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FOOD, RATION SCALES
FEB. 1944 - AUG. 1945

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

AFD 234

Food Sub Commission

AJP/et

Ref : 476

Ref : 45-21/13/POOD

SUBJECT : Equalisation of Ration scales

TO : Ministry of Food

18 August 1945

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1. Reference is made to the meeting of 31 July and correspondence on the subject matter.
2. It is desired to review the course of the proposals in order that a decision may be arrived at as quickly as possible.
3. At the meeting of 31 July, the basic principles of the adjustments of the ration scales, i.e. by reducing the workers' card and increasing the Normal Consumer Card values in the North, and creating supplementary scales for workers in the South, was agreed by all present.
4. The implementation of that agreement lies in the choice between the Ration Scales as proposed by Food Sub Commission, and the scales put forward by the Ministry of Food.
5. The Italian Ministers and Representatives expressed their preference for those suggested by the Ministry of Food. Representatives of the Food Sub-Commission pointed out that the supply commitment would be in excess of the calculated supply requirements to maintain current scales.
6. This aspect has been given careful consideration by Food Sub-Commission and the following points arise:
 - a. The Ration Scales, as now in force in North and South Italy, do not allow any margin on the known and/or estimated supplies for the next few months.
 - b. Any increase in the quantities needed to meet commitments now, may result in a decreased ration at a later

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b. Any increase in the quantities needed to meet commitments now, may result in a decreased ration at a later date.

c. The world supply situation makes it problematical as to whether Cereal imports in excess of present requirements could be met.

d. The Ministry's proposal would entail two reductions in the Northern Heavy Workers rations:

- (1) In Bread on the General Ration Card.
- (2) The pasta supplement.

In our opinion, the success of the equalization scheme would be endangered by this double reduction.

Background:

2. Allied Commission computations are based upon the established milling ratios of 91% of Flour, a bread yield of 100 and a pasta yield of 100.

7. The desire of your Ministry to improve the quality of Bread and Pasta by reducing the milling ratio and the yield will inevitably reduce the ration of increase cereal consumption. In our opinion it should be avoided at this stage and deferred to a later date when circumstances are more favorable.

8. It is therefore most strongly recommended that the ration scales on the basic factors, as proposed by Food Sub-Commission be accepted for implementation at the earliest possible date.

W. R. A. Supra

V. R. A. Supra
for
Acting Director, Food Sub-Commission

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- Chief Commissioner
- Executive Commissioner
- Sec. Gen. Section
- Lab. 3/3
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- Ministry of Food, Mr. Enrico Molis
- Ministry of Labor, Mr. Gaetano Barbaraschi
- Confederazione Generale dell' Lavoro
- (Mr. Ernesto Mancini)
- (Mr. Giuseppe di Vittorio)
- C.I.N.C.L. (Det. Morandi)
- (Det. Raffaele)

CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.C. 394
Food Sub-Commission

5 August 1945

Tel: 489081 Ext. 515

Ref: 43-1/76/FOOD

SUBJECT: Ration Scale in North Italy

TO : Regional Commissioners: AMG Liguria Region
(Attn: Regional Food Officers) AMG Lombardia Region
AMG Piemonte Region
AMG Venetia Region
AMG Venezia Giulia Region

1. Amendments to the Ration Scales outlined in attachment to letter 43-1/25/FOOD of June 25 have been made as follows:-

- i In the Bread column (third across) amend heading to "Bread, or Cornflour at 80% of Bread"
- ii Next column (fourth) delete "Polenta" from heading.
- iii Supplementary Scale No 13. Delete Classification "Rice Workers, Kense Aziendali, local" and substitute "Participants, Kense Aziendali."
- iv Delete Note No 4, pertaining to Scale No 13. Amend Note No 3 to read "Scales 1 to 13"
- v Scale No 2 Classification, delete "and Agriculture"
- vi Add under Supplementary Scales, Scale 2a. Workers, Agriculture. Bread 100 grams. Pasta/Rice 400 M. (Pasta/Rice issue seasonal, at Ministry's discretion)

2. The amendments are effected immediately.

By command of Rear Admiral STONE:

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- i In the Bread column (third across) amend heading to "Bread, or Cornflour at 60% of Bread"
- ii Next column (fourth) delete "Polenta" from heading.
- iii Supplementary Scale No 13. Delete Classification "Rice Workers, Menze Aziendali, local" and substitute "Participants, Menze Aziendali."
- iv Delete Note No 4, pertaining to Scale No 13. Amend Note No 3 to read "Scales 1 to 10"
- v Scale No 2 Classification, delete "and Agriculture"
- vi Add under Supplementary Scales, Scale 2A-Workers, Agriculture. Bread 100 grams. Pasta/Rice 600 M. (Pasta/Rice issue seasonal, at Ministry's discretion)

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By command of Rear Admiral STONE:

W. C. HESS
Colonel

Director, Food Sub-Commission

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A.F.O. 394
FOOD SUB-COMMISSION

Tel: 476

Ref: 42-1/25/FOOD
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SUBJECT: Ration Scales North Italy

14 July 45

TO : Regional Commissioners: and Liguria Region
(attn: Regional Food and Lombardia Region
Officers) and Piemonte Region
and Venetie Region
and 5th Army
and IV Corps

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1. With reference to letter of 23 June 45-1/25/FOOD from Economic Section to Regional Commissioner, subject "Ration Scales in North Italy."
 2. The scales laid down are based on pre-liberation orders effected by the Central Economic Commission of North Italy. Present policy is that there shall be as little alteration as possible in the food administration system and rations, subject to the supply situation.
 3. Supplementary scales should be treated as maximum for the respective classes. Individual items or scales may be adjusted downwards to conform to a previously established Regional or Provincial ration, insofar as this position can be maintained.
 4. Notification of any such reduction should be forwarded immediately to Food Sub-Commission.

By command of Rear Admiral SLO.E:

Copies to:

W. J. L. B. G.
Colonel
Director, Food Sub-Commission

Section to Regional Commissioner, subject "Ration Scales in North Italy."

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By command of Rear Admiral SIOB:

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W. J. LEBG

Colonel

Director, Food Sub-Commission

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Tel: 480091 Ext. 475

29 June 45

Ref: 43-1/ 28 /FOOD

30 GIU. 1945

SUBJECT: Ration Scales - Internees

TO : Regional Commissioners: AMG Liguria Region
(Attn: Regional AMG Lombardia Region
Food AMG Piemonte Region
Officers AMG Venetia Region
AMG 5th Army
AMG 8th Army
AMG IV Corps
AMG XIII Corps
Hq. 15th Army Group

1. Where Internment Camps are set up for the reception and holding of Italian Political prisoners, they should be provided with rations at the Civil Prisoners Scale, No. 22, according to the numbers of inmates.

2. The above scale should be supplemented by native commodities which are subject to local rationing, such as cheese, fresh meat, tomato concentrate, and jam, at the current local normal consumer ration scale.

3. Uncontrolled local produce such as fresh vegetables etc., should be provided by local purchase by the Camp Officials.

By command of Rear Admiral STONE:

W. J. LEGO
Colonel
Director, Food Sub-Commission

Copy to:

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Displaced Persons Sub-Commission
Public Safety Sub-Commission
Refugee Branch
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W.P.O. 394
ECONOMIC SECTION
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Tel: 584

25 June 1945

Ref: 43-1/24 /FOOD

27 CIU. 1945

SUBJECT: Ration Scale in North Italy

TO : Regional Commissioners: AMG Liguria Region
(Attn: Regional Food Officers) AMG Lombardia Region
AMG Piemonte Region
AMG Venezia Region
AMG 5th Army
AMG 6th Army
AMG IV Corps
Hq. 16th Army Group

1. It has been decided that, pending agreement with the Italian Government on the introduction of uniform ration scales for the whole of Italy, the ration scales found upon entry into North Italy will be continued with some slight modification.
2. The scales which have been retained almost in their entirety are those for the normal consumer and the scales for supplementary classes.
3. Allied Commission basic scales for categories such as hospitals, public security agents, etc., will be introduced into the North, in substitution of existing scales for these special classes.
4. All classes provided for on the previous Northern scales have been retained for the time being, but it will be noted that certain amplifications have been made, e.g. sanatoria, mental asylums, etc., are brought into the Allied Commission Hospital Scale.
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6. It is also the intention to control and make local allocations of processed foodstuffs, i.e. Condensed Milk, Jam, Tomato Paste.
7. Attached herewith are the complete ration scales which are to be attractive in the North until further instructions are issued.

By command of Rear Admiral STONE:


E. E. MCNINLEY
Brigadier General, USA
Acting Vice President

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NATION GOALS: Cont'd.

Distribution:

Domestic Section
Public Health Sub-Commission
Displaced Persons Sub-Commission
Public Safety Sub-Commission
Agriculture Sub-Commission
Education Sub-Commission
Transportation Sub-Commission
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Number	"D" - Daily "W" - Weekly "M" - Monthly	Brand	Waste Rice Polenta	Olive Oil Butter Lard	Sugar	Dehyd. Soup	Salt
<u>BASIC SCALES:</u>		Daily					
Normal Consumers							
1.	0 - 3	150	2000M	180M	500M		300M
	4 - 8	150	2000M	180M	250M		300M
	9 - 18	225	2000M	180M	250M		300M
	19-65	150	2000M	180M	-		300M
	66-and up	150	2000M	180M	250M		300M
	Workers	325	2000M	180M	-		300M
<u>SUPPLEMENTARY SCALES:</u>							
2.	Workers, Heavy & Agriculture	100	600M				
3.	Workers, very heavy	200	600M				
4.	Forestry Workers, Miners	400	1200M				
5.	Harvesters & Threshers - Men	400	150D	150			
6.	Harvesters & Threshers Women and Youths	200	50D	150			
7.	Rice Workers, Hulling & Trans- plantingnon Local	200	120D	150			
8.	Rice Workers, Hulling & Trans- plantingLocal	200	70D	1.50			
9.	Rice Workers, Cutting & Gathering Non Local Men	250	100D	8.3D			
10.	Rice Workers, Cutting & Gathering Non local women & youths	150	100D	8.3D			
11.	Rice Workers, Cutting & Gathering Local men	250	6.6D				
12.	Rice Workers, Cutting & Gathering Local Women & Youths	150	-	-			
13.	Rice Workers, mense aziendali Local	-	60D	6D			
14.	Pregnant women at home	150	-	300M	500M		
15.	Nursing Mothers at home	-	-	150M			
16.	Sick at home	Entitlements vary according to ailments.					
17.	T.B. at home	150	1500M	100M	500M		
18.	School Feeding	100	50D	50			1.2D
19.	Artificially fed babies				500M		

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Bread	Waste Rice Polenta	Olive Oil Butter Lard	Sugar	Dehyd. Soup	Salt	Milk powd.	Meat prod- ucts	Dried Veg.		
Daily										
150	2000M	180M	500M		300M					
150	2000M	180M	250M		300M					
225	2000M	180M	250M		300M					
150	2000M	180M	-		300M					
150	2000M	180M	250M		300M					
325	2000M	180M	-		300M					
100	600M									
200	600M									
400	1200M									
400	150D	150								
200	50D	150								
200	140D	150					100M •			
200	70D	1.60								
250	100D	8.30					150M •			
150	100D	8.30					150M •			
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150	-	-								
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100	50D	50			1.50					
			500M							

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NATIONS SCALES: Cont'd.

Num- ber	"D" - Daily "W" - Weekly "M" - Monthly	Bread	Pasta Rice Polenta	Olive Oil Butter Lard	Sugar	Dehyd. Soup
<u>BASIC SCALES:</u>						
20	Hospital Patients/Refugees	350	100	25	33	50
21	Public Security Agents etc.	425	85+ 28	28	28	28
22	Civil Prisoners	250	80	150M	250M	60
23	Merchant Ship Crews	--- Flour 340 ---		10	14	
24	Consuls etc & Families/Foreign Correspondents	500	200	25	20	30
25	Refugees at Railway Station Feeding Points	150	50	5		30
26	Allied Nationals Towns of over 50,000	100	(Supplement)		400	600

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s	500	200	25	20	30	300M		60	60	:	
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	200	(Subsistent)			400	60	100	1000 against Medical Certificate			

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1. Scales 1 to 19 are those which were in force on our entry into Northern territories. These are to be continued.
2. Scales 20 to 26 are A.C. scales which are to be introduced to cover the classes indicated in note 3 below. They will supersede the Italian ration scales for these categories.
3. Scales 1 to 12, 14 to 19. These are for issue in accordance with the rationing system and instructions previously in force in Northern Italy.
4. Scale 13. Menzo aziendali for the use only of the local rice workers, who are rationed on a lower basis than the non-local workers.

5. BASIC SCALES:

(1) Scale Number 20:- Hospital/Refugees

Entitled Classes:

(a) Patients in Hospitals:-

Civil	Mental
Prison	Sanatoria
Convalescent	Private
Maternity	Nursing Homes

A hospital is defined as an organized institution in which a person receives treatment for his particular malady either physical or mental. It may be State controlled or private, providing in the latter case it is officially recognized and supervised by the appropriate State Department.

(b) Benefice staffs of hospitals, subject to residence or hours of work qualifications, according to the Italian rationing instructions in force.

(c) Refugees in Camps administered by Allied Commission Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission.

(d) Inmates of Repatriation Camps for the collection and dispersal of Refugees to their homes.

(e) Inmates of Reception Camps for the return of Prisoners of War from overseas, prior to their dispersal.

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(Scale No. 21.)

(41) Public Security Agents, Mine Clearance Squads.

Entitled Classes.

A. Civil Police) including clerical
Guardia Finanza) staffs.
Guardia Forestale
Prison Guards, Reformatory supervisors
Firemen

Municipal Police Guards who are under State or Provincial control and are performing public safety (police) duties.

B. Persons engaged in the clearance of land mines under AS/MS or Ministry of War contract.

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(iii) Scale No. 22. Prisoners in penal or civil establishments.

Entitled Classes.

Inmates of civil prisons
Penal establishments
Reformatories

Both Sexes

(iv) Scale No. 23. Merchant Ship Crews.

Crews of sea going ships of 10 tons or more who prepare and eat all meals aboard the ship.

(v) Scale Number 24. Consuls etc., Foreign Correspondents.

Entitled Classes.

A. Consuls and/or accredited representatives or agents of nations, other than Italian, and their families.

Persons employed on the staffs of the above who are not of Italian nationality and their families.

B. Foreign Journalists and Press Representatives.

No official or person who is drawing rations from any source other than the normal Italian civilian source is entitled to this scale.

(vi) Scale No. 25.

Primary section feeding points for refugees travelling under the official repatriation scheme. Rations at this scale will be made available at feeding points where set up, in conjunction with the representative of Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission, upon application by the latter to Supply Officers.

(vii) Scale No. 26. Allied Nationals in towns of over 50,000 population.

A. Allied Nations will receive a supplement of 100 grams of Bread, additional to the normal consumer scale on application to the Alimentary Office. Supplementary cards should be issued to applicants.

B. The other items will be provided against an authorized doctor's

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(vi) Scale No. 25. Refugee Station rations for refugees travelling under his official repatriation orders. Rations at this scale will be made available to refugees who are, in conjunction with the representative of the Italian Government, upon application by the latter to Supply officers.

(vii) Scale No. 35. Allied Nationals in towns of over 50,000 population.

A. Allied Nations will receive a supplement of 100 grams of bread, additional to the normal consumer scale on application to the Alimentary Office. Supplementary cards should be issued to applicants.

B. The other items will be provided against an authorized doctor's certificate where a medical need of additional sustenance is shown. Maximum number of rations - 20% of the number of persons in a National Group. Vouched for by the consul or senior representative of the group.

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APPENDIX "P" to JMWIA ADM
Instruction No. 12
of 12 Oct 44.
(Effective 20 Feb. 45)

RATION - SUBSISTENCE GRADE - ITALIAN ARMY

1. This cancels Appendix "P" to Adm. Instruction No. 12 of 12 Oct. 44. Authority: Table from AWHQ FY-26379 dated 16 Feb. 45.

2. The following items of the Single Scale Italian ration will be furnished from Allied Sources:

Flour	15 oz.
Dried vegetables	2 oz.
Meat, canned, or fish preserved	3 oz.
Cheese	1 oz.
Sugar	1 oz.
Macaroni	3 oz.
Rice	1 oz.
Vegetables, dehydrated	1 oz.
Soup, or tomato paste	1 oz.
Coffee	1 oz.
Pepper	1/200 oz.

3. The following items, to complete the ration, will be procured by the Italian Government from Italian resources for BR-ITIA, US-ITIS and ITI-ITIS.

Fruit, fresh	4 oz.
Vegetables, fresh	3 oz.
Olive Oil	1 1/2 oz.
Nuts, shelled, or	1 oz.
Nuts, unshelled	2 oz.
Salt	1 oz.
Wine, litre	1
Matches, per 7 rations	1 box
	or 2 books

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff

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Tel. 451

Ref. 5407/24/CAS

22 December 1944

SUBJECT: Additional Food For Devastated Areas in
Provinces of Frosinone, Littoria, Aquila,
Chieti, Pescara and Caserta.

TO : DCS, Economic Section.

1. Reference your draft letter 90-9/ /2002 undated
addressed to the Regional Commissioners of Abruzzi-Marche and
Lazio-Umbria Regions this will confirm approval by the Chief
of Staff of the issue of miscellaneous commodities and addi-
tional pasta for devastated areas.

2. Please issue.

Joseph C. Royle
Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

Copy to: DCS, Civil Affairs Section ✓
Civil Affairs Section (Devastated Areas Branch).

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HEAD QUARTERS
ALLIED GENERAL COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
A.P.O. 394

19 October 1944

Ref: 515

ACT/10-1/FOOD

SUBJECT: Rations for Public Security Agents

TO : Regional Commissioner,

Sicilia	Region	Toscana	Region
Sardegna	Region	Emilia	Region
Southern	Region	Liguria	Region
Lombardia	Region	Piemonte	Region
Abruzzi-Marche	Region	Lombardia	Region
SOAC 5th Army		Venezia	Region
SOAC 8th Army			

1. An amended scale of Food Rations based on the Italian Military Scale has been approved for:

Royal Finance Guards
Municipal Guards
Prison Guards
Agents of Public Security
Guardia Forestale
Fire Services

2. Only those services at present drawing rations under the above classification are entitled and these will be subject to review from time to time.

3. The scale adopted is as follows:

Bread	425 grams (or variation, not to exceed 55 ") (425 grams flour	
Pasta	55 "	
Rice or Flour	26 "	
Dried Vegetables	35 "	
Meat or Meat & Y Stew	100 "	
Dehydrated Soup	25 "	
Sugar	26 "	
Olive Oil	25 "	Per day

supplies from AGO controlled sources,

Chocou, 26 grams and preserved fruit 35 grams, may be substituted for similar quantities of Meat or Meat & Y Stew, when available from Allied Control Com-

Royal Finance Guards
Municipal Guards
Prison Guards

Agents of Public Security
Guardia Forestale
Fire Services

2. Only those services at present drawing rations under the above classification are entitled and these will be subject to review from time to time.

3. The scale adopted is as follows:

Bread	425 grams (or variation, not to exceed	
Pasta	85 "	425 grams flour
Rice or Flour	25 "	
Dried Vegetables	85 "	
Meat or M & V Stew	100 "	
Dehydrated Soup	25 "	
Sugar	25 "	
Olive Oil	25 "	
		Per day

supplies from RUC controlled sources.

Cheese, 25 grams and preserved fish 85 grams, may be substituted for similar quantities of Meat or M & V Stew, when available from Allied Central Commission or local sources.

4. The above scale should be supplemented from Italian sources by Italian food arrangements by the provision of the following:

Tomato Paste or Catsup	14 grams	
Coffee	14 "	
Pepper	1/14 "	
Fresh Fruit	115 "	
Fresh Vegetables	226 "	
Eggs	14 "	
Salt	14 "	
Wine	1/2 litre	per day

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5. This amended scale will be put into force on 1 November 1944 and the scales laid down in letters 13 June 222/89/CA Nation Soles for P.S. Agents, Prisoners, etc., 30 June 222/43-1/7005, New Basic Nation Scale, Appendix 11, paragraph 10, and 23 July 222/143/CA Nation Soles for Guardia Finanza, are cancelled as from that date.

6. The rations as in paragraph 3 will be drawn as under present arrangements.

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ROUTINE FOR FURN TO SAFETY AGENTS: Cont'd.

For the Acting Chief Commissioner:

[Signature]
A. G. ANDERSON
Acting Deputy Chief of Staff
Economic Section

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Food Sub-Commission
Public Health Sub-Commission
Public Safety Sub-Commission
Local Government Sub-Commission
Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (6)
Ministry of War (6)
Lt. Col. Stewart, Hq. AAI

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 725016

DATE: 9/24/43

SUBJECT: Rations for Mine Clearance Squads.

TO : Food Sub-Commission.

1 The Italian Government has recently made the Ministry of War responsible for the work of Mine Clearance. In order to implement this the War Ministry proposes to teach and employ civilians and partisans on this work in the back areas so as to relieve Italian Military personnel, and to augment the number available.

2 It is anticipated that an initial group 1000 personnel will be trained and afterwards employed in schools to be set up at

CAVAL	South Region
GRUPPI	Region V
VITTORE	Region IV
ROLOTO	Region IV
GRUPPI	Region VIII

3 The program is to get these centers in operation by 15th/18th Sep.

4 The work will be highly dangerous and laborious as the large proportion of locating work will require to be done on land and across with the use of steel spikes. In addition it involves the carrying and loading of cleared mines either for destruction or to mine. Therefore it is necessary to maintain the highest possible morale among the squads. Authorization is requested please for persons engaged in this work to be furnished with the Heavy Workers' Rations or Rations.

R.R.C.
J. J. CRISP Col
GSO Admin Section

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONT. COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

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26 August 1944

My dear Mr Prime Minister:

This is in reference to your letter 10908/10720-1/3.1 of 2, July 1944, relative to the issuance of Allied military rations to all persons of the Italian Central Administration, who are really in need, estimated by you to be some six or seven thousand.

It is unfortunate that this matter was not settled prior to the transfer of the government from Salerno to Rome. Subsequent to my letter of 27 June to you on this matter and prior to receipt of your letter of 2, July, the Allied Military Authorities, after pressing us for an answer, which we were unable to give, arrived at a decision "that the only members of the Italian Government who will be issued with rations will be the Ministers and their Under Secretaries".

I appreciate that it is the several thousand people who are really in need, and not the Ministers and their Under Secretaries, for whom you feel consideration should be given. The Salerno situation with respect to rations for Central Administration employees was somewhat different from the present situation. There an effort was being made to protect the food supply of a relatively small community and to assist people most of whom had no established contacts or homes in that area.

It is suggested that there doubtless would be criticism of your government and the Allied authorities on the ground of favoritism of Central Administration employees and discrimination against a much larger number of unfortunate people outside the Central Administration, who are similarly situated, if it were possible to issue several thousand rations to government employees only. It is possible that the political reaction would be undesirable if rations were furnished only to Ministers and their Under Secretaries.

It seems to me the answer to this problem lies in increasing the amount of food available for all inhabitants of Rome - a problem on which, as you know, we are diligently working and with some degree of success.

Do you concur that I should inform the Military Authorities that issuance of rations to Ministers and their Under Secretaries is not desired and that the matter of special rations for the Italian Central

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Administration may be considered closed?

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
The President of Council of Ministers
Italian Government

cc: 4-4 (B)
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20 August 1944

Subject: Rations for Guardia di Finanza

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Following your letter dated 9 August under reference A 2124/1-9, I have investigated the question of rationing the Guardia Finanza and have to inform you that it is quite impossible to continue to ration this force from military sources. The necessity for this change to civilian sources was conveyed to the Commanding General G.F.F. in good time prior to the effective date.

You are no doubt aware that the military rations imported and distributed to the Armed Forces are intended exclusively for the Italian Armed Forces carrying out active operations against the enemy. The Reali Carabinieri are included in this distribution in view of the fact that they are an integral part of the Royal Army.

The Guardia Finanza have hitherto been included in this ration ceiling for the very reason that you state in paragraph 2 of your letter, but the time has now arrived at which it is impossible to continue.

The position being that, as you are aware, the ceiling of the Armed Forces is fixed by the Allied Governments, the liberation of more territory has necessitated an increase in Reali Carabinieri, the decision has therefore to be made as to whether we keep the Armed Forces at the maximum within the ceiling or reduce these and include the G.F.F.

I feel sure that you will agree, that there can only be one decision, that the Italian armed fighting forces must be as large as possible consistent with policy laid down. It has been arranged for the G.F.F. to be on the highest civilian ration scale, i.e., that for heavy workers.

HILARY W. STONE
Captain, USMC
Acting Chief Commissioner

Sir Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
The President of Council of Ministers
Italian Government

cc: Admin. Sec.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTER OFFICE MEMO

From: Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner

SUBJECT: Food Rations for R. Guardia di
Finanza.

FILE No. A/CC 400

TO: Administrative Section

14 August 1944

1. Reference attached letter N. 2124/X-9, 9 August from H. E. Bonomi relative food ration for R. Guardia di Finanza.
2. Will you please take this matter in hand and prepare appropriate acknowledgement and reply for my signature.


Stone.

Incl -
as in para 1 above.

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The President
of the Council of Ministers

Rome, 9 August 1944

S. 212/A-9

HQ ACC, APO 394

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Rec'd 12 Aug 1944

By APR

Dear Captain Stone,

The Allied Control Commission has given order that the food rations to be given to the men of the R. Guardia di Finanza, should be, from the 1st of this month, equal to that of the men of the F. S. and of the Carabinieri, is considerably inferior to that which they got till July 1st last, and is that which is still given to the R. Army, including the Carabinieri Regia.

The disparity of treatment which the aforesaid disposition has created between the Regia Carabinieri and the Regia Guardia di Finanza, which fulfill the same functions in collaborating with the Allied Forces, could have an unfavourable influence on the service of the men of the R. Guardia di Finanza.

Therefore, I wish to draw your attention on this question, requesting you to examine whether it would be possible to go on giving the men of the R. Guardia di Finanza the same food rations which was granted to them till now.

I remain,

Yours sincerely

/s/ I. Bonomi

Captain Henry A. Stone
Chief Commissioner of the
Allied Control Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Food Sub-Commission -
A.P.O. 394

17 August 1944

ACC/43-1/FOOD

SUBJECT: Additional Food for Allied Nationals

TO : Regional Commissioners, Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII,
IX, X
S.C.A.C. 5th & 8th Areas
(Attn: Regional Supply Officers)

1. With effect from the date of the receipt of this letter persons who are Allied Nationals i.e. are citizens of countries of the Allies, will be entitled to an additional ration of 100 grams of Bread daily. This concession applies only in cities or towns of 25,000 population and over.

2. Applications should be made to local Alimentation authorities, with documents of identification who will issue special vouchers to purchase to the persons concerned.

BY ORDER OF CAPTAIN STONE (USN),

W. J. 1000
Colonel

Director, Food Sub-Commission

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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13 June 1944

REF : 222/89/GA

SUBJECT: Ration Scale for Public Security Agents, Firemen,
Guardia Forestale, Prison Guards.

TO : Regional Commissioners, Region I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX,
Rome Region.

1. The following ration scale has been adopted for the classes shown in the heading and will be applied with effect from 1 July 1944:

Flour	(280 grams)	)	(Or variation not to exceed a
or Bread	(350 grams)	)..	total of 380 grams of flour
Pasta	(100 grams)	)	per head per day.

Soap 60 grams per head per day.

Sugar	)	
Olive Oil	)	
Dried Vegetables	)	At the current monthly
M. & V. Stew	)	official issue rate
Meat	)	for civilians.
Any other commodities on the	)	
current monthly issue basis.	)	

The scale is equal to the Heavy Workers Scale "A".

2. Normal Civilian Ration Cards and supplementary cards will be withdrawn from these classes where centralized messing is in practice, and authorities for bulk purchase substituted.

3. In cases where centralized messing are not practicable i.e. Guardia Forestale, ration cards will be withdrawn, and special authorities entitling the person to the new scale, issued in lieu. The number and names of the individuals involved will be ascertained from the appropriate Provincial Office of the organization.

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Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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ACC IN IN PERSONAL FOR MAGNOLANE

In view of your M 245 of 12 June and M 246 of 13 June immediate public announcement ration increase authorized.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
AFO 394

Administrative Section

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21 Feb 44

SUBJECT : Ration Scales.

TO : Econ. Sec.

1. With reference to paras. 1 and 4 of the Food Sub-Commission circular memo on Ration Scales of 16 Feb 44.

2. The Regional Public Health and Welfare Officer (Region III) in his monthly report for January states that the scale of diet below (cal. val 2000), which is the minimum necessary to maintain life, had been agreed with the Economic and Supply Division as to apply to all hospital patients.

Bread	350 gms	Peas	100 gms
Sugar	33 gms	Soup (Dried)	100 gms
Milk, evap	100 gms	Pasta	120 gms
Olive oil	25 gms	Bouillon	1 cube

3. It would appear that para. 4 of the memo under reference will prevent this.

4. May this minimum scale for hospital patients be authorised I feel that the matter is essential and that the scale, if it be possible, should be authorised with as little delay as possible.

STANSBATE
VP Adm Sec

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ITALIAN MILITARY RATION 36 35

Item	Unit	Basic Ration	Combat Ration
Whole Wheat or	oz	16	-
Flour	"	12	18+
Pulses	"	2	1½
Canned Meat	"	2++	4 (or Preserved Fish)
Preserved Fish	"	4	-
Cheese	"	-	1
Sugar	"	½	1
Macaroni	"	-	3
Rice	"	-	2
Beans Dried	"	-	2
Tomato Catsup or Paste	"	-	½
Coffee	"	½	½
Pepper	"	1/200	1/200
Onions	"	-	2
Matches (Weekly issue) book or box		-	2
Fruit	oz	4	4
Fresh Vegetables	"	3	5
Olive Oil	"	1	1
Wine	Litre	½	½

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Rice	"	-	3
Beans Dried	"	-	2
Tomato Catsup or Paste	"	-	2
Coffee	"	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
Pepper	"	1/200	1/200
Onions	"	-	2
Matches (Weekly issue) book or box	"	-	2
Fruit	oz	-	4
Fresh Vegetables	"	8	8
Olive Oil	"	1	1
Wine	Litre	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
Nuts	oz	1	1
Salt	"	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$

NOTE.

+ Bread or Biscuits to scale may be substituted as necessary

++ May be increased to 4 ozs when engaged in heavy manual labour

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Authority :- AAI (Adm Ech) 4012/ST dated 17 Mar 44.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Food Sub-Commission
A.F.C. 394

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16 February 1944

SUBJECT: Ration Scales.

TO : R.C.C.'s I, II, VI, Regions
R.O.C.'s III, IV, V, Regions
S.C.A.O.'s 5th and 8th Army

1. The following Ration Scales have been laid down and are effective as from the dates given:

7 February 1944 Normal Consumers (Ration Card Holders)	200 Grams of Bread 8.3 Grams of Sugar per day
10 February 1944 Italian Civilian per- forming manual labor for the benefit of the Allied Forces. Per shift of eight hours or more. Authority: AFHQ Letter 47/40 6 Febru- ary 1944.	4 meal per shift consist- ing of: Flour 1/4 lb. or Bread 1/3 lb. Fresh Vegetables 6 oz. Fresh Meat 1 oz. or Dehydrated Soup 4/5 ozs.

2. Supplies of Soup Powder and Dried Foods have come forward and for the month of March the following issues are to be made. Distribution to Regions is being carried out immediately.

Dehydrated Soup	250 Grams per head of the population
Dried Vegetables--Peas	100 Grams per head of the population

3. When further supplies are ready for distribution, Regions will be noti-
fied and informed of the quantities allotted to each and the amount of the Ration.
Arrivals of Protein foods are also expected and will be distributed as available.

4. No issues in excess, or in addition to the Ration Scales are authorized.

5. Prices to the CONSUMER are fixed as under. Distributive charges are to
be according to the proportion ruling in each Region. Regions should therefore
allocate the margins as between warehouse, wholesalers and retailers, keeping
the total distributive costs as low as possible. Headquarters Allied Control
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Prices to CONSUMERS

Dehydrated Soup) Soup Powder)	50 Lira per Kilogram.
Canned Vegetables	30 Lira per Kilogram.
Dehydrated Vegetables:	
Potatoes	80 " " "
Carrots, etc.	130 " " "
Dried Peas	30 " " "

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By Command of Lt. General MAC FARLANE:

W. J. LEGG

Lt. Col., RASC
Chief, Food Sub-Commission

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REPORT FROM: Public Health and Welfare Division, And Section III -
Report for January 1941.

5. Food:-

(i) By the end of the month no important measure had taken place in the food situation reported during December although promises of improvement had been given both for the hospital and for the general public.

(ii) After consultation with the Economics and Supply Division on the stock position a scale for diet recommended for institutions was finally approved as follows:-

Bread	350 gms	Tea	100 gms
Sugar	30 gms	Soup (Dried)	100 gms
Milk, evap	100 gms	Macaroni	100 gms
Olive Oil	25 gms	Butter	1 cube

(iii) This scale represents a caloric value of 2000 which is the barest minimum consistent with life. It was made applicable to all institutions particularly as it is so difficult to distinguish between a monastery, a school, a religious hospital, a religious school, an orphanage and a home for the aged. Very frequently one institution is a combination of all these functions. It has however been ruled that the diet scale quoted is to apply only to hospital patients and staff.

(iv) By the end of January the new scale had not been implemented and although it is expected that the bread ration will be improved in early February, it is doubtful if any other items will be distributed to hospitals until the breakdown in the distribution system can be improved. As hospitals have little or no means of their own, the chances of their getting the full scale before the middle of February, when improvements in the transport situation are expected, are extremely thin.

(v) Hospitals in the provinces are still worse off for the same reasons. The impression held in some quarters that the food situation in the communes need cause no concern does not appear to have much basis in fact, because what food there is attracted to Naples by the high prices obtained in the black market. The distribution of food to hospitals in the communes is so bad that were it not for the energies and enterprise of the Commandant Mackenzie, who himself delivered food to numerous institutions, these would have had to close down.

(vi) Olive oil still continues to be a rare commodity in spite of its urgent need for the population, and in spite of reports that Southern Italy and Sicily are swimming in oil. It is presumed that lack of transport again prevents the full exploitation of available resources, but it is felt that something more might have been done to improve on the existing situation which only allows a half

very frequently one institution is a continuation of all these functions. It has however been ruled that the diet scale quoted is to apply only to hospital patients and staff.

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(vii) A welcome revival of the Milk Collecting and Distributing scheme, at least for the hospitals, has been made and great things are expected of it by the Agricultural section which is fostering it. The suggestion that the scheme should be revived was made by this office early in December but it was apparently considered impossible at the time. Now with the help of the S.A.O's, who are expected to bring pressure on the Government, with the prospect of improved ration and with the offer of an exchange of foods for milk turned in, the scheme is expected to work.

6. Transport.

(i) Transport or the serious lack of it is the cause of 99% of the trouble afflicting A.D. and impeding it in every stage of its activities. The matter is serious if A.D. is to fulfil its functions effectively. No other means of transport or public services exist and, without transport, the work of A.D. is paralysed.

(ii) Trucks should be equipped with dependable vehicles which can be relied upon to convey them to their duties without their having to ask for transport on each occasion or waste time on breakdowns.

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The VD officer attached to this Region, the malaria officer, the various Red Cross personnel all should have ready access to effective transport if they are not to be of any use at all.

(iii) Without adequate transportation food distribution and clothing distribution has been seriously affected; the carrying out of 3,000 casks of hospital diets have been impossible; patients cannot be brought in from the country. And, what is worse still, they cannot be returned home when they are cured thus creating up what limited hospital accommodation there is.

(iv) Although the heavy demand for vehicles can be understood, it is difficult to appreciate what makes it possible for a formation like ASD for instance to have all the cars it requires to fulfill its functions efficiently. Whereas in ASD there is the consent of all from everyone because nobody will provide. If ASD is expected to rely upon the Army for assistance then there appears to be room for improvement in the manner and degree of assistance given. The acknowledged fact is that here to the Metropolitan Area, ASD, and 37 Area for their assistance in trucks for refuse removal, and ambulances for the typhus cases. On the other hand as the local Italian authorities have no means of ever replacing their losses and therefore refused to permit and reporting, it would appear to be necessary for a special war establishment to be insisted on otherwise ASD cannot function efficiently.

V. Hospitals:

(i) Increases in the requisitioning of hospitals is slow owing to the shortage of building materials, glass, plumbing etc. Most of the hospitals are still suffering seriously from the lack of a service vacuum, although this has been rectified in a section of the town, it is not expected to be available for other sections owing to lack of engineering materials and coal. Many of the hospitals in the commune depend on electricity for many of their activities but extreme ones can only be promised for Averna and Caserta.

(ii) The children's hospitals (the Nevauchieri group) which had been evacuated to Caserta during the bombardments were assisted inadequately with transport to return to Naples. The justification for the move was (a) because they were starving and (b) because it is hoped to use the premises hitherto occupied by them to relieve the pressure on the Caserta Civil Hospital which is crowded with civilian wounded from the battle area.

(iii) At Montesarchio due to the expiry of the lease of the San Carlo Mackenzie, a new hospital has been opened for typhoid cases a fact which has played no small part in the control of the epidemic.

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8. Hospitals.

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