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AMMUNITION DUMPS
NOV. 1944 - SEPT. 1946

V.P. CHS.

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Reply from AFHQ to our 44A is
 an 45A. The attached letter has been
 prepared for the M of I in answer to their
 letter at 34A. Your recognition is appreciated.

3-9-46.

J.H. # 4/3

E.J. Dye. Col.

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 DMS/ Please see Plms 5 and 6.
 3A⁺ has been prepared asking AFNA to
 remove ammunition; also 40^A to W of Entelion
 suggesting continuance of Prefect's decree.
 Frank problem etc

7/1/78

To: P.S.
 with you, please see 39^A & 40^A as suggested by
 J. V.P.

Josephine Miller
 Capt
 CTS

22/7
 Ex. 358
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DMS/ 3A⁺ & 40⁺ seen and noted
 Frank problem solved.

22/7
 Ex. 365.
 10/ 550'

DMS/ Please see 41^A. 42⁺ has been prepared for
 Signature. Frank problem solved.

2/1/78
 Ex. 365.

22 '47.

22/7
Ext 358

ONS

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3A* 840⁺ Seen and noted
APD

Toughkin Hella
Capt
CRS

Handwritten note: *Handwritten note.*

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Ext 365.

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ENC. Please see 41A. 42⁺ has been prepared for

Signature. *TR*
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Handwritten note: *Handwritten note.*

22/6.
Ext 365.

Dr. P.S. S/C. 11

I cannot possibly sign this letter. Someone has got to issue some instructions to the military authorities - you & Pa. limits that direct of P.S. should make the arrangements. We have got to be in a position to tell the J. Committee that the military authorities have received instructions. Further we in fact tell the Italians they can have piecemeal displays at ACFRA where there are 12,000 tons of bombs. If AFAP make a mistake someone will be hurt. I don't want to be liable. Please get your staff to study these questions. A draft letter for guidance is enclosed. *1/8/46*

3/8/46.

From Sec

Please see 34^A 35^A 36^A 38^A.

Private interests in Naples are anxious to manufacture fireworks. CHONaples does not agree. May we have your views please?

Frank J. Wilson withar.

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10 July 1946

TO: Public Safety S/C Attn: Lt. Col. Frank J. Wilson

1. It would appear that the representations of the CIO, Naples are sound. It is also my view that the danger of explosions far outweighs the benefits to be gained from the employment of a comparatively few persons in the fireworks industry.

2. Therefore, I would suggest a letter to the Minister of Interior, with a copy to the Minister of Industry and Commerce, asking them to restrain the manufacture and use of fireworks in the Naples area.

3. It may well be that the Chief of Civil Affairs Section will wish to comment on this matter.

CWU
CHARLES W. WATSON
Colonel, A.C.
Acting Vice President

5500

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Loss Materials Report

Ref 3rd and 5th: May we have
your observations or recommendations?
Ed. Chapman

3/3/45.

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Public Safety Div Com.

Ed.

Ref min 1. As stated at 5a the matter was
referred to A.F.H.Q. who turned down my suggestions.
I am now referring the matter by 30 letter to the S.C.P.S.
As A.F.H.Q. strongly recommends that if A.C. is not
allowed to take any active measures the clearing
up of this community that some constructive action
will result to the problem is taken by some other Sec
or branch.

for Campbell Lt. Col.
W. G. D. Brown Sec.

11 July 1945

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ASec

8A for your information, please, des Wint 9-
Ed. Chapman Col.
W. G. D. Brown Lt. Col.

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G. G. H. D. strongly recommending that the clearing
 allowed to take any action regarding the clearing
 up of this ammunition. That some constructive action
 with regard to the problem is taken by some other Sec
 in branch.

for Campbell Lt. Col.
 in G. G. H. D. Sec.

11 Feb 1945

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C. Sec. GA for your information, please, also Winter 9 -
 Public Safety Sub Com.

12 Feb 45

Public Safety Sub Com.
 noted.

12 Feb.

D. H. D. as 1st Lt. Re GA. Is it possible please for anything to be done as
 outlined in Para. 4 and 5.
 2/10/45

Re Sec. has
 for Sec.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APO 794

46A

AC/14136/18

4 September 1946

SUBJECT : Firework Displays in the Naples Area.

TO : Ministry of Interior
Director General of P.S.

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1. With reference to your letter 10/01010 of 1st June 46.
2. The American ammunition dump at Avornia has been completely disposed of while the disposal of those in the Aversa, Montefredone and Itri depots have not yet been decided upon.
3. As both British and American ammunition has now been turned over to the Italian Government, it notes it desirable, in the interests of the Italian authorities that the ban on fireworks displays is maintained and enforced.
4. Should it still be desired to hold fireworks displays it is recommended that the local Italian officials who are aware of the location of the ammunition depots in their areas, contact the officers in charge of the depots to ascertain whether fireworks displays may be permitted with safety.

FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

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MC

L. G. G. S., Brigadier
VA. CA. Section.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 794

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G-5 : 471

27 August 1946

Recd 31/8

SUBJECT : Ammunition Dumps.

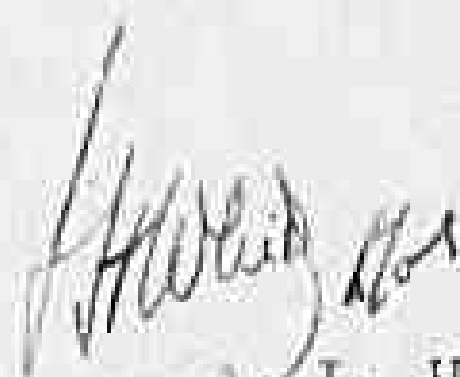
TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission, APO 794.
(Attn: Public Safety Sub Commission).

ADPS - 6/12

Reference AC/14136/PS 8 Aug 46.

1. The American ammunition dump at Aversa has been completely disposed of, by dumping, while the disposal of that in the Acerra, Monfredoni and Bari depots has not yet been decided upon.
2. All British Ground Forces ammunition South of the Apennines has been disposed of, and the only movement will be concerned with ammunition handed over to the Italian Government.
3. It is not considered necessary to issue additional instructions to the local military authorities.
4. The fact that both British and American ammunition has been turned over to the Italian Government makes it desirable, in the interests of the Italian Government, that the ban on firework displays is maintained and enforced.
5. Should the Italian Government insist however, it is recommended that the Italian officials in the various Prefects, who know the location of the ammunition dumps in their areas, contact the officers in charge of these depots to determine whether firework displays may be permitted.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:



A. L. HAMBLEN
Colonel GSC
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

3500

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION.
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 734

8 August, 1946

AG/14136/18.

SUBJECT: Ammunition Dumps.

TO : AFHQ C-5

1. Reference your C-5 1471 of the 29 July 1946.
2. It is not clear from your letter whether instructions have been issued to the local military authorities as would appear to be necessary. As soon as this point has been clarified this Headquarters will inform the Italian Government that the Prefect should contact the local military authorities in this matter, and at the same time will convey to the Italian Government such parts of your letter under reference as are relevant.
3. In this connection, with reference to para 5 of your letter, it would appear to be undesirable to recommend that the display of fireworks be prohibited only in the Bagnoli area where there are Allied Ammunition Dumps at Avessa and Acerra and possibly other dumps elsewhere in Italian hands.

The Italian authorities have already been advised that the Prefect's decree forbidding fireworks displays over the whole area should remain in force pending clarification of the situation.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

MP
M. GAER, Brigadier.
VP. CA. SECTION.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 794

AC/14136/PS

8 August 1946

SUBJECT : Ammunition Dumps.

TO : AFHQ, G-5.

1. Reference your G-5:471 of the 29th July 1946.

2. It is not clear from your letter whether instructions have been issued to the local military authorities as would appear to be necessary. As soon as this point has been clarified this Headquarters will inform the Italian Government that the Prefect should contact the local military authorities in this matter, and at the same time will convey to the Italian Government such parts of your letter under reference as are relevant.

3. In this connection, with reference to para 5 of your letter, it would appear to be undesirable to recommend that the display of fireworks ~~in the Bagnoli district~~ be prohibited ~~when~~ *only in the Bagnoli area* there are Allied Ammunition Dumps at Aversa and Acerra and possibly other dumps elsewhere in Italian hands.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER,

M. CARR, Brigadier
VP CA Section.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Civil Affairs Section
APO 724

AC/1436/76

August 1946

SUBJECT : Ammunition Drops.

TO : Director of P.A.,
Ministry of Interior.

1. Reference is made to your 10/74040 dated 1st July 46 and our reply of same date dated 22 July 46.

2. The matter of ammunition drops and dumping in the Region should be handled by the local military authorities and the Italian Prefect.

3. Ammunition is being dropped through the area pier at Agnoli and Lomo, and accordingly it is recommended that the display of fireworks in the Region should be prohibited until the dropping program is completed.

Very truly yours,


E. GALT, Brigadier
 Civil Affairs Section.

Copy to:- 1231, 7-5 Section.
 (Your 9-1471 dated 27 July refers).

Not approved

MP

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 471

29 July 1946
Recd 1/8

SUBJECT: Ammunition Dumps.

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
(Attn: Civil Affairs Section)
APO 794.

Reference AC/14136/PS, 22 July 46.

1. It is agreed that the matter of ammunition movement and dumping should be handled with the local military authorities and the Italian Prefect.
2. For your information, the evacuation of the Aversa ammunition dump, said ammunition being dumped through the scrap pier at Bagnoli and Miseno, will be completed by approximately 15 August.
3. There still remains, however, approximately 12,000 tons of Air Force bombs located at Acerra, and in all probability this will be dumped from the same localities as the above Ground Force Ammunition.
4. The above covers the American ammunition in the Naples Area. All British Ground Forces ammunition in the Naples Area has been turned over to the Italian Government for disposal.
5. It is recommended that the display of fireworks in the Bagnoli area be prohibited until the dumping program is completed.

TO BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

DIRECTOR	X	
DEPUTY DIRECTOR		
EXEC. OFFICER		
POLICE	X	
LC. & REG.		
PRISON		
ADM. OFFICER		
SECRETARY		
CHIEF CLERK		

A. L. Hamblen
A. L. HAMBLEN
Colonel, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

AG/14136/PS

22nd July 1946

SUBJECT : Ammunition Dumps.

TO : Director of P.S.,
Ministry of Interior.

1. Reference is made to your 10/01010 dated 1st June 1946.
2. From enquiries made in the Naples area it would appear that ammunition is still stored in the areas of Nola, Aversa and Miseno. There is also the question of the movement of ammunition throughout Naples Province. Accordingly, it is considered by this HQ that the Prefect's decree forbidding firework displays should remain in force until such time as all ammunition is removed from the Naples area.
3. Meanwhile the question of firework displays in the area is being taken up with Allied Force Headquarters.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER,

MC
M. CARR, Brigadier,
VP CA Section.

Copy to : G.L.O. Naples.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

AG/14136/P3

22nd July 1946

SUBJECT : Ammunition Dumps.

TO : AMHQ, G-5.

1. Private interests in the Naples area are anxious to resume the manufacture of fireworks and obtain authority for displays. It is stated that the present restrictions are causing unemployment in the industries.

2. Following the Torre Annunziata disaster on 21 January 1946, the Prefect of Naples issued a decree forbidding firework displays as a result of a suggestion from this Headquarters.

3. The Director of P.S., Ministry of Interior, has now asked if the Prefect's decree can be relaxed. Enquiries made in the Naples area show that ammunition is still stored in the areas of Nola, Aversa and Miseno. Accordingly a reply has been sent suggesting that the Prefect's decree should remain in force until such time as all ammunition is removed from the Naples area.

4. This Headquarters has no precise information as to the situation as regards the storage of ammunition in the Naples area. Allied interests and the safety of Allied Personnel are involved.

This Headquarters understands that the local Area Commander has written to the Prefect stating that ammunition is now only stored in the Nola area. Apart, however, from storage there is the question of the movement of ammunition through the Province and of defining any particular area. As the A.C. Liaison Group will be closing down on July 31st, it is suggested that this is a matter which should be dealt with between the local Allied Military and Italian Authorities.

Will you please confirm that no further action need be taken by this Headquarters.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER,

M. CARR, Brigadier,
VP CA Section.

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HEADQUARTERS
 NAVALS MISSION GROUP
 ALLIED COMMISSION
 APO. 794

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Ref.

Dec/5/113

28 June, 1946

SUBJECT : Ammunition Dumps.
 TO : HQ. A. C.
 (Attention Public Safety)

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1. With reference to your AG/14136/PS of 24th June 1946 the question of fireworks and the making and exploding of fireworks should be taken very seriously in this area, particularly as the disastrous explosion at Torre Annunziata last January, which caused so many casualties and did such damage to property has been attributed to a firework set off by a local inhabitant.
2. The local practice is for fireworks to be set off on the occasion of constant religious festas and these are often accompanied by very powerful and unpleasant detonations and frequently kept up almost throughout the night.
3. The danger of detonation of ammunition dumps from these displays was such that the Prefect was asked to take action and he issued a decree forbidding fireworks displays over a large area. In spite of this decree the Sindaco of Cicciiano (near Nola) and Bacoli (near Miseno), localities situated in close proximity to British and American bulk explosives, held fireworks displays and endangered the lives of their inhabitants and allied soldiers. We had to ask for firm action to be taken to stop this irresponsible contravention of the Prefect's decree by the Sindacos.
4. Now we get a request that the manufacture of fireworks should be resumed on the plea of giving employment. The British and American APMs have been consulted and say they have no objection except for displays in the Nola - Aversa - Miseno areas.

5. I must point out, however, that these areas are extensive and that there is still a great deal of explosive and ammunition on the ground. Apart from this, ammunition trains and conveyors are still moved with bulk explosive and the Torre Annunziata explosion resulted from the setting fire to an ammunition train, there was no dump in that neighbourhood.
6. As for employment, part at least of the explosive used in the manufacture of fireworks has in all probability been stolen from Allied ammunition dumps and it has been observed that hand grenades are being offered for sale at 200 lire a piece. I do not think there is much in this employment argument and I feel that the persons seeking this dangerous and useless form of employment could do better work helping with the harvest or clearing bomb damage and rebuilding damaged houses, if they really want work at this difficult period.
7. In my opinion the bad example set by the Sindacos of Communes situated in dangerous areas referred to above, show that local authorities are irresponsible, and until all the ammunition dumps are removed from the country no relaxation should be permitted in the present decree very wisely put out by the Prefect.

c/2762



J. A. C. PENNYCOOK
Colonel
Chief Liaison Officer
Naples Liaison Group
Allied Commission

Copy to : HQ. Naples Area
HQ. FTS Sagnoli R/H
The Prefect of Naples
Public Safety Naples.

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HEADQUARTERS ARMED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel: 489001-365

24 June 1946

AC/14136/ES

SUBJECT : Ammunition Dumps.

TO : CIO Naples (Attn. PCIO).

1. Reference is made to our letter of even number dated 6 June 1946.
2. By the reply to this letter be expedited please.

FJW/ac

E. J. EYE
E. J. EYE, Colonel
Acting Director.

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TO: THE ALLIED COMMISSION.

Naples 7th June 1946.

ROME.

14136

I, undersigned, Lawyer Pietro Grimaldi of Naples, have been appointed by the fire-workers of Naples to draw your attention on their very pitiful condition. They are living now in the deepest misery because the Italian Ministry of Interior refuse to give them the permission for the manufacture of fire-works in the Naples Province unless the Allied Commission give their approval, in view of the fact that there are still munitions in various parts of the Naples Province. It is certainly known that fire-works are absolutely innocuous and therefore there is no danger; moreover I already applied, on the behalf of the fire-workers of Naples, to Brigadier E.U.S. Cripps, Commander Naples Area, whether this permission could be given and he kindly informed the Prefect of Naples that he had no objections to the fact that fire-works be manufactured in the Province of Naples, as all the reasons to fear that they could be dangerous for the civilian population have ceased.

I am then applying to you, on the behalf of the fire-workers of Naples, whether you could kindly give your approval for the manufacture of fire-works in the Naples Province.

Various hundreds of workmen, who are not working at the present, could then have a chance to work and earn the bread for their families.

With best thanks.

P. Grimaldi

TO	INIT	DATE
DIRECTOR		
DEPUTY DIRECTOR	MB	13/6
CHIEF TRICKER		
CLERK	MB	14/6
CH. & REG.		
PERSONS		
ADJ. OFFICER		
SECURITY		
CHIEF CLERK		

Cav. Avv. Pietro Grimaldi
Patrocinante in Cassazione.

36 Via Borghese, NAPLES.

cc file and await reply
from PhO Naples in reply to 35A
US/F in one week.

14/6/46

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C O P Y .

BRIGADIER B. U. S. CRIFFS M. C.

HQ NAPLES AREA DO/137

28 MAY 1946

Dear Prefect,

Very many thanks for your letter of 27th May.
The only place I know in which ammunitions are is Role; I consider that
permission for fire-works can be given in the Province of Naples.

Yours sincerely.



Brigadier,
Comd Naples Area.

A/Q BRANCH
HQ NAPLES AREA

Dott. R. VENTURA.
PREFECT OF NAPLES.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
A.C. 394

Tel: 489081-365

AC/14135/18

6 June 1946

SUBJECT : Ammunition Dumps.

TO : C.T.O. Naples (Attn. DESLO).

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1. Reference is made to your C/2088 dated 15 February 46 and our letters of even number dated 23 February and 12 March 1946.
2. The attached copy letter has been received from the Director of Public Safety, Ministry of Interior. May we have your observations please?

RJM/tm

Frank J. Bickel
F. J. Bickel, Colonel
Acting Director.

Copy to: - Director of Public Safety,
Ministry of Interior.
(your 10/21070 dated 1 June refers).

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TRANSLATION C.C.

Wk 34A

Rome 1/5/46

MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
P.S. GENERAL DIRECTION
No. 10/01010
XV.H.

TO : ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
R O M E

14136

Subject : Naples - Request to derogate the provision
which abolishes firework displays.

From Naples the Prefect sent the following telegram.

"M. 10875 P.S. - Firework manufactures are urgently applying to Brig. General Military Commander Cripps of the Naples Area, for the release of permits to display fireworks at Naples and province.

With reference to M. 10/10858 dated 4/6/1945, please telegraph if permits for the display of fireworks can be released, in conformance with the order of the mentioned General who has published that the whole territory of this province, except that of Nola, is freed from dumps of dangerous weapons."

Also in reference to note A/C/ 14136 P.S. - 23/2/46- please communicate if the request can be adhered to.

TO	INIT	DATE
DIRECTOR	/	1/6
DEPUTY DIRECTOR	/	1/6
EXEC. OFFICER	/	1/6
POLICE	/	1/6
L.C. & REG.	/	1/6
PRISONS	/	1/6

FOR THE MINISTER
/s/ Ferrari.

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Rec. 1 Giugno 1946

Ministero dell'Interno

DIREZIONE GENERALE
DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

UFFICIO ESPLOSIVI

ALL'ON. COLANDO
DELLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
-Sottocommissione per la P.S.-

APQ 394 ROMA

Domande *Per*
Prot. N. 10/01010 *Allegato*
XV.H.

Restato al Seglio del
Gov.

Oggetto Napoli- Richiesta deroga al provvedimento che vieta lo
sparo di fuochi artificiali.

Perviene dal Prefetto di Napoli il seguente telegramma:

""N°108750 P.S. - Fabbricanti fuochi artificio hanno rivolto premure at
Brigadiere Generale Cripps comandante militare Area Napoli perchè sia au-
torizzato sparo fuochi artificio capoluogo et provincia. Relazione tele-
gramma n.4279/10/00858 del 4/6/1945 prego telegrafare se possa consentirsi
sparo artifici tenendo presente che predetto Generale ha comunicato che
devono ritenersi cessate ragioni pericolo pubblica incolumità per territo-
rio questa provincia ad eccezione comune Nola ove tuttora esistono depositi
munizioni Alleate.- Prefetto VENTURA- ""

Richiamando la nota AC/14136 P.S. del 23/2/1946 pregasi far cono-
scere se si possa aderire alla richiesta.

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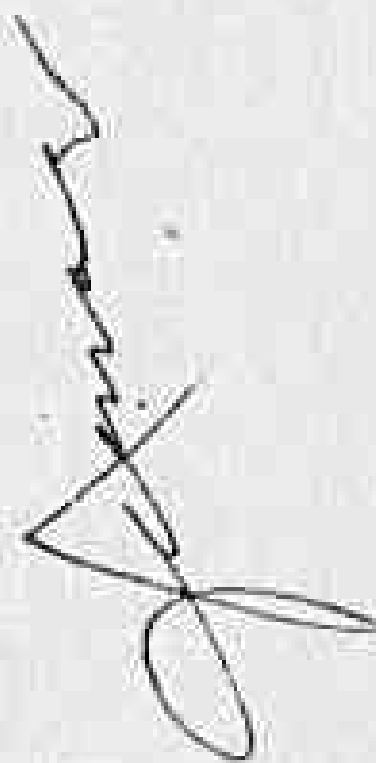
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Richiamando la nota AC/14136 P.S. del 23/2/1946 pregasi far conoscere se si possa aderire alla richiesta.

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TRANSLATION T.B.

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CC.RR. GENERAL COMMAND
Service and Situation Office

Rome, 22/4/46

N. 651/9

TO : ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety S/C

R O M E

14136

SUBJECT : S. VITALIANO (Napoli) - Ammunition blown up.

At S. VITALIANO (Naples) district, on 13th inst, at about 11 p.m., some English ammunition blew up for reason not yet ascertained,.

3 Persons were killed, further 3 persons seriously wounded.

TO	DATE	
DIRECTOR		
DEPUTY DIRECTOR		
CHIEF OF STAFF		
ADJ. GEN.		
PRISON		
ADJ. OFFICER		
SECURITY		
CHIEF CLERK		

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THE GENERAL COMMANDER
/s/BRUNETTO BRUNETTI

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Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali
UFFICIO SERVIZIO E SITUAZIONE

N. 651/9

di prot.

li 22 aprile 1946.-

Risposta al

del

n.

Allegato n.

OGGETTO: S. Vitaliano (Napoli) -Scoppio di munizioni.-

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

Sottocommissione per la P.S.

R U M A

In agro del comune di S. Vitaliano (Napoli),
il 13 corrente, verso le ore 23, per cause non ac-
certate, esplosero alcune munizioni inglesi.

Rimasero uccise tre persone.

Altre tre riportarono gravi ferite.-

IL COMANDANTE GENERALE
-Brunetto Brunetti-

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY LIAISON OFFICE
NAPLES

Ref: PS/14.4

18 April 1946
Tel: 20444

SUBJECT: Explosion of Ammunition.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394,
Public Safety Sub-Commission.

1. I attach a translation of a report of CC.RR. Nola respecting another explosion of ammunition in Province of Naples.
2. I visited the area yesterday. The exact locality is Croce di Papa an area extensively used for ammunition storage as indeed are all the Communes of this Province. The scene of explosion is far removed from the main road and impossible to reach except on foot. After proceeding over farm land for approximately 1/2 mile, I contacted a British soldier of Base Ordnance Depot who advised me not to go further as many fuses had been set during the morning to explode mines and it was dangerous. I therefore did not reach the actual spot. He informed me that at approximately 2300 hours on Saturday 13th an explosion had occurred in an ammunition storage shed filled with mine fuses. Four persons had been killed and two wounded. They had absolutely no right there and were obviously stealing.
3. Having regard to the hour of the night and from information I obtained in the locality it is fairly obvious that these people had illegally interfered with the intention of stealing. They were not civilian employees of B.C.D.
4. Forwarded for information.

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For the Chief Liaison Officer:

W. S. Harris

E. S. HARRIS

Major,

P.S. Liaison Officer,
Naples.

ESH/tp.

TRANSLATION

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TERRITORIAL LEGION OF THE ROYAL CARABINIERI OF NAPLES
Nola Tenenza.

File n. 29/45-1

Nola, 14 April 1946

SUBJECT: Explosion of ammunition.

On 13.4.1946 at approximately 2230 hours in the country somewhere near Vitaliano (Naples) some heaps of British ammunition exploded. Causes still unascertained.

Following the blast the undermentioned persons were seriously injured and died soon after:

- 1) CACCAVALE Domenico fu Salvatore, aged 13, from Saviano, peasant;
- 2) DI PALMA Raffaele di Giuseppe, Aged 22, from Saviano, peasant;
- 3) DI SPEZIA Antonio di Graziano, aged 26 from Saviano, peasant.

Following people were wounded and taken to the Pellegrini Hospital (Naples):

- 1) DI PALMA Salvatore di Giuseppe, aged 34, from Saviano.
Diagnosis not disclosed.
- 2) CACCAVALE Aniello di Salvatore, aged 20, from Saviano, peasant.
- 3) CACCAVALE Salvatore di Salvatore, aged 11, peasant. Diagnosis not disclosed.

IL S. TENENTE COMANDANTE
Nardielli Pasquale

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY LIAISON OFFICE
NAPLES

Ref: PS/14.4

11 April 1946
Tel: 20444

SUBJECT: Explosion at San Giuseppe Vesuviano.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394,
Public Safety Sub-Commission.

1. I enclose a report of 95 Section S.I.B. Corps of
Military Police, respecting the above explosion which occurred
on the 5th April 1946.

2. Forwarded for information and in confirmation of
telephone conversation with your Office on Tuesday 9th April
1946.

For the Chief Liaison Officer:

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H.S. HARRIS
Major,
P.S. Liaison Officer
Naples.

HSH/tp.

TO	BY	DATE
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CHIEF OF SPECIAL FORCES	<i>[Signature]</i>	15/4
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R E S T R I C T E D

Ref: No.--SIB95/W/A/46/92

"H" Detachment 95 Section,
Special Investigation Branch
Corps of Military Police CMF.

8 April 1946.

SUBJECT: Explosion at 16 B.A.D., resulting
in the death of Military and
Civilian personnel.

To : The D.A.P.M.
95 Section,
Special Investigation Branch,
Corps of Military Police CMF.

READ & SUBMITTED.

On the 6th April 1946, information was received at this office from the APM Naples Area, respecting an explosion that had occurred at the 16 B.A.D., Nola. It had resulted in the death of Allied personnel and a number of civilians. It was requested that an enquiry be conducted into the circumstances surrounding the incident.

V.LAYZELL, Lieut.
Officer i/c Det.

In consequence of the above information I immediately commenced enquiries and visited 16 BAD, Nola, where I saw Major PECK, Officer Commanding, 16 BAD.

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No witness to the occurrence or any member of the working party are left to give a detailed account of the explosion, but Major PECK put forward three possibilities:-

1. For the past 12 months there has been an increase in pilfering at the Depot, and stack which exploded was being removed due to larceny. This tampering with the ammunition may have caused the explosion.
2. It is also possible that a pin was missing from one of the fuses, and it may have been dropped whilst loading, thus causing detonation.
3. One other factor to which the explosion could be attributed is a faulty fuse, and by handling, it exploded.

V. LAYZELL, Lieut.
Officer i/c Det.

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CC 16 BAD, RACC
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G.DC0DSCN. Cpl.
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub Commission
APO 394

AC/14136/PS

Tel : 489081-365

12 March 1946

SUBJECT : Ammunition Dumps

TO : CLO Naples.

1. Further reference your letter C/2088 of
15 Feb. 46 and our letter of even number dated 23
Feb. 46.

2. Herewith for your information is trans-
lation of letter received from the Ministry of Interior.

RCB/pl

Copy to : PSLO Naples

John W. Chapman
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, JAGD
Director

TRANSLATION M.C.

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MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
General Direction P.S.
Ammunition Office
N. 10/00372 XV.R.
REF. to 25/2/1946
AC/14136 /PS

ROME - 4 MARCH 1946

TO: UNITED COMMAND
PUBLIC SAFETY S.C.
ROME

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SUBJECT: Ammunition dumps.

The veto, in force throughout the war, to avoid displays of fire-works in any occasion of religious or civil holidays, was by this Ministry brought into force again with telegraphic circular to the Prefects from the 4th of June last.

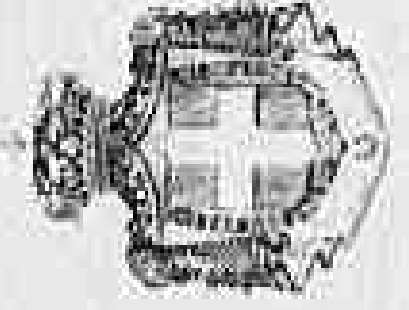
In consequence of what stated in a/m letter, further precise instructions have been issued to the Prefect of Naples for strict regard to Ministerial disposition.

For the Chief of Police
/s/ illegible

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Ministero dell'Interno

DIREZIONE GENERALE
DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

UFFICIO ESPLOSIVI

Divisione Leg.
Prot. V. 29/00373 Allegati
XV. H.

Roma, 4 Marzo

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ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATI

Sottocommissione per la P.S.
APO 394

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Respuesta al. Teleg. del 23/2/1946

Dir. Leg. n. AC/14736/P.S.

OGGETTO Depositi di munizioni.-

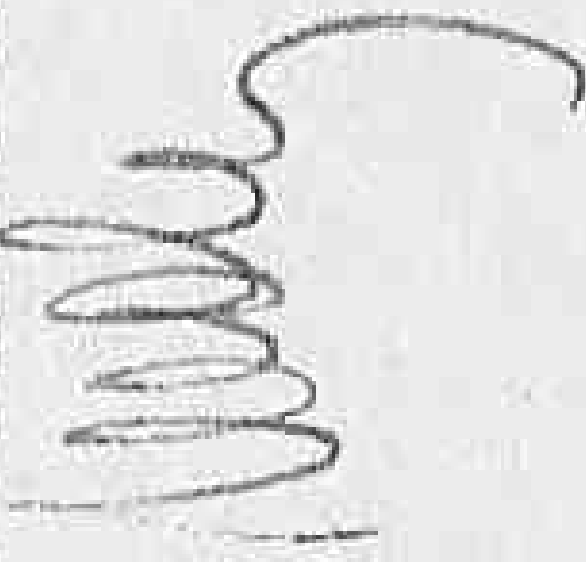
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IL CAPO DELLA POLIZIA



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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel: 469081-155

AD/14115/PS

21 February 1946

SUBJECT : Ammunition dumps.

TO : Director of Public Safety,
Ministry of Interior.

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1. The attached copy correspondence received from the Chief Liaison Officer, Naples is forwarded for your information.

2. No doubt you will agree that firm action is necessary in the Naples area to prevent the use of fireworks.

PJ/tm

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, JAGD
Director

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Copy to: - SIO Naples (Your C/2058 dated 15 Feb refers).
- PSIO Naples.

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MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
General Direction P.S.
Ufficio Esplosivo
NO. 10/00257/XV.E.
Enclosure - I

ROME - 13 FEB. 1945

TO/ ALLIED COMMAND
PUBLIC SAFETY S.O.
ROME

SUBJECT: Railway Trucks Loaded With Bombs at Bari.

For your information, and begging you to examine the opportunity of an eventual intervention with the competent Allied Authorities, we transmit the attached letter (copy) forwarded by the Bari Prefect to the local Liaison Office of the Allied Commission in connection with 94 waggons loaded with large calibre bombs standing at the local Stazione Marittima, awaiting to be shipped. 27B

The halt of the A/M ammunition, after the fatal explosion which took place last April in the same town (Bari) and recent one at Torre Annunziata, gives rise to serious alarm.

TO		
DIRECTOR		
DEPUTY DIRECTOR		
CHIEF OF POLICE		
PROSECUTOR		
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for the Minister
Ferrari

Info only
Action by L.O. Bari to
whom original request
has been addressed.

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R. PREFETTURA DI BARI

COPYDiv; Cabinet
NO. 543

BARI - 4 FEB. 1946

TO/ LIAISON OFFICE
OF THE ALLIED COMMISSION
BARI

SUBJECT: Standing rail-trucks laden with bombs.

VERY URGENT

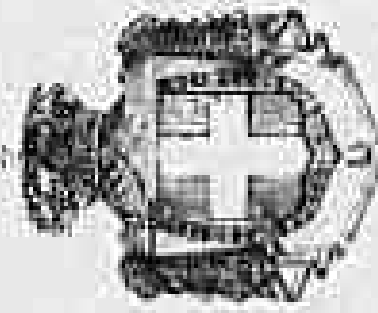
We have been pointed out that numerous rail-trucks loaded with bombs, waiting to be shipped, have been left standing at the local Scalo Marittimo.

Since the recollection of the fatal disaster of April 1945 is still too sharply in this town, and adding to that the recent one at Torre Annunziata, you are begged to examine with the utmost urgency the opportunity of concerning the competent Commands in regard, to have the said waggon shipped at the earliest possibility, and whatever remains of them, removed to the open country and kept under strict vigilance.

Please acknowledge receipt.

The Prefect
G. Broise

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Ministero dell'Interno

DIREZIONE GENERALE
DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

UFFICIO ESPLOSIVI

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Prot. N. 10/99257
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Roma

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All L'ON. COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Sottocommissione per la P.S.

ROMA

Risposta al foglio del
Dir.

OGGETTO Carri ferroviari carichi di bombe.

Per opportuna notizia e con preghiera di voler esaminare la opportunità di un eventuale intervento presso le competenti Autorità Alleate, si trasmette a codesta On. Commissione l'unita copia di lettera inviata dal Prefetto di Bari al locale Ufficio di Collegamento della Commissione Alleata circa la permanenza di 94 vagoni di bombe di grosso calibro di eviazione nella locale Stazione Marittima, in attesa di essere caricate a bordo di piroscalo.

Tale permanenza è fonte di preoccupazioni dopo il gravissimo scoppio delle navi avvenuto nel decorso aprile nella stessa città di Bari ed il recentissimo episodio di Torre Annunziata.

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R. PREFETTURA DI BARI

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Div. Gab. N. di prot. 643

Bari 4 Febbraio 1946

OGGETTO: Carri ferroviari carichi di bombe/URGENTISSIMAALL'UFFICIO DI COLLEGAMENTO
DELLA COMMISSIONE ALLIATAB A R I

Viene segnalato che al locale Scalo Marittimo si troverebbero numerosi carri ferroviari carichi di bombe che dovrebbero essere imbarcate.

Poichè è ancora vivo nella popolazione di questo Capoluogo il ricordo del gravissimo sinistro del 9 aprile 1945 e dopo il recente sinistro di Torre Annunziata, pregherei vivamente codesto Ufficio di compiacersi esaminare, con cortese sollecitudine, l'opportunità d'interessare i competenti Comandi a ridurre la permanenza al Porto dei carri stessi in relazione alla possibilità effettiva di carico immediato, trasportandone il restante numero in località distante da centri abitati e disponendo, nel contempo, la necessaria vigilanza.

Sarà gradito un cenno di risposta.

IL PREFETTO
P/to G. Broise

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Subject dumping of ammunition in sea from neighborhood Naples.
Negotiations have been proceeding between representative Italian Ministry of Interior and Representative Embassy. Agreement not reached on all principal issues. Main point of difference outstanding is tonnage which may be carried in any one barge. Italians wish to limit to 50 tons but this would result in great slowing up of programme. House anxious there should be a conference Rome tomorrow afternoon attended by Representatives House and representatives Italian Ministry of Interior fully authorized to act in the matter. Grateful if you would arrange meeting and notify us time and place.

HEADQUARTERS
10 FEB 1946

NO LIST

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INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ C. P. SEC.

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DIRECTOR	<i>[initials]</i>	2/17
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EXEC. OFFICER		
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HEADQUARTERS
NAPLES LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO. 394.

Naples
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15 February, 1946

C/2088

SUBJECT : Fireworks at Cicciano.

TO : HQ. A. C.

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1. There are certain areas round Naples in which large quantities of explosives and ammunition are dumped. The explosive has to be spread out to avoid risk of heavy explosions and so unfortunately is difficult to guard.
2. The local population has also an irresponsible habit of letting off fireworks on the occasion of numerous "festas" and these fireworks are too often accompanied by surprisingly heavy detonations.
3. There has been more than one case of a dangerous fire being started, in fact the recent disaster at Torre Annunziata which resulted in the death of over 40 people and great damage to property may possibly be attributed to a fire started by such a fireworks.
4. To lessen this danger the Prefect of Naples was asked last September to issue a decree prohibiting the discharge of fireworks in certain areas and such a decree was duly issued.
5. On the 21st of January, the same day that the Torre Annunziata disaster occurred, the Sindaco of Cicciano, a Commune in the prohibited area covered by the decree allowed a firework display in spite of the protests of the local Commander. Again on the 27th of January, the Sindaco of Cimitile allowed fireworks to be let off from midday to about 1900 hrs in the evening and the local Commander reports that the decree is being openly disobeyed throughout the Area.

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6. These cases were referred to the Prefect for action and I attach for reference my letter to the Prefect on the subject of Cicciano dated 28th January and a copy of his reply dated 9th February. In my opinion the action taken has been inadequate and in view of the really serious consequences to be feared, prompt measures are necessary to put an end to foolish and irresponsible action by local people which endanger not only their own lives but also the lives and properties of Allied troops. May representations to this effect, please, be made to the Ministry concerned.

JAC Pennyquick

J. A. C. PENNYQUICK
Colonel
Chief Liaison Officer
Naples Liaison Group
Allied Commission.

Copy to : HQ. No.3 District HQ., C.M.F.
HQ. Naples Area, C.M.F.
HQ. Southern District P.B.S.

TRANSMISSION

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• R. PREFETTURA DI NAPOLI

Feb. 1946

Naples, 9 Feb 46.

SUBJECT : Firework at Cicciano.

TO : Col. J.A.C. PENNYCUICK, Chief Liaison Officer.
A.C., Naples.

In reply to your letter of 28 January 1946.

I can assure you that both the Sindaco of Cicciano and the local Command of Carabinieri had repeatedly confirmed the order - issued by the superior authorities - prohibiting the fireworks in that area.

Notwithstanding, on the 21st January the population of Cicciano, seeing that there were firework shootings in the nearest Communes, thought that the order had been revoked, and the firework display took place.

People who had violated the order were soon identified and deferred to the Judiciary authorities for the law provisions.

THE PREFECT
(F. Selvaggi)

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HEADQUARTERS
NAPLES LIAISON OFFICE
ALLIED COMMISSION
ABO. 394.

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28 January, 1946

SUBJECT : Fireworks at Cicciano.
TO : The Prefect of Naples.

1. It will be seen from the attached correspondence that the Sindaco of Cicciano has allowed a firework display to take place on the 21st of January. This is in contravention of your order of the 29th of September 1945 and was in direct contravention of the orders of the local Allied Commander.
2. Your order was made as the result of an Allied request to safeguard the people in an area where there are large quantities of ammunition and explosives stored as a result of war operations.
3. Unless the Sindaco and the people will display some sense of discipline and realization of their responsibilities to their neighbours, further tragic and destructive explosions such as those that have occurred at Aversa and Torre Annunziata are likely to result, with disastrous loss of life and damage to property.
4. I must ask your Excellency to take immediate notice of this case and let me know in due course what action is taken with regard to the Sindaco and people of Cicciano.

J. A. C. FENTYQUICK
Colonel
Chief Liaison Officer
Naples Liaison Group
Allied Commission.

Copy to:- Chief Ordnance
Officer - 16 Base
Ann Depot.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel: 485084-363

AC/14136/PS

13 February 1946

SUBJECT : Ammunition and explosives.

TO : Director of Public Safety,
Ministry of Interior.

1. Reference is made to your 10/00172/XV.H dated 1st February, 10/00180/X.7 dated 2nd February and 10/00186 dated 5th February, 1946.

2. These matters have been referred to H/O Mediterranean Theatre of Operations of the U.S. Army and the following information obtained.

- (a) The ammunition has now been removed from the LAVA freight yard at BASHCHI.
- (b) The ammunition dump near a water main at AVINSA is now being moved to ACERBA.
- (c) Ammunition in the Naples area is being transferred to Leghorn or disposed of by dumping at sea or by shipment to United States.

James W. Chapman
JAMES W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, JAGD
Director

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Copy to: - C.I.C. Naples (Attn P850).

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(Translation M.B.)

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MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
P.S. General Direction
Explosives Office

Rome, 11/2/1946

Nr. 10/00218

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To: ALLIED COMMISSION
Sub Commission of P.S.
R O M E

SUBJECT: Naples, Campi Flegrei, Railway Station. Depots and traffic of exploding material.

The Station master of the Naples - Campi Flegrei - Railway Station pointed out to the local Authorities the great traffic of exploding material in that district, where such material is also deposited.

We beg to attache a copy of the report in question, for your information and such action as you may deem opportune, also with regard to provisions in course of adoption.

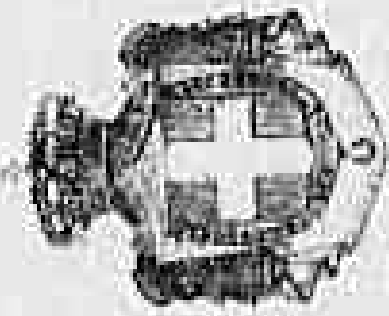
For the Minister
s/ FERRARI

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TO	INITIALS	DATE
DIRECTOR		Oct 15/46
DEPUTY DIRECTOR		6/10/18/2
PRINC. OFFICER		
SEC. OFFICER		10/10/46
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Ministero dell'Interno

DIREZIONE GENERALE
DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

UFFICIO ESPLOSIVI

Divisione

Prot. V. 10/00218 Allegato uno
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OGGETTO

traffico di ordigni esplosivi-

Napoli - Campi Flegrei- Scalo ferroviario - Giacenza e

Risposta al Teleg. del
Sez.

Y.S.

Roma, 11 Febbraio

1946

ALL'ON. COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

Sottocommissione per la P.S.

ROMA

Il Capo Stazione delle Ferrovie Stato di Napoli - Campi Flegrei-
ha richiamato l'attenzione delle locali Autorità sull'intenso traffico
di materiale esplosivo in quella zona nonché sulla giacenza di alcuni
ordigni esplosivi in quello scalo ferroviario.

Per opportuna notizia e per quell'intervento, che si riterrà del
caso presso le competenti Autorità Alleate, anche in relazione ai provve-
dimenti in corso di attuazione, si trasmette copia del relativo rapporto.

PEL MINISTRO

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PEL M I N I S T R O

Amari

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(Translation M.B.)

P.S. COMPARTIMENTAL COMMISSARIATE
by the Naples FF.SS. Compart. Dir.

Naples, 28/1/1945

Nr. 183

To: Naples Prefecture
Naples
P.S. Commissariate
Pourigrotta
R. Questura
Naples

SUBJECT: Depots and traffic of exploding material.

The Naples - Campi Flegrei - Railway Station Master, with a note dated 25th inst., received here to-day and addressed also to the FF.SS. Movement Section and to the P.S. Puordigrotta Office, pointed out following:

" I beg to transmit a copy of the letter Nr. 21040/5360 dated 5/12/45 by the Artillery Direction (Ammunition Department) answering a wire, which had been forwarded to the same Direction for the removal of some bombs existing at that Station. I anyway beg to point out that those bombs are still there, and probably their number increased owing to the continuous traffic of ammunition waggons heading to "Pontile Ilva".

Consequently, I ask for a new interference with the Artillery Direction of the Naples Military Territorial Command in order that incidents be avoided.

From the copy letter by the Artillery Direction it can be easily understood that the air plane bomb and the 152 mm. shell, which were not re-moved, come probably from one of the train waggons loaded with ammunition still standing at the said Station. The Artillery Territorial Com and was interested to request the Allied Command for the removal of the bombs, which did not yet take place.

Moreover, the continuous traffic of ammunition waggons, heading fro the Pontile Ilva or coming therefrom, through the Campi Flegrei Railway Station, is of a great danger for the whole district, also owing to the total want of surveyance.

The same danger springs off the permanence of ammunition trains at the said Pontile Ilva - the Torre Annunziata disaster is a convincing example.

1. Accordingly, I beg to ask you to invite the Allied Authorities to take the opportune provisions for the public incolumity, and to interfere with the Artillery Direction for an urgent removal of the bombs and other eventual exploding material from the Campi Flegrei Railway Station.

The Fourigrotta P.S. Office and the Railway Police Command were also requested to issue disposal for the surveyance of ammunition waggons. The said surveyance must be of course intensified by the Allied Authorities on account of which the whole traffic is taking place.

The P.S. Chief Commissary

S/ Doc. B.Galiani

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Programma a mano argentissimo

C O P I A

COMMISSARIATO COMPARTIMENTALE DI PUBBLICA SICUREZZA
Presso la Direzione Compartmentale delle FF.SS. NAPOLI

N.183

Napoli 28 Gennaio 1946

Oggetto: Giacenza e traffico ordigni esplosivi nello scalo di Napoli-
Campi Flegrei.

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ILL.mo Sig. Prefetto NAPOLI
Comando Genio Militare NAPOLI
(Palazzo Salerno)
Comando Artiglieria T/le NAPOLI
Ufficio P.S. FUORIGROTTA
Comando Nucleo CC.RR.Pol.Ferr. presso stazione CC.
RR. Fuorigrotta) CAMPI-FLEGREI
On.Ministero dell'Interno -D.G.P.S.-Div.P.F.T.-
ROMA

Sig. Questore NAPOLI
Sig. Capo Compartimento FF.SS. SEDE
Sig. Capo Stazione Movimento FF.SS. SEDE

Il capo stazione titolare di Napoli-Campi Flegrei con nota 25 corrente qui era prevenuta (nota diretta alla Sezione Movimento FF.SS. all'Ufficio di P.S. Fuorigrotta e per conoscenza a questo Ufficio), ha segnalato quanto segue:
"Rimetto copia della lettera n.21040/5360 del 5/12/45 della Direzione di Artiglieria (Uff. Munizioni) responsiva a comunicazione telegrafica rivolta per far rimuovere alcune bombe esistenti su questo piazzale, comunicando però che gli ordigni sono sempre al loro posto, probabilmente aumentati, dato il continuo afflusso di carri carichi di bombe diretti al Pontile Ilva, e che finora nessuna autorità competente ne ha curato la rimozione. Prego interessare nuovamente e direttamente la Direzione di Artiglieria del Comando Militare Territoriale di Napoli a scanso di sinistri.

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Analogo gravissimo pericolo, come il recente disastro di Torre di Torre di Torre, è rappresentato dai numerosi carri esplosivi in sosta al detto Pontile Ilva.

Informo perciò di tanto V.S. Il/ma perchè voglia provocare all'Autorità Alleata i dovuti provvedimenti di indole generale a garanzia della pubblica incolumità sollecitando poi in particolare anche la Direzione di Artiglieria ed il Comando Alleato se di sua competenza, per la urgente rimozione delle bom-

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...be/ e del prefetto sul piazzale di Campi Flegrei e di altri eventuali ordigni esplosivi.

L'Ufficio di P.S. Fuorigrotta ed il Comando Nucleo di Polizia Ferroviaria sono stati interessati disporre vigilanza ai carri esplosivi in sosta, vigilanza che d'altra parte deve essere integrata dall'Autorità Alleata per cui conto si svolge tutto il traffico dei carri esplosivi.

Il Comm. Capo Comp/le di P.S.

F/to Dr.B.Galliani

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1st Ind to Ltr, Hq Allied Commission, Public Safety Sub-Commission, dtd 8 Feb. 46, subj: Ammunition and explosives.

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HEADQUARTERS MTOUSA, APO 512, 16 February 1946

TO: Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO 394

1. Ammunition mentioned in letter of Interior Minister as having been left standing in the ILVA freight yard at Bagnoli was occasioned by faulty operation of Italian State Railways during a transfer of ammunition from one depot to another and was corrected by removal of these trains as quickly as possible.

2. The unguarded ammunition dump mentioned in letter of Public Safety Sub-Commission, AC/14602/PS, as being near a water main at Aversa is now in the process of being moved to ammunition depot at Acerra. The ammunition in dumps in the Naples area, as mentioned in paragraph 3 of this letter, is now in the process of being transferred to Peninsular Base Section at Leghorn, or disposed of by dumping at sea or by shipment to United States.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

E. A. Barnes
E. A. BARNES
Lt. Colonel, AGC
Asst Adjutant General

1 Incl
Ltr, from Ferrari, dtd
1 Feb 46.

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TRANSLATION D.S.

Rome, 9 February 1946.

MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
General Directorate of P.S.

To ALLIED COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY S/C/

Explosives Office

R O M E

No 10/00228

XV.H.

SUBJECT : Allied Ammunition.

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On 28 January ult. the CC.RR. Station of AVERSA has communicated the following:

"The population of AVERSA and of the neighbouring places, damaged by the explosion of December 1st ult. and after the terrible disaster that recently happened at Torre Annunziata, are greatly excited and frightened on account of the great quantity of ammunition and explosives existing in the nearby surroundings.

In that area there are at present 99 depots (bays) of ammunition: 88 contain shells and cartridges; the other eleven, (i.e. bays No 16, 39, 41, 58, 59, 62, 64, 66, 89, 93, 94), situated in the Zones of Trentola, Parete, and Aversa (Ponte Mazzotto) consist principally in large depots of explosives (mostly gelatine).

In order to prevent the serious danger which is overhanging and which, owing to the excitement of the population might cause disorders and riots, it is necessary to point out the a/m to the Competent authorities in order to have such material soon removed."

We beg your Commission to examine the case and see whether you could intervene with the Allied Authorities concerned. This also in connection with the measures which are being taken in order to ensure the public safety.

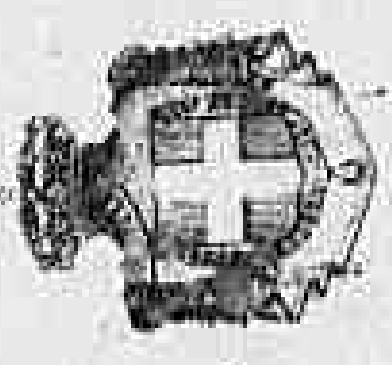
For the Minister
/s/ FERRARI.

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Action as on 24th Feb.
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Roma. 9 Febbraio 1945



Ministero dell'Interno

DIREZIONE GENERALE
DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

A L'ON. COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Sottocommissione per la P.S.

R O M A

UFFICIO ESPLOSIVI

Divisione *Sec.*
Prot. N. 10/00228 *Allegati*
XV.H.

Risposta al Foglio del
Dir.

OGGETTO Munizioni Alleate-

In data 28 gennaio u.s. la Tenenza dei CC.RR. di Aversa ha comunicato quanto appresso:

«La popolazione di Aversa e dei paesi limitrofi, provata per l'esplosione del 1° dicembre decorso, ed in seguito al terribile disastro avvenuto di recente a Torre Annunziata, è in preda a viva eccitazione, perchè preoccupata a causa della notevole quantità di munizioni ed esplosivi che ancora esistono nei pressi dei centri abitati.

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A scongiurare il grave pericolo che incombe, che, per la eccitazione esistente tra la popolazione, potrebbe provocare altresì eventuale perturbamento dell'ordine pubblico, è opportuno interessare le autorità competenti per la sollecita rimozione del materiale suddetto.»

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Si prega codesta On. Commissione voler esaminare l'opportunità di un eventuale intervento presso le competenti Autorità Alleate, anche in relazione alle misure in corso di attuazione, allo scopo di promuovere tutti gli opportuni provvedimenti atti a garantire la pubblica incolumità.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel: 439081-365

8 February 1946

AC/14602/PS

SUBJECT : Ammunition and explosives.

TO : AFHQ, G-5.

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1. The attached copy letter from the Director of Public Security, Ministry of the Interior requests the immediate removal of railway waggon loaded with bombs from the freight yard at Regnoli, Naples.

2. The Director has also received information of an unguarded ammunition dump situated near the water main at Aversa. It is stated that an alternative site has been pointed out to the local military authorities, but nothing has been done.

3. A.C. officers have taken up with the local Military Authorities the question of the removal of ammunition dumps in the Naples area, but very little has been achieved.

4. Forwarded for your information and such action as is possible.

Frank J. Connelley
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, JAGD
Director

FJW/tm

Copy to:- Director of Public Safety, Ministry of Interior
(Your 10/00172/AV.H. dated 1st Feb. and
10/00187/A.F. of 2 Feb. refer).
- CLO Naples (Attn FSLO).

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TRANSLATION P.B.

Rome, 1 February 1945

MINISTRY of INTERIOR
GENERAL DIRECTION of P.B.

Explosives Office

To: INTER COMMISSION
P.B. Sub-Commission
Rome.

R. 10/6017/IV.E.

10/6017/7c

SUBJECT: Explosives at "ILVA" freight-yard of Bagnoli (Naples).

On 2/1/45 the U.S. M. Agency of Personnel transmitted the following:-

"10 ^{trucks} ~~trucks~~ loaded with Allied plane bombs, awaiting to be re-embarked, have been left standing at the "Ilva" freight-yard of Bagnoli (Naples).

Other ^{trucks} ~~trucks~~ are being daily added to the above.

The workmen and local inhabitants anxiously request the immediate removal of the said unguarded explosives, for fear of unexpected grave consequences".

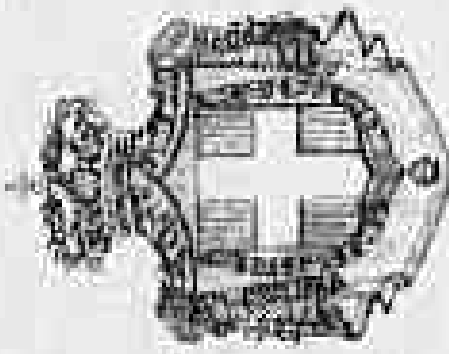
We beg your Commission to intervene with the competent Allied authorities to take those actions deemed necessary for the guarantee of public safety.

For the Minister.

(Ferrari)

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Roma, 1 Febbraio 1946

Ministero dell'Interno

Direzione Generale della Pubblica Sicurezza

ALL'ON. COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

Sottocommissione per la P.S.

UFFICIO ESPLOSIVI

R O M A

N. 10/00172/XV.H. di prot.

OGGETTO Esplosivi giacenti nel Cantiere "ILVA" di Bagnoli in

Napoli-

In data 25/1/ u.s. la Tenenza dei CC.RR. di Pozzuoli ha comunicato quanto appresso:

***Nel Cantiere "ILVA" Bagnoli- Napoli stazionano circa quaranta carri ferroviari carichi di bombe di apparecchi alleati. Tale cifra va aumentando.

Maestranza cantiere et popolazione locale invoca immediato allontanamento di detti esplosivi, incustoditi che potrebbero provocare serie conseguenze.

Tale materiale dovrà essere successivamente imbarcato.***

Si prega codesta On. Commissione voler esaminare l'opportunità di intervenire presso le competenti Autorità Alleate allo scopo di promuovere gli opportuni provvedimenti atti a garantire la pubblica

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TRANSLATION M.C.

MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
General Direction P.S.
NO. 10/00182/X.F.
REF. TO AC/14602/PS
OF 3.1.946

ROME - 2 FEB. 1946

TO: ALLIED COMMAND
PUBLIC SAFETY S.C.
ROME

SUBJECT: The Aversa ammunition-dump. (Caserta).

Referring to your a/m with which you kindly replied to our letters, No. 10/01975/X.F. of 15.12.945 and of 27.12.45, that the removal of the ammunition-dump at Aversa should have already taken place.

Since the Prefettizio Commissioner of Aversa has transmitted us the attached hereto telegram, we beg you to bring about at your earliest the removal of the said dump, and thus give back to the worried citizens of Aversa their peace of mind.

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For the Minister
Ferrari

TO	INIT	DATE
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MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

AVERSA - 29.1.46

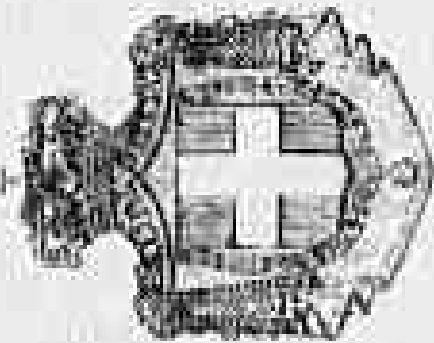
TO: PRESIDENT DE GASPERI

SUBJECT: Telegram from the Commissioner Grassi of Aversa.

The citizens of Aversa and the Authorities of the Liberation Committee complained to the Prefettizio Commissariat showing their anxiety ~~owing~~ to the presence in the town of the unguarded ammunition dump situated near the water-main. They request the immediate removal of the dump from the inhabited zone to the site pointed out to the Allies. Your intervention is urgently requested by the Allied Authorities, for the conveyance of ammunition to the zone indicated with the strict maintenance of vigilance on the dangerous zone.

Prefettizio Commissioner Grassi

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Ministero dell'Interno

Direzione Generale della Pubblica Sicurezza

UFFICIO ESPLOSIVI

N.IO/00182/X.F.

risp. a nota AC/14602/PS del 5.I.946

Roma, 2 febbraio 1946

ALL'ON. COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

Sottocommissione per la P.S.

APO 394

R O M A

OGGETTO Scoppio deposito munizioni in Aversa (Caserta).

Codesta Commissione si compiacque comunicare con il foglio suindicato che la rimozione degli esplosivi dalla zona di Aversa, sollecitata con le note n.IO/01975/X.F. del 15.12.945 e del 27.12.45, sarebbe dovuta essere stata già effettuata.

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Ministero dell'Interno

TELEGRAMMA PERVENUTO DA AVERSA 29.I.46

Eccellenza De Gasperi Presidente Consiglio

Cittadini aversani comitato liberazione autorità riuniti presso commissario prefettizio preoccupati gravissime esplosioni Aversa presenza città serbatoio acque Serino depositi incustoditi esplosivi chiedono immediato trasporto esplosivi località disabitata già segnalata alleati. Sollecitando vostro autorevole intervento presso capo commissione alleata trasporto esplosivi zona predetta e vigilanza rigorosissima zona pericolosa.

COMMISSARIO PREFETTIZIO GRASSI

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ACONG HQ ALOOM

22 1200 Dec. '45

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SUBJECT IS CIVILIAN EXPLOSIVES AT DEPOT FOUR HAN FIVE ONE PD. REFERENCE MESSAGE
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 PENEASE ONE ONE SIX FIVE TWO DATED SEVENTEEN DECEMBER PD

PARA ONE PD CIVILIAN OWNERS INTRODUCED TO REMOVE EXPLOSIVES BEFORE TWENTY FIVE
 DECEMBER PD OWNERS CMA ISTEUTO NAZIONALE COMMERCIO ESPERO CMA STATE THEY WILL
 COMPLY AND HAVE COMPLETED ARRANGEMENTS FOR REMOVAL PD

TO	INIT	DATE
DIRECTOR	MM	11/17
DEPUTY DIRECTOR	EJB	2/12
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ROUTINE

MINING DIVISION

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FRANK N. SPENCER, 1st Lt., C.E.,
 Mining Division.

G. J. LECHS,
 CWO AUS,
 Asst. Adjutant.

(Translation M.B.)

MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
P.S. General Direction
Explos. Dep.

Rome, 27/12/1945

Nr. 10/01975/X.F.

To: ALLIED COMMISSION
Sub Commission of P.S.

R O M E

SUBJECT: Exploding of an Allied Ammunition Depot at "Purgatorio"
(Aversa District). Local Situation.

With note same number dated 15th inst., we pointed out to your Commission the opportunity of an interference with the Allied Authorities in order to obtain that the Aversa population might re-gain its peace, which they lost following the exploding of a gelatine Depot, on the 30th November and the permanence there of other ammunition Depots.

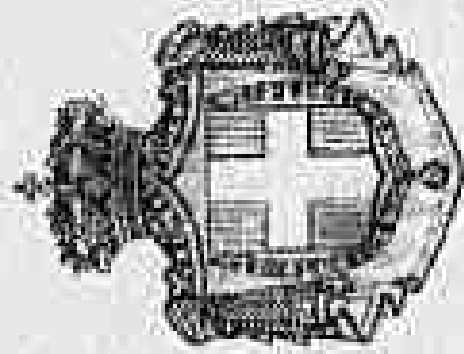
Now the Caserta Prefect forwarded to this Office a wire pointing out that our communication did not achieve any results but the removal of small quantities of gelatine, which were transported in the out skirts of other districts. As the local situation of the public order is still bad, we beg to ask again for your intervention in order to attain an immediate removal of all the exploding stuff.

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EXEC. OFFICER		
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ADJ. CLERK		
SECURITY		
CHIEF CLERK		

The Chief of Police
s/ Ferrari.

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Ministero dell'Interno

Direzione Generale della Pubblica Sicurezza

Roma, 27 Dicembre 1945

ALL'ON. COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

Sottocommissione per la P.S.

UFFICIO ESPLOSIVI

R O M A

N.10/01975/X.F. di prot.

OGGETTO Scoppio deposito munizioni alleate in Aversa, località Purgatorio- Situazione locale-.

Con nota pari numero del 15 corrente mese si segnalava a codesta On. Sottocommissione l'opportunità di un autorevole intervento presso la competenti Autorità Alleate al fine di ridonare alla popolazione della zona di Aversa la perduta tranquillità in seguito allo scoppio, del deposito di gelatine, avvenuto il 30 novembre u.s., ed al permanere di altri depositi di munizioni.

Poiché il Prefetto di Caserta telegrafa che nessun concreto risultato si è finora ottenuto, salvo la rimozione di piccoli quantitativi di gelatina trasportati alla periferia di altri comuni mentre la situazione dell'ordine pubblico permane oltremodo grave, si prega di voler affrettare il richiesto intervento perché lo sgombrò del materiale esplosivo sia subito effettuato.

DEL MINISTRO

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MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
DIV. POLICE - REG. EXPLOSIVES
NO. 10/01975/K.T.

ROME - 15 DEC. 1945

TO: ALLIED COMMAND
PUBLIC SAFETY S.C.
ROME

SUBJECT: Explosion of Allied ammunition dump at Aversa -
Purgatorio district - Local situation.

Following explosion taken place on the 30 Nov. last, of an Allied gelignite dump in the district of Purgatorio, about 800 meters from inhabited zone of Aversa, the population's feelings continue to be depressed and not destitute of resentment owing to other ammunition dumps still situated throughout the neighbourhood.

A particular display of these feelings was recently manifested when about 300 placards, printed clandestinely, were posted throughout aforesaid zone, demanding the removal of ammunition dumps in question.

While enclosing a copy of pamphlet, we beg your intervention with the competent Allied Authorities for a favourable issue on behalf of those townspeople - thus their peace of mind and living.

For the Minister
Ferrari

TO	INITIALS	DATE
DIRECTOR	NW	19/12
DEPUTY DIRECTOR	gyp	19-12
EXEC. OFFICER		
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Question of removal being
taken up by Mine. Dis. Gc.

As per. has.
n/r

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TRANSLATION M.C.

MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

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We can no longer bear this barbaric system, still
pursued, dumping deadly ammunition in these districts.

We demand, the removal at once of explosives and the
replacing of window-panes?

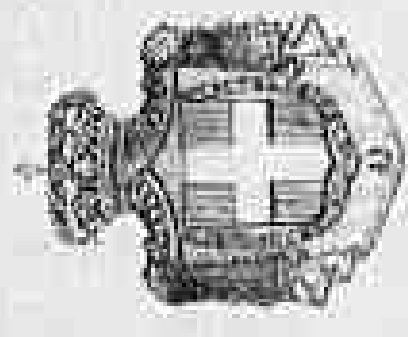
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Roma. 15 Dicembre 1945

ON. COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
=Sotto commissione per la P.S.=
ROMA

Ministro dell'Interno

e per conoscenza:
AL VANTO DEL MINISTRO
S E D E

Direzione Generale P.S.

Divisione Polizia. L. Esp. vi.
Prot. N. 10/01975/1. Allegati
Proposta al Togliatti del
Dir. L. E.

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Purgatorio = Situazione locale

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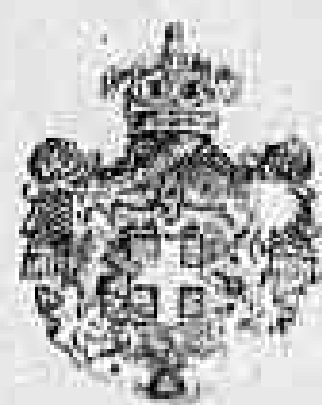
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*Ministero dell'Interno*C O P I A

Siamo stanchi di tollerare il barbaro sistema, finora perseguito, di tenere micidiali depositi di munizioni in queste contrade.

Si proceda, senza indugio, alla rimozione degli esplosivi ed alla immediata sostituzione dei vetri. E' QUESTO L'IMPERATIVO CATEGORICO CHE IL POPOLO AVERSANO LANCIA COME UN GRIDO DI RIVOLTA !!!

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference:

Date/Time of Origin: 141530A

Message Centre No: G/5008

Date Time Rec'd: DEC 151030

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: PENSOUTH ~~FOR~~ AMG NAPLES COMMUNE

TO : HQ ALCOM

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ACTION: PUBLIC SAFETY S/C

INFO: CHIEF COMM.

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INFO: CHIEF COMNR.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
NAPLES COMZONE
APG. 194.

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SUBJECT : Explosion at Aversa.
TO : The Prefect of Caserta.

TO	
☒ DIRECTOR	13/12
☒ DEPUTY DIRECTOR	13/12
EXEC. OFFICER	13/12
☒ POLICE	105 18/12
LC. & REG.	
PRISON	
ADM. OFFICER	
SECURITY	
CHIEF CLERK	

1. With reference to my visit of the 6th November, this note is to confirm points raised with you, the Questore and Chief of Carabinieri in connection with the explosion on the night of the 30th November at Aversa.
2. The American Command point out that the probable origin of the explosion was the firing of a shot. They also suffered from a continual series of thefts from the ammunition and other depots, near Aversa. These thefts are frequently made by armed gangs and the rival gangs engage in conflict between each other. The extreme danger of this form of crime to the public at large must be brought home to all, Sindaco and Police Authorities. Owing to the war there are still necessarily large quantities of explosives in Allied dumps and thieves who indulge in pilferage of these explosives together with the use of fire arms, endanger not only their own lives but the lives of all persons in the neighbourhood.
3. As regards Aversa your Questore and Chief of the Carabinieri who were at our meeting will meet the AMG Police Officer (Major Saunders) as agreed at 1100 hrs. on the 7th December at Aversa Municipio and initiate plans for action against the gangs of robbers in that area. The assistance of American Police and ammunition guards will also be requested.
4. The American authorities have already removed the unexploded gelignite from near Aversa and are being approached as regards the petitions from Trentola that you showed to me.

5. It is noted that an estimate of the damage at Aversa is 120 million lire - 50 million to public buildings and 70 million to private buildings. Presumably this will be checked over. Known casualties were 4 killed, 27 treated in hospital.



J. A. C. PENWYQUICK
Colonel
Commissioner.

Encl.

Copy to : HQ. Southern District P.B.S.
HQ. A. C. ☒
Major Saunders, Public Safety AMG Naples.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
NAPLES COMBINE
APO. 394

8 December 1945

C/1727

SUBJECT : Explosion at Aversa.
TO : HQ. Southern District P.B.S.

1. With reference to the explosion at Aversa on the 10th November, I interviewed the Prefect of Caserta to ~~the~~ ^{by} and impressed upon him the responsibility of the Italian Police authorities to stop pilferage of ammunition and armed robbery. Please see copy attached of a letter following up this interview.
2. Major Saunders, A.M.G. Police Officer has been instructed to get in touch with your Military Police and coordinate action against thieves in the Aversa area.
3. It has been noted with gratitude that you have already removed the gelignite from the dump near Aversa. In this connection the Prefect of Caserta received a petition that explosive should not be stored near the village of Trentola which has about 7000 inhabitants. The Prefect suggested an isolated area nearer the sea, about Ischitella.

Perhaps you could give these points consideration.


J. A. C. PENNYCOCK
Colonel
Commissioner.

Copy to : A.C.H.Q. ✓
Major Saunders.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
NAPLES COMMUNE
APO. 394.

6 DEC. 1945

3 December, 1945

C/1711.

SUBJECT : Explosion at Aversa.
TO : Hq. Southern District P.B.S.

1. With further reference to my C/1565 of 4th Oct. last to which no reply has been received, a serious explosion occurred in the Ammunition dump 500 yards South of Aversa at 2345 hrs on the night of the 30th November.
2. As far as is known at present only 4 civilians were killed and 27 injured in hospital, but very extensive damage has been caused in Aversa. Roofs have been stripped and windows broken and the Civil Hospital which had been damaged previously and repaired is now a shambles, particularly that part of the building to the South.
3. The ammunition dump is close to the main road and stacks of ^{gelynite} gelynite and 155 cm. shells are within 50 yards of the main road and 500 yards of Aversa. In this case only one stack of ^{gelynite} gelynite seems to have detonated and the force of the explosion knocked over and scattered other stacks most fortunately without detonating them. It seems possible detonators were stored close to this one stack.
4. The ^{gelynite} gelynite in question is part of a consignment of 9400 cases being held for the Allied Commission in transit for Sardinia, ref. Allied Commission Mines 420.16 and had been consigned to U.S. Ord. Depot 4N51 Aversa.
5. The explosion following on the series of explosions referred to in my letter of the 4th October has caused considerable distress and much damage. May steps please, be taken very urgently to remove the dangerous explosives and ammunition to a location further from any inhabited area and main road.

Copy to : HQ. A.O. with copy of
C/1565 of 4th Oct.

J.A.C. PENNYCUICK, Col
Commissioner.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
NAPLES COMMUNE
APO. 394

C/1565

SUBJECT: Disposal of Ammunition

To: HQ. Southern District, F.B.S.

TO	DATE
DIRECTOR	
DEPUTY DIRECTOR	11/12
EXEC. OFFICER	
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1. In confirmation of a conversation Colonel Pennyquick - Colonel Hawkinson. Representatives of the Commune of Lusignano (immediately west of Aversa) called on me on the 2nd October to ask for a modification of the method of destroying ammunition in that neighbourhood.
2. It appears that the ammunition that has been damaged in in a recent fire is now collected in pits and then exploded. It is understood that German prisoners do the work and that warning is given before the explosions are initiated, but the complaint is that the amount of explosive set off at one time is excessive and causes such violent detonation that houses and churches are being seriously damaged and local work in the fields interferred with.
3. The houses are of weak construction and women and children working in the fields are frightened by the falling splinters etc., the request is, therefore, not unreasonable.
4. It is suggested that only quite small dumps of ammunition should be detonated and that detonation might be arranged, as is the usual practice at quarries to take place at hours when the farm workers would normally be under cover in their homes, e.g. between 1000 hrs. and 1100 hrs and again at an hour to be fixed with the local Mayor.
5. May this, please, be considered urgently as some distress has been caused.

J.A.C. PENNYQUICK
Colonel
Commissioner.

30 OCT. 1945

Subject : Attack on Ammunition Dump

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Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.H.I.A.) R O M E

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24 Oct. '45

To : Ministry of War

The attached report ^{has been} received from our Liaison Officer in SEVICA.

Please have this incident thoroughly investigated and ensure that all possible precautions are taken to prevent a recurrence of this nature.

You are further requested to forward a report on your investigation to this office as early as possible.

M. E. Hector
CAPT
Major General,
M.H.I.A.

RMH/er

Copy to : Public Security Sub Comm. AC. ✓
Internal - "Q" (A.E.) for information

TO	UNIT	DATE
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EXEC. OFFICER	11/11	11/11
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PROSEC.		
SECRETARY		
CHIEF CLERK		

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

27 October 1945

AC/14136/PS

SUBJECT : Tyres for lorries engaged in Mine Clearance.

TO : R.O. Venezia Region
(attn: of AFBO)

1. Reference your letter XIII/PS/19.6 dated 17 October 45.

2. It has been ascertained that tyres and other equipment cannot be obtained direct from salvage Depots. Tyres etc. are collected and repaired at Salvage Depots and on authority of D.S. Salvage S.H.Q. C.M.F. are now turned over direct to the Italian Government.

3. Italian Agencies must now make direct application for their needs to their respective Ministries or Ministry of Supply.

for *McSond. ham*
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director.

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HEADQUARTERS
VENEZIE REGION
Allied Military Government
APO 394

22 OCT. 1945

17 October 45

TO : Headquarters Allied Commission,
Public Safety Sub-Commission.

SUBJECT : Tyres for lorries operating under AMG and occupied
in clearance of abandoned ammunition.

FILE NO. : RXII/PS/19.6

1. In this Region there are quantities of small abandoned dumps of ammunition while many schools and CC.RR. Caserme have quantities of small hand grenades etc. stored in them for safe keeping.

2. Disposal of Enemy Materials Sub-Commission have informed us that the clearance of the Battlefield is the responsibility of the Area Commander, while Sub Area informs us that Allied lives will not be risked unless the removal of explosives affects Allied interests and that the civilians should be advised accordingly.

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have all been located in 22 HQ Salvage Depot (abroad) 86 (Army) Area, but cannot be released without authority from DD Salvage GHQ CMF.

5. In view of the danger to Public Safety if these explosives continue to get into undesirable hands, can application please be made for the release of these tyres to the Treviso Province Mine Squads against payment.

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Lieut. Colonel,
Regional Public
Safety Officer.

TO : A.C. HQ. Public Safety Sub Commission
 FROM : HQ. AMG/AC. Abruzzi-Marche Region
 SUBJECT : Clearance of abandoned ammunition.
 REF : R5/501/32
 DATE : 7 February 1945.

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1. Reference your AC/14136/P.S. dated 4 Feb. 1945.
2. The mine lifting is done by 562 Mine Clearance Coy (Italian) and 3rd Mine Clearance Zone (Civilians).
3. A certain amount have been destroyed as they constituted a danger to the public.
4. The remainder still lies in dumps situated in Pescara and Chieti Provinces.
5. The only difficulty which has arisen is the lack of adequate transport.

FOR THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER :

TO		
MR. CHAPMAN		
MR. YOUNG		
MR. COX		
MR. LUCKMAN		
MR. WILSON		
MR. HANBURY		
MR. BALLANCE		
CAPT. POWEL		
CHIEF CLERK		

S. PICKERING
 Lt. Colonel
 R.P.S.O.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478800

4 February, 1945.

AD/14136/PS

SUBJECT : Clearing of abandoned ammunition.

TO : Regional Commissioner Abruzzi-Marche Region
Attention R.F.S.O.

It is noticed that in your Sitrep No. 536, that a large quantity of abandoned ammunition has been cleared.

As some difficulty has been experienced in this matter in other Regions, would you please state by whom and how the work is carried on in your Region, and whether any particular difficulties have arisen.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO-UMBRIA REGION
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31th January, 1945

SUBJECT: Ammunition Dumps, etc.

-1 FEB 1945

TO : HQ. Allied Commission.

1. This HQ is very much perturbed by our failure to collect and dispose of the ammunition of various kinds which have been left all over the Region. The subject has been brought up on several occasions during the last six months but, despite the efforts of War Disposals Sub-Commission, nothing has been achieved.

2. The matter was brought particularly to our notice by the Security talk given by Rome Allied Area Command last Saturday when the dangers of sabotage were emphasised. It is further suggested that the various raids by Police Agencies, in which arms, etc, have been seized, are of little value when so much explosive material is lying about.

3. It is urged that instructions may be given as to how this problem may be tackled.

For the Regional Commissioner:

A.D. Bonham Carter
A.D. BONHAM-CARTER
Lt. Colonel
Executive Officer

Copy: Commanding General, Rome Allied Area Command
R.P.S.O.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO-UMBRIA REGION
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R/5702

19 November 1944

SUBJECT : Ammunitions Dumps.

TO : Hq Allied Commission.

1. Further to our R/5688 dated 18 Nov' we have to report that we have just had two explosions in the dump at ASPRA-CANTALUPO.

2. One part was struck by lightning and damage was caused to 23 houses. Another explosion killed 3 and injured others. From both explosions there was a wide scattering of unexploded missiles causing more danger in the area.

For the Regional Commissioner:

A.D. Bonham-Carter
A.D. BONHAM-CARTER
Lt Colonel
Executive Officer (Provinces)

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COL. CHAPMAN		
COL. YOUNG		
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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO-UMBRIA REGION
APO 394

R/5688

18 Nov.44

SUBJECT: Ammunitions Dumps.

TO : HQ AC

1. Very little progress has ever been made over the problem of clearing away Ammunition Dumps.
2. It is understood that in the case of Allied ammunition the Unit is responsible. This is, of course, another way of saying that nothing will be done (except for proper R.A.S.C. dumps) as no Unit ever comes back to collect small quantities. In the case of enemy ammunition no one seems to be interested.
3. It is felt that a real effort should be made. In the main it is, presumably, an Italian affair and it is suggested that Land Forces Sub-Commission be asked to help.
4. Generally speaking the ammunition is in small lots all over the country. It could be concentrated in, primarily, Communes and then dealt with in a proper way. In the meantime a start could be made with a some 3,000 ton enemy dump reported in Aspra-Cantalupo area(Rieti)
May some serious action please be considered?

For the Regional Commissioner:

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A.D.BONHAM-CARTER
Lt.Colonel
Executive Officer(Provinces)

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Lazio-UMBRIA REGION
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R/5765

1 December, 1944

SUBJECT: Ammunition Dumps.

TO : HQ AG
Public Safety Sub-Commission.

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As requested in your letter dated 28 Nov.44 copy of
our R/5688 is forwarded herewith. 1A

For the Regional Commissioner:

A.D. Bonham-Carter
A.D. BONHAM-CARTER
Lt. Colonel
Executive Officer (Provinces)

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