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USE OF ARMS & EXPLOSIVES BY CCRR
(JAN. 1945); AUG. 1945 - NOV. 1946

Chin. 17

C.A.S.

Reference HB A-3-C. There refer to release of pistols and automatic
 carbine from the Beretta factory to the C.C.C.

Letter H7A, based on HB B, which is draft letter prepared by H.M.S.A.
 is submitted for signature.

1/1/68
 L.S. 361

Reference from
 to H.M.S.A.

2829

Chief Commissioner.

Attached is submitted for your

approval
signature
information

NOV 5 RECD
0830

OK'd for transmission
by EWS - 031735

I had drafted before discussion this morning
I recommend despatch

MS (3/21)

CA Section

table opposite dispatches by cc's files a
Saturday evening.

Pa 1/1

C.A. Section

Draft letter submitted for signature
2828

9 Nov. 1940

X 686

HA
10/17/10

Du.P.S.

Letter signed to R.Ci. Headquarters
Send a copy of the letter to AF.H.P. and
state that a further report will follow as
soon as arrangements are completed with
CCRR helps and the Italian Govt Dept concerned

Done as 29

10/21. properly

M. Carr. Rep.
H.P.C.C.

Cable opposite dispatched by CC's office a
Saturday evening. *Pa 3/10*

C.A. Section

Draft letter submitted for signature

9 Apr. 1946

X 686.

HA

10/11/46

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Du.P.S.

Letter requested R.C. headquarters

Send a copy of the letter to H.F. H.P. and

Done as 29.

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soon as arrangements are completed with

CCRR Welfs and the Mahan Govt Dept concerned

10/11. per J.P.

M. Carr Bay,
L.P. C.H.S.

2828

Expenditure
last 1-8 P.H.

V.P. CAS

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Would you (1) check accuracy of attached
draft telegram & return urgently,

(2) prepare aide memoire for ~~CC~~ CC
to hand to SACMED on the inadequacy
of the arms & equipment of CCRB
Other PMA agencies

2827

DS (1/x)

11

CAS Re draft telegram. 22^A does not mention 'legal title'.
NMIA have stated that the weapons have been declared C.E.M.
Suggest: 1 'issue' for 'legal title', and
2 deletion of 'whatever that may be' 2828

The aide memoire will be separately dealt
with. Grandison what.

2/45. Sent 365.

Ex. Com.

Please see 11

CAS
2 NOV. 1945
X 605

W. H. H. H.

12

Ex Com. Ref. your min 10. Please see min. 11. The
~~pro~~ recommended changes are written in
pencil on the attached draft. Encl 2/11

0267
WHITE SHEET

- 6 -

TO: Executive Commissioner.

Enclosed is submitted interim reply to the Prime Minister's letter at 6A for signature by the Chief Commissioner if he approves.

Actually, this question of automatic weapons had been taken up 14 days prior to receipt of the Prime Minister's letter vide letter to AMQ at Folio 2A of this file. I have since sent a further letter to AMQ vide 16A.

DBS 6/10 1.1.10

McCam Blyaden
 16-2-10 5.15.10
 VP CA Section.

Tel. Ext. 525
 5 Oct 115.

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C.A. Sec.

Ref. Minister 6. Letter is
 returned for disposition. Copies sent
 even nildram for cc or cc files.

DBS
 16-2-10 5.15.10

8 Oct 45

8.10.10 1.1.10

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6/10
1-10-10

Mc Carr Division
16 32nd Div.
71 24 Section.

16. Class, Biting.
 17. UK Section.

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C. A. S. C.

Ref. Minute 6. Letter in

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den wilden für cc oder cc fien.

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Carran, I.C.

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Seem. Op. 10¹²/₁₀₅.
 Rubie Lafayette.
 for de la Roche.
 gold. 1/10/11
 ch. 1/10/11

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C. A. Johnston.
 Letter as to 25 A for signature.
 27 Oct 45
 Chapman
 Col. D. A.

27 Oct 45-

UMIA

Please see 1st. Can 60 muskets be made available please.

On the general question of arms for CRR, can the 10,000 muskets required for the increased strength be provided now please.

21st 25.
Zm 365.

Transpilon what.

Pull. Safety S/C

- 2 -

Can the issue of 60 carbines await the return from the Min of Interior called for in your AC/14613/3/PS of 24 Sept?

As per conversation Col. Puley & yourself, the 1,000 carbines for C.C. R.R. will be the subject of the conference re C.C. R.R. soon to be held.

See. Apr. 26th

John W. Ward, 1st Lt.
UMIA

2nd See

8th for signature psc - interim reply to 6th.

2nd 25.
Zm 365.

Transpilon what.

2nd See

282nd

10th for signature psc in place of 8th in accordance with VP's Memo at 9th.

10th 25.
Zm 365.

Transpilon what.

HA.
05/2/5

VP

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222365.

Publ. Safety S/C

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Min of Interior called for in your AC/14613/3/PS of 24 Sept?
As per conversation Col. P. Polley & yourself, the 19000 carbines
for C.C. R.R. will be the subject of the conference re C.C. R.R. soon to be held.

Seen. Dr. 269

24 Sep

2¹⁰/₅ 365.

24 Sep

6 10/48
5x36s.

HA.
05/215

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Two letters for sign. The Ex. Com. Sec.

has phoned up asking that an interim reply should be submitted for the CC sign: 

CHS
400.1340
X-605

Jeff Haid for

Grandchildren who.

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8^A for signature pce - interim reply to 6^A.

David Wilson M.D.

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10th for signature pse in place of 8th in
accedance with VP's Memo at Qth.

Franklin West

MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
General Direction of P.S.

NOTED 1946
14601/11
WS

30.11.1946

Div. A.G.R.
N. 442/22475

TO ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety S/C
ROME

Ref. AC. 14601/11 P.S. dated 19.11.46

SUBJECT: Use of arms by the Militaries and Agents of the
public forces.

62^A

Referring to the a/m letter, we beg to inform
you that all the instructions, as in your letter AC.14601/11
dated 26.11.⁴⁵46, have been issued.

32^A

FOR THE MINISTER
illegible

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Ministero dell'Interno
DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

Roma, 30/11/1946 1946

ACCORDO COMMISSIONE
ALLEATA-Divisione P.S.

R O M A

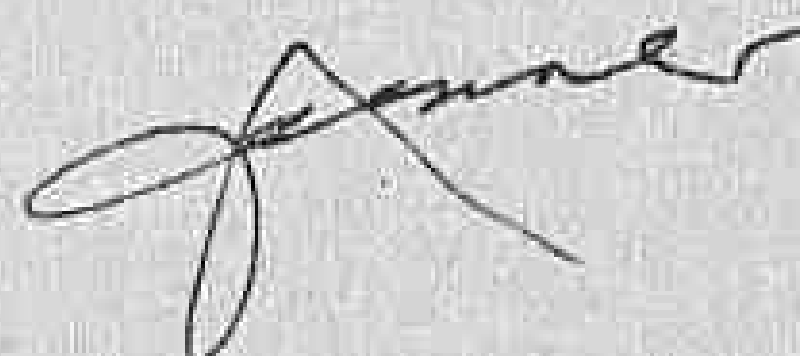
Divisione A.G.R. Lexi 2*
Prot. N° 442/22475 Allegati

Proposta al/ del 19/11/46
N° AC/14601/11 P.S.

OGGETTO Uso delle armi da parte degli Agenti della
Forza pubblica.

In risposta alla nota suindicata, si assicu-
ra che sono state impartite istruzioni affinché
gli agenti della forza pubblica si uniformino
scrupolosamente alle direttive contenute nella
lettera di codesta On/le Commissione, in data
26/11/1945 di pari numero, relativa all'uso del-
le armi nei confronti del personale Alleato.

PEL MINISTRO



2827

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Division
APC 794

AC/14601/11/PS

19 November 1946

SUBJECT : Firing at Allied Personnel.

TO : Ministry of the Interior,
Direction of P.S.

32H 1. I refer to our letters of even number dated
26th November 1945 and 7th January 1946 and to your
reply ACH II/142/17750 of 14th January 1946.

52H 2. May I be favoured please with the information
promised in your letter mentioned above.

3. I should be glad if this matter could be
treated as very urgent.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER,

FCC/as

E. J. Byr
E. J. BYR, Colonel
Director.

2821

Subject :- Arms for Carabinieri at the Caserma
Pastrengo, Viale Romaria, Rome.

LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, AC (EMIA)

CCRR Sec. CCR/4/3/1

20 May 46

To : G.H.Q. CC.RR. ROME

1. At the above mentioned caserma there are stationed 303 men and 220 horses of the Gruppo Squadron. They are said to be only armed with the 1891 musket.

2. In view of the great value of the horses, it is essential that the Carabinieri at the Caserma Pastrengo be armed up to the proper scale with Beretta automatic carbines and also Breda machine guns and hand grenades for the defence of the Caserma. Every effort should be made to increase the arms for the defence of this Caserma before the General Election on 2nd June 1946.

H. MICHALL, Lt. Col.
for Major General
H. M. I. A.

HM/Hb

Copy to Public Safety Sub-Commission, AC.

TO	INT	DATE
DIRECTOR		
DEPUTY DIRECTOR		
EXEC. OFFICER		
PERSONS		
C & REG.		
ADJ. OFFICER		
SECURITY		
CLERK		

20 May 46

To : G.H.Q. CC.RR. ROME

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H. MICHALL, Lt. Col.
for Major General
M. M. I. A.

HM/Rb

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TO	INIT	DATE
DIRECTOR		
DEPUTY DIRECTOR		
EXECUTIVE OFFICER		
PLANS		
LOG & REG.		
FINANCE		
ADJUTANT GENERAL		
SECURITY		
CLERK		

Copy to Public Safety Sub-Commission, AC.

SUBJECT:- Manufacture of Small Arms Ammunition.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
G.009
17 May 1946

TO : War Ministry

Reference your 24751/DT of 11 April 46.

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

Cal. 6.5 for weapon Mod. 91 - 6,000,000

2. It is noted that the manufacture will be assigned to the CAHUA Military Factory under direct supervision of the War Ministry. You are required to confirm that the necessary precautions will be taken to limit production to the quantity and for the purpose stated, viz. the arming of CC.RR, Finance Guards and Public Security Agents.

3. You are further required to state the method of control of issue to Police forces other than the CC.RR and the quantities of this ammunition it is proposed to release to such bodies.

TO	INIT	DATE
DIRECTOR		
DEPUTY DIRECTOR		
EXEC. OFFICER		
POLICE		24/5
LC. & REG.		
PRISONS		24/5
ADJ. OFFICER		
CHIEF CLERK		

Copy to CHQ (reference EST/51/3 of 23 Jan 46).

Public Safety Sub-Commission (ref AC/14601/II/PS of 9 May 46)
10 British Liaison Unit, NAPLES - for report on progress.

Internal: "G"
CC.RR

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RAC/...
Major General,
M.M.I.A.

2310

INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: ACBO/38Message Centre No: H/2943Date/Time of Origin: MAY. 141437BDate Time Rec'd: MAY. 150900BPrecedence: IMPORTANTFROM: ALCOM LQ BOLOGNATO: HQ ALCOM FOR PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION**CONFIDENTIAL**

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Police 1 -

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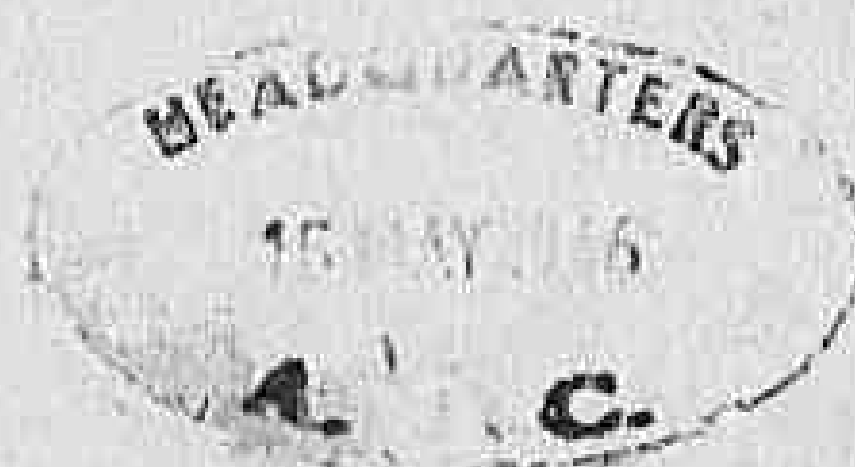
CONFIDENTIAL.

Automatic weapons ammunition held by CC RF Bologna legion inclusive mobile battalion (-A-) 37 heavy MGS with 11,100 RDS (B) light MGS 319 Breda with 175,450 RDS, 361 Bren with 65,180 RDS. (C) Automatic Rifles:pistols 1,099 Beretta with 210,710 RDS, 504 Sten with 30,880 RDS. Further 37,200 RDS for (C) Beretta being distributed.

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ACTION P.SAFETY
INFO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
FILE
FLOAT 2

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ACTION

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel: 489081-365

AC/I4601/II/PS

9 May 1946

SUBJECT : Ammunition for GC.RR.

TO : Land Forces S/C (M.N.I.A.)

1. Reference is made to your C.I30 dated 7 May 1946.
2. There is no objection to the manufacture of 6,000,000 rounds of 6,5mm canister shot cartridges for GC.RR.

EJW/tm

Edward J. Wilson
E. J. WILSON, Colonel
Acting Director.

2817

SUBJECT :- Ammunition for the CC.RR.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q.130

7 May 46.

TO : A.C. (for Public Safety Sub-Commission).
G (SD),

1. This Branch has been approached by the Italian Ministry of War for permission to manufacture quantity 6,000,000 rounds of calibre 6.5mm canister shot cartridges.
2. Attached at Appendix "A" is a specification and explanation of the cartridge.
3. The carabinieri are most anxious to retain the canister shot cartridge. At present they use it throughout the Legions and Mobile Bns. for the 1891 musket. They use three cartridges in each clip of six, placed alternately. The carabinieri consider the canister shot most effective at short ranges and nearly as good as the automatic rifle. It is especially useful when attacking armed bands at night. They consider it more effective than ordinary ammunition for short range work.
4. The CC.RR. branch at this H.Q. has recommended manufacture.
5. The ammunition would be manufactured at 1006 Fuze Section, CAHUA under the control of the Italian War Ministry.
6. May your agreement or comment to this proposal be forwarded as soon as possible?

2810
E.W. Bradley Major
E.W. BRADLEY
Major, Innisks,
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

Room No 36 478103

Internal : CC.RR.

Enclosure. Specimen rounds — normal and canister. LIVE

260 Fragmentation cartridge.

Is formed with

- 1) An ordinary cartridge case for the weapon mod.91 ;
- 2) An injector for the cartridge mod.91 ;
- 3) A bullet consisting of a cylindric brass case, closed at one side and having three longitudinal cuttings going from the closed part to 4 m/m. before the opened one ;

It is loaded with 10 shrapels of lead cut in such shape that each ^{two} of them put together with their flat parts form a cylinder. Over them an ordinary bullet nose is posted, this being taken from old bullets spoiled during preparation.

- 4) A charge of "solenite" is fixed on by a cotton washer.

When fired, the washer breaks inside the bore and let all shrapels free; these are thrown at a short distance (not more than 50 metres). Therefore, the above cartridge is used on guard or P.S. duties.

Rb.

0283

Translation

The Minister of the Interior

29 GEN 1946

Roma, 27 January 1946

Public Safety
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Dear Admiral,

from informations received during the last few days, I heard that the Allied Military Authorities were withdrawing weapons which, according to the well known agreements in force, should on the contrary go to the Police Forces.

This morning the Prefect of Brescia informed me that the British Military Command in Milan, ordered, through the channel of that of Verona, the withdrawing from the 'Boretta' manufacture of Gardone Valtrompia, of all arms in working conditions to be found there, which, according to permissions which are being approved, have already been allocated to the Carabinieri and to the Police Corps.

Such weapons were loaded on trucks that proceeded to Verona and will then go to Modena.

You know, my dear Admiral, the serious deficiency of the armament of the Police Corps and its considerable repercussions on public order and public safety, and therefore I trust in your kind intervention so that the arms in question may be handed back and such withdrawals from the contingents allocated to the police avoided in future, if possible.

I thank you, my dear Admiral, and waiting for your answer, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

a. Romita

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EC Distr 29 jan

Land Forces SF (2)

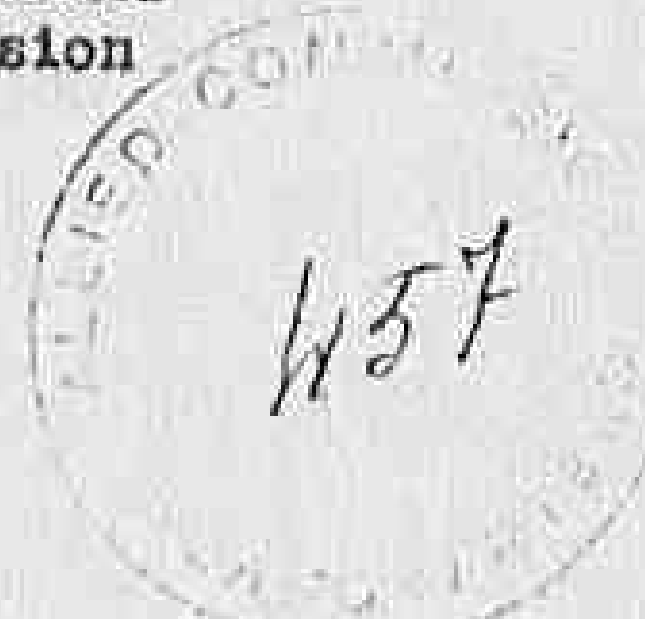
ACTION: CC

EC

CA Sec

Admiral "Henry W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
R o m e

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SECRET

SUBJECT : Authorisation for IMR Personnel att to ITALIAN Territorial HQ to carry personal Arms

CAS
FEA
28 GEN. 1946

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC (LWLA)

G/92

26 Jan 46

To : MINISTRY OF WAR

45C
55B
14601/11

1. Ref your Letter 145342/PAV.2 dated 17 Jan 46 and this HQ letter S/SD/31 of 20 Jan 45. Now that all ITALY, less 13 CORPS Area, is under ITALIAN control the question of the carriage of arms by Intelligence personnel att to Territorial Region HQ is purely one for your own decision.

2. The possible use of arms against ALLIED personnel remains governed by my letters G/14 of 27 Dec 45, 12 Jan and 14 Jan 46 addressed to your HQ.

TO	INIT	DATE
DIRECTOR		
DEPUTY DIRECTOR		
CHIEF OFFICER		
1. <i>1</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>30/1</i>
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AROS/LJB

Major General.
M.M.I.A.

Copy to : CA Sec AC } Plus copy of letters referred
Public Safety S-C AC } to in para 1, above.

Internal : IMR

Security
Division
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Action



To P.O.S.C.
for info
J.R.
C. Duchin

Pass to Pub Saf S/C 28 Jan.
Off.

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Stato Maggiore R Esercito
Ufficio Informazioni

145342/PAV.2

Rome 17 January 1946

COPY

SUBJECT : Authorization to carry weapons to 'I' personnel
attached to Territorial HQs.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Comm A.C. (MMA) Rome

1. Request for an extension of the authorization
S/SD/31 dated 20 January 45, to all personnel of the
Intelligence Office attached to Territorial HQs.

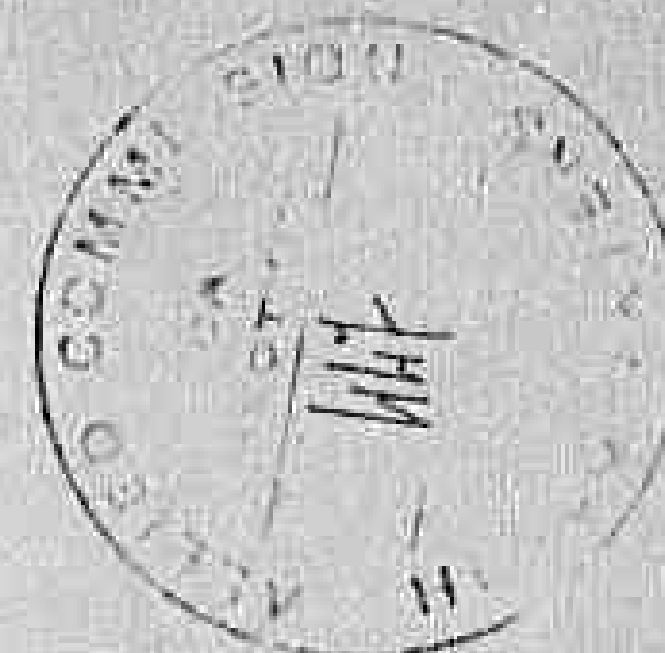
2. Said personnel is not included in the War
Establishment either of SIM or IAI.

3. It will be the care of this Office to advise
the Territorial HQs if authorization will be granted.

(Sgd) P. Agrifoglio
Colonel,
Comm Off
IAI & SPU

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145342/PAV.2

SUBJECT : Authorization to carry weapons to 'I' personnel
attached to Territorial HQs.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Comm A.C. (MIA) Rome

1. Request for an extension of the authorization S/SD/31 dated 20 January 45, to all personnel of the Intelligence Office attached to Territorial HQs.
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3. It will be the care of this Office to advise the Territorial HQs if authorization will be granted.

(Sgd) P. Agrifoglio
Colonel,
Comm Off
IAI & SPU

COPYSECRET

55c

SUBJECT : Carrying of Arms by ITALIAN Military

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC (MMIA)

S/SD/31

20 Jan 45

To : MINISTRY OF WARYour ref 306813/2/CA dated 22 December 44.
3149IV-2

1. Authority is granted for military personnel of SIM or IAI units to be armed at all times because of their special duties. This ruling applies also in rear of Army boundary.

2. Should this personnel be used as a unit in quelling civil disturbances, the regulations concerning the use of automatic weapons contained in MMIA S/G/33 dated 3 Dec 44 will be complied with.

(Sgd)

Maj US

for Major General

Internal : SD/50
S/G/33

MMIA+



HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

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File 992 from A. ref.

Tel : 478427

MEMORANDUM

24 January 1946

TO : V.P. C.A.S.

There would appear to be no objection to Intelligence personnel attached to territorial Region Hq. carrying arms under the usual conditions.

The letters 27th Dec., 1st and 14th January laid down the conditions under which arms may be used against Allied personnel which, if adhered to should not give cause for complaint.

WJB/se

E. J. BYR, Colonel
Deputy Director.

2812

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

8 days
53A

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
S/Q.054
21 January 1946

1460111

TO : A.F.H.Q.

51A

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

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

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

<u>Nature</u>	<u>Quantity to be approved.</u>
9 mm Auto/Carbine	8,000,000 (a)
9 mm Pistol	8,000,000 (b)
7.65 mm Pistol	500,000 (b)
10.35 mm Pistol	1,400,000 (b)
6.35 mm Pistol	110,000 (b)

2833

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

4. Appendix "A" of above mentioned letter should be amended to include the firm of LEON BEAUX of BALAZTE, MILAN, capable of producing small arms shell casings and the firm of NOBEL of AVIGLIANA, TURIN, capable of producing gun powder for small arms.

W. Fisher
Major General,

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W. F. Fisher
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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

JTW/ar

PUBLIC SAFETY SIG	
DATE	INITIALS
24/1/46	[Signature]
25/1/46	[Signature]

TRANSLATION M.C.

52A

MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
DIV. A.G.R. SEC. II
NO. 442/17750
ANS. TO AG/14601/II/PS
OF 7 INST.

ROME - 14 JAN. 1946

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14601/II
220 32A

TO: ALLIED COMMAND
PUBLIC SAFETY S.C.
ROME

SUBJECT: Use of arms by the military and agents
of the public forces.

Referring to ^{the} above mentioned number, we communicate
that this Ministry is collecting all the elements necessary
for issuing of instructions regarding subject, and has not
failed to press competent bodies concerned in matter.

As soon as we are in possession of them we shall not
fail to forward them at once.

For the Chief of Police
/s/ illegible

PUBLIC SAFETY S/C		
		DATE
Director	<i>EWB</i>	<i>18/1</i>
Asst. Director	<i>EWB</i>	<i>22/1</i>
Chief Clerk	<i>EWB</i>	<i>22/4</i>
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Roma 14 Gennaio 1946

Ministero dell'Interno
DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

All'On.le COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Sottocommissione per la P.S.
R O M A

Direzione A.G.R. *Leg.* II^a
Prot. N° 442/I7750 *Allegato*

Supplemento del 7 corr.
N° AC/I4601/II/PS

OGGETTO: Uso delle armi da parte di militari
ed agenti della forza pubblica. =

In relazione alla nota suindicata, si
comunica che questo Ministero sta raccogliendo
gli elementi necessari per l'emanazione delle
istruzioni riguardanti l'oggetto e non ha man-
cato di sollecitare gli organi competenti in-
teressati in proposito.

Non appena in possesso di tali elementi,
sarà fatto seguito con la maggiore possibile
sollecitudine.

IL CAPO DELLA POLIZIA

2837

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

DIRECTOR	18/1
DEPUTY DIRECTOR	18/1
EXEC. OFFICER	
POLICE	
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Land Forces Sub-Commission A.O.,
M.H. I.A.
R O M E
S/Q.054

January 1946

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2. Present holdings of 9 mm automatic carbine ammunition in the Italian Army dumps are approximately 2,000,000 rounds. See Annexure "ZA" to this H.Q. S/Q.054 of 4 Jan 46.
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7. Unless reserves of the ammunition available for certain weapons in present use by the CC.RR are to fall dangerously low, it is necessary to provide the following calibres.

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

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

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

W. Pidsley
 Major General,
 M.H.I.A.

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

Appendix "A" to IATA letter
 S/Q.054 dated Jan 46.

List of Italian Plants capable
 of producing Small Arms Ammunition.

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NAME

LOCATION

A. Private Firms:

FIOCCHI	LECCO (LOMBARDIA)
BOMERINI - PARODI - DELFINO	COLLEFERRO (PROSIVONE)
SOCIETA' METALLURGICA ITALIANA	CAMPOTIZZORO (PISTOLA)

B. War Ministry Controlled Establishments:

7.65mm Pistol

500,000 (b)

NOTE: (a) unless available from Allied sources, see para 1 above.
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W. Pidsley Colonel
Major General,
M.H.I.A.

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SOCIETA' METALLURGICA ITALIANA	CAMPOTIZZORO (PISTOIA)

B. War Ministry Controlled Establishments:

1006 FUSE SECTION	CAPUA (CAMPANIA)
1007 EXPLOSIVE WORKSHOP	FONTANA LIRI (FROSINONE)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel: 489081-365

7 January 1946

AC/14601/11/PS

SUBJECT : Firing at Allied Personnel.

TO : - Director of P.S., Ministry of Interior.
- Commanding General CC.RR.

1. Reference is made to our letter of even number dated 26th November, 1945.

2. In accordance with the last two paragraphs of the letter mentioned, may we be informed please if the necessary instructions have been issued?

FJW/bm

Handwritten signature: Frank Wilson
JOHN W. CLARK
Colonel, JAGD
Director

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Subject : CO.MR Issue of Hand Grenades.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M R.

Q.008 9 Jan. 1946.

To : War Ministry.

Reference your ²²⁴⁸⁵³213.42/II dated 30 Nov 45.

1. The restraints imposed in this H.Q. letter 2/23 dated 15 Jul 45 are no longer operative.
2. The issue of hand grenades is at your discretion, subject to such policy as may be laid down by the Italian Government. In this connection your attention is drawn to the letter of 12 Oct 45 addressed to the Secretary of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers by Civil Affairs Section of the Allied Commission (a copy of which accompanied your letter under reply).

L. Browning
Major General.
M.M.I.A.

Copy to : A.C. (for Civil Affairs Section).
A.C. (for Public Safety Sub Commission).
"C" Branch.

TO	INITIALS	DATE
DIRECTOR		
DEPUTY DIRECTOR	<i>Exp</i>	14/1
EXEC. OFFICER		
POLICE	<i>Col</i>	15/1
LIC. & REG.		
PRISONS		
ADM. OFFICER		
SECURITY		
CHIEF CLERK		

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SUBJECT:- CC.RR - Arms and Amm.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q.008

27 December 1945

TO : War Ministry

Reference 227360/II dated 10 Dec 45.
220-10-17

1. Your wish that requirements in weapons, equipment etc. of the CC.RR should be forwarded to the War Ministry is noted.
2. This is precisely the Policy approved at the meeting held at M.M.I.A. on the 23 Nov 45 at which representatives of the CC.RR and War Ministry were present.

Para 2 of the minutes of that meeting is republished:-

" 2. Agreed that, whereas the organisation of CC.RR units will be a subject for discussion direct between CC.RR and M.M.I.A. (C), demands for Clothing and Equipment and Supplies would be decided by War Ministry direct with CC.RR.

War Ministry will obtain from M.M.I.A. (Q) advice and such assistance as may be necessary in meeting demands made by the CC.RR for items not available under War Ministry control. "

3. Your intention to give priority to the needs of the CC.RR is noted.

TO	UNIT	DATE
DIRECTOR	227360	30/11/45
DEPUTY DIRECTOR	227360	29/12/45
EXEC. OFFICER	227360	3/1/46
POLICE	227360	3/1/46
LIC. & REG.	227360	3/1/46
FRISONS	227360	3/1/46
ADM. OFFICER	227360	3/1/46
SECURITY	227360	3/1/46
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R.A. CURTIS.

R.A. CURTIS, Lt. Col.,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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TO : War Ministry

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785016

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220-10-17

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DIRECTOR	1030	30/11/45
DEPUTY DIRECTOR	6972	29/12
EXEC. OFFICER		
POLICE	803	31/12
LIC. & REG.		
PRISONS		
ADM. OFFICER		
SECURITY		
CHIEF CLERK		

R.A. Curties

R.A. CURTIES, Lt.Col.,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to:- A.G. Public Safety Sub-Commission, —

Internal: "G"

RAC/er

Phoned Lt. Col. Curtis
WMA on 19/1/45

re WTA. —

Further letter will probably
be despatched to AFHQ in a
few days, asking for release
of all stores for Mr. Spide
and perhaps for permission
to manufacture small arms.

Return of requirements from Mr. Spide
will include needs for P.I. agents
and C.I. 44.

W. B. S. H. S.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APO 394

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AC/14601/II/PS

December 1945

SUBJECT : Arms for the Italian Police Forces
TO: : AFHQ G-5

1. Reference your G-5 : 000.5 of 7 Nov 45.
2. Land Forces Sub-Commission state that the following distribution of the weapons released is being made:

		<u>Pistols</u>	<u>Automatic Carbines</u>
1	CC.RR. Bde. TURIN	500	1539
2	----- MILAN	500	1924
3	----- FLORENCE	500	1924
4	----- ROME	500	2111
5	----- NAPLES	500	1539
6	----- PALERMO	500	963
		<u>3000</u>	<u>10000</u>

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So far as CC.RR. units are concerned it is anticipated this will amount only to the release of certain natures of Allied small arm ammunition and approval for the manufacture of such ammunition of Italian origin as is in short supply.

For the Chief Commissioner:

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S.H. WHITE, Lt.Col.
A/VP CA Section.

Copy : MMIA

SUBJECT : Arms for CC.RR.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
Q.130
27 November 1945

TO : A.C. (for Pub. Safety S.C.)

Reference attached A.F.H.Q. letter.

The appended Draft reply is forwarded for your approval
and despatch.

Please see also this H.Q. Q.126 - 26 Nov.

TO	DATE
DIRECTOR	146 30/11
DEPUTY	146 30/11
CHIEF	146 1/12
CHIEF CLERK	30/11

R.A. CURTIES Lt. Col.
for Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

/ra

SUBJECT:- Arms the Italian Police Forces
TO : A.F.H.Q. (for G 5)

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Allied Commission

Copy : MMIA

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ROUTING FORM

From : Public Safety S/C

To : C.A. Section _____
For V.P. _____
D.P. & R. _____
Education _____
Legal _____
Local Govt. _____
M.F.A.A. _____
Public Health _____

For forward transmission to :

M.M.I.A. ✓Date
14-11-45By Marij
Public Safety S/C

MMIA
9 NOV. 1945

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

CASEC 46c
10 253
- 9 NOV. 1945

G-5: 000.5

7 November 1945

SUBJECT: Arms for the Italian Police Forces.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

Reference your cable 8020 of 3 November 45.

1. Release is being made to MMIA of 3,000 pistols and 10,000 automatic muskets from the Beretta Arms Factory for the Italian Police Forces.

2. In order that consideration may be given to a further release of automatic muskets, it is requested that you forward a full justification to include the following information:

- Details of existing holdings of arms and deficiencies.
- Proposed distribution of arms to be released under para 1 above.
- Proposed distribution of any further automatic muskets requested by you.

3. It is realized that this matter is somewhat of a border-line case as to whether it should now be dealt with by the Public Safety Sub-Commission or by MMIA. You will, therefore, fully co-ordinate your reply with MMIA before submission to this Headquarters.

Copy to:
G-3 (AF)
G(SD)

TO	INIT	DATE
DIRECTOR		10/11
DEPUTY DIRECTOR		
EXEC. OFFICER		
POLICE	Res	10/11
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A. L. HAMBIEN
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5



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27 NOV. 1945

Subject:- Arms and Ammunition.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.)
R.M.M.
Q.126

26 November, 1945.

To: Ministry of War.

25 Nov 45. Minutes of meeting held at H.Q. M.M.I.A. on Friday
Present:

Lt. Col. Curties
Major Newton
Major Airey
Major Incecock
Lt. Col. Olivetti
Major Sergio
Major Paccio
Major Vernizio

A.Q.M.G. M.M.I.A.
D.A.Q.M.G. (1) M.M.I.A.
A.D.O.S. M.M.I.A.
'G' M.M.I.A. (G.2.)
SMEZ Ufficio Servizi
Direzione Generale Artiglieria
Comando Generale CC.RR.
Direzione Generale Artiglieria.

Object:

(a) To allot priority to CC.RR demands for Clothing, transport and equipment and decide procedure to be followed as regards relations between M.M.I.A. and the CC.RR.

(b) To decide on method by which detailed information concerning requirements of the Interim Italian Army, as regards arms and ammunition is to be obtained.

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3. In considering the possibility of War Ministry being in a position to meet CC.RR demands as regards Arms and Ammunition, it is necessary to review the total requirements of the Interim Army, as well as stocks at present under control of the War Ministry.

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25 Nov 45.

Minutes of meeting held at H.Q. M.M.I.A. on Friday

Present:

Lt. Col. Curties
Major Newton
Major Airey
Major Luccock
Lt. Col. Olivetti
Major Sergio
Major Paccio
Major Vermizio

A.Q.M.C. M.M.I.A.
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6. Agreed that the War Ministry would furnish by 28 November X figures as at 1st October, tabulated in the manner set out at Appendix 'A'.

7. A statement on exactly similar lines as in paragraph 6 is required at the earliest possible date as regards transport vehicles.

Copy to: Pub Saf. Sub Comm.
Internal: 'G' ORD.

R.E.M.E. S. & T.

Admiral

R.A. CURTIES Lt. Col.
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Please check contents of file

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UNIT							
STRENGTH							
	ARMS X						
	T	Y	P	E	S	T	Y
ENTITLEMENT							
HOLDINGS							
DEFICIENCIES							

NOTE:(1) Above detail will be furnished for each Serial as under:-

CC.RR.

ARMY

Ser. No.

1 1 Bde
2 "
3 "
4 "
5 "
6 "
7 Training Schools
8 Other Units

Ser. No.

1 5 Combat Divisions
2 10 Ind. Regts.
3 3 I.S. Divs.
4 Training Schools (6
5 Service Troops not

(2) X Similar detail required on separate statement as regards Training

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Appendix "A"

UNIT

STRENGTH

	ARMS X					AMMUNITION X				
	T	Y	P	E	S	T	Y	P	E	S
ENTITLEMENT										
HOLDINGS										
DEFICIENCIES										

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CC.RR.ARMYSer. No.

1 Bde
 2 "
 3 "
 4 "
 5 "
 6 "
 7 Training Schools
 8 Other Units

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 2 10 Ind. Regts.
 3 3 I.S. Divs.
 4 Training Schools (Cobano)
 5 Service Troops not included above

(2) X Similar detail required on separate statement as regards Transport vehicles.

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Subject: Ammunition for GCRB.

R 23 NOV 1945

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
F.F.I.A.
B.O.M.B.
Q/130

21 Nov 45

To: Ministry of War.10,000 muskets automatic and 1,000 pistols Beretta
have been released to you by 2 Dist for the GCRB.In order that these may be collected by you without
delay, an answer is required to our letter Q/130 of 9 Nov.
para 3.*R.A. Curtis*R.A. CURTIS, Lt Col.
For Major General
F.F.I.A.

Copy

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F.F.I.A. MIN. MILITARY
AC for Civil Affairs Section
AS for Public Safety Sub Comm.

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PUBLIC	<i>Not in</i>	
F.F.I.A.		
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SIGNAL FORM

19 NOV 1945

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FROM :- WETA

TO :- AMMO

COPY TO:- HQ 2 DISTRICT
ALLIED COMMISSION (P 9 SUB COMMISSION) —

RESTRICTED

REF:- Q 698

REFERENCE YOUR LETTER HQD/01/3 OF 6 NOVEMBER(.) DECEMAL POINT 9
AMMUNITION VERY SHORT SUPPLY(.) REQUEST RELEASE OF 250,000 ROUNDS
DECEMAL POINT 9 CALIBRE TO THE ITALIAN ARMY(.)

PROCEDURE REPORTAUTHENTICATION SLK
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TO		
DIRECTOR	20/11	
DEPUTY DIRECTOR		
XPO	20/11	
SEC		
SECURITY		
CHIEF CLERK	20/11	

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AHHQ GHHQ CMF.

MMIA Info Distwo - Allied Commission (PS Sub Commission)

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Unclassified.

Reference Q 688 of 17 November. Release of ammunition requested agreed. Release
note to Distwo follows.AC DIST

Act : MMIA

Inf : C. Comm.
P. Safety SC (2)
File (2)
Fleet

TO	DATE	FILE
DIRECTOR	11/15	32/4
DEPUTY DIRECTOR		
EXEC. ADJ.	11/15	18/11
CHIEF		
SECURITY		
CHIEF CLERK	11/15	21/11

HEADQUARTERS

20 NOV 1945

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AMHQ SIGNED SIGNED FROM GENERAL MORGAN
ALCOM FOR ADMIRAL STONE

RESTRICTED.

You spoke to me about shipment of Carabinieri. Request was for 3,000 pistols and 44,000 carbines. There are now released to you. 3,000 pistols and 10,000 carbines. Does this meet immediate requirements. Issue now of balance of carbines demanded for carabinieri might prejudice armament of Italian Army later on

TO	DATE	TIME
X DIRECTOR	10/11	13/11
DEPUTY DIRECTOR		
EXEC. OFFICER		
X POLICE	13/11	
AD. SEC. X		
SECURITY		
CHEF CLERK	10/11	

LIST

ACTION : GO TO CG (2)

INFO : CH. OF COMMISSIONER
EX COMMISSIONER (2)
CA SEC
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FILE (2)
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9 NOV 1945

AFHQ

REF 8250

9 Nov 45

OF PRIORITY

- 9 NOV. 1945

RESTRICTED PD

REFERENCE YOUR GEORGE FIVE TWO THREE FIVE THREE OF SIX NOVEMBER RECEIVED
TODAY PD

PARM TO AFHQ FOR GENERAL MORGAN FROM HQ ALCOM FROM ADMIRAL STONE CITY

ACSEC PARM

GRATEFUL YOUR PROMPT ACTION IN APPROVING RELEASE THREE ZERO ZERO ZERO
PISTOLS CMA ONE ZERO ZERO ZERO ZERO CARBINES WHICH IS WELCOME STOPCAP PD
ORIGINAL REQUEST FOR FOUR FOUR ZERO ZERO ZERO CARBINES NOW BEING EXAMINED
IN DETAIL IN LIGHT OF YOUR GEORGE FIVE PD ZERO ZERO ZERO PD FIVE OF SEVEN
NOVEMBER TO WHICH REPLY WILL BE MADE SOONEST

Copy to: Land Forces S/C
CA Section

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Execut.

Chief Commissioner
300.

Fuller
Lt Col.
CSO to Exec Comm.

TO	INT	DATE
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DEPUTY DIRECTOR	<i>QW</i>	13/11
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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES

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6 Nov 45

SUBJECT : Arms for Italian Police Forces.
MEMO TO : AMIA.
COPY TO : HQ 2 District
Allied Commission (Public Safety Sub Commission) /
(Your 8020 of 3 Nov 45 refers).

1. The release of the following arms has now been authorised for issue to the Carabinieri :-

Automatic Weapons BERETTA Model 38/42 calibre 9
qty 10,000.

Pistols BERETTA Model 38 calibre 7.65
qty 3,000.

2. The above weapons are stated to be in stock at the BERETTA Arms Factory at BRESCIA.

3. The question of any additional issue of arms is under discussion with Allied Commission, and until a decision has been reached, no further releases will be authorised.

4. Release note follows.

TO	INITIALS	DATE
X DIRECTOR	WNL	10/11
DEPUTY DIRECTOR	ON	13/11
EXEC. OFF.		
X POLICE	LOS	15/11
SEC. STAFF		
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A.D. WARD,
Major General,
Chief of General Staff.

DISTRIBUTION :- G (Ops)
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Q (AS) - conversation Lt. Col. BARNES - Capt. STEVENS
refers.

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9 NOV 1945ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

7 November 1945

G-5: 000.5

SUBJECT: Arms for the Italian Police Forces.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

Reference your cable 8020 of 3 November 45.

1. Release is being made to MSIA of 3,000 pistols and 10,000 automatic muskets from the Beretta Arms Factory for the Italian Police Forces.

2. In order that consideration may be given to a further release of automatic muskets, it is requested that you forward a full justification to include the following information:

- a. Details of existing holdings of arms and deficiencies.
- b. Proposed distribution of arms to be released under para 1 above.
- c. Proposed distribution of any further automatic muskets requested by you.

3. It is realized that this matter is somewhat of a borderline case as to whether it should now be dealt with by the Public Safety Sub-Commission or by MSIA. You will, therefore, fully co-ordinate your reply with MSIA before submission to this Headquarters.

A. L. HAMBLIN
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

Copy to:
G-3 (AFHQ)
G(SD)

TO	INITIALS	DATE
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Subject : Ammunition for CCRH.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
W.M.I.A.
B U F E
Q/130

21 Nov 1945

To : Ministry of War.

AMHQ have agreed to release 250,000 rounds of .9
ammunition to the Italian Army for use by the CCRH.

The ammunition will be released by 2 District and
you are requested to inform this H.Q. where it is required
and in what quantities.

Racine
R.A. GUNTIES, Lt. Col.
For Major General
W.M.I.A.

Copy :
H.Q. CCRH
A.C. for Public Safety Sub-
Comm.

TO	DATE
DIRECTOR	25/11
DEPUTY DIR.	26/11
EXEC. OFF.	
POLICE	26/11
CHIEF OF POL.	
PRISONS	
ADJ. OFFICER	
SECURITY	
CHIEF CLERK	24/11

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Subject : Ammunition for CORR.

LAND FORCES SUB COMM.A.C.
 M.M.I.A.
 B O M B
 Q/130

21 Nov 45

To : Ministry of War.

10,000 mskets automatic and 3,000 pistols Beretta
 have been released to you by 2 Dist for the CORR.

In order that these may be collected by you without
 delay, an answer is required to our letter Q.130 of 9 Nov.
 para 3.

R.A. Curties

R.A. CURTIES, Lt Col.
 for Major General
 M.M.I.A.

Copy :
 MIA BIU MILAN
 AC for Civil Affairs Section
AC for Public Safety Sub Comm.

AMN/lm

TO	DATE	INITIALS
✓ M. A. C.	26/11	
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✓ M. A. C.	26/11	

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Subject: ARMED FORCES

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. R. I. A.) 10000
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9 December 1950

To:

The Ministry.

Reference your letter 5730/4177/MS dated 5 Nov 45.

1. Approval is being obtained for the release of 5,000
pounds and 10,000 automatic weapons from the Reserve Army Store.
You are required to issue instructions as to the distribution of these
arms, which should be allocated to units of the M.R.

2. It is recommended that distribution be made among the
three divisions of the M.R. in proportion to the number of mobile
troops in each and that the mobile troops receive priority.

3. You are required to furnish the following information
not later than 15 November:

- (a) Details of existing holdings of arms by the M.R.
on the lines of the proforma attached as appendix 'A'.
- (b) Your proposed distribution of the arms referred
to in para. 1 above.

4. In order that the present authorized holding of arms
by units may be brought up to date and available stocks distributed
to the best advantage, it is desired to hold a conference at this M.R.
on Tuesday 13 November at 10.00 hrs. Representatives of M.R.I.A. and
Public Safety Sub Commission will attend. You are requested to detail
a representative who should bring with him the latest proposed
establishment of M.R. units, showing personnel and weapons allocated.

R.A. Smith

R.A. SMITH Lt. Col.
For Major General,
M. R. I. A.

Copy 16: A.C. for Civil Affairs Section.
✓ A.C. for Public Safety Sub Commission.

Internal: 'C' Branch.

TO	DATE	INITIALS
ARMED FORCES	10/11	
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER		
CHIEF OF STAFF		
CHIEF CLERK		
SECURITY		
CHIEF CLERK		

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NOTE: (a) = Authorized Holding
(b) = In possession
(c) = Deficient, i.e. (a) - (b)
(d) = Surplus, i.e. (b) - (a)

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ALLOCATION FORM

Q(AB)5 - Captured Enemy Material Section - GHA., CMF.

To: Hq., No 2 District

Ref : GHA/5042/58/Q(AB)

Date : 12 Nov 45

Captured enemy material

Quantity	Description	Location	Allocation
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10,000	Rockets, automatic MIRA Model 38/42 Cal 9	Beretta Arms Factory, Brescia.
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3,000	Pistols, Beretta, Mod 38 Cal 7.65
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TO:
To be released and
collected by MMIA, for the
Carabinieri under arrange-
ments Hq No 2 District.

TO	INIT	DATE
X DIRECTOR		16/11
DEPUTY DIRECTOR		16
X SEC. OF		
CHIEF	16/11/45	
SECURITY		
CHIEF CLERK		16/11/45

Authority: GHA - 430/51/3 dated 6 Nov 45

Distribution: G (GHA)
G(AB)
G-5
AG (Public Safety Sub-Commission) ✓

SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY + APPROVED

Dr. Lucian Rapt
A. BELACHELLE Capt.
for Brigadier Q(AB)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

25 November 1945

AC/14601/11/PS

SUBJECT : Firing at Allied Personnel

TO : Director of P.S. Ministry of Interior
Commanding General CC.RR.

1. Two incidents have recently occurred in which Allied soldiers have been shot and killed by members of the Carabinieri and Civil Police.

2. It appears that concise orders and instructions as to when and under what circumstances personnel of the Carabinieri and Civil Police are permitted to open fire, are not known by individual members of the police forces.

3. In order that the circumstances which justify firing at Allied Personnel by Carabinieri and Civil Police should be clearly understood, it is desired that the substance of the following be included in instructions to all concerned :

a) When Carabinieri and Civil Police are employed as properly constituted guards, patrols and sentries, on such duties as guarding dumps, property, buildings, etc, they may open fire on thieves or suspected thieves after direct challenge in the following circumstances :

- i: Every attempt must have been made to apprehend the thief or suspected person.
- ii: There must be no other effective way of stopping that person.
- iii: There will be no following up in order to shoot beyond the immediate area to be guarded.

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b) When Carabinieri and Civil Police are employed on normal patrol and Police duty, they may open fire only in the following circumstances :

- i: When attacked by an armed Allied soldier in circumstances which render the use of firearms essential in self-defense.
 - ii: When attacked by an unarmed Allied soldier and the attack is of such character that retreat is impossible and that resort to firearms is necessary to safeguard their lives.
 - iii. When an armed Allied soldier is making an attack with firearms on a third party.
- c) Automatic fire will not be used. Automatic weapons capable of firing single shots may however be used as single shot weapons.
- d) In no circumstances will fire be opened against women members of the Allied Forces.

4. If the provisions outlined in Par 3 are already adequately covered in existing regulations, orders or instructions, will you please take such steps as are necessary to ensure that such instructions are continually brought to the attention of all concerned and are properly enforced. If, on the other hand, adequate instructions do not already exist, will you cause the necessary instructions to be issued as soon as possible.

5. May we also be supplied with two copies of existing Carabinieri and Civil Police instructions on this matter, together with two copies of any new instructions issued as a result of this letter.

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Handwritten signature: H. van Dillen
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director.

PJW/G
Copy to Land Forces S/C (MMA)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

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5 November 1945

AC/14601/11/PS

SUBJECT : Arms for CC.RR.

TO : Commanding General CC.RR.

1. The attached list showing the arms and ammunition required by the CC.RR Regions of Padua, Bolzano and Verona is forwarded for your information and such action as is possible with the Ministry of War.

Franklin D. Wilson
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel J.A.G.D.
Director.

FJW/G

Copy to R.C. Venezia (att: RPSO)
Your XXII/PS/6.8 dated 25 Oct refers.

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2 NOV. 1945

HEADQUARTERS
VENEZIE REGION
Allied Military Government
APO 394

25 October 45

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

SUBJECT : Arms and ammunition CC.RR.

FILE NO. : RXII/PS/6.8

1. Reference your AC/14601/11/PS of 8th October.
2. I attach herewith details, in duplicate, of arms and ammunition requested by the CC.RR. Legions of Padua, Bolzano and Verona.

	TO	INIT	DATE
2	DIRECTOR		
5	DEPUTY DIRECTOR	<i>FGG</i>	5/11
	EXEC. OFFICER		
1	POLICE		
	LIC. & REG.		
	PRISONS		
	ADM. OFFICER		
	SECURITY		
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F.G. Green.
F.G. GREEN
Lieut. Colonel,
Regional Public
Safety Officer.

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LEGIONE TERRITORIALE DEI CARABINIERI DI PADOVA
 - Ufficio Amministrazione - Sez. 2° Magazzino -

SPECCHIO DIMOSTRATIVO delle armi automatiche, munizioni e buffetterie, occorrenti alle seguenti
 l'armamento individuale e di reparto:

COMANDI	Fucili mitragliatori "Breda" Cal. 6,5	Cartucce per fucili mitragliatore "Breda" cal. 6,5	Moschetto automatico mod. 38/A "Mitra" Cal. 9	Caricatori per moschetto automatico mod. 38 A "Mitra"	Cartucce per moschetto automatico mod. 38/A Cal. 9	Pistola automatica Mod. 34	Caricatori per pistola automatica mod 34	Cartucce per pistola mod 34	Fondina per pistola
LEGIONE CC.RR PADOVA:	700	140000	2000	4000	160000	1000	2000	28000	2
LEGIONE CC.RR VERONA	200	-	787	1574	30000	810	1620	8100	1
LEGIONE CC.RR BOLZANO	50	10000	500	1000	50000	1000	2000	28000	1
TOTALE	950	150000	3287	6574	240000	2810	5620	64100	2

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LEGIONE TERRITORIALE DEI CARABINIERI DI PADOVA
- Ufficio Amministrazione - Sez. 2° Magazzino -

armi automatiche, munizioni e buffetterie, occorrenti alle seguenti legioni per completamento individuale e di reparto:

"Breda" Cal. 6,5	Cartucce per fucili mitragliatore "Breda" cal. 6,5	Moschetto automatico mod. 38/A "Mitra" Cal. 9	Caricatori per moschetto automatico mod. 38 A "Mitra"	Cartucce per moschetto automatico mod. 38/A Cal. 9	Pistola automatica Mod. 34	Caricatori per pistola automatica mod 34	Cartucce per pistola mod 34	Fondina per pistola mod 34	Cartucce per moschetto mod 1891 cal 6,5	Bombe a mano
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 5042/112/EC

SUBJECT: Munitions Production

TO : Economic Section

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X DIRECTOR		
DEPUTY DIRECTOR		
EXEC. OFF.		
31 October 1945	26 1/2	
SECURITY		
CHIEF CLERK	97	8/11

1. Please investigate and report the statements in para 2 of signal from 2 District (ref: 1334 of 17 Oct) reading as follows:

"Investigation has shown that BENETPA factory GARDONE holds 12,000 machine pistols and FABBRICA NAZIONALE factory BRESCIA holds 15,000 rifles. Both are assembling more machine pistols. In MILAN are being made miniature submarines and a military aircraft. One case, suspected CLANDESTINE arms manufacture TURIN. Further investigation with AMG assistance now being made."

2. Director, Public Safety, advises that WMD S/C already have some information on the Gardone and Brescia plants (in which output Public Safety is interested in order to outfit Carabinieri).

3. Your attention is directed to the statement that investigation is being made by Distwo with AMG assistance. It is understood that this HQ (MMIA or WMD) is already checking up with respect to miniature submarines.

R.M. WHITE Capt.

Chief Staff Officer
To the Executive Commissioner

Copy to: Public Safety S/C
Land Forces S/C (MMIA).

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

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AC/14601/11/PS

13 November 1945

SUBJECT : Firing at Allied Personnel.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512

1. Reference is made to your letter
AG 388.3 C-0 of 2 November 1945.

2. Attached hereto is a copy of directive
which have been sent to all Regional Commissioners
in compliance with your instructions.

3. A further report will be made when similar
arrangements are completed with the Ministry of
Interior.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director.

JWC/G

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

AC/14601/11/PS

Tel: 489081 - 686

10 Nov 45

SUBJECT : Firing at Allied Personnel.

TO : RGS Liguria, Lombardia, Piemonte
and Venezie Regions (Attn RPSO).

- 1 Two incidents have recently occurred in which Allied soldiers have been shot and killed by members of the Carabinieri and Civil Police.
- 2 It appears that concise orders and instructions as to when and under what circumstances personnel of the Carabinieri and Civil Police are permitted to open fire, are not known by individual members of the police forces.
- 3 In order that the circumstances which justify firing at Allied Personnel by Carabinieri and Civil Police should be clearly understood, it is desired that the substance of the following be included in instructions to all concerned:
 - a) When Carabinieri and Civil Police are employed as properly constituted guards, patrols and sentries, on such duties as guarding dumps, property, buildings, etc, they may open fire on thieves or suspected thieves after direct challenge in the following circumstances:
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 - ii) There must be no other effective way of stopping that person.
 - iii) There will be no following up in order to shoot beyond the immediate area to be guarded.
 - b) When Carabinieri and Civil Police are employed on normal patrol and Police duty, they may open fire only in the following circumstances:
 - i) When attacked by an armed Allied soldier in circumstances which render the use of firearms essential in self-defense.
 - ii) When attacked by an unarmed Allied soldier and the attack is of such a character that retreat is impossible and that resort to firearms is necessary to safeguard their lives.
 - iii) When an armed Allied soldier is making an attack with firearms on a third party.
 - c) Automatic fire will not be used. Automatic weapons capable of firing single shots may however be used as singleshoot weapons.
 - d) In no circumstances will fire be opened against women members of the Allied Forces.

- 4 The question of the issue of appropriate orders to the CC RR and all Polio. Agencies throughout Italian Government and AMG (excluding Venezia Giulia) territory putting into effect the foregoing instructions is being taken up with the Commanding General CC RR and Italian Government Departments concerned. In the meantime you will ensure that the necessary instructions are issued locally to all CC RR units and Police agencies including all so-called Partisan Police if such exist in the Region. These instructions will be continually brought to the attention of all concerned and steps will be taken to see that they are properly enforced. Particular care should be taken to ensure that armed Police, guards, patrols, and road blocks are in possession of written orders respecting the use of firearms against Allied personnel.
- 5 You will no doubt consider the desirability of bringing to the attention of Allied Military Commanders in your Region the unfortunate consequences which follow when military personnel fail to halt on being challenged by Italian Police.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

M. Carr
M. CARR, Brig,
VP CA Section

Copy to: CAS SGAO Venezia Giulia

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- 5 NOV. 1945ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 388.3 C-0

2 November 1945

SUBJECT: Firing at Allied Personnel.

TO: Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
APO 394

1. Two incidents have recently occurred in which Allied soldiers have been shot and killed by members of the Carabinieri and Civil Police.

2. It appears that concise orders and instructions as to when and under what circumstances personnel of the Carabinieri and Civil Police are permitted to open fire, are not known by individual members of the police forces.

3. In order that the circumstances which justify firing at Allied personnel by Carabinieri and Civil Police should be clearly understood, it is desired that the substance of the following be included in instructions to all concerned:

a. When Carabinieri and Civil Police are employed as properly constituted guards, patrols and sentries, on such duties as guarding dumps, property, buildings, etc, they may open fire on thieves or suspected thieves after direct challenge in the following circumstances:

- (1) Every attempt must have been made to apprehend the thief or suspected person.
- (2) There must be no other effective way of stopping that person.
- (3) There will be no following up in order to shoot beyond the immediate area to be guarded.

b. When Carabinieri and Civil Police are employed on normal patrol and police duty, they may open fire only in the following circumstances:

- (1) When attacked by an armed Allied soldier in circumstances which render the use of firearms essential in self-defense.



Ltr, AFHQ, AG 388.3 C-0,
dtd 2 November 45 (Cont'd)

(2) When attacked by an unarmed Allied soldier and the attack is of such a character that retreat is impossible and that resort to firearms is necessary to safeguard their lives.

(3) When an armed Allied soldier is making an attack with firearms on a third party.

c. Automatic fire will not be used. Automatic weapons capable of firing single shots may however be used as single-shot weapons.

d. In no circumstances will fire be opened against women members of the Allied Forces.

4. If the provisions outlined in paragraph 3 are already adequately covered in existing regulations, orders or instructions, you will take such steps as are necessary to insure that such instructions are continually brought to the attention of all concerned and are properly enforced. If, on the other hand, adequate instructions do not already exist, you will cause the necessary instructions to be issued as soon as possible.

5. It is requested that this headquarters be informed of the action taken by you and that you forward to this headquarters a copy of existing Carabinieri and Civil Police instructions on this matter together with any new instructions issued as the result of this letter.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

C. W. Christenberry
C. W. CHRISTENBERRY
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

'A' See 29^A and
28^A for action
to R.C's.
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Copy furnished:

GOC, XIII Corps
GOC, Number 2 District
GOC, Number 3 District
CG, Peninsular Base Section

TO	DATE
DIRECTOR	10/6/45
DEPUTY DIRECTOR	8/11
EXEC.	
ADJ.	
SEC.	
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RESTRICTED PD

PARA ONE PD IT IS WELL KNOWN THAT CHARLES CHARLES BOGER MOGA AND OTHER
POLICE AGENTS ARE IMMEDIATELY ARMED PD THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AND AND
OFFICERS TESTIFY THAT THEY CANNOT PROPERLY RESPOND TO THIS LATTER BECAUSE OF
THIS LACK OF ARMS PD

PARA TWO AFTER FOR CHIEF OF STAFF FROM HQ ALCON STATED THATS GIVE ARMED PARAS

PARA TWO PD ON ONE FOUR SEPTEMBER IN MY AREA CHARLES CLANT ONE FOUR SIX ZERO

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BE RELEASED FROM THE BOMBING AND PROXY AT MUSCULA FOR THE CARBONIERE PD

I HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED PERMISSION PD I AM TOLD BY GENERAL DASH THAT IN THEIR

CHARGE FIVE ONE ZERO ZERO PD FIVE OF ONE THREE OTHERS THAT THE ISSUE OF

THESE WEAPONS IS UNDER DISCUSSION PD I ADMIT THAT TO REFUSE OR POSTPONE FURTHER

THE ISSUE OF THESE ARMS TO THE POLICE FORCES IN THIS MOMENT IS TO IGNORE THE

REALITY OF THE SITUATION OF LAW AND ORDER AND ALLIED RESPONSIBILITY IN HALTING

THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TO MAINTAIN ORDER AND I WOULD ^{W/O} ~~SEE~~ THAT AN UNDERSTANDING

ALTERNATIVE DECISION BE MADE

Copy to: C.Oon

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Land Forces 5/0.

Ex.Oon for CA SEC

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M B. LUSH

Brig.
Ex.Oon

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APO 394

Tel : 478487

October 1945

AC/14601/11/23

SUBJECT : Use of Firearms by Police.

TO : Regional Commissioners, Liguria,
Lombardia, Piemonte and Venetia.

1. Recently reports have been received at this Headquarters of the shooting of Allied military personnel by Italian police under circumstances which indicate a reckless disregard of the proper use of firearms and of human life.

2. You will cause orders to be issued to all Italian police in your region that the only occasions when resort to the use of firearms against Allied soldiers is defensible are :

a. When the Italian policeman is attacked by an armed Allied soldier and the policeman's life is in danger.

b. When the Italian policeman is attacked by an unarmed Allied soldier under such circumstances that retreat is impossible and that resort to firearms is necessary to safeguard his life.

c. When an Allied soldier is found committing a felonious crime and resort to firearms is necessary either to prevent the completion of the crime or to prevent the escape of the offender.

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1. You are requested to invite the attention of all commanding officers of Allied military installations in your Region that all Allied military personnel should be ordered to promptly obey all lawful orders of Italian police.

M. GARR, Brig.
VI CA Sec.

Copy to :

Representative of Chief Commissioner, Milan.
Hqs. No. 2 District.
Ministry of the Interior, Director General
of Public Security.

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S E C R E T

ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of Representative of Chief Commissioner
Montecatini Building
MILAN

Ex Comm 9440
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AC.ADV. 2147

JWC/ac
23 October 1945

SUBJECT: Police Shootings

TO : Deputy Executive Commissioner
(Att. Capt. Barnes)

1. As requested by telephone today by Col. Fiske, you will find enclosed letters regarding the above subject.

J. Wm. Cunliffe
J. Wm. CUNLIFFE
Major ADG
Executive Officer



Encl.

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Col Fiske -

The "incidents" are described in attached notes.

I suspect both parties are to blame

a. American soldiers - 1³⁰ P.M. - probably challenged and didn't halt - a little drunk maybe - Italian police too damn eager to shoot

b. British car. Truck did not stop - So was found at by a bunch of amateur policeman - who, from report couldn't unload rifle, let alone hit a Truck with an armed shot.

All things considered it appears that the only solution is to keep off the streets at night - or otherwise be damn careful about running through anything that looks like a police patrol.

Fate

273:

SUBJECT:- Serious Incident.

HQ No 2 District COT
A/709(P3)

9 Oct 45.

A.C. Lombardia - Col FISKE

Reference the attached copy of this HQ letter
A/709(P3) of 29 Sep 45 left here by Col Hamilton.

Herewith for your information are brief summaries
of two of the more recent incidents referred to in our above
quoted letter. It will be seen from the facts of these two
cases that both the Carabinieri and Italian Civil Police
discharged their firearms with extremely small justification
and complete disregard to loss of life.

/AB

Off. Tanant
Lt. Colonel
DA & CMC

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Cal Hammett -

Who ever wrote this gave no particulars regarding the "Suicide incident".

There was a report of 8 P.M. soldiers having been shot by station police. It was only a rumor I understand.

Cal Fiske asked me to get some exact data for him so that he can take proper steps to adjust matters.

Just what incidents does this refer to - Can you get this information

Cal Fisk

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SUBJECT: Serious Incident.

HQ No. 2 District CMF
A/709(P.S.)
29 Sept 1945

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Ex.D.

AC Lombardia - Col FISKE.

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OCT 1 - 1945

ALCOM MILAN

There has recently been an increase in the number of British and Allied personnel who are being attacked by armed Italians with fatal results.

In all these cases the shooting has been effected by either Carabinieri, Questura or Public Security Police and the British or Allied soldier has been unarmed. There can seldom, if ever, be any justification for a policeman to resort to the use of firearms against an unarmed soldier unless the policeman is in danger of his life. The cases referred to have shown this not to be the case.

The use of firearms by Italians is all too prevalent and their indiscriminate use against Allied Nationals will not be tolerated.

Carabinieri, Questura or Public Security Police will not open fire on unarmed Allied soldiers.

The only occasions when resort to the use of firearms by Italian policeman against Allied soldiers is defensible are :-

- (a) When the Italian policeman is attacked by an Armed Allied Soldier and the policeman's life is in danger.
- (b) When he is attacked by an unarmed Allied Soldier and the attack is of such a character that retreat is impossible and that resort to firearms is necessary to safeguard his life.

You are requested to draw the attention of all Italian Police to the contents of this letter and to inform them that future incidents of this nature will be viewed with the utmost gravity and immediate steps taken to punish the offender.

LJC/KE

Copy to: FRO
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Colonel
DA & QMG

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First Case - MURDER.

Persons under arrest (a) PAVIZZOLI Ferdinando
(b) BATTISTELLO Cornelio
both members of CCNR Stazione "SMALO" Padova

Brief facts of the case :-

1. Pfc LEM of 175 Pz Arty Bn (US Army) together with another American soldier were in Padova on 23 Sept 45. At approximately 0130 hrs, having spent the previous evening drinking in the town, they were standing in the shadow of a building in the vicinity of the railway station discussing whether they could return to their vehicle or have a further drink. LEM decided to cross the road towards a nearby light which he thought was from a cafe, while the other soldier agreed to wait for him. LEM began to walk towards the middle of the road, when after he had covered a distance of sixteen yards he was fired upon and instantly killed by shots from rifles fired by the two accused who were part of a patrol performing duty on the perimeter of the railway premises.

2. The defense by the two accused is that the figure was moving unusually fast and owing to the darkness they could not determine whether it was that of a man or woman. They contend that they called the person to halt several times, but it is thought that they could not have given the challenge more than twice owing to the fact that the deceased was shot by the time he had covered sixteen yards from first appearing from the shadows.

3. About 0100 hrs 26 Sept 45 a Sgt of the SIB ascertained by standing in the approximate position from which the accused fired, and using a substitute for the American soldier, that it was possible to see clearly the figure move across the road in the light given from the electric lamp in front of the melon stall, and deliberate aim could have been taken.

4. It has been impossible to establish any motive for the shooting and there is no evidence to show that the soldiers, at any time, caused annoyance to anyone. There is also no suggestion that they were engaged in any theft from the railway premises.

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Second Case - Hostile and Wounding.

Brief facts of the case :-

1. About 0015 hrs on Friday 7 Sept 45 a Dodge 3-ton vehicle was proceeding through the town of MILAN, carrying a dance band comprising of five British ORs back to 20 Assembly Area MILAN. All the men were travelling in the rear of the vehicle.
2. As the vehicle approached the crossing of COMO MARGATO and Via CAMOCCI, the driver noticed several people and to him they appeared to be slowly crossing the road. He slowed down in order to allow the people to cross the road and had just passed them when he heard two shots and then a cry from the back of the truck. He immediately stopped and on finding two of his passengers were badly wounded proceeded direct to 64 Gen Hosp. On arrival at the hospital it was found that one of the soldiers was dead.
3. The shots had been fired by an armed patrol consisting of eight men from the Italian Civil Police. Two of the men state that they stood in the middle of the road, one holding a red lamp (diameter 1½") and the other a red and white disc (diameter 7") in view of the fact that the vehicle slowed down and then increased its speed one member of the patrol jumped to the conclusion that it contained ~~persons~~ ^{persons} or stolen property and therefore fired two shots with the intention of hitting the tyres.
4. The following points are worthy of note :-
 - (a) It is not reasonable that drivers of vehicles who are suddenly confronted with a red light of 1½" diameter and a red and white disc of a diameter of 7" should be expected to stop immediately.
 - (b) During the subsequent examination of the arms carried by the patrol, it was found that every rifle had one round in the breach and five rounds in the magazine, and that no member of the patrol was capable of unloading his respective rifle.
 - (c) There is insufficient evidence to obtain a successful prosecution for a charge of manslaughter as apparently no clear direct orders in writing ~~regarding~~ ^{respecting} the use of arms had been brought to the notice of the patrolmen in charge of check points.

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CC.RR. GENERAL COMMAND
Ordinative Office

Rome 13 Oct. 45

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TO ALLIED COMMISSION
SUB COMMISSION of P.S.
R O M E

SUBJECT: Weapons for the CC.RR. Arms.

With reference to note AC/I4601/II P.S. dated 10th 9.45: The Padova Legion, charged with the withdrawing of the 370 muskets BERETTA mod.38 from the captured material depot at Westre pointed out that only 284 automatic muskets, 79 loaders, and 200 cartridges are available in the a/m camp. Some of the muskets are even lacking of cingles.

The withdrawing of said weapons has been ordered anyway.

By order

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Responsible officer



Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO

15 OTT. 1945

N. 81/44

di prot.

Roma, li 13 ottobre 1945.

Riposta al

del

Allegati n.

OGGETTO: Armi per i CC.RR.-



ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE ALLEATA PER LA P.S.

R O M A

-Rif.foglio n.AC/I460I/II/PS del 10-9-1945-

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA = STATO MAGGIORE R.E.

-Ufficio Servizi - Sezione Artigl.e Genio -

R O M A

-Rif.foglio n.4/2315/Serv.del 13-9-1945-

La legione di Padova, incaricata del ritiro dei 370 moschetti mitra Beretta mod.38 di cui al foglio sopradistinto, presso il deposito materiale nemico catturato di Mestre, ha fatto presente che nel deposito stesso sono disponibili solo 284 moschetti automatici, in parte sprovvisti di buffetterie (cinghie), 79 caricatori e 200 cartucce.

E' stato disposto ugualmente il ritiro di dette armi.

d'ordine
IL COLONNELLO CAPO DI S.M.
- Ezio Polani -

Polani

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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15 OCT. 1945

G-5: 000.5

13 October 45.

SUBJECT: Arms for Police Forces.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394.

Reference your AC/15601/11/PS of 5 October 45.

This matter is still under consideration at this Headquarters
and you will be informed of the decision as soon as possible.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

M.J. Glenn

M.J. GLENN
Colonel.

14 OCT 1945

TO	INIT	DATE
1 DIRECTOR	JW	13/10
2 DEPUTY DIRECTOR		
EXEC. OFFICER		
POLICE	Res. W. J. D. W.	23-10
LC. & P.M.		25/10
PRISONS		
ADM. & GEN.		
SECURITY		
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 134

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20 October 1945

AG/14601/11/PS

SUBJECT : Ammunition for Carabinieri Mobile Battalions.
TO : H.Q. 2 Dist.

1. The Regional Commissioners of the four northern Regions of Liguria, Piemonte, Lombardia and Venezia all report that the Hunter armoured cars allotted to the C.V. Mobile battalions in their areas are without ammunition.

2. Can the necessary ammunition be supplied please to the H.Q. at Genoa, Turin, Milan and Padova?

John W. Chapman
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.S.D.
Director.

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Copy to R.C. Liguria (att RSC)
" Piemonte "
" Lombardia "
" Venezia "

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PS
12 OCT. 1945

Subject:- Arms for Police Forces.

12 OCT. 1945

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME.

Q/23/9

17 October, 1945.

To:-

Civil Affairs Section, A.C.

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1. Reference your AC/14601/11/PS of 5 Oct 45, the answer to your AC/14601/11/PS of 14 Sep 45 is that an answer is still awaited from A.F.H.Q. regarding the disposal of arms and materials in the Beretta factory. We know nothing of any proposal to allot these arms outside the theatre.
 2. Since your letter of 14 Sep 45, the detailed allotment of arms and equipment to the Italian Army (including CCRR) from stocks available to the Italian Authorities has been placed in the hands of the Minister for War vide M.M.I.A. letter Q/8 of 19 Sep 45. The allotment of arms and ammunition to the CCRR on the scales authorised is therefore a matter between the General Commanding the CCRR and the Ministry of War.
 3. As you know, this whole question is at the moment somewhat complicated by the proposed changes in relations between Allied and Italian Authorities and functions of various Headquarters, Commissions and Sub Commissions concerned.

W. Parsley. edoul

Major General,
M. M. I. A.

12 OCT. 1945

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TO	
1 DIRECTOR	High 16/10
2 DEPUTY DIRECTOR	16/10
3 EXEC. OFFICER	15-10
4 PLANNING	
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Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
(M. L. I. A.) RGE.

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2 October, 1945.

To:-

Civil Affairs Section, A.C. 11A

Reference the Prime Minister's personal letter No. 37445 of 24 Sep 45 to Chief Commissioner, pressing for more adequate arms and ammunition scale of C.C.R.R.

M.L.I.A. is prepared to ^{advise on} ~~discuss~~ this matter, but would like to have your proposed scales and holdings before doing so.

W. P. D. L. y
Colonel

4 Major General,
M. L. I. A.

TO	DATE	TIME
X DIRECTOR	10/6	6/10
X DEPUTY DIRECTOR	2/11	5-10
X EXEC. DIR.	2/11	6:10
X POLICE		
X PRISON		
X DEPT.		
X CHIEF CLERK		

Col. P. D. L. y spoken to and
Acts of Arms for Personnel
and Barracks - supplied on 9¹⁰
B/F on 10/6 10/6 10/6 10/6

Now filed as
19^B and 19^C

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CC.RR. GENERAL COMMAND - Ordinate Office

PROSPECTUS: of fire-arms and ammunition expected to be
handed over to M.C.Os and O Rs of Arma Carabinieri
Reali. The data relating to personnel of Milano,
Bolzano and Genova legions have not yet been forwarded.

A. C.

FIRE - ARMS							
Strength of N.C.O.s and O Rs of the Arma excluding the Trieste legion.(62,348)	Automatic "Berretta" 'mushets Mod. '38 mitra '(one for ea 'ch soldier)	Automatic "Beretta Pi 'stols Mod. '34 (one for each soldier)	'Mushets Mod. 'I89I exchan 'Mod.I889 'ged with mi- 'pistols re- 'placed with 'automatic 'Beretta Pi- 'stols (One 'for each sol 'dier)	'Cartridge for 'automatic Be- 'retta Mod.38 '(28 fire shot	'Cartridge for 'automatic Be- 'retta Mod.38 '(28 fire shot	'Cartridge for 'automatic Be- 'retta Mod.38 '(28 fire shot	'Cartridge for 'automatic Be- 'retta Mod.38 '(28 fire shot
Officers have own fire-arms (1760)							
60588	60588	60588	60588	--	12.117.600	1.696.464	
Fire arms and ammunition in distribution	2108 (I)	18420	51825	8875	861.133	352.056	
REMAINDER TO BE ASSIGNED.....	58480	42168	8763	--	11.256.187	1.344.408	

FIRE - ARMS

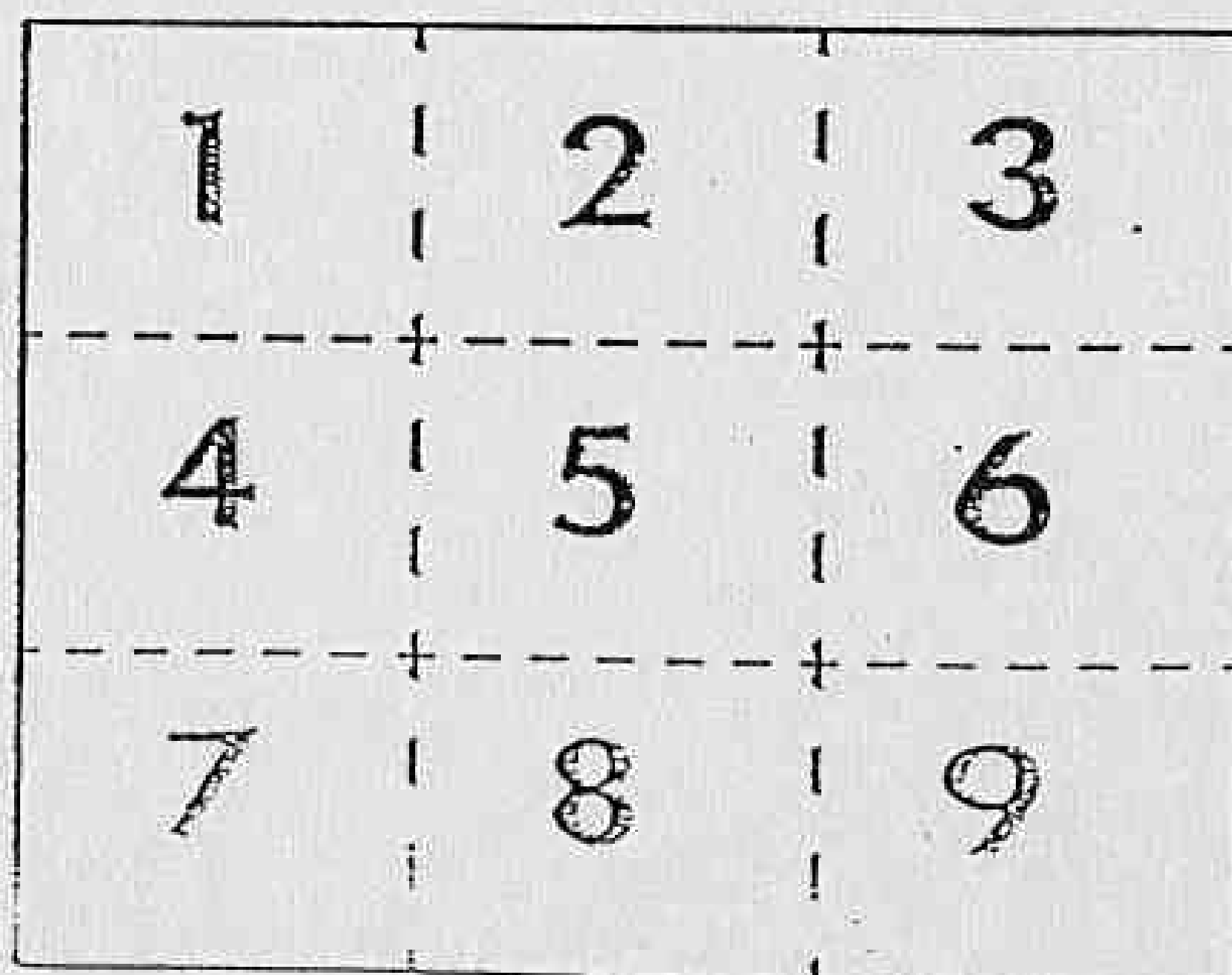
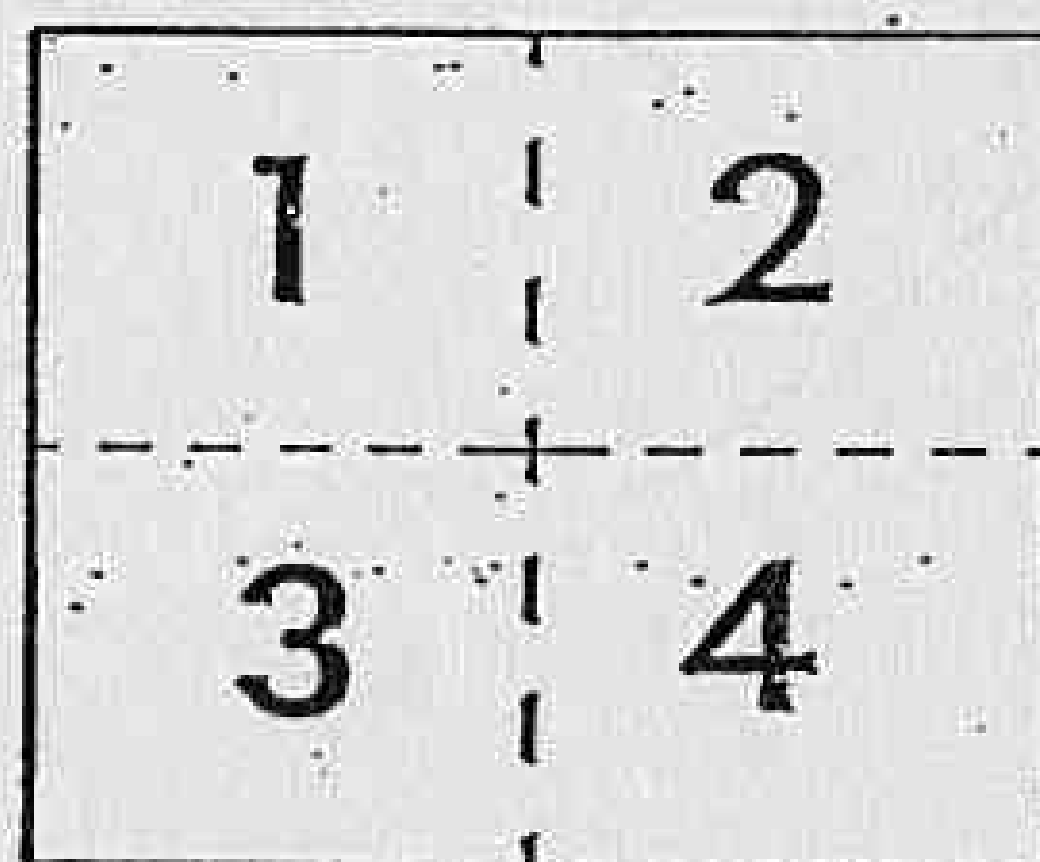
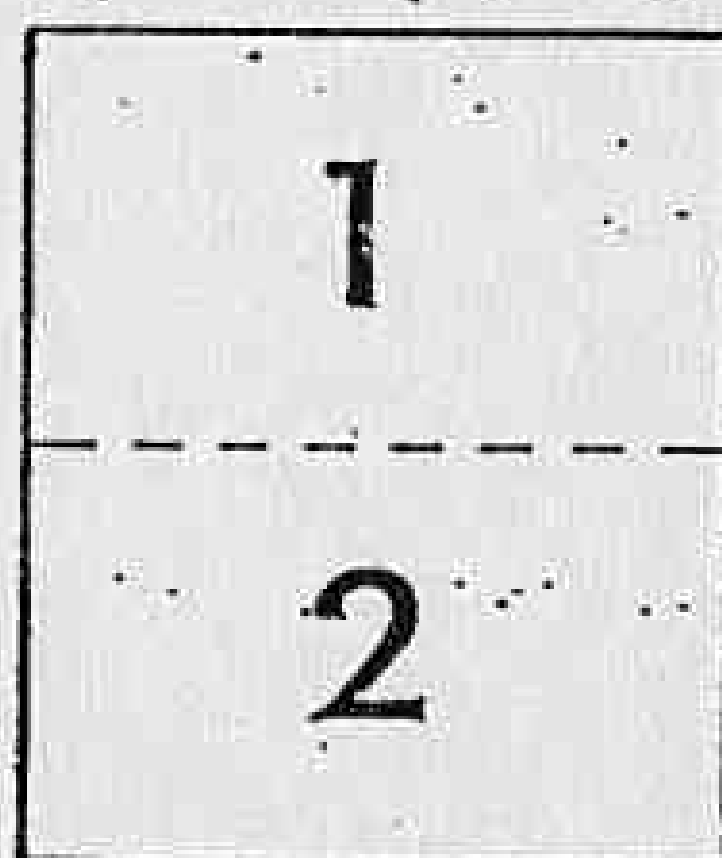
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60588	60588	--	12.117.600	1.696.464	5.452.920	--	--	(1) The 2108 mitre automatic mushets figure also in prospectus of arms and ammunition expected to be handed over to units of Arma's various commands. The same applies to 861113 cartridges for above arms.
18420	51825	8875	861113	352.056	2.980.016	251.476	--	-Soldiers not provided with mod.1891 mushets are partly armed with Beretta automatic mitre.
42168	8763	--	11.256.187	1.344.408	2.472.904	--	--	-Arms and ammunition relating to personnel of Milan Bolzano and Genova legions have not been added to prospectus. As soon as we receive the necessary data from these we shall forward them at the earliest.
								- We have made no mention of the Trieste legion (2652 N.C.Os and 0 Rs); the needs of which at the moment is put aside.

☐ (Translation M.C.-) ☐
CC.RR. COMAND - Ordinate office

PROSPECTUS: Of fire-arm and ammunition to be handed over to units of the CC.RR. Various Commands. Data relating to personnel of Milen, Bolzano and Genova Legions have not yet been forwarded.

MAPS AND CHARTS TOO LARGE TO FILM
ON ONE EXPOSURE ARE FILMED CLOCKWISE
BEGINNING IN THE UPPER LEFT CORNER,
LEFT TO RIGHT, AND TOP TO BOTTOM.

SEE DIAGRAMS BELOW.



COMMANDS	Number of Commands	FIRE - ARMS			AMMUNITION		
		Machine guns	" BREDA " Automatic rifles	"BERETTA" Automatic muskets	For machi- ne guns (1800 fire shots)	For autome- tic rifles (200 fire shots)	For tic (20 sho
Arma General Command	I-	--	10	--	--	2000	
Divisions and Brigades..... (4 automatic rifles and 10 hand granades and tear-gas bombs for each one)	9	--	36	--	--	7200	
Legional Command Companies (10 automatic rifles and 100 hand-granades and tear bombs for each one)	20	--	200	--	--	40000	
Central school.....	I	--	32	--	--	6400	
Legione Allievi.....	I	--	144	--	--	28800	
Rome Ferr.Squadroni Group...	I	--	5	--	--	1000	
Commands of Reggr.Btg.Mobili (10 automatic rifles and 100 hand granades and tear-gas bombs for each)	4	--	40	--	--	8000	
Mobile Battaglione..... (5 machine-guns, 46 automatic rifles, 66 automatic muskets 100 hand granades and tear - gas bombs for each)	I2	60	552	792	60000	110400	I5
Police barracks holding..... 10 soldiers (2 automatic rifles, 20 hand granades and tear-gas bombs)	4106	--	8212	--	--	1642400	
Stations holding from II to 25 soldiers.(3 aut.rifles 20 hand and tear-gas bombs	544	--	1632	--	--	326400	
Stations holding from 25 to 60 soldier.(10 automatic ri- fles and 30 hand and tear-gas bombs.)	III	--	III10	--	--	222000	
Stations holding over 50 sol- diers (20 automatic rifle and 50 hand and tear-gas bombs)	48	--	960	--	--	192000	
TOTAL		60	I2933	792	60000	2586600	I58

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FIRE - ARMS			AMMUNITION			BOMBS		REMARKS
Machine guns	" BREDA " Automatic rifles	" BERETTA " Automatic muskets	For machine guns (1800 fire shots)	For automatic rifles (200 fire shots)	For automatic muskets (200 fire shots)	Hand grenades	tear-gas	
--	10	--	--	2000	--	50	50	Data relating to the quantity of arms and ammunition for the Milan Genova and Bolzano legions, although requested and urged for have not yet been sent.
--	36	--	--	7200	--	90	90	
--	200	--	--	40000	--	2000	2000	
--	32	--	--	6400	--	100	100	
--	144	--	--	28800	--	100	100	
--	5	--	--	1000	--	100	100	We have not reckoned on the Trieste legion the needs of which have been for the moment put aside. Total foreseen for Trieste are: 576 automatic rifles, 115200 cartridges automatic rifles, 4310 hand-grenades, 4310 tear-gas bombs.
--	40	--	--	8000	--	400	400	
60	552	792	60000	110400	158400	1200	1200	
--	8212	--	--	1642400	--	82120	82120	
--	1632	--	--	326400	--	10880	10880	
--	1110	--	--	222000	--	3330	3330	27
--	960	--	--	192000	--	2400	2400	
60	12933	792	60000	2586600	158400	102770	102770	

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! ARMS AND AMMUNITION IN DISTRI- ! ! BUTION (excluding Milan Bolzano ! ! and Genova legions) !		238	1918	2108	489333	11315130		861
! WHAT REMAIN TO BE ASSIGNED... !		--	11015	--	--	1271470		

	32			6400		100	100
	144			28800		100	100
	5			1000		100	100
	40			8000		400	400
60	552	792	60000	110400	158400	1200	1200
	8212			1642400		82120	82120
	1632			326400		10880	10880
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	960			192000		2400	2400
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub Commission
APO 394

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AC/14601/11/PS

8 Oct. 45

SUBJECT : Arms and ammunition CC.RR

TO : R.C. Venezia (Attn: RPSO)

1. Reference your RXII/PS/6.8 dated 28 September 1945.
2. A request for the necessary ammunition for the 4 Mobile Battalions of CC.RR in the North is being addressed to HQ. No. 2 District.
3. Will you please indicate what arms and ammunition with details of calibre etc., are required for ordinary Carabinieri when the necessary indent will be made.

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

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HEADQUARTERS
VENETIE REGION
Allied Military Government
APO 394

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28 Sep 45

TO : HQ, Allied Commission - Public Safety ✓
Sub-Commission.
SUBJECT : Arms for CC.RR.
FILE NO. : RXII/PS/6.8

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1. I attach herewith list of arms and ammunition which has been requested for the Carabinieri - Legions of PADOVA and VERONA.
2. The PADOVA requirements include ammunition for armoured cars, an indent for which was sent to No.1 District Headquarters and was passed by them to No.2 District on transfer of District Commands.
3. In view of the order that direct application is not to be sent by Regions to District Headquarters it is requested that a copy of the accompanying list be sent to No.2 District asking that the arms and ammunition be made available at an early date.

TO	INITIALS	DATE
DIRECTOR	HWB	2/10
DEPUTY DIRECTOR		
EXEC. OFF.		
POLICE	G	1-10
LC. & P. L.		8/10
PERSON. OFF.		
ADM. OFFICER		
SECURITY		
CHIEF CLERK		

F.G. Green
F.G. GREEN
Lieut. Colonel,
Regional Public
Safety Officer.

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LIST OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION
REQUIREMENTS FOR CC.RR.

<u>CC.RR. Legion of Verona</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Automatic Rifles and relative ammunition	300

CC.RR. Legion of Padova

Arms

Tommy-Guns or Sten-Guns	1301
Automatic Rifles or Machine-Guns	559
Automatic Pistols, Model 34	1950

Supply of Ammunition

Tommy-Gun (400 rounds each weapon)	5,784,000
Sten-Gun (3300 rounds each weapon)	4,722,630
Machine-Gun (1200 rounds each weapon) ...	7,378,800
Shells for a small cannon	2700
Shells for Machine-Guns - "Besa"	102,000
Rifle-grenades	25
Automatic Pistol - Model 34 (28 rounds for each) .	54,600

Instruments For Automatic Arms

Ammunition belts for Machine-Gun - "Besa" ;	6
Sten-Gun clips (10 for each gun)	13,010
Instruments to charge clips of Sten-Guns ..	1301
Plates with relative load plates for Machine-Gun - "Breda" (60 for each gun)	33,500
Belts with relative ammunition belts for Machine-Gun "Fiat 35" (30 for each gun)	16,770
Boxes for Tommy-Guns (1 for each gun)	559
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APO 394

AG/14601/11/PS

File 16A
5 October 1945

SUBJECT : Arms for Police Forces

TO : AFHQ G-5

See 3^A

1. With reference to this Headquarters letter AG/14601/11/PS of 14 September 45.

2. It will be appreciated if this Headquarters could be informed how this matter stands.

3. It is understood by this Headquarters that consideration may be being given to the allotment of these automatic weapons to units outside this Theater but it is not known whether there is any foundation to this information. If there is a proposal to this effect it is requested that the matter should be re-considered in view of the urgent necessity of strengthening the armament of the CC.RR. and other police bodies in Italy.

4. A pressing letter has very recently been received from the Italian Prime Minister drawing attention to the urgent need for improving the armament of the police forces in view of the present state of public order and of the more modern weapons with which delinquents are almost universally armed. The Prime Minister's letter makes particular reference to the purchase by the Italian Government of the automatic rifles and pistols referred to in this Headquarters letter under reference.

For the Chief Commissioner :

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M. GARR,
Brigadier,
VP CA Section

FJR/G

Copy to WHD S/G
MOLA

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

AC/14601/11/PS

1st October, 1945

SUBJECT : Arms and ammunition for CC.RA.

TO : R.C. Piemonte
(Attn. RPSO)

1. Reference your PR/P.S./1/85 dated 26 Sept., 45.
2. The matter is now under discussion with MMIA and it is anticipated that an allotment of arms will be made in the near future for your Region and you will be informed accordingly.

John W. Chapman
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director

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HEADQUARTERS
PIEMONTE REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
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Office of the Regional Public Safety Officer

26 September 1945

REF : PR/PS/~~Prisons~~ PR/TS/1 / 85

SUBJECT: Arms and Ammunition for CC.RR.

TO : HQ A.C. APO 394 (Attention Public Safety Sub-Comm.)

1. With reference to my letter PR/TS/1/58 dated 24 July 1945, and PR/TS/1/59 dated 8 August 1945, these arms have still not been released.

2. There is an Ordnance dump at Alessandria which can probably supply most of the required arms & ammunition if AC will please expedite the release order from M.M.I.A.; the matter is URGENT.

For the Regional Commissioner.

D. Mance Capt.

H. MIGHALL
Major
Regional Public Safety Officer

TO		
☒ DIRECTOR	<i>Walt</i>	<i>28/9</i>
☐ DEPUTY DIRECTOR		
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JOHN J. WARD, 1st Lt.
for Major General
Land Forces Sub Commissi

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(Translation M.C.)

12ACC.RR. GENERAL COMMAND
Ordinere Office

Rome 17 Septembre 1945

N° 14/5

To ALLIED COMMISSION

Ans. sheet 10inst AG/14601/II P.S.

SEE COMMISSION OF P.S.

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R.O. 2

SUBJECT: FIRE - ARMS for CC.RR.

14/601/II

This General Command in thanking you for a/m kind communication, begs you to be so good as to speak in our favour with competent Offices to hasten assignment to Arms of nitro-bullets and "BERETTA" revolvers, pointed out in N° 14/2 of 3rd of last August, owing to necessity of furnishing all carabinieri with automatic fire-arms.

The General Commander

Brunetto Brunetti

TO		
DIRECTOR	<i>[initials]</i>	4/10
DEPUTY DIRECTOR	<i>[initials]</i>	4/10
EXEC. OFFICER	<i>[initials]</i>	3-10
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N.F.A. pending AFHQ
reply to our ltr.

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Annuncio

Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO

N. 194/6 di prot.

Roma, 17 settembre 1945.

Risposta al foglio del IO corrente

n. AC/I460I/II/P.S. ^{Allegati n.}

OGGETTO: Armi per i CC.RR.-

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE ALLEATA PER LA P.S.

R O M A

Questo Comando Generale ringrazia della cortese comunicazione fatta col foglio sopradistinto e prega codesta Sottocommissione di compiacersi interporre i suoi autorevoli uffici verso i competenti organi perchè vengano sollecitamente ceduti all'Arma i moschetti mitra e le pistole "Beretta" segnalati con lettera n.194/2 del 3 agosto u.s., data la necessità di munire tutti i carabinieri di armi automatiche.

IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
-Brunetto Brunetti-

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Com-
missioner APO 394

AC/14601/11/PS

8 Oct. 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister :

I refer to your letter of 24th September
1945 on the subject of automatic arms for carabinieri.

The need for these arms is well understood,
and the matter is under discussion with Allied Force
Headquarters with a view to the whole stock of arms
at the Beretta Factory being made available for the
Police forces. I will keep you advised of the
progress made.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral USNR
Chief Commissioner

Professor Ferruccio PARRI
President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
ROME

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APO 394

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5 October 1945

AG/14501/11/PS

SUBJECT : ARMS for Police Forces

TO : AFHQ G-5

1. With reference to this Headquarters letter AG/14501/11/PS of 14 September 45.

2. It will be appreciated if this Headquarters could be informed how this matter stands.

3. It is understood by this Headquarters that consideration may be being given to the allotment of these automatic weapons to units outside this Theater but it is not known whether there is any foundation to this information. If there is a proposal to this effect it is requested that the matter should be re-considered in view of the urgent necessity of strengthening the armament of the CC.RR. and other police bodies in Italy.

4. A pressing letter has very recently been received from the Italian Prime Minister drawing attention to the urgent need for improving the armament of the police forces in view of the present state of public order and of the more modern weapons with which delinquents are almost universally armed. The Prime Minister's letter makes particular reference to the purchase by the Italian Government of the automatic rifles and pistols referred to in this Headquarters letter under reference.

For the Chief Commissioner :

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M. GARR,
Brigadier,
VP CA Section

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Copy to TMD G/C
MIA

CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

INTER-OFFICE MEMO

TO: Director, Public Safety

I have decided that it is not necessary to hold up this matter by sending an interim reply to the Prime Minister.

If you agree, I think we should send another letter to AFHQ on the lines of the following draft:-

Subject Arms for Police Forces *CA Sec*
 16 AFHQ. E.S.

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Copy to Comd Yc
MMIA
1 Oct 45

Approved as you think

TRP
 P. Santa Brig.,
 VP CA Sec.

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AG/14601/11/TS

Oct. 1945

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President of the Council of Ministers
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20 OCT. 1945

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
HEADQUARTERS LIGURIA REGION
APO 394

BJH/VD

7^APUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION *RM*

Ref. : Lig/Saf/552

25 September 1945

Subject : Ammunition for CC.RR.

To : Director, Public Safety Sub-Commission,
Hqs. Allied Commission, APO 394

1. Reference letter AG/14601/11/PS dated 23 August 45, it would be appreciated if 5000 rounds of Sten Gun ammunition could be supplied for use of the CC.RR. in this Region.

For the Regional Commissioner:

for B.J. HEFFORTH
Lt. Colonel,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

TO	INIT	DATE
☒ DIRECTOR	<i>BJH</i>	11/10
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PB
28 SEP. 1945TranslationThe President of the Council of Ministers
Minister of the Interior

n. 37445

Rome, 24 September 1945

Dear Admiral,

28 SET. 1945

In my letter of the 7th, n. 34803, I drew your attention on the fact that it was necessary to give to the carabinieri an adequate personal armament, chiefly based on a modern automatic weapon.

I go on receiving informations proving how urgent it is to do so.

Unfortunately there are many cases of carabinieri killed while doing their duty, only because they have to face in conditions of inferiority offenders who have better and more modern weapons.

In spite of the well known spirit of sacrifice of the soldiers of this Corps, such a state of things cannot, in time, but affect the morale and fighting spirit of the men entrusted with the protection of the life of the citizens, for which they must risk their own.

The police forces are in the same position; for what concerns armament, they find themselves in worse conditions even than the carabinieri. To give them adequate technical efficiency is no less urgent and perhaps even more so.

I must therefore insist and ask for your personal intervention, for the Italian Government no longer to be denied the means to carry out the defence of lawfulness and safeguard of public order so justly demanded by the Allies. The problem, to my mind, could be quickly solved in the following way:

1. - by allowing not only the High Command of the Corps, but also the General Direction of P.S. to purchase a large part of the automatic rifles 'mitra' (34000) and pistols (5000) supposed to be stocked in the Beretta weapon manufacture at Gardone Val di Trompa;
2. - should it be impossible to grant this first solution, by allowing M.M.I.A. to put immediately an adequate amount of automatic weapons at the disposal of the above mentioned High Command and Direction General.

Thanking you for whatever action you will take, I remain,
dear Admiral,

yours sincerely,

S. Ferruccio Parri

Admiral Stone
Chief Commissioner

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IL PRESIDENTE
DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI
MINISTRO DELL'INTERNO

Roma, 24 Settembre 1945

28 SET 1945

Caro Ammiraglio,

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con la mia n. 34803 del 7 c.m. Le prospettavo la necessità di dotare i carabinieri di un adeguato armamento individuale, basato essenzialmente su una moderna arma automatica.

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Ammiraglio ELLERY W. STONE

Commissario Capo della Commissione Alleata

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2° - qualora la prima soluzione non potesse essere accolta, autorizzando la M.M.I.A. a mettere ad immediata disposizione dei predetti Comando Generale e Direzione Generale un adeguato quantitativo di armi automatiche.

Grato per tutto quanto vorrà fare, La prego, caro Ammiraglio, di voler gradire le mie più vive cordialità

Fernando Rani

18 SET. 1945
ATTORNEYSUBJECT: Arms for GCRR in Sicily.LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I.A.)
R O M E
Q/23/9
18 September 1945.
-----TO : Ministry of War.

1. Reference is made to SMRE letter 4/2260/Serv of 11 Sept 1945.
2. Authority is hereby given for the issue to 6 GCRR Brigade of 10 Automatic Carbines, Beretta, cal 9.
3. The weapons, together with the relative magazines and ammunition should be withdrawn from the supplies handed in on the disbandment of the "Monte Granero" Bn.

John J. Ward, 1st Lt.
JOHN J. WARD, 1st Lt.
for Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission

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Copy to:

Public Safety Sub Commission, A.C.

TO	INIT	DATE
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
AFO 394

MEMORANDUM

17 September 1945

1. A review of the most recent reports of Regional Public Safety Officers and others indicate that while the public security situation in Italy appears to be more calm, yet there is a disturbing undercurrent that presents a constant threat. So the R.P.S.O. Venetia Region reports "The situation may be summed up as calm returning to normal despite rumors that the communists are planning a coup d'etat when A.M.G. departs." The R.P.S.O. Lombardia Region reports "Taking everything into consideration there is a fair measure of law and order throughout the Region. The situation is, however, extremely delicate." The R.P.S.O. Liguria Region reports "The general situation is a little better but far from satisfactory." The R.P.S.O. Piemonte Region reports, "The general security situation is much better although there has been much propaganda by anti-communists to exaggerate the unsatisfactory state of public safety; there is no room for complacency." Reports from Liaison Officers indicate the same feeling in the areas under their observation. All reports mention stocks of hidden arms and depredations committed by bands armed with automatic weapons. The G.O.C., 1, 2 and 3 Districts have expressed a feeling of uneasiness over the security situation.

2. Obviously the C.O.R.R. is being considered as the Italian police agency which should preserve public order and Public Safety Sub-Commission will be held responsible for their ability to perform that function. Therefore, at this time it is desired to make clear certain facts and to present some recommendations.

3. For more than 18 months this Sub-Commission has been constantly pressing for clothing and equipment for the C.O.R.R. and other police forces without obtaining any appreciable result. Consequently the condition of the C.O.R.R. is still the same as it was in March, 1944, when Colonel R. this Sub-Commission wrote to Army Sub-Commission stating

The replacement of worn-out items of clothing and equipment for the police forces of Italy has been the subject of the sole concern to the forces themselves, to the Regional

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sioners, to the Executive Commissioner and, quite naturally to this Sub-Commission." In the same letter Colonel Kirk further stated, "The most which this Sub-Commission can do is to make known the needs to those who have custody of the stores and to urge upon them the increasing necessity for releasing the items requested, if they are available." This statement has been true through all of the months and is true today. In spite of the repeated assertions of this Sub-Commission as to the needs of the CC.RR., replies from various quarters have been to the effect that carabinieri are issued two uniforms each, that in every place the carabinieri appear smartly dressed, that the CC.RR. has large stocks of uniforms which are not being issued, etc., etc. The officers who work with the CC.RR. know better. The Regional Public Safety Officer of Venezia Region in his report for August states: "Lack of uniforms, boots, bedding and arms still constitutes a serious problem and in some cases CC.RR. are still performing duty in plain clothes." The R.P.S.O., Lombardia reports: "All police agencies require additional uniforms. Many promises have been made to give the police favorable consideration but the matter is becoming increasingly urgent." The R.P.S.O., Liguria Region reports: "Clothing Boots. This has become a major problem having regard to the impending turn over to Italian Government and the approaching cold weather. Separate reports have been submitted on the matter and it is again stressed. It is an impossibility for any Force to do duty if they are not properly clothed, and further we have to consider the morale point of view." The Commanding General, CC.RR. has reported that upwards of 9000 carabinieri have no uniforms at all and that none are available. This Sub-Commission has no reason to doubt the correctness of the needs of the CC.RR. Those who do assert that the CC.RR. have stocks of serviceable uniforms should be required to submit substantial proof.

4. In view of the fact that carabinieri normally are assigned in small detachments (excepting the larger cities) to man upwards of 5000 stations, in conversations last winter (1944) with the CC.RR. Command the idea of mobile battalions was suggested. It met with approval but lack of transport and the fact that at the time the CC.RR. was below its authorized strength of 55000 nothing was done to implement the suggestion. Following the disturbances in Sicily in

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in January of this year a mobile battalion (so-called) was organized in Sicily and one in Sardinia. However, due to lack of adequate transport and other equipment their operations have been considerably handicapped. At the time of the planning for the occupation of North Italy a mobile battalion was laid on for each of the Regions of Liguria, Piemonte, Lombardia and Venetia. It was agreed to supply these four battalions with 48 armoured cars and 48 heavy trucks, these latter for personnel carriers. It is now more than four months after the surrender of the German armies in Italy and only 22 heavy trucks have been delivered. These were Class V vehicles and practically all of them required extensive repairs to put them on the road. 40 armored cars were actually sent north and of these at least 2 are not usable. On 9 July the Ministry of War was advised that tanks were to be transferred to the CC.RR. to replace the armored cars. When the authorized strength was increased to 65,000, the Order of Battle made provision for 12 mobile battalions, one each for the Regions of Rome, Lazio, Cagliari, Florence, Bologna, Naples, Bari, Palermo, Milano, Padova, Torino, and Genova, and each consisting of 30 officers and 548 men. They are receiving 140 light and medium tanks from Italian Army sources. They cannot be supplied with trucks or other personnel carriers so they are far from being mobile.

5. An inventory of arms possessed by the CC.RR. is now being made. Our best information as present is that they have sufficient police type muskets, model 1891, to arm a force of 55,000, and sufficient pistols for a force of 47,600. They have approximately 2000 automatic rifles (cal.6.5) and approximately 1000 automatic muskets (cal.9). The present authorized strength is now 65,000.

6. In discussions held with NMIA during the week 3-8 September, 1945, representatives of this Sub-Commission were advised that, as to clothing, there were not sufficient stocks on hand to take care of the needs of the Italian army through the coming winter; as to arms, additional muskets, model 1891 were available, but pistols and automatic weapons were not available; as to transport, there is no more than is presently required by the Italian army.

7. The situation plainly stated is this :

a. There exists in every part of Italy a condition of agitation and public unrest which constitutes a potential

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serious threat to public order and security.

b. The Allies are placing the responsibility of maintaining law and order upon the Italian Government.

c. The agency best organized and distributed for maintaining law and order and which the Italian Government must consider as its first line of defense against public disorder is the CC.RR.

d. The CC.RR. have neither adequate clothing, adequate equipment, adequate arms nor adequate transport facilities to perform efficiently the functions which are expected of them and certainly are not in position to quell disturbances and disorders when the rioters are armed with modern automatic weapons and hand grenades.

e. The CC.RR. cannot be clothed, equipped, armed nor be supplied with transport facilities from any Italian Government source nor from any stocks normally under the control of MMIA.

f. Public Safety Sub-Commission has never had, nor does it have now, in its possession nor under its control any items, much less stocks, of clothing, equipment, arms or transport for distribution to the CC.RR. or any other police agency.

g. The recommendations are contingent upon two alternatives.

h. Either the Allied Governments are vitally interested, from a world security viewpoint, in leaving Italy with a police force sufficiently strong to maintain law and order, in which event it is recommended :

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(1) That the CC.RR., and possibly other police bodies, be fully equipped from Allied military stocks with good, serviceable equipment;

(2) That arrangements be made for supplying to the CC.RR., and possibly other police bodies, sufficient POL supplies to enable them to function efficiently;

(3) That a Quartermaster detachment and an Ordnance detachment be assigned to each of the 20 CC.RR. Legions to requisition, receive and supervise the distribution of such equipments.

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- (4) That technicalities such as traditional uniform, traditional arms, exhaustion of Italian sources of supply (which are exhausted), etc., be disregarded;
- (5) That, if authority to give the recommended aid does not exist in this Theater, it be obtained from the highest level competent to grant it;

b. Or the Allied Governments are not concerned with Italy's ability to maintain law and order, in which event it is recommended :

(1) That the Italian Government be notified that the Allied authorities will not furnish any equipment or supplies to the CC.RR. or any other police agency and that it is entirely responsible for equipping its police forces.

(2) That we stop furnishing to the CC.RR., unwearable and unserviceable clothing and equipment. This will have the appearance of generosity to those who, in distant offices, read the bare record of figures, but it is not increasing the morale and efficiency of the CC.RR. Furthermore this requires a useless waste of transport facilities.

(3) That then we stop the fruitless writing of minutes, memoranda and letters and the holding of conversations and discussions on this subject.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

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Tel.: 489081 - 365

14 September 1945

AC/14601/11/PS

SUBJECT : Arms for Police Forces

TO : AFHQ G-5

1. Information has been received that the Beretta Arms Factory at Brescia has in stock the following items :-

- 14,000 Automatic muskets. MITRA model 38/42 calibre 9.
- 30,000 as above but in parts awaiting assembly.
- 3,000 Pistola Beretta model 38 calibre 7.65

2. Application was made to MMIA for the release of these weapons for issue to Police Forces, particularly the Carabinieri who are urgently in need of automatic weapons. It was then ascertained that the weapons have been classified as Captured Enemy Material as they were in course of delivery to the Germans.

3. A bid has been made through War Material Disposal Sub-Commission for all the automatic weapons shown on your recent list of captured German material. If this list did not include the stock in the Beretta factory, may the items in Par 1 be allotted to the Carabinieri please.

Handwritten Signature
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel J.A.G.D.
Director

FJW/G

Copy to WMD S/C
MMIA

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TRANSLATION S.D.

Rome, 3 September 1945

CC.RR. GENERAL COMMAND

To: Ministry of War

R O M E

No. 194/4

and, for information,

TO:

A.C. Public Safety S.C.

SUBJECT : Individual arms for CC.RR.

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I was officiously informed that the Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (M.M.I.A.) has not approved the proposal I sent with letter No. 194/2 dated 3 August 1945, for the assignment to the CC.RR. of 44.000 automatic muskets "Mitra" and of 3.000 pistols in stock in the Weapons Factory "BERETTA" -Gardone Val Trompia, because such weapons are considered by the Allies as war booty.

As it is well known the arms assigned to the CC.RR. are absolutely insufficient for the present situation and exigencies. The personal equipment is now-a-days just as it was over half a century ago: that is a musket model 1891 and a pistol; moreover owing to the shortage of such weapons, many soldiers are in want of the latter.

The few automatic arms assigned or distributed concern the arming of the Corps - not even being complete - and which has nothing to do with the personal arms.

Such situation has a remarkable effect on the morale of the Carabinieri, being compelled often to front gangs of criminals more numerous and much better armed.

Therefore it is absolutely necessary to insist about this subject with the Allied Authorities if they are willing to keep the order in Italy and to enable the Corps of CC.RR. to be strengthened and ready to front the present emergencies!

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The General Commander
/s/ Brunetto Brunetti

N.A. at present. Commander General
has been informed that bid has
been made to AFMO for C.E.M.
and stock at Beretta factory.
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5 SET. 1945

Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO

N. 194/4

di prot.

Roma, li 3 settembre 1945.

Risposta al

del

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Allegati n.

OGGETTO: Armamento individuale dei CC.RR.

AD MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA - Gabinetto - ROMA
 e, per conoscenza:
 ALLA PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI ROMA
 AL MINISTERO DELL'INTERNO - Gabinetto - ROMA
 ALLA SOTTOSCRIZIONE ALLEATA PER LA P.S. ROMA



In via ufficiosa sono venute a sapere che la Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (M.I.A.), non ha accolto la proposta da me fatta con foglio n. 194/2 del 3 agosto u.s. per l'assegnazione ai Carabinieri dei 44.000 moschetti automatici "Mitra" e delle 3.000 pistole giacenti presso la fabbrica d'armi "Beretta" di Gardone Val Trompia, perchè tali armi sono dagli Alleati considerate preda bellica.

Come è noto l'armamento attuale dei Carabinieri è assolutamente inadeguato alla situazione ed alle esigenze; la dotazione individuale è rimasta quella in vigore oltre mezzo secolo fa e cioè il moschetto mod. 1891 e la pistola, con l'aggravante che per mancanza di disponibilità molti militari sono sprovvisti di quest'ultima arma.

Le poche armi automatiche assegnate o distribuite riflettono le dotazioni di reparto - peraltro non complete - e che non hanno nulla a che vedere con l'armamento individuale.

Tale situazione si ripercuote sensibilmente sul morale e sullo spirito dei Carabinieri costretti, troppo spesso, ad affrontare bande di delinquenti assai più numerose e molto me-

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glio armato.

Occorre perciò in modo assoluto insistere in argomento presso le autorità Alleate, se esse vogliono effettivamente che l'ordine sia conservato in Italia e che l'Arma sia potenziata ed adeguata alle necessità contingenti.

IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
-Brunetto Brunetti-



MINISTRY OF INTERIOR10/13733
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29 Aug. 45

SUBJECT : Trapani - Night Vigilance Institution
Request for arms.

TO : Public Safety S/C A.C.

The night vigilance institution of Trapani has had temporarily from the local CC.RR. Company, 27 muskets, which are, in part, in a bad condition, whereas this institution requires 60 muskets to arm the guards.

The Prefecture of Trapani in pointing out the above has added that such deficiency of arms is very serious for the regular functioning of the Institution and vigilance service of said town and countryside and has asked the Ministry of War to authorise the Direzione di Artiglieria of Messina or some other military depot of Sicily to give to above institution 60 muskets -type 1891 and a good amount of ammunition.

This ministry approves above request and kindly asks your S/C to put said request forward to M.M.A. for the necessary authorisation. An answer on the matter would be appreciated.

For the Minister
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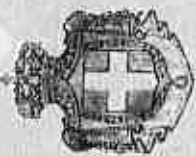
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ALL'ON. COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

Sottocommissione per la P.S.

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Div. Sec. N.°

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Si prega favorire riscontro.

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