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SALVAGE CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT
OCT. 1944 - APR. 1945

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To COS

(1) 16a is submitted for signature following the decision taken at COS meeting the day, six copies are made in file.
(2) Attention is drawn to 15a in particular to para 19.

R.A. Clapp

CAS
1 Dec 44
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CASec

Ref minute 1 memorandum to Land Forces ST
Signed & returned herewith, less two copies - one for CC + one for COS file.
COS requires a brief on this subject by 1700 hrs
3 Dec 44.

Shorden Cpt
Office of COS

2 Dec 44

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COS

17A is a Summary of Correspondence to date on distribution of allied military salvage clothing.
Required by you in respect of Conference at 0900 on 4 Dec 44.

Shorden 4577 Cpt
Office of COS

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I should like to congratulate MHR for an excellent Summary - which gives me all the information I require.

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R.R. Wright, Jr.

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1 Dec 60
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CA Sec

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Office of COS

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The line taken by AFJDC that MMIA is derived
from A.C. is untenable.

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MINUTE SHEET II

To: COS

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(a) Following your staff meeting 4 Dec, letter a. the subject of George Allaway has been prepared for your approval & signature of C.C.

(b) The draft has been seen and commented on by Gen. Sec. Comman S.C. L.F.V.C. & War. National Dispatch Co. and the amendments ~~is~~ incorporated

S.P. Chappin

(5)

CAS
9 Dec. 44
X. 608.

An excellent letter. Submit to C.C.

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(6)

To: C A Sec

Letter to C-5 AFHQ, signed by Chief Commissioner, is returned for dispatch. Copies have been retained by C.C. and C of S.

Dispatched

Shepherd

OFFICE, CHIEF OF STAFF

C.O.S.
12 Dec 44
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
Materials Division

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Tel: 478703

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Ref. AC/5105/2/Commerce

5 April 1945

SUBJECT: Salvage

TO : Civil Affairs Section

1. Ref. Your 6/13.4/CA dated March 30 '45.
2. We Regret to inform you that the 250 Pannier Baskets asked for in your letter have been released to Southern Region. The bid for these Baskets expired on March 31 '45 and your letter was not received by this Sub-Commission until April 3 '45.

W. P. BVAES
Colonel
Director
Commerce Sub-Commission

Copy to: Industry Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSIONS
ECONOMIC SECTION

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19 FEB 1945
17 February 1945

5/10/45

SUBJECT: Availability Lists - Salvage, Scrap and Other War Materials
TO : War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission

1. The following sub-commissions of the Economic Section should receive copies of all availability lists sent to any Allocating Sub-Commission in accordance with paragraph a-3-a of AC Priorities Board Procedural Bulletin No. 4. A list is submitted in conformity to paragraph a-3-b of the same procedure.

<u>Sub-Commission</u>	<u>No. of Copies</u>
Agriculture	4
Food	2
Labor	1
Commerce	2
Industry	5
Public Works & Utilities	1
Transportation	4
Shipping	1
Supply & Resources Div.	2

2. An Allocating Sub-Commission should receive the original copy of your notification plus any number of copies indicated above for that sub-commission.

3. It is our understanding that you will list available materials according to the category allocated by each sub-commission; that applications by all claimants will be made directly to the appropriate Allocating Sub-Commissions who will inform you of the applications allowed.

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Harlan Cleveland
Executive Director

CC:
Agriculture S/C
Food S/C
Labor S/C
Commerce S/C
Industry S/C

Public Works & Utilities
Transportation S/C
Shipping S/C
Supply & Resources Div.
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 312

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Ref. R-22

29 January 1945

SUBJECT: Salvage Utensils from British Sources

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 384
(Attn: Executive Director, Economic Section)

1. Attached for your information and necessary action is a copy of letter AFHQ/3192/0(AB) of 18 January.

2. It will be noted that the Director of Salvage AFHQ will come to notify the separate sub-commissions of available salvage and will commence notifying Headquarters, Allied Commission so that disposal can be arranged between the several sub-commissions.

For the Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

/s/ R. V. GRADY,
Capt. in, TC,
Economics & Supply.

Incl:

as above.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

TEL. NO. FREDDOM 918

AFHQ/5191/3(AE)

SUBJECT: Salvage Utensils

18 Jan. 45

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1. Please refer to AFHQ/5192/3(AE) of 24 Nov 44 and your minute slip R-22 of 1 Dec. 44.

2. The following further stocks have accumulated at Torre Annunziata and will be dispatched to the Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission, Aversa:

Wear Ties	2000
Kettles Camp	2000
Treys Cooking	100
Cookers Portable	1000

3. For your information an agreed policy for disposal of salvage in Italy has been formulated which instructs that all Salvage not required for release to Allies or export to United Kingdom, shall be offered in the first instance to UNRRA, and thereafter to AG proper.

In the future therefore, arisings of Salvage Utensils suitable for Displaced Persons will be offered to AG with other 'lots'.

Will you please warn the appropriate Sub Commission, concerned with Displaced Persons, of the procedure in order that it may make arrangements for such earmarks as are desirable.

/s/ H. G. GASKELL, Major
for Brigadier, C(AE)

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UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

HEADQUARTERS
29 JAN 1945
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CIRCULAR)
NUMBER 14)

25 January 1945

DISPOSAL OF SALVAGE AND SURPLUS PROPERTY

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I --- GENERAL

1. References

- a. AR 700-25.
- b. AR 380-5.
- c. AR 600-40.
- d. War Department Circular 370, 1944.
- e. War Department Circular 434, 1944.
- f. Section VI, War Department Circular 379, 1944.
- g. War Department letter, file AG 400 (4 War 44) OB-S-D-SPDDL-M,
subject: "Recapture of Excess Supplies and Equipment in Overseas Commands",
as amended by War Department Circular 379, 1944.
- h. Administrative Memorandum Number 7, this headquarters, 1944.
- i. Administrative Memorandum Number 12, this headquarters, 1943.
- j. AAF Regulation 65-85 dated 23 September 1944.
- k. ASF Circular Number 5, dated 5 January 1945.

2. Purpose - The purpose of this circular is to establish a procedure in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations governing the disposition of salvage and surplus property under the provisions of Section VI, War Department Circular 379, dated 19 September 1944. The procedure outlined herein will indicate the

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action to be taken by the Commanding General, AAF/ATO and by Base Section Commanders in disposing of surplus property, installations, salvage and scrap material.

3. Definitions - For the purpose of this circular, unless otherwise stated, all definitions listed in Section VI, War Department Circular 379, 1944, in addition to the following definitions will apply:

a. Reciprocal Aid Property consists of supplies, equipment or facilities which were furnished by the Allies of the United States Armed Forces without the payment of money.

b. Surplus Property is serviceable or repairable property which the War Department has declared to be beyond the foreseeable needs of any War Department activity within or without the continental limits of the United States.

c. Installations as used herein will be defined as physical structures or fixtures constructed or improved by the United States Army, which in the judgment of the Base Section Commander will have a life expectancy of less than two years with normal maintenance. The provisions of this circular do not embrace POL pipe lines, port facilities, communication systems, railroads, airfields and installations constructed within or adjoining airfields.

d. Salvage

(1) Salvage (used as a noun) is condemned, discarded, abandoned or captured property and may include new as well as non-repairable property or abandoned private property.

(2) Salvage (used as a verb) is the saving or rescuing of condemned, discarded or abandoned property and of materials contained therein, for reuse, refabrication or scrapping.

e. Scrap material is defined as that property which is beyond economical repair and has no reasonable economical utilization by the U.S. Army.

f. Base Section Commander refers to the Commander of the several base sections of the Mediterranean Theater of Operations, and the Commander of such group, depot or similar echelon which from time to time may be charged with the equivalent of Base Section supply or salvage functions in a prescribed geographic area.

II -- RECIPROCAL AID PROPERTY

Disposition of property obtained under Reciprocal Aid will be governed by Section II, Administrative Memorandum Number 7, this headquarters, 1944, or amendments thereto.

III - SURPLUS PROPERTY

1. Property can be declared surplus only by this headquarters under applicable War Department instructions or by the Commanding General, AAF/ATO,

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as specified in paragraph 3 below. An exception to the above is made in the case of perishable items of subsistence and of similar property when necessary to avoid rapid deterioration or spoilage, which may be disposed of by Base Section Commanders without further reference to this headquarters.

2. When property has been declared surplus by this headquarters or by the Commanding General, AAF/WFO, the procedure outlined in paragraph 3, Section III and in Section VI below will be complied with in the areas and priorities indicated.

3. Property peculiar to the AAF declared surplus by the Commanding General AAF/WFO, will be reported and disposed of as follows:

a. Aircraft

(1) Combat Aircraft

- (a) All reportable combat aircraft declared surplus by the War Department will be reported to the Chief Disposal Officer, FEI.
- (b) Non-reportable combat aircraft will be reported to a salvage officer for disposal in accordance with paragraph 7, AAF regulation 63-85 (see Section V below).

(2) Liaison, cargo and utility type Aircraft

- (a) All reportable aircraft of this type declared surplus by the War Department will be reported to the Chief Disposal Officer, FEI.
- (b) All non-reportable aircraft of this type will be reported to the Chief Disposal Officer, FEI.

b. Army Air Force Supplies and Equipment

(1) Property peculiar to Aircraft

- (a) All property peculiar to combat aircraft when declared surplus by the Commanding General, AAF/WFO, will be reported to Chief Disposal Officer, FEI.
- (b) Property peculiar to liaison, cargo and utility type aircraft when declared surplus will be disposed of as follows:
 - (1) That property located in Africa or Corsica will be reported to the Chief Disposal Officer, FEI.
 - (2) That property located in Italy will be reported to the Chief Disposal Officer, FEI.

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(B) AAF property not peculiar to aircraft when declared surplus by the Commanding General, AAF/ITC, will be delivered to the nearest Base Section for disposal.

c. The action specified in paragraph 3a and b above will be taken by the Commanding General, AAF/ITC, without further reference to this headquarters.

IV -- INSTALLATIONS

1. Base Section Commanders are authorized to determine if an installation or fixtures installed therein will have a life expectancy of less than two years and is no longer required for United States Army purposes. Such Commanders are authorized to determine whether it is more advantageous to the United States Government from a standpoint of economy, supply status and available personnel to salvage or dismantle such an installation. All United States supplies and equipment will be removed from the installation prior to any disposal and returned to the appropriate supply agency except as indicated in paragraph 2 below.

2. If it is the opinion of the Base Section Commander that certain supplies and equipment constructed, installed or contained within the installation should be transferred or sold in conjunction with the property, appropriate recommendations will be forwarded to this headquarters, including a detailed description of the items and complete justification. The procedure outlined in Section VI below will govern the disposal of the installation in the areas as indicated.

3. Installations that are deemed by the Base Section Commander to have a life expectancy of more than two years, and all POL pipe lines, port facilities, communication systems, railroads, airfields and installations constructed within or adjoining warfields will be reported to this headquarters for specific disposition instructions under AAF Circular Number 5 dated 5 January 1945.

V -- SALVAGE AND SCRAP MATERIAL

1. Property from all services and the Air Force which is beyond economical repair or which has been directed to be salvaged by the War Department will be delivered to a Quartermaster Salvage Installation.

2. Prior to delivery, property will be stripped of serviceable parts and components of value or military significance by the service responsible for the property as follows:

a. Parts and components which have been directed to be removed by the Chiefs of Technical Service will be removed.

b. Parts and components for which no instructions have been issued by the Chiefs of Technical Service will be removed provided that the cost and labor involved in the removal is economical when compared with the value of the part or the supply required of the item. The extent to which such removals will be effected on Air Force property will be determined by the Commanding General, AAF/ITC.

3. Articles or parts of articles which are required by applicable War Department instructions to be mutilated or destroyed will be handled by the

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Service concerned in accordance with such instructions (see paragraph 60, AR 380-5 and AR 600-40).

4. All deliveries to a QM Salvage installation will be accompanied by a certificate signed by a Commissioned Officer of the technical service concerned certifying that:

"I certify that all classified material contained in this property has been mutilated or destroyed in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 60, AR 380-5.

I further certify that in accordance with MTOUSA Circular Number 14, 1945, (or instructions by the Commanding General, AAF/ATO) the property is authorized to be salvaged and that parts and components have been removed as required in aforementioned circular (or AAF/ATO instructions)."

5. The procedure outlined in Section VI below will govern the disposal of salvage and scrap material in the areas as indicated. The procedure is authorized only for the scrap material which is surplus to United States requirements or precluded from return to the United States by current War Department instructions.

VI -- PROCEDURE

1. North Africa and Corsica

a. Surplus property, installations with a life expectancy of less than two years, salvage and scrap material will be offered by the Base Section Commander to the representative of FEA. FEA, for items other than aircraft or items peculiar to aircraft is not an authorized disposal agency but a procuring agency for UNRRA and U.S. Government agencies. Offers of items not peculiar to aircraft, to FEA, will be by letter and not on SWPA Forms. A written non-acceptance by FEA will be filed with a copy of the offer in the central disposal records of the Base Section. One copy of each offer and non-acceptance will be forwarded to this headquarters.

b. Such installations, surplus property, salvage and scrap material not accepted by FEA, excluding usable ground force combat equipment and that portion of maritime equipment designated as floating equipment, will be disposed of consistent with local French laws.

c. Specific disposition instructions will be furnished by this headquarters in the case of the excluded items.

d. The Commanding General, AAF/ATO will report surplus Air Force property to the FEA on SWPA Form Number 1, as outlined below:

- (1) Three (3) copies, including the original, will be forwarded directly to the Chief Disposal Officer, FEA and four (4) copies will be forwarded to this headquarters, three (3) of which will be forwarded to the Director, Air Technical Service Command, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio.

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- (2) Forms will be numbered in sequence to aid as a ready reference (example: Reporting Agency number, AFSC-1, AFSC-2, etc.).
- (3) Prices inserted in the unit cost column will be based upon standard list or catalog prices, plus 25% handling charges. Used items will be evaluated in terms of percentage of the original values. In the absence of such lists or catalogs, prices will be estimated by the Commanding General, AAF/HTO. In the event that a price cannot be estimated, a statement will be inserted in the unit cost column to that effect and the reason therefor.
- (4) Required copies of SWPA Forms will be furnished the Commanding General, AAF/HTO by this headquarters.

e. Pending delivery, shipment, or assumption of responsibility for the property by the FEA, the Base Section Commander will make adequate arrangements for storage, custody and protection of all property offered to the FEA. The Commanding General, AAF/HTO, will make arrangements for storage, custody and protection of the surplus Air Force property.

f. In the event that it is determined by this headquarters, Commanding General, AAF/HTO or the Base Section Commander that property declared or offered to the FEA for disposition is found to be required for a theater supply mission, such property may be withdrawn by the reporting agency after consultation with the FEA representatives. For items previously reported on SWPA Forms, all withdrawals will be reported on SWPA Form Number 1 and copies will be distributed as indicated in ld (1) above.

g. Representatives of the FEA and prospective purchasers will be permitted to inspect surplus property, installations, salvage or scrap material at such times and subject to such regulations as may be prescribed by the Commanding General, AAF/HTO or Base Section Commander.

h. Surplus property, salvage, scrap material, and installations with a life expectancy of less than two years, offered and accepted by FEA, will be released to consignees upon receipt of written shipping instructions from the FEA. The critical shortage of transportation in this theater precludes the utilization of United States Army transportation for the movement of such property. The provision that the consignee will provide transportation for the movement of such property will be made a part of all agreements except where authority is obtained from this headquarters to utilize United States Army transportation.

i. For aircraft and items peculiar to aircraft unpriced shipping tickets will be executed in quintuplicate and all copies will be signed by the authorized consignee. All other shipping tickets, including those of sales to FEA, will be priced. Shipping tickets will be numbered in sequence and where appropriate will indicate the corresponding number of the SWPA Form on which the items were reported to the FEA (example: Auth or Reqn No-SWPA Form AFSC-1 Voucher 1, etc). In appropriate cases, the copies will be forwarded to the FEA, by letter of transmittal which will request acknowledgment of receipt by

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indorsement on the letter of transmittal, which will be retained by the Commanding General, AAF/MTO, or Base Section Commander. Two (2) copies will be forwarded to this headquarters, and one copy will be retained with the records of the Commanding General, AAF/MTO or Base Section Commander.

j. Base Section Commanders may sell or otherwise dispose of surplus property of the Army Air Force which has been reported to the FEA if authorized and requested to do so by a representative of the latter agency. Such sales may be by negotiation or to the highest bidder and amounts deposited with a United States Finance Officer. Signed shipping tickets will be obtained by the Base Section Commander from the purchaser, and they will be executed and distributed as indicated in paragraph i above. Appropriate action will be taken to protect the United States against any claim for import or customs duty by the country in which the property is sold. Prices will be based upon the standard list or catalog prices plus 2% handling charges. In the absence of such lists or catalogs, the prices will be estimated by the Base Section Commander.

2. Italy

a. Upon the announcement by this headquarters that a Chief Disposal Officer has been designated by the FEA for Italy, reports of surplus aircraft and property peculiar to aircraft located in Italy, which are currently authorized to be reported to FEA, will be made to the Chief Disposal Officer, Italy.

b. Other surplus Air Force property currently authorized for local disposal or salvage by the Commanding General, AAF/MTO or FEA will be delivered to the nearest Base Section wherein the disposal of such property will be effected.

c. Surplus property, including Air Force property, described in b above, installations, salvage and scrap material will be offered by the Base Section Commander to FEA and if declined, then to the Italian Government through the Allied Commission, except certain salvaged clothing to EMIA, the procedure for which has heretofore been authorized. Signed shipping tickets for the property transferred to the Italian Government will be obtained in sextuplicate by the Base Section Commander from the authorized consignee. Selling prices inserted on shipping tickets will be in terms of dollars. The original and one copy will be transmitted to the Chief Accountant, Allied Commission, Italy, for final accounting. Three copies will be forwarded to this headquarters and one copy will be retained with the records of the Base Section Commander.

d. Property not accepted by the Allied Commission within fifteen (15) days from the date of advice of availability will be sold either by negotiation or on the open market to the highest bidder and the funds deposited with a U.S. Army Finance Officer to "Special Deposit Account". The amount of such sales will be reported to the Chief Accountant, Allied Commission, Italy, in ⁴⁵⁰⁰ that appropriate records may be maintained with a view towards ultimate conversion of the proceeds into dollars.

e. Prices for surplus property transferred to the Italian Government will be based upon the standard list or catalog prices plus 25% handling charges. In the absence of such lists or catalogs, the prices will be estimated by the Base Section Commander. Used items will be evaluated in terms of percentage of the original value.

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f. Prices for such installations transferred to the Italian Government will be estimated by the Base Section Commander. The valuation will be in terms of dollars and will include the costs of all labor and material expended on the property. The amount of labor and material procured locally will be shown separately.

g. Prices for salvage and scrap material will be fixed by the Base Section Commander.

h. Transportation for the movement of property being transferred or sold will be provided by the consignee. This restriction will be made a provision of all contracts for sale or transfer except in those cases where authority for use of government transportation is granted by this headquarters.

VII - RESPONSIBILITIES

Commanding General, AAF/WFO or Base Section Commanders will insure that:

1. Supplies, property or equipment are disposed of under the provisions of this circular only when they have been declared surplus.
2. Salvage, scrap material and surplus property are utilized in filling U.S. supply missions and in the local manufacture or construction of U.S. military property.
3. Shipping receipts, shipping tickets or SMRA Forms covering material disposed of in accordance with these instructions bear such description of the material involved as will permit identification by the Technical Service concerned.

VIII - REPORTS

1. Commanding General, AAF/WFO or Base Section Commanders will make the following reports as of the first of each month for transactions of the previous month, such reports to reach this headquarters on or before the 10th of the month.

a. North Africa and Corsica

- (1) Report of surplus property, installations salvage and scrap material reported to the PEA, delivered to a consignee designated by PEA or disposed of otherwise. Copies of the SMRA list and copies of the shipping tickets will satisfy this requirement (see 1d (1) and 1 i of Section VI above).
- (2) Report listing property withdrawn from surplus (see paragraph 1 f of Section VI, above).

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b. Italy

- (1) Reports of all transfers or sale of property. The attached form will be used as a model. Shipping tickets indicated in paragraph 2 c of Section VI above will be forwarded together with such reports.
- (2) The Commanding General, AAF/MTO will report all items reported to the Base Section for local disposition in accordance with paragraph 2 b of Section VI above.

By command of Lieutenant General McNARNEY:

GEORGE D. PENCE,
Brigadier General, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

G. W. Christensen
G. W. CHRISTENSEN,
Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

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Inclosure to Hq WFOUSA Circular #14

Base SectionOct. 1944

Report of Sale of Salvage and Surplus Property

Item No.	Item and Condition	Unit	Quantity	Sold or Transferred to	Method of Accounting	Authority	Unit Price	Total
1	Box, IC-2, New	ea	4,000	<u>SIGNAL CORPS</u> Italian Govt. thru A.C.	Reported to A.C. for Accounting	Circular 14 WFOUSA	.50	2,000
2	Wire, W-29, New	ft	500	Civilian	Cash Sale	"	.10	50
3.	Scrap, Light, Ferrous	ton	1,000	<u>QUARTERMASTER CORPS</u> Civilian	Cash Sale	"	25.00	25,000
4.	Skirt, wool, blue Nurses, class C	ea	500	Italian Govt. thru A.C.	Reported to A.C. for Accounting	"	2.00	1,000
<u>MODEL</u>								

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 194
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND
ALLIED PRISONERS OF WAR SUB COMMISSION

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23 December 1944

To: Chief of Staff.

Subject: Disposal of Salvage.

Reference Economic Section letter 8/10/44 and memorandum dated 19 December 1944.

- 1. I am in agreement with the suggestions contained in the memorandum with the exception of para 7 and 10.
- 2. I set out below certain points for your consideration, with a view to discussing later the pros and cons of handing over the disposal of salvage (offered by the Allied Allies to the Commission) to the Commerce Sub-Commission, which I feel may be more academic than actual.

3. The following items, which will represent a considerable quantity of the salvage offered to the Commission are hardly items connected with the Commerce sub-Commission:

- WT vehicles
- WT spares
- tyres
- Weapons
- Ammunition
- Machine tools
- Etc.

4. The recovery of salvage vehicles up to approximately 40/50 per month is being handled by this Sub-Commission, of which 25% to 50% get back on the road through individual efforts on the part of private Italian firms and gas-man businessmen.

5. Material which has been offered in the past to Sub-Commissions in this Headquarters has remained in Railroad cars and been moved from one station to another until finally sold by War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission.

6. Lists of all Italian material are compiled in this office the majority of all salvage material is of similar type. It is suggested that to add to these lists items of salvage offered by the British and Italian salvage is the simplest method of providing a consolidated list.

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7. From day to day, material is reported at different locations - the type of such material is not given; it has to be inspected before it is known if it is Allied, Italian or German. This should be the inspection - Commerce or War Materials Disposal.

8. Recently, considerable quantities of material have been sold by the Sub-Commission for an answer. Examples:

1. Americans have been sold by the Sub-Commission in spite of the fact that a decree lays down that all Jerriens should be handed into dumps on penalty of imprisonment to any civilian found holding them.

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Which sub-Commission will deal with such questions?

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cc: Economic Section (2) ✓
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19 December 44

SUBJECT: Disposition of Salvage, Scrap, and Excess Property by the Allied Commission

TO : Chief of Staff

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8. As soon as this decision has been made, three steps will need to be taken immediately:

- a) Work out with the Minister of Industry, Commerce, and Labor a system for the rapid handling of the disposition of salvage, scrap, and excess property. This will presumably involve the use of private contractors since the Government is not set up to do the operating job itself.
- b) To form the requirements and Priorities Committee, and go to work on the setting up of a general priority scheme which can act as the directive under which the Sub-Commission responsible for the handling of availability reports and contacts with the Government can operate.
- c) Ask AFHQ to issue instructions that all scrap, salvage, and excess property is to be reported centrally to the Sub-Commission having the responsibility described in paragraph 4.

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Enclosures

Memo on Disposition of Salvage, 11 Dec
Memo on Financial Aspects of Disposition
of Salvage, Scrap, and Excess Property

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11 December 44

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SUBJECT: Disposition of Salvage, Scrap, and Excess Property

TO : Vice President, Civil Affairs Section
Vice President, Establishment Section
Commerce S/C
W&B and IPW S/C
Finance S/C
Supply and Resources Div., Econ Section

1. Attached is a draft memorandum outlining a system for the handling within AC of reported availabilities of salvage, scrap and excess property.
2. It is proposed to discuss this memorandum at a meeting in my office on Wednesday, 13 December 44, at 1500 hours.
3. Since this problem has been much discussed within AC, it is hoped that it will be possible at this meeting to arrive at a definitive recommendation to the Chief of Staff and the Chief Commissioner on this important subject.

Antolini
A. G. ANTOLINI
Acting Deputy Chief of Staff
Economic Section

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Memo on disposition of salvage,
scrap, excess and surplus property.

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13 December 1944

Ref. AG/5105/Commerce

SUBJECT: Disposition of Salvage, Scrap and Excess Property

TO : Economic Section, HQ AC

1. Reference your 5.10/44 of Dec. 11, 1944 enclosing a draft memorandum outlining a system for the handling within A.C. of reported availabilities of salvage, scrap and excess property.

2. The Ministry of Industry and Commerce at a meeting held in October with representatives of this Subcommission stated:

a. The Italian Government wishes to deal with the disposal of all salvage or the Armed Forces in Italy.

b. A decree has been prepared (but not yet signed, setting up an Ufficio Recupero. This body will be given the task of:

- (i) Collecting scrap metal and other salvage;
- (ii) Purchasing salvage of various kinds;
- (iii) Importing scrap metal, etc.

c. For the purpose of (ii) and (iii) the Ufficio Recupero will be granted a fund.

d. It will re-sell materials collected or purchased, to Industrial and other Consumers.

e. It will exercise a control over existing private concerns in the Salvage business.

In view of the acute shortage ^{of scrap} the Government ask if it will be possible (in the event of agreement being reached on the question of salvage disposal) for deliveries to be made to central depots, close to towns of suitable sizes, such as principal Provincial and Regional cities.

In addition the Ministry requested that, owing to lack of suitable machinery for baling, salvage be compressed or baled **4553** some extent, before delivery.

3. A further meeting was held some ten days ago at the Ministry with Mr. Gerbelle, Director of Industry but no decision could be arrived at owing to the Ministerial crisis.

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The suggestion was put forward by the official in question that, as the whims of Government moved very slowly it might take weeks or months before a fund could be granted by the Treasury to meet the necessary expenses, and therefore the Istituto Commercio Estero might be given the task of collecting and purchasing all salvage, scrap and excess property.

g. The Istituto Commercio Estero was approached and flatly refused stating that it did not come within its functions and had neither the personnel nor the transport to undertake such a task. It would undertake the collection of salvaged clothing.

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5. Although it is considered by this HQ that the most satisfactory method would be for all salvage and surplus to be placed through the Italian Government there would appear to be two obstacles to the immediate adoption of this course:

a. The fact that the Italian Government have not at the present the necessary organization and machinery and transport to deal with the problem;

b. The U.S. authorities insist that salvage sold shall be cleared from their depots with the minimum delay.

6. The present system whereby the U.S. authorities sell, for cash, to certain contractors, is working satisfactorily and has done so for some considerable time.

7. In view of what has been stated in the previous paragraphs, it is suggested that the disposal of salvage and surplus, with the exception of salvaged clothing and shoes, should continue to be effected through the existing channels and if the Ministry wishes to exercise a control over existing private contractors in the salvage business their names could be notified to the Ministry.

8. If such control is established there are two considerations to be borne in mind:

a. If a maximum resale price is fixed by the Italian Government it should be one which assures a fair margin of profit to the contractor, for his large financial outlay;

b. Salvage of surplus scrap metal or goods which may be on the list of Italian-controlled materials, and has been purchased under the existing system of disposal, should not be frozen, as this would impose hardships on the contractors;

c. Any control exercised should be formulated with a view to continuing the present system, until such time as the Italian Government itself is in a position to take over the purchase and disposal of salvage and surplus materials.

9. Regarding salvaged shoes and clothing the Ufficio Provinciale dell'Industria e Commercio of Naples has been requested to find suitable premises where delivery can be taken of this salvaged material, and some sorted out, classified and repaired for disposal by the Disposal Committee of HQ AC.

The Director of the Istituto Commercio Estero is now in Naples investigating the possibilities of giving all necessary help, mainly financial, to the Ufficio Provinciale Industria e Commercio. He is expected back in Rome tomorrow. Latest reports that no premises have yet been found and, unless a favourable solution is found by tomorrow, the Director of this Subcommission will proceed to Naples in order to expedite matters.

10. It is regretted that further headway has not been made with the Italian Government on this matter owing to the Ministerial crisis, but it is doubted that even if the Minister had been in office, he

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10. It is regretted that further headway has not been made with the Italian Government on this matter owing to the ministerial crisis, but it is doubted that even if the Minister had been in office, he could have produced the necessary machinery or transport.

W. P. EVANS
Colonel
Director
Commerce Subcommission

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Ref. 1/37.5/CA

9th December, 1944.

SUBJECT: Disposal of Salvaged Clothing derived
From British and American Armed Forces.

TO : AFHQ, G-5 Section.

1. This Commission has under review the question of the distribution of salvaged clothing (including boots, blankets, and such like articles) which is derived from the British and American Commands in Italy.

Under the present directives issued by AFHQ all such salvaged clothing, not required by the Allies themselves either for use in this theatre or elsewhere, is offered to the Land Forces Sub-Commission for repair and distribution to the Italian Armed Forces, and all such clothing as is not required for that purpose is handed over to the Commerce Sub-Commission for distribution amongst other Italian agencies. (see AFHQ Administrative Memorandum No. 36 dated 4th September, and AFHQ Letter Ref. AFHQ/23/SAL/222 dated 27th November, 1944).

Under this system the Italian armed forces have a complete priority in the use of salvaged clothing and it is this principle which this Commission desires to have reviewed.

2. In addition to the needs of the Italian armed forces there are the following important classes in desperate need of clothing, boots, and blankets, namely:

- (a) the Police Forces (other than the Carabinieri who are at present clothed as part of the Italian Army);
- (b) genuine fighting Patriots who come through the lines semi-clothed;
- (c) agricultural and heavy workers (including employees of the Military Railway Service, Public Health workers, workers in the mines, and workers on public utility projects);
- (d) homeless persons in war devastated areas such as Cassino;
- (e) hospitals and infirmaries for the destitute;
- (f) displaced persons and refugees.

3. It is the opinion of this Commission that the classes enumerated above are deserving of further consideration in the distribution of clothing than they have hitherto received and that they should receive a higher priority than under the present system, by which, in fact, a comparatively small quantity is made available. 4551

For instance it cannot seriously be maintained that an Italian soldier doing port labourer's work in one of the ports is doing work more essential in the interests of the war effort than a captain in one of the Police Forces, and charged with the maintenance of law and order, or than an agricultural or heavy worker who may also be engaged on port labour. Furthermore, Patriots are frequently used by the Armed Forces for considerable periods and their clothing during and after the battle is a matter of military necessity. It is also a matter of military necessity to prevent disease and unrest and accordingly the needs of hospitals, refugees, and displaced persons, and persons in devastated areas cannot in principle be wholly subordinated to the needs of the Italian armed forces.

4. This Commission therefore recommends that salvaged clothing be dealt with on a different basis as follows:

- (a) All such clothing will be offered in the first place to the Commission and not to any one of its Sub-Commissions.
- (b) A Salvaged Clothing Disposal Group to be set up by this Commission will meet at regular intervals, probably once a week, to consider the types and qualities of available clothing and their allocation between the respective interests concerned.

It is not thought possible to lay down a comprehensive priority list for much must depend on the character and type of clothing offered at any given moment. It is obvious, however, that the needs of the Italian combat forces must have priority. Subject to that it is thought that the respective priorities of the Italian non-combat forces, Patriots, Police, and other bodies and interests mentioned above must be determined at each meeting in the light of requirements and availability, and probably a percentage distribution would be made.

- (c) The salvaged clothing allotted to the Italian army would continue to be repaired in Italian army factories under the supervision of the Land Forces Sub-Commission.

The clothing not so required will be repaired by the Italian Government in civilian workshops under the general supervision of the Commerce Sub-Commission, and distributed by the Government in accordance with the orders issued by the Disposal Group. In practice such Disposal Group may be a Sub-Committee of the larger Disposal Review Committee which is now being set up by this Commission.

5. The lack of clothing, boots, and blankets, for the classes mentioned in para 2 is causing this Commission serious concern and it is felt that a distribution of clothing on the lines above indicated will not only go a long way to promoting the efficiency and morale of the Police and agricultural and heavy workers, so essential in the interests of the war effort, but will go far to prevent disease and unrest amongst the other classes mentioned,

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and at the same time can be made without impairing the efficiency of the Italian armed forces.

6. Your approval to the above proposals is therefore requested, when a more detailed plan can be prepared.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLEERY W. STONE,
Comodoro USN,
Chief Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB-COMMISSION

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DPR/17/Q

Tel. 489081 Ext 434

7 December 1944

SUBJECT : Salvage Clothing.

- 8 DEC. 1944

TO : C.A. Section.

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1. Further to our DPR/17/Q dated 30 October 44 it has come to our notice that a supply of 200 dyed and repaired uniforms and 200 prs of repaired boots have been allotted by the Commerce Sub-Commission to AMG 5 Army who have allocated it to our Refugee Camp in Florence.

2. If further supplies are available may Commerce Sub-Commission be requested to release immediately 1000 dyed salvage uniforms for use by this Sub-Commission.

For the Director

K.C. Brown
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Major,
O. i/c ADM

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1. Reference the attached draft, No. 4/37.5/CA Dated 4 December 1944.
2. Returned. No comments.

Geo Shipley
 GEO. A. SHIPLEY, Lt. Col.
 for Major General
 Land Forces Sub Commission.

7 Dec. 44.

C.A. Sec

I suppose Balkan soldiers returning from the Balkans and certain other I.P.O.W. will be taken care of by the Land Forces Sub Commission.

Otherwise I have no comments.

J. Campbell
 Lt. Col.

Chief of I.P.O.W. Sub Comm

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 4/37.5/CA

Tel: 602

4 Dec 44.

SUBJECT: Disposal of Salvaged Clothing Derived
from British and American Armed Forces.

TO: Economic Section - Attn. Mr. Cleveland, *OK*
Commerce Sub-Commission - Attn. Col. Evans, *Why see table attached.*
Land Forces Sub-Commission - Attn. Col. Noekes,
War Materials Disposal and Italian POW Sub-Commission,
Attn. Col. Campbell.

Following the Chief of Staff's Conference on the above subject,
held this morning, the attached draft is circulated for your comments
and any proposals you may have in the way of additions to the text.

Will you please circulate it quickly, the last ^{round} to please return
to this Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

Ref. 4/37.5/CA

4th December, 1944

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TO : AFHQ G-5 Section.

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2. In addition to the needs of the Italian Armed Forces there are the following important classes in desperate need of clothing, boots, and blankets, namely:

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It is not thought possible to lay down a comprehensive priority list for much must depend on the character and type of clothing offered at any given moment. It is obvious, however, that the needs of the Italian combat forces must have priority. Subject to that it is thought that the respective priorities of the Italian non-combat forces, Patriots, Police, and other bodies and interests

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6. Your approval to the above proposals is therefore requested, when a more detailed plan can be prepared.

ELLERY W. STONE,
Commodore USN,
Chief Commissioner.

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APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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Ref: A/37.5/CA

Tel: 602

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SUBJECT: Disposal of Salvaged Clothing Derived
from British and American Armed Forces.

TO: Economic Section - Attn. Mr. Cleveland,
Commerce Sub-Commission - Attn. Col. Evans,
Land Forces Sub-Commission - Attn. Col. Hooper,
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref. 4/37.5/CA

4th December, 1944.

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TO : AFHQ G-5 Section.

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5. The lack of clothing, boots, and blankets, for the classes mentioned in para 2 is causing this Commission serious concern and it is felt that a distribution of clothing on the lines above indicated will not only go a long way to promoting the efficiency and morale of the Police and agricultural and heavy workers, so essential in the interests of the war effort, but will go far to prevent disease and unrest amongst the other classes mentioned, and at the same time can be made without impairing the efficiency of the Italian armed forces.

6. Your approval to the above proposals is therefore requested, when a more detailed plan can be prepared.

ELIERY W. STONE,
Comodore USN,
Chief Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref. 4/37.5/CA

4th December, 1944.

SUBJECT: Disposal of Salvaged Clothing Derived from British and American Armed Forces.

TO : AFHQ G-5 Section.

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- (f) displaced persons and refugees.

3. It is the opinion of this Commission that the classes enumerated above are deserving of further consideration in the distribution of clothing

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and that they should receive a higher priority than under the present system, *by which in fact a comparatively small quantity is made available*

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5. Your approval to the above proposals is requested.

For the Chief Commissioner:

G. R. UPSON, Brig.,
VP CA Section.
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ITEMS PASSED TO A.C. FOR CIVIL USE

Items	Quantity		Place	Date Offered	Date Taken Over
	Lbs.	Pieces			
Boots	2,385	prs	Naples	5 Oct. 1944	1 Nov. (collected)
Boots	1,100	prs	Bari	5 Oct. 1944	1 Nov. (collected)
Caps, Wool	5,605		Naples	27 Oct. 1944	27 Oct.
Shirts, wool	4,452		Naples	27 Oct. 1944	27 Oct.
Shirts, Cotton	606		Naples	27 Oct. 1944	27 Oct.
Undershirts, cotton	1,626		Naples	27 Oct. 1944	27 Oct.
Undershirts, wool	1,338		Naples	27 Oct. 1944	27 Oct.
Drawers, cotton	2,574		Naples	27 Oct. 1944	27 Oct.
Drawers, wool	1,438		Naples	27 Oct. 1944	27 Oct.
Trousers, wool	609		Naples	27 Oct. 1944	27 Oct.
Trousers, cotton	180		Naples	27 Oct. 1944	27 Oct.
Towels	105		Naples	7 Nov. 1944	7 Nov.
Caps, wool	5,605		Naples	7 Nov. 1944	7 Nov.
Blankets	201		Naples	7 Nov. 1944	7 Nov.
Gloves, wool	1,400		Naples	7 Nov. 1944	7 Nov.
Gloves, leather	3,200		Naples	7 Nov. 1944	7 Nov.
Suits, HBT	3,795		Naples	7 Nov. 1944	7 Nov.
Coats, fatigue	2,475		Naples	7 Nov. 1944	7 Nov.
Trousers, fatigue	7,790		Naples	7 Nov. 1944	7 Nov.
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Trousers, cotton	180		Naples	7 Nov. 1944	7 Nov.
Shirts, wool	340		Naples	7 Nov. 1944	7 Nov.
Trousers, wool	325		Naples	7 Nov. 1944	7 Nov.
Bags, barracks	935		Naples	7 Nov. 1944	7 Nov.
Trousers, fatigue	505		Naples	7 Nov. 1944	7 Nov.
Blouses, HBT	230		Naples	7 Nov. 1944	7 Nov.
Suits, HBT	165		Naples	7 Nov. 1944	7 Nov.
Caps, fatigue	430		Naples	7 Nov. 1944	7 Nov.
Raincoats	205		Naples	7 Nov. 1944	7 Nov.
Field Jackets	710		Naples	7 Nov. 1944	7 Nov.
Gloves, wool	70		Naples	7 Nov. 1944	7 Nov.
Gloves, leather	430		Naples	7 Nov. 1944	7 Nov.
Socks, wool	540		Naples	7 Nov. 1944	7 Nov.
Blouses, Battledress	3,310		Bari	9 Nov. 1944	Not Known
Trousers, Battledress	5,870		Bari	9 Nov. 1944	Not Known
Trousers, Battledress	3,000		Bari	22 Nov. 1944	22 Nov.
Blouses, Battledress	3,000		Bari	22 Nov. 1944	22 Nov. 4532
Overcoats	340		Bari	22 Nov. 1944	22 Nov.
Walls	40		Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Shirts, wool	300		Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Undershirts, cotton	1,600		Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Drawers, wool	4,289		Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Drawers, cotton	216		Naples	28 Nov. 1944	

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Items	Quantity		Place	Date Ordered	Date To
	Lbs	Pieces			
Overcoats		140	Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Jackets, Field		1,330	Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Hoodliners		22	Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Helmet Liners		1,720	Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
<u>WOOL</u>					
Caps		135	Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Socks	24,141		Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Overcoats	2,700		Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Blankets	232		Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Shirts	3,950		Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Pullovers	293		Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Jackets, Field	20,525		Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Gloves	935		Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Coats	525		Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Drawers	365		Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Undershirts	1,540		Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Trousers, lined	75		Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Trousers	10,150		Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Hoodliners	79		Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
<u>COTTON</u>					
Caps, fatigue	1,715		Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Caps	140		Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Straps for canvas					
Leggings	180		Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Cartridge Belts	14,536		Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Comforters	85		Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Covers for pick-ups	77		Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Covers, blankets	116		Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Covers	827		Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Ties	2,295		Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Coats, fatigue	1,809		Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Gloves	170		Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Leggings	11,988		Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Undershirts	730		Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Drawers	905		Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Trousers, fatigue	3,415		Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Canteen covers	1,432		Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Barracks Bags	2,916		Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Suspender Straps, web	815		Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Suits, HBT	9,843		Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Shelter Halves	450		Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Canvas Field Bag	8,219		Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Mosquito Netting	6,010		Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Trousers	105		Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Leather, straps, various	46,663		Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Gloves, leather	1,880		Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Raincoats	75		Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Blouses, wool		2,475	Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Trousers, wool		4,536	Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Socks, cotton		255	Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>187,666</u>	<u>91,795</u>			

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TC: C.O.S.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff

REF: L/37.5/CA

1 Dec 44.

SUBJECT: Distribution of Clothing.

TO: Land Forces Sub-Commission.

1 The Civil Affairs and Economic Sections of this Commission have under consideration distribution of Allied military salvaged clothing including boots and blankets amongst various classes of the Italian populace.

Apart from the necessity for providing as large a quantity of clothing as possible for the Italian population as a whole there are certain classes to whom it has been agreed priority should be given. These classes are briefly as follows: for use in hospitals; and infirmaries for the destitute; for the use of Police Forces (other than the Carabinieri); for homeless people in war devastated areas such as Cassino; for genuine fighting patriots who come through the lines semi-clothed; for repatriated persons and refugees and for agricultural and heavy workers.

2 Formerly considerable quantities of salvaged clothing, boots and so forth, were made available to the Commerce Sub-Commission for distribution, and as an example, by last August no less than 6,000 pairs of boots per week were being repaired and made available for the Italian populace and the special classes mentioned above.

3 By AADQ Memorandum No. 36 of the 4th of September it was provided that all salvaged clothing and boots should be delivered direct to Italian military repair installations as designated by you, and only clothing and boots not suitable for the Italian army would be made available for the purposes of the Commerce Sub-Commission. The result has been to cut down to a nominal figure the amount of clothing and boots which has been available for civilian distribution.

4 The Chief Commissioner is of the opinion that policy in this respect requires consideration. He considers that a certain proportion of all salvaged clothing and boots should be made available for the purposes of civilian distribution and that the Italian Army should not have complete priority.

The question arises, therefore, as to what proportion should be made available for the Italian Army and what for civilian distribution and for the purpose of discussing this question I am calling a meeting of heads of the Civil Affairs and Economic Sections and War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission on Monday, 4 Dec 44 at 0900 hrs and it is requested that you will attend. In order that this subject may be discussed and a recommendation made to the Chief Commissioner which we can place before AFHQ.

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M. S. LUSH
 M.S. LUSH, BRIS.
 C.O.S.

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Copy to: Economic Section, (3),
 Civil Affairs Section, (3),
 War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission (1)

ARMED FORCES WELFARE UNIT,
3780/23/S&A/222,
27 NOV 44.
MEMPHIS: 806.

U.S. Salvage,
U.S. Army,
District, Salvage,
Hq. No. 3 District,
Memphis, Tenn.

SUBJECT: Local Disposals of British Army Salvage.

1. POLICY

The Allied Forces Joint Disposal Committee has agreed that the unmentioned policy on disposals in Italy and Sicily will be effective until further notice.

(a) Such Salvage material as is required in the United Kingdom, or any other country, as directed by War Office will be retained in Salvage Depots until necessary shipping is allocated.

(b) All remaining material will, in the first instance, be offered to A.M.I.A. (for Italian Armed Forces).

(c) Such material as is not required by A.M.I.A. will be offered to the ALLIED COMMISSION (for Italian Government).

(d) Finally, any surpluses remaining after (a), (b) and (c) above will be disposed of to local civilians by tender.

2. ACCOUNTING

Disposals effected under para (b) and (c) will be transfers, and will not be sales effected for cash. The following methods of accounting and recording the transactions will be used :-

(a) Receipts

- (i) A written demand for any material required will be obtained from A.M.I., or their local Liaison Officer. In the event of their wishing re-issue to be effected direct to a Unit of the Italian Armed Forces, other than an Italian Army Depot, the demand will be endorsed with particulars of the specific Unit.

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(ii) A receipt will be obtained for all material which will show the following details :-

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(1) A receipt will be obtained for all material which will show the following details :-

- (a) Date of issue
- (b) Depot issuing same
- (c) Unit or Depot to which issue was made
- (d) Item or material
- (e) Number or weight

- (f) Design, number and date
 - (g) Signature of receiving Indian Officer, and name typed or printed, alternatively signature of M.H.I.A. Liaison Officer.
 - (h) Counter-signature of issuing Depot.
- (iii) The receipt will be made out in quadruplicate, and the original and one copy forwarded to D.S.D. Salvage at District Headquarters, or as directed by A.D. Salvage, M.H.I., one copy handed to receiving Unit or Depot, and one copy retained by Salvage Depot.
- (iv) D.S.D. Salvage at District, or office nominated by A.D. Salvage, M.H.I., will forward original copy of receipt to M. M.H.I.A., as soon as possible.
- (v) All references made to M.H.I.A. will be shown on a separate Part II to weekly re-issues return.

(b) A.C.

- (i) All transactions will be carried out in accordance with procedure detailed in G.R.O. 479 of '43.
- (ii) To conform with (i) above a written demand will be obtained from A.C. for all material they require, and a receipt in quadruplicate will be obtained which will quote reference of A.C. demand.
- (iii) Two copies of this receipt to be sent to D.S.D. Salvage at District, or as directed by A.D. Salvage, M.H.I., one copy for A.C., or their representative receiving material, and one copy to be retained by Salvage Depot.
- (iv) D.S.D. Salvage at Districts, or office nominated by A.D. Salvage, M.H.I., will forward monthly a return of all transactions, accompanied by copy of each receipt, to Assistant Financial Adviser, HQ, M.H.I. A copy of this return to be sent to A.D. Salvage, M.H.I.
- (v) All transactions with A.C. will be shown as Part III to weekly

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and one copy forwarded to D.A.D. Salvage as District Headquarters, or as directed by A.D. Salvage, A.S.I., one copy mailed to receiving Unit or Depot, and one copy retained by Salvage Depot.

(iv) D.A.D. Salvage at District, or office nominated by A.D. Salvage, A.S.I., will forward original copy of receipt to HQ, M.M.I.A., as soon as possible.

(v) All re-issues made to M.M.I.A. will be shown on a separate Part II to weekly re-issues return.

(c) A.C.

(i) All transactions will be carried out in accordance with procedure detailed in G.P.O. 479 of '43.

(ii) To conform with (i) above a written demand will be obtained from A.C. for all material they require, and a receipt in quadruplicate will be obtained which will quote reference of A.C. demand.

(iii) Two copies of this receipt to be sent to D.A.D. Salvage at District, or as directed by A.D. Salvage, A.S.I., one copy for A.S.I., or their representative receiving material, and one copy to be retained by Salvage Depot.

(iv) D.A.D. Salvage at Districts, or office nominated by A.D. Salvage, A.S.I., will forward monthly returns of all transactions, accompanied by copy of each receipt, to Assistant Financial

Adviser, HQ, A.S.I. A copy of this return to be sent to **4568** D.D. Salvage, A.S.I.Q.

(v) All transactions with A.C. will be shown as Part III to weekly re-issues return.

3. INTERVIEWS AND CLOTHING

(a) All items of military clothing, Categories T1, T2, T3 and T8, and boots, etc, will be disposed of to Italian Army repair installations under arrangements made with M.M.I.A. No direct disposal of these items will be effected to A.C. except on authority of M.M.I.A.

(2) Category T6, "Other Textiles", including headgear, webbing, etc., will be offered to I.S.I.A., but if rejected will not be offered to A.C., pending further disposal instructions.

4. U.S. MILITARY WEAPONS
(a) Captured M.I.

All Italian weapons will be offered to I.S.I.A., and if they do not require them to A.C. Vehicles of German origin are not required by I.S.I.A. and will be offered direct to A.C. Accounting at par para 7.

(b) M.I. Scavenged from U.S. Vehicles, & Tyres, will not be offered to I.S.I.A. or A.C. in bulk. Re-issues may be made against specific demands received from:

- (1) U.S.I.A. in demand to be certified by I.S.I.A. Liaison Officer.
- (2) A.C. in demand to be signed by British Officer of A.C. Transportation authorities.

(c) The instructions detailed in (b)(1) and (2) above do not apply to material held in Vehicle Disposal Depot, with the exception of the following parts:

- Chassis frames. Todies.
- Sheet steel parts classified as light iron.

5. MATERIAL EXCLUDED FROM LOCAL DISPOSAL

The following materials will not be offered or disposed of to I.S.I.A. or A.C. unless specific instructions are issued or a release note obtained from this Office:

- Heavy Barrels Scrap. Guns and Ammunition Parts.
- Cast Iron Scrap. Shipwrecks Scrap.
- High Grade Rubber Scrap. (Gather than tyres).
- Wood Kindling. Timber.
- Cases 7/2.

6. REPORTING AND COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES

(a) Lists of material available in priorities 1(b) or (c) will be forwarded to I.S.I.A. or A.C. periodically; a time limit for written acceptance will be included.

(a) Scrap Iron & Steel

All Indian vehicles will be offered to I.S.I.S., and if they do not require them to A.C. Vehicles of former origin are not required by I.S.I.S. and will be offered first to A.C. according to per para 3.

(b) Scrap from Vets. Vehicles & Trains will not be offered to I.S.I.S. or A.C. in bulk. Release may be made subject specific demands received from:

- (i) I.S.I.S. if issued to be certified by I.S.I.S. Liaison Officer.
- (ii) A.C. if issued to be stored by British Officer of A.C. Transportation sub-committee.

(c) The instructions detailed in (b)(i) and (ii) above do not apply to material held in Vehicle Disposal Depot, with the exception of the following parts:-

- Cast-iron frames, Rods,
- Sheet steel parts classified as light iron.

5. MATERIAL EXCLUDED FROM LOCAL DISPOSAL

The following materials will not be offered or disposed of to I.S.I.S. or A.C. unless specific instructions are issued or a release note obtained from this Office:-

- Heavy Ferrous Scrap, Taps and Airgraph Forms.
- Cast Iron Scrap, Non-Ferrous Scrap.
- High Grade Rubber Scrap. (Other than tyres).
- Iron Milling, Tin.
- Cast W/E.

6. ACCEPTANCE AND ACCOUNTANCE PROVISIONS

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- (a) Limits of material available in priorities (b) or (c) will be forwarded to I.S.I.S. or A.C. periodically; a time limit for written acceptance will be included.
- (b) After time limit quoted in (a) above has expired any material which has not been accepted will automatically be available for disposal in priority (c) or (a) respectively.
- (c) I.S.I.S. and A.C. will be requested to notify in writing reception of any material not retained.

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7. SALES

Regulations effected under part 2(d) will be made as follows:

- (a) Tenders on form L.S. 10 will be obtained.
- (b) All tenders received will be forwarded to D.D. Salvage, S.S.I., in receipt of E of C. Dept, or to D.D. Salvage, S.S.I., in respect of Government stores.
- (c) Where it is not possible to obtain more than one offer, a certificate will be attached to the single tender, certifying that no other offer is obtainable, and detailing names of two other persons who were invited to tender.
- (d) Debt Vouchers, form L.S. 15, will only be issued by D.D. Salvage, S.S.I., Districts, or by Officers on A.S.I. Staff and Services Pool. O.S.C. Units will not accept Debt Vouchers.
- (e) AMW/23/SIL/202 dated 3 Oct 44 is hereby cancelled.

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D.P. THOMPSON, Colonel,
Deputy Director of Salvage.

Distribution to:

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- 2 (Mint).
- Financial Adviser.
- D.D. Salvage, H. No. 2 District.
- S.S.I. (5).
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref. W/37.5/CA

29th November, 1944

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Salvage Clothing and Equipment.

TO : Economic Section.

1. The allotment and distribution of salvage clothing has been under consideration both in your Committee dealing with salvage material in general, and in the branch of this office dealing with the devastated areas.

2. This Section is solely a bidder for any clothing that may be available, and in no way a producer. The following Sub-Commissions, which are not set out in any order of priority, require allotments and all have immediate claims. At the present time very large quantities are required:

- (a) Public Health Sub-Commission - for use in hospitals and infirmaries for the destitute.
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- (e) Displaced Persons and Italian Refugees Sub-Commission - for nearby refugees.

3. A conference has been held among the interested parties of this Section and it is the view of the DCOS CA Section that as and when any clothing may become available this Section must be consulted as to which of these claimants should be given any adjustments to the ratios set out in para 4. below. It is not easy to decide in general the exact order of priority at any given time as prevailing circumstances at the time of availability will affect the allocation for any one requirement.

4. It is therefore considered essential that out of any bulk allotment made to this Commission a reserve should always be kept to allow for adjustments in the allocation. With this in mind it is considered that each user shall be allotted a proportion according to the ratios set out below, the reserve being allocated at the time to meet particular immediate demands by any one user.

(i) BLANKETS:

Public Health Sub-Commission	20 per cent
Devastated Areas Sub-Commission	20 " "
Patriots Sub-Commission	20 " "
Displaced Persons and Italian Refugees Sub-Commission	20 " "
Reserve	20 " "

(ii) BOOTS:

Patriots Sub-Commission	30 per cent
Devastated Areas Sub-Commission	45 " "
Displaced Persons and Italian Refugees Sub-Commission	12 1/2 " "
Public Health Sub-Commission	12 1/2 " "
Reserve	20 " "

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Patriots Sub-Commission	20 " "
Displaced Persons and Italian Refugees Sub-Commission	20 " "
Reserve	20 " "
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Patriots Sub-Commission	30 per cent
Devastated Areas Sub-Commission	45 " "
Displaced Persons and Italian Refugees Sub-Commission	12 1/2 " "
Public Health Sub-Commission	12 1/2 " "
Reserve	20 " "
(iii) <u>UNDERCLOTHING:</u>	
Patriots Sub-Commission	27 per cent
Public Health Sub-Commission	27 " "
Displaced Persons and Italian Refugees Sub-Commission	27 " "
Reserve	19 " "

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(iv) TOP CLOTHING:

Patriots Sub-Commission	40 per cent
Displaced Persons and Italian Refugees Sub-Commission	40 " "
Reserve	20 " "

(v) CANVAS AND RAGS:

Patriots Sub-Commission	27 per cent
Public Health Sub-Commission	27 " "
Displaced Persons and Italian Refugees Sub-Commission	27 " "
Reserve	19 " "

R.R. Gripps

R. R. GRIFFS, Col.
COS CA Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AVO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref. W/37.5/CA

29th November, 1944.

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(1) <u>CLAIMANTS:</u>	20 per cent
Public Health Sub-Commission	20 " "
Devastated Areas Sub-Commission	20 " "
Patriots Sub-Commission	20 " "
Displaced Persons and Italian Refugees Sub-Commission	20 " "
Reserve	20 " "
(11) <u>RESERVE:</u>	30 per cent
Patriots Sub-Commission	25 " "
Devastated Areas Sub-Commission	12 " "
Displaced Persons and Italian Refugees Sub-Commission	12 " "
Public Health Sub-Commission	14 " "
Reserve	20 " "

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Devastated Areas Sub-Commission	20 " "
Patriots Sub-Commission	20 " "
Displaced Persons and Italian Refugees Sub-Commission	20 " "
Reserve	20 " "
(11) <u>BOOTS:</u>	30 per cent
Patriots Sub-Commission	25 " "
Devastated Areas Sub-Commission	25 " "
Displaced Persons and Italian Refugees Sub-Commission	15 " "
Public Health Sub-Commission	15 " "
Reserve	20 " "
(111) <u>UNDERCLOTHING:</u>	27 per cent
Patriots Sub-Commission	27 " "
Public Health Sub-Commission	27 " "
Displaced Persons and Italian Refugees Sub-Commission	19 " "
Reserve	19 " "

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(iv) TOP CLOTHING:

Patriots Sub-Commission	40 per cent
Displaced Persons and Italian Refugees Sub-Commission	40 " "
Reserve	20 " "

(v) CAFTAS AND BAGS:

Patriots Sub-Commission	27 per cent
Public Health Sub-Commission	27 " "
Displaced Persons and Italian Refugees Sub-Commission	27 " "
Reserve	19 " "

R. E. Griffiths

R. E. GRIFFITHS, Col.
COS CA Section.

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10 JAN 1949

18 hrs

Date

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ROUTING SLIP

FROM	Director: <i>RS</i>
	Col. W. P. EVANS
	D/Director: Maj. W. E. SCOTTEN
	Materials Division:
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	Maj. R. R. GREEN
	Maj. L. C. HOOD
	Maj. F. J. SCHEERS
	Capt. F. WICKSTON
	Mr. L. V. A. WHITE
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	Maj. A. V. BOUGHTON
	1st Lt. W. W. HAASE
	Fuel Section:
	Maj. A. S. FURBERTON
	Chief Clerk
	Economic Section
	<i>See copy in Civil Affairs Section</i>

FOR:

- _____ Necessary Action
- _____ Investigation and report
- _____ Recommendation and remarks
- _____ Information
- _____ Approval
- _____ To note and return/pass on
- _____ Signature
- _____ Discuss
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- _____ S/P

Remarks:

Returned with thanks
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFC 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref. 4/37.5/04

29th November, 1944.

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Salvage Clothing and Equipment.

TO : Economic Section.

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Public Health Sub-Commission	20 " "
Devastated Areas Sub-Commission	20 " "
Patriots Sub-Commission	20 " "
Displaced Persons and Italian Refugees Sub-Commission	20 " "
Reserve	20 " "
(11) <u>BOOTS:</u>	50 per cent
Patriots Sub-Commission	25 " "
Devastated Areas Sub-Commission	12½ " "
Displaced Persons and Italian Refugees Sub-Commission	12½ " "
Public Health Sub-Commission	20 " "
Reserve	20 " "

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(ii) <u>BOOTS:</u>	
Patriots Sub-Commission	30 per cent
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Displaced Persons and Italian Refugees Sub-Commission	12 1/2 " "
Public Health Sub-Commission	12 1/2 " "
Reserve	20 " "
(iii) <u>UNDERCLOTHING:</u>	
Patriots Sub-Commission	27 per cent
Public Health Sub-Commission	27 " "
Displaced Persons and Italian Refugees Sub-Commission	27 " "
Reserve	19 " "

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(iv) TOP CLOTHING:

Patriots Sub-Commission	40 per cent
Displaced Persons and Italian Refugees Sub-Commission	40 " "
Reserve	20 " "

(v) CANVAS AND BAGS:

Patriots Sub-Commission	27 per cent
Public Health Sub-Commission	27 " "
Displaced Persons and Italian Refugees Sub-Commission	27 " "
Reserve	19 " "

R. E. Cripps

R. E. CRIPPS, Col.
COS CA Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 534
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref. W/37.5/GA

29th November, 1944.

MEMORANDUM

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TO : Economic Section.

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Reserve	20 " "

(11) RESERVE:

Patriots Sub-Commission	30 per cent
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Patriots Sub-Commission	20 " "
Displaced Persons and Italian Refugees Sub-Commission	20 " "
Reserve	20 " "
(11) <u>SCOTTS:</u>	30 per cent
Patriots Sub-Commission	25 " "
Devastated Areas Sub-Commission	25 " "
Displaced Persons and Italian Refugees Sub-Commission	12 1/2 " "
Public Health Sub-Commission	12 1/2 " "
Reserve	20 " "
(111) <u>EMERGENCY:</u>	27 per cent
Patriots Sub-Commission	27 " "
Public Health Sub-Commission	27 " "
Displaced Persons and Italian Refugees Sub-Commission	19 " "
Reserve	

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(iv) NEW CLOTHING:

Patriots Sub-Commission	45 per cent
Displaced Persons and Italian Refugees Sub-Commission	40 " "
Reserve	20 " "

(v) UNIFORMS AND BAGS:

Patriots Sub-Commission	27 per cent
Public Health Sub-Commission	27 " "
Displaced Persons and Italian Refugees Sub-Commission	27 " "
Reserve	19 " "

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REGULATIONS ALLIED COMMISSION
ASO 374
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref. 4/37.5/04

29th November, 1944

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Salvage Clothing and Equipment.

TO : Economic Section.

1. The allotment and distribution of salvage clothing has been under consideration both in your Committee dealing with salvage material in general, and in the branch of this office dealing with the devastated areas.

2. This Section is solely a bidder for any clothing that may be available, and in no way a producer. The following Sub-Commissions, which are not set out in any order of priority, require allotments and all have immediate claims. At the present time very large quantities are required:

- (a) Public Health Sub-Commission - for use in hospitals and infirmaries for the destitute.
- (b) Devastated Areas Sub-Commission - for rootless and homeless people.
- (c) Patriots Sub-Commission - for fighting Patriots obtain through the line due to privation.
- (d) Displaced Persons and Italian Refugee Sub-Commission - for nearby refugees.

3. A conference has been held among the interested parties of this Section and it is the view of the WPC (A Section that as and when any clothing may become available this Section must be committed as to which of these claimants should be given any adjustments to the ratios set out in para 4. below. It is not easy to decide in general the exact order of priority at any given time as prevailing circumstances at the time of availability will affect the allocation for any one requirement.

4. It is therefore considered essential that out of any total allotment made to this Commission a reserve should always be kept to allow for adjustments in the allocation. With this in mind it is considered that each user shall be allotted a proportion according to the ratios set out below, the reserve being allocated at the time to meet particular immediate demands by any one user.

(4) RESERVE:

Public Health Sub-Commission	20 per cent
Devastated Areas Sub-Commission	20 " "
Patriots Sub-Commission	20 " "
Displaced Persons and Italian Refugee Sub-Commission	20 " "
Reserve	20 " "

(11) RESERVE:

Patriots Sub-Commission	30
Devastated Areas Sub-Commission	25
Displaced Persons and Italian Refugee Sub-Commission	12½
Public Health Sub-Commission	12½
Reserve	20

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(4) <u>ITALY:</u>	20 per cent
Public Health Sub-Commission	20 "
Devastated Areas Sub-Commission	20 "
Patriots Sub-Commission	20 "
Displaced Persons and Italian Refugee Sub-Commission Reserve	20 "
(11) <u>FRANCE:</u>	30
Patriots Sub-Commission	45
Devastated Areas Sub-Commission	12 1/2
Displaced Persons and Italian Refugee Sub-Commission	12 1/2
Public Health Sub-Commission Reserve	20
(11) <u>GERMANY:</u>	27 per cent
Patriots Sub-Commission	27 "
Public Health Sub-Commission	27 "
Displaced Persons and Italian Refugee Sub-Commission Reserve	19 "

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(iv) THE UNITED STATES

Patrician Sub-Commission	40 per cent
Displaced Persons and Italian Refugee Sub-Commission	40 " "
Reserve	20 " "

(v) CANADA AND EUROPE

Patrician Sub-Commission	27 per cent
Public Health Sub-Commission	27 " "
Displaced Persons and Italian Refugee Sub-Commission	27 " "
Reserve	19 " "

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSIONS
AND
CIVIL AID AND SERVICE

Ref. 4/3705/CA

29th November, 1946

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TO : Records Section

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(1) <u>CLAIMANTS:</u>	20 per cent
Public Health Sub-Commission	20 " "
Devastated Areas Sub-Commission	20 " "
Patriotic Sub-Commission	20 " "
Displaced Persons and Italian Refugee Sub-Commission	20 " "
Reserve	20 " "
(11) <u>RESERVE:</u>	
Patriotic Sub-Commission	20 per cent
Devastated Areas Sub-Commission	24.57 " "
Displaced Persons and Italian Refugee Sub-Commission	12.28 " "
Public Health Sub-Commission	12.28 " "
Reserve	20 " "

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Displaced Persons and Italian Refugee Sub-Commission Reserve	20 " "
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Patriots Sub-Commission	14 5/16
Devastated Areas Sub-Commission	12 1/2 " "
Displaced Persons and Italian Refugee Sub-Commission	12 1/2 " "
Public Health Sub-Commission Reserve	20 " "
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(4) NEW ACQUISITIONS

Patriots Sub-Commission	40 per cent
Displaced Persons and Italian Refugee Sub-Commission Reserve	40 " "
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(7) GRANTS AND PAGES

Patriots Sub-Commission	27 per cent
Public Health Sub-Commission	27 " "
Displaced Persons and Italian Refugee Sub-Commission Reserve	27 " "
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A G E N D A

SUBJECT: Meeting on Devastated Areas to be held at 1700 hours
Wednesday, 29 November 1944.

1. Stockpiling and special rations of food
2. Housing
 - a) Decree enabling private builders to get subsidies
3. Clothing
 - a) Availability of clothing
 - b) Priority system for allocating clothing within AC
 - c) Draft letter to AFHQ on this
4. Special consideration for devastated areas requirements in AFHQ Committee actions (e.g., cement).

The following people will be present:

- Bris. Upjohn
- Col. Cripps
- Col. Jenny
- Col. Evans
- Maj. Iurie
- Mr. Antolini
- Mr. Cleveland

Mr. Craig.
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
Special Materials Section

LVRW/FZ

Ref.AC/5134/Commerce
Tel.478.192

29 November 1944

SUBJECT : Distribution of Repaired Clothing and Shoes

TO : Economic Section

1. In order to explain the situation in regards repaired clothing and boots for issue to civilian employees of units of the Allied Forces and destitute civilians, this résumé will be divided into three parts:

- 1 - What has been accomplished in the past;
- 2 - The present situation;
- 3 - What steps this Sub-Commission proposes to take in the future.

2. Formerly AC was supplied with shoes and clothing by DADOS from stocks which were considered unrepairable and thus unfit for issue to the Allied Forces. These items were taken by AC, sorted, and repaired under the terms of two different contracts.

A - SHOES -

a) In April a shoe repair factory was put into operation by AC under terms of a contract with its owner Sig. Notta. It was planned that this factory would repair salvaged shoes at the rate of approximately 2000 pairs a week. This production figure was steadily increased until by August almost 6000 pairs were being repaired weekly.

b) Allocation of leather was originally made to AC for this work by Allied Forces Local Resources Section. However AFHQ Folio N.24809 of 16 August 1944 states:

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Inasmuch as leather availability is insufficient to meet the needs of the Italian Armed Forces work was considerably reduced the first part of September and a substitute for this leather had to be found.

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d) The repaired boots have been distributed by Southern Region AC from April to November in the following fashion:

- Public Works and Utilities 5,000
- AMG, Foggia Province 13,000

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BRT.FWD.	18,000
Public Safety Sub-Commission	7,500
Public Health Sub-Commission	5,000
H.Q.- A.A.I.	9,000
Ministry of War Transport	1,700
Transportation Sub-Commission	1,000
Agriculture Sub-Commission	20,000
Industry Sub-Commission Mining Division	6,000
A.M.G. 8th Army	6,000
Fifth Army Ordnance	3,500
Commerce Sub-Commission	1,000
Royal Forest Guard	3,650
Region IV, Agriculture Division	3,500
A.M.G., 5th Army	2,000
Military Railway Service	4,500
A.C., Labor Branch	5,000
Royal Questura	1,000
Miscellaneous (lots of less than 1,000)	16,650
Total	115,000 prs.

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e) In addition to these 115,000 prs. of repaired army boots which have been distributed by the Commerce Sub-Commission through its Sub-Section in Southern Region, approximately 270,000 prs. of WORKERS CANVAS SHOES have recently arrived from the U. S.A. and have been turned over to the Italian Government. These are being distributed at a price of 370 Lire per pair by the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labor through its prefects in all the regions of the country. They have been allotted on the basis of population and also the needs that were felt to exist.

f) These two groups of shoes cover the entire quantity of these items that the Commerce Sub-Commission has had at its disposal for distribution to the civilian population.

B - CLOTHING -

a) As was stated above, until September AC was supplied with uniforms which were considered unfit for issue to the Armed Forces by DADOS. According to a ruling of AFHQ all uniforms which are issued to civilians must be dyed blue or black in con-tradistinction to the green of the Italian Army. This dying process is carried on by AC under the terms of a contract made with the Manifatture Cotoniere Meridionali "DADOS - L.P. & P. N.7/C89". The repair of the garments is carried on by British Ordnance in Naples. At the completion of these two processes the distribution of these items is carried out by the Commerce Sub-Section of Southern Region. The present capacity for repair-ing and dyeing under this system and with the present materials

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b) The repaired clothing consisting entirely until this date of British battledress dyed black or blue, has been allocated in the following fashion:

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- Fifth Air Crânance	5,000
- Military Railway Service	2,000
- Public Safety Sub-Commission	3,500
- Public Works and Utilities	2,000
- Miscellaneous (lots of less than 1,000)	1,500
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Total	14,000
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c) In addition to this clothing which has been at the disposal of the Commerce Sub-Commission there have been certain quantities of textiles.

- 1.- 250,000 metres stored at Palermo, received from the U.S. in March 1944 and frozen by AC, Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission. This stock has since been turned over to the High Commissioner for Sicilia and released under a rationing scheme to residents of the island.
- 2.- 250,000 metres imported from the U.S. and stored at Guttridge & Co. Naples. These textiles are now being turned over to the Italian Government for distribution to hospitals, orphanages and other charitable institutions.
- 3.- 7,500,000 yards, which were found in the warehouse of the Manifatture Cotoniere Meridionali, when the Allied Forces occupied Naples. These were frozen by AC in December and certain quantities were released to agencies of the Allied Forces and the Italian Government, including 1,200,000 yds. to the Italian Army. In addition the M.C.M. has produced in the last 10 months approximately 3,000,000 yards which were allocated under the control of A.C. Recently the control of M.C.M. and the entire stock of textiles remaining were transferred to the control of the Italian Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labor.
- 4.- It must be made clear that all the textiles of the above three classifications were cotton fabrics of light-weight - voiles, prints, sheeting, gingham, etc.

3. - A - The present situation is very complex and results from two rather recent rulings. First was a memorandum handed down by AFHQ which directs that all uniform clothing not suitable for use by the United States and British Armies must be turned over to MMIA.

AFHQ Memorandum N.36 of 4 September states:
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A further memorandum from AFHQ states just exactly how AC (Commerce Sub-Commission) will come into possession of any clothing or shoes which may finally be deemed unsuitable for Italian Army needs:

"Extract from Itr, AFHQ, AG 400/105 D-0, 22 Sept. 1944:

"Para 3 - Supply, sale, donation, or transfer of military clothing to civilians is not authorized except when made available to AC by MMIA. Items of clothing and shoes (boots) not suitable for the use of the Italian Army will be transferred to

"ACC by MMIA. Outer clothing will be red black by ACC prior to issue to civilians".

- B - The total effect of these two rulings - in substance one - is that Commerce Sub-Commission now can obtain for its project of repairing, dyeing and distributing clothing and shoes, only that which MMIA considers unfit for use by the Italian Army. Because of this the supply has been cut down considerably and further the type of garment or boot that is now received has depreciated in quality in a radical fashion. For example even with the most intense effort, from the most recent quantities of clothing turned over to Southern Region by MMIA, the following proportion of items was obtained:

- Wool trousers from MMIA 1,509
- Fit for repair by AC - less than 1,000
- Cotton trousers from MMIA 180
- Fit for repair by AC 100

It is obvious that the situation is critical and AC Commerce Sub-Commission can no longer count on having at its disposal for distribution to the civilian population the quantities of clothing and shoes anticipated when these projects were first begun some months ago.

- C - The second ruling results from an investigation on the part of MTCUSA in regards the disposal of salvage materials of all sorts by Peninsula Base Section which controls the entire disposition of all materials deemed unfit for use by the United States Army. Each month, as a result of a new ruling of MTCUSA, PBS will submit to AC a list of all salvage items which are to be disposed of and any of these items which AC or its component parts and branches desires may be purchased from PBS at a price to be agreed upon.

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- E - The present availability is complicated by the further fact that at the moment the contract with the Manifatture Cotoniere Meridionali has expired and before another one is drawn up it is hoped that arrangements can be made with the Italian Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labor to assume the responsibility for the operation.

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- F - Present figures of availability as of 11/18 are as follows:

a. Clothing : Battledress Blouses 45
" Trousers 2851

However there are stocks of these items which are awaiting repair and dyeing the figures for which are as follows:

Battledress Blouses 9045
" Trousers 7590
Greatcoats 12865

b. Shoes : Available for allocation 6289
Awaiting Repair 7050

Total 13339

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As a result of this situation Commerce Sub-Section in Southern Region is allocating on a purely proportional basis as the clothing becomes available. No definite priority schedule has been set up as all these agencies were felt to be of about equal importance and consequently entered into a fair proportion of availability. If a system of priority is set up it is felt that it would be the responsibility of all the interested parties who should know the exact situation and have a complete picture of all the demands which were being made.

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Total	13339

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As a result of this situation Commerce Sub-Section in Southern Region is allocating on a purely proportional basis as the clothing becomes available. No definite priority schedule has been set up as all these agencies were felt to be of about equal importance and consequently entitled to a fair proportion of availability. If a system of priority is set up it is felt that it would be the responsibility of all the interested parties who should know the exact situation and have a complete picture of all the demands which were being made.

4. The situation for the future in regards the distribution of repaired clothing and shoes is based upon three developments:

- A - A new system of allocation between MMIA and other branches of AC whereby the first named agency would not receive the largest and the best part of all salvaged clothing available. A directive from AFHQ will be required for this change in operation.

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- B - A transfer of control of the operation of repair, dyeing and distributing from the Commerce and Industry Sub-Commissions to the Italian Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labor. The distribution will be carried out by the Italian Government, on the basis of a priority schedule drawn up by AC.

- C - The formation of a priority schedule for distribution of repaired clothing and shoes. This should probably be done by joint effort of all Sub-Commissions and Allied agencies interested in procuring clothing and shoes.

For the Chief Commissioner



W.P. EVANS
Colonel-Director
Commerce Sub-Commission

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URGENT

PR/RF
22 NOV 1944

HEADQUARTERS ARMED COMMISSION
APC 394

DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB-COMMISSION

DPR/17/Q

Tel. 489081 Ext 434

22 November 1944

SUBJECT: Clothing

TO : C.A. Section

1. Ref your 4/37.5/CA dated 21 November 44 attached please find our requirements up to 28 Feb.45.

For the Director:

E. C. Brown
E. C. BROWN
Major
C. i/c ADM

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APPENDIX "A"DPRSC. REQUIREMENTS FOR ALLIED NATIONALS

Blankets	100,000
Battledress dyed	75,000
Trousers "	75,000
Shirts	75,000
Woollen underwear	100,000
Overalls	25,000
Boots	75,000
Salvage Canvas	50 tons.
Waterproof Material	25 tons.
Bathing utensils	unlimited

MEDICAL.

Sheets at 4 per bed for 800 beds	3,200
Pillow Cases at 2 per bed	1,600
Pillow at 1½ per bed	1,200
Mattresses.....	600
Rubber sheeting and other protective material for nearly all beds at 2 yds per Bed	1,600 yds.
Towels (all kinds)	2,600

GENERAL HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT.

Bed pans	40
Urinals	60
Enamel Bowls (various sizes)	100
" Dishes (" ")	100
Prism Stoves	20
Bedside cupboards	300
Dressing gowns	800
Bedroom slippers	800
Steamkettles	20

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APPENDIX "B"

B.R.C. REQUIREMENTS FOR 8th AFB.

BEDDING

For 20 hospitals averaging 200 beds each - 4,000 beds.

- 2,000 Mattresses
- 2,000 Sheets
- 6,000 Blankets
- 2,000 Pillows
- 2,000 Pillow cases
- 1,000 Bedsteads
- 4,000 Towels

MISCELLANEOUS.

- Sosp
- Disinfectants
- Tyres for 20 I.R.C. ambulances

CLOTHING

Approximately 10 tons

Men

- 2,000 Jackets
- 1,000 Pyjamas (For hospitals)
- 2,000 Overcoats
- 2,000 Trousers
- 2,000 Shirts
- 4,000 Socks
- 2,000 Vests
- 2,000 Shorts
- 2,000 pre. boots
- 2,000 Sweaters

Women

- 1,000 Overcoats
- 1,000 Sweaters
- 1,000 Dresses or Skirts
- 2,000 Vests
- 3,000 Bloomers
- 1,000 Petticoats
- 6,000 Stockings
- 1,000 Shoes
- 2,000 Nightgowns (for hospitals)

Children up to 14 years

- 4,000 Overcoats
- 1,000 Sweaters
- 1,000 Dresses (small)

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- 5,000 Blankets
- 2,000 Pillows
- 2,000 Pillow cases
- 1,000 Bedsteads
- 4,000 Towels

MISCELLANEOUS.

- Soap
- Disinfectants
- Tyres for 20 I.R.C. ambulances

CLOTHING

Approximately 10 tons

Men

- 2,000 Jackets
- 1,000 Pyjamas (for hospitals)
- 2,000 Overcoats
- 2,000 Trousers
- 2,000 Shirts
- 4,000 Socks
- 2,000 Vests
- 2,000 Shorts
- 2,000 prs. boots
- 2,000 Sweaters

Women

- 1,000 Overcoats
- 1,000 Sweaters
- 1,000 Dresses or Skirts
- 2,000 Vests
- 3,000 Bloomers
- 1,000 Petticoats
- 6,000 Stockings
- 1,000 Shoes
- 2,000 Nightgowns (for hospitals)

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Children up to 14 years

- 4,000 Overcoats
- 1,000 Sweaters
- 1,000 Dresses (small)
- 500 Shirts
- 4,000 Trousers & shorts
- 4,000 Vests
- 4,000 Bloomers
- 6,000 Socks
- 4,000 Shoes
- 1,000 Nightgowns (for hospitals)

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OR

Rolls of salvaged material to make clothes
Cotton
Needles
Sewing machines.

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HEADQUARTERS COMZONS MTCUSA

8 November 44
RESTRICTED
ROUTINE

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ORIGINATED BY:
TO :

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PEN BASE AND AAFSC/MTS FOR AERIAL DEPOT

SOMC-18188003

List of all salvage material for which no other disposition instructions have been issued and which is to be sold on open market will be reported in advance by letter to Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394, and an information copy to Allied Force Local Resources Section, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 912.

Letter will request information as to any item Allied Commission feel should be sold through them; and will request prompt action in order to avoid build-up of large backlog in depots.

Complete instructions for accounting and pricing will follow.

Under present arrangements with local ACC representative sales now being negotiated will be completed.

DISTRIBUTION:

- G-1
- ACC
- QIC
- AFH
- COMZONS MTCUSA ADV.

REFERENCE: 450-51451

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HEADQUARTERS
ARMED COMMISSION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH
LPO 534.

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Ref : 85/5/PAC.
SUBJECT: Clothing.

21 Nov 44.

TO : S. S. WITTE, 14 Col.
C30-31 Section

Reference your 8/37.5/CA of 21 Nov 44.

It is a matter of considerable difficulty for this branch to supply to such as of Patriots for whom it will be necessary to provide ~~me~~ up to the week ending 28 Feb. 45.

However on a basis of the best information obtainable at this time, it is estimated that material may be required to clothe some 10,000 Patriots.

The articles most badly needed will be boots. Other articles will be socks, underwear, trousers, shirts, jackets, belts, ties, bootlaces.

The Armies may be able to provide a number of blankets but a supply of blankets would also be desirable.

R. S. WITTE *Witte*

S. S. WITTE,
Colonel,
Director,
Patriots Branch.

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED COMMISSION
AFO 394
PUBLIC HEALTH SUB-COMMISSION
TEL. 789061-500

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AG/3057/1/PH

21 November 1944

SUBJECT: - Estimate For Salvage.

TO : - VP, CA Section, HQ, A.C.

Reference your W/57.5/CA Dated 21 November 1944.

1. The preparation of a specific estimate for salvage is difficult because the Public Health Sub-Commission, working through Regional Welfare Officers could dispose of enormous quantities of salvage material to needy persons.

2. Excluding Italian refugees and harbor-out persons in devastated areas, it is estimated that at least 600,000 persons in liberated Italy are in the condition of the most extreme destitution. Further it is estimated that between 100,000 and 125,000 children and aged are in institutions. It may be said that these groups are in need of everything. Accordingly the following estimates are prepared.

3. BLANKETS - One blanket for each of 100,000 families and 1 blanket for every 5 persons in institutions:	120,000
SHOES - Assumed to be only for adult males - 1 pair for each of 200,000 persons	: 200,000 pair
SHEETING, BLANKETS } To be used as CANVASS } sheets, cot mat- MATTRESS COVERS } erial, gowns, BATH COVERS } towels, covers for glassless windows : 150,000 sq. yds. (in institutions)	
SALVAGE CLOTHING	: Any amount.
HATS FOR CLEANING	: Any amount.

G. S. Parkinson
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G. S. PARKINSON, Brigadier,
Director,
Public Health Sub-Commission.

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4/31-4/CA

URGENT 96

21/NOV/44

21 NOV 1944

Subject: Clothing
TO: CSD, CA Sections

Ref: 4/37.5/CA of 21 Nov

(1) The clothing requirements for the
Reconstituted Area in which have already
been met in the V.P. CA Section were
as follows:—

Region IV	66,443 garments	40,000 blankets
Region V	75,000	30,000
	<u>141,443</u>	<u>70,000</u>

(2) If the shipment of American Red Cross
garments arrives and is distributed in
time to the Communies then demand will
be unnecessary except for blankets.

(3) The question of blankets has already
been dealt with by V.P. CA Section

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

AC/14601/8/PS

21 November, 1944.

SUBJECT : Clothing.


TO : VP, CA Sec.

21 NOV 1944

1. Reference your 4/37.5/CA dated 21 November 1944.
2. Items required by Public Safety Agencies are as shown below :

	Boots	Socks	Shirts	Undercloths	Pullovers	Blankets
Agents Public Security	5,000	12,000	6,000	6,000	1,000	10,000
Vigili Fuoco	8,000	16,000	16,000	16,000	8,000	16,000
Finance Guards	10,000	20,000	5,000	10,000	2,000	5,000
Forest Guards	2,000	4,000	2,000	4,000	2,000	4,000
Prison Guards	5,000	10,000	5,000	10,000	5,000	10,000
Railway Guards (Sicily)	600	1,200	600	1,200	600	1,200
TOTALS	30,600	63,200	34,600	47,200	18,600	46,200

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

4/37.5/CA ✓

21 Nov 44

SUBJECT : Clothing

TO : See Distribution

4/37.5

Reference para 3 (c) of minutes of 14 Nov on this Office file
4/37.5/CA.

The return required is a matter of first urgency. Please submit it by hand to reach this office if possible before 1700 hours this afternoon and in any event before 1200 hours to-morrow the 22nd.

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S.R. WHITE Lt Col,
for CSO CA Section

Ext : 469

DISTRIBUTION : -

- Public Health S/C
- Public Safety S/C ✓
- D.P. & R S/C
- Commerce S/C
- Patriote Branch
- Devastated Areas ✓
- British Red Cross
- File ✓

DP & R S/C -

It is understood that the BRC has sent its return to you - this will be submitted by you to this office.

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Notes of a Conference
to Discuss Securing Salvage Clothing, etc.

11 Nov 44.

1 The following were represented: CA Section and the following Sub-Commissions or branches - Public Health, Public Safety, Displaced Persons and Repatriation, Commerce, Patriots, Devastated Areas and the British Red Cross.

2. Commerce informed the meeting that there was reason to suppose that very considerable quantities of salvage clothing was in fact available.

3 The following action was decided upon:

- a) That a Senior U.S. Officer should proceed to MOWEA to request the issue of a direction to U.S. depots that AC should have prior claim on all salvage of clothing, boots, blankets, bedding, tents, etc.
- b) That Land Forces be asked to agree a basis on which salvage clothing etc. should be allotted to rival necessities.
- c) That Sub-Commissions should submit estimates for their requirements to the 22 Feb 45 for an area not substantially greater than that at present held.

4. A further meeting could be called when action under 3 had been completed.

- DISTRIBUTION :
- Public Health S/C. (2)
 - Public Safety S/C (2)
 - I.P. & R. S/C. (2)
 - Commerce S/C. (2)
 - Patriots Branch. (2)
 - Devastated Areas. (2)
 - British Red Cross. (2)
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 - File (3)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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Ref. C-57

14 November 1944

SUBJECT: Salvage Clothing and Equipment

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394
(Attn: Deputy Chief of Staff)

HEADQUARTERS
15 NOV 1944

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1. Reference is made to your letters 4/37E/CA of 31 October and 11 November 1944 on the above subject.

2. In accordance with the provisions of AFHQ Memorandum AG/400/105 D-0 of 22 September, this matter has been referred to the interested agencies of this headquarters with the request that steps be taken to insure that salvage clothing and equipment not required by MIA be promptly made available to A.C. It is assumed that this channel is being used satisfactorily by A.C. in view of letter ACC/5569/IND of 24 October suggesting that a quantity of salvage clothing previously offered to A.C. by this office be referred to MIA in accordance with the a/m AFHQ Memorandum.

3. For your information, the following comments have been received from G-4, AFHQ, relative to your letter 4/37E/CA of 31 October:

a. All salvage clothing of the U.S. and British Armies, after needs of U.S. and BR-ITI troops have been given consideration, is turned over to MIA. This salvage is repaired by MIA for the use of all Italian Military Forces and any residue is turned over to A.C. for civil use.

b. The amount available to A.C. from the above source is doubtless insufficient to meet A.C. requirements. Further requirements must be met by development of local resources and by importation.

c. Since the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, the Land Forces Sub-Commission, and the Industries Sub-Commission are located together in Rome, it would appear that close liaison could be effected relative to availability of salvage clothing and development of local resources. Any shortage after the above has been given consideration is a matter of import.

4. It is recommended that action be taken by A.C. to fully develop the liaison suggested by G-4, AFHQ as stated in para 3 above since this office has brought the problem to the attention of G.M. and G(A5) who are the source of the subject supplies turned over to MIA.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

J. E. Butterworth
J. E. BUTTERWORTH
Colonel, U.S.C.

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Chief, Economics & Supply Division

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
OUTGOING MESSAGE

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TO: COMZEMA LONDON INFO : AFSCC/...TO

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: NBS/71

FROM: ALLIED MILITARY STAFF BARRETT

CLASSIFICATION:

REFERENCE No: L-50804 ROUTINE

PRECEDENCE:

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: NOV 05 17 43A OFFICE OF ORIGIN: GUEP, SSQMC 1760, SSFIS

RESTRICTED.

Subject is disposal of salvage clothing and reggs your L-50804 Site SSQMC 1760

REGGS' present disposition of all such items is as follows :

Repairable clothing transferred at 35 % of list price otherwise as reggs cotton at 10 cents per pound or reggs wool at 30 cents per pound to MMIA. Present transfers to MMIA direct have been extremely slow in reissue as shown by full warehouses and no issue of Class X shipped by AD in September. Limited liaison between MMIA and ACC and inadequate renovation facilities may be factors in accumulation of items possibly in excess of unknown MMIA needs little of which reached ACC for disposal. This means that such civilians as Transportation System and Allied Forces Employees and others directly or indirectly assisting in the war effort in AETHIOPIC DEPOT area are in critical need of such items as may be available in excess of present unknown MMIA requirements. Reason for disposal of reggs to MMIA derived from articles of clothing not authorized for ITALIAN ARMY Units is not understood. Estimate by MMIA is suggested of the quantities and types of items desired in the way of both repairable items and reggs thus allowing quantities in excess of these requirements to be transferred to ACC direct or through sales made after redyeing to ACC approved buyers by AETHIOPIC DEPOT through present machinery of bidding for sale of salvage now in operation. It is felt that this procedure might more quickly help critical clothing situation among civilian employees of Allied Forces assisting in War effort. Coming inclement weather makes urgent action on this essential since this Depot

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 Labour for its operation. Originator's signature

OUTGOING MESSAGE

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TO: COMZONE WILSON LIND: 44353/ATO

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: N35/71

FROM: ADRIATIC LINTON BARNETT CLASSIFICATION:

REFERENCE No: L-56504 PRECEDENCE: ROUTINE

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: 01.05.1760 OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE SSJMC 1760

RESTRICTED.

Subject is disposal of salvage clothing and rags your L-50004 Cite SSJMC 1760

SSJIS' present disposition of all such items is as follows :

Repairable clothing transferred at 35 % of list price otherwise as rags cotton at 10 cents per pound of rags wool at 30 cents per pound to MIA. Present transfers to MIA direct have been extremely slow in reissue as shown by full warehouses and no issue of Class X shipped by AD in September. Limited liaison between MIA and ACC and inadequate renovation facilities may be factors in accumulation of items possibly in excess of unknown MIA needs little of which reached ACC for disposal. This means that such civilians as Transportation System and Allied Forces Employees and others directly or indirectly assisting in the war effort in ADRIATIC LINTON Area are in critical need of such items as may be available in excess of present unknown MIA requirements. Reason for disposal of rags to MIA derived from articles of clothing not authorized for ITALIAN ARMY units is not understood.

Estimate by MIA is suggested of the quantities and types of items desired in the way of both repairable items and rags thus allowing quantities in excess of these requirements to be transferred to ACC direct or through sales made after redyeing to ACC approved buyers by ADRIATIC LINTON through present machinery of bidding for sale of salvage now in operation. It is felt that this procedure might ^{4:30} help critical clothing situation among civilian employees of Allied Forces assisting in War effort. Coming inclement weather makes urgent action on this essential since this Depot Distribution: relies heavily on civilian **Authenticated by**
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HQ COMZONE MTOUSA SGD LARKIN
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1. List of all salvage material for which no other disposition instructions have been issued and which is to be sold on open market will be reported in advance by letter to HQ AC APO 394, and an information copy to Allied Force Local Resources Section, AFHQ APO 512.

2. Letter will request information as to any item Allied Commission feel should be sold through them; and will request prompt action in order to avoid build-up of large backlog in depots.

3. Complete instruction for accounting and pricing will follow.

4. Under present arrangements with local AC representatives sales now being negotiated will be completed.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 34
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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Ref 4/37B/CA

11 Nov 44

SUBJECT : Salvage Clothing and Equipment.

TO : AMHQ (C.5)

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Will you please do all you can to expedite a decision on the making of salvage clothing available for Refugees (our 4/37B/CA of 31 Oct refers) as with the arrival of colder weather this matter is extremely urgent.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

G.R. UNGER Brig,
VP CA Section,
DCOS AG.

Copy to : DP & R Sub-Comn.

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COMMITTEE ALLIED COMMISSION
AIO 324
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

REF : 4/37B/CA

31 Oct 44

SUBJECT : Salvage Clothing and Equipment.

TO : AFHQ (G.5)

- 1 In the past great difficulty has been encountered by displaced persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission in obtaining suitable salvage clothing, boots and blankets from British and U.S. Army sources.
- 2 This HQ has, however, a general authority for representatives to visit British Army Salvage Depots in No 1, 2 and 3 Districts but all serviceable salvage is allotted for Italian Army use and no re-allocation for refugees can be obtained from the Army Sub-Commission in spite of any applications to HQ ACC.
- 3 Apparently U.S. Salvage Depots are disposing of surplus salvage clothing, boots and blankets to Italian civilian authorities on repayment. If this is so may a monthly allotment be made to this HQ of articles which are essential and urgent for our requirements. Arrangements for the dyeing of outer garment articles of clothing will be made by this HQ prior to release of the articles of clothing.
- 4 The present 'static' population of Allied Nationals in centres under control of ACC is approx. 10,000 and an estimated average of approx. 10,000 Italian refugees pass through the camps in the forward areas during a period of 30 days, this of course varies with operations.
- 5 Using these figures it is considered that the following are the monthly requirements:

a) Blankets.....	40,000
b) Battledress / or KV/ or worsted material.....	20,000
c) Trousers	20,000
d) Shirts	20,000
e) Woollen underwear.....	40,000
f) Overalls.....	10,000
g) Boots.....	20,000
h) Salvage canvas / tentage for making of pallises.....	25 tons
i) Waterproof material - gas capes etc.....	10 tons
j) Bating utensils - mess tins etc. unlimited supply required as these are difficult to recover in transit camps.	
- 6 Blankets are urgently required for the coming winter but application has already been made to you through Reg. Div ACC for the release of 40,000. It is understood that these will not be immediately available.
- 7 Facilities for the repair of salvage clothing and boots have been set up and the recent release of salvage clothing has been put to good use and these stocks are now exhausted.

- 1 In the past great difficulty has been encountered by Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission in obtaining suitable salvage clothing, boots and blankets from British and U.S. Army sources.
- 2 This HQ has, however, a general authority for representatives to visit British Army Salvage Depots in No 1, 2 and 3 Districts but all serviceable salvage is allotted for Italian Army use and no re-allotment for refugees can be obtained from the Army Sub-Commission in spite of any applications to HQ ACC.
- 3 Apparently U.S. Salvage Depots are disposing of surplus salvage clothing, boots and blankets to Italian civilian authorities on repayment. If this is so may a monthly allotment be made to this HQ of articles which are essential and urgent for our requirements. Arrangements for the drying of outer garment articles of clothing will be made by this HQ prior to release of the articles of clothing.

4 The present 'static' population of Allied Nationals in centres under control of ACC is approx. 40,000 and an estimated average of approx. 40,000 Italian refugees pass through the camps in the forward areas during a period of 30 days, this of course varies with operations.

5 Using these figures it is considered that the following are the monthly requirements:

- a) Blankets..... 40,000
- b) Bathdress / or FD/ or worsted material..... 20,000
- c) Trousers 20,000
- d) Shirts 20,000
- e) Woollen underwear..... 40,000
- f) Overalls..... 10,000
- g) Boots..... 20,000
- h) Salvage canvas / tentage for making of
pollinases..... 25 tons
- i) Waterproof material - gas capes etc..... 10 tons
- j) Making utensils - mess tins etc. unlimited
supply required as these are difficult to
recover in transit camps.

6 Blankets are urgently required for the coming winter but application has already been made to you through Reg. Div ACC for the release of 40,000. It is understood that these will not be immediately available.

7 Facilities for the repair of salvage clothing and boots have been set up and the recent release of salvage clothing has been put to good use and these stocks are now exhausted.

PER COMMODORE STUBBS

R.R.C

A. G.R. WILSON Dada,
HQOS AC.

Copy to : D P & R Sub-Comm.
(Your DIR/17/q of 30 Oct refers) / 1a

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPARATION SUB-COMMISSION
CMP

H/37B/CA
28/11/44

Tel. 489081 Ext. 474 30 October 1944

SUBJECT : Salvage Clothing and Equipment.

TO : G.A.-Section.

1. During the past we have had great difficulty in obtaining suitable salvage clothing, boots and blankets from British and U.S. Army sources.

2. We have however a general authority for ~~our~~ representatives to visit British Army Salvage Depots in No 1, 2 and 3 Districts but all serviceable salvage is allotted for Italian Army use and no re-allotment for refugees can be obtained from the Army Sub-Commission in spite of many applications to HQ A.C.C.

3. Apparently U.S. Salvage Depots are disposing of surplus salvage clothing, boots and blankets to Italian civilian authorities on repayment. In view of this may representation be made to AFHQ for a monthly allotment to this Sub-Commission of articles which are essential and urgent for our purposes.

Note: Arrangements for the dyeing of outer garment articles of clothing will be made by this HQ prior to release from our central warehouse.

4. Our present 'static' population of Allied Nationals in centres under our control is approx. 10,000 and an estimated average of approx. 10,000 Italian refugees pass through our camps in the forward areas during a period of 30 days, this of course varies with operations.

5. Using these figures it is considered that the following will be our monthly requirements:

- (a) Blankets..... 40,000
- (b) Battledress /or KD/or worsted material..... 20,000
- (c) Trousers 20,000
- (d) Shirts..... 20,000
- (e) Woollen underwear 40,000
- (f) Overalls 10,000
- (g) Boots 20,000
- (h) Salvage canvas /tentage for making of palliasses..... 25 tons
- (i) Waterproof material - gas capes etc..... 10 tons
- (j) Ketting utensils - mess tins etc. unlimited supply required as these are difficult to recover in transit camps.

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TO : G.A. Section.

1. During the past we have had great difficulty in obtaining suitable salvage clothing, boots and blankets from British and U.S. Army sources.

2. We have however a general authority for ~~our~~ representatives to visit British Army Salvage Depots in No 1, 2 and 3 Districts but all serviceable salvage is allotted for Italian Army use and no re-allotment for refugees can be obtained from the Army Sub-Commission in spite of many applications to HQ A.C.C.

3. Apparently U.S. Salvage Depots are disposing of surplus salvage clothing, boots and blankets to Italian civilian authorities on repayment. In view of this may representation be made to AFHQ for a monthly allotment to this Sub-Commission of articles which are essential and urgent for our purposes.

Note: Arrangements for the dyeing of outer garment articles of clothing will be made by this HQ prior to release from our central warehouse.

4. Our present 'static' population of Allied Nationals in centres under our control is approx. 10,000 and an estimated average of approx. 10,000 Italian refugees pass through our camps in the forward areas during a period of 30 days, this of course varies with operations.

5. Using these figures it is considered that the following will be our monthly requirements:

- (a) Blankets..... 40,000
 - (b) Battledress /or KD/or worsted material..... 20,000
 - (c) Trousers 20,000
 - (d) Shirts..... 20,000
 - (e) Woollen underwear 20,000
 - (f) Overalls 40,000
 - (g) Boots 10,000
 - (h) Salvage canvas /batage for making of
palliasse..... 20,000
 - (i) Waterproof material - gas capes etc..... 25 tons
 - (j) Eating utensils - mess tins etc..... 10 tons
- supply required as these are difficult to recover in transit camps.

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7. This Sub-Commission has set up facilities for the repair of salvage clothing and boots and the recent release of salvage clothing has been put to good use and these stocks are now exhausted.

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