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November 1943 - February 1944

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1 May*

CIPHER MESSAGE IN

SIGS: 7284
IMPORTANT

TO: FREEDOM RPTD FIAMED FAISON FOR SIMMONS FARGO PERSONAL FOR
MACFARLANE ACCT PLEASE PASS 3 AND 4

FROM: MMIA

ST 72

29 Feb

=====

COL SIMMONS IN SARDINIA REPORTS AS FOLLOWS. "BETWEEN 4000 AND 5000
HORSES AND MULES OF ITALIAN FORCES IN SARDINIA ARE VIRTUALLY STARVING
TO DEATH FOR LACK OF PROPER FEEDING. ATTACHED STATEMENT SHOWS DAY BY
DAY DEATHS TOTALING 242 ANIMALS DIED BETWEEN 1 AND 17 FEB". REQUEST
YOU REPORT FARGO PERSONAL FOR MACFARLANE WITH COPY TO ME YOUR POLICY
AS TO HOW MANY ANIMALS BE MAINTAINED WITH IMPROVED FORAGE AND HOW
MANY SHOULD BE DESTROYED FOR HUMAN FOOD. WHAT QUANTITY OF WHAT KINDS
OF FORAGE ARE YOU ARRANGING TO SEND MONTHLY TO (?) SARDINIA

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SAC DISTRIBUTION ACTION

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INFO

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ACC 10/ 6(51)2

2 COPIES FOR SIGS

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L.H.

SAC/291625A

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COPY

AFHQ ADVANCED ADMINISTRATIVE ECHELON
Military Government Section, Advance
APO 400

4 February 1944

SUBJECT: Forage

TO: Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission
Attn.: Deputy Vice-President
Economic and Administrative Section

1. Reference is made to letter, Local Resources Section, AFHQ Adv. Admin. Echelon, Subject, Forage, Ref. 6/3/LR dated 4 February 1944 addressed to Hq ACC, Economic Section, APO 394.

2. Statements of availability made by ACC/AMG representatives are accepted as commitments by the services and planning for military requirements are based on these statements.

3. I believe that such statements of availability should be regarded as commitments and that, unless there are extraordinary circumstances, the oats should be released as requested.

A. I. HENDERSON,
Lt. Col., A. U. S.,
Chief, MGS Advance.

Copy to
DDST
Local Resources Section

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AFHQ ADV. ADM. ECONOMIC
LOCAL RESOURCES SECTION
C.M.P.

SUBJECT:- Forage

REF:- 6/3/IR

TO:- HQ, ACC,
ECONOMIC SECTION
AFD 394

1. At the meeting of the Forage Sub-Committee held on 21 November 1943, the AMG representative for Foggia stated that there was 8,600 tons oats surplus in that region, 5,000 of which had been earmarked for Army use.
2. It is understood from D.D.S.T. that the ACC representative at Bari is now unwilling to release for Army use the remaining surplus of 3,600 tons.
3. This surplus is urgently required for military use as planning for military requirements has been based on the figure of availability (8,600 tons) given by the AMG representative.
4. It would be appreciated if you would treat this matter as urgent and arrange for the necessary instructions to be issued to permit of the release of the 3,600 tons of oats required.

4 FEBRUARY 1944

[Signature]
for LIEUT. COLONEL,
A.Q.M.G.,
LOCAL RESOURCES SECTION.

Copy to:- DDST (Your 4028/ST1
of 2/2/44 refers)
— MGS (Adv)

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SJBL/WGM

HEADQUARTERS PENINSULAR BASE SECTION

1 FEBRUARY 1944

RESTRICTED

ROUTINE

TO (ACTION) : CG PDS
(INFORMATION) : NOV-PORT COMMANDANT
FROM : FLAMBO ST
DATE TIME SIGNED : 011646A
DATE TIME REC'D : 011907A
REF NR : NONE
CITE : NONE

ST/13061 FORAGE. 420 TONS BARLEY PORT DEANSLAKE 180 TONS BARLEY EMPIRE
SOUTHEY DUE FEB 7 WILL BE CONSIGNED TO AMERICAN DEPOT.

INFO. - TRANS O
QM
AMG HQS
MGS ADV ✓
SECY
C.G.
G-4

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HEADQUARTERS PENINSULAR BASE SECTION

24 JANUARY 1944

RESTRICTED

..RESTRICTED

..ROUTINE

TO (ACTION) : CG PBS FOR FARGO

(INFORMATION) : NONE

FROM : SIGNED CINC

DATE TIME SIGNED : 221032A

DATE TIME REC'D : 231616A

REF. NR. : 41733

CITE : FBAGS (REFERENCE YOUR 6109 OF 13 JANUARY CITE FARGO 266)

GOVERNOR MALTA MUCH REGRETS NOT POSSIBLE MAKE AVAILABLE HAY AS IS PROCEEDING
CYPRUS.

ACTION:

INFO. : AMG HQS
MGS ADV
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C O P Y

Subject:- Forage.

AFHQ A. Admin. Ech.,
D. M. F.
Tel. Ext: 162
4028/ST1

24 Jan 44.

D.D.S.T., 2 District.

Copy to:- G.4. (with copy of ST/4070/9)

Reference ST 4070/9 dated 21 Jan 44.

1. The matter has already been take up by G.4 and steps have been taken to prevent its recurrence

Brigadier,
D.D.S.T.

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C O P Y

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C O P Y

Subject:- Forage.

H. No 2 District CMF
ST/4070/9

D.D.S.T.,
AFHQ Adv. Admin. Ech.

21 Jan 44.

It has been brought to the notice of this office that U.S.A. Forces are bringing loose Tibben direct from farms and are paying individual farmers in cash a considerable amount more than the figure laid down by AMB. Lorries are known to have travelled more than 150 miles to collect this Tibben, loading falling as low as $\frac{1}{2}$ ton per vehicle.

It has been ascertained that the area of FOGGIA has been recced by a Major CONVIN on order of a Lt. Col HILL of APO 528 c/o P.M. NY-NY.

British and American soldiers have been reported to have taken baled Tibben from station platforms for use as bedding.

May this matter have your attention please?

T00...1545A.....

R.W. SMITH, Lt.Col.,
for Colonel.,
D.D.S.T.

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C O P Y

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CLEAR MESSAGE IN

C O P Y

6400

US SECRET

TO : CG AFHQ ADV A COL HARVEL

FROM : MANNING CITE P-33-A

XV2632

24 *Jan*

INVESTIGATION REVEALS THAT STRAW PURCHASED BY 62 SERVICE GROUP
AT CERIGNOLA AND HAULED TO MANDURIA BY 1967 QUARTERMASTER
TRUCK WAS PURCHASED AT 300 AND 350 LIRE PER TRUCK LOAD. ESTIMATE
EACH TRUCK LOAD TO WEIGH 1 TON. NO PUBLICATION HAS EVER BEEN SEEN
THIS AREA SETTING FORTH CONTROLLED PRICE OF STRAW. PERSONAL CONTACT
WITH COMMISSION YIELDED INFORMATION THAT CONTROLLED PRICE FOR
BALED STRAW IS 200 LIRE PER 220 LBS. YOUR COMPLAINT REGARDING EXCESSIVE
PAYMENT IS THEREFORE NOT UNDERSTOOD

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C O P Y

CENTRAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE
ROUTING SLIP

TO:	1944 INITIALS
_____ Lt. Col. Henderson	_____
_____ Lt. Col. Merrill	_____
① _____ Lt. Col. Legg	_____ <u>HL</u>
_____ Lt. Col. Reiter	_____
_____ Lt. Col. Herrmann	_____
_____ Major Smallwood	_____
_____ Major Todd	_____
_____ Capt. Plummer	_____
_____ Capt. Northland	_____
_____ Capt. Curran	_____
_____ Capt. Morse	_____
_____ Capt. Austin	_____
_____ Lt. Shanley	_____

_____ Spt. Collins

FOR: _____

_____ --- ACTION ---

_____ Coordinate with _____

_____ & Take ACTION.

① _____ Info and retain.

_____ Info and return.

_____ Read and see me.

_____ See me, with all info.

② _____ File

_____ Circulate to All.

_____ Prepare reply my signature

REMARKS:

Initials _____

HEADQUARTERS PENINSULAR BASE SECTION

19 JANUARY 1944

CLEAR

ROUTINE

TO (ACTION) : FREEDOM
(INFORMATION) : MIDEAST , PBS
FROM : PLAMEO
DATE TIME SIGNED : 181755
DATE TIME REC'D : 1901300
REF. NR. : ST/10319
CITE : FHODT

PORAGE. MAY BARLEY BE CRUSHED BEFORE SHIPMENT IF POSSIBLE.

INFO : G-4
: QH
: HGS ADV
: ANG # 3
: C.G.
: SECY.

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CIVIL SUPPLY COMMITTEE

To:

- AMG/IV REGION (Supply)
- AMG/III Region (Supply)

Copy to: HQ., AMG/15 Army Group
- FLAMBO., P.G.S.-AGV.,
- AMG/8th Army

19th December, 1943.

ONTS FOR NAPLES PROVISION.

Out of a total of some 8,600 tons of oats assigned in the Forain area, 5000 tons have been made available to the Allied armies for purchase through their agents and acting within the allocations made by D.S.S.T. (Allied Force Headquarters Administrative Memorandum No. 84 refers).

34 This leaves a balance of some 3,600 tons for civil needs within the Forain area and for export to other Regions against allocation. Out of this civilian reserve (from which allocations are made strictly on a proportional basis) an allotment of 200 tons is hereby authorized in favour of Region III, who - unless otherwise received from them to the contrary, are considered as having appointed the Consorzio Agrario of Naples to handle the consignment and to hold it for disposal through the Provincial Food Board against orders of supply and Economics Division of Region III.

/Lt.Col. Civil Supply Committee.

CIVIL SUPPLY COMMITTEE

CEC/207/

8/3
RMS

To:

A.C.C. Adv. Command Post.

Copies to: HQ, AMO/13 Army Group

- A.C.C. Adv. (for AMO-Adv. Adv. Echelon)

- AMO/Region IV (Supplies & Agriculture)

19th December, 1943.

S I R .

Reference your letter AMO/13 of 10th December enclosing copy of a communication from the "Militarisation" Organization in your Region:

1. The Italian Army's requirements of straw from Sicily area and from Sardinia must be made known to the Director of Supplies and Transport, Allied Force Headquarters - AMO, AMO Echelon (A.P. 121), who is responsible for co-ordinating requirements with local availabilities.

2. The usual procurement of the straw - if allocated - will properly be a matter for the Italian Army's agents.

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M. Coy.

Civil Supply Committee.

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A. F. H. Q., ADV. ADM. ECHELON
LOCAL RESOURCES SECTION.

SUBJECT :- Cattle Feed.

Ref:- 6/3/LR.

18 Dec 1943.

M.G.S. (Adv) (2).

1. Reference letter of 8th Dec 43 from Civil Supply Committee.
2. It has been decided that the demands of the Allied Forces for compressed cattle feed are insufficient to warrant the operation of the factory at BARLETTA solely for military requirements.
3. It is however possible that small quantities of this product might be required from time to time as an emergency ration, and it would therefore be appreciated if you could state whether the factory in question will be producing for civilian needs and whether, should the necessity arise, it would be possible for small quantities to be made available for military requirements.

CMF.
SJBL/Fb.

[Signature]
4115
Lt. Col.,
A. Q. M. G.
Local Resources Section.

*Copy sent
CSC/KC
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AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon
CIT

46/1/0

15 Dec 43

To: Fifth Army
Near Eighth Army
Br. Increment Fifth Army
Near 10 Corps
CG, IES
No. 2 District
DST
AMG 15 Army Group M.M.I.A.

Reference AFHQ Administrative Memorandum No. 84 dated 5 Dec 43., copies of which have been circulated to branches concerned at this HQ., and in amplification of this HQ letter 46/1/0 of 26 Nov 43.

1. The policy for the control of forage on the Italian mainland will be brought into line with the procedure at AFHQ as laid down in the administrative Memorandum above quoted.

2. The Deputy Director of Supplies and Transport, AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon, will be responsible for the co-ordination of all British and US requirements of forage for military purposes throughout the Italian mainland.

3. The following detailed instructions will be observed in order to implement this policy.

4. FORAGE SCALING

Forage Scales which are common both to US and British animals, have already been circulated under this HQ letter 4028/STI of 6 Dec 43.

5. LOCAL RESOURCES

DIST will exploit the local resources of forage to the fullest extent possible. A Forage Purchasing Board has already been set up under this HQ letter 46/1/0 of 26 Nov 43. DIST will co-ordinate all activities of this Board and will call for such returns as are necessary from the members of the Purchasing Board.

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relative Memorandum above quoted.

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6. SHORT TERM DEMANDS

- (a) Eighth Army will demand forage under the same procedure ^{copy to 14 B.P.O.} ~~4028/STI~~ ^{DEST this HQ letter} 4028/STI of 6 Dec 43. is now employed for other supplies.
- (b) 10 Corps will submit demands for forage on DEST ^{copy to 14 B.P.O.} ~~this HQ letter~~ ^{DEST this HQ letter} 4028/STI of 6 Dec 43. ten daily periods, seven days in advance.
- (c) DEST will notify PES of the amounts to be released to 10 Corps from stocks held by PES.
- (d) PES will meet demands for US forces in the normal way.

7. FORAGE REPORTS

- (a) PES will submit their animal status and forage stock status to DEST, together with their estimated requirements for a ten daily period, 35 days in advance.
- (b) DEST will submit demands similarly to DEST, copy to DEST HQ, 2 District, in respect of the Italian Army.

/2.....(c).....

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(c) DEST will co-ordinate all information in regard to stocks, local resources and estimated consumption; and submit his forage import demand accordingly, at the normal ten daily forage meeting.

8. TRANSFER OF STOCKS WITHIN ITALY.

DEST in conjunction with Mov, will arrange transfer of stocks of forage within Italy, as demands necessitate.

9. HOLDING OF FORAGE

(a) All forage, collected or imported, on the West Coast will be held by P.F.S. & their Depots.

(b) DEST will arrange holding of all forage on the East coast.

DIC/AEM

Major General
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

Copy to:-
AFHQ
G-4
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MGS Adv
Local Resources Section
V & R

DIC/AEM

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MESSAGE IN

SIGS/7493

TO: MMIA RPTD FLAMBO

FROM: FILPOT FROM AMG

FA 473

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REF YOUR Q 162 DEC 10 . SEE OUR FA 456 DEC 11 . ACTION IS FLAMBO'S

SMC/DISTRIBUTION: ACTION:
INFO:

MGS (ADV) ✓
MMIA (LO)

SMC/122220A

L.H.

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SUBJECT :- FORAGE.

AFHQ ADV ADM ECHELON.
CMF.
46/179.

12 DEC 43.

COPY TO :- AMG 15 ARMY GROUP.
MOS ADV
S.T.

REFERENCE YOUR SIGNAL Q 136 OF 6 DEC.

THIS QUESTION WAS DISCUSSED WITH MAJOR CANN DURING
HIS VISIT TO THIS H.Q. ON 11 DEC AND THE SITUATION WAS
EXPLAINED VERBALLY TO HIM.

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BRIGADIER.
D.O.M.G.

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ARMY FORM C2128 (Pads of 100).

MESSAGE FORM

SIGS NO. 7466

Serial No. 815
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TO MILITARY MISSION TO ITALIAN ARMY RPTD FLAMBO
RPTD ^{AMG REGION} ~~AMG REGION~~ 4 ADV } BY ELS FROM AMG 15 ARMY GP

FROM FILPOT FROM AMG

Originator's Number
FA456

Date
11

In Reply to Number

REFERENCE YOUR Q136 6 DEC AND AQ/18/1 SAME DATE AM SENDING LETTER
FLAMBO FOR ACTION AMG FOGGIA FOR INFO IN VIEW ~~EST~~ ESTABBLISHMENT
BY LOCAL RESOURCES BOARD OF COMBINED FORAGE PURCHASING COMMISSION
NOW OPERATING FOGGIA MATERA.

SMC DIST ACTION Q
INF MGS(ADV)✓

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T.O.R.

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IMPORTANT

MESSAGE IN

SIGS NO 6164

*for
3015*

TO: AMG 15 ARMY GROUP RPTD FLAMBO

FROM: MMIA

Q162

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Dea

REF OUR AQ/18/1 OF 6 AND Q136 OF 6. MAY REPLY PLEASE BE
GIVEN AS MATTER IS URGENT

SMC DIST. ACTION MCS (ADV)
INFO Q. ST.

SMC/TOR/111025/CHS

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*10/10/47
Mg. M. Linn
states the Brig.
DuShane was here
yesterday + was given
the answer for*

Reference msg Q136 of 6 Dec in Forage File, your desk

AUP/R/8

10 December 1943

SUBJECT: STRAW SUPPLY

TO: M.G.S. Adv.

FLAMBO

For CIVIL SUPPLIES COMMITTEE

The attached copy of a letter from the Alimentazione here, is forwarded for your observation.

The supply of straw was considered adequate for the needs of civilian population but the request for the Italian Armed Forces is considered reasonable.

Copy cse/
[Signature]
Lt. Col.
C.P.L.O.
Adv. Cmd. Post
A.C.C.

4108

TRANSLATION

DEC 8 1943

SUBJECT:- STRAW SUPPLY TO THE ITALIAN ARMED FORCES

Among the products needed by the Italian Armed Forces much importance is carried by straw, used to sleep on by the Troops beside as food and bedding for the Animals.

Such product is available only in limited quantities in the Provinces of Lecce, Brindisi, Taranto and Bari, where often it is not sufficient for the needs of the farmers themselves which use it mostly for animal food; there is a big surplus, however, in the Provinces of Foggia (over one million quintals) and Matera.

I request, therefore, to examine the possibility of authorizing the withdrawal of such product particularly from the Province of Foggia, which has available a greater quantity and where a large part of straw will be lost, if it will not be arranged for its utilization.

In fact, in this harvest, there have been very few withdrawals of straw, which, in the past years, was sent to Northern Italy or used by the Paper Factory of Foggia, presently inactive due to the known war happenings which have caused its destruction.

Waiting for a benevolent response, I am thanking for what will be done about the matter.

SIGNED

GEN R M CAMERA

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SIGNED

GEN R M CAMERA

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by

CIVIL SUPPLY COMMITTEE.

8th December, 1943.

To:

The Joint Secretaries,
Local Resources (Italian) Board,
AFHQ., through M.G.S-Adv. (Major Todd).

CATTLE FEED FACTORY.

Information has been received from the Supplies Section of the ACC Organization in Brindisi regarding a cattle feed factory in Barletta (No. 4 Via Trani). The factory, which is known by the name Stabilimento Mancini Composti, is new and has a production capacity of 400 tons per month. It stopped working three months ago because of lack of materials.

2. The following materials are needed to produce a monthly output of 400 tons:

- 1) 200 tons of Bran;
- 2) 3 tons of Soya flour
- 3) 3 tons of "Crisalidi" flour
- 4) 100 tons of carrub husks
- 5) 50 tons of Maize flour ("farina extra germe di granone")
- 6) 5 tons of Maize "cake"
- 7) 2 1/2 tons of Salt ("pastorizio")
- 8) 40 tons of Molasses or other Binder (100 tons at present on hand).

3. Bran is scarce and difficult to obtain due to the fact that relatively small quantities of wheat are now being milled on the main-land and much wheat as is milled here for flour contains the maximum amount of bran.

4. You may wish to transmit this information to the Forage Committee which, it is understood, is engaged now in preparing a final report on its findings prior to dissolving. In the event that the Armies should not be interested in operating the factory direct, this Committee will consider recommending its reactivation for civilian needs.

2. The following materials are monthly output of 400 tons:

- 1) 200 tons of Bran;
- 2) 3 tons of Soya flour
- 3) 3 tons of "Crisalidi" flour
- 4) 100 tons of carrub husks
- 5) 60 tons of Maize flour ("farina extra germe di Granone")
- 6) 6 tons of Maize "cake"
- 7) 2 1/2 tons of Salt ("pastorizio")
- 8) 40 tons of Molasses or other Binder (100 tons at present on hand).

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C. J. Marshall Lt. Col. 4103
Chairman Civil Supply Committee.

Copy to HQ/AMG. IV Army Group.

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ARMY FORM C2128. (Pads of 100).

MESSAGE FORM SIGS.No.1447

Serial No. *Jan 1955*

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TO AMG 15 ARMY GROUP FLAMBO

FROM

FROM MILITARY MISSION TO ITALIAN

Originator's Number

ARMY(Q 136

Date

06

In Reply to Number

ITALIAN ARMY REQUESTS AMG AUTHORITY LOCAL PURCHASE FORAGE FOGGIA
AND MATERA AREA FOLLOWING MONTHLY AMOUNT IN TONS. OATS 1620 HAY
621 STRAW 2420. WILL FLAMBO PLEASE CLARIFY WHETHER MAXIMUM ALLOTMENT
STATED IN 46/1/Q DATED 30 NOV IS AFTER DEDUCTING AVAILABILITY OF LOCAL
SUPPLIES.

SMC.

DISTRIBUTION.

ACTION.

MGS

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INFORMATION.

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062240A/HVL.

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Subject: Fodder

SUP/R/26

M.G.S. ADV

Flambo

for Civil Supplies Committee

1. The following information regarding a cattle feed factory operated by the Stabilimento Mancini Composti, Barletta, Via Trani No 4 is forwarded for information.

The production per month is 400 ton. The factory is now, stopped operating 3 months ago, because of lack of material. There is no stock on hand.

The following material is needed to produce

400 Ton per Month:

- 1) 200 ton of Bran
- 2) 3 ton of "Farina di soia" (Italia Settentrionale)
- 3) 3 ton of "Farina di crisalidi" (Aurelia)
- 4) 100 ton of "Polpe di carrube" (Apulia)
- 5) 60 ton of "Farina extra grasse di Granone (Mais)
(Italia Settentrionale)
- 6) 6 ton "Pancello di Granone"
- 7) 2½ ton of "sale pastorizio" (Mergherita di Savoy-Poggia)
- 8) 40 ton of "Melasso" (travale) or any other "binder which
may be made from by-products of flour milling etc.
There are 100 ton of this produce on hand.

2. Bran is almost impossible to obtain because practically all the wheat is now used for bread making.

The Army, may, however, be interested in operating this plant.

for Thorne Capt
Lt. Col.

A.U.S.

G.L.O.

A.G.V.

4103

Original handed to Capt Austin
HC

HEADQUARTERS,
A.M.G., REGION III.
AGRICULTURAL SECTION.

TO: A.D.S.T.,
57 Base Area.

29 November, 1943.

SUBJECT: Bran.

In reply to yours SF 221 of the 28th November.
The answer is Nil.

Flour only has been imported here, and in spite of strong representations that wheat should be substituted just as soon as possible, at any rate in part, none has yet arrived.

I understand that some portion of the supply will be wheat, coming in early in the new year.

Local needs for feeding livestock are vastly in excess of the small quantities of bran remaining at our occupation.

There is still a quantity of bran at the Madoloni Factory under 5th Army, although some, which was going mouldy had been released for civil consumption.

Finally it would seem from the Minutes circulated at the Forage Committee Meeting recently, that all requirements of forage should be dealt with through this Committee.

Douglas Kennedy

4104

D.O. DOUGLAS KENNEDY.
Major R.A. 1/c.

Copy to: Chief of Staff (together with copy of A.D.S.T., 57 Area
letter SF 221, dated 25 Nov 43.)

Forage Purchasing Board, C/o A.F.H.Q. Adv.

Major Todd, PLAMBO (for information)

Subject - Forage. -----

15 Army Group
Fifth Army
Main Eighth Army
Rear Eighth Army
Peninsular Base Section
No. 2 District.

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AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon.
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26 Nov. 43.

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4. From the above figures it will be seen that the total tibben requirement is 4500 tons. It can be met from local resources but that some 8000 tons of grain will have to be imported before next season's crop is available. Every effort will be made to reduce this import figure by the maximum use of local resources.

5. Most of the grain referred to in para. 2 above is amassed in warehouses but most of the hay and tibben is scattered in small quantities around farms in the FOGGIA area. There is also a certain quantity of hay, tibben and straw in the P.B.S. area.

6. The first essential is to initiate action for the collection and purchase by the Army of all available forage, and for this purpose a Joint Purchasing Forage Board has been set up. This Board will be composed as under -

An Officer to be detailed by DPMFPC

An Officer to be detailed by CG P.B.S.

Representative of the COMUSMACV to be detailed by HQ MAC 15 Army Group.

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7. The terms of reference of this Board which will function in two sections - an Eastern Section under DDST FLAMBO and a Western Section under CG P.B.S. - are as follows -

(a) To proceed immediately to identify and reserve for military purpose all forage in their respective areas which is surplus to civil requirements.

(b) To arrange for this forage to be purchased and moved to selected central storehouses which should be rail served if possible. The transport for the move of the forage to these central sites should be provided by the farmer owners.

(c) The purchase prices will not exceed those laid down by MGS (Adv) from time to time.

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(e) To ensure that all forage purchased is regarded as a common user item and that stocks whether in Eastern or Western Italy are made available to both Armies according to their requirements.

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For J.P.S. and

*Major-General.
D/C.A.O.*

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22 Nov 43

AMHQ LOCAL RESOURCES (ITALIAN) BOARD

Further to PLAMBO 59/2/2 dated 12 Nov 43, Chairmen have now been nominated for sub-committees as follows:-

Forage Sub-Committee - DQM PLAMBO, Brig R.M.J. GORDIE, OBE.
Wages Sub-Committee - Lt-Col D.H. LAWLEY, (O-4 Section)
Engineering Materials - Col. D.L. ABERNETHY, (DOW PLAMBO)
Sub-Committee

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A.F.H.G. LOCAL RESOURCES (ITALIAN) BOARD.

Minutes of a meeting of the Forage Sub-Committee held
at FLABCO on 21 Nov 43.

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Present : D.Q.M.G. FLABCO Chairman
D.D.S.T. "
Reps. Eighth Army
No. 2 District
P.S.S.

A.M.G. (All regions and 15 Army Group).
P.M.M. Seventh Italian Army.

1. From figures given for Service requirements it was evident that there was a lack of uniformity in scales in which requirements had been estimated. To overcome this it was agreed that Services concerned would report as follows to HQ FLABCO :-

- (a) No. of animals for whom forage is required at present time.
- (b) Similar information for max. build-up of animals, and an estimate of date by which this build-up would be reached.

This information to be supplied by :-

P.D.S. for U.S. requirements.

D.D.S.T. for British requirements (incl 10 Corps).

P.M.M. for Total Italian Military requirements.

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These figures in conjunction with an agreed forage scale to be obtained from A.F.H.G. would enable FLABCO to estimate individual service requirements.

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2. A.B.H.G. reps gave details of availabilities within their regions. These availabilities were all in excess of civil requirements. There were available :-

(a) MATHEA 1,000 tons oats.

(b) APULIA (SARL only) 800 tons oats. (offset by a demand from Italian Army.

(c) NAPLES. Stocks available have all been bought up. But at MADDELONI there was about 2,300 tons of a patent food, EMERONA which could be used for animals on a ration of 7-11 lbs/day. The plant had been damaged but there were 5-600 tons of raw materials. All stock had been frozen by Fifth Army.

(d) FOGGIA.

Oats. 8,600 tons (3,000 tons earmarked for Army).
 Straw. 40,000-50,000 tons (still on farms).
 Beans. 2,000 tons (a proportion only suitable).

The rep from FOGGIA stated that the enemy was destroying everything as he withdrew and that we could not expect to find any reserves in front of present line. The rep from Fifth Army A.B.H.G. corroborated this. A.B.H.G. reps also gave details of prices in their regions. There appeared to be wide variations and it was agreed that A.B.G. E.M.M. should obtain the official rates.

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3. Since FOCGIA was obviously the main source of supply, allotment on a regional basis was not possible. Hence "Q" FIAMSO would have to make bulk allotments as outlined in para (1.) above.
4. Since FOCGIA had to be the main source of supply it was evident that a Central Allied Board would have to be set up for purchasing forage, in that area. Lt-Col J.L. Prescott of the Local Resources (Italian) Board agreed to work out the composition of the board.
5. Rep A.M.S. 15 Army Group asks that consideration should be given to the possibility of moving surpluses from one region to meet deficiencies in another region, it was agreed that M.G.S. FIAMSO would look into this.

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AFRIC LOCAL RESOURCES (ITALIAN) BOARD

Meeting of the Forage Sub-Committee

Held at PLAMBO on 21 November

AGENDA

1. To investigate total service requirements.
 - (a) At the present time.
 - (b) In the future.
2. To investigate available resources. 4100
 - (a) Quantities
 - (b) Location
 - (c) Prices.
3. To recommend basis of allotment, if possible on a territorial basis.
4. To make recommendations for form and composition of Purchase Boards, either on:
 - (a) A regional basis.
 - (b) A Central Allied Board

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Eight Army.	Adv HQ AMC.	C.M.F.
No 2 District	ESTO. Amended to read DDST.	59/1/0.
C.G. P.B.S.	DDL	12 Nov, 43.
AMG 15 Army G.	H.G. Sec. ✓	

1. Reference this HQ 59/2/2 dated 12 Nov, 43.
2. The Forage Sub Committee as constituted in para 3 of the above quoted letter will meet at this HQ on 21 Nov, 43, at 15.00 hrs in the Conference Room. 4098

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Deputy Chief Administrative Officer.

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ARMY WILL NEED LARGE QUANTITY OF FORAGE FOR MULES IMMEDIATELY. IN THE
ABSENCE OF LOCAL RESOURCES BOARD YOU WILL CONTACT PROPER SOURCES IN
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