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OCT. 1944 - DEC. 1945

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91

E.S.O. Enclom

Re see 90 - at last something tangible on this subject.

5/12

5/12

92.

Chief Commissioner

(40)

Attached is submitted for your signature information

13/12 E.C. 90

He said yes to both satisfactory
Ambassadors who are interested in this

DEC 6 REC
1643

5/12

Letter at 90 submitted for signature
accordance with 90 above.

5858

93 to inform CERN getting their passport at last

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88

CSC

Cable submitted for EC's signature in reply to file 79. The original draft at min. 81 has been altered on Col. Pilsley's suggestion at min 82 in view of latter's ^{at 80} received after the cable 79.

It is worth noting that 79 is OP PRIORITY - was dispatched 6 Nov 2 read. 9 Nov.

Brig Carr, Col. Pilsley & Chapman, Lt/Col Wilson & ^{Wright} are meeting at 1500 this afternoon to discuss the whole matter.

CSC 9/11

NOV 15 1960

1715

③. ③

Capt. Braybrooke.

Reference Page 86. Spoke SO/CS who stated that CS had already given instructions to Public Safety S/C (Col Chapman) to take all necessary action. You might follow up to see what action is being taken.

of 30 19/11 for follow up. 15/11

15/11 15/11

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CSC

Spoke Col Chapman ref file 86 & min. 81 & 82. All the machinery is laid on with this.

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9 Nov.

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ESB 9/11

NOV 15 1940

17/5

9. (4)

Capt Drafthorn.

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given instructions to Public Safety S/C (Col Chapman) to take all
necessary action. You might follow up to see what action is being
taken.

cf. 30. 19/11 for follow up. 15/11
ESB 10/11/40

(8)

ESB Spoke Col Chapman ref 81086 & min. 81081 -
All the machinery is laid on with this.
The War & Fin. of Finance and is awaiting
action on the Italian side who can get
results as soon as hard action is taken.
P.S. are keeping their eyes on it.

ESB 19/11

81
30. 25/11 further report. 15/11 20/11

(81)

79

Captain Graybrooke.

Reference attached signal, G52353 of 6 November, and enclosures thereto. The Chief Commissioner wishes to get a reply off this morning. I have an important meeting to attend, unfortunately at 10 o'clock with Econ Section and Services Subcommittees in connection with Italian munitions production. Can you therefore get on with the preparation of an agreed reply. You should get Col Pidsley, Col Chapman and Brigadier Carr together or on the telephone and the Chief Commissioner suggests, subject to anything they have to say, that the reply be on the following lines:

"Grateful your prompt action in approving release 3,000 pistols, 10,000 carbines which is a welcome stop-gap. Original request for 44,000 carbines not an over-estimate and full number still urgently required. Appreciate therefore if release for remaining 34,000 weapons be approved shortly."

T. W. W.
9/11

(82)

Suggest after 1st sentence.

Original request for 44,000 carbines now being examined in detail in light of para 8050
G 5, 000 of 7 Nov. to which reply will be made soon.

W. J. W.
W. J. W.

9 Nov.

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76

to him

250- Tol. 75 po. info.

It will follow up a para 1 with E. Sec.
after you have seen

End 11

77

Arrange for me to see G. & J. and then

Mr. (L) / Mr.

PA 1/10

3000

e.s.o.

64

Ref 62 and memo 63 for CC
 a bid for the whole output of the
 Better Factory was put up to GS
 AFHQ by P.S. in Mem AC/1466011/PS
 of 14 Sept. Reply is awaited.
 They are preparing an interim
 reply to P.M., draft of which
 will be submitted shortly.

CRB 29/9

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Capt B. Thanks - follow up - Lt. Lawrence
 interim reply early.

1-22-52
 1/10

66

C/C BU 3/10 of draft of letter to P.M. from P.S. SK
 has not arrived.

CRB 4/10

67

Note Spoke Col Wilson. Letter (on 2nd draft)
 finished yesterday. Should arrive from
 CAS today or tomorrow.

CRB 3/10

(71)

Ex Com.

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Capt D. Wheeler - Follow up on Lt. James Lee
interview w/ply early

1-10/10

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C/E BU 3/10 of draft of letter to PM. from PS. SK
has not arrived. ESB 4/10

Note Spoke Col Wilson. Letter (on 2nd draft)
finished yesterday. Should arrive from
EAS today or tomorrow. ESB 3/10

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(71)

Ex Comm.

C.S.O. See 170 in reply to an enquiry
of 27/10. ESB 26/10

1-27/10

(72)

P 70 For next V.P.s meeting - Notes p. 30
P 55 B. 1 copy in file containing latest signals in
Biverton Arms factory - Wilson

158/29/10

59
P/A VP CAS handling with

P/HOR

27/9

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C.S.O.

This file is also relevant to a certain extent. The meeting, I understand, has in fact not yet taken place.

EDB 27/9

61

Captain Boy Brodie

2 spoke with Brig. Com.

For various reasons it is not now intended to hold this meeting. Action required is being taken by VP CAS with T.O. 14. Apparently Ex Com knows all about it.

2. However letter by in a week's time and find out what progress has been made.

EDB 28/9

T-see 28/9

63
F.C. Personal

A record is being built here

Will you get

Captain Gray Brooker

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for various reasons it is not now intended
to hold this meeting. Action required is
being taken by VP CAS with H. H. H. Apparently
Ex. Com knows all about it.
However letter by me a week's time and
find out what progress has been made

28/5 28/9

Free 2/24

F.C. Personal

Will you get
into this - please?
The arms
demanded are
available I
feel we should
help.

A record is
being built here
that will not
read well,
if we don't meet
this needs

30/9
and 11

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51

Also for info discuss with the Executive Committee the day
your memorandum at SO and MIA memorandum at CIA in
surrounding file. A-1010

52

Release

Will you please read SO
and also Corbett's
on attached file. Rec,
as I said in the above,
I think we must have
a meeting

(A) HADITH Gen. Brewster

(B) Chapman Car

(C) Youself.

If 20/9.

(53)

9 pages. But Car is overdone - please not

fewer words. 17/2/1979

with you
and also Corbetti's
on attached pgs. Rem,
as I said in the hand,
I think we haven't had
a meeting

- (A) Mott Gen. Brewster
- (B) Chapman, Can
- (C) Youself.

If refs.

(53)

I agree. But Cur is expensive. - please ask

for early meeting MS/2019

Sy.

Maj Kemmerer:

To see J1 & S3. Will get 2052
find out when the meeting is

8/21/9

Is he heading to Dept. Has been informed
2052/9

C.S.O. - Ex 35, taken from first file, is of interest -
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Q25K3018

35 3/8

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Ex 35

38 replies, Subj. for Ex 35

6 Jan 37. With file

125 3/8 1/4

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CHS

11 see 37 & 38 and 41/4

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3/8 4/4

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Ref Minute 40 copy of 38 sent to RS s/c. Please note EC sent a copy

38 regular, subinfect-

65mm 33. With tell

PS. 8/1/4

W/4/3

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CAS. M see 37 & 38 and 41/4

PS. 8/4/4. 3851 -

21
Ref Minute 40 Copy of 38 sent to PS 5/4. Please note EC sent a copy
of his letter at 37 to PS 5/4.

Thank you. AFA 8/1/4

8/1/4

A/Sraclene. 25

ESD

*DO letter at 24 replies to
EC's DO at 19.*

10/7/45 h 11/7

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26.

Chief Commissioner, (for information)

Please see 24 (para. edged in blue). I raised this matter at the Executive Commissioner's meeting and I believe satisfactory arrangements can be made with NMIA as to the allocation of available boots. However, if NMIA remains adamant I shall ask you to take the matter up with General Browning.

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N. E. P.

11/7/45

PA

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To discussion with Gen Browning

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*I discussed with Gen Browning
that 26 is correct & a satisfactory solution has*

been achieved. 11/13/45

Chief Commissioner, (for Information)

Please see 24 (para. edged in blue). I raised this matter at the Executive Commissioner's meeting and I believe satisfactory arrangements can be made with NMIA as to the allocation of available boats. However, if NMIA remains adamant I shall ask you to take the matter up with General Browning.

11/7/48

N. E. F.

27/

To discuss with Gen Browning

28/

*I discussed with Gen Browning
 that 26 is correct & a satisfactory solution has*

been achieved.

NEF (10/7)

*11 3850
 10/7*

Ex Am

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28/10/48

*Report at para 31 is distinctly faulty!
 And entirely justified*

14/8

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To: Chief of Staff

1. I spoke to Col. Wilcox about the clothing for the OC.RR. Public Safety Sub-Commission are very satisfied indeed with the present arrangements.

File 3606 { 2. Col. Wilcox also said that the general atmosphere at AMHQ was much more friendly and he hoped to get the extra 5,000 soldiers to replace the OC.RR by about the end of the month.

9th October 1944

Intd VSL 9/X

(sgd) G.W.L. Shipp, Lt.Col.,
Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff

6.

Chief Commissioner.

(Extract from Minute 18 - File 3625/003)

2. If you approve I will instruct DCOG CA Sec regarding (a). (folio 5)

(sgd) M.S.L.

2 Jan 45

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

7.

(a) Nothing in particular required but C.A.Sec will produce schedule.

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(sgd) M.S.L.
3 Jan.

8.

(Spoke C.O.S. ✓ Pres has been given verbal answer to 5 at meeting. (sgd) G.S. 5/1)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 94
Office of the Executive Commissioner

9/6

Ref: 3627/74-0

18. December 1948

SUBJECT: Clothing for the GICG

TO : The American Embassy, Rome
The British Embassy, Rome

9a

I am directed to forward for your information the attached copy of letter Q.106 of 3 December 1948 from Lord Pearce Sub-Commissioner of the Allied Commission on the above subject.

For the Chief Commissioner

Frank

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Lu h f

FILE CLOSED
SEE VOL 2

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1A
18/12
B. B.

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SECRETLt. Col. *[Signature]*
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EX 56310

DEC 1964/131830A

Q/5545

DEC 141740A

IMPORTANT

Q(AS) CMT

ACTION: DISTRO INFO: ALCON, BELLA, HQ 38 VEH COY, 2 VEH GP 38 VEH COY, 3 VEH GP 38 COY, 9 VEH PK 38 VEH COY, 13 VEH PK 38 VEH COY, 18 VEH PK 38 VEH COY, 19 VEH PK 38 VEH COY. 1945

SECRET.

Qty 300 M/C sold released for collection under VR 3904 to Land Forces Sub Commission BELLA for Garabiniari. Ex 9 Veh Pk. Triumph 350 CC class 1 qty 47 class ID qty 14 Ariel 350 CC class 1 qty 10 class ID qty 83. Ex 13 Veh Pk. Triumph 350 CC Class 1 qty 12 class ID qty 4 Ariel 350 CC class 1 qty 10 class ID qty 1 BSA 500 CC class 1 qty 7 class ID qty 5 Norton 500 CC class 1 qty 33 class ID qty 6. Ex 18 Veh Pk. Triumph 350 CC class 1 qty 15 class ID qty 1 Ariel 350 CC class 1 qty 9 BSA 500 CC class 1 qty 15 Norton 500 CC class 1 qty 20 class ID qty 3. Ex 19 Veh Pk. BSA 500 CC class 1 qty 3 Norton 500 CC class 1 qty 2.

DISTRIBUTION

INFO ACTION: LAND FORCES S/C

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER
 LAND COMMISSIONER (2)
 PUBLIC SAFETY S/C
 FILE (2)
 FLOAT

SECRETSee M. 95
3847

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November 24 1945

CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

Prior to seeing the signal from E.C. I had already arranged with Ferrari and Gen. Gullie to send special representatives to Milan to work directly with Mr. White of North Italy Industrial Council. The representatives are there and are obtaining material. The material is being processed into clothing as rapidly as the Italian authorities can arrange.

I also directed Ferrari to confer with Prime Minister and Minister of War on further releases of material stocks under Italian control. In event of any difficulty I was to be notified. I have heard nothing.

R.P.S.O. Milan was notified to cooperate with representatives of P.S. and G.G.Y.F. and to report any difficulties. I have heard nothing from him.

/s/ CHAPMAN
Col. - Dir PG

Chief Commissioner

Noted by CC
[Signature]

The question was raised at R.C. meeting in Milan. They are still profoundly disappointed at the results.

TH 20/11

NOV 28 1945

E.C.

So am I. Will you pull this together & let me know what should be done. No further action.
[Signature] 20/11/45

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

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NOV 24 1951

Chief Commissioner (Person)

When I sent this signal to you I had
hoped that action would be taken, as I asked,
at highest level. Action at Sub Commission
level has resulted in the disclosure to the public which
has been repeated as you will see from LF Sub
Comm attachment etc. Nothing has been achieved.

(70)

MS/23/21

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Subject:- Clothing, C.C.R.R.

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Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) HOME.
Q.104

21 November, 1945.

To:- A.C.
for Executive Commissioner.

The attached memorandum MSL/1 dated 13 Nov 45 was brought by the hand of a clerk to this Sub Commission, and is now returned. It is not clear what action was intended to be taken.

The administration of the CC.RR is entirely in the hands of the War Ministry. It is appreciated that high priority is to be given to the re-organisation and re-equipment of the CC.RR.

Pending the arrival of the additional officers to deal with CC.RR matters, the existing staff of Land Forces Sub Commission will maintain close touch with the department at the War Ministry responsible for clothing, arms and ammunition and transport of the CC.RR.

The War Ministry have been urged to take energetic action to meet the demands of the CC.RR, and where Allied assistance is necessary, this Sub Commission will represent the matter to A.F.H.Q.

It is not considered that Allied assistance will be necessary, except in the provision of arms and ammunition, and action is being taken now on this subject in conjunction with Public Safety Sub Commission.

If any specific example can be quoted of Army Authorities failing to support the demands of the local CC.RR, it will be appreciated if this Sub Commission may be informed.

Details of the administration of the CC.RR and the method by which unit requirements are notified to higher authority rest with the Italian Authorities.

R.A. Curtiss

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

Copy to: Public Safety Sub Commission, A.C.

RAO/fem

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NOV 14/1545

IMPORTANT

BRIGADIER LUSH

ALCOM FOR CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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1. You are aware of the desperate condition of the police agencies in respect of clothing. There is in LOMBARDIA Region and other Regions in the North, a large quantity of uniform material and shoes sufficient for a large part of the CARABINIERI and other police agencies. Whilst realizing the necessity of clothing the Italian Army, it is most urgently recommended that a decision at the highest level be taken to unfreeze these stocks which have been blocked for 5 months, and issue them to those members of the forces of law and order many of whom are already on duty above the snow line and who there-fore should in my opinion have priority over the troops of the Italian Army.

2. Every Regional Commissioner has stressed this point to me with great emphasis and it is patently absurd that men should be required to attempt to preserve law and order without clothes while stocks of clothing lie idle in factories and warehouses. GOC DIST 2 has expressed himself strongly in the matter.

3. As stocks are now controlled by the Italian Government, would it not be possible to get the PRIME MINISTER to give an order unfreezing these stocks and giving priority to CCNR and police agencies.

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Continuation page 2.

4. The drill as I am advised here would be for MINISTRY of WAR to release necessary material for conversion into uniforms. The North Italy Industrial Council would then distribute material to the textile and clothing committee with the order to convert into uniforms. This can then be done with supervision from AMG so long as it exists.

DET

ACTION CHIEF COMMISSIONER *
INFO EX COMMISSIONER
F SAFETY S/C (2)
DEOR SEC (2)
MIA
FILE (2)
FLOAT

* In accordance with Chief Commissioner's order
Col. Chapman (PS S/c) was instructed to immediately
investigate the problem and take appropriate
action in cooperation with Col Kerr (Land Forces S/c).

0910 hrs 15/11

RB
So to CC

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EX 53377

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6 3800
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Routine

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AFHQ O (3D)

MMIA INFO ALCOM

DEC 7 1945

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subject is equipment of Italian Police Forces and interim Army.

Para 1. In response 6 alocm request for qty 3000 pistols and 44000 automatic muskets were recently released to you 3000 pistols and 10000 muskets for Carabinieri and have requested Alocm to justify further release of muskets and to coordinate their reply with you.

Para 2. Previously transport including arm cars has been demanded for carabinieri .

Para 3. In order to assess fairly these demands and to be able to estimate our possible commitments request you forward soonest proposed order of battle of units by types and quantities for Carabinieri and any other police forces for which weapons E T C are required together with complete weapon and vehicle staff tables and approximate bulk quantities of other major items of equipment and stores required. Also show existing holdings of all items demanded and items which can be made available from Italian Army resources.

Para 4. Complete orders of Battle of Units by types and quantities (including L of C Units) together with weapons and vehicle staff tables and existing holdings and availabilities is also required for interim Army.

Para 5 . Appreciate information required above may not be immediately available but must emphasize importance of information to this Headquarters at present time as plan for armament including captured enemy weapons and ammunition can not be formulated until staff tables requiredly paras 3 and 4 above are available here.

Para 6 . Grateful if preparation of reply to para 3 above be given high priority and information forwarded as soon as available and not held pending availability of reply to para 4.

Para 7. For Alocm, your signals 4958 of 08 Sept. 8000 of 03 Nov. and AFHQ letter 9-5 :000.5 of ~~232222~~ 07 November also refer.

AC DISTRIBUTION.

ACT: MMIA
INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER
P. SAFETY S/C 2
FILE 2
FLOAT

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Note special file opened for this subject see 5640/EC

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PA 8/12

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SUBJECT:- Clothing CC.RR.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,
M.M.I.A.,
R O M E
O.106
9 December 1945

DEC 4 1945

TO : A.C. for Executive Commissioner

1. It has been ascertained from the War Ministry that since the 1 Oct 45 30,000 sets of uniforms have been made available in depots under control of the CC.RR.

2. From stocks of clothing recovered by the Italian Army 72,000 metres of blue cloth are in process of manufacture exclusively for use by the CC.RR.

In addition sufficient grey green cloth has been recovered to manufacture

(100,000 uniforms,
93,000 greatcoats)

A substantial proportion of this clothing should be nearing completion in December 1945 and will be available to meet further demands by CC.RR H.Q. on Army stocks.

3. It is hoped that reports received in the near future will reflect the action taken by the Military Administration to improve the turn out of CC.RR units.

Any failure to replace boots or articles of clothing which, having due regard to economical standards are considered unfit for wear will be attributable to mal administration on the part of the CC.RR.

4. Liaison Units of Land Forces Sub-Commission are being instructed to report any examples of such faulty administration which come to their notice.

R.A. Curties

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

Copy to:- Public Safety Sub-Commission, A.C.

RAG/ar

See for 4142-70
2 folio 594

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file

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Ed. Ryan
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REV 14/1945

IMPORTANT

NOV 15 1945

BRIGADIER LUSH

ALICE FOR CHIEF COMMISSIONER

CONFIDENTIAL

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2. Every Regional Commissioner has stressed this point to me with great emphasis and it is patently absurd that men should be required to attempt to preserve law and order without clothes while stocks of clothing lie idle in factories and warehouses. GOC ALBI 2 has expressed himself strongly in the matter.

3. As stocks are now controlled by the Italian Government, would it not be possible to get the PRIME MINISTER to give an order unfreezing these stocks and giving priority to GCHQ and police agencies.

See M 27 5 89
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(not necessary)
22/6/46

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Continuation page 2.

AS I AM
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DIST

ACTION CHIEF COMMISSIONER
INFO EX COMMISSIONER
F SAFETY S/C (2)
ECOM SEC (2)
MIA
FILE (2)
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Dear

Any further action
on this file please?

If not, when do you
want it B/w?

No further action at
the moment, T. G. 9
no need to B/w as it
will become active of
its own accord shortly etc

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Host 84

APRIL

RECEIVED

9 Nov 45

OF PRIORITY

RESTRICTED TO

REFERENCE YOUR COPIES FIVE TWO THREE FIVE THREE OF THE FIVE THREE RECEIVED
THAT TO

UNDER TO WILL THE GENERAL SECRETARY BE ALONE WITH APTUAL SECRET THE
A SEC. BUREAU

THAT WILL YOUR FIVE THREE ACTION IN APPROVING RELEASE THREE TWO TWO TWO
THAT IS ONE ONE TWO TWO TWO TWO TWO TWO TWO TWO TWO TWO TWO TWO TWO TWO
ORIGINAL REQUEST FOR FIVE THREE TWO TWO TWO TWO TWO TWO TWO TWO TWO TWO
IN DETAIL IN LIGHT OF THE COPIES FIVE TWO TWO TWO TWO TWO TWO TWO TWO TWO TWO
REVISION TO WHICH WILL BE MADE CORRECT

Copy to: Lead Forces 2/3
CA Section

XX.

Initial.

Chief Coordinator

300. (Sgd) F H McLean
Lt Col.
CSD to Base Com.

Signal agreed by
Brig Com, Col Pidalley.
Lt Col Wilson (for Pub Safety)

583. *RA 1/2*
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C O P Y

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 000.5

7 November 1948

SUBJECT: Arms for the Italian Police Forces.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 894.

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Reference your cable 8020 of 3 November 48.

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

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

a. Details of existing holdings of arms and deficiencies.

b. Proposed distribution of arms to be released under para 1 above.

c. Proposed distribution of any further automatic muskets requested by you.

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

/s/ A. L. Hamblen
A. L. HAMBLEN
Brigadier General, U.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

Action Copy WITH MMIA

See 84

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OF PRIORITY

ARMY SIGNED SIGNED FROM GENERAL BORDAN

ALCOM FOR AIRMAIL STONE

NOV 9 1945

RESTRICTED.

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

DIST

ACTION : SO TO CC (2)

INFO : CHIEF OF COMMISSIONER
EX COMMISSIONER (2)
GA SEC
F SAFETY
FILE (2)
FLOAF

HEADQUARTERS

A C

RESTRICTED

See 583 Nov 91
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AFHQ

8020

3 Nov 45

PRIORITY

NOV 5 1945

RECEIVED PD

PARA ONE PD IT IS WELL KNOWN THAT CHARLIE CHARLIE ROGER ROGER AND OTHER POLICE AGENTS ARE IMMEDIATELY ARMED PD THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AND ARE OFFICERS TESTIFY THAT THEY CANNOT PROPERLY PERFORM THEIR DUTIES BECAUSE OF THIS LACK OF ARMS PD

PARA TWO PD ON ONE FOUR SEPTEMBER IN MI AME CHARLIE BLAME ONE FOUR SIX ZERO

ONE BLAME ONE ONE BLAME PETER BLAME TO CHARGE DASH FIVE SECTION I REQUESTED

THAT FOUR FOUR ZERO ZERO AUTOMATIC MURDER AND MURDER ZERO ZERO FIVE BE RELEASED FROM THE BASTIA ARMS FACTORY AT BASTIA FOR THE CARABINIERI PD

I HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED PERMISSION PD I AM TOLD BY CHARLIE DASH FIVE IN THEIR

SHORE FIVE CLM ZERO ZERO PD FIVE OF ONE THREE OTHER THAT THE ISSUE OF THEIR WEAPON IS UNDER DISCUSSION PD I SUBMIT THAT TO REFER ON GOING ON FURTHER

THE ISSUE OF THEM ARMS TO THE POLICE FORCES IN THIS COUNTRY IS TO IGNORE THE REALITY OF THE SITUATION OF LAW AND ORDER AND UNITED RESPONSIBILITY IS BELONG

THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TO MAINTAIN ORDER AND I WOULD ^{NOT} THAT AN IMMEDIATE

AFFIRMATIVE DECISION BE MADE

Copy to: G.Com

Ex.Com

Land Forces 2/2.

Ex.Com for CA SAC

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THIS PAGE OF ZERO PD

PARADE TO AFTER FOR CHIEF OF STAFF FROM H. ALTON SIGNED STONE GIVE AGED PUNCH
PARA TWO PD ON ONE FOUR SEPTEMBER IN MY AGEN CHARTER BLANK ONE FOUR SIX ZERO
ONE BLANK ONE ONE BLANK PAGES BEHOLD TO GEDAGE FROM FIVE SEVEN I REQUESTED
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Subject: Re-equipping of CC.RR

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA)

Q/5/7

30 Oct 45

TO : Executive Commissioner, Allied Commission

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Reference your 8255/EC of 27 Oct 45, above subject.

1. The equipping of the CC.RR with suitable vehicles awaits the implementation of the "compromise" agreement providing for the transfer of Allied vehicles from the Ministry of Transport to the War Ministry in lieu of Army vehicles retained by civilians under AC/MMIA control. The compromise agreement provided that a considerable number of vehicles would be turned over to the Army by 29 October 1945 (none of which have been received) and a further turn over of 500 per month beginning 1 November 1945. When these vehicles are received by the Minister for War, he will make allocation to the CC.RR.
2. The issue of new weapons depends upon the action of AFHQ on request made to release automatic weapons (C.E.M.) in the Breda factory. AC and MMIA have put this matter up to AFHQ, but no decision has been received.
3. We discussed the above personally today.

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d. Browning
Major General
M.M.I.A.

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Ref: X627/74/20

31 October 1945

SUBJECT: Re-equipping of CO. 132.

TO : Civil Affairs Section

1. The Chief Commissioner desires that the request from Public Safety Subcommission to APW (AC/44504/11/20 of 14 September 1945) with reference to the release of weapons from the Beretta Arms Factory at Brescia for the Italian Police Forces be followed up.

2. Please send this office a copy of your communication.

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Chief Staff Officer
To the Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 926/20

27 October 1945.

SUBJECT: Re-equipping of CO.MI.

TO : GOC, Land Forces Sub-Com.

See 726/20

1. The Chief Commissioner wishes to draw your attention to the request made by the Italian Government and persistent references made by Ministers of the Government to the necessity of re-equipping the CO.MI with up to date weapons and vehicles. You will perhaps have noted that in his last press conference the Prime Minister stated that a further mitigation of the armistice terms would be made when Italy was allowed to carry out this very necessary reform which was most important for the purpose of maintaining public order.

2. The Chief Commissioner trusts that this re-equipping will be put in hand as early as possible and would be grateful for a report thereon in due course.

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy for CA Section

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

ARMED-WEAPON ARMS

TO: Executive Commissioner. ✓

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1 With reference to your enquiry as regards current common evidence with ARMED-WEAPON ARMS connected with the provision of arms for Police forces other than the Carabinieri, the situation is as follows:

2 A general request has been made to ARMA for the release of all suitable captured enemy rifles, automatic small arms and ammunition so that they can be made available for re-arming the Italian Police Agencies.

3 Carabinieri. A specific request has been made for the release of approx. 10,000 fitted automatic weapons and 1,000 pistols for issue to the Carabinieri. These arms are in a factory in the north. Two reminders have been sent to ARMA of the matter and a recent reply stated that the question is still under consideration.

As regards munitions for the Carabinieri, the 10,000 to meet the recent increase in strength of the Carabinieri have not yet been issued, but owing to the non-activation of the ARMED-WEAPON ARMS Legion, and men away on leave, sickness etc., there is no shortage of munitions with Carabinieri units.

There is a deficiency in pistols.

4 Public Security Agencies. As regards munitions, there is a deficiency. This deficiency may be considerable in view of the large number of ex-fascists who have been and are being taken on by the Italian Government as Public Security Agents.

From issues of munitions cannot be made until a survey has been made of current stocks. About two months ago, the Chief of Police was instructed to provide particulars as to number of arms to which Public Security Agents were entitled, number held, and deficiency to be made good. These particulars have not yet been received although constant pressure is being brought to bear on the Italian authorities.

As an example of the situation, during the recent visit to Naples, the Quersera reported that he was 2,000 pistols short in Naples Province. After considerable difficulty, a loan of 2,000 munitions was obtained from ARMA. As soon as the munitions were over, ARMA required the return of the pistols but they eventually agreed to their remaining on loan with the Public Security Agents pending completion of the review of stocks which is being undertaken.

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As regards automatic weapons, it is not the general policy to arm Public Security Agents with automatic weapons. The matter is not satisfactory because large numbers of ex-Partisans have been drafted into the Public Security forces and are in possession of automatic weapons. The result being that the original Public Security Agents can be dominated by a better armed element of ex-partisans.

The matter is under active consideration with the Italian Government and although Regional Commissioners are aware of the situation, the issue of a letter on the subject is being considered.

- 5 Expenditure. The situation is satisfactory as regards weapons as only very small demands are received from time to time for a small number of pistols and these are usually met.

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H. GARD, Brigadier,
VF 3A Section.

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8 Oct. 1945

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My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

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

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

Yours very truly,

[Signature] Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNH,
Chief Commissioner.

Professor Ferruccio PABBI
President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government,
ROME.

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Translati:

The President of the Council of Ministers
Minister of the Interior

n. 5743

Rome, 24 September 1945

SEP 28 1945

Dear Admiral,

In my letter of the 7th, n. 5483, I drew your attention on the fact that it was necessary to give to the carabinieri an adequate personal armament, chiefly based on a modern automatic weapon.

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

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

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

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

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

1. - by allowing not only the High Command of the corps, but also the General Direction of P.S. to purchase a large part of the automatic rifles 'mitra' (3000) and pistols (3000) supposed to be stocked in the geriatric weapon manufacture at Gardone Val di Trompa;
2. - should it be impossible to grant this first solution, by allowing M.M.I.A. to put immediately an adequate amount of automatic weapons at the disposal of the above mentioned High Command and Direction General.

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

Yours sincerely, *See #63*

G. Ferruccio Parri

Admiral Stone
Chief Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY COMMISSION
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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 6/3a B/CA.

Tel. Ext. 525

SUBJECT: Discussion on Co. PR.

24 Sep 45.

TO: Executive Commissioner.

SEP 24 1945

1 Attached is a note of the points which it is proposed to discuss at the meeting this afternoon with MIA on the subject of clothing and equipment for the Carabinieri.

2 The meeting is to take place in my office at 1500 hrs this afternoon.

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[Signature]
M. C. H. Brig.,
VF CA Section.

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QUEST FOR UNIFORMS WITH AREA IN 1941

1. Provision of Clothing and all Types of Equipment.

- a) The position is serious. Regional Reports for August refer to the lack of uniforms and boots as being one of the most serious problems. There are, in LUGLIA, 900 ST. J. who cannot be used on police duties because they have no uniforms.
- b) Regions have to resort to hiring unskilled and uneducated transport from civilian truck pools for use by Carabinieri.
- c) It is in general correct that, despite the high priority to be given to the needs of the CC.NN., practically no issues can be expected from Italian Army's survey.
- d) If so, it would seem that ARMA must be so impressed with some indication as to requirements and that some special arrangements must be made for fully equipping the CC.NN.

2. Action required to obtain provision, either through ARMA or under special arrangements.

- a) At present, an inventory of all clothing and of all weapons held by the CC.NN. is being made. A transport scale exists for Legions and Mobile Battalions. Decisions should be taken.
- b) Public Safety S/C has neither the organization nor staff to check whether or not a demand made by CC.NN. is fully justified. Presumably does any other unit of the Italian Army make a demand there are some of understanding whether or not it is justified. It would appear necessary that the CC.NN. should be put on the same basis.

3. Full Dress Uniform.

If the possession of full-dress uniform prevents

c) It is in general correct that, despite the high priority to be given to the needs of the OC.M., provisionally no issue can be expected from Italian army sources.

d) If so, it could mean that A.V.C. must be so informed with some indication as to requirements and that some special arrangements must be made for fully equipping the OC.M.

2 Action required to obtain supplies other through CIA or other special arrangements.

a) At present, an inventory of all clothing and of all weapons held by the OC.M. is being made.

A transport mobile units for Legions and Mobile Battalions. Deficiencies should be known.

b) Public Society S/G has neither the organization nor staff to check whether or not a demand made by OC.M. is fully justified. Presumably when any other unit of the Italian Army makes a demand there are means of ascertaining whether or not it is justified. It would appear necessary that the OC.M. should be put on the same basis.

3 Full Dress Uniform.

If the possession of full-dress uniform prevents demands being met for service clothing, it would appear essential that an alteration should be obtained in this ruling.

4 Improvement in Armament.

a) It is understood that there is no difficulty about the supply of standard weapons - 1951 model and one pistol per man.

b) As regards modern automatic weapons, no real progress has been made on or type and caliber of

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anyone decided on. Can ALL approve a scale
as being a question of amount of part of the
Italian Army?

5 Increase in Strength of C.I.M.

a) The proposal is, at present, to ask for an
increase of 10,000 bringing the total up to
75,000. If such an increase is agreed to, it
will be necessary to ensure that the present as
well as increased numbers can be properly equipped.

6 Are other points raised.

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6 See other points raised.

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HEADQUARTERS ARMED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 489081-385

14 September 45

AC/14601/11/PS

SUBJECT : Arms for Police Forces.

SEP 1945

TO : AFHQ G-5.

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

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

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

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

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

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Copy to J.M.D. S/C
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

MEMORANDUM

17 September 1945

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

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

3. For more than 18 months this Sub-Commission has been constantly pressing for clothing and equipment for the G.C.C. and other police forces without obtaining any appreciable result. Consequently the condition of the G.C.C. is substantially the same as it was in March, 1944, when Colonel Kirk of this Sub-Commission wrote to Army Sub-Commission stating, "The replacement of worn-out items of clothing and equipment for the police forces of Italy has been the subject of considerable concern to the forces themselves, to the Regional Comandante

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

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

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

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

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

7. The situation plainly stated is this :

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

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serious threat to public order and security.

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

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

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

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

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

g. The recommendations are contingent upon two alternatives.

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

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

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

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

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(4) That technicalities such as traditional uniform, traditional arms, exhaustion of Italian sources of supply (which are exhausted), etc., be disregarded;

(5) That, if authority to give the recommended aid does not exist in this Theater, it be obtained from the highest level competent to grant it;

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

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

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

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

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

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15 September 1945

SEP 17 1945

SUBJECT: Clothing and Equipment for Carabinieri

TO : Land Forces Subcommittee (MOTIA)
Attention: Major General Browning

1. During a conversation between Lieutenant General Morgan and myself on 7 September 1945 he agreed with me that Carabinieri must have top priority in the matter of clothing, arms and other equipment and that their requirements, when need is established, must be met on a higher scale than allowed to the other Italian Army units.

2. I am passing this information on to you knowing that you will give all assistance possible.

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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(Ans Kwoles) D. J. V. M.

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Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers
Minister of the Interior
N. 36203

Rome, 7 September 1945

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Dear Admiral,

as you know, my Government wishes to handle with the necessary firmness the problem of public order in Italy, fully to reestablish respect for the law.

The CC.RR. Corps, whose collaboration is able and trustworthy, is one of our best instruments to reach this aim.

However, considering the numerous duties entrusted to it, the organization of the Corps is still insufficient, so that I must draw your kind attention on the advisability of granting a further increase of the CC.RR. Corps, to reach 75 thousand units.

On this subject, I must inform you that from the present force of 62,000 units (besides the Trieste Region) 1700 officers included must be deducted.

Of the remaining 61,000 men, we must not consider 17,700 enlisted men who are not available and cannot be made available, for part of them is on leave, part is attached to special services, part is being detained with the legions of the Veneto by the express wish of the Allied Authorities.

The result is that 43,900 men are available; this figure is inferior to the already insufficient number required for the 4809 CC.RR. stations, which ought to amount to 44,670 units. It seems obvious that the number of men of the stations cannot be further reduced, for it is sometimes of two elements only, while on the other hand we must form 12 mobile battalions, amounting as a whole to 7 thousand units.

I trust that this short report will show how urgent it is to increase the Corps in number; during the last few days, the War Department sent an official request to the Commission.

However, the wished-for reinforcement of the CC.RR. Corps depends not only on the increase of the number of the Carabinieri, but also on the improvement of their armament.

You already know, my dear Admiral, the particular importance of this problem. Unfortunately, the present armament of the Carabinieri is entirely inadequate considering the situation and the requirements. It is enough to say that personal equipment has remained what it was half a century ago, i.e. a rifle, mod. 1891, and a pistol which some of the men don't even have. Such a situation cannot but have a fatal effect on the morale and spirit of the Carabinieri who are often obliged to face, in conditions of obvious inferiority, gangs of delinquents more

Admiral Ugo R. Stone
Chief Commissioner

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numerous than themselves, and equipped with portable weapons and bombs.

I therefore trust in your kind interest about this matter. In particular, I beg you to intervene personally, so that kind consideration may be given to the proposals made by the Comando Generale of the Corps, to obtain that the Carabinieri be allotted 10,000 automatic rifles 'Mitra' and 3000 pistols at present in the Beretta weapon factory, at Gardone Val di Trompia; up to now, the Land Forces sub-commission hasn't granted this request for it stated that such arms can't be considered as war booty.

I thank you, my dear Admiral, for taking this matter into consideration; considering its importance, it deserves to be dealt with without delay.

Yours sincerely,

G. Ferruccio Parri

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

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My dear

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Your 3627/SC dated 31 August.

O.K. I have discussed the whole business with my 'Q' Staff this morning and we are sending off a signal to Florence authorising the immediate release of 10,000 suits of dyed green British battledress for the Florence Brigade of the CC.RR. This battledress is held at Florence and thus immediately available for issue as above.

As regards your second paragraph there is no objection to this being arranged as you propose.

Yours *Erin*

Langley Browning

Brig. R.S. LUSH, CB. CM. MC.,
Executive Commissioner, A.C.

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Ref: 3627/BC.

31 August 1945.

My dear General:

May I ask for your personal help in the matter of the supply of 10,000 British battledress (to be dyed green) to the Florence Brigade of the OC.BH.

It is essential from the point of view of prestige and to avoid discrimination between members of the Brigade that these 10,000 suits be issued in a body so that the whole Brigade can change from their present uniforms to the B.D. uniform at one time. The Public Safety Sub-Commission are proposing to your staff that the present uniforms should be classified good, repairable or unserviceable, and that the first two categories should be placed in store for re-issue and held on charge by the OC.BH. and that the 10,000 should be issued at one time.

I know that there may be technical difficulties over this but I hope that a word from you will iron them out.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Maurice Lush.

Major-General L. Browning, CB, CBE, MC,
GOC, Land Forces Sub-Com (MIA).

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Subject is clothing police force VENEZIA GIULIA. Situation American shoes service class B2 and socks cotton class X received from Quartermaster PBS. State of shoes and socks most unsatisfactory. 20% shoes US on receipt and consider remainder US after 2 months wear. Shoes are odd and therefore good fitting impossible. Majority of socks in bad condition and unwearable owing to extensive repairs. Propose holding court of inquiry on American clothing already received. Suggest new boots of British Army pattern be provided immediately. 3500 pairs required to equip force with 1 pair per man. Letter follows.

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Rome 13 Aug 45

PRESIDENCE OF THE MINISTERS COUNCIL
THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE

AUG 22 1945

R. 4435/14081/1.7.1

To General G.A. BRUNN
Chief of the Allied Civil Affairs Commission
Rome

Dear General,

In absence of the President of the Council, I assume the commission to communicate you that, seen the difficulty to dispose the needed quantity of Italian military uniforms, it is convenient the opportunity, as you suggested with the letter dated 24 July 1945 AC/14081/21/75 to supply the Carabinieri with British uniforms dyed in grey-green.

Very cordially

G. Arpesani

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Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri
Il Vicesegretario di Stato

Roma 13 Agosto 45

12435-14081/1.7.1

Caro Generale,

In assenza del Presidente del Consiglio, mi assumo l'incarico di comunicarLe che, date le difficoltà di poter disporre di adeguati quantitativi di uniformi militari italiane, si conviene sulla opportunità, da Lei prospettata con la lettera di luglio u.s.; AC/14081/21/75 di fornire i carabinieri di uniformi inglesi tintate in grigio-verde.

Molto cordialmente

G. Arpesani

Al Generale G.A. BRUNN
Capo della Commissione Affari Civili
Commissione Alleata Roma.

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Ref: 3627/33/80.

14 August 1945.

SUBJECT: Clothing and Equipment for OC.RR.

TO : VP, GA Section.

1. I have read MRJA's letter Q/15/15 of 11 August (copy to you) the subject matter of which Colonel Kerr discussed with me at some length. He is perfectly ready to help but the impression in the Land Forces Sub-Com is that the Public Safety Sub-Com does not requisition for clothing, equipment, etc., of the OC.RR in the proper manner.

2. I think the reasons set out in Colonel Kerr's letters are fully justified and that to requisition a full scale equipment for a force which obviously must have stocks in hand and which the Land Forces Sub-Com suspects has large undeclared stocks in depots (as were found in Army depots), is unreasonable.

3. It occurs to me that we might do well to find an officer with good 'Q' experience who could tackle the whole of this 'Q' and 'S' & 'T' business for the OC.RR. Alternatively we should hand over the whole matter to the Land Forces Sub-Com and ask their 'Q' staff to deal direct with the OC.RR and so get the matter tackled in an adequate manner.

M. S. LUSH

MSL/JG.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

14/15/45
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Subject: Clothing and Equipment for CC.RR

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)
Rome
Q/15/15
11 August 1945

To : Hq ALGOM for Public Safety Sub Commission

Copy to: Executive Commissioner, ALGOM
VP, Civil Affairs Section

Reference your AC/14501/8/1/PS of 10 August 1945
subject: Clothing and Equipment for CC.RR

1. The list of clothing and equipment to equip the CC.RR as submitted by you cannot be handled further for the following reasons:

a. The list submitted is far in excess of the clothing authorized by the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

b. The list submitted indicates that not one single item of clothing and equipment is in possession of any individual of the Carabinieri nor is in Carabinieri stocks, or in other words, the Carabinieri is now stark naked. This is not believed to be the case.

c. The list submitted by you does not take into account the stocks in Carabinieri warehouses as reported on hand on 15 June.

d. A large quantity of clothing, especially overcoats, mackinaws and wool underwear was released to the Carabinieri last year. It is very obvious that a large percentage of this should be, and is actually on hand. The same applies to comforters and blankets while the list submitted by you calls for a complete new issue of blankets at the rate of two per man.

e. The items of tent pegs, tent poles and 40,000 large tents seem to be unnecessary. In the first place, the Italian Army does not have 40,000 large tents; and in the second place, the Carabinieri does not live under canvas.

f. Requesting 65,000 pair of rubber boots for Infantry is not understood. Such an item is not equipment in the Italian Army, and it is not furnished the Italian Army by the Allies.

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2. When the clothing indent is submitted showing the stocks in the hands of individuals and in the Carabinieri warehouses, it will be possible to make a statement as to whether or not the additional requirements can be met.

3. The transport requirements as stated in the column "Amount on Hand" bear no relation to the facts.

4. The request for additional arms and ammunition can be considered only when a true statement of arms and ammunition now on hand in the Carabinieri is furnished.

CPK/lak


CLAYTON P. KEHR, Colonel
for Major General
Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)

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AG/14601/21/TS

24 July 45

JUL 25 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

I refer you to letter of the 12th July in which I notified you of the increase in the number of Carabinieri to 65,000.

The uniforms to be supplied to the extra 10,000 thus authorized will be British Battle Dress which has been dyed to a grey green colour. I have reason to believe that dyed British Battle Dress could also be supplied to replace worn garments in the possession of the other 55,000 Carabinieri.

Before I give orders for the Public Safety Sub-Commission to investigate this possibility further, I would be glad to know your feelings in this matter. As you know, there is a shortage of Italian Army uniforms and it is unlikely that supplies will be available for some time. I suggest that the use of this British type uniform is a good solution even though it means a temporary departure from the traditional dress.

Yours very truly,

W. Henry W. Stone

WILHELM W. STONE,
Rear Admiral, USN,
Chief Commissioner.

Professor Ferruccio PARISI
The President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
ROME.

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to Commission

P/S done, received an official reply

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Extract of Minutes of Executive Commissioner's Meeting - 10 July 45.

Boots for Carabinieri.

A/Ex C said that CG had asked if supplies could not be made available from the German captured stocks in the North. CA Sec stated that an allotment from German stock of 60,000 pairs had been made for the CG.RK. The Ministry of War approved of this, but it was being opposed by MGA, who said the boots must be given to the Italian Army to distribute.

Land Forces S/C were instructed to investigate urgently.

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From: Brig. G.R. Upjohn,
V. CA Section, HQ AD.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CC MISSION

Office of the Vice President Civil Affairs Section

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APO 394

Ref: D.O. 9/3.1A/CA.

19 July 1945

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Dear

Lawrence

Reference your 3627/EC dated 5 July 45, on the clothing and equipment of the Carabinieri.

I held a meeting on the 5 July 45 with Land Forces Sub-Commission and Public Safety and enclose copy of some full notes of that meeting.

Colonel Moukes was very helpful and I believe that the stock of uniforms is so small for the total Italian army that we cannot really expect to get much more out of M.H.I.A. Unless stocks in the North are released by 5 Army in the near future I believe we must try and get dyed British Battle Dress and this, you will see, is in hand.

Personally I believe that the issue of British Battle Dress would enhance the prestige of the Carabinieri very greatly but it is a matter which will have to be considered with the Italian Government who may, of course, think otherwise.

With regard to shirts and underclothing the situation is also unsatisfactory but is expected to improve by the winter. However, if we can get an issue of Battle Dress (dyed), Moukes thinks he can also get British issue underclothing and shirts. This was not recorded in the notes.

The really outstanding matter which I feel can only successfully be taken further at your level is with regard to the 60,000 pairs of new boots which, as you see, from paras 7 and 8 of the notes, have been offered to the Carabinieri. The Ministry of War has agreed that the Carabinieri should receive these boots and will undertake the finance.

M.H.I.A. alone object. This seems to be an incredible attitude to take now that hostilities have ceased and I think the strongest effort should be made to obtain a reversal of the M.H.I.A. decision. The provision of M.E. boots will make all the difference.

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The question of the provision of A.F.V.s was discussed at a meeting presided over by the Chief Commissioner in connection with the AMRIA incident. All available A.F.Vs. are being headed to C.G.R.R. and 12 should be on their way to Bari.

Yours

Sincerely

Gerald Bryant

Brig. M.S. LUSH, C.B., C.B.E., M.C..
Executive Commissioner,
Allied Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APC 394

Tel: 489081-365

MEMORANDUM

7 July 1945

SUBJECT : Carabinieri Clothing.

- 7 AUG 1945

1. On 5th July 1945 a meeting was held to discuss the above subject. The following were present:

Brig. Upjohn	V.P.C.A. Sec
Col. Hoakes	M.M.I.A.
Col. Doherty	Dep. Director P.S. S/C
Lt. Col. Wilson	Police Division

2. Brig. Upjohn stated that carabinieri clothing and equipment was unsatisfactory throughout the whole of Italy and that urgent measures must be taken to improve the position.

3. Col. Hoakes replied that the clothing and equipping of carabinieri fell under two heads:

(a) 55,000 from ITI - ITI Stocks.

These stocks were very small and insufficient for the needs of the Italian Army. Accordingly it had not been possible to allot substantial amounts to carabinieri. Consolidated clothing requirement lists for the force of 55,000 had been received from Commanding General CO.BR through P. Safety S/C and certain allotments had been made, but the garments had been found to be too small and were returned.

(b) 10,000 from BR - ITI stocks.

This represented the newly authorized increase in strength to be fed, clothed and equipped from British Sources. The clothing would be battledress dyed green and 10,000 were available. There was some difficulty in securing all the other items listed in the AFHQ scale of clothing but it was anticipated that these would be come available in due course.

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4. Lt. Col. Wilson stated that consolidated bids had been made to MMIA but the only items of clothing allotted were too small for issue. In an effort to help, MMIA had arranged for the manufacture of 4000 pairs of trousers for CC.RR. and had promised further clothing as more cloth became available.

5. Col. Doherty asked if the stocks of clothing and cloth which were blocked in the North, would be available for disposal by MMIA, and would they favourably consider the needs of CC.RR. Col. Hoakes replied that all stocks were at present under Army control and that when items became available to MMIA the CC.RR. would be considered in relation to the Italian Army needs.

6. Brig. Upjohn then stated that during hostilities the Army must come first, but the time had come when the needs of the CC.RR. should be considered as of first priority. Col. Hoakes replied that the materials did not exist properly to equip the CC.RR. and the only solution he could offer was the use of dyed battledress. This however was a matter of policy that would have to be cleared with AMHQ. This he promised to do, and it was agreed that if the decision was favourable, the matter would be discussed with the Commanding General CC.RR. Brig. Upjohn was in favour of the use of dyed battledress by CC.RR.

7. Lt. Col. Wilson then raised the question of boots for CC.RR. The boots issued by MMIA were repaired goods and had a short life. Large issues had not been possible. On the 19th June 1945 the CC.RR. had received an offer to purchase 60,000 pairs of new boots at a reasonable price and the Ministry of War was prepared to finance the transaction. However, the Ministry had pointed out that once the boots were purchased they became the property of the Ministry of War, and as such were subject to disposition by MMIA. Accordingly the scheme had been explained to MMIA by Public Safety S/C and MMIA's approval requested. A reply had been received that the scheme was not favourably considered at this time!

8. Col. Hoakes stated that the MMIA view was that CC.RR. were not entitled to a priority bulk issue of boots to

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the detriment of the Italian Army. Brig. Upjohn replied that in the present circumstances these boots should be allotted to CC.RR and stated that the subject must be reconsidered.

8. The meeting closed on the agreement that:

- (a) Col. Moskes would take up with AFHQ the issue of dyed battledress to CC.RR and the policy would then be discussed with the Italian authorities.
- (b) Col. Moskes would work out with Public Safety a scheme to allot an agreed number of repaired boots to CC.RR at stated intervals.
- (c) The question of the manufacture of 50,000 pairs of new boots should be re-submitted to NMIA.

Frank Wilson
F.J. WILSON, Col

FW/pl

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL.

Ref: 3627/CC

2 July 1945.

My dear Gerald:

Throughout the monthly reports of Regions and Sub-Commissions there runs the story of shortage of clothing and equipment for the OC.RR. During my visits to the North I have heard constantly the same story.

I know that there have been many difficulties in supplying the materials required. The Public Safety Sub-Commission has, I think, lacked organised plans on which to bid; the Land Forces Sub-Commission have been tied down by charter and regulations - and the two have provided sufficient irritant to slow down the machine even further.

The establishment of law and order is our primary duty: the OC.RR have no chance, no hope of success, if they are ill-equipped: if they fail we must fail in our object - and failure at this time may alter the future of Italy. We have no time to spare.

I am therefore writing to ask you and General Browning in consultation to devise means by which, even at the expense of the Italian Army, and even in defiance of regulations, the OC.RR can be properly and rapidly equipped and clothed. On the one side there is needed a plan, on the other great elasticity in application of regulations.

Sincerely yours,

E. Lush

(Signed by GSO in absence
of Brigadier Lush on duty).

Brigadier G.R. Upjohn,
Vice President,
Civil Affairs Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APC 394

Tel : 489081-365

18 June, 1945.

AG/14191/FS

19 JUN 1945

SUBJECT : Public Security in N. Italy.

TO : Executive Commissioner

1. reference 3626/EC dated 14 January 1945.

2. (a) The primary responsibility for clothing and equipping CC.RR is one for MMIA (Land Forces Sub Commission) and Public Safety Sub Commission is in constant touch with them on it. The present directive is not satisfactory. MMIA's responsibility has, naturally, been primarily to the combat units and Public Safety Sub-Commission has not got the powers, organisation or personnel to look after their supplies. A letter on this is now approved and going forward to AFHQ over the Chief Commissioner's signature. The following items have been allotted to northern Regions during the past few weeks

2500	Boots
700	Tunics
200	Pairs Trousers
400	Caps
700	Ties
700	Puttees

In addition the Ministry of War is manufacturing 4000 pairs of trousers for issue to CC.RR. Further clothing will be manufactured as more cloth becomes available.

(b) It is agreed that equipment supplied to CC.RR. generally has been of inferior quality. The grey green type of uniform being made of shoddy soon wears out, and in many cases second hand repaired clothing has been the supply resulting in a very poor turn out of the men. Until cloth of a proper type is obtained and made up it would appear that the unsatisfactory dress will continue. Some good uniforms have been uncovered in the north and a supply of cloth has also been located near Como. It is expected this will soon be unblocked by MMIA.

see on file 3626/EC

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The shoes issued are 2nd hand repaired goods and as such require changing at frequent intervals.

Firearms have been in short supply and in many cases rifles have been issued instead of muskets. The procedure is to secure a supply of muskets from dumps of surrendered arms in the north. This however is unsatisfactory as evidence goes to show that inferior arms are being turned in; the assumption being that the good ones are being concealed for nefarious use at a later stage.

3. Reference Para 1(b). CC.RR. in the initial stages, as was expected from information received before the occupation, had a bad time as the C.I.N. would not recognise them. The situation is gradually changing for the better. The law abiding public are now weary of the banditry of so-called partisans and look to the CC.RR. to right matters. P.S. Officers are gradually getting the police accepted in their proper role and with increasing apprehensions of law breakers it is hoped that the interior rural districts will be on a par with the towns.

This can only be tackled by the P.P.S.O. and it is a slow but steady business.

4. Questors for the most part have been appointees of C.I.N. Happily the demand for career officials is now increasing and a blend has been made of career assistants to guide the better of the C.I.N. Questoras. The transient stage has been sticky and the uncertain political situation has militated against successful local government, but improvement is now apparent.

5. Transport has been a difficult matter. To date 48 3 ton trucks and 48 armoured cars have been allotted by AFHQ for CC.RR. mobile battalions (12 trucks and 12 armoured vehicles to each of the 4 Northern regions). 48 armoured cars proceeded to the North at the beginning of this week and are now in situation. These will be available to go to troubled spots. A further eight are undergoing repair. The 48 trucks were all Class 5 vehicles. 4 only were runners and these have been sent north. The other 44 are undergoing repair and will be sent north in small convoys as they are completed.

6. On 17 February the Executive Commissioner suggested to V.P. C.A. Sec. that extra vehicles for CC.RR. should be allotted from the 1700 vehicles being made available for the carrying of supplies. CC.RR. needs were made known to the Executive Commissioner on March 45, but it was then stated that the allotment of a number of trucks from the 1700 available would be wrong in principle.

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A request for additional transport for carabinieri was then made to MMIA on 21 March 1945. A complete statement of the vehicle position throughout the entire force was supplied and on 26 April 1945 MMIA replied that no additional vehicles could be allotted.

The matter was then referred to AFHQ by G-4 (B) who were preparing a consolidated statement of the needs of all A.C. transport requirements. The bid was made for 50 trucks on 14 May 1945 AFHQ replied that the general shortage of load carrying vehicles in this theatre made it impossible to release additional vehicles to CG.RR.

7. 50 Italian Army Police cars have been released to Carabinieri by MMIA. These carry 2 men each and at the present time Carabinieri are being taught to drive this rather unusual vehicle in the Italian Army driving school. These vehicles are only of use for short patrol in towns to show the flag and cannot be considered as any real assistance from a transportation point of view.

8. CG.RR. General Teddei has been in the north reorganizing the force and his return and report should soon be available. In the light of his investigations coupled with the reports of R.F.S.O.'s much improvement should be effected.

9. Finally it must be reiterated that a general programme of refitting CG.RR. - a force of 65,000 - plus the acquisition of more transport must be faced by Higher Authority.

B. D. Brinton
G.R. UNION, Brig.
VP CA Sec.

copy to - Italian Police Agencies Supplies 3627/26

Ref: 3626/NO.

14 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Public Security in N. ITALY.

TO : Vice President,
Civil Affairs Section.

1. Public security in Northern Italy is being affected adversely by the following facts.

- (a) The CC.RR are not properly equipped. Uniforms and shoes are lacking and in one instance I heard of an absence of firearms.
- (b) The CC.RR are performing their duties comparatively satisfactorily in the towns but when faced with a strong partisan feeling in rural districts are diffident and ineffectual.
- (c) The Questore, particularly those of Communist leanings, are very apt to obey the orders of the CLN and partisans and to effect the most illegal arrests. This has been reported both from GENOVA and VERCELLI.

2. May I know what is being done about this and whether you are satisfied that the CC.RR and other police agencies have sufficient transport to make them mobile.

ESL/JG.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: 3627/NO.

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Ref: 543

30 May 1945

Ref: 006/10.

SUBJECT: Four notes by Executive Commissioner.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

The following four notes have been received from the Executive Commissioner and are passed to you for information and appropriate action.

1. German Disarmed Army. Discussed with Colonel Murray and Brown, total numbers 17,000 in about 15 camps. Great care has been taken with local population and less than 1,000 will be evicted.

2. Brigadier Denny, in command of 21st Tank Brigade, latter operating officer and has the matter entirely in hand.

3. There appears to be no necessity for a proclamation on Sydenhamston but one will be made of the notice issued by 5th Army which is in the hands of Civil Affairs.

4. Medical Supplies. There is a shortage of disinfectants and also chloramine compound for water treatment. Chloramine has been supplied but in very packets and as an example at Mill along the concentration is estimated at 1/2 quarts per week. There are disadvantages to the chloramine solution which has been offered as it is contained in cylinders which have to be returned and for some technical reason it is not such a simple process as the use of compound.

Information para 20 of Executive Commissioner's notes on tour of MILLIA Region dated 25 May 1945, for action on the therein referred to are repeated below.

1. Public Safety. 400 CO. IN reinforcements are scheduled for the Region, 300 of which have now arrived, but nearly all are badly clothed and shod. For example, of 100 allotted to MILLIA City it is doubtful if more than 50 can be made fit for duty as the remainder are without boots. There is also a shortage of food and ammunition. An endeavour was made to obtain weapons from those landed in by the patriots but out of 3 truck-loads only 6 suitable weapons were returned, the majority being common rifles.

been taken with local population and less than 1,000 will be evicted.

2. Brigadier Denny, in command of 21st Tank Brigade, looks upon the situation and has the matter entirely in hand.

3. There appears to be no necessity for a proclamation on fortification but we will be ready of the notice issued by 5th Army which is in the hands of India Region.

4. Medical supplies. There is a shortage of antibiotics and also chlorides compound for water treatment. Chlorine has been supplied but in very small quantities and on an example at MULLI along the concentration is estimated at 14 quarts per week. There are disadvantages to the chlorine solution which has been offered as it is contained in cylinders which have to be returned and for some technical reason it is not such a simple process as the use of compounds.

Reference para 11 of Executive Commissioner's letter on tour of MULLI Region dated 28 May 1945, for further details the main referred to are repeated below.

1. Public safety. 400 CP.MA reinforcements are scheduled for the Region, 200 of which have now arrived, but nearly all are badly equipped and armed. For example, of 100 allotted to MULLI city it is doubtful if more than 50 can be made fit for duty as the remainder are without boots. There is also a shortage of arms and ammunition. An endeavour was made to obtain weapons from those handed in by the patriots but out of 3 truck-loads only 6 suitable weapons were retrieved, the majority being German rifles and other rather heavy weapons. I understood that all CP.MA reinforcements sent North were to have been properly equipped in all respects.

2. There is the problem of the "recapital". These are the CP.MA who drifted northwards, some hundreds of which are now returning. Not only do they need reclothing but it is thought that they are no longer suitable for duty in the North as (a) many of them have been working with the patriots and (b) some are at an equal disadvantage because they have not joined the ranks of the patriots. It is suggested that these should be exchanged with CP.MA from the South.

E. H. H. H.
Chief Staff Officer,
No Executive Commissioner.

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Subject: CC.RR Clothing and Equipment

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)
Rome

Q/15 EC

20 March 1945

MAR 21 1945

NR EC

To: Hq Allied Commission for Public Safety Sub Commission.

Reference your AC/14601/6/1/PS of 14 March 1945.

1. In our AQ/15 of 24 January, it was requested that a complete inventory of all stores be furnished in two parts. The inventory submitted with your letter covers only a very few items.
2. For your information, there is attached hereto an inventory made in February of the Carabinieri stores at Catanzaro. A comparison of the items on this inventory indicates that the inventory furnished with your letter does not reflect the exact status of these stores. When the attached inventory has served your purpose, please return to us.
3. It is again requested that you have the CC.RR furnish a complete inventory of all clothing and equipment and stores in the CC.RR warehouses or supply rooms, and that the inventory be furnished on the first day of each month reflecting the condition at least on the 15th of the preceding month. It is obvious that no further action toward allotment of clothing to the CC.RR can be taken until it is definitely determined, the stocks now available in CC.RR warehouses. In this connection, it must be repeated that all Italian equipment and clothing must be utilized before any clothing or equipment from Allied stocks is issued, and this has not been the case, for instance, in the items of wool drawers, shorts, and blankets.

CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel
for Major General
Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)

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1 Incl:
Inventory of CC.RR stores - Catanzaro

cc - United Commission AC

Handwritten initials and date: 27/3

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7 January 1945

Dear Mr. Bland

The Chief Commissioner has asked me to acknowledge your letter of 14 Dec 44 and to thank you for the remittance from New Orleans which you enclosed.

Nothing for the moment is a serious question which is constantly before us and I am glad to tell you that we have been successful in effecting a considerable improvement.

In regard to the four items listed in New Orleans's memorandum, the first two are for ceremonial uniforms, which it is not proposed to issue at present, whilst shooting, the fourth item is not on the scale of issue to the Italian Army. Everything possible is being done to increase the allotment of boots, the remaining item.

You need not take any further action in this matter.

The trouble you have taken is much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

J A QUAYLE Major

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Philip Woodman
Office of the Assistant Minister
Central Intelligence

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C O P Y

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT
MINISTER
CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN.

A.F.H.Q.

14th December 1944

46/250/27
My dear Commodore,

Some time ago Mr. MacMillan, when he was in Rome, asked Count Carandini to obtain for him some information regarding the needs of the carabinieri. As a result, a memorandum on this subject by General Orlando was received by this Office the other day. I attach a copy of this memorandum which, as you will see, is an appeal for material for uniforms and sheets for 30,000 men.

I telegraphed to Mr. MacMillan to ask him whether there was any action which he wished me to take in this matter in his absence. In reply, I have received a signal from him instructing me to discuss the question with you and, if you wish it, with Allied Force Headquarters. I have not had an opportunity of talking to you personally about this, and I am therefore sending you this letter. I should be very grateful for advice as to what you would like me to do.

Yours very sincerely

S/ Philip Broad.

Commodore Stone, U.S.N.
Allied Commission,
R O M E .

(ORIG WITH CHIEF COMM)

C O P Y

MEMORANDUM

In order to overcome the serious crisis in the equipment of the Carabinieri and to provide in particular for those who are stationed in Sardinia and Sicily and have a greater need to replenish their stocks of clothing, it is essential to make provision urgently for enough material to make uniforms for 30,000 men and for lengths of stuff necessary for the making of sheets for the same number of troops.

Apart from items of accessory material which can be dealt with at a later time, there is need for:

- 1) Blue material, width 1.40 - 295,000 metres.
- 2) Special black felt for hats, width .70 - 21,000 metres.
- 3) Pairs of shoes - 60,000
- 4) Material for sheets - 300,000 metres.

EXTRACT

Office of the President

To: Chief of Staff
From: Mr. Macmillan

2 Jan 45

I understand the review of the Carabinieri is to be on Saturday next. Two points occur to me about this:

(a) We should take the opportunity of raising with the Field Marshal the needs of the Carabinieri in terms of clothing, equipment, etc.

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Copy to: Chief Commissioner

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Ref 36064/003.

Tel : No. 735

19 December 1944

SUBJECT : Carabinieri.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. Attached is letter from Office of the Resident Minister AFHQ dated 14 December 44 with its enclosure.
2. It may be that the needs of the Carabinieri, as specified, are already known to you but in any event will you please let me know to what extent they are being or will be met.

GH
Brigadier
Chief of Staff.

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Is CCRR

happy about this?

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Subject: Issue of clothing to CC.RR.

To: MINISTER FOR WAR

Coppy: Chief Commissioner ACC.
G4 AFHQ for Col. Libby.
DCAC HQ AAI.
Public Safety Sub Commission, ACC.
General Orlando, CC.RR.

Military Mission
Italian Army,
R.O.M.E.
AO/15,

Oct 44

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1. Confirming conversations held on 2 October between MMIA, Public Safety Sub Commission, General Pulliere of the War Ministry and representatives of the CC.RR; the following policy regarding the issue of clothing to the CC.RR was established :-

2. Certain clothing of Italian and Allied origin was authorized for issue to CC.RR in bulk. The items authorized are shown in Appendix "A" attached. 1/4

3. The members of the CC.RR will continue to wear Italian uniform.

4. No additional repaired Italian uniforms or boots are available to the CC.RR. The War Ministry will furnish to the CC.RR such repairable Italian army uniforms and boots as are necessary for the CC.RR to repair in CC.RR shops, for the use of the CC.RR. The CC.RR will operate their own repair shops for the purpose of making these repairable uniforms and boots suitable for issue. Repair materials for uniforms and boots will be furnished by the War Ministry to the CC.RR.

5. Additional items of Allied clothing will be issued to CC.RR when additional personnel is added. 1/2

6. The scale of issue of clothing to the CC.RR will not exceed the scale prescribed by AFHQ for all Italian troops (AFHQ letter 22 September 1944, AG 400/105 D-0).

7. No further bulk allotments of clothing will be made to CC.RR by MMIA or the War Ministry. CC.RR will conform to procedures which is that the units

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2. Certain clothing of Italian and Allied origin was authorized for issue to CC.RR in bulk. The items authorized are shown in Appendix "A" attached. 14
3. The members of the CC.RR will continue to wear Italian uniform. 1
4. No additional repaired Italian uniforms or boots are available to the CC.RR. The War Ministry will furnish to the CC.RR such repairable Italian army uniforms and boots as are necessary for the CC.RR to remain in CC.RR areas, for the use of the CC.RR. The CC.RR will operate their own repair shops for the purpose of making these repairable uniforms and boots suitable for issue. Repair materials for uniforms and boots will be furnished by the War Ministry to the CC.RR.
5. Additional items of Allied clothing will be issued to CC.RR when additional personnel is added. 12
6. The scale of issue of clothing to the CC.RR will not exceed the scale prescribed by AFHQ for all Italian troops (AFHQ letter 82 8 September 1944, AG 400/105 D-C).
7. No further bulk allotments of clothing will be made to CC.RR by MMIA or the War Ministry. CC.RR will conform to procedure prescribed for all units of the Italian army, which is that the units requisition on War Ministry and War Ministry forwards to MMIA for release.
8. CC.RR will be responsible for drawing clothing authorized for release in Appendix A from Italian depots as indicated, and for transportation, distribution and issue of the clothing.
9. CC.RR will be considered as a part of the Italian army and will render such returns and reports to the War Ministry as are required by the War Ministry.

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As : 'A' to letter AQ/15
of 3 Oct 44

a. Clothing Released to CC.RA

Item	Quantity	Origin	To be drawn from	
			Naples Depot	Rari Depot
Outer uniform repaired	10,000	Italian Uniform	As directed by War Ministry	
Overcoats, repaired	10,000	Italian Uniform	As directed by War Ministry	
Shirts, repaired	15,000	Allied 103 A B	5000	10,000
Pullovers, new	25,000	Allied 104 B		25,000
Shirts, cotton	25,000	Allied 105 A	25,000	
Socks, cotton	90,000	Allied 106 A	90,000	
Drawers, wool	66,000	Allied 107 A	40,000	26,000
Comforters	25,000	Allied 109 A		23,000
Belts, waist	10,000	Allied 111 A	10,000	

b. The issue of an additional 20,000 comforters (Allied 109 A) is authorized providing the CC.RA turn in to the Italian Army Depot at the time of issue two blankets for each comforter issued.

c. 8000 mess tins and 20,000 cups are available in SARDINIA. MMIA will have these shipped to NAPLES for delivery to CC.RA.

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