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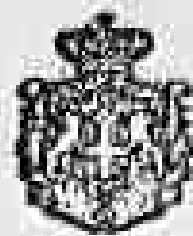
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**MINISTERO
DEI
LAVORI PUBBLICI**

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OGGETTO
Recupero materiali. =

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Bonini

6 SET. 1944 104

AL LA PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI
MINISTRI R O M A

e per conoscenza:

AL DIRETTORE DELLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE
LAVORI E SERVIZI PUBBLICI DELL'A.C.C.

Risposta al foglio del R O M A

Div. _____ Sez. _____ N. _____

Con lettera n. A.C.C./093/ P.W.U. in data 2 settembre 1944, di cui si allega copia, il Colonnello JENNY, direttore della Sottocommissione Lavori e Servizi Pubblici dell'A.C.C., in relazione alla nota di codesta Presidenza n. 3019 Gab. del 12 agosto scorso, con la quale si chiedeva di conoscere se per i lavori di ricostruzione edilizia a cura dell'Ente Regionale si potessero adoperare il legname ed altri materiali esistenti nei rifugi contro le incursioni aeree, ha espresso parere favorevole al riguardo, nell'intento di agevolare, per quanto possibile, la esecuzione di tali lavori.

Con l'occasione lo stesso Col. JENNY ha suggerito che tutte le questioni da sottoporsi al suo esame vengano prospettate per tramite di questo Ministero e non direttamente, al fine di far luogo ad una procedura uniforme e regolare ed a risparmio di tempo.

Nel comunicare quanto sopra, sottopongo a codesta Presidenza la opportunità di impartire disposizioni ai vari Ministeri interessati affinché tutte le questioni di competenza della detta Sottocommissione siano prospettate a mezzo di questo Ministero, come ha ora richiesto il Direttore della Commissione stessa.

IL MINISTRO 238

Bonini

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

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Ref. ACC/5105/Com

26 August 1944

SUBJECT: Salvage material

TO : Public Works Sub-Commission

1. Ref. attached letter from Ministry of the Interior.
2. It is confirmed that this item is not controlled and this sub-commission has no objection to the procedure suggested.
3. The correspondence is passed to you for information and any necessary action.

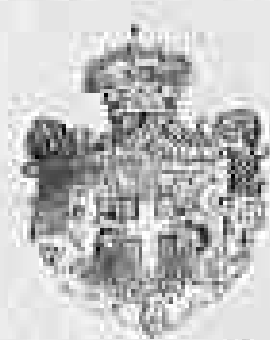
for
W.P. EVANS
Colonel-Director
Commerce Sub-Commission
May. mms

Encl.: Ltr from Ministry of Interior
dated 12 August 1944.

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Ministero dell'Interno
= GABINETTO =LA COMMISSIONE ALLEA-
TA DI CONTROLLO

ROMA

16 AUG 1944

Divisione 3019 Gab. Leg. Allegati

Rispondenti del
Dir. Leg. N.

OGGETTO:

Sog: Istruzioni to Prefetture salvage materiel

Attesa la necessità che siano approntati al più presto ricoveri di fortuna per le popolazioni sinistrate dalla guerra, si rende indispensabile utilizzare, anche per la nota grave deficienza di materiali, il legname e quant'altro sia recuperabile nei rifugi antiaerei e possa giovare a tale scopo.

Si prega, pertanto, codesta Commissione Alleata di Controllo di volersi compiacere, ove nulla abbia in contrario, di impartire alle Prefetture del Lazio opportune istruzioni onde il materiale in parola sia tenuto a disposizione dell'Ente Ricostruzione Edilizia del Lazio e siano prese, frattanto, misure di vigilanza atte a prevenire eventuali manomissioni.

IL MINISTRO

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TRANSLATION No. 152
MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

File No. e019 Cab.

Rome, 12 August 1944

SUBJECT: Instructions to Prefect

To : Allied Control Commission - Rome

Since it is necessary to prepare improvised huts for people who have suffered damages from the war, it becomes indispensable, also because of the known critical shortage of material, to utilize the lumber and everything else that can be salvaged in air-raid shelters and which can be of value in this undertaking.

Hence we wish to ask the Commission, if there are no objections, to send the necessary instructions to the Prefectures of Lazio in order that the material in question shall be put at the disposal of the Ente Ricostruzioni Edilizie of Lazio and at the same time measures of vigilance be taken in order to prevent any mis-use of the material.

The Minister
/s/ Bonomi

Tel: 489081

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Works and Utilities Sub - Commission
APO 394

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ACC/023/PWU

2 Sept. 1944

SUBJECT: Salvage Material
TO : Minister of Public Works.

A letter written by H.E. Sig. Bonomi, under date of 12 August 1944 (No 3019 Gab.), asking if the A.C.C. had any objection to the Ente Ricostruzione Edilizia del Lazio using timbers and other materials in air raid shelters in connection with its housing program, has reached me today.

I wish to state that we have no objection to this Ente making use of all locally available material that may help expedite its work.

Since all these matters have to come to me for decision it is suggested that arrangements be made whereby all data pass through the Minister of Public Works to me direct. In that manner time and effort can be saved and a regularized procedure followed.

L.A. JENNY
Lt - Colonel, O.E.
Director

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. Section
AFC 394

5 JUN 1944

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Ref: 1401/9/CA.

4 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Salvage.

TO : Air Force Sub-Commission.

1. I refer to your ASC/S. 3 of 5 May 44.
2. The question of organising the Italians to salvage tins, paper etc has been carefully studied by the Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission and the Salvage Officer at H.Q., A.A.I. has been consulted.
3. I am informed that there is actually a surplus of scrap metal in Italy and the difficulty in obtaining shipping space precludes the forwarding of any large amounts of any type of salvage to either U.K. or U.S.A.
4. No action, therefore, by this H.Q. in this matter is contemplated for the present.

*Some kind of action, however, should
be taken to make use of this
Ref. 7/6*

[Signature]
HORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to: Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission.

*By Col Rhodes
Reaper*
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*Pls note & file
Ref 7/6*

CIRO PASTORE
 COMRA - VENDITA
 Macchine Utensili Materiali
 -- Vico II Casanova 11 --
NAPOLI

5 June 1944

Telephone 51964

SUBJECT: Salvage of materials from ruined buildings.

TO : Lt. Col. Jenny, Director, Public Works & Utilities
 Sub Commission, Allied Control Commission.

1. The undersigned wishes to be considered in the awarding of contracts for the salvage of iron and like materials from buildings destroyed through bombings and other acts of war.

2. The undersigned is thoroughly equiped to handle these projects including the transportation of the salvaged materials to the depots established for such purposes.

Respectfully yours,

Ciro Pastore fu Francesco.

Lt Col Jenny *Wesley*

To note x file for future reference. Some day we may have to go into this.

Wesley 232

HEADQUARTERS
ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission
AFO 394

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ACC/093/PWU

31 May 44.

Subject: Salvage of Construction Materials.

To : H.E. Alberto Tarchiani, Minister of Public Works.

1. Refco. our letter ACC/093/PWU, dated 3 May 44.
2. May we have a reply please?

Director
To sign
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L.A. JENNY,
Lt.-Col., C.E.,
Director.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission
APO 394.

ACC/093/TWU

3 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Salvage of Construction Materials.

TO : H. E. Alberto Tarchinni, Minister of Public Works.

1. It becomes increasingly important for your Ministry to take such steps as may be necessary to begin salvaging steel, machinery or other construction materials or equipment wherever they may exist in liberated Italy.

2. It is suggested, therefore that some branch be set up in your Ministry whose function it will be to establish depots in different parts of liberated Italy where such materials can be collected and kept under guard and a list of salvaged materials issued to your engineers with copies to us so we may know where such materials are available.

3. Will you please advise me of the steps you are taking in this connection and how you plan to proceed to organize this work.

L. A. JENNY,
Lt. Col., C.E.,
Director.

*Now send a summary
letter
GAB
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Salvage
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Subject:- Salvage of Scrap Metal.

AFHQ adv Adm Ec.
C.M.F.

82/Q3.

16 Jan, 44.

To: Salvage.

Reference your 7761/Salv dated 8 Dec, 43.

AFHQ state that raw materials and scrap privately or state owned will be left where it is except for such particularly valuable material as may be notified from time to time through salvage channels as required for the war effort/within the theatre or for shipment. This latter material will be removed in consultation with ACC or AMG.

Signed . . . Capt Roberts.
for Brigadier
DQMG.

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AFHQ

info HGS(A) - Local Resources

Q 6284.

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 now give ruling asked for

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DISTRIBUTION:-

Sigs (4)
 Master 3009
 File 82/Q

*Ignore - no relation to subject.

C O P Y

SUBJECT:- SAA Works - Capua

AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon
Salvage Branch

Tel No. Ext 153
7761/Salv.
8th Dec 1943

To:- "Q"

In these works lie quantities of aluminium, tin and zinc ingots, brass rods and sheet etc., also scrap arising therefrom. They are at present occupied by GWS 5th Army and Lt-Col Williams of Quartermaster Branch declares that his services do not require any of the above material.

Application is made for permission to withdraw material of the above nature to the Salvage Depot, where it can be sorted and inspected by the Services interested. After local demands have been satisfied it will be available for shipment home where aluminium is at least a top priority.

????????? Major
DAD Salvage

RESTRICTED CIPHER MESSAGE IN SIGS NO 4343

TO. FLAMBO

FROM FREEDOM.

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INFO. AMG/ACC

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INDUSTRIAL PLANNING STAFF

18 January 1944

Messages copied below may be of interest, in a salvage occurrence in Army; data obtained at request of Col. Lepper, PW & Mines Sub-Commission. AFHQ policy seems to be indicated in message 3.

Lt. Col. FRED. M. REITER

ISUBJECT:- SAA Works - CapuaAFHQ ADV. ADM. ECH.
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Info MGS (A) - Local Resources

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info MGS (A) - Local Resources

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Subject: Salvage of Scrap Metal. AFHQ adv adm ech, CMR. 82/Q3
16 January 44.

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Signed: Capt. Roberts for Brigadier DQMG.

File materials
Headquarters
Allied Military Government
(Rear Detachment)
APO 512

Encl 12
Lee
12 January 1944

Subject:- Empty Petrol Containers

To: Public Works and Mines Sub Commission, HQ AMG.

Herewith is a letter from Region 1 in answer to your
ACC/004/PWM dated 3 Jan 44.



W. Knight Major,
(W. Knight)
P W & M Sub Commission.
(Rear)

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

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File: RES 463/1

9 January 1944.

SUBJECT: Empty Petrol Containers

TO : A.M.G.H.Q. Public Works and Mines Sub-Commission. ✓

1. Reference letter ACC/004/PWM dated 3 January 1944 the salvaging of petrol containers in Region I was commenced approximately two months ago and is continuing.

2. When collected they are forwarded to the Salvage Sections of I.B.S. or N° 1 District according to where they are located.

For the Regional Civil Affairs Officer:

A. S. Alexander

A.S. ALEXANDER,
Major, M.I.,
Acting Chief, Economics
and Supply Division.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
INDUSTRY & COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

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16 January 1944

AMG/5105/IC

SUBJECT: Salvage

TO : Public Works & Utilities Sub-Commission

1. Should the demand warrant the considerable amount of labour involved, substantial quantities of steel cable and endless V-rubber belts could be salvaged from the Ansaldo works.
2. This is passed to you for your information and may be considered reliable as it is taken from a report of one of our own officers who made a personal inspection of these works.

W.P. EVANS
Colonel
Director, Industry and
Commerce Sub-Commission.

W.P. Evans

*agreed with Col Kemp
to keep salvage
in material file in the
time being.*

Col. Papper

*Let start some filing system
on Salvage - 1 for steel cable
1 for endless V rubber belts, and
put 1 copy of this in each*

W.P. 17/1/44

Meeting held to discuss Lt Col Peiter's
Scheme for Rehabilitation of Industry.

4 January 1944 (10:00 to 13.00 hrs)

*File
 Industrial
 Planning
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Chairman: Col Adams.

1. General discussion re industrial plant position.
2. Statement by Col Todd that Electricity Supply would be the limiting factor.
3. I stated that the FW&M would shortly be discussing with the Electricity Companies and the appropriate Ministry, the availability of Electrical Energy throughout the Southern part of Italy.
4. With regard to priorities, I stated that it would be possible later on for P.W.&M to furnish a monthly statement showing the factories being supplied with electric energy and that if no further energy was available, Industry and Commerce could decide whether some of these should be displaced by the rehabilitated factories.
5. The P.W.&M are to take charge of Salvage of Material and advise on all matters of Salvage. Plans for Salvage Operations to be submitted.

*Th. M. Lappin.
 Lt Col.*

Est. Jimmy.

*Salvage Scheme being developed
 for discussion with you*

Th. M. L.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Industrial Planning Staff.

FMR/fmr

3 January 1944.

SUBJECT: Salvage Program for Industrial Equipment.

TO: Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission.

1. Based upon surveys made by AMG/ACC officers and upon reports received concerning equipment now located in devastated plants, in caves, and in other points of storage, there is a great need for a program of salvage. This equipment consists of machine tools, motors, all kinds of mechanical and electrical equipment.

a. Much of this equipment has been partially crippled by deliberate demolitions of the enemy, as well as by warfare.

b. Many valuable machines, some worth thousands of dollars, are rusting and losing their value.

c. Much of this equipment has been ruined by careless handling by troops in establishing billets in factories, such as occurred in textile mills in Naples in piling up delicate looms to make room for troops. Sikh troops are reported moving into the Cotoniere Meridionale textile plant and by lack of direction may irreparably damage valuable equipment.

2. The salvage of this equipment by organized and experienced civilian crews under the direction of AMG salvage officers, and their repair, cleaning, and restoration in established civilian shops, would be a self-liquidating project.

a. Costs would be more than covered by the increased value of the equipment, either in sales or repair charges.

b. The equipment would be available for immediate use in general rehabilitation programs, both current and future.

c. Employment of skilled mechanics, clerks, and considerable common labor would result from a general program of salvage.

d. It would give impetus to civilian managements in the rehabilitation of their factories.

3. A program of general salvage could be instituted by the following measures:

a. A salvage officer be appointed within the Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission whose full time will be devoted to recovery and salvage of industrial equipment.

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Salvage Program. cont. 7

(1) All data pertaining to stored and plant equipment should be referred to this officer for investigation and necessary action.

(2) He should keep records of location and condition of all such equipment.

(3) He should arrange suitable warehousing of salvaged equipment with appropriate security.

(4) He should obtain from nearby Engineer pools or other sources heavy equipment needed for salvage, such as mobile cranes, trucks and trailers, heavy tools, etc.

(5) Routing of equipment from location to repair shops, work done, costs, disposal, accounting procedures, should be under his control.

(6) Requisitions or procurement of rust preventatives, lubricants, repair parts, and other necessary items should be initiated by him.

(7) Equipment so restored should be frozen, kept under surveillance, and released only upon order from appropriate higher authority.

(8) All equipment now held in dumps, plants, caves, warehouses, under control of the Armed Forces, in excess of their requirements should be made available to AMG for essential civilian needs.

(9) A salvage officer should be established in each Region and in large cities such as Naples, with duties similar to and coordinated with the Salvage Officer in Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission, at AMG-ACC-Hq. 4y18c

(10) A salvage officer should be attached to each Army Corps, to protect industrial equipment from damage from any source. He should make preliminary surveys in industrial establishments to assist Regional Salvage Officers to carry on the mission of protection and salvage of valuable industrial machinery.

(11) Appropriate civilian repair shops for mechanical, electrical, and other equipment should be established and assisted with priorities for power, equipment, and supplies, in order to perform salvage operations.

Salvage Program, Cont. 6

(a) These shops will be under the supervision of appropriate AMG-ACC officers.

(b) These shops will be immediately available to the Armed Forces for their repair and salvage programs.

(c) Types of shops recommended include machine, forge, electrical motor, switch-gear, boiler, welding, foundries both ferrous and non-ferrous, and such others as may be needed.

(12) When ACC assumes full operation, appropriate civilian officials can take over, but supervision should be continued.

4. It is recommended that this program be instituted at once.

For the Industrial Planning Staff.

FRED M. REITER
Lt. Colonel
Senior Staff Officer.

PLAN

2 January 1944

General Industrial Rehabilitation Program.

- 1 . Industrial Priority System already established.
- 2 . Plant surveys now under way in Regions I and III.
 - a. Region II being initiated.
 - b. Apulia (AOC) will be started. *will under way.*
 - c. Surveys give estimates of plant products, capacities, raw materials, employment, power, fuel, autarchy.
 - d. Surveys indicate condition of plants, those worthy of rehabilitation and those incapable of operation for several years.
 - e. Plants shown incapable of operation can be cannibalized and equipment and material used in rehabilitation programs.
- 3 . Region personnel now being augmented so that Regions can undertake direct supervision of programs.
- 4 . This back-ground work should now be taken in hand and programs initiated.
 - a. Surveys should be sorted by industries.
 - b. Industries should be selected by priorities.
 - c. Of each group, specific plants should be selected for rehabilitation and specific plants selected for cannibalization.
- 5 . Directives should be issued ^{by} to Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission to order Regions to undertake rehabilitation of specific plants, work to be done by civilian owners under direction of Regional Officers.
 - a. Regional Officers should supply ^{assistance} initiative to civilians.
 - b. APLR (I) Board now issues directives to Armed Forces agencies and AMG/AOC on plants they deem essential to military effort. We could do same on plants deemed essential under our priorities.
- 6 . Detailed surveys should be undertaken by Regions for all materials in plants designated for cannibalization.
 - a. Surveys should be complete and under guidance of booklet prepared by Industrial Planning Staff.
 - b. Copies of materials surveys of such resources should be submitted to Industrial Planning Staff for use of Sub-Commissions, Central Economic Committee, and other agencies.
 - c. Where deemed necessary, such materials should be frozen by Regions, as is done by Armed Forces.
- 7 . Salvage shops should be established to repair, ²¹⁸¹ and recover equipment.
 - a. Much equipment has been demolished by Germans deliberately or by warfare. FBS has caves full of machine tools, etc., needing salvage.

b. Establish a salvage officer in each Region to handle material surveys and equipment salvage.

8. Set up cannibalization procedure.

9. Set up financial arrangements, through finance officer in Regions.

to be included in regularly monthly report

10. Submit progress reports to Economic Directorate. ✓

11. The procedures set up will become increasingly important as the northern industrial areas of Italy are occupied. Systematic destruction on a large scale will require more intensive utilization of methods proposed herein. The program of survey salvage and conservation should be a continuing one starting with the forward AMG echelons.

Industrial Planning Staff

2 January 1944

(Draft)

SUBJECT: Civilian Cement Requirements.

TO: Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission.

1. At the 6 December 1943 meeting of the Engineering Materials Committee of the AFLR(I)B, out of a total possible production capacity of 18,000 tons of cement per month, 7,250 tons were allocated to the Armed Forces. No civilian requirements were presented.

2. At the 20 December meeting, the Taranto plant was turned over to AMG/ACC control. This facility has 2,000 tons of cement on hand and production capacity of 1,500 tons per month. Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission is handling the operation of the plant through channels.

3. Since major requirements of cement fall under Public Works operations, it is requested that total estimated requirements for cement for civilian purposes be developed by Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission as early as practicable and submitted to the Industrial Planning Staff for presentation to the AFLR(I)B for assurance of allocation for AMG/ACC civilian needs. These requirements should be on a monthly basis projected ahead for at least three months. Your office should carry requirement records broken down by Regions, Provinces, or projects, so that deliveries can be made from nearest sources in order to save transport. This information will be made available to the Central Economic Committee.

4. It is desired that a method of cement supply distribution be developed within AMG/ACC, since AMG/ACC requirements will be submitted to AFLR(I)B in bulk, with eventual distribution to be affected by AMG/ACC.

5. Cement requirements will include those from all Sub-Commissions, Transportation (R.R.), Communications, Industry and Commerce, etc.

6. It is recommended that Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission make recommendations to the Central Economic Committee as to allocations of allotted cement within AMG/ACC.

7. The next meeting of the Engineering Materials Committee, AFLR(I)B will be held on 14 January, 1944.

8. Attached hereto are the only file copies of the minutes of the 6 and 20 December, 1943 meetings of the Engineering Materials Committee which are being loaned for the purpose of extracting whatever pertinent information you may desire. These copies should be returned to this office as soon as possible. 216

For the Industrial Planning Staff

ADM. Div

AFHQ ADV. ARM. ECHELON
Petroleum Section1-100/0830/18-12 167
Adm Div
II16/5 PS
17 December 1943MEMORANDUM TO: A.C.C.
British Military Mission.
Hq., A.S.G.
Mov., FLAMEO.

SUBJECT : Collection and Return of Empty 5 gallon Petrol Containers.

1. During operations in the Salabrian Peninsula, relatively high numbers of 5 gallon returnable petrol containers are reported to have been left behind the Army in its advance northward.
2. It is suggested that these containers are now held either by the Italian Army, the civil population, or are lying abandoned in the countryside.
3. In order to regain control of these containers for reuse and reissue, it is desired that they be collected and forwarded to either TARANTO or NAPLES, consigned to the respective petrol depots.
4. Request that necessary arrangements be put in hand for collection of returnable petrol containers, and forwarding thereof to Taranto or Naples for inspection, salvage, or repair, and refilling.
5. Further, request Petroleum Section, this Headquarters, be kept advised of progress made along these lines.

[Signature]
M. R. GARRUTHERS
Lt. Col.,
Acting Chief of Section.

Copy to: M.G.S., FLAMEO.
" " D.D.S.T., FLAMEO.
" " Petroleum Section, AFHQ.
" " M.G.S., AFHQ.
" " C.G., F.B.S., Base Petroleum Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Public Works and Mines Sub-Commission

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ACC/004/PWM

3 Jan 44

Subject: 5 gall petrol containers.

To: RGAO Region 1.
RGAO Region 2.

I attach hereto a copy of letter dated 17 Dec 43, ref 16/3 P.S. in which it is stated that a large number of 5 gallon petrol containers are lying about the country in disuse. The result of this is that a serious shortage of containers obtains and a drive is being made to salvage as many as possible for repairs and reissue.

This salvage work has been referred to this Sub-Commission to give every possible assistance and I shall be glad if you will let me know if you have any dumps of empty five gallon petrol containers within your region, giving exact location and if possible make arrangements for their despatch to the respective petrol depots.

With regard to the five gallon containers which may be in the possession of the Italian Army, lying about the country, or in civilian hands, I shall be glad if you will circulate to all members of your staff a request that they keep a watchful eye for containers and arrange for these to be taken back and returned as requested in the attached copy letter.

L.A. JENNY,
Lt-Col., C.E.R.
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