	(9) TO BE AVAILABLE AT ARSENALS
8,300,000	2,848,550	5,451,450		sufficient		
2,200,000	2,000,000	200,000		sufficient		
132,000		132,000	sufficient	sufficient		
12,000						sufficient
2,000	2,000					
2,000	1,500	500			sufficient	
1,000	1,000					
1,000	511	489			sufficient	
170,000						
350,000					sufficient	
30,000						

corro ...ordingly numbered in above chart.

...TRACERS are not linked. If possible, linked rounds should be selected at Rdl; otherwise separate links must ...y equal to cartridges.

...is applicable in the case of cartridges, 20mm, available at Aberdeen and Rdl.

...NS. There are sufficient full time at TRAINS to fill the entire 1000 requirement.

...o. Converted molors are available and to arrive in U.S. Army Depot 4-L-57 at Ludhora, to fill amount as required.

...ap. In required machines are reserved in depot 4-L-57, Ludhora, for this requirement.

...ab cartridge, 100 to FIXED, Belted links, Fill, etc., for all bores except 12mm, 100 lb. practice ...TRACERS.

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From : Italian Air Ministry
General Directorate of Arms and Ammunition

To : A.F.B. A.F.H.Q.

Date : 14th May 1947

ARMAERE 2/00697/ARM/751 COLL././ FOLLOWING LETTER 2/00672/ARM 12TH MAY 1947 WE HEREBY INFORM YOU THAT ON THE 19TH MAY THE PADOVA "AERE ARMI" WILL WITHDRAW 100.000 CARTRIDGES CAL. 50 AND 50.000 CARTRIDGES CAL. 20 AND THE RELATIVE METALLIC PARTS FROM 126 MU (R.A.F.) RIVOLTO/./ GENERAL LEONE LEONELLO

Translated by L.A.C. COSTIGAN

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Action at 29A

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MINISTERO DELLA DIFESA
Direzione Generale Armi e Munizioni

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TELEGRAMMA DI PARTENZA

DA ARMAEREO ROMA

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Roma, lì 14-5-47

AIR FORCES BRANCH ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

APO 794

Tramite:
Ufficio Collegamento A.F.B.-SEDE

ARMAEREO 2/00691/ARM. SEGUITO FOGLIO 2/00672/ARM. MAGGIO DO DICI COMUNICASI CHE GIORNO 19 CORRENTE MESE AEROARMI PADOVA EFFETTUERA' RITIRO CENTOMILA CARTUCCE CAL.50 ET CINQUANTAMILA CARTUCCE CALIBRO 20 m/m. ET RELATIVI ELEMENTI METALLICI PRESSO 126 M.U. R.A.F. RIVOLTO PUNTO GENERALE LEONE LEONELLO

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From : General Staff Italian Air Force
Legistic Section

To : A.F.B. A.F.H.Q.

Ref. : 301792/L 8/g/728 Coll

Date : 9th May 1947

ALLIED MUNITIONS

1 - We have had to re-examine the training programme for bombing and firing training by the Fighter Units, equipped with Allied aircraft.

Refer to letter 305333/L 11/C dated 14/12/46 forwarded to the A.F.S.C.

2 - For the new programme, the following munitions are required:

Wing composed of three groups armed with SPITFIRE IX

Cartridges	7,7	calibre	130.500
"	12,7	"	108.000
"	20	"	21.600
English practice bombs 12,5 lbs.			2.000
Cartridge belt links	7,7	calibre	130.500
" " "	12,7	"	108.000
" " "	20	"	21.600

Wing composed of three groups armed with P. 38 aircraft

Cartridges	12,7	calibre	280.000
"	20	"	18.720
American practice bombs 100 lbs.			2.000

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3 - For the 2 Wings the total annual quantity will be as follows:

Cartridges	7,7	calibre	130.500 (50.000 of these are not to be included as they have been withdrawn from the Rivolto M.U.)
"	12,7	"	388.800
"	20	"	40.000
English practice smoke bombs 12,5 lbs			2.000
American practice smoke bombs 100 lbs			2.000

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Cartridge belt links	7,7	calibre		130.500
" " "	12,7	"		388.800
" " "	20	"		40.320

4 - We do not request for the moment the ammunition required by the third fighter wing, which is to be equipped with allied aircraft. For this, the request for the munitions will be sent when necessary.

5 - We would appreciate if the A.F.B. could arrange for landing over a double quantity, corrisponding to two training years.

SECRETARY OF GENERAL STAFF

Translated by L.A.C. COSTIGAN

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Stato Maggiore R. Aeronautica
STATO MAGGIORE AERONAUTICA MILITARE
Sezione Logistica

Prot. N° 301792/L.5/7/728 Coll.

Al AIR FORCES BRANCH
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
A.P.O. 794

(Tramite Ufficio Collegamento -SEDE)

Risposta al f.° N.° del

OGGETTO: Munizionamento Alleato.-

e, per conoscenza: AL MINISTERO DELLA DIFESA-AERONAUTICA-
Direzione Generale delle Armi e Munizioni
- S E D E

I) - Questo Stato Maggiore ha dovuto riesaminare il programma di addestramento per le esercitazioni al tiro di lancio e di caduta per i Reparti da Caccia, equipaggiati con velivoli alleati, di cui al foglio 305353/L.11/C del 14/12/1946 trasmesso all'allora A.C.-A.F.S.C.

2) - In base al nuovo programma stabilito, il munizionamento occorrente per un anno è il seguente:

STORMO SU 3 GRUPPI ARMATI CON VELIVOLI SPIT IX-

Cartucce cal. 7,7	130.500	
" " 12,7	108.000	
" " 20	21.600	
bombette esercitazioni inglesi da lb.12,5		- 2.000
maglioni cal. 7,7	130.500	
" " 12,7	108.000	
" " 20	21.600	

STORMO SU TRE GRUPPI ARMATI CON VELIVOLI P.38-

Cartucce cal.12,7	280.000	
" " 20	18.720	
bombe esercitazioni americane da L.b. 100		- 2.000
maglioni cal.12,7	280.000	
" " 20	18.720	

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STATO MAGGIORE AERONAUTICA MILITARE
Sezione Logistica

A.P.O. 794

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Rif. N. 2/1792/4.5/7/728 Coll.

Risposta al f.to N.° ____ del

OGGETTO: Munizionamento Alleato.-

e, per conoscenza: AL MINISTERO DELLA DIFESA-AERONAUTICA-
Direzione Generale delle Armi e Munizioni
- S E D E

1) - Questo Stato Maggiore ha dovuto riesaminare il programma di addestramento per le esercitazioni al tiro di lancio e di caduta per i Reparti da Caccia, equipaggiati con velivoli alleati, di cui al foglio 305333/L.11/C del 14/12/1946 trasmesso all'allora A.C.-A.F.S.C.

2) - In base al nuovo programma stabilito, il munizionamento occorrente per un anno è il seguente:

STORMO SU 3 GRUPPI ARMATI CON VELIVOLI SPIT IX-

Cartucce cal. 7,7	130.500
" " 12,7	108.000
" " 20	21.600
bombette esercitazioni inglesi da Lb.12,5	- 2.000
maglioni cal. 7,7	130.500
" " 12,7	108.000
" " 20	21.600

STORMO SU TRE GRUPPI ARMATI CON VELIVOLI P.38-

Cartucce cal.12,7	280.000
" " 20	18.720
bombe esercitazioni americane da L.b. 100	- 2.000
maglioni cal.12,7	280.000
" " 20	18.720

3) - Per i due Stormi il quantitativo annuale totale sarà il seguente:

Cartucce cal. 7,7 130.500- dalle quali vanno defalcate le 50000 per le quali è stato recentemente disposto il ritiro dal Magazzino Manutenzione di RIVOLTO.

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Cartucce cal. 12,7	388.600
cartucce cal. 20	40.000
bombe esercitazioni inglesi da Lb.12,5 complete di fumata	2.000
bombe esercitazioni americane da 100 Lb complete di fumata	2.000
maglioni cal. 7,7	130.500
maglioni cal.12,7	386.800
maglioni cal.20	40.320

4)-Non si richiede per ora il munizionamento occorrente per il terzo Stormo da caccia per il quale è prevista la trasformazione su velivoli alleati. Per esso, il relativo fabbisogno sarà inoltrato a tempo debito.

5)- Questo Stato Maggiore sarà grato a cotesta A.F.B. se vorrà disporre per la cessione di un quantitativo doppio, corrispondente ossia a due anni addestrativi.

SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

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AIR HEADQUARTERS R.A.F. ITALY C.M.F.

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ORGANISATION OFFICE

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YOUR Q. 786 18TH APRIL ITALIAN AIR FORCE WILL COLLECT MONDAY 19TH MAY.

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From : Ministry of Defence (I.A.F.)
General Directorate of Arms and Ammunitions
No. 2 Division

To : A.F.B. A.F.H.Q.

Ref. : 2/00672/ARM/734 Coll

Date : 12th May 1947

AMMUNITIONS

Reference is made to letter AFB/637/EQ dated 28/4/47.

We hereby state that Arms and Ammunition Section of No. 2 Z.A.T. Command will be available for withdrawing the alletted ammunition from 126 M.U. Rivelte as seen as the necessary orders are given and the various forms sent them.

DIRECTOR GENERAL

Translated by L.A.C. COSTIGAN

Spoke Captain CARLI.
Agreed that Monday 19 May would be date of collection.

14/5/47

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Repubblica Italiana

Ministero dell'Aeronautica
MINISTERO DELLA DIFESA-AERONAUTICA
Direzione Generale delle Armi
e delle Munizioni-Divisione 2
Divisione

Prot. N° 21206/2 Allegati 734 Cart.

Roma, 12 - 5 - 1947 Anno

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Al L'AIR FORCES BRANCH ALLIED
FORCE HEADQUARTERS
A P O 794

Tramite: Gabinetto del Sottosegretario
Uff.Collegamento con l'A.F.E.
Rispostaal f.to del N°
SEDE

OGGETTO Munizionamento -

- Fa riferimento al foglio AFB/637/EO. del 28 aprile 1947. -

- Si comunica che la Sezione Armi e Munizioni del Comando 2° Z.A.T. è disponibile per il ritiro dal 186 L.U. R.A.F. di Rivolto del munizionamento cercasse, non appena riceverà ordine e relative modalità per il prelievo.-

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
(GENERALE D.A. ARCUE ISTRELLO)

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Sezione
Prot. N.° 4006-2/ARM Allegati 734 Cell. Uff. Coordinamento Cog. F.A.A.
Risposta al f.° del N.° SEDE

OGGETTO Munizionamento -

- Fa riferimento al foglio 475/637/E1. del 28 aprile 1947. -

- Si comunica che la Sezione Armi e Munizioni del Comando G^ L.A.T. è disponibile per il ritiro dal 126 M.N. R.A.F. di Rivolto del munizionamento concesso, non appena riceverà ordine e relative modalità per il prelievo.-

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
(GENERALE D. A. - ARCHE TECNELLO)

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FROM: AIR COMMODORE A.G. BISHOP, C.B.E., A.F.C.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS,
AIR FORCES BRANCH,
A P O 7 9 4 .

6th May, 1947.

AFB/637/EQ.

Dear

You will remember that at our meeting last week I promised to let you know the situation regarding the supply of ammunition. I find that on the 28th April we wrote to the Italian Air Ministry and told them that the following ammunition was available for them :-

100,000 rounds .50 Cal.
50,000 rounds 20 m.m. } Plus Links.

Yours sincerely,

General Gaeta,
General Commanding,
4th Z.A.T.,
Italian Air Force,
B A R I .

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May 6. Contacted gen Brigaudi. He says that the I.A.F. is very short of men. Scattered as they are all over the country.

The Italian Air Ministry have asked the Army to supply the guards for Rivoalia's depot but, so far, they did not get an answer.

Gen. Brigaudi is going to Padua in the morning and together with gen Raffaelli will do his best to solve the problems with I.A.F. personnel.

He will let us know something as soon as he will be back in Rome.

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1550 hrs.

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FROM AIR HEADQUARTERS R A F ITALY 020933

TO AIR FORCE BRANCH ALLIED FORCE HEDQUARTERS ROME

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0389 MAY 2ND (.) UNCLASS (.)

WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR REPORT ON PROGRESS MADE WITH ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY CONCERNING SUBJCT OF THIS HEADQUARTERS LETTER AHQI/11703/52/E7 APRIL 15TH (.)

BT 020933Z

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RPTS -0389 2 ND AHQI/11703/52/E7 15 TH APRIL

SENT MMXK ACW 1435 (AR) KK

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RD NR 117/2 JWEB AR K AT 1437 HRS

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Will be informed by telephone that Italian board will be ready in 10 days from 20/5/53. 0955

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FROM AIR HEADQUARTERS RAF ITALY CM

TO AIR FORCES BRANCH AFHQ ITALY

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Q.857 29.4.47 (RESTRICTED)

REFERENCE THIS HEADQUARTERS SIGNAL Q. 8 DATED 18TH APRIL 1947 (,)

NO PHYSICAL ACTION YET TAKEN BY ITALIAN AIR FORCE (.) PLEASE

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From: Air Forces Japan, APO 704
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

To : Ministry of Defence - Air

Date: 28th April 1947

Ref : AF3/027/23

AMMUNITION

The following ammunition has been authorised for transfer to the Italian Air Force and is available for collection from No. 120 A.O., R.A.F., (Kisarito), (15 miles East of Ujina).

100,000 cartridges 20 Cal.
50,000 " 20 mm.

together with the appropriate number of links for belting.

Will you please state the day on which you propose to collect.

A.A.M. COLLINGWOOD, S/CDR
Senior Equipment Officer
for Air Commodore,
Director, AEB, AHQ.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

OUTGOING MESSAGE

Originator do not write above this line

DATE-TIME OF ORIGIN 2311453. APR. 47.

FROM (A) AIR POWER BRANCH, A.F.H.Q., ROME.

TO (FOR ACTION) ITALIAN MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, AIR.

TO (INFORMATION)

Security Classification UNCLASSIFIED.

Ref No.

Q.204. REFERENCE FOR THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF AIR STAFF RE PLEASE REFER TO THIS BRANCH LETTER NUMBER AMB/637/EQ., DATED 29TH APRIL, 1947, ADDRESSED TO MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AIR. CAN YOU PLEASE ARRANGE URGENTLY FOR THE NECESSARY GUARDS AS ALLIED HEADQUARTERS ITALY REPORT THAT PILFERING HAS ALREADY STARTED OWING TO LACK OF THE SECURITY MEASURES WHICH SHOULD BE ENFORCED.

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Precedence IMMEDIATE.

Office of origin DIRECTOR, A.F.B.

Originator's Signature

Tel. No 426

A.G. BISHOP, A/CDFB.

Authenticated

A.G. BISHOP, A/CDFB.

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From : Air Forces Branch, Allied Force Headquarters, APO, 794.

To : Ministry of Defence - Air.

Date : 25th April 1947.

Ref. : AFB/637/EQ.

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No. 126 M.U., R.A.F. TAKING OVER OF GUARD DUTIES.

Air Headquarters, R.A.F., Italy have been considering the problem of No. 126 Maintenance Unit, Rivolto, which is the main ammunition depot of the R.A.F. in Italy.

2. It is hoped that in due course the stocks at this unit will be transferred to the Italian Air Force but in the meanwhile, the reduction in the strength of the R.A.F. makes it impossible to continue the necessary guards after the 1st May or thereabouts.

3. A.H.Q. have therefore requested that the Italian Air Force may be asked to supply guards from that date. Will you therefore please confirm that you are prepared to take over guard duties there on receipt of 48 hours warning.

4. The command of the unit will continue to be exercised by a R.A.F. officer and a R.A.F. Care and Maintenance party will remain until final disposal is effected.

5. In connection with this matter, Capt. BRUNETTI and Lt. ROSSETTI of the Air Ministry and Capt. SALERNO of the 2nd Z.A.T. visited Rivolto on 15th April and their report on requirement of men and the availability of facilities for their accommodation is no doubt by now in your hands.

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W.A.D. COLLINGWOOD, W/Cdr
for Air Commodore, Director.
Air Forces Branch, A.F.H.Q.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

AIR FORCES BRANCH

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APO 794.

Reference: AFB/637/EQ. Date: 23rd April, 1947.

Subject : Ammunition for the Italian Air Force.

My dear Undersecretary,

I thank you for your letter of 23rd March, 1947.

I wish to assure you that my staff officers have employed every practicable means to acquire from American sources the ammunition required for the operation and training of the Italian Air Force.

It is my understanding that the American authorities are now prepared to turn over to the Italian Air Force a certain amount of ammunition located in the Trieste area subject to financial agreement between GMAC and the Italian Air Ministry. However, my Deputy Director, Lt. Colonel Frank E. Marek, has informed me that the Italian Air Force financial budget is so insufficient that you are unable to make a bid for the offered ammunition and therefore the transaction has reached a point of stagnancy.

I have also been informed by my Deputy Director that the United States Government has recently authorized an additional ten million dollars credit to the Italian Government for the purpose of purchasing surplus property of this character. I recommend you to investigate this so you may be able to obtain from the Italian Minister of Finance the funds required to defray the cost of ammunition. During the meeting, higher American authorities have been informed of the inability of the Italian Air Ministry to offer a price for the ammunition and have been requested to determine whether it is possible to turn this ammunition over to the Italian Air Force on more favourable terms.

Please be assured that I am in sympathy with your problems and shall endeavour to assist you in any way that is possible.

Sincerely yours,

A. J. DIBBLE,
AIR CHAIRMAN,
DIRECTOR,
ALLIED FORCES BRANCH,
A.F.H.Q., APO 794.

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The Undersecretary of State for Air,
Italian Ministry of Defence, Ammunition,
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Dear Air Commodore,

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Further to the letter dated 1/3/47 addressed to me by Air Vice Marshall Trotter regarding the release of munitions required for training and operational purposes of the Italian Air Force, to be released by U.S. ARMY, I have been able to ascertain the following:

Independent of a certain initial delay verified in meeting the offer made by the Council of Ministers to the Italian Air Force - a delay presumably caused by the Lyssiant mission to the United States - this Ministry brought the matter to without ... delay.

As you will note from letter No. CS/001 3 dated 5th February 1947 a copy of which is attached herewith; no reply has been received. The technical competent unit endeavoured in every possible way to obtain the munitions, according to the procedure indicated in Part 2 of the letter received from U.S. Mission dated 13th December 1946.

Inspections were made at same time to ascertain the quantity of the equipment and also several personal contacts were made with both the A.C.C and C.I.L.C/ offices in order to obtain direct delivery seeing that the A. ....., which had dealt with the matter, informed us that the request could not be met. The reasons given by A.C.C.C. are mainly due to the fact that the conditions laid down for the release of munitions forces the A..... to re-militarise the munitions in the six months after the date of consignment.

The A.C.C.C. in order to carry out this condition was therefore obliged to sell the whole consignment to the ..... C.C.C.C. Corporation immediately upon delivery of the equipment in and October 1946.

It therefore appears that the steps taken by this Ministry could not bring favourable results regarding the development of conditions handed over to ..... the other hand, pressure to obtain a change in the military sales clause concerning the material required by this administration has produced a favourable result. This will effect future munition consignments, presently to ....., seeing that Colonel Dunlap of the A.C.C.C. has informed A.C.C.C.

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nistry for the purpose of reaffirming the agreements for withdrawal of munitions to be made from consignments, shortly to be released to A.M.A.P.

Awaiting a courteous answer, I beg you to accept my sincerest regards.

Translated by L.A.C. POSTMAN

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From : Italian Air Force
General Directorate of Arms and Munition

To : Headquarters Mediterranean Theatre of Operations

Ref. : 2/00183/AEM

Date : 9th February 1947

AMMUNITIONS FOR THE ITALIAN AIR FORCE

1. This is somewhat delayed reply to letter 005809 dated 30/12/46 addressed to Prime Minister De Gasperi from Admiral Stone with an attached M.M.O.A. letter AF 100 3896/OSR DO in which the Italian Air Force was offered a certain amount of munitions.

The reason for the delay is due to the trip of the Prime Minister to the United States, resulting in a delay in forwarding the letter to this Ministry.

2. We are grateful for the offer and we wish to state that it is our intention to acquire the following quantities of munitions:

Cartridges Calabre 50 mm in belts or clips	Cartridges 6.300.000
Cartridges Calabre 20 mm	" 132.000
Training Bombs 100 lb	Each 12.000
Fragmentation Bombs 250 lb	" 2.000
H.E. Bombs 250 lb	" 2.000
" " " 500 lb	" 1.000
" " " 1.000 lb	" 1.000
Cartridges signal flares, assorted colours	Cartridges 170.000
Target Discs	Each 300.000
Explosive bullets calabre 12	Cartridges 20.000

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1. This is somewhat delayed reply to letter 008603 dated 30/12/46 addressed to Prime Minister De Gasperi from Admiral Stone with an attached HQ MTOUSA letter AG 400 3.2SS/OPA DO in which the Italian Air Force was offered a certain amount of munitions.

The reason for the delay is due to the trip of the Prime Minister to the United States, resulting in a delay in forwarding the letter to this Ministry.

2. We are grateful for the offer and we wish to state that it is our intention to acquire the following quantities of munitions:

Cartridges Calibre 30 mm in belts or clips	Cartridges	300.000
Cartridges Calibre 20 mm	"	132.000
Training Bombs 100 lb	Each	12.000
Fragmentation Bombs 250 lb	"	2.000
S.A. Bombs 250 lb	"	2.000
" " " 500 lb	"	1.000
" " " 1.000 lb	"	1.000
Cartridges signal flares, assorted colours	Cartridges	170.000
Target Discs	Each	300.000
Explosive Bullets calibre 12	Cartridges	30.000

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3. A preliminary examination of the condition of the above mentioned material would be welcomed by us, especially in connection with the bombs. We would like to ascertain whether the latter are filled with explosives which are to be used as soon as possible (amatolo type) or with explosives which can be stored (trotyl type). The above facts are necessary so that we may give instructions as to their storage. We therefore await authority to visit the depots which will be specified.

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4. It would be desirable if the release of this material be made directly between the CMIC and the Ministry so that we may choose, separate and place in custody the munitions assigned to the Italian Air Force. Regarding administrative procedure the final decision will be reached by the A.M.A.A. or the Treasury Ministry.

5. We would be pleased to ascertain the cost of the various types of munitions to be acquired, in order to make decisions considering the balance sheet position which limits our purchasing powers.

6. The request for direct dealings between the Italian Air Force and the CMIC is also activated by the fact that if the release should be carried out through the A.M.A.A. with the time limit of 15 days for clearing and safe custody of the material (as in the case of the handing over of the 30.000 tons of material) the A.M.A.A. has declared that it cannot possibly adhere to the request.

GENERAL DIRECTOR
(Gen. F.A. LAURA LAURELLO)

To : Treasury Minister - A.M.A.A. Sector Rome
A.M.A.A. Corso D'Italia 65 (Prof. Ghezzi) Rome

Translated by L.A.S. GENERAL

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REPUBBLICA ITALIANA

Ministero della DIFESA - Aeronautica

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

Roma, lì 28 MAR 1947

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Signor Commodoro,

a seguito della comunicazione in data 4 marzo 1947 inviatami dall' Air V.Marshall Brodie concernente la cessione - da parte del Quartier Generale MTOUSA del munizionamento occorrente al fabbisogno addestrativo ed operativo dell'Aeronautica Militare, ho potuto accertare quanto segue.

Indipendentemente da un certo ritardo iniziale verificatosi nella trasmissione dell'offerta dalla Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri a questa Amministrazione - ritardo presumibilmente dovuto al viaggio del Presidente negli U.S.A. - questo Ministero non ha frapposto indugi nella trattazione della questione.

Come può rilevarsi dal foglio n. 02/00163 in data 6 febbraio c/a che si allega in copia e rimasto peraltro senza risposta, l'Ente Tecnico competente ha svolto il massimo interessamento possibile per venire in possesso del munizionamento offerto seguendo la procedura indicata nel paragrafo 5) della lettera in data 13 dicembre 1946 del Quartier Generale MTOUSA.

Contemporaneamente furono eseguiti sopraluoghi per lo accertamento del materiale e furono mantenuti numerosi contatti personali con gli Uffici dell' A.F.S.C. e con quelli dell' C.F.E.C., allo scopo di ottenere la cessione diretta, in quanto l'A.R.A.R. che era stata interessata in merito aveva reso noto di non poter evadere la richiesta stessa.

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REPUBBLICA ITALIANA

Ministero della ~~Difesa~~ DIFESA - Aeronautica

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

I motivi esposti dell'A.R.A.R. e tuttora esistenti derivano dal fatto che le condizioni generali di cessione del munizionamento impongono all'A.R.A.R. medesima l'obbligo di demilitarizzazione del munizionamento entro 6 mesi dalla data di consegna.

L' A.R.A.R. per il rispetto di tale condizione fu necessariamente costretta ad alienare al Consorzio ULMER l'intero quantitativo all'atto della presa in consegna del materiale e cioè il 3 ottobre 1946.

Appare quindi evidente che l'azione svolta da questo Ministero non poteva essere fruttuosa almeno per il lotto di munizioni consegnate all'A.R.A.R. . D'altra parte le insistenze per ottenere una deroga alla clausola di smilitarizzazione per il materiale occorrente a questa Amministrazione hanno avuto esito favorevole e ciò anche per i futuri lotti di munizionamento dei quali è presumibile la cessione all'A.R.A.R. poichè il Col Caulkins dell'O.F.L.C. ha reso noto all'A.R.A.R. stessa che per apportare varianti alla clausola in parola necessita che il suo Ufficio abbia precise disposizioni dalla competente Autorità di Whashington .

Questo Ministero conferma il suo grande interesse allo acquisto del munizionamento offerto e desidera di venirne in possesso il più rapidamente possibile e pertanto si permette chiedere un efficace intervento presso le Autorità Alleate competen-

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L' A.R.A.R. per il rispetto di tale condizione fu necessariamente costretta ad alienare al Consorzio ULMER l'intero quantitativo all'atto della presa in consegna del materiale e cioè il 8 ottobre 1946.

Appare quindi evidente che l'azione svolta da questo Ministero non poteva essere fruttuosa almeno per il lotto di munizioni consegnate all'A.R.A.R. . D'altra parte le insistenze per ottenere una deroga alla clausola di smiliterizzazione per il materiale occorrente a questa Amministrazione hanno avuto esito favorevole e ciò anche per i futuri lotti di munizionamento dei quali è presumibile la cessione all'A.R.A.R. poichè il Col Caulkins dell'O.F.L.C. ha reso noto all'A.R.A.R. stessa che per apportare varianti alla clausola in parola necessita che il suo Ufficio abbia precise disposizioni dalla competente Autorità di Whashington .

Questo Ministero conferma il suo grande interesse allo acquisto del munizionamento offerto e desidera di venirne in possesso il più rapidamente possibile e pertanto si permette chiedere un efficace intervento presso le Autorità Alleate competenti perchè siano impartite le necessarie disposizioni che consentano all'A.R.A.R. la deroga della clausola di inertizzazione per il munizionamento da riservare all'Aeronautica Militare.

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Roma, 6 Febbraio Anno 1947

Ministero dell'Aeronautica
Direzione Generale delle Armi e delle Munizioni

Divisione 2

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UNITED STATES ARMY

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ALL'AMBASCIATA STATI UNITI AMERICA - Via Veneto — R O M A

All'O.F.I.C.-Via S.Nicolò da Tolentino — R O M A

e per conoscenza:

Al GABINETTO DEL MINISTRO — S E D E

ALLO STATO MAGGIORE A.M.- 3° Reparto- — S E D E

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- Il motivo del ritardo è dovuto al viaggio negli Stati Uniti d'America, del Primo Ministro De Gasperi che ha ritardata la trasmissione delle lettera a questo Ministero. -

2°) - Ringraziamo dell'offerta fatta e confermiamo che è nostra intenzione acquistare i seguenti quantitativi di munizionamento:

-Cartucce cal.50 mg. a nastri c in giunti metallici	colpi	8.300.000 -
-Cartucce cal.20 mm.	colpi	182.000 -
- Bombe da esercitazione 100 libb.	ognuna ...	12.000 -
- Bombe a frattura 250 libbre	ognuna ...	2.000 -
- Bombe alto esplosivo 250 libbre.	ognuna ...	2.000 -
- Bombe alto esplosivo 500 libbre.	ognuna ...	1.000 -
- Bombe alto esplosivo 1000 libbre.	ognuna ...	1.000 -
- Cartucce,razzi da segnalazione - colori assortiti	colpi	120.000 -

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- Bombe da esercitazione 100 libb.	ognuna ...	12.000 -
- Bombe a frattura 250 libbre	ognuna ...	2.000 -
- Bombe alto esplosivo 250 libbre.	ognuna ...	2.000 -
- Bombe alto esplosivo 500 libbre.	ognuna ...	1.000 -
- Bombe alto esplosivo 1000 libbre.	ognuna ...	1.000 -
- Cartucce,razzi da segnalazione - colori assortiti	colpi	170.000 -
- Piattelli	ognuna....	350.000 -
- Granate,proietti cal. 12	colpi	80.000 -

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3°) - Si desidererebbe poter preventivamente esaminare lo stato di conservazione del predetto materiale. -
In particolare per le bombe allo scopo di accertare se il loro caricamento è fatto con esplosivi di pronto impiego (tipo amatolo) e con esplosivi di lunga conservazione tipo trotyl. Ciò per dare gli ordini conseguenti per il loro immagazzinamento. - Si attende quindi l'autorizzazione a visitare i Depositi che ci saranno indicati. -

4°) - Sarebbe desiderabile che la cessione del predetto materiale avvenisse direttamente tra l'O.F.I.C. ed il Ministero della Aeronautica Militare Italiana allo scopo di poter effettuare la scelta, la separazione e la custodia delle munizioni assegnate all'Aeronautica Italiana. - La risoluzione della questione amministrativa potrà avvenire tramite A.R.A.R. o Ministero del Tesoro. -

5°) - Si gradirebbe conoscere il costo dei vari tipi di munizionamento da acquistare allo scopo di poter prendere decisioni in base alla disponibilità del nostro bilancio, disponibilità che sono limitate. -

6°) - La richiesta di trattative dirette fra l'Aeronautica Italiana e l'O.F.I.C. è anche motivata dal fatto che se la cessione dovesse avvenire tramite l'A.R.A.R. con l'imposizione di 15 giorni di tempo per lo sgombero e custodia del materiale (caso già verificatosi per la cessione di 50.000 tonnellate di materiale) l'A.R.A.R. stessa ha dichiarato di trovarsi nell'assoluta impossibilità di poter aderire alla richiesta. -

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
F/to(Generale B.A.-LEONE LEONELLO)

AL MINISTERO DEL TESORO - Sezione A.R.A.R. ROMA
All'A.R.A.R. - Corso d'Italia n°25 (Prof.Rossi) ROMA

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PARAPHRASE OF SECRET CIPHER MESSAGE.

TIME OF RECEIPT 190234B.

FROM: AHQ ITALY.

TO : AIR FORCES BRANCH, DOLE. REPEATED 126 M.U. TIME OF DESPATCH 191030B.

SERIAL NO: 795.

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QX.786. 18th April. Secret.

126 M.U. has been authorised to issue to Italian Air Force 50,000 (20 mm) and 100,000 (.5) cartridges. AHQ Italy signal QX.768 16th April refers.

Para. 2. AHQ Italy and 126 M.U. to be notified by Air Forces Branch, A.F.H.Q., when Italians can make collection.

T.O.O. 180930B.

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S.E.O. 21/4.

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

To :- No. 324 Wing. R.A.F. Udine.
No. 367 M.U. R.A.F. Ciampino.
No. 126 M.U. U.S.A.C.A. Vienna.
A.F.S.O. Rome. R.A.F. Station Klagenfurt.
No. 59 P.T.C.

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Date :- 11th Feb. 1947.

Ref :- AH I/12097/Engl.4.

19.2.47 B 232 AM. 637/24 ALLIED

DESTRUCTION OF USED VIOLENT PROTECTIVES BY BURNING.

The following instruction has been received in Ord.Ge. letter [illegible]/7029/AH3/15.4. dated 30/1/47.

2. The use of portfires, friction for ignition purposes by burning is now forbidden, as their use for this purpose is the suspected cause of previous accidents.

3. The store to be used is match fuses safety (Stores Ref. 126/91).

J.M. [illegible] F/Lt.,
For Air Vice-Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding,
Air Headquarters, 6783 ITALY.

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FROM HQ MEDME 1711322

TO AIR FORCES ~~BRANCH~~ BRANCH AFHQ ITALY

REPEATED AHQ ~~ITALY~~ ITALY

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C 3425 17/4. UNCLASSIFIED . YOUR OX 766 APRIL.

PARA 2 . AHQ ITALY HAVE HAD INSTRUCTIONS TO DISPOSE OF ALL SURPLUS EXPLOSIVES . MY ~~O~~ 3720 APRIL ~~OF~~ TO AHQ ITALY GRO 5 TO AHQ ITALY

PARA 3 . REQUEST YOU OBTAIN FULL STORY FROM AHQ ~~ITALY~~ ITALY .

BT NFT

SENTNR 14 AT 1622 BY RT

RD BY S J J AT 1615

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FROM :- Air Headquarters, R.A.F., Italy, C.M.F.

TO :- Air Forces Branch,
Allied Force Headquarters,
A.P.O. 794 C.M.F.

DATE :- 15th April, 1947.

REF :- AMAI/11705/52/27.

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(S.J. MARRIOTT) S/LDR.
for Wing Commander,
Senior Officer i/c Administration,
AIR HEADQUARTERS, R.A.F., ITALY, C.M.F.

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I.V. No.

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1	2	3				4	5
Part No.	Brief Designation	QUANTITIES BY LOCATION				Origin	Qty Handed Over
A. 7.	Bombs 250lb G.P. Mk IV W/O/P					Brit.	5356
A. 11	Bombs 500lb G.P. Mk IV W/O/P					"	175
A. 35	Bombs 250lb M.C. Mk I W/O/P					"	164
A. 40	Bombs 500lb M.C. Mk I W/O/P					"	48
A. 52	Bombs 500lb M.C. Mk I W/O/P					"	197
A. 56	Bombs 2000 lb M.C. Mk IV W/O/P 65					"	
A. 57	Bombs 2000 lb M.C. Mk VI W/O/P					"	61
A. 61	Bombs 2000 lb M.C. Mk VII W/O/P					"	24
A. 69	Bombs 2000 lb M.C. IX W/O/P					"	114
A. 77	Bombs 2000 lb M.C. Mk XIII W/O/P					"	438
A. 99	Blast Bombs 4 Gallons					"	166
A. 100	Blast Bombs 110 Gallons					"	136
A. 101	Grenades No. 77 Mk I W/P					"	2482
A. 102	Igniters M. 5					"	312
A. 103	Igniters M. 6					"	175
A. -	Igniters M. 15					"	302
A. -	Stirrups Supporting for Blast Bombs			6 7 7 8"			763
A. -	Beam Adaptors					"	256
A. 116	Tail Units 250 lb No. 2 Mk I					"	3176
A. 117	" " 500 lb No. 2 Mk V					"	316
A. 124	" " No. 25 Mk II.					"	559
A. 119	" " No. 2 Mk III.					"	300

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A. 39	Bombs 250lb M.C. Mk I W/O/P				"	104
A. 40	Bombs 500lb M.C. Mk I W/O/P				"	48
A. 52	Bombs 500lb M.C. Mk I W/O/P				"	107
A. 56	Bombs 5001 lb M.C. Mk IV W/P 65				"	
A. 57	Bombs 5001 lb M.C. Mk VI W/O/P				"	61
A. 61	Bombs 5001 lb M.C. Mk VII W/O/P				"	24
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A. 99	Blaze Bombs Gallons				"	166
A. 100	Blaze Bombs 110 Gallons				"	136
A. 101	Grenades No. 77 Mk I W/P				"	2482
A. 102	Igniters M. 5				"	312
A. 103	Igniters M. 6				"	175
A. -	Igniters M. 15				"	302
A. -	Straps Supporting for Blaze Bombs			677R		753
A. -	Nose Adaptors				"	256
A. 116	Tail units 250 lb No. 2 Mk I				"	3976
A. 117	" " 500 lb No. 2 Mk V				"	316
A. 124	" " No. 25 Mk II.				"	659
A. 119	" " No. 2 Mk III.				"	300
A. 127	" " No. 36 Mk II.				"	108
A. 128	" " No. 36 Mk III				"	81
A. 129	" " No. 28 Mk I				"	2021
A. 130	" " No. 28 Mk II				"	148
A. 134	" " No. 37 Mk II				"	361
A. 138	" " No. 54 Mk I				"	1344
A. -	Clips Locking Spring on Tups				"	8350
B. 36	Bombs 10 lb Practice S.P. Mk I				"	60
C. 1	Carts. 303 APW Mk I				"	91104
C. 2	~~Carts. 303 A.P. Belted~~				"	~~74886~~

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Part No.	Brief Designation	QUANTITIES BY LOCATION				Origin	Qty Handed Over
C. 4.	Cartr. 303 AP. Mk II Links					Brit.	119000
C. 11.	Cartr. 303 Ball Mk VII					"	7254
C. 16.	Cartr 303 Ball Mk VII Z					"	5744
C. 18	Cartr. 303 Rmk Vlis Belted					"	
C. 21	Cartr. 303 Inc. Mk VII					"	2434
C. 26	Cartr. 303 Inc. Mk VII Z					"	189760
C. -	Cartr. 303 Tracer G.6 Day					"	2995
C. 54	Cartr. 50 Ball M.2 Cartonned					"	119000
C. 62	Cartr. 50 Tracer Mk I					"	5775
C. 63	Cartr 50 API Loose M.8					"	307750
C. 64	Cartr 50 Sequence Belted Mk I Initialled					"	01350
C. 65	Cartr 50 Sequence Belted Initialled					"	10070
C. 68	Cartr 20 M/M Ball Mk Ia H.E.					"	24060
C. 69	Cartr 20 M/M Ball Mk IA H.					"	105680
C. 75	Cartr 20 M/M Tracer Otnl other times H. 47 Bmms				6776	"	7320
C. 79	Cartr. 20 M/M HEI other times H 47 Bmms					"	45400
C. 81	Cartr 20 M/M SAPI Loose H 47 Bmms					"	91387
C. 82	Cartr 20 M/M SAPI Loose					"	6720
C. 78	Cartr 20 M/M HEI Mk IIB H.47 Bmms					"	20693
C. 87	Links 303 Mk I					"	463805

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C. 18	Carts. 303 Rmk Vlis Belted					"	
C. 24	Carts. 303 Inc. Mk VII					"	23454
C. 26	Carts. 303 Inc. Mk VII Z					"	189760
C. -	Carts. 303 Tracer G.6 Dmy					"	2895
C. 54	Carts. 50 Ball M.2 Cartridge					"	119000
C. 62	Carts. 50 Tracer Mk I					"	5775
C. 63	Carts 50 API Loose M.8					"	50775
C. 64	Carts 50 Sequence Belted Mk I Inlisted					"	81350
C. 65	Carts 50 Sequence Belted Sqdrl					"	10070
C. 68	Carts 20 M/M Ball Mk Ia H.E.					"	24060
C. 69	Carts 20 M/M Ball Mk Ia R.					"	105680
C. 73	Carts 20 M/M Tracer Otnd other than H. 47 Bomb				6776	"	7320
C. 79	Carts. 20 M/M HEI other than H 47 Bomb					"	43480
C. 81	Carts 20 M/M SAPI Loose H 47 Bomb					"	91187
C. 82	Carts 20 M/M SAPI Loose					"	6720
C. 78	Carts 20 M/M HEI Mk IIB H.47 Bomb					"	20695
C. 87	Links 303 Mk I					"	445895
C. 88	Links 303 Mk II					"	3912
C. 89	Links 50 Mk I					"	45000
C. 90	Links 50 Mk II					"	732000
C. 95	Carts. 303 Ball Otnd Mk VII					"	167520
C. 113	Carts 20 M/M Ball Mk Ia					"	2760
C. 133	Carts. 303 Rand Mk VII					"	56000
C. 152	Carts 380 Revolver Mk IIa					"	5058.
C.-	Carts 380 Revolver Mk II					"	345
C. 153	Carts 9 M/M Sten					"	651838
C. 156	Carts. 12 Bore 6 Shot					"	1286

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Part No.	Brief Designation	QUANTITIES BY LOCATION				Origin	Qty Handed Over
C. 116	Portfires Friction Mk II					Brit.	572
C. 124	Rocket Signal 1lb Mk IV					"	102
C. 253	Signals Distress Mk III					"	5623
C. -	Sticks Rocket 5 ft					"	40
G. 7	Bursters Bombs Mk II					"	24
G. 57	Clips Safety No. 1 Mk I					"	2000
G. 65	Detn. No. 10 Mk. I					"	1080
G. 67	Detn. No. 51 Mk I					"	2520
G. 71	Detn. No. 52 Mk II					"	4190
G. 73	Detn. No. 52 Mk III					"	11660
G. 74	Detn. No. 52 Mk III T.B. 1945					"	1000
G. 76	Detn. No. 52 Mk III T.B. 1944					"	3320
G. 77	Detn. 54 No. I. S.C.					"	40
G. 79	Detn. No. 55 Mk I S.C.					"	060
G. 109	Detn. Electric No. 64 Mk III					"	200
G. 96	Detn. Igniters No. 38 Mk. I			0774		"	3500
G. 61	Dets Connection No. 2 Mk I					"	2000
G. -	Detonators Detonator No. 1 Mk 1					"	4
G. 143	Detonators Detonator No. 2 Mk. I					"	5
G. -	Pistol No. 37 Mk VI					"	
G. -	Pistols No. 44 Mk. II					"	4492
						"	2346

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G. [illegible]	Signals Starlight Mk III					"	5625
G. -	Sticks Rocket 5 ft					"	40
G. 7	Surcharge Bombs Mk II					"	24
G. 57	Clips Safety No. I Mk I					"	2020
G. 65	Detn. No. 50 Mk. I					"	1080
G. 67	Detn. No. 51 Mk I					"	2520
G. 71	Detn. No. 52 Mk II					"	6190
G. 73	Detn. No. 53 Mk III					"	11665
G. 74	Detn. No. 12 Mk III T.B. 1945					"	1800
G. 78	Detn. No. 12 Mk III T.B. 1944					"	3920
G. 77	Detn. 2 Mk. I. S.C.					"	40
G. 79	Detn. No. 35 Mk I S.C.					"	360
G. 100	Detn. Electric No. 64 Mk III					"	200
G. 96	Detn. Pistols No. 38 Mk. I				0774	"	3500
G. 61	Dets Conversion No. 2 Mk I					"	2000
G. -	Extractors Detonator No. 1 Mk I					"	4
G. 143	Extractors Detonator No. 2 Mk. I					"	5
G. -	Pistol No. 37 Mk VI					"	
G. -	Pistols No. 44 Mk. II					"	4422
G. -	Pistols No. 44 Mk III					"	2346
G. 168	Pistols No. 45 Mk. I					"	3234
G. 170	Pistols No. 52 Mk. II					"	3594
G. 185	Pistols No. 5, Mk. I					"	800
N. 1	Rocket Plus Mk. I					"	11060
N. 9	Rotors Rocket No. 1 Mk III					"	3030
N. 14	Shackles No. 3 Mk I					"	15422
No. 22	Shells 60lb HE/SAP No. 2					"	7250
N. 35	Weak Link Adaptors					"	200

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I.V. No. .....

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1	2	3				4	5
Part No.	Brief Designation	QUANTITIES BY LOCATION				Origin	Qty Handed Over
A. 7.	Bombs 250lb G.P. Mk IV W/O/P					Drlt.	3356
A. 21	Bombs 500lb G.P. Mk IV W/O/P					"	175
A. 35	Bombs 250lb M.C. Mk I W/O/P					"	164
A. 40	Bombs 500lb M.C. Mk I W/O/P					"	48
A. 52	Bombs 500lb M.C. Mk I W/O/P					"	297
A. 56	Bombs 5001 lb M.C. Mk IV W/P 65					"	
A. 57	Bombs 5001 lb M.C. Mk VI W/O/P					"	61
A. 61	Bombs 5001 lb M.C. Mk VII W/O/P					"	24
A. 69	Bombs 5001 lb M.C. Mk W/O/P					"	114
A. 77	Bombs 5001 lb M.C. Mk XIII W/O/P					"	484
99	Blast Bombs Gallons					"	166
100	Blast Bombs 120 Gallons					"	136
101	Grenades No. 77 Mk I W/P					"	2482
102	Igniters M. 5					"	612
103	Igniters M. 6					"	175
- -	Igniters M. 15					"	302
A. -	Straps Supporting for Blast Bombs				6772	"	762
A. -	Beam Adapters					"	256
A. 116	Tail Units 250 lb No. 2 Mk I					"	3375
A. 117	" " 500 lb No. 2 Mk I					"	315
A. 124	" " No. 25 Mk II.					"	650
A. 119	" " No. 2 Mk III.					"	[illegible]

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A. 40	Bombs 500 lb M.C. Mk I W/O/P					"	48
A. 52	Bombs 500 lb M.C. Mk I W/O/P					"	197
A. 56	Bombs 500 lb M.C. Mk IV W/P 65					"	
A. 57	Bombs 500 lb M.C. Mk VI W/O/P					"	61
A. 61	Bombs 500 lb M.C. Mk VII W/O/P					"	24
A. 69	Bombs 500 lb M.C. Mk W/O/P					"	114
A. 77	Bombs 500 lb M.C. Mk XIII W/O/P					"	484
99	Blast Bombs Gallons					"	166
100	Blast Bombs 110 Gallons					"	136
101	Grenades No. 77 Mk I W/P					"	2482
102	Igniters M. 5					"	612
103	Igniters M. 6					"	175
- -	Igniters M. 15					"	302
A. -	Struts Supporting for Blast Bombs				6772	"	760
A. -	Bomb Adapters					"	286
A. 116	Tail Units 250 lb No. 2 Mk I					"	3175
A. 117	" " 500 lb No. 2 Mk I					"	316
A. 124	" " No. 25 Mk II.					"	522
A. 119	" " No. 2 Mk III.					"	303
A. 127	" " No. 26 Mk II.					"	103
A. 128	" " No. 26 Mk III					"	81
A. 129	" " No. 28 Mk I					"	2021
A. 130	" " No. 28 Mk II					"	148
A. 134	" " No. 37 Mk II					"	302
A. 133	" " No. 54 Mk I					"	1344
A. -	Clips Locking Spring on Tops					"	8350
B. 36	Bombs 10 lb Practice S.F. Mk I					"	60
C. 1	Carts. 303 APT Mk I					"	3112
C. 2	Carts. 303 A.P. Mk[illegible]					"	[illegible]

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Part No.	Brief Designation	QUANTITIES BY LOCATION				Origin	Qty Handed Over
			450000				
C. 4.	Carts. 303 AP. Mk II links		180000			Brit.	130000
C. 11.	Carts. 303 Ball Mk VII		[illegible]			"	72534
C. 16.	Carts. 303 Ball Mk VII Z					"	5744
C. 18	Carts. 303 Rmk Vlis Belted					"	
C. 21	Carts. 303 Inc. Mk VII		161000			"	22464
C. 26	Carts. 303 Inc. Mk VII Z					"	189760
C. -	Carts. 303 Tracer G.6 Dny					"	2995
C. 54	Carts. 50 Ball M.2 Cartoned					"	119004
C. 62	Carts. 50 Tracer Mk I					"	5775
C. 63	Carts 50 API Loose M.8					"	397731
C. 64	Carts 50 Sequence Belted Mk I 1x1x1x1x1					"	81366
C. 65	Carts 50 Sequence Belted 2x2x1					"	10070
C. 68	Carts 20 M/M Ball Mk Ia H.E.					"	24060
C. 69	Carts 20 M/M Ball Mk IA H.					"	106680
C. 73	Carts 20 M/M Tracer Ctnd other than H. 47 Boxes					"	7320
C. 79	Carts. 20 M/M HEI other than H 47 Boxes					"	45480
C. 81	Carts 20 M/M SAPI Loose H 47 Boxes					"	91187
C. 82	Carts 20 M/M SAPI Loose				6770	"	6720
C. 78	Carts 20 M/M HEI Mk IIA H.47 Boxes					"	20693
C. 87	Links 303 Mk I					"	465999
C. [illegible]	Links [illegible] Mk [illegible]					"	[illegible]

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C. 18	Carts. 303 Mk VIII Belted					"	
C. 21	Carts. 303 Inc. Mk VII					"	22464
C. 26	Carts. 303 Inc. Mk VII Z					"	189760
C. -	Carts. 303 Tracer G.6 Day					"	2395
C. 54	Carts. 50 Ball M.2 Cartonned					"	11900
C. 62	Carts. 50 Tracer Mk I					"	5775
C. 63	Carts 50 API Loose M.8					"	39773
C. 64	Carts 50 Sequence Belted Mk I ~~Inlinked~~					"	8136
C. 65	Carts 50 Sequence Belted 2w2rl					"	10070
C. 68	Carts 20 M/M Ball Mk Ia H.E.					"	24060
C. 69	Carts 20 M/M Ball Mk Ia H.					"	103682
C. 73	Carts 20 M/M Tracer Otnd other than H. 47 Boxes					"	7520
C. 79	Carts. 20 M/M HEI other than H 47 Boxes					"	45480
C. ~~80~~ 81	Carts 20 M/M SAPI Loose H 47 Boxes					"	91187
C. 82	Carts 20 M/M SAPI Loose				6770	"	6720
C. 76	Carts 20 M/M HEI Mk IIA H.47 Boxes					"	20495
C. 87	Links 303 Mk I					"	465595
C. 88	Links 303 Mk II					"	3211
C. 89	Links 50 Mk I					"	4500
C. 90	Links 50 Mk II					"	73200
C. 95	Carts. 303 Ball Otnd Mk VII					"	167500
C. 113	Carts 20 M/M Ball Mk Ia					"	276
C. 133	Carts. 303 Band Mk VII					"	5600
C. 152	Carts 380 Revolver Mk IIA					"	5058
C.-	Carts 380 Revolver Mk II					"	34
C. 153	Carts 9 M/M Sten					"	65187
C. 156	Carts. 12 Bore 6 Shot					"	1084

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I.V. No.

126 M.U.

1	2	3				4	5
Part No.	Brief Designation	QUANTITIES BY LOCATION				Origin	Qty Handed Over
C. 116	Partfire Friction Mk II					Brit.	372
C. 124	Rocket Signal 11b Mk II					"	192
C. 153	Signals Distress Mk III					"	3623
C. -	Shield Rocket 5 ft					"	40
C. 7	Burster Bombs Mk II					"	24
C. 57	Oil Safety No. 1 Mk I					"	3020
C. 65	Detn. No. 50 M. I					"	2080
C. 67	Detn. No. 51 Mk I					"	2530
C. 71	Detn. No. 52 Mk II					"	4190
C. 75	Detn. No. 52 Mk III					"	11660
C. 76	Detn. No. 52 Mk III T.B. 1943					"	2200
C. 78	Detn. No. 52 Mk III T.B. 1944					"	3330
C. 77	Detn. 54 Mk. I. S.C.					"	40
C. 79	Detn. No. 55 Mk I S.C.					"	860
C. 109	Detn. Electric No. 64 Mk III					"	200
C. 96	Detn. Burster No. 28 Mk. I					"	3500
C. 61	Detn Conversion No. 2 Mk I					"	2000
C. -	Extractors Detonator No. 1 Mk I					"	4
C. 143	Extractors Detonator No. 2 Mk. I					"	5
C. -	Pistol No. 37 Mk VI					"	
C. -	Pistols No. 44 Mk. II					"	4422

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G. 153	Signals Matrons Mk III					"	[illegible]
G. -	Sticks Rocket 3 ft					"	40
G. 7	Burstere Bombs Mk II					"	24
G. 57	Clips Safety No. 1 Mk I					"	2020
G. 65	Dets. No. 50 M. I					"	1200
G. 67	Dets. No. 51 Mk I					"	2520
G. 71	Dets. No. 52 Mk II					"	4190
G. 75	Dets. No. 52 Mk III					"	11660
G. 76	Dets. No. 52 Mk III T.B. 1943					"	1200
G. 78	Dets. No. 52 Mk III T.B. 1944					"	3180
G. 77	Dets. 54 Mk. I. S.C.					"	40
G. 79	Dets. No. 55 Mk I S.C.					"	860
G. 109	Dets. Electric No. 64 Mk III					"	200
G. 96	Dets. Burstern No. 38 Mk. I					"	3500
G. 61	Rods Connection No. 2 Mk I					"	2000
G. -	Extractors Detonator No. 1 Mk I					"	4
G. 143	Extractors Detonator No. 2 Mk. I					"	5
G. -	Pistol No. 57 Mk VI					"	
G. -	Pistols No. 44 Mk. II					"	4422
G. -	Pistols No. 44 Mk III					"	2916
G. 168	Pistols No. 45 Mk. I					"	3234
G. 170	Pistols No. 52 Mk. II					"	3534
G. 175	Pistols No. 53 Mk. I					"	800
N. 1	Rocket Mine Mk. I					"	32860
N. 9	Motors Rocket No. 1 Mk III					"	3510
N. 14	Saddles No. 3 Mk I					"	15422
No. 22	Shells 60lb HE/CP No. 2					"	7250
N. 35	Weak Link Adaptors					"	200

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MESSAGE FORM

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TO (1) MOSAIC (.) (2) A.H.Q. [illegible] (.)

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
AIR [illegible] BRANCH A.H.Q. (.)	[illegible] 762	16TH [illegible] (.)	

SUBJECT ALLOCATION FOR INDIAN AIR FORCE (.) REFERENCE MY O. 197 21ST JANUARY LAST FULL AUTHORITY TRANSACTION CANCELLED (.) REQUEST IMMEDIATE AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER TO INDIAN AIR FORCE ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND FORTY FIVE AND FIFTY THOUSAND THIRTY MILLIMETRE CARTRIDGES TO BE TRANSFERRED TO COASTER (.) AVAILABLE EX [illegible] FOR DESPATCH AT 126 A.H. (.)

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means	This message must be sent IN CIPHER if liable to interception or to fall into enemy hands	Originator's instructions Degree of Priority
Signature [illegible]	Signed	ROUTINE

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Time of origin 6764 T.H.P.

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TO (A) ADMIN (.) (B) A.H.Q. ITALY (.)

FROM AIR FORCE BOARD A.F.H. . (.) | Originator's Number 4. 768 | Date 16TH AUG (.) | In Reply to Number

SUBJECT ARRANGING FOR ITALIAN AIR FORCE (.) REFERENCE MY G. 997 21ST JANUARY LAST PARA ARTICLE TRANSACTION CONCERNED (.) REQUEST LIBERTIES AVAILABILITY TO TRANSFER TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TWENTY FIVE AND FIFTY THOUSAND WORTH COLLECTION CONTRACTS TO BRING TRADERS TO OBSERVE (.) AVAILABLE FOR CONTRACTS FOR PRODUCTION AT 126 H.J. (.)

Time of Origin

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means except wireless.

This message must be sent IN CIPHER if liable to interception or to fall into enemy hands.

Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority ROUTINE

T.H.I.

T.O.R.

Signed

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ARMY FORM C2128 (Pads of 100).

MESSAGE FORM

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TO [illegible] (.) [illegible] (.)

FROM AIR FORCE, EUROPE [illegible] (.) | Originator's Number [illegible] 763 | Date 16TH [illegible] (.) | In Reply to Number

(BEGIN ALPHABETICAL TEXT) (.) AIRCRAFT OF C. 197

OF SAFETY LAW [illegible] (.) DUTY

[illegible] TO ITALIAN [illegible]

[illegible] .

[illegible] (.) [illegible]

126 [illegible] (.)

This message may be sent by any means except [illegible] AS WRITTEN BY [illegible] guidelines. [illegible]

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Signed

Originator's instructions Degree of Priority [illegible]

Time of origin

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T.O.R.

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AIR FORCES BRANCH, A.F.H.Q.

AIR HEADQUARTERS R.A.F. ITALY.

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QUEEN ONE FIVE FOUR FD

SUBJECT FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS AT ONE TWO SIX MU FD

ITALIAN STAFF OFFICERS FROM ROME WILL REPORT AIR HEADQUARTERS MONDAY ONE FOUR APRIL TO DISCUSS FD

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ROUTINE

EQUIPMENT OFFICE

A.C. MERRIMAN, F/O.

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W.A.D. COLLINGWOOD, W/C.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Air Forces Branch
R O M E

10th April, 1947.

Air Headquarters R.A.F. Italy,
(attention S/Ldr. Marriott).

This is to introduce Captain Manlio BRUNETTI and Lieutenant Giovanni POSSETTI, Italian Air Force, who are visiting Air Headquarters with regard to future arrangements at No. 126 M.U.

W.A.D. COLLINGWOOD, W/Cdr,
for Air Commodore,
Director,
Air Forces Branch.

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REPUBBLICA ITALIANA

Roma, 25 - 5 - 1948 Anno

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MINISTERO DELLA DIFESA- AERONAUTICA
Direzione Generale delle Armi e delle Munizioni - Divisione II^

Prot. N. 22/00404/ARM. Segnato

Al LA ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Military Affairs Section
Air Forces Sub - Section

Tramite: Uff. Collegamento A P O 794 A.F.S.S. Sede
Rispondere al foglio N.

OGGETTO - Munizionamento per l'A.M. -

1. - Si fa riferimento al foglio INAS/637/Eq./Af. del 12 marzo 1947. -

2. - La dipendente Sezione Armamento di Padova, interessata in merito, potrà ritirare, con un automezzo, le 50.000 cartucce cal. 303 appena codesta A.F.S.S. comunicherà di aver dato disposizioni al M.U. 126 R.A.F. (Rivolto). -

3. - Si prega pertanto di voler far conoscere alla Scrivente le disposizioni che saranno date da codesta A.F.S.S. al M.U. 126 R.A.F. - 6767

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Direzione Generale delle Armi e
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Direzione
Prot. N. 72/00201/ARM. Oggetto: 15 Gdl.

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IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
(GENERALE D.A. - LEONE LEONELLIO)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS, AIR FORCES BRANCH

126 M.U.

UNCLAS

QUEEN ONE ZERO TWO FD

REFERENCE ABLE NOV QUEEN ITEM SIGNAL QUEEN FIVE FOUR ONE TIME OF COLLECTION BY ITALIAN AIR FORCE AT PRESENT UNCERTAIN FD REQUEST YOU SEGREGATE AND HOLD IN READINESS ALSO PREPARE FORMS SIX ZERO THREE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHARLIE ABLE CHARLIE ITEM ONE FOUR ZERO FD

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EQUIPMENT OFFICE

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W.A.D. COLLINGWOOD, W/CDR.

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
AIR

IMAS/637/50/AF
FILE

AMMUNITION FOR ITALIAN AIR FORCE

MARCH 12TH 1947

Number 126 M.U. R.A.F. Rovolto have available for immediate (R) immediate collection quantity 50.000 (fifty thousand) rounds of .303 Ball ammunition against your training requirement.

2. Collection of this equipment will have to be arranged by the I.A.F. and it is requested you notify method and date of collection to this Headquarters and arrangements will then be made with 126 M.U. to have the ammunition readily available.

3. Please treat as urgent.

R. Cartner
R. CARTNER
FLIGHT LIEUTENANT
FOR AIR VICE MARSHAL
DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES SUB-SECTION
I.M.A.S., A.F.HQ.

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NR 92 LROF V MMXK T 147/10 R/R - T - ADD
FROM AIR HEADQUARTERS. R.A.F. ITALY, CMF
TO AFSC ITALIAN MILITARY AFFAIRS SECTION.
INFO -----
BT
Q.541 10TH MARCH 47. UNCLASS. 6A
YOUR Q.X. 61. 3RD MARCH. STORES AVAILABLE AT 126 M.U. RIVOLTO
NEAR UDINE. REQUEST YOU CONTACT A.C.C. NO 126 M.U. TO ARRANGE CONVENIENT
TIME.
ET 10/15000/2
SENT MMXK BRE B K
RD SLIM AT 2151 K

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FROM: THE AIR MINISTRY
Main Office for Arms and Ammunition - II Division

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TO : HEADQUARTERS MEDITERRANEAN THEATRE OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY - APO 512
UNITED STATES EMBASSY
U.F.L.C., Via S. Nicolo' da Tolentino
and for information
THE MINISTER'S CABINET
STATO MAGGIORE A.M. 3rd Section

DATE: 24th FEBRUARY 1947

REF : NO. 2/00242/AMM./3520011

ATTENTION FOR THE ITALIAN AIR FORCE

Reference is made to letter 2/00163/AMM. dated 6th February 1947.

2. Following verbal agreement with Lt. L.R. Merrifield, a group of officials from our office who were to be accompanied by this officer, went to inspect the Manfredonia-Manfredonia Ammunition Depots.

3. As the above mentioned officer did not participate to the inspection the commission referred above was received in Foggia and accompanied to the Depot by Lt. Olsen.

4. The inspection revealed the non-existance of the following ammunition:

20 m/m caliber cartridges;
cartridges, signal rockets in different colours;
explosive shells, 12 caliber bombs.

5. On the other hand only 1000000 out of 8300000 12.7 caliber cartridges were found available, including all other types of bombs previously pointed out.

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Information only.

6. Will you therefore give instructions for the withdrawal of the ammunitions also bearing in mind that cartridges are most urgently needed and we will provide for their immediate withdrawal.

7. Moreover we ask you to let us know the locality in which we might be able to examine and check the ammunition required to complete the quantities of ammunition assigned according to letter A.G. 400 3295/054 D.O. dated 15th December 1946, U.S. MTOUSA.

Also 10/3/47

THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
/s/ General Leone Leoncilo

637/Eq.

~~TO THE MINISTRY OF THE TREASURY~~
A.R.A.M. SECTION
To A.R.A.M., Corso d'Italia 25
(P. - RO. 1)

MINISTERO DELLA DIFESA
-AERONAUTICA -
Direzione Generale delle Armi
e delle Munizioni-Divisione II^

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Prot.n° 2/00248/ARM. /752 GU

Roma, lì 24 febbraio 47

AL HEADQUARTERS MEDITERRANEAN
THEATRE OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY

- A P O 512 -

Oggetto: Munizioni per le Forze Aeree Italiane. -

ALL'AMBASCIATA STATI UNITI AMERICA — R O M A
ALL'O.F.L.C.-Via S.Nicolò da Tolentino — R O M A
e per conoscenza:
AL GABINETTO DEL M I N I S T R O — S E D E
ALLO STATO MAGGIORE A.M. - 3°Reparto — S E D E

1) - Fa seguito alla lettera 2/00162/ARM. del 6 febbraio 1947. -

2) - In seguito ad accordi verbali con il I.T.I.R. Merrifield, una commissione di questa Direzione Generale avrebbe dovuto essere accompagnata da questo Ufficiale per visitare il munizionamento presso i Depositi di Amendola - Manfredonia. -

3) - Non essendo questi intervenuto a tale sopraluogo, la commissione è stata ricevuta a Foggia dal I.T. Olsen, che l'ha accompagnata sul posto. -

4) - E' stata rilevata l'inesistenza di:-
- cartucce calibro 20 m/m.
- cartucce, razzi da segnalazione colori assortiti
- granate, proietti calibro 12. - - 6704

5) - E' stata invece riscontrata la disponibilità di solo circa 1000000 di cartucce cal.12.7 anziché 8300000, nonché di tutti i tipi di bombe segnalati. -

6) - Si prega quindi voler impartire gli ordini necessari affinché possa venire disposto il ritiro delle munizioni, con particolare urgenza per le cartucce, per le quali si provvederebbe all'immediato ritiro.

7) - Si prega inoltre voler indicare presso quale località potrà essere visitato il munizionamento occorrente a completare i quantitativi concessi con lettera A.G. 400 3295/054 D.O. in data 13 dicemb.1946 del H.Q. - MTOUSA. -

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
F/to (GENERALE B.A. - LEONE LEONELLO)

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Prot.n° 2/00242/ARM. / 352 00.

Oggetto: Munizioni per le Forze Aeree Italiane. -

ALL'AMBASCIATA STATI UNITI AMERICA — ROMA
All'O.F.L.C.-Via S.Nicolò da Tolentino — ROMA
e per conoscenza:
AL GABINETTO DEL M I N I S T R O — SEDE
ALLO STATO MAGGIORE A.M. - 3°Reparto — SEDE

1) - Fa seguito alla lettera 2/00163/ARM. del 6 febbraio 1947. -

2) - In seguito ad accordi verbali con il L.T.I.R. Merrifield, una commissione di questa Direzione Generale avrebbe dovuto essere accompagnata da questo Ufficiale per visitare il munizionamento presso i Depositi di Amendola - Manfredonia. -

3) - Non essendo questi intervenuto a tale sopraluogo, la commissione è stata ricevuta a Foggia dal L.T. Olsen, che l'ha accompagnata sul posto. -

4) - E' stata rilevata l'inesistenza di:-
- cartucce calibro 20 m/m.
- cartucce, razzi da segnalazione colori assortiti
- granate, proietti calibro 12. -

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IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
F/to(GENERALE B.A. - LEONE LEONELLO).

AL MINISTERO DEL TESORO — ROMA
Sezione A.R.A.R.
All'A.R.A.R.-Corso d'Italia 55 — ROMA
(Prof.Rossi)

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
(GENERALE B.A. - LEONE LEONELLO)

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From : Ministry of Defence — Italian Air Force
General Directorate of Arms and Ammunitions
Division II

To : A.M.A.C.

For information:
Minister's Cabinet — Secretariat
Air Force A General Staff — 3rd Department
Logistic Section

Ref. : 2/00[illegible]/[illegible]/gsc Coll.

Date : 26th February 1947

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637/89.

THE SURRENDER OF AMMUNITIONS AND ALLIED AMMUNITION DUMPS

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1) Following letter 2/00107 dated [illegible] February 1947 and with reference to letters 2/00113 and 2/00213 dated 4/2/47 and 21/2/47 respectively.

2) Referring to A.M.A.C.'s "restricted" letter dated 4/2/47, this Directorate applied once more to the Allied Authorities in order to obtain directly the ammunition in question.

3) In spite of the favourable beginning of the negotiations which brought about an inspection of Allied ammunition by technicians of this Directorate we are now certain, through recent contacts with Allied authorities of not obtaining direct surrender, because, by law, the material may only be surrendered through A.M.A.C.

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4) As it is absolutely necessary for this Ministry to possess this material, we now request A.M.A.C. to reserve all bombs and ammunitions which will be surrendered in a short while by the Allies , for our administration until the material granted to the Air Force by A.M.G.S. General Command, in letter A.G. 400/3215/OM dated 13/12/46 and sent in duplicate

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THE SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS

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1) Following letter sent on the 7th January 1947 and with reference to letters S/[illegible] and [illegible] respectively,

2) Referring to A.R.A.R.'s "Corrigendum" letter dated [illegible], this Directorate applied once more to the Allied authorities in order to obtain treating the ammunition in question.

3) In spite of the favourable responding of the competents which brought about an intervention of Allied authorities by technicians of this Directorate, we are too certain, although recent contacts with Allied authorities of not obtaining direct surrender, because, by law, the material may only be surrendered through A.R.A.R.

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4) If it is absolutely necessary for this Ministry to possess this material, we now request A.R.A.R. to reserve all bombs and munitions which will be surrendered in a short while by the Allies, for our administration until the material granted to the Air Force by M.TOUS General Command, in letter A.R. 400/2296/034 dated 10/12/46 and sent in duplicate to A.R.A.R. with the letter previous to this, is released.

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We would welcome a letter of assurance. GYN OLD PART

THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

To: Military Air Force Liaison Office attached to A.R.A.R. Rome

A.F.L.O. (for attention of Lt. Marsh)
Thru A Liaison Office Rome

Translated by I.A.A. MARTINI

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REPUBBLICA ITALIANA

Ministero dell'Aeronautica

MINISTERO DELLA DIFESA
- AERONAUTICA -
Direzione Generale delle Armi
e delle Munizioni - Divisione II

Prot. N. 2/00251 Allegati /367 Coll.

Roma, 26 - 2 - 1948 Anno (9a)

Al L'AZIENDA RILIEVO
ALIENAZIONE RESIDUATI (A.R.A.R.)
- Corso d'Italia 25 -
- R O M A -

Risposta al f.° del N.°

OGGETTO Cessione munizioni e bombe d'aviazione alleate. -

e per conoscenza:
AL GABINETTO DEL MINISTRO - SEGRETERIA — S E D E
ALLO STATO MAGGIORE A. M.- 3° REPARTO — S E D E
- Sezione Logistica -

1.- Fa seguito al foglio n° 2/00107 del 29 gennaio 1947 e riferimento ai fogli n° 2/00183 e n° 2/00242 rispettivamente in data 6-2 e 24-2-1947.

2.- In relazione a quanto codesta Azienda ha prospettato con "riservata" in data 4 febbraio c.a., questa Direzione si è rivolta nuovamente alle Autorità Alleate per ottenere la cessione diretta del munizionamento in questione. -

3.- Malgrado l'inizio favorevole di tali trattative che hanno portato alla visita di materiali alleati da parte di tecnici di questa Direzione, si ha oggi la certezza, attraverso ulteriori contatti avuti recentemente con le Autorità Alleate, di non poter ottenere tale diretta cessione, in quanto per legge il materiale può essere ceduto soltanto tramite codesta Azienda. -

4.- Avendo tuttavia questo Ministero assoluta necessità di entrare in possesso di questo materiale, si invita sin da ora codesta Azienda a bloccare, per le esigenze di questa Amministrazione, qualunque quantitativo di munizioni di caduta e particolarmente di lancio di prossima cessione da parte degli Alleati, fino alla concorrenza di quello concesso all'Aeronautica dal Comando Generale "STOSEA" con il foglio A.G.400 5295/054 del 13-12-46, inviato in copia a codesta Azienda con il foglio cui la presente fa seguito. -

- Si gradirà un cortese cenno di assicurazione. -

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
F/to (GENERALE B.A. LEONE LEONELLO

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e delle munizioni - Divisione II / 367 Coll. Risposta al f.° del N.°
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OGGETTO Cessione munizioni e bombe d'aviazione alleate. -

e per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO DELL'AERONAUTICA - DIV. II - SEDE

ALLO STATO MAGGIORE A. A. - 3° Ufficio - SEDE

- Sezione Logistica -

1.- Fa seguito al foglio n° 2/00107 del 29 gennaio 1947 e riferimento ai fogli n° 2/00168 e n° 2/00242 rispettivamente in data 6-2 e 24-2-947.

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IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
F/to(GENERALE B.A.-LEONE IEONELLO

ALL'UFFICIO COLLEGAMENTO AERONAUTICA MILITARE PRESSO L'A.R.A.R. — ROMA

ALL'A.F.H.Q. (Alla particolare attenzione del L.T. Col.MAREK) — ROMA

Tramite Uff.Collegamento con l'A.F.H.Q.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
(GENERALE B.A.- LEONE IEONELLO)

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ROUTING

ENTITLEMENT SECTION

W.A.D. COLLINGWOOD F/OFFR. A.C. [illegible] F/O.

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CYPHER MESSAGE.

To— AIR FORCE SUB COMMISSION, ROME	Date
	Receipt / Despatch
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From— A.H.Q. ITALY	System

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QX 432 26 FEBRUARY SECRET FOLLOWING SIGNAL RECEIVED FROM
HQ MEDME QUOTE" QX 3322 13 FEBRUARY SECRET MY QX 3484 30 JAN
HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY W/CDR COLLINGWOOD THAT HALF AIRCRAFT ARE
SPITFIRE MARK 1X AND HALF GROUP MARK 1X E
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.303 AMMUNITION
OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENT ON SAME BASIS AS BEFORE AS FOLLOWS
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TOO 261110Z

TOR 271630A

PART MARKED ? HAS BEEN QUERIED AND CORRECTION

WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU AS SOON AS RECEIVED.

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FROM A.H.Q. ITALY

TO AFSS. ROME.

REPEATED

Originator's Number | Date | (Write horizontally)

HEREWITH CORRECTION TO SX 432 26 FEB

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LINE 5 TO READ :-

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303 AMMUNITION.

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DECYPHERED : SGT WYATT.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Military Affairs Section
Air Forces Sub-Section
A P O 794

Reference: IMAS/637/EQ/A.F.

4th March, 1947.

My Dear Mr. Brumasca,

I feel it my duty to draw your attention to what appears to be a serious lack of co-operation in certain Italian Government Departments whereby our air efforts to obtain some much needed ammunition for the Air Force have been rendered fruitless.

The matter commenced, so far as the Italian Air Ministry is concerned, with our letter reference AFHQ/637/EQ., dated 30th December 1946, which informed the Air Ministry that an offer had been made by H.Q. MTOUSA to the Government of Italy. Our letter of the same reference dated 7th January 1947 gave further details of the matter and a few days later a complete copy of the proposals addressed by H.Q. MTOUSA to the Italian Government through the Chief Commissioner, was passed to the Italian Air Ministry for information. This is MTOUSA letter AG 400.3295/GS4 D-O dated 13th December 1946 with Admiral Stone's covering letter CC 8503 dated 30th December 1946.

I think you will agree that, if the action requested in para. 5 of the H.Q. MTOUSA letter had been taken promptly by the Department concerned, there would have been no difficulty in obtaining the ammunition which all agreed to be an urgent and necessary requirement. Instead, however, when Air Force officers, after some lapse of time, visited the sites, they found that disposal had already been effected by APAR to civilian firms.

This disappointing result would appear to be due to a failure on the part of the responsible Government Department to carry out the instructions of para. 5 of the H.Q. MTOUSA letter, particularly to the instructions of clause (b) (immediate notification to APAR of the quantities to be segregated). I also feel that the Air Ministry itself might in its own interest have approached the responsible Government Department or the APAR organisation itself with a view to ensuring that co-ordinated action was taken in a matter that concerned it so vitally.

I make this observation solely with a view to the future. I believe there are other dumps of ammunition still available and that it may not be too late to obtain some of them for the Italian Air Force. Also, other equipment often becomes available through APAR and is lost to the Air Force through some unexplained reluctance to deal with them. It seems that action at a high ministerial level is necessary in these cases to ensure that things do not go astray.

Finally, in the matter of the ammunition, I am sure you will appreciate that the Allied authorities can do no more than they have already done. All surplus ammunition had in fact been sold to the Italian Government, as represented

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Yours sincerely,

S.E.O.
Explain this to Mr. Bishop

D.D.
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I.E. BROOKE,
Air Vice Marshal,
Air Forces Sub-Section,
Italian Military Affairs Section.

Hon. C. Bruneace,
Under-Secretary of State for Air,
Ministry of Defence - Air,
LONDON.

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From—	HQ MED/ME	System	

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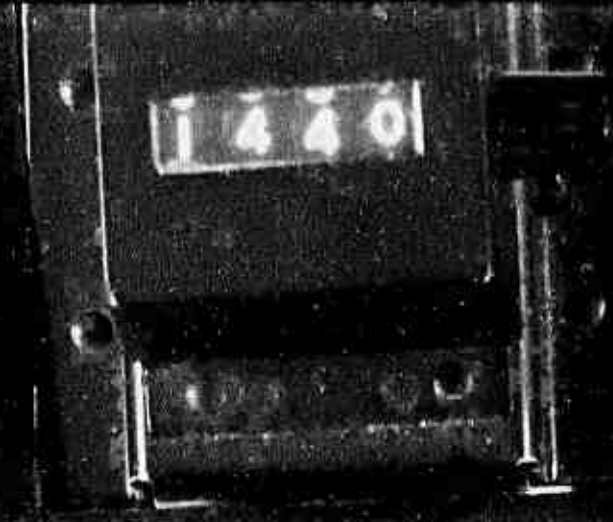
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