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RATION SCALES, PRISONS
DEC. 1944 - JULY 1945

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C.S.O.

Refers to mem 8 Feb 9. Particular attention is drawn to mem 19 of the Comm showing the need of an abuse policy for prison rationing. This minute resulted in your memo of 13 June & C.O. det. see memo 20 & a letter from Ford Hq. to High Comm for Irish on 25 June - see memo 21. The latter mem of Ford has not decided on an uniform ration scale for prison as per memo 25 which has been submitted to Ford Hq. for approval. This appears to be satisfactory to Ford Hq. & so no further action is required by the Comm. (See para 3 of memo 25). All info attention is drawn to para 4 of p. 25. Kindly refer to Comm, please.

ASD
18/7/65

27.

Ex Comm

Uniform rationing scale for

prison throughout July is known

agreed. Subject to your approval?

Details of the scale are at

25 para 2. to 18/7.

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present. This appears to be satisfactory to me. The
 subject only, & no reviewing decision by E. Comm. (see para 3
 of para 25). All right attention is drawn to para 4 of p. 25. Should
 you refer E. Comm. please.

also 18/10/55

27.

Ex Comm

Uniform Review. Seals for
 Prisoner Discharge. This is how
 agreed. Subject to your approval. 265
 Details of the Seals are at
 25 para 2. 18/17.

(b)

Chief Commissioner.
 Attached is submitted for your signature/information/approval.

This is an old subject. I recommend
 your approval. 29.

Action taken
 at 30.

17/10/57 be useful to no due the digipub. should
 to be 18/10/57

17C.S.O

In reply to question of Ex Comm. in memo 16. Checked with Maj. Parker. Food etc. who states no definite scale yet laid down for prison rations in the North. - Venezia Region reports scale in use is the same as was in effect previous to liberation.

It is:- Daily - Bread 500 gr. or 550 gr. of pollenta flour.

Pasta 50 gr.

Rice 16.66 "

Food meat 14. "

Fats 12. gr.

Other regions not yet reported scales in use. The Rome prison scale ration is indicated in folio 7.

afv 11/6/45

18.Executive Commissioner.

To see minute 17 above in answer to your 16.

Should I ask Mr. Reveni?
What they are winning?
11 June 45. C.S.O.

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19.Chief Staff Officer.

It is clear that we should have an overall policy for prison rations throughout Italy. Public Safety Sub-Commission should take this up with Economic Section and the Italian Government and evolve a policy without delay

M.S.L. Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

12 June 45

Executive Commissioner.

Please see folio 12. Mr. Antolini wishes to discuss at next V.P.'s meeting. His recommendation to put all prisons on Scale A is agreed to by the Italian High Commissioner for Food and Civil Affairs Section. I should have thought there was little to discuss.

du folio 9.

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Major,
C.S.O.

13 March 1945.

*VP meeting. C. Contini
Review after 2 months.*

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Major Rucchi

To L.R. 10.

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*folio 14. Can this report matter now be in alignment with 19 May 1943
& being taken up with Food & C. This follows up.*

*DR
18 May.*

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VP matter. C. G. United
Reviews after 2 months.

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Major Review

To h. m. 10.

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See page 89. From last report matter was held in abeyance until 19 May 83
& being taken up with Ford 8/5. This follows up.

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18 May

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The file is re min 12 & file 9

Signature

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 304
FOOD SUB-COMMISSION

AJP/el

26 July 1945

Tel: 476

Ref: 48-18/73/FOOD

SUBJECT: Ration Scales for Civil Prisoners

TO : Ministry of Food, Rome

1. Reference is made to your letter of 11 July.
A/V/7386.

2. The scales of rations for civil adult prisoners and miners as set out are acceptable to Allied Commission. We would suggest, however, that the scale for prison hospitals remain on the same basis as all other hospitals.

W. J. LEGO

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

Copy to:

Executive Commissioners Office
Economic Section

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(Mrs Kinsley)
(Capt Arnold)

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Ref: 4521/30/EC

23 July 1945

SUBJECT: Rations for Prisoners

TO : Economic Section

1. Reference is made to your inter-office memorandum 43-15/70/FOGD of 16 July, addressed to the Office of the Executive Commissioner.

2. This matter was referred to the Chief Commissioner, who has approved the scales laid down in your memorandum, but feels that the Italian Government should be urged to settle the dispute referred to in paragraph four.

E. Talbot

Brigadier.
Executive Commissioner.

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INTER OFFICE MEMO

AJP/el (25)

Tel: 476

16 July 45

Ref: 43-15/70/FOOD

SUBJECT: Rations for Prisoners

JUL 18 1945

FROM : Economic Section

TO : Office of the Executive Commissioner

1. Letter of 7 July, 4821/24/EC on the above Subject is reference.

2. Ration Scales, applicable in all prisons, have now been resolved by the Ministry of Food. These have been referred to Food Sub-Commission for acceptance and consist of:

Adult Healthy Prisoner

Bread	400 grams
Pasta	78.5 "
Dried Veg.	100 "
Dehyd. Soup	30 "
Olive Oil	10 "
Sugar	8.3 "
Meat	14.3 " or Cheese
Tomato Paste	4 "
Salt	15 " per day

Juvenile Delinquents in Reformatories

Bread	450 grams
Powdered Milk	50 "

Remainder, as for adults

3. In conformity with Food Sub-Commission present policy, the recommended scales will be agreed, subject to no over-riding decision by Executive Commissioner.

4. A factor which has emerged is that the Ministry of Grace and Justice has been arranging in collaboration with the Vatican, Ufficio Assistenza Convivenze, for the supply of rations to prisons. The Food Ministry has informed the Ministry of Grace and Justice that it is within the competence of the Ministry of Food only, to fix ration scales and indicate sources of supplies.

C. W. WALTON

Colonel

Chief, Supply Division

See H. 26927
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Ref: 4821/24/EO.

rel: 733

7 July 1945.

SUBJECT: Prison Rations in Italy.

TO : Economic Section.

22- With reference to letter 4821/20/EO dated 13 June 45 and your
reply dated 21 June 45, will you please advise if the policy has yet
been decided.

[Signature]
Chief Staff Officer,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Civil Affairs Section.

Capt Arnoldy spoke to Sec 12/7
Waiting reply from HQ for food

[Signature]

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See F 25

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
FOOD SUB-COMMISSION

ADP/SL

Tel: 489001 Ext. 475

29 June 45

Ref: 43-1/28/FOOD

JUN 30 1945

SUBJECT: Ration Scales - Internees

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

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

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

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

By command of Rear Admiral STONE:

W. J. Legg
W. J. LEGG
Colonel
Director, Food Sub-Commission

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Copy to:

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Economic Section
Public Health Sub-Commission
Displaced Persons Sub-Commission
Public Safety Sub-Commission
Refugee Branch
Vice President, Civil Affairs Section
Executive Commissioner
Food Sub-Commission Advanced
High Commissioner For Food
File 43-15/FOOD

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(Capt. Kennedy)
(Mr. Andrews)

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INTER OFFICE MEMO

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Tel: 476

21 June 1945

Ref: 43-15/62/FOOD

JUN 28 1945

SUBJECT: Prison Rations in Italy

FROM : Economic Section, Supply Division (20)

TO : Office of the Executive Commissioner

1. Letter 13 June, 4821/20/EC is reference.
2. The subject of an adjusted ration scale for civil prisoners has been taken up with the High Commissioner for Food. A copy of the letter is attached. (21)

Charles W. Walton
CHARLES W. WALTON
Colonel
Chief, Supply Division
Economic Section

Copy:

Public Safety Sub-Commission

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B/c 7/7/45
Hated
(Case Attorney)

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
FOOD SUB-COMMISSION

AJP/sl

25 June 45

Tel: 476

Ref: 43-15/61 /FOOD

SUBJECT: Prisoner Rations

TO : High Commissioner for Food

1. It is desired that a review be made of the ration scale for Prisoners in Penal Establishments in order that an accepted scale may be provided for all prisons throughout Italy.

2. Will you please forward your recommendation, bearing in mind that an increase in the amount of rations, particularly of flour products, will need to be provided from an adjustment of other scales, which alteration should also be indicated in your proposal.

J. Moore
W. J. LEGG
Colonel

Director, Food Sub-Commission

Copy to:

Office of Executive Commissioner
Public Safety Sub-Commission

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• ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Prison Ration Scale - Rome
Prison

FILE No. ES/8.02

TO : Executive Commissioner
Attn: Capt. Arnoldby

1 June 1945

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1. Reference your memo 4821/13/EC of 30 May 1945.
2. The above matter, ^{after discussion,} has been referred to the Italian High Commissioner of Food, who now has the matter under review and in whose responsibility the matter at present rests.

Charles W. Walton
CHARLES W. WALTON
Colonel
Deputy Chief, Supply Division
Economic Section

(Capt. Arnoldby)

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See H. 15
M. 16 to 19

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Ref: 4821/20/10.

23 June 48.

Subject: Prison Nations in Italy.

To: Civil Affairs Section (for Public Safety Sub-Commission).

The Executive Commission has ruled that an overall policy for prison nations throughout Italy should be evolved.

Would you please take this matter up with the Economic Section and the Italian Government without delay, informing this office of the policy decided upon.

B. Talbot

C.S.C.

To Executive Commission.

Copy to Economic Section.

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ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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SUBJECT: Prisoners' Ration Scales

FILE No. 4821/13/EC

TO : Economic Section

30 May

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1. Reference is made to Executive Commissioner's letter of 13 March, reference no. 4821/9/EC, regarding the above subject.

2. In following this matter up last week, this office was informed that the Food Sub-Commission were to discuss this matter with the High Commissioner for Food, who was due back in Rome around the 26th of May.

3. It would be appreciated if this office could now be informed whether any action is being taken along the lines indicated in the Executive Commissioner's letter.

W. J. T. WOLDY.

Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

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[Signature]

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Ref: 4821/9/EC.

13 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Prison Ration Scales.

TO : A/Vice President,
Economic Section.

1. I refer to your letter 43-15/32/POOD - 8.02/EE of 8 March 1945.
2. The question of assimilating the Rome prison ration scale with the ration scales in force in other prisons in Italy has been discussed on several occasions at the Vice Presidents' Meeting. It has been suggested that the Rome ration scale should be reduced (a) precipitately; (b) gradually; to bring it into line with the others.
3. The Chief Commissioner at the last discussion decided that no change should be made and that we must allow the Rome prisons to enjoy a higher scale than those in the rest of the country (see Minute 2, Minutes of Meeting held 28 December 1944).
4. I notice that the recommendation of the Italian Minister responsible for the prisons is not endorsed by you. I think it would be unwise as totally to ignore his recommendation as to reduce the Rome ration. It would, I think, lead to disorders in the jails for which the Minister and not we would be held responsible; whereas it must be remembered that we and not the Minister are responsible for fixing the ration at Scale B.
5. The Chief Commissioner's opinion in the past has been that we must abide by the anomaly and I myself would strongly advise the Italian Government to do the same, at any rate until the summer months, when it might be possible to make a gradual reduction in the ration.
6. Please bring this up at a Vice Presidents' Meeting. A copy will be sent to the Chief Commissioner.

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Chief Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

IDD/es

8 March 1945

Ref: 43-15/32/FOOD
8.02/ES

SUBJECT: Prison Ration Scales

TO : Chief Commissioner
Thru Executive Commissioner

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1. The following prison ration scales are at present in force in AMG and Italian Government territory.

a. Scale A. Official prison ration scale in effect in all territory except Rome.

1. Per day.

Bread	= 250 grams
Pasta	80 grams
Dried Vegetables	100 grams
Dehy. Soup	60 grams
Sugar	8.3 grams
Preserved Meat	14 grams
Olive Oil	10 grams

2. Caloric Value 1600/1620.

b. Scale B. Rome prison ration scale in effect in Rome only. The Rome prisons have maintained the bread scale issued prior to Allied occupation. This bread scale was sanctioned by the Regional Commissioner when he assumed control of the Region.

1.	3 Days Weekly	3 Days Weekly	Sundays
Bread	500 gr.	500 gr.	500 gr.
Pasta/Rice	83 gr.	-	83 gr.
Potatoes & Fresh Veg.	-	130 gr.	-
Fresh Veg.	40 gr.	-	-
Dried Veg.	80 gr.	-	-
Oil or Lard	-	15 gr.	-
Meat	-	-	200 gr.

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Caloric Value
Approx.

1678

1430

1743

Avg. Caloric
Value

1580/1600

See minutes 8 and
folio 9.

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2. The Minister of Grace and Justice has requested that the bread ration now applicable in Scale B (for Rome) be applied to all prisons because of the discontent caused by the better treatment accorded to prisoners in Rome jails.

3. The supply position of all rationed commodities is such that an addition to one scale can only be reflected in shortage of supply for others and for the normal consumer.

4. It is recommended:

a. that the request of the Minister of Grace and Justice be not approved,

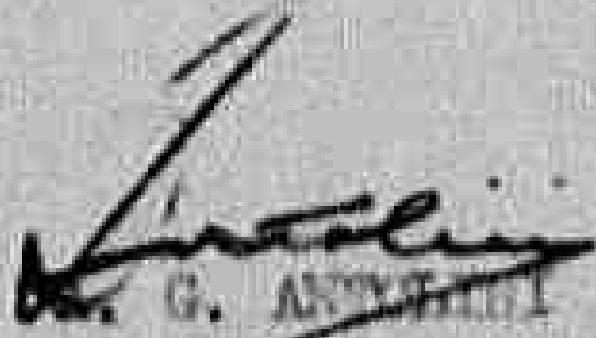
b. that Scale A official prison ration scale be made applicable to Rome prisons thereby eliminating Scale B, present Rome prison ration scale,

c. that the Civil Affairs Section request the Minister of Grace and Justice to appoint a food purchasing official for each prison to procure additional sustenance from local sources open to them and to arrange the additional finance required to implement this.

5. The recommendations a and b are concurred in by the Italian High Commissioner of Food.

6. All of the above recommendations were agreed to by Civil Affairs Section with the suggestion that prior to final decision on the recommendation the matter be discussed at a Vice Presidents' meeting.

7. It is requested that this matter be discussed at the next Vice Presidents' meeting and that the above recommendation be approved.


G. ARGYRAKIS
Acting Vice President
Economic Section

cc: Food S/1
Civil Affairs Section
Lazio-Umbria Region

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 HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
 ECONOMIC SECTION
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Ref: 43-15/20/FOOD

13 January 1945

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SUBJECT: Rations - Detainees in Police Cells

TO :	Regional Commissioner, Sicily	Region	Emilia	Region
	(Attn: Supply Officers) Sardinia	Region	Liguria	Region
	Lazio-Marche	Region	Piedmont	Region
	Abruzzi-Marche	Region	Lombardy	Region
	Toscana	Region	Venezia	Region
	Southern	Region		
	3240 5th Army AG			

3340 8th Army AG

1. Persons, whether civilian, Italian Forces personnel, including deserters or absentees, who have been arrested and are detained in Police Cells pending removal to a civil prison, or discharge, should receive food rations at the normal consumer scale, plus supplements to which the individual may be entitled.

2. Police or Carabinieri in charge should obtain food for them according to the current ration cards and documents produced by the detainees.

3. Where ration cards can not be produced the detainees should be provided with rations at the normal consumer scale.

4. The detainees may supplement the ration by purchase of uncontrolled food, or by arrangements with his relatives or friends according to the system allowed by the police authorities.

5. Arrangements for the implementation of the above should be made between the local Police and the local Alimentation Authorities.

By command of Rear Admiral STONE:

L. D. HENNINGSON
 Colonel, F.A.

Acting Deputy Chief of Staff
 Economic Section 249

Copies to:

Chief of Staff
 Civil Affairs Section
 Local Government Sub-Commission
 Public Safety Sub-Commission
 Public Health Sub-Commission
 AMB, G-5 Section
 15th Army Group, Lt. Col. Stewart
 Ministry of Agriculture & Forests
 Ministry of Grace and Justice

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 Co Sam and appropriate staff
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File (4)

Ext: 300.

SUBJECT: Rations for Prisoners in Penal Establishments.

Ref: 3615/008

TO : Economic Section (Attention: Col. Denmore)

28 December 1944.

(1)
This is to confirm telephone conversation of the Chief of Staff to you this morning drawing attention to your letter No. A3-15/15/FOOD of 16 December on this subject and the Minutes of the VP Meetings (No. 4 of 14 December and No. 2 of 21 December) in connection therewith.

(Sgd) Lt. Col. SHPP

Lt. Col.
Chief Staff Officer.

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Major Richey -

Please let me know her
latest position about her
head ration in goats.

As soon as possible.

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1st Col Shipp:

This is the latest.

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See John
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 ALLIED COMMISSION
 ECONOMIC SECTION
 A.P.O. 391

ATN/81

Tel: 515

16 December 1944

Ref: 49-15/15/FOOD

20 DEC 1944

SUBJECT: Rations for Prisoners in Penal Establishments

TO :	Regional Commissioner, Sicilia	Region	Milite	Region
	Sardegna	Region	Liguria	Region
	Southern	Region	Piemonte	Region
	Lazio-Umbria	Region	Lombardia	Region
	Abruzzi-Marche		Venezia	Region
	Toscana			
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1. The scale for inmates of civilian prisons has been revised. With effect from 1 January 1945 the following scale will be applied;

Bread	250 grams	) or variation not to exceed an) equivalent of 280 grams flour.
Pasta	80 "	
Dried Vegetables	100 "	
Dehydrated Soup	60 "	
Sugar	8.3 "	
Meat (preserved)	14 "	per day per person
Olive Oil	At the current monthly normal Consumers Scale.	

2. It should be supplemented by the prison officials by the purchase of fresh produce and other uncontrolled commodities and Alimentation Offices should assist in this respect where there are local difficulties.

For the Chief Commissioner:

A. G. AMOLINI
 Acting Deputy Chief of Staff
 Economic Section

Copies to:

Chief of Staff
 Civil Affairs Section
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 Public Safety Sub-Commission
 Public Health Sub-Commission
 A.P.O. G-5 Section
 Hq. and Lt. Col. Stewart
 Ministry of Agriculture & Forests
 Ministry of Grace and Justice

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