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AQ/2/3 - NAAFI & EFI - Supplies
Opened January 20, 1944 - Closed July 28, 1944

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TO AAI AND MMIAO

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MESSAGE CLN EFI SUPPLIES FOR ITALIAN MILITARY
BT
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Subject: Payment for Ord Supplies to Italian
Ministry of War.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ MMIA
R O M B
AQ/2/3. —

26 Jul 44

MMIA LO. HQ No.2 District

Further to AQ/2/3 dated 20 Jul 44.

1. In accordance with instructions from HQ AAI, you will arrange for the Ministry of War to be refunded the amount already paid for shaving brushes and razors received from 500 A.S.D.

2. No cash payment will be made for ORD supplies. But instead the following procedure will be adopted :-

- (a) The Senior Italian Officer will sign the receipt on behalf of the Ministry of War.
- (b) List of stores, showing price, together with the receipt will be forwarded through ORD channels to Financial Advisor, HQ AAI.

J. Bird, Capt

J. BIRD Capt.
For Lt. Col. A.A. & C.M.G.
Army Sub Commission, ACC

JB/bh

Copy to: HQ AAI (your 2049/12/42
dated 24 Jul refers)
HQ 500 AOD (ref HQ AAI OBD1/2083/1(206)
dated 20 Jul 44)
Ministry of War (AQ/2/3 dated 13 Jul 44)

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Subject: Caustic Potash for Shaving Soap.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ MMIA.
R O M E.
AQ/2/3.

27 Jul 44

MINISTRY OF WAR

Ref your 3422/C dated 1 Jul 44.

1. The Industry Sub Commission are unable to make a release of Caustic Potash, as no sufficient supply is available.
2. Moreover, in order to produce the greatest volume of soap both for military and civilian requirements, it is intended to manufacture only one type of soap of good quality.
3. Shaving soap is not included in the program, and it is regretted therefore that Caustic Potash cannot be made available for this purpose.

104 ref

JB/hh

J. BIRD Capt.
For Major General.
Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
(MMIA) .

Subject:- Payment for Ord Supplies to Italian
Ministry of War.

HQ AAI,
C.M.F.

20/9/12/Q2.

24 July 44.

Army Sub Commission (MIA),
ACC Building,
ROME.

Reference is made to conversation Liout-Colonel
Noakes - Capt. Disley, 23 July, 44, regarding the recent
release of shaving brushes and razors from Ordnance to
the Italian Ministry of War.

Will you please have the issue of these stores
recorded as laid down in this HQ signal, Q 2877 dated
15 July, 44, and arrange for the Italian Ministry of War
to be refunded the amount already paid for these articles.

John Disley, Capt
Major-General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

Copy to:- Ord
APA.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INDUSTRY SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

WJM/ejc

Tel. 782

23 July 1944

Ref. ACC/5579/IND

SUBJECT: Soap Manufacture

TO : Army Subcommittee

1. Your AQ/2/3 of 4 July 44 refers.

2. A source of supply of Caustic Potash sufficient for the purpose mentioned is not known to this Subcommittee. In any case, to conserve fatty acids and thus to produce the greatest volume of soap for toilet and laundry ~~needs~~ for military as well as civilian needs, only one quality of good, yellow soap is scheduled to be manufactured under this Subcommittee's 'Program of Soap Production in Liberated Italy'.

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John S. Koenig
ROBERT P. KOENIG,
Colonel, C. E.,
Director,
Industry Subcommittee.

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Hoyw 61d
File
See Folio 233
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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE
Divisione Vestiario - equipaggiamento

N. 15871 di prot.

P. M. 107, li 23 7 1946

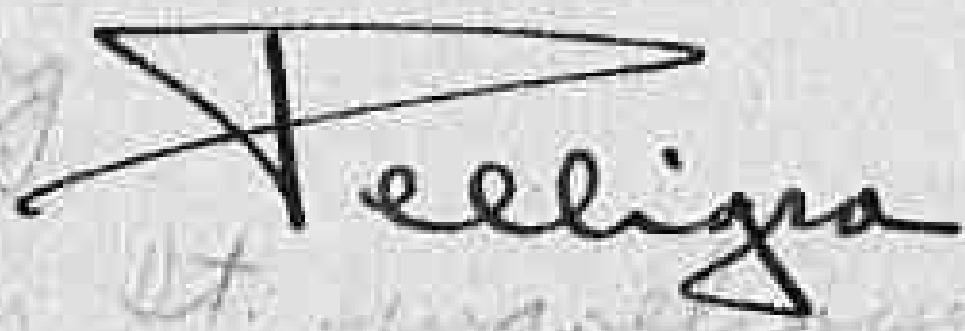
Risposta al foglio N. _____ del _____ Carte annesse _____

OGGETTO: Articoli per toilette.

Al L'ARMJ SUB COMMISSION = MAIN HQ = MMIA
R O M A

In esito alla richiesta verbale in data odierna, si trasmettono gli uniti due specchi dai quali risultano distintamente per il C.I.L. e le rimanenti truppe italiane, gli articoli per toilette esistenti attualmente nei magazzini italiani, nonchè il fabbisogno mensile previsto per le due esigenze stesse.

PEL MINISTRO


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Stores and requirements of Toilet
CONSISTENZA E FABBISOGNO GENERI PER TOILETTE *for it.*

PER IL R.ESERCITO

Siecc

ITEM Denominazione del materiale	Forza R.E.	Fabbisogno mens.	Esistenza			
			Bari	Lecce	Napoli	To
<i>safety razor</i> Rasoi sicurezza	346928	350 (1)	415	418	343	1
<i>blades</i> Lamette per barba	346928	1734640(2)	-	16000	6000	220
<i>hair clipper</i> Macchinette per capelli	346928	350(3)	-	-	-	-
<i>shaving soap</i> Sapone da barba	346928	ql1 111(4)	-	-	-	-
" comune <i>common soap</i>	346928	" 1130(5)	q.4700(7)	-	-	47
<i>tooth powder</i> Dentifrici	346928	346928(6)	20000	-	-	200
Pennelli per barba	346928	350 (1)	-	-	-	-

- (1) 1 per mille *1 per 1000*
- (2) 5 al mese per uomo *5 a month to each man*
- (3) una volta tanto *once in while*
- (4) gr.30 per uomo *30 gr. to each man*
- (5) gr.300 per uomo più supplemento per cuccinieri, rancieri e autieri
- (6) un tubetto per uomo *1 tube per man*
- (7) di cui 4500 in corso di fabbricazione *4500 are being made*

requiere *Cante* *as* *Tashat* *Stile*
for *St. Army*

GENO GENERI PER TOILETTE
ERCITO

Specchio A

Stocks

	E s i s t e n z a			
	Bari	Lecce	Napoli	Totale
)	415	418	343	1176
)	-	16000	6000	22000
)	-	-	-	-
)	-	-	-	-
)	q.4700(7)	-	-	4700
)	20000	-	-	20000
)	-	-	-	-

each man

minieri, rancieri e autieri

which
made

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Stocks & requirements of Toiletries for E.A.L.

CONSISTENZA E FABBISOGNO GENERI PER TOILETTE
PER IL C.I.L.

ITEM Denominazione del materiale	Forza C.I.L.	Fabbiso- gno mens.	Esistenza			Quant. disponibile
			Bari	Lecco	Napoli	
<i>Safety razor</i> Rasoi sicurezza	23378	23 (2)	(1)	(1)	(1)	
<i>blade</i> Lamette per barba	23378	116890(3)				23
<i>hair clipper</i> Macchinette per capelli	23378	100(4)				
<i>shaving soap</i> Sapone da barba	23378	q.li 7(5)				23
" comune <i>toilet soap</i>	23378	" 85(6)				23
<i>tooth powder</i> Dentifrici	23378	23378(7)				1
<i>shaving brush</i> Pennelli per barba	23378	23 (8)				1

- (1) I quantitativi esistenti sono stati segnalati con lo specchio a)
- (2) 1 per mille *1 per 1000*
- (3) 5 al mese per uomo *5 a month per man*
- (4) Una volta tanto *once in a while*
- (5) gr.30 per uomo *30 gr. per man*
- (6) " 300 per uomo *300 per man* - *fabbisogno per quadrupedi* - *300 per man & woman requirements of cat*
- (7) 1 tubetto al mese per uomo
- (8) 1 per mille *1 per 1000* *tubo a month per man*

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Stores & requirements of Toilet for C.I.L.

ESISTENZA E FABBISOGNO GENERI PER TOILETTE
PER IL C.I.L. Specchio B

Forza C.I.L.	Fabbiso- gno mens.	E s i s t e n z a			Quant. dis
		Bari	Lecce	Napoli	
378	23 (2)	(1)	(1)	(1)	23500
378	116890(3)				
378	100(4)				23500
378	q.11 7(5)				23000
378	" 85(6)				11770
378	23378(7)				11770
378	23 (8)				

si sono stati segnalati con lo specchio a)
*on hand from the
unfamiliar situation*
300 per man
requirements of
1000

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Subject: Soap.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main Hq IDIA.
R C M E.
AQ/2/3.

22 Jul 44

MINISTRY OF WAR

S. M. R. E.

1. It is reported that no deliveries of soap have been made to C.I.L. since 15 Jun 44.
2. You are requested to arrange for the immediate despatch of supplies and at the same time inform this Hq reason for non-delivery.

J. H. C. Maj.
Major General.
Army Sub Commission, A.C.C. 230

FAC/hh

U. S. A. I.
ORDNANCE BRANCH

1/2083/1 (206).

SUBJECT: Issues to Italians

O.O.O. 500 A.O.D.

Copy to "G" Branch (ref 2042/12/42 dated 4 Jul. 44)
Army Sub Commission A.O.D. ✓ ref. your 14/2/5 and 13 Jul. 44
paras 6 & 7.

MMIA LO No. 2 District.

Further to this office even reference (173) dated 5 Jul. 44.

1. It has now been decided by the staff that payment will not be made for the items of ordnance supply but that the issue will be made in the normal manner and recorded.

2. Will you please arrange issue and will record of this address please issue instructions accordingly.

RB/JSI.
In the Field.

Brigadier, D. D. O. S.

SUBJECT: Drawing of razor blades and
brushes from ORO.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ MMIA

ROME

AQ/ 2/3
20 Jul 44.

To: MMIA LO
HQ No. 2 District.

1. Herewith are Prepayment Vouchers from 500 A.O.D.
2. You will already have been informed that Prepayment is NOT correct and that payment will be made through the Financial Adviser.

Tvs. FJN.

F. J. Noam
Lt. Col.
A.A. & Q.M.G.
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

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ARMY FORM C2136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

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Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM
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Originator

Date-Time of Origin

OFFICE DATA STAMP

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For Action

TO

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HQ AAI for C
Hq AAI for ORD
500 100

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

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Originator's No.

AL 17 09 Restricted(*) Subject is ~~frank razors safety~~ ~~AAAI~~
RESTRICTED(*) for MMIA LO (*) Subject is ~~frank razors safety~~ and brushes
shaving from ORD (*) Cash payment will NOT rpt NOT be made to ORD but
senior ITI Officer will sign on behalf FPI government (*) Charge will be
made through normal channels of FINANCIAL ADVISER

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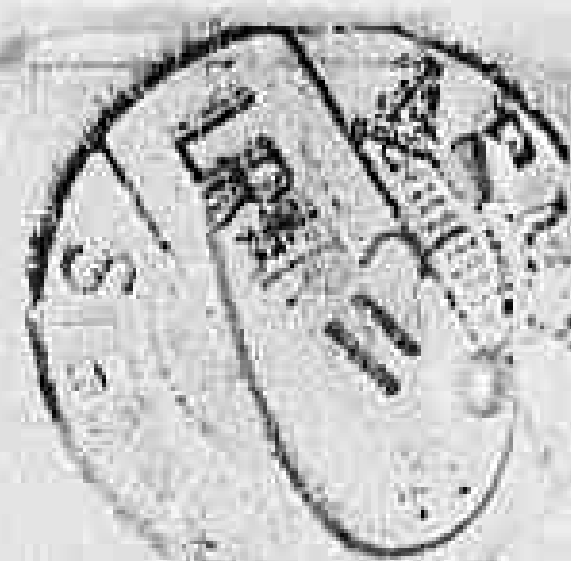
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AQ 11/7
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FROM MMIALO DISTWO 161620B

TO MMIA MAIN

INFO 500 AOD (BY DRLS)

GR —

PR8 RESTRICTED. REF YOUR AQ/2/3 13. 500

AOD STATE PRICED VOUCHERS DISPATCHED

TO YOU

UNDER COVER CON/31(47) OF 14.

PLEASE SEND

THESE TO ME.

THI 161900B

REPTN 932 1 161/161620B 500 PR8 AQ/2/3 13 500

CON/31(47) 14 161900B

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MESSAGE FORM.

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FROM: MAIN AAI			15 1740 B
TO: OPD MMIA			For Action
			For Information
			Message Instrs GR

Originator's No. Q 2577

REF MMIA SIGNAL AQ 1698 DATED 12 JULY 44. SUGGESTED METHOD NOT AGREED (.)
FOLLOWING WILL BE ADOPTED (.) NO CASH PAYMENT WILL BE MADE FOR ORD
SUPPLIES (.) LIST OF STORES SUPPLIED TO ITALIAN MINISTRY OF WAR SHOWING
PRICES WILL BE SENT TO FINANCIAL ADVISOR THIS HQ TOGETHER WITH
RECEIPT SIGNED BY ITALIAN AGENCY RECEIVING GOODS

DISTRIBUTION:-

2049/12/Q2 SIGS (3)
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This message may be
sent AS WRITTEN by
any means except

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fall into enemy
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14 Jul 44

To: - DIA (to Ops) AAI

From: - LO, CIL

NAAFI for CIL tps

1. In April last a proposal to grant NAAFI facilities to Italian tps in CTF, after being accepted by 10 Corps and EIGHTH ARMY, was rejected by higher authority. As the problem may now seem to merit reconsideration, I would submit that the policy of denying CIL NAAFI sps has proved of harm both to our own tps and to Italians.

2. Our tps are conducting a flourishing black market in cigarettes. The Italian soldier is buying from them at Lire 50 for English and Lire 60/80 for American brands. This practice supplements the pay of our tps, enabling them to a greater indulgence in women and wine. The spectacle is not an edifying one for the civilian population, especially when we are attempting to stamp out the black market. It lowers the civil prestige of our tps.

3. As for the Italian soldier, he earns about 48 lire per day. His issue of cigarettes is 7 "V's" per day. Therefore if he smokes 20 cigarettes per day he must spend at least Lire 32.50 per day to procure himself the additional thirteen cigarettes. This leaves him the sum of Lire 15.50 for soap, blades and other NAAFI items (when he can find them) and for his minor pleasures. He is therefore at a twofold disadvantage because

(a) his small pay suffers a big cut

(b) he knows that he is the only soldier in CTF excluded from NAAFI privileges and that the other tps fighting beside him are profiting by his exclusion.

The discrimination against him is emphasised by the fact that he was allowed PX stores under FIFTH ARMY, and that minor Italian units under our command often get NAAFI.

4. By giving NAAFI facilities to Italian tps we would give them one of a soldier's first requirements and would show them as in no other way that we accept them not as inferior tps but on an equal footing. A change in policy would bear fruit in improved morale and

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 - (a) his small pay suffers a big cut
 - (b) he knows that he is the only soldier in CEF excluded from NAAPF privileges and that the other tps fighting beside him are profiting by his exclusion.The discrimination against him is emphasized by the fact that he was allowed PX stores under FIFTH ARMY, and that minor Italian units under our command often get NAAPF.
4. By giving NAAPF facilities to Italian tps we would give them one of a soldier's first requirements and would show them as in no other way that we accept them not as inferior tps but on an equal footing. A change in policy would bear fruit in improved morale and in increased goodwill.

J. A. Phillip
J A PHILLIP, Capt.

Subject: Issues to Italians.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MMA)
LEWILE (LECOE)

Ord
Headquarters,
500 A. O. D.

Ref: Con/31(47)
14th July 1944

17 JUL 1944

1. Reference DDOS HQ AAI letter ORD 1/2083/1 (173) of 5th July, —
herewith priced pre-payment vouchers.

Italian Ministry of War should be instructed to pay the amount
due to the nearest British cash office.

2. Stores are available at 2 Sub Depot and will be handed over on
production of receipt from the Cash Office.

[Signature]
Capt.
for Colonel.
Chief Ordnance Officer.

PTH

Copy to: D.D.O.S., H.Q., A.A.I.
O.O. 2 Sub Depot, 500 A.O.D.

*Voucher sent to
Murrell but
prepayment - not
made for
19/7*

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ALLIED ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ COMMISSION *Amxsc 108/2*
INCOMING MESSAGE 841

TO: ACTION ACC FOR INFO TO AAI, CG SOS NATUSA
FROM: *Fhsup* ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ SIGNED SACHED SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 34/74
REFERENCE No: FX 71925 PRECEDENCE: ROUTINE
DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: JULY 13/1942 OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE: FHSUP

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AS SUBJECT REFER TO YOUR AQ/2/3 DATED 9 MARCH 1944, SUBJECT: EPI SUPPLIES-ITALIAN. THEREIN YOU REFERRED TO CERTAIN STOCKS OF TOILET ARTICLES AND RAZOR BLADES, THEN UNDER CONTROL OF ITALIAN MINISTRY OF WAR, AS BEING AVAILABLE FOR ISSUE TO THE ITALIAN MILITARY. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS DESIRED: (A) WHAT OF THOSE ITEMS ARE NOW HELD BY THE ITALIAN ARMY OR CAN BE PROVIDED FROM ITALIAN SOURCES ? (B) ~~CONSIDERABLE~~ ² ABOVE, AND BASED ON SIX MONTHS REQUIREMENTS, WHAT AMOUNT OF THE ABOVE ITEMS DO YOU CONSIDER NECESSARY ON A MINIMUM ESSENTIAL ISSUE BASIS FOR PRESENTATION TO THE COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF

See 4 July 1941
also 122
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14 JUL 1944
A. C. C.

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CONNECTION. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS DESIRED: (A) WHAT OF THOSE ITEMS ARE NOW HELD BY THE ITALIAN ARMY OR CAN BE PROVIDED FROM ITALIAN SOURCES ? (B) ¹²²CONSIDERING 2 ABOVE, AND BASED ON SIX MONTHS REQUIREMENTS, WHAT AMOUNT OF THE ABOVE ITEMS DO YOU CONSIDER NECESSARY ON A MINIMUM ESSENTIAL ISSUE BASIS FOR PRESENTATION TO THE COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF

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14 JUL 1944
A. C. C.

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From:- DC.EFI.HQ.AAI

R:- S/4/25

To:- Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Mazda HQ (MMIA)
LEOILLE (LECCE)

Date:- 9.7.44

Subject:- Supplies for Italian Combat Troops

Your signal AQ/1618 and letter AQ/8 of 29.6.44 are acknowledged and I confirm my signal DC.10174 reading as under:-

"Your AQ1618 contact AC EFI 2 District Bari. Authority granted for immediate issue in bulk against payment of following toilet soap 23500 shaving soap 23500 Razor blades 23500 toothpaste 11770. Half above quantities may be drawn one month after first issue on same terms.

Will you please contact AC.EFI. 2 Dist as soon as possible and make the necessary arrangements with regard to question of payment with him.

c/c AC.EFI.2 DIST
'Q' HQ.AAI

[Signature]
Maj.
for Lt.Col. DC.EFI.

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HQ. A.A.I.
ORDRANCE BRANCH

SUBJECT: Issues to Italians

C.O.O. 500 AOD.,

Copy to - Army Sub Commission A.C.C. (Your AQ/8 dated 29 Jun. 44 refers)
File Ord/P/5039/1

1. Will you please arrange issue "on prepayment," to Italian Ministry of War of the y/m items:-

C.O. 0556	Razors Safety	10,848
C.O. 0045	Brushes Shaving	11,770

2. Priced Vouchers should be forwarded to second addressee together with advice as to when the stores may be collected.

3. Will second addressee please instruct Italian Ministry of War to pay the amount due to the nearest British cash office obtaining a receipt.

4. On production of this receipt at the Depot, the stores will be handed over.

In the Field.
RB/JEM.

Baraoud
Brigadier,
D. D. O. S.

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Form 495A (O.S.)
(11/25)

OFFICIAL RECEIPT

751450

Navy, Army & Air Force Institutes

Head Office—Imperial Court, Kennington Lane, London, S.E.11.

Received

Date

4-7-1944

of

Army Sub Commission ACC

* One thousand five hundred & ninety four pounds six shillings

CASH (Net)

Credit A/c. ...

† Deposit A/c. ...

* Total ...

CASH (Net)			Discount Allowed
			10% Premium added
1594	6	-	637.21

* These two amounts must agree.

For N. & A. & I. 19

Regd. No. 240

Area Q.A.I.

† PREMIUM is added to a Cash Deposit only on the understanding that no account is due to the Corporation.

Our ref. A/28/53(5) 22 5/4.
267.950 Lager blades.

Signature

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From:- Accountant Officer, 8/7
DC/EFI., HQ., AAI.
Rear Echelon.
57 Area., CMF.

Our Ref:- A/28/53 (D).

To :- Army Sub Commission,
A.C.C.- Main H.A.
(MIA) Leguile (Lecce)

Date :- 5/7/1944.

Subject :- PAYMENT OF RAZOR BLADES.

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With reference to your AQ/2/3 dated 29/6/44
enclosed please find official receipt No 495A/75I450.


Capt.
for Lt. Col.
DC/EFI. AAI.

A/A.

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Subject:- Supply of Personal Items - Italian Army.

HQ AAI,
C.M.F.

2049/12/Q2.

4 July 44.

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9/7
Army Sub Commission, ACC,
Main HQ (MMIA),
Lequile (LECCE).

Reference your AQ/2/3 dated 30 June, 44.

It is agreed that the first month's replacements of EFI items may be issued as laid down in our 2049/12/Q2 dated 22 June, 44. Thereafter these issues will be suspended until the local production position has been reviewed.

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Philip G. H. G.
Major-General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

Copy to:- ^{Rear} 2 Polish Corps
26 BLU
DC EFI.

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9/7/44
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ARMY FORM C2130 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Call

Ref. No.

Priority

Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM

Originator

Date/Time of Origin

OFFICE DATE STAMP

1241A

06 14 30 D

For Action

FILPOT

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

GR

Originator's No.

AQ 1618 RESTRICTED (.) Unable to arrange distribution of items listed in your 2049/12/02 of 22 June until reply received from ~~XXXX~~ ORD and EPI to our signal AQ1618 of 26 June
Q FOR QUEEN

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS EXCEPT

IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

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SIGNED

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Subject: Caustic Potash.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main CC (MIA)
LACUIE (LACCE)
AC/2/3.

4 July 46.

Industry & Commerce Sub Commission, ACC.

1. The Ministry of War have made a contract with "Risorgimento" Soap Factory, near BARI, for the manufacture of 100 quintals of shaving soap.
2. This contract is however conditional upon the Ministry of War providing the necessary Caustic Potash.
3. The Ministry of War request therefore the release of 10 quintals of Caustic Potash.
4. May this amount, or sufficient for the manufacture of 100 quintals of shaving soap, please be made available to the Ministry of War.

JBid, Capt
Major General.
Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.

JB/ah.

Copy to Ministry of War (your 3422/C of 1 July refers).

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE
DIVISIONE CASERMAGGIO E COMBUSTIBILI

N. 3442 / C di prot. P. L.

Risposta al foglio N. _____ del _____

Carte annesse _____

OGGETTO: Sapone per barba. -

P. M. 107. li 1^o LUG. 1944 194



ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO DELLA C.A.C.

LEOUILLE

e, per conoscenza:

ALL'UFFICIO COLLEGAMENTO MISSIONI ALLEATE

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P. IL MINISTRO

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Subject: Supply of Personal Items - ITALIAN Army.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MHLA)
LEQUELLI (LIGCE)
AQ/2/3.

H.Q. A.A.I.

30 June 44.

Ref your 2049/12.62 dated 23 June 44.

1. A translation of the Ministry of War letter 3335/C/D/2 dated 26 June 44, received in reply to our AQ/2/3 dated 20 June 44 is forwarded herewith.
2. In view of the difficulties experienced by the Ministry of War in obtaining raw materials, and of manufacturing, it is requested that the first monthly replacement be made by EPI. The position can then be reviewed and further recommendations made accordingly.
3. This will ensure that CIL tps are properly looked after and also conserve British supplies to the maximum extent.

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Leo A. Shypley
Major General.
Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.

See folio 105/1

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Subject: Supplies for Italian Combat Troops.

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Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MILA)
LEQUITE (LROCE)
AQ/8.

24 June 44.

94.
To: HQ AAI (2 copies - for
ORD and HQ EFI)

Ref AAI 2049/12/Q2 of 22 June 44.

1. May this HQ please be informed where, and when, the supplies, listed in the above letter, may be made available to the Italian Ministry of War.

- (a) Ord Supplies.
- (b) EFI Supplies.

2. The UFILE and NEMEO Groups of CIL are at present based on BARI, and it would be convenient, if possible, for all supplies to be released there. This would enable our Liaison Officer in BARI to arrange for the "take over" by the Italian Authorities.

3. It is suggested that payment for these supplies should be made on the spot by the Italians, at the time of drawing. This would save duplication of accounts and ensure prompt payment.

4. If this is not practicable, receipts for items purchased should be made out in triplicate, one for retention by ORD or EFI, one for the Italian Ministry of War, and the third should be forwarded to this HQ. Payment would then be made by the Italian Ministry of War to this HQ for onward transmission to ORD or EFI.

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F. J. Noval
for Major General.
Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.

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F. J. Noonan
for Major General.
Army Sub Commission, A.O.C.

Subject: Payment for Razor Blades.

Army and Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MILA)
LIVELLE (LIGGS)
AQ/2/3.

29 June 44.

Accountant Officer,
MIL. HQ. A.C.C.

Ref your 6/26/44(D) dated 22 May 44.

1. Forwarded herewith are BRNO at RAPID Chapter No. 000266 and No. 000196 for bills 500,000 and 137,721 respectively, in payment for 267,720 Razor Blades ordered by MI to Italian Depot 591, RAPID.
2. Please acknowledge receipt.

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99.
Major General.
Army and Commission, A.C.C.

Cong to Ministry of War (request acknowledgment of your 72/2/1/AMV of 26 June 44)

BRNA. 10. RAPID (your letter of 13 June refers)

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

Ufficio Amministrazione di Personali Militari Vari

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di prot.

TO THE ARMY SUB COMMISSION

LEQUILE

Risposta al

Carte annessa

e, per conoscenza:
DIREZIONE DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE
Comando FF.AA. della Campania

OGGETTO

NAPOLI

Cessione lamette
per barba a paga-
mento.-

*Cheques in payment
for razor blades.*

Si trasmettono gli uniti vaglia del Banco di Napoli n. 000266 e n. 000496 rispettivamente di lire 500.000.00 (cinquecentomila) e lire 137.721.00 (centotrentaseemilasettecentoventuno) per l'ammontare complessivo di lire 637.721.00.-

Detta somma rappresenta l'importo dovuto a contestata Commissione per la cessione di 267950 lamette per barba ritirate a suo tempo dalla Direzione di Commissariato Militare del Comando FF.AA. della Campania.

Pregasi compiacersi voler cortesemente accusare ricevuta.

La predetta Direzione di Commissariato Militare è pregata voler rimborsare a quest'Ufficio la somma anticipata.-

IL COLONNELLO D'AMM/VIE DIRETTORE ¹⁰

Giuseppe Scuderi

28/6 *JS*

Cheques passed to BEI

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Major-General Sir Brian H. Robertson Bt.,
Chief Administrative Officer,
E.Q., Allied Armies in Italy,
C.M.F.
5001/9/CAC.

26 May 44.

My dear Browning

As you are probably aware there has been considerable correspondence on the subject of the issue of E.F.I. supplies to Italian units. Strong representations have been made by EIGHTH ARMY for the issue of certain articles, namely soap, tooth paste, tooth brushes, razor blades, etc., to the Motor Brigade in 10 Corps.

As you are aware the Combined Chiefs of Staff have made a definite ruling that E.F.I. supplies are not to be sold to Italian troops. In an endeavour to get over this we have made certain supplies of the above items available to the Italian Ministry of War, and we have also sanctioned certain small issues from British E.F.I. stocks to the Motor Brigade. These measures have not proved effective. In particular, there seems to be difficulty about distribution of those supplies which we handed over to the Ministry of War.

General Alexander has now given a ruling that we are to help the Italian troops who are actually in the line as much as possible. In consequence of this ruling I have given temporary authority to EIGHTH ARMY to allow issues of the above items to the Motor Brigade from E.F.I. on the same basis as for British troops.

I do not feel, however, that this can be regarded as entirely satisfactory as a future policy. In the first place there have been indications that the S.M.R.E. themselves do not agree to the issue of these items as either necessary or advisable. Secondly, having in mind the ruling given by the C.C.S., it is certain that we shall not receive additional E.F.I. supplies to compensate for the issues made to the

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I have accordingly told Eastyan, D.A. & Q.M.G. EIGHTH ARMY, that I should like to have a discussion on this matter with you and him. I should be grateful if this could take place when you come over here on your next visit, and am writing to you now so that you can read the subject up before you come.

Yours sincerely,


Major-General Langley Browning, C.B., O.B.E., M.C.,
 Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.

Brigadier E.M. Eastyan, C.B.E.,
 D.A. & Q.M.G.,
 Main H.Q. EIGHTH ARMY, C.M.F.

BHR/emb.

CONFIDENTIAL

FROM: - MINISTRY OF WAR

TO: - DIA

REF: - 2825/9/5/2

DATE: - 26 June 44

SUBJECT: - Supplies of necessities to Italian Army

In reply to your AG/2/3 dated 20th inst. please note:-

a) & b) TOOTH PASTE & TOOTH PASTE TUBES

As a result of intense searches ordered by the Commissariat Directorates under our control, that of DIAI has been able to purchase 40,000 tooth paste tablets in boxes formerly containing "S. Pallagrin" Mergesin.

The Health Directorate has been approached with a view to having them prepare the above product in any small tins available.

The above General Health Directorate has reported through one of its own officers that they consider the preparation of this tooth paste in question very difficult but that, nevertheless, they would consult the different Health Directorates in liberated territory in order to ascertain their possibilities.

In the meantime they have sent us a representative of the Firm Cagliardi of Lecce who declares himself able to supply several tens of thousands of tooth paste tablets or powder in wooden boxes.

The firm has agreed to send in official quotation and samples.

The information supplied by DIAI will, of course, be borne in mind and the firm De Silvio will be approached at once.

c) SHAVING SOAP

Negotiations are now proceeding between the Bari Commissariat Directorate and the soap factory "Pisorgimento" with a view to obtaining from them, in addition to the shaving soap now being manufactured, shaving soap.

All the same we will also approach the Naples firms: Di Prisco Biagio, Malone Francesco and S.A. Chemical.

d) TOOTH POLISH

Negotiations have been already started with the firms Pape Giovanni and Tartaro Pasquale of Naples, who have asked for an allotment of raw materials.

Before reporting to you, however, we deemed it advisable to ascertain from these firms whether they had in stock any of the raw materials required, and we are now awaiting their reply.

In Sicily a trial purchase of 30 quintals of tooth polish has been authorized and further quantities will be authorized as soon as results of analysis

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Negotiations are now proceeding between the Bari Commissariat Directorate and the soap factory "Disordinamento" with a view to obtaining from them, in addition to the washing soap now being manufactured, shaving soap.

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d) BOOT POLISH

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Before reporting to you, however, we deemed it advisable to ascertain from these firms whether they had in stock any of the raw materials required, and we are now awaiting their reply.

In Sicily a trial purchase of 50 quintals of boot polish has been authorized already and further quantities will be authorized as soon as results of analysis of samples sent in by the producer are known.

e) ORDINARY SOAP

As regards soap for Steilly we requested you on April 8th last (ref 1595/C) to authorize the supply of soap from Allied sources to the 12th Army Corps owing to transport difficulties from here.

Pending your reply to the above request the Army Corps Directorate was asked to endeavour to purchase locally. They sent in a tender for 2700 kgs of soap @ 60 per kilo. In view of the extremely high price they were sold to requisition the stock and continue to look for more reasonable offers from other firms.

Apart from all the above, even though not asked for, we have ordered a consignment of 50 quintals of soap from the Bari Commissariat Directorate to that of Steilly, this quantity being sufficient to cover requirements for about a month.

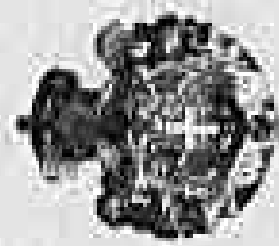
f) CAUSTIC SODA

In order to properly control its use an instruction was issued to all Commissariat Directorates concerned to the effect that they were to carry out a severe supervision, preventing from soap manufacturers a written declaration on the use of the quantities supplied.

This instruction will be repeated.

Sgt. General P. P. P.

GU/bo



MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

DIVISIONE CASERMAGGIO E COMBUSTIBILI 26 GIU. 1944

N. 3835 /Cd prot. 8/2

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Risposta al foglio N. del

Carte annesse

OGGETTO: Rifornimento di oggetti personali - Esercito Italiano -.

Al LA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'Esercito DELLA C.A.C.

- Comando Principale -

LEQUILB

e, per conoscenza:

ALL'UFFICIO COLLEGAMENTO MISSIONI ALLEATE

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In risposta al foglio AQ/2/3 del 20 giugno 1944 si comunica quanto segue:

a) e b) - DENTIFRICIO E TUBETTI PER PASTA PER DENTI -

In seguito ad intense ricerche fatte effettuare dalle Direzioni di Commissariato dipendenti, quella di Bari ha potuto acquistare 20.000 saponette dentifricio contenute in scatole ex magnesia S. Pellegrino. Si è inoltre interessata la Direzione di Sanità perchè esamini la possibilità di preparare il materiale suddetto usufruendo di scorte di circostanza per racchiudere il prodotto.

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La Ditta si è riservata di presentare offerta campionata in merito.

Si terrà naturalmente conto della segnalazione fatta da codesta Sottocommissione, interpellando d'urgenza le Ditte De Salvio, Laminazione Sottile e Giacobone, dislocate in Campania.

c) - SAPONE PER BARBA -

Sono già in corso trattative tra la Direzione di Commissariato di Bari ed il Saponificio "Risorgimento" per ottenere, oltre al sapone comune in corso di fabbricazione, anche sapone per barba.

Saranno, in ogni modo, interpellate pure le Ditte di Napoli: Di Pri- sco Biagio, Maione Francesco e S.A. Chimica.

d) - LUCIDO DA SCARPE -

Sono state già svolte trattative con le Ditte Papa Giovanni e Tartaro Pasquale, da Napoli, le quali hanno chiesto l'assegnazione delle materie prime occorrenti.

Prima di informare codesta Sottocommissione, si è ritenuto però opportuno insistere per conoscere se le materie prime potessero essere, almeno in parte, procurate dalle Ditte suddette, esi è ora in attesa della risposta.

In Sicilia, si è già autorizzato, in via di esperimento, l'acquisto di circa q/li 30 di crema, e sarà disposto l'eventuale acquisto di ulteriori partite non appena noto l'esito dell'analisi chimica di un campione all'uopo inviato dalla Ditta fornitrice.

e) - SAPONE COMUNE -

Per quanto riguarda il sapone per la Sicilia, con foglio n. 1095/C del 1°8 aprile 1944, fu richiesto a codesta Sottocommissione che al fabbisogno per il VII° Corpo d'Armata avessero continuato a provvedere le Autorità Alleate, soprattutto per le difficoltà di trasporto da questa zona.

In attesa di conferma a tale richiesta, fu interessata la Direzione del Corpo d'Armata a procurarsi sul posto forniture locali e, avendo essa trasmesso offerta di una partita di Kg. 2700 di sapone a L. 60 il Kg., lo fu risposto che, dato il prezzo troppo elevato, avesse provveduto alla requisizione della partita ed a ricercare forniture a prezzi equi presso altre Ditte.

Indipendentemente da quanto sopra, è stata recentemente disposta - pur non richiedendola - la spedizione alla citata Direzione di Commissariato, da quella di Bari, di q/li 50 di sapone, che rappresentano il fabbisogno di circa un mese.

f) - SODA CAUSTICA -

Allo scopo di ben controllarne l'impiego, si è disposto da tempo che le Direzioni di Commissariato interessate esercitino sul detto prodotto la più scrupolosa vigilanza, richiedendo ai Saponifici una dimostrazione scritta del consumo dei quantitativi consegnati.

Il richiamo sarà rinnovato. =

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P. IL MINISTRO

[Signature]

Subject:- Supply of Personal Items - Italian Army.

HQ AAI,
C.M.F.

2049/12/Q2.

23 June 44.

Army Sub Commission, ACC,
Main HQ (MMIA)
Lequile (Lecce).

Reference your AQ/2/3 dated 20 June, 44, to the
Italian Ministry of War.

In view of the abovementioned letter, the EFI
monthly replacement scales for soap, toothpaste and shaving
soap, laid down in our 2049/Q2 dated 22 June, 44, should
be suspended until the results of action taken by the
Ministry of War can be ascertained.

The initial issue of these items can be made
as stated in our abovementioned letter.

Chief Administrative Officer.

Copy to:- 2 Polish Corps - With copy Army Sub Commission
letter AQ/2/3 dated 20 June, 44.

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DC EFI, HQ AAI Rear Adm Ech.

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

SUBJECT:- N A A F I Supplies - Italian Forces.

Army Sub Commission, ACC
(M M I A)
Rear H Q EIGHTH ARMY.
MM/101/49/2

22 Jun 44.

Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main H Q (M M I A)
LEQUILE (LECCE)

so / The O.C. of 918 Coy. R A S C Armd. Div. Tpt.
visited this office on 21 Jun 44 with a request
that his Italian troops be allowed to make N A A F I
purchases. He informed me that in N. AFRICA the
W B of the coy had been formed/as to include 14
Italian ex P o W. These troops had enjoyed many
of the privileges given to British troops.

May I please be informed whether such Italian
troops are to count as part of the Italian army and
as such come under the admin command of I F A HQ,
or whether they come under a different category?

M. Fielden

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Major,
Liaison Officer.

see folio 103

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ensured

Subject:- Supplies for Italian Combat Troops.

Army Sub Commission,
ACC.

1. It is still considered undesirable in principle that provision should have to be made from British Ord or EPI stocks to meet the requirements of Italian combat troops for toilet requisites. It has been decided, however, that measures should be taken, for reasons of hygiene and morale, to offset the failure of the Italian Army supply system in relation to these requirements.

2. It is, therefore, proposed to make issues to the Ministry of War, through you, for the Utile and Nembo Groups of CIL, on the following scales, which are based on those suggested by Eighth Army and 5 Corps:-

Ord Supplies

Razors	10848	Initial issues only.
Shaving brushes	11770	

EPI Supplies

	<u>Initial Issue.</u>	<u>Monthly Replacement.</u>
Toilet Soap	23500 tablets	11720
Shaving Soap	23500	11750
Razor blades	23500	11750
Toothpaste	11770	5885

3. As far as EPI items are concerned, the supply against the monthly replacement demand will be conditional upon the total quantities allotted to this theatre being maintained at present figures. It is regretted that present Ord stocks will not allow of an issue of combs.

4. All the above issues will be on a repayment basis, and you are requested to make the necessary arrangements direct with Ord and DC EPI, HQ AAI, for drawing and repayment.

2049/22/Q2.

22 June 44.

2816 HQ AAI.

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25/12/44 (4)

Major-General

Chief Administrative Officer

Copy to:- Rear Eighth Army
Rear 5 Corps
2 Polish Corps
26 BLU
G-4
Q(AE)
Ord
DC EPI
AFA.

SUBJECT: Supply of Soap.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUIL (LECCE)
AQ/2/3 ✓
21 June 44.

Lt. Col. ALBERT,
MMIA LO c/o IBS.

Ref your letter, 177 dated 9 June 44.

1. The Industry and Commerce Sub Commission have advised this H.Q. that it is probable that after 1 Sep, soap will be manufactured under their direction, and an allotment will be made to the Italian Armed Forces.
2. Meanwhile a limited amount of caustic soda has been released to the Italian Ministry of War, and they are producing their own soap under contract.
3. The Italian Ministry of War have been informed of the shortage in SICILY, and ordered to send supplies over.
4. Please ensure XII Corps put in regular indents on the Ministry of War.

tvs.JB.

for
Major General.
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

copy to: MMIA LO 56 Area CWF.

SUBJECT: Soap Requirements.

SECRET

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MIA)
LAQUILA (LECCE)
AQ/2/3 ✓
1 June 44.

H.Q. AAT.

Ref your letter, 2059/1/Q2 dated 16 June 44.

1. Assuming that the Italian Navy (75,000) ceases to be an Army commitment, and that the Italian Air Force (22,000) remains an Army commitment, soap will be required for a total of 369,300 men.
2. Soap requirements and the basis of calculation are shown below -

(a)	Strength.	Italian Scale of Issue.	Requirement.
	369,300	400 grams per man per month (if 30% grease content.)	147 $\frac{3}{4}$ tons.
		OR	OR
(b)	369,300	300 grams per man per month (if 47% grease content.)	110 $\frac{3}{4}$ tons.

3. The total of 369,300 includes SICILY and SARDINIA. - 202

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F. J. Noan
for Major General. Lt Col.
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

copy to: Industry and Commerce Sub Commission, A.C.C.

Subject: Supply of Personal Items - Italian Army.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MILIA)
LEQUILLE (LESCQ)
AG/2/3.

20 June 44.

To: MINISTRY OF WAR

Ref your letter 10/77/4 dated 4 June 44.

1. The position, as shown in the above letter, has been carefully examined. It is not considered that full use is being made of local resources.

2. The following articles can be manufactured in the NAPLES area, by the firms indicated below :-

- a) TOOTH PASTE. by De SALVIO, VIA STADERA 91 & POGGIOREALE.
- b) ALUMINUM TUBES FOR TOOTHPASTE
by i) LAMINAZIONE SOTTILE, VIA CANOLA el TRIVIO 11.
ii) DITTA GLACCHIONE, VIA ABATE MERICINI 14 (PONTI MOSSI)
iii) S.A. CHEMICAL - PIAZZA AMEIO 8.
- c) SHAVING SOAP
by i) DI PRISCO DIAGIO - SALITA STRADIS 11.
ii) MALONE FRANCESCO - VIA MOLANA 11.

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5. It is further noted that 5000 quintals of soap with 47% grease content, are now being manufactured for the Italian Ministry of War. This represents FOUR months supply at 200 grams per man for over 400,000 men. Meanwhile a report has been received from SICILY that XII Corps is without soap. Immediate action will therefore be taken by the Ministry of War to supply this deficiency.

6. Caustic Soda has been released to the Ministry of War for soap manufacture. In view of the high price that Caustic Soda fetches in the "Black Market", the Ministry of War will keep the strictest account and control of it, and rigorous disciplinary action will be demanded against any person or persons trading Caustic Soda in the "Black Market".

JB/h.

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C. J. Neander
Major General.
Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.

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Subject: Soap Manufacture.

HQ AAI
C.M.F.

16 June 44.

2059/1/Q2.

Army Sub Commission ACC,
LECCE.

Reference Industry and Commerce Sub Commission
letter ACC/5112/IC dated 8 June 44.

Does the figure of 160 tons per month cover
the needs of all Italian Armed Forces?

Major General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

Copy to:- Industry and Commerce Sub Commission, ACC.

G.4 (with copy of above quoted letter)

20/6/44.

File see fol. 92
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Subject:- Purchase of Razor Blades.

Army Sub Commission AGC
Main No. (MHA)
EXHIBIT. (EXHIBIT)
10/2/3

13 June 44.

Ministry of War.

Reference para.2(a) of AC/2/3 dated 28 April 44.

1. The bill for the purchase by the Ministry of War of 200,000 Razor Blades from RFI. Repton, at rate of 228 lire per hundred blades is forwarded herewith.
2. Please forward 637,721 Lire in settlement of this account to this HQ for onward transmission.

J. J. J. J.
Major General.
Army Sub Commission A.C.C.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ARMY SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

AQ 688

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2/3

10 June 1944

TO :Army Sub Commission ACC.
Main Hq. (NATIA)
LEQUIL. (LECCE)

1. Enclosed please find A.F. P1922 covering 267950 Razor Blades which were handed over by E.F.I. to Depot 591 at Naples.
2. It will be noticed that the necessary certificate has been signed by C.C. Depot 591.
3. Would you please pass to Ministry of War for payment.

a. J. J. J. J.
Lt. Col.
Army Sub Commission ACC. 198-

Copy to :Accountant Officer
E.F.I., HQ/AAI
Rear Admin Echelon

} Your A/28/53(D) dated 22/5/44 refers.

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R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

Army Sub Commission ACC
(MMIA) L.O. Sicily
c/o I.B.S. APO 550

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AP 17/6
(87/3)

No. 177

9 June 1944

Subject: Supply of soap

To : GOC Army Sub Commission ACC (MMIA)

1. We were informed by the Director of the Commissary, XII Italian Corps, that no soap has been available since about 1 May. The War Ministry instructed him to investigate the possibilities of local procurement. Several local establishments are available to make soap if the materials, particularly caustic soda, are available. ACC states that some caustic soda is expected to arrive in Sicily soon. Request that any information you have on the availability of soap or soap making materials be furnished us so that we can take action necessary.

Lester R. Albert
LESTER R ALBERT
Lt Col Inf
L O Sicily
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Some way we hope. Let's hope

File

20/6/44

Subject:- Issue of Soap to 212 Div.

SECRET

Army Sub Comdation AGC
Main Bk. (M124)
L. 1111. (L1111)
L. 111

9 June 54

Ministry of War.

1. The issue of soap to the 2,300 men under the administrative control of 212 Div was only 4,400 lbs or only 200 grammes per man for the month of May.
2. You will ensure that adequate supplies are placed at the disposal of 212 Div to give the full ration of 200 grammes per man for the month of June.
3. You will advise this HQ that you have made the correct quantities immediately available.

F. J. Noakes 186
for Major General.
Army Sub Comdation A.C.C.

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PROGRAM OF SOAP PRODUCTION FOR THE REQUIREMENTS OF LIBERATED ITALY

= Submitted by: Dr. R.S. Opatowski =

- Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission - IQ ACC -

(Condensed from a detailed report submitted 2 May 1944)

Ref. ACC/5112/IC

INTRODUCTION

The present report was compiled along the following lines:

a) for sanitary reasons it is essential that the population, with which the Allied Forces are in continuous contact have sufficient soap for maintaining cleanliness in order to avoid skin and epidemic disease. This is indicated by memoranda of various HQ (ACC/5112/IC). It is also in the Allied interest to satisfy the essential needs of liberated Italy as soon as possible.

b) initially it will be necessary to import caustic soda - a raw material needed for soap manufacturing - but efforts should be made to minimize import by developing a program of local production.

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On basis of figures in hand, the number of the civilian population included refugees in the liberated area, rounded, is:

15,000,000

distributed on the islands and on the mainland, rounded, as follows:

Sicily	--	4,000,000
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In view of actual war conditions it is suggested that

300 grs. per capita per month
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be taken as a basis for present Italian soap-requirement. This amount is estimated as the minimum consumption rate in order to prevent spreading epidemic disease. This is equivalent to 3 cakes of soap per capita per month and includes soap for laundry as well as for personal use.

The total soap requirement for the entire population in liberated Italy is:

300 grs/capita x 15,000,000 (population) =

= 45,000 qls. per month
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The requirements of the islands and of the mainland are subdivided as follows:

Region I - Sicily - (4,000,000 inhabitants) - 12,000 qls. per month
Region VI- Sardinia-(1,000,000 ") - 3,000 " " "

Region II)
Region III)
Region V) Mainland - (10,000,000 inhabitants) - 30,000 qls. per month
Region VII)

With a view to eliminating unnecessary transportation full account has been taken of the regional distribution of soap plants in the following review.

II) SOAP PRODUCTION PROGRAM IN UNIFIED ITALY

a) Soap was produced in Italy by two methods:

- (1) With recovery of glycerine, which is a valuable by-product.
- (2) Without recovery of glycerine.

The second method, although not modern and less economical than the first one, is much more used by soap producers in Italy, because of its simpler working technique.

b) In order to simplify production and permit adequate control of the consumption of raw materials and the quality of the product it is considered essential to standardize the soap types. Further it is considered better to operate the smallest possible number of plants, of the greatest unit - capacity and possessing the most modern installations. In general it is planned to reestablish plants capable of producing 1000 qls. per month each or more. However, in some cases, because of particular transport or other local conditions, the reactivation of some smaller plants may be considered.

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Population	4,000,000
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REGION VI - Sardinia

Population	1,000,000
Soap requirements	3,000 qts. per month

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Figures of production-capacity are not available, and have been requested on 15 Apr44. Considering the availability of transport and the geographical position of the island, the reactivation of plants smaller than 1000 qts. capacity per month will be considered. Further, since the Sicilian production capacity is adequate for both Regions I and VI, it may be desirable to supply Sardinian soap needs from Sicily. (The estimated combined soap requirements of Region I and VI are: 12,000 plus 3,000 = 15,000 qts. per month).

THE MAINLAND

Population -- 10,000,000
 Soap requirements -- 30,000 qls. per month
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Bearing in mind the geographical distribution of plants on the Mainland and their production-capacity it is suggested that production be subdivided as follows:

Region II - (East Coast; these plants supply both Region II and Regions V & VII) -

- 20,000 qls. per month

Region III - (West Coast)

- 10,000 qls. per month

This subdivision may eventually be changed according to the results of visits to the plants; it is proposed to reactivate.

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REGION II =====

On the basis of figures submitted by Region II - ACC-III and by the "Consiglio Provinciale Leonoria - Bari" there are in Region II 9 plants with a production-capacity of 1000 qls. or more per month each. These plants are located either on the East Coast or not far from it.

The total maximum production-capacity of the above plants is:

20,150 qls. per month.

This capacity can supply more than the estimated soap requirements for Regions II, V and VII. (The estimated soap requirements in aggregate for these Regions are: 20,000 qls. per month).

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This capacity can supply 66% - that is two thirds - of the estimated soap requirements of Region III are: 10,000 qls. per month).
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SUMMARY

From the total of about 200 plants existing in liberated Italy 24 only are of an adequate size to be scheduled for reactivation.

The total maximum production-capacity of the 24 scheduled plants is:

Region I	16,000 qls. per month
Region II	20,150 " "
Region III	6,600 " "
TOTAL	<u>42,750 qls. per month</u>
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The total soap requirements of the liberated area are (see page 2):

45,000 qts. per month:

Therefore, the total maximum production-capacity of the 24 scheduled plants can supply practically the entire non-military soap requirements of liberated Italy.

III) RECOVERY OF GLYCERINE

As mentioned above the majority of the soap factories in the liberated area operate without recovering glycerine. Large quantities of glycerine are needed to-day in the explosive and pharmaceutical industries and it is in very short world supply. Therefore it is planned to have soap manufacturers adapt their plants and their working methods so that glycerine or concentrated "glycerine lyes" with 80 ± 90% of glycerine content will be recovered, wherever economically feasible.

IV) QUALITY OF SOAP

The proposed soap manufacturing program aims to produce a standard soda soap of good quality of definite and simple composition in order to prevent fraud and to enable quality to be easily checked by analysis. It is suggested that only one quality of soda soap - or two as maximum - be authorized. It should be noted that from the hygienic point of view it is not necessary to manufacture soap of a number of qualities.

V) ELECTRIC POWER

Electric power requirement in soap production is small and it is anticipated that no difficulties will arise on this point.

VI) FUEL

"Sansa esausta" (exhausted olive husks) serve as fuel. This is in plentiful supply and no difficulties, other than those of transportation, are envisaged.

VII) CARBON BISULPHIDE

Carbon bisulphide is a solvent used for extracting from the olive husks ("sansa") two qualities of "sulphur oil": low-acidity and high-acidity oil.

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VIII) OILS

Liberated Italy is an important producer of oil. "Sulphur oil of high acidity" mentioned above is largely used for soap manufacture. No exact data on oil availability are to hand but from reports from Producing Regions it would appear that ample supplies will be available. The amassing of oil and its distribution to soap plants will be a matter for regional arrangement under direction from HQ, ACC.

IX) CAUSTIC SODA PROBLEM

The basic problem of soap production in liberated Italy is caustic soda supply and it is considered necessary to make every possible effort to reestablish caustic soda production. In the liberated area there were only two plants for electrolytic caustic soda production. These operated as departments of cellulose manufacturing plants (Pomilio - process): "S.A. Cellulosa - Cloro - Soda" - Naples and

"S.A. Cellulosa" - Foggia.

Both plants are badly damaged by enemy action. Electric power facilities, are totally destroyed. Industry & Commerce S/C is now engaged in investigating the possibility of partly reactivating the above plants. In any case for needs in the near future caustic soda must be imported.

Caustic soda requirements

Data on hand from various sources indicate that to produce 100 kg. of soap from 11 to 15 kg. of caustic soda are required.

A basic average figure for caustic soda for the production of 100 kg. of soap can be taken therefore as 12 kg., i.e. a ratio of 13 %.

Therefore the total quantity of caustic soda needed for the soap requirements of the entire civilian population of liberated Italy is:

13% of 45,000 qts. per month = 5,850 qts.

or, rounded:

600 M. tons per month.

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CONCLUSIONS

- It must be borne in mind that without an adequate supply of caustic soda it is not possible to organize the manufacture of soap.
- That to provide for the needs of soap for the entire civilian population of liberated Italy it is necessary to import:

600 M. tons per month of caustic soda

or

4500 M. tons per month of soap.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- That caustic soda to the extent of 600 M. tons per month be imported as shipping space would be about one tenth of that required for soap and there is plant capacity and availability of raw materials (other than caustic soda) in liberated Italy for the manufacture of soap. In addition employment would be found for many hands now idle. There is not, so far as can at present be ascertained, any production in liberated Italy of caustic soda. Requisitions should be lodged for caustic soda (600 M. tons) so that in the event of emergency for its manufacture

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- 2) That a program of production of soap for the entire civilian population of liberated Italy be established to the extent of 45,000 qls. per month.
- 3) That in general only factories capable of producing 1000 qls. per month or more be considered for reactivation, although local conditions and consideration of transportation may allow a certain elasticity in this respect. It would be uneconomic to recommend for reactivation a number of smaller plants in view of the difficulty of control of consumption of raw materials and soap quality. So far it has been ascertained that of the total of 189 known plants in the liberated area, 24 only, located in Region I, II and III, are of an adequate size to be scheduled for operation. These 24 plants can supply about 94%, that is almost the entire estimated non-military soap requirements.
- 4) That in order to facilitate and simplify production and control both raw materials and soap, one or at most two types of soap should be produced. This soap should contain about 12 to 13% of caustic soda (corresponding to about 10% Na₂O), about 60% of fatty acid and a maximum water (H₂O) content of 20%. For the remaining about 10% a filling material may be used, i.e.: bentonite. This quality of soap can be utilized for all essential purposes. Detailed discussion on the type of soap to be produced should be initiated with interested parties.

- 5) That producers set up a standard system of glycerine recovery in their plants. Concentrated "glycerine lyes" at 80 - 90% glycerine content could be recovered and shipped to U.S.A. or U.K. for refining and use. In this case the management of the scheduled factories should be given the opportunity to study and to copy the methods already in use in other plants. If there be any lack of cooperation by the management in this respect, ACC should requisition the factories. The recovery of glycerine must be imposed as a duty, but the means by which this is done may be elastic in its working because the time limits for setting up of a glycerine recovery department cannot be strictly fixed especially under to-day's conditions.
- 6) That the duty of supervising the orderly fulfilling of the program of soap manufacture and recovery of glycerine should be that of the ACC Regional Supply Officer. ACC Headquarters should give guidance and should instruct Regional Supply Officers on the control of quantity and quality of soap to be produced. Close control of the producers must be considered as a factor of main importance.
- 7) That a control by analysis of soap produced should be instituted under the supervision of ACC. Soap manufacturers should be informed that their product would be under continuous control as regards quality and that severe penalties would follow any adverse deviation from specification. For example fines could be inflicted on owners or managers or their plants requisitioned for the time of Allied occupation without compensation.

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FROM: War Ministry

Ref 10477/V

TO : WOLA

Date 4. 6. 44

SUBJECT: Various toilet articles for Italian Army

Ref your AG/2/3 dated May 30th.

Issue personal items listed in AG 4 of your s/a letter, is not effected monthly because they are not classified as a soldier's periodic issue, soap and boot polish excepted.

Soap is issued at the rate of 200 gr per month for laundry and 200 gr per month for personal use if containing 30% of grease acids. If containing 47% of grease acids, issue is at the rate of 150 grs in both cases.

Boot polish is issued at the rate of 50 grs per month per man. When not available 100 grs of boot grease can be issued in lieu.

Whereas soap has been issued normally as above, boot polish, or grease in lieu, have not now been issued for some time owing to non availability.

5000 quintals of soap with 47% grease acid contents are now being manufactured but boot polish is very difficult (not to say impossible to supply owing to lack of raw materials. 30 quintals are now being bought from a firm at Roccellumera (Messina) by Com Direct Palermo for the troops in Sicily.

A firm in Australia normally supplies the troops stationed on the island.

Issue is made by unit withdrawal from Supply Centres.

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Deficiency of razors and blades must be covered by the extensive use of the Regimental barbers.

COMBS, HAIR AND BOOT BRUSHES The stock is most limited.

TOOTH PASTE The need for Allied supply has already been reported. There are no stocks and local purchases would hardly yield anything.

TOOTH BRUSHES These 7900 in total to be issued in the proportion stipulated by MIA of 25% Naples, 75% Bari.

BRACES Not a normal issue to troops who were issued with trouser belts. Even these, though are no longer in stock and we have asked for authority to issue the 36000 Allied belts in the Naples area.

BOOT LACES 65000 in stock. All indents met.

WANKER TOWELERS No stock. It being an essentially necessary article, will you please see if a suitable supply could be granted.

(sgd) GENERAL BEL IONA

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Di/g

Acc 04/6

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE
DIVISIONE VESTIARIO-EQUIPAGGIAMENTO

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N.10477/V di prot.
Risposta al foglio N. AQ/2/3 del 30 maggio
Carte annesse
OGGETTO: Oggetti vari per l'Esercito Italiano.-

ALL'ARMY SUB COMMISSION A.C.C. (Toilet requisites + necessaries)
Main HQ
LEQUILLE

La distribuzione degli oggetti di uso personale, elencati nell'appendice "A" allegata al foglio cui si risponde, non viene effettuata mensilmente non essendo prevista come razione spettante al soldato.-

Si fa eccezione solo per il sapone ed il nero lucido.-

Per il sapone si effettua una distribuzione mensile di gr.200 per bucato e gr. 200 per pulizia personale se prodotto al 30% di acidilavessi ; di gr. 150 per bucato e gr. 150 per pulizia se al 47%.-

Per il nero lucido è prevista una razione mensile di gr. 50 per ogni militare ; in mancanza di nero lucido è considerata la distribuzione di gr. 100 di grasso per calzature.-

Si può assicurare che il sapone è stato sempre distribuito alla truppa, mentre il nero lucido (o in mancanza il grasso) a causa di indisponibilità non viene ceduto da parecchio tempo.-

Per l'approvvigionamento si comunica che sono in corso di fabbricazione q.li 5.000 di sapone al 47% di acidi grassi, mentre per il nero lucido si rende difficile (e si direbbe quasi impossibile) il rifornimento a causa della mancanza di materie prime. E' in corso l'acquisto di Q/li30 a cura della Direzione di Commissariato di Palermo presso una Ditta di Roccalumera (Messina) per bisogni delle truppe in Sicilia.

Per le truppe della Sardegna è assicurato il rifornimento con acquisti effettuati da una Ditta dell'isola, che ha in corso regolare contratto di forniture.

La distribuzione degli oggetti di uso personale, elencati nell'appendice "A" allegata al foglio cui si risponde, non viene effettuata mensilmente non essendo prevista come razione spettante al soldato.-

Si fa eccezione solo per il sapone ed il nero lucido.-

Per il sapone si effettua una distribuzione mensile di gr. 200 per bucato e gr. 200 per pulizia personale se prodotto al 30% di acidi grassi; di gr. 150 per bucato e gr. 150 per pulizia se al 47%.-

Per il nero lucido è prevista una razione mensile di gr. 50 per ogni militare; in mancanza di nero lucido è considerata la distribuzione di gr. 100 di grasso per calzature.-

Si può assicurare che il sapone è stato sempre distribuito alla truppa, mentre il nero lucido (o in mancanza il grasso) a causa di indisponibilità non viene ceduto da parecchio tempo.-

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La distribuzione si effettua mediante il prelevamento a cura dei reparti presso i centri rifornitori.

SAPONE PER BARBA E PENNELLI: sono stati recentemente ceduti a pagamento dallo spaccio Neo Zelandese "VMCA" di Bari circa 4100 pennelli e 6900 pezzi di sapone per barba. Oltre a ciò vi sono circa 10 Q/li di produzione italiana di cui il 25% deve essere inviato a Napoli ed il 75% a Bari.

RASOI: per fronteggiare le forti richieste, furono interessate tutte le Direzioni di Commissariato per l'acquisto dal libero commercio. I risultati furono modesti e i quantitativi raccolti sono stati già distribuiti alle Divisioni italiane.

Attualmente sono in corso nuovi tentativi per il relativo approvvigionamento, ma vi è poca possibilità di un risultato apprezzabile.

LAMETTE: nella zona di Napoli ne sono state acquistate circa 50.000; altre 260.000 sono state fornite dai magazzini alleati, e vengono cedute ai reparti operanti con le truppe Anglo-Americane.

Alla deficienza delle lamette e dei rasoi si deve sopprimere necessariamente con l'impiego dei barbiere reggimentali.

PETTINI - SPAZZOLE PER CAPELLI E SPAZZOLE PER SCARPE:

Vi è una esistenza trascurabilissima.

DENTIFRICI: E' stata già rappresentata a cotesta Sottocommissione la necessità che siano forniti da fonte alleata. Vi è assoluta mancanza di detto articolo, e le possibilità di acquisto dal commercio sono minime.

SPAZZOLINI: complessivamente vi sono 7900 spazzolini, da ripartire tra Napoli e Bari nelle percentuali stabilite da cotesta Missione, rispettivamente nel 25% e nel 75%.

BRETELLE: non è previsto un rifornimento alle truppe a cui veniva invece data la correggia per pantaloni. Però anche tale materiale è esaurito e si richiede di poter utilizzare le 36.000 cinghie avute da fonte alleata nella zona di Napoli.

LACCI PER SCARPE: vi è una esistenza di 165.000 paia. Tutte le richieste vengono espletate.

TAZZOLETTI: non vi è alcuna esistenza. Trattandosi di materiale necessario ed indispensabile, si prega codesta Sottocommissione di voler esaminare la possibilità di cedere un congruo quantitativo. =

P. IL MINISTRO



SUBJECT :- Soap Requirements of
Italian Armed Forces,

H.Q. A.A.I.
C.M.F.

2059/1/92

2 June 44.

Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission,
Allied Control Commission.

1. It is observed from " Programme of Soap Production for the requirements of Liberated Italy", prepared by your Sub-Commission, that your plans for soap production cater for the civil population only, and that existing capacity will produce soap on a ration of 300 grams per head per month.
2. Since however the Combined Chiefs of Staff have ruled that soap from Allied stocks may not be allotted to the Italian Armed Forces, the needs of Italian Naval, Military, and Air Force personnel, must be met from production within Italy; and it is therefore requested that you arrange for the production and distribution programmes to be adjusted accordingly.
3. It is understood that the matter has already been represented to you by the Army Sub-Commission.

for *Attilio Kral*
Major General.
Chief Administrative Officer.

Copy to :- H.Q. A.C.C.
M.M.I.A.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INDUSTRY & COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

ASA/ejc

Ref. ACC/5000/IC

31 May 1944

SUBJECT: Tooth Paste, Tooth Brushes, Shaving Cream

TO : Army Sub-Commission (M M I A) ✓

1. Your letter signal O/N-AQ-1182 dated 21 May refers.
2. Tooth Brushes - No stocks of tooth brushes or facilities for manufacture can be located.
3. Tooth Paste - Can be manufactured by DE SALVIO Via Stadera 91 a Poggioreale, who has most materials on hand. Aluminum tubes can be manufactured by LAMINAZIONE SOTTILE, Via Cannola al Trivio 11 and by Ditta GIACOBONE, at Via Abate Menichini 14 (Ponti Rossi)
4. Shaving Soap. The following firms are suggested for manufacture of Shaving Soap:

Di Prisco Biagio - Salita Miradois 11
Maione Francesco - Via Nolana 11
S. A. Chimical - Piazza Amedeo 8

It is believed that they hold stocks of the principal ingredients, Cocoa-nut oil or tallow, Caustic Soda, Stearin.

W. P. Evans
W. P. EVANS
Colonel
Director, Industry & Commerce
Sub-Commission

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INDUSTRY & COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

WJM/ejc

Ref. ACC/5112/IC

30 May 1944

SUBJECT: Soap Manufacture

TO : Army Sub-Commission

1. Your AQ/2/3 of 24 May 44 refers.

2. It is anticipated that if this Sub-Commission's requisitions for Caustic Soda are accepted by AFHQ and shipments of this material commence in good time, production of Soap should commence in September next.

3. In the meantime Caustic Soda will be released to you in order that the gap may be bridged by local production under your control. It is recommended that strict control of this Caustic Soda be maintained, as 'black market' prices are as high as Lit 300 per kilo against landed cost of Lit 8.80 per kilo.

W. P. Evans

W. P. EVANS
Colonel
Director, Industry & Commerce
Sub-Commission

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TELESCRITTO

DIRECOMMILES
DEPOSITO SPECIALE V.E. (Mazza.)
ARMY SUB COMMISSION
COFAR CAMPANIA
DIRECOMMILES

BARI

LECCE (a mano)
LEQUILLE
P.M. 120
NAPOLI

GUERRA COMMISSARIATO N° 10244/V DATATO 30 MAGGIO DESTINATARI DIRECOMMILES BARI ET DEPOMILES LECCE PER CONOSCENZA A.S.C. LEQUILLE ET COFAR CAMPANIA ET DIRECOMMILES NAPOLI PUNTO PARZIALE MODIFICA PRECEDENTE DISPACCIO N° 9904/V DATATO 27 MAGGIO SEQUITO ACCORDI CON SOTTOCOMMISSIONE ALLEATA COMUNICASI CHE PERCENTUALI ARTICOLI DA TCEIETNA RESTANO FISSATE COME APPRESSO DUE PUNTI AT BARI SETTEANTACINQUE PER CENTO ET AT NAPOLI VENTI-CINQUE PER CENTO PUNTO SIA DISPOSTO IN CONFORMITA' PRESENTI ORDINI PUNTO PRO MINISTRO GUERRA PELLIGRA

Per Copia Conforme

Il Direttore Capo Divisione II.
Maggiore Aldo Natis



Partial amendment 157th
on 9904/V dated 27th.
In accordance with
agreement reached with
M.M.A. percentages of total
as follows: 75% Bari
and 25% at Naples. Provided in
accordance with this order.

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11 Directorate Camp Division II
Maggioro Albo Nostro



our 990171 dated 27.11.55
in accordance with
agreement reached with
M.M.A. percentages of toilet
requisite to be as follows: 75% Brain
and 25% at Naples. Provided in
accordance with this order.

[Signature]

31/5/55

Quick work. noted

[Signature]

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SUBJECT. Supply of Personal Items for Italian Army

File (83)
Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main HQ. (MMIA)
LEQUILE. (LECCE)
AQ/2/3
20 May 44.

Ministry of War.

1. Attached at Appendix 'A', is a list of items, required for a soldiers personal maintenance and welfare.

2. Will the Ministry of War please forward, without delay, a statement showing for each item listed in APPX 'A' the following:-

- a) Whether a normal issue to the Italian Army.
- b) If issued, the scale of issue per man.
- c) The method of demanding.
- d) The method of issue to the man.
- e) Total stocks held on (i) Mainland.
(ii) Sardinia.
(iii) Sicily.

3. As this statement is required urgently, an immediate return of stocks held on the Mainland should be forwarded. It is not intended that this return should be delayed, pending returns from SICILY and SARINIA. 6

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for
Major General.
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

Copy to:- HQ. AAI.

PERSONAL ITEMS.

Soap - washing.
- toilet.
- shaving.
Shaving Brushes.
Tooth Paste.
Tooth Brushes.
Razors - safety.
- open.
Razor Blades.
Foot Polish.- Black.
- Brown.
Dubbin type Polish.

APPENDIX 'A'.

Leather Equipment - Polish.
- Soap.
Metal Polish.
Combs.
Hairbrushes.
Foot Brushes.
Sewing Kit.
Braces.
Laces.
Handkerchiefs.

Any other items of comforts, recreation, amenities etc not included above.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INDUSTRY & COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

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29 May 44

SUBJECT: Demands for commodities by Army Sub-Comm.

TO : Major K.C. Wilson,
L.O. Ind. & Comm. Apulia, BARI.

1. The two demands on forms MAT 10 of the 15 May from Army Sub-Commission, attached to your letter 18 May, reference A 2/2/3, refer.

2. The demand for Caustic Soda forms the subject of a separate letter.

3. Nitrogen, being an uncontrolled commodity your demand for this is returned herewith attached to form MAT 12/139, on which under remarks, information is given by this Sub-Commission for guidance in locating supplies.

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By Command of Lieut.Gen. MASON MACFARLANE:

[Signature]
W. P. EVANS
Colonel, Director, Industry
& Comm. Sub-Commission

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Copy to:
Regional Commissioner, Region 2,
Att. Economics & Supply Division
Provincial Commissioner, Lecce.

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Army Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

Forwarded.

K. Wilson
Main RA.

2 June 44.

L.O. Industry - Commerce Apulia

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INDUSTRY & COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

Ref: Your letter Hq-/2/3 18 May
and Mat.10 15 May NITROGEN
(a) UNCONTROLLED)

Date 29 May

SUBJECT: (b) ~~UNAVAILABLE~~) MATERIALS FOR CIVILIAN NEEDS.

TO: Army Sub-Commission
Main Hq. (MMIA) Lequile (Lecce)
(for Italian Ministry of War)

1. Your application(s)

~~is/are~~ returned herewith as the material required is:

- (a) uncontrolled by A.F. Local Resources (Italian) Board;
- (b) ~~unavailable~~ in Italy;
- (c)

2. Remarks: Nitrogen is a by-product of all oxygen plants though not necessarily compressed into cylinders. There is an Oxygen plant at Taranto - S.A. Produzione Idrogeno Ossigeno who, judging by the name, are likely producers of Nitrogen.

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1 Form Mat.10

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W. P. EVANS
Colonel,
Director, Industry &
Commerce Sub-Commission

Copy to:

L. SUPPLIES AND STORES DEPARTMENT

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C. ROY & COMPANY 148

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Age Group	2006 (%)	2008 (%)
18-29	~65	~75
30-39	~70	~80
40-49	~75	~85
50-59	~80	~90
60+	~85	~95

3. BOOKS ON LINE IS OF 1000
Equivalent to days of study.

6. DATA SECURITY AND DISCLOSURE 144

2. **Supply and Demand for Nitrogen Compounds**

TOP Cubic metres

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3. PATIENTS ON TUBO-NOV
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5. **THEOREM 1** (see [1, 2]). Let $\mathcal{A}$ be a $\mathcal{C}^*$ -algebra and let $\mathcal{K}$ be the algebra of compact operators on a separable infinite-dimensional Hilbert space. Then

Town of Commerce

Evelyn *Gladys*

10. It is certified that these supplies and stores are required for (URGENT) ~~ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES~~ and press. (Article on wages not published.)

15 May 44

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3. EXPENSES ON TRAVEL as of 1944
Equivalent to days of supply.

6. DATA EVALUATION REQUIREMENTS 140

7. ANALYZE THE UNDERLYING COUNTRY ECONOMY. COUNTRY NITROGEN!

100 Cubic metres		100 Cubic metres
100 Cubic metres		100 Cubic metres

3. PRIORITY ON LOGIC for work on hand at Italian Artillery workshops.

6. POLICE UNIVERSITY - UZBEC, TASHKENT

Divinity 300

IC. It is recalled that these guidelines and stores are required for (UACIN) (COMPROMISED/UNRELIABLE) purposes. (Clarify our words do: apply to us.)

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III. REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

40. Use of local resources: migration only.

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Date.....	= All Novitiate.....
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Form ACC-124 NO. 18.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Direzione Generale Servizi di Commissariato Militare
Divisione Casermaggio e Combustibili

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P.M. 107, li 28 MAG. 1944

OGGETTO: Sapone per Corpo Italiano di Liberazione.

Soap for Italian Corps of Liberation

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO DELLA C.A.C.
(rif.f.AQ/2/3 del 15 maggio)

e, per conoscenza:

ALL'UFFICIO COLLEGAMENTO MISSIONI ALLEATE

= L E Q U I L E =

= S E D E =

In esito a quanto richiesto con la nota a
riferimento, comunicasi che la Direzione di Commissaria
to Militare del Comando FF.AA. della Campania, interpel
lata circa i rifornimenti di sapone al Corpo Italiano di
Liberazione e l'esistenza delle scorte di tale genere,
ha reso noto che:

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- 2) - le disponibilità dei dipendenti magazzini hanno con
sentito di soddisfare interamente il fabbisogno delle
truppe fino a tutto il mese di maggio;
- 3) - per il mese di giugno la predetta Direzione dispone
in atto di 120 quintali di sapone (di cui 100 spedi
ti il 22/5 da Bari); inoltre, in data odierna è sta-

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- 3) - per il mese di giugno la predetta Direzione dispone in atto di 120 quintali di sapone (di cui 100 spediti il 22/5 da Bari); inoltre, in data odierna è stato disposto l'invio dai magazzini di Bari di altri 100 quintali che dovrebbero completare il fabbisogno di detto mese. =

p. IL MINISTRO



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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
DL/r DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE
Divisione Vestiario-equipaggiamento

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N. 9904/V. di prot. P. M. 107. B

Risposta al foglio N. del Carte annesse

OGGETTO: Forniture alle truppe operanti di spazzolini
dentifricio e sapone da barba. - *supplying of combat troops with tooth brushes & shaving soap.*

ALLA DIREZIONE DI COMMISSARIATO MIL. B A R I
AL DEPOSITO SPECIALE V.E.-Rep. Magazz.- L E C C E
e, per conoscenza:
ALL'ARMY SUB COMMISSION A.C.C. Main HQ.-LEQUILE
(rif. f. AQ/2/9/del 20/5/44)
AL COMANDO FF.AA. DELLA CAMPANIA P.M. 120
ALLA DIREZIONE DI COMM/TO MIL. DI NAPOLI

for information

La Sottocommissione Alleata di Controllo ha segnalato che non è stato provveduto al fabbisogno degli articoli in oggetto per le truppe operanti da parte del Comando FF.AA. della Campania per indisponibilità/-

Allo scopo di mettere il suddetto Comando in grado di aderire alle richieste inoltrate dai reparti operanti si dispone quanto appresso:

- 1) Il Deposito Speciale v.e. di Lecce spedisce il 90% dell'intera esistenza di spazzolini per denti (circa 7900) alla Direzione di Commissariato Mil. di Napoli, ed il 10% a quella di Bari;
- 2) La Direzione di Commissariato Mil. di Bari spedisce alla consorella di Napoli il 90% dell'intera esistenza di sapone da barba (circa q.li 15), tratteneendo il 10% per i bisogni delle truppe operanti dislocate nella propria circoscrizione.-

All'Army Sub Commission si comunica che non si assegnano i dentifrici, in quanto non vi è alcuna disponibilità nei magazzini italiani; a tal uopo si rap-
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presenta la necessità che sia fornito da fonti al-
leate un congruo quantitativo di tale articolo da
ripartirsi tra le due Direzioni di Commissariato
predette.-

p. IL MINISTRO

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TO: MMIA LEQU. LE AR(79)

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INDUSTRY & COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

WJM/ejc

24 May 1944

Ref. ACC/5112/10

SUBJECT: Soap Manufacture

TO : Regional Supply Officer, Region II

1. Reference is made to Major Wilson's letter AQ/2/3 of 18 May 44, copy to you, on the subject of Caustic Soda for M.M.I.A. for the manufacture of Soap for the Italian armed forces.

2. It is certain that this Sub-Commission's program of Soap Manufacture cannot be carried into effect for a matter of at least 2 months when first really substantial supplies of Caustic Soda are expected. It is therefore agreed that you release 20 tons Caustic Soda on arrival or arrivals at Bari or Brindisi in June next to M.M.I.A. for soap making: 840 tons are expected on RMS 51 or 52.

3. Form ACC MAT 10 has been received from Army Sub-Commission calling for 25 tons monthly of Caustic Soda for June, July and August. It is not proposed at this stage to release these quantities - but to review the situation again in July, if local manufacture under I & C Soap Manufacturing program has not by then taken care of the situation.

4. It is pointed out, in passing, that M.M.I.A.'s demands for Caustic Soda are in excess of requirements. If the fat content of 160 tons Soap is 45% 15 tons Caustic Soda are needed. Therefore 5 tons of the June release should be conserved against later Soap manufacturing needs.

By Command of Lieutenant General MASON MACFARLANE:

Copy to:
HQ, Main (MMIA) ✓
Maj. R. C. Wilson
c/o R.C. Reg. VII
Food Sub-Commission

W. P. Evans
W. P. EVANS
Colonel
Director, Industry & Commerce
Sub-Commission

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Subject:- Soap.

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main HQ. (MIA)
LEQUIL. (LECOF)
AC/2/3.

24 May 44.

Industry and Commerce Sub Commission.

Reference your letter ACC/5112/10 dated 16 May 44.

1. It is noted that all soap production will soon be co-ordinated and controlled by the Industry and Commerce Sub Commission.
2. The Army Sub Commission welcomes the inclusion of the Italian Armed Forces in the scheme, as this will not only ensure a regular supply, but allow control to be maintained over its distribution.
3. The Army Sub Commission would be grateful to know the estimated date when such supplies will be available, so that demands may be prepared.
4. Stocks held by the Italian Ministry of War will be taken into account when submitting demands.

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Major General.
Army Sub Commission ACC.

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Copy to: HQ. AAI. for Q Branch.

SUBJECT:- Soap for Italian Armed Forces

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

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20 May 44

Industry & Commerce Sub Commission
AOC

1. Your letter ACC/5112/IC dated 16 May 44 and attached report on "Soap Production in Liberated Italy" are noted.
2. The remarks as laid out in para 4 of your letter are agreed and it is requested that the necessary arrangements are made to implement this scheme.

Copy to - MMIA

[Signature]
Major-General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

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Originator's No. AQ 1182 (*) R.STRUCTED (*) Your Q 2239 dated 17 May (*)
Ministry of War continually pressed to make maximum use meagre stocks and local
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stocks toothbrushes 9700 toothpaste 111 shaving soap and hair tons in bulk paste
but not in tubes or sticks (*) This has been ordered and to MIA and MIA
(*) Unless further small stocks are discovered in country depots future supply
appears dependent on the uncertain quantities obtainable by local requisitioning
FOR ACC MIA (*) Request you provide any relevant information to help Ministry
in local purchase these uncontrolled items

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Originator's No. AG/51 (*) refer 3407/Q(AT) 14 May (*) Greatest difficulty experienced in providing standard ration of soap (*) immediately Italian Army has achieved supplying all troops with standard ration production will be further pushed as far as possible to increase the ration (*) production figures follow after further exploration local resources with AGO

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SUBJECT: Provision of Toothbrushes, Shaving Soap and
Toothpaste for Combat Tps.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MIA)
LEQUITE (LECCE)
AQ/2/3/
20 May 44.

Ministry of War.

1. Reports have again been received that requirements of the above articles have not been met for Combat Tps. Requests have been placed on FF.AA CAMPANIA which have not been met yet at the same time stocks exist in LECCE.

2. You will therefore order ALL available stocks to be moved forthwith to BARI and NAPLES in the proportion of 10% to BARI and 90% to NAPLES.

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Copy to: H.Q. M.A.I.

[Signature]
Major General.
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

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LEQUILE (68/1)

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INDUSTRY & COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

WM/rj

Ref. AGC/5412/IS

AGC/2/3

16 May 1944

SUBJECT: Soap Production

TO : HQ AAI.
(Attn: Chief Administrative Officer)

1. Your letter 1025/CI of 8 May 1944 refers.

2. The supply of Caustic Soda to the Italian Armed Forces has not been the subject of requisition by this Sub-Commission of AGC, and no request for such supply has been received prior to that contained in Army Sub-Commission's letter AG 2/3 of 3 May 1944.

3. All caustic soda requisitioned by AGC has been earmarked for:

- (a) Refining of Olive Oil,
- (b) Soap Production for civilian needs.

An effort will be made to arrange release to Army Sub-Commission of 20 tons Caustic Soda from shipments expected to arrive in the near future in order to enable continuing supplies of soap to be made available.

4. It is desired to point out that an integrated programme of soap manufacture has been prepared by Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission, AGC, in order to utilise local resources to the best advantage and with the least waste of raw materials. It would appear to be preferable, therefore, for soap requirements for the Italian Armed Forces to be drawn from one of the plants whose output and standard of manufacture will be controlled by AGC. This after the soap produced with the assistance of 20 tons Caustic Soda mentioned in para 3 above is exhausted.

5. One standard quality of good yellow soap will be produced under the arrangements contemplated. Two copies of Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission's "Report on Soap Production in Liberated Italy" are enclosed for information. Should further copies be required, please advise.

For Lieutenant General MASON MACFARLANE:

Action Capt Bird (draft with) 2/5/44

W. P. EVANS
Colonel,
Director, Industry & Commerce
Sub-Commission

1 Incl:
Two copies of report on Soap
Production in Liberated Italy.

Copy to:
M.H.I.A.
File 5160

Subject: - Soap.

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.

Main Hq. (MHA)

Despatch (Ltr. R)

AM/2/3

May 44.

(66)

Ministry of War.

1. It is understood that NO issues of soap have been made to GIL from ITALIAN sources by Hq. FSWA. G-SP-HIA.
2. In the interests of hygiene, an issue of 15,000 pieces of soap has been authorized by Hq. AAI from allied sources.
3. It has been confirmed that demands from GIL have been made on Hq. FSWA. G-SP-HIA.
4. An explanation is requested to show why:-
 - a) Sufficient stocks were NOT available in stores under Gen. Balf's command. (MHA letter AM/2/3 dated 28 April 44 refers) or
 - b) If stocks were available, issues were NOT made immediately.
5. The matter is of primary importance as affecting the efficiency of Italian supply channels to COMBAT troops, and an early reply is required.

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Major General.
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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To

Copy to: Hq. AAI for "Y".
Hq. Rear Eighth Army.
MHA. HQ. at HQ. AAI.

Subject: Black Boot Polish.

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main Co. (MMA)
18/2/44
18 MAY 44

Ministry of War.

Reference your letter 2096/5 dated 30 April 44.

1. It is understood that the two under-mentioned firms are now in a position to manufacture black boot polish, and have already requested such orders from the Italian Army.

- a) Faye, Giovanni, Strada 5 Ann. alle Reluzzi, 8, Naples.
- b) Tartaro Pasquale, Vico Castellani 19, Naples.

2. It is proposed that full use is being made of these two firms by the Ministry of War, and that the shortage of black boot polish is relieved accordingly.

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F. J. Noakes 171
for Major General. H. W.
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

Copy to: Industry and Commerce Sub Commission, ACC.
(ref. your ACC/5000/10 dated 10 May 44.)

1813.12. HQ. ACC.

Subject: Soap Ration to
Italian Troops

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14 May 44

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Army Sub-Commission, A.C.C.,
Main HQ (M.M.I.A.)

1. It is understood that the normal Italian scale of soap ration is 400 grammes per month and that this is intended to cover personal and laundry requirements.
2. It has been represented on behalf of employing units that on grounds of health the ration be increased. Replies to earlier enquiries have stated that Italian Army stocks would not justify an additional issue but it is thought that the position may now have improved.
3. It is requested that the possibility of increasing the present soap ration to Italian military personnel be explored and the result notified to this HQ as early as possible.

[Signature]
Major-General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

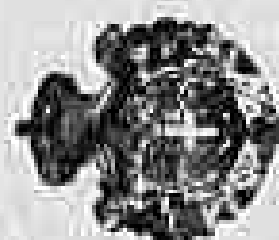
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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

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DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE
Divisione Casermaggio e Combustibili

N. 2438/C di prot. D/5

P. M. 107, li 13 MAG. 1941

Risposta al foglio N. del

Carle annesse

OGGETTO: Sapone, lamette da barba e generi da toeletta.-

Sapone, rasatura blades and other accessories.

ALA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO DELLA C.A.C.

LEQUILE

e, per conoscenza:

ALL'UFFICIO COLLEGAMENTO MISSIONI ALLEATE S E D E

In relazione al foglio n. AQ/2/3 in data 28 aprile u.s., pervenuto tramite l'ufficio Collegamento Missioni Alleate, si segnalano i dati relativi alla distribuzione alle truppe dei generi sottoindicati.-

SAPONE

Le spettanze mensili in vigore dal mese di marzo sono le seguenti:

a) razione personale truppa:

per la pulizia personale;

2 saponette (pezzi da grammi 100)

oppure

grammi 200 di sapone avente fino al 30% di acidi grassi;

oppure

grammi 150 di sapone avente 43-47% di acidi grassi; per lisciviaatura biancheria;

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grammi 150 di sapone avente 43-47% di acidi grassi; b) razione supplementare per pulizia personali addetti ai laboratori, officine, cucine, ecc.:

grammi 200 di sapone avente fino al 30% di acidi grassi;

oppure

grammi 100 di sapone avente 43-47% di acidi grassi; c) razione per quadrupedi:

grammi 200 di sapone avente fino al 30% di acidi grassi;

oppure

grammi 150 di sapone avente 43-47% di acidi grassi.-

Per esigenze di carattere particolare, come già avvenuto per i casi di scabbia, pediculosi, bonifiche, ecc. vengono concesse, su proposta sanitaria, distribuzioni supplementari.-

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Il rifornimento sapone risulta avvenuto regolarmente per i reparti dislocati in tutto il territorio liberato, comprese le FF.AA. della Campania.-

Al riguardo si è recentemente disposto:

- 1) la spedizione da Napoli a Bari di un congruo quantitativo di soda della partita testè assegnata da codesta Sottocommissione, per il successivo impiego nella fabbricazione del sapone da parte del Saponificio "Risorgimento", lasciando parte alla Direzione di Commissariato di Napoli perchè possa provvedere al proprio fabbisogno sapone mediante forniture locali;

- 2) nell'attesa che possano ottenersi queste ultime forniture, la continuazione del rifornimento mensile dai magazzini di Bari per tutte le FF.AA. della Campania - ivi comprese le truppe operanti con gli Alleati.-

LAMETTE DA BARBA

La deficiente disponibilità di lamette non ha consentito di stabilire una spettanza uniforme da distribuire mensilmente alle truppe.-

L'intero quantitativo disponibile, circa n.189.000, è stato ripartito tra le unità operanti: Corpo Italiano di Liberazione, 209^a, 210^a e 227^a Divisione e 113^o Reggimento Fanteria.-

In seguito all'interessamento di questo Ministero, lo Stato Maggiore R.E., con foglio n.3/2635 del 21 marzo u.s., ha segnalato a codesta Sottocommissione il fabbisogno mensile di lamette da barba unitamente a quello di vari altri generi da toeletta.-

La richiesta si riferiva esclusivamente alle truppe poste alle dipendenze degli Alleati.-

GENERI DA TOELETTA

Gli oggetti di cui è stato possibile effettuare la distribuzione sono i seguenti:

- sapone da barba	pezzi	1900
- spazzolini per denti	n.	2300
- dentifrici	n.	50
- saponette (extra spettanza)	pezzi	200
- pettini	n.	2000
- rasoi di sicurezza	n.	619

*Shaving soap
Toiletries
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- macchinette per taglio capelli

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- pettini	n.	2000
- rasoi di sicurezza	n.	619
- macchinette per taglio capelli	n.	441
- forbici per capelli	n.	48

Per poter procedere ad un regolare rifornimento alle truppe si attende l'esito della richiesta inoltrata dallo Stato Maggiore con il foglio sopracitato.-

Si è colta l'occasione per richiamare ancora l'attenzione degli enti dipendenti sulla necessità di curare al massimo tali erogazioni, segnalando tempestivamente i rispettivi fabbisogni per potervi provvedere nel modo più opportuno, sempre beninteso in rapporto alle disponibilità.-

P. IL MINISTRO

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INDUSTRY & COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

ASA/ga

Ref. ACC/5000 /IC

10 May 1944

SUBJECT : Boot Polish

TO : Army Sub-Commission, ACC
Main HQ, Lequile, Lecce

1. Information furnished by R. Direzione Commissariato Militare, states that the 2 u/m firms are presently in position to manufacture black boot polish, and have previously requested such orders from Italian Army.

a.) Papa, Giovanni
Strettola S. Anna alle Paludi, 8
Naples.

b.) Tartaro Pasquale
Vico Castellina 19
Naples.

2. A written offer from Tartaro is attached.

W.P. Evans
W.P. EVANS
Colonel
Director, Industry &
Commerce Sub-Commission

1 Incl. -
Copy of ltr from
Ditta P. Tartaro
dated 9 May 44

Action: Letter to M of W.
Signal to I & C S. V (acknowledging)
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14/5 JB

SUBJECT:- Soap for Italian Armed Forces

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY
1025/01

Main HQ., ACC

8 May 44

Ref Army Sub-Commission letter AG/2/3 dated
3 May 44, copy to you.

1. The soap position at the moment is ^{not} satisfactory, as the availability to the Italian Armed Forces is 50 tons per month up to the end of JUNE, whereas something like 160 tons per month will eventually be required.
2. As you are aware soap is NOT one of the items to be supplied to the Italian Armed Forces from Allied sources, and therefore in order that the position may be improved will you please confirm that you can release additional supplies of Caustic Soda as requested by the Army Sub-Commission.
3. It is most desirable that the supply of soap to the Italian Armed Forces be sufficient to maintain a satisfactory hygienic standard.

[Signature]
Major General.
Chief Administrative Officer.

Copy to:- Army Sub-Commission, ACC —
Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission, ACC

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*Signal 1 & C S.C.
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INDUSTRY & COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

Ad 12/3.
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4 May 1944

Ref. ACC/5112/IG

SUBJECT: Soap Manufacture

TO : ADST, Army Sub-Commission, ACC
Main HQ (MMIA) Lequile, Lecce

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1. Your telegram AQ 1069 of 2 May 44 refers.
2. The quantity of fused caustic soda (98% Na OH) required to produce 1000 Kg. of ordinary washing soap is 130 Kg. If the caustic soda is utilized as a commercial solution at 48°Be', 300 Kg. of this solution would be required. Should the solution be at 36°Be', the quantity required would be increased to 400 Kg.

W. P. Evans

W. P. EVANS
Colonel
Director, Industry & Commerce
Sub-Commission

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SUBJECT: Surplus Stocks.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA)
L. G. (L. G. C.)
AG/2/3
6 May 44.

New Zealand, Y.M.C.A.
(BARI)

Confirming telephone message of 5 May 44.

1. A copy of Industry and Commerce Sub Commission letter, ACC/5300/1C dated 2 May 44 is forwarded herewith.
2. It is confirmed that the Italian Ministry of War accept to purchase the items listed at the prices shown.
3. The Army Sub Commission (MMIA) L.O. at HQ No. 2 District, Capt. MURCELL has been instructed to make immediate contact with the New Zealand Y.M.C.A. BARI to arrange the details of purchase and handover.

tvs.JB.

for *R*
Major General.
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

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copy to: Industry & Commerce Sub Comm, (Ref ACC/5300/
(HQ A.C.C.) (1C, dated
Industry & Commerce Sub Comm, (2 May 44.
(BARI) (-----

MMIA L.O. 2 District.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INDUSTRY & COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

(54)
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ACC/5300/IC

2 May 1944

SUBJECT: Surplus Materials available to Italian Forces.
TO : Director, Army Sub-Commis.(MMIA) Lequile (Lecce).

1. The New Zealand Y M C A, Mr. Rushbrook, Via Vittorio Veneto, 57, Bari; telephone 11007, wishes to sell surplus stocks of materials on hand. These are;

Material	Quantity	Price
Matches	9 Cases @ 7,200 or 64,800 Boxes 36 " @ 1,000 <u>36,000</u> 100,800 "	1 lira per box.
Tobacco	21,000 - 1 oz. packets	15 lire ea.
Cigarette paper	12 Cases, ea. 3040 packets 36,480 packets	7 lire per packet 164
Cocoa	97 Cases ea. 48 tins, 4,656 tins @ $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs ea.	35 lire per tin
Shaving Brushes	4,400 of 4 types	85 lire ea.

2. It is recommended that the Army Sub-Commission contact the New Zealand Y M C A immediately for direct procurement of such of this merchandise as may be desired, for the Italian Army.

By Command of Lieut.General MASON MACFARLANE:

John S. Evans
W. P. EVANS
Colonel,
Director, Industry & Commerce
Sub-Commission

Copy to:

Major Wilson, I. & C. Sub-Comm., Palazzo di Citta', Bari.
Army Sub-Commission, (MMIA), Rear Hq-ACC, Salerno.

Copy sent to ST

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(52)
Subject: - Boot Polish.

• Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main HQ. (MIA)
• LEQUILE. (LECCE)
AQ/2/3
5 May 44.

Industry and Commerce Sub Commission A.C.C.

1. Italian Army stocks of black boot polish are almost exhausted, with a consequent acceleration in wastage of boots, which are already insufficient for their needs. None is available from Allied Sources.
2. It is believed that boot polish is not among items controlled by you, but it is felt that you may know where it is available in bulk, or what factories are producing it.
3. This Sub Commission would be most grateful for any help you could give in this matter.

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Major General.
Army Sub Commission A.C.C.

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

pe Divisione Casermaggio e Combustibili

N. 2096/C di prot. D/2 P. M. 107, II 80 APR 1944

Risposta al foglio N. del Carte annesse

OGGETTO: Nero lucido per calzature.-

Black boot polish.

Al LA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE ALLEATA PER L'ESERCITO

LEQUILE

e, per conoscenza:

ALL'UFFICIO COLLEGAMENTO MISSIONI ALLEATE

S E D E

Riferimento foglio n.AQ/2/3 del 13/4/944.-

Le esigue scorte di nero lucido e l'impossibilità di sostituire tale prodotto con grasso animale, causa la quasi cessata macellazione, non consentono più a questo Ministero di far fronte ai bisogni delle truppe, con conseguente grave danno alla conservazione delle calzature di cui, com'è noto, si dispone in misura assai limitata rispetto al fabbisogno.-

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Si prega pertanto nuovamente di voler cortesemente intervenire presso le competenti Autorità Alleate al fine di ottenere, ove possibile, una sollecita assegnazione di nero lucido.-

P. IL MINISTRO

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Subject:- Soap for Italian Army.

SECRET.

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main HQ. (MMIA)
LEQUILS (LECCE)
AQ/2/3
3 May 44

HQ. AAI.

Reference your I025/Q dated 23 April 44.

1. The Italian scale of soap ration is 400 grams per month per man. This is intended for both personal and laundry purposes. The future policy envisages the employment of approx 400,000 Armed Forces (less Navy and Air Force) but inclusive CCRR) representing 160 tons of soap per month.
2. The present availability of soap from local Industry is 50 tons per month up to 30 June. A release of caustic soda to the Italian Ministry of War made by the Industry and Commerce Sub Commission ACC, will enable this to continue after 30 June, and for such time as further releases are made.
3. The quality of soap is frequently very poor. The full ration of 400 grams per man is at present being given by AMG to Italian troops in 5 Corps Area. But owing to the quality of the soap, it has been found inadequate.
4. The position cannot be regarded as satisfactory from any point of view, and it will be necessary for increased releases of Caustic Soda to be made, before there can be any improvement. These extra releases are being requested through the Industries & Commerce Sub Commission, ACC.

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Major General.
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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Copies to:- HQ.ACC.
Industry & Commerce Sub Commission, ACC.

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SUBJECT: Soap for Italian Tps

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Army Sub Commission

1025/Q

23 Apr 44

It would appear that there is a shortage of soap among Italian tps both in the fwd areas and in rear of army boundaries.

Soap is not one of the items to be supplied to the Italian Armed Forces from allied sources. Ingredients for the manufacture of soap have been supplied by ACC and it seems clear that the Italian Armed Forces can obtain their requirements from that source.

Please say if you are satisfied that the supply of soap to the Italian Armed Forces will be sufficient to maintain a satisfactory hygienic standard.



[Signature]
Brigadier,
DQMG.

[Signature]
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COPY. *from MMIA LO 5 Corps*

SUBJECT: Italian Military.

Q 4517.
26 Apr 44.

AAI (Adm Ech).

1. The normal Italian scale of soap ration is 400 grammes per month. This is intended for both personal and laundry purposes.
2. DDMS and ADH 5 Corps have made very strong representations that this scale be increased, on grounds of health. Employing units complain frequently of the lack of cleanliness, scabies etc., of Italian Tps who are often working alongside British Tps.
3. The matter has been taken up on several occasions with SMRE through MMIA, but it is said that Italian Army stocks would not justify an additional issue and that none is available from Allied services.
4. It has been confirmed with Italian Div and Regt H. that the full 400 grammes are in fact issued but the quality of the soap is such that it is totally inadequate, and in any case, the ration is insufficient for both purposes.
5. Mobile Laundry facilities in 5 Corps area are already stretched to full capacity, and in the circumstances, especially having regard to the health of our own tps, it is proposed to issue a further 6 ozs of soap from WD sources.
6. It is requested that authority be given accordingly.

DLL/JWM

Sgd: ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? 139
Lieutenant-General,
Commander, 5 Corps.

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Subject: Soap and Razor Blades

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main No. (Main)
LE ULLÉ. (LEUCC)

28 April 44.

Ministry of War.

1. SOAP.

a) It is understood that Ditta Saponificio Riocarmenio have produced since December 50 tons of soap per month for the Italian Army and that negotiations for a further six months supply are almost completed. In addition 25 tons solid Caustic Soda, and 83 tons (75,000 litres) liquid Caustic Soda are being released monthly to the Italian Army for soap manufacture. Supplies of soap at the rate of 200 grams washing, 200 grams toilet, and 200 grams being released by Army to Italian troops with 5 Corps.

b) Sufficient soap is therefore available to ensure a regular supply up to 200 grams for all Italian troops in the Combat Zones, and the question of sending soap returns to them only applies to those troops including 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th.

c) In order that demands by these troops may be met with the minimum delay, the Ministry of War will ensure that sufficient stocks of soap are readily available in stores under Gen. Basso's command, and arrangements will be made forthwith for the necessary transfers of stocks to take place.

2. RAZOR BLADES.

a) It is confirmed that 230,000 razor blades purchased by the Allies from Italian sources, are to be made available to the Ministry of War at cost price, ie: 230 lire per hundred blades.

b) This stock is being released solely to meet the requirements of Italian units under Allied Command, and in particular all troops, inclusive of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th.

83 tons (75,000 litres) liquid caustic soda are being released monthly to the Italian Army for soap manufacture. Supplies of soap at the rate of 200 grams washing, 200 grams toilet, are at present being released by Army to Italian troops with 3 Corps.

b) Sufficient soap is therefore available to ensure a regular supply up to 200 grams for all Italian troops in the Combat Zones, and the question of sending soap forward to them only applies to those troops including CIL, based on General Basso's HQ at Naples.

c) In order that demands by these troops may be met with the minimum delay, the Ministry of War will ensure that sufficient stocks of soap are readily available in stores under Gen. Basso's command, and arrangements will be made forthwith for the necessary transfers of stocks to take place.

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c) The Ministry of War will ensure these stocks are made available only for the purpose intended.

3. GENERAL.

Numerous complaints have been received from Allied Commanders that Razor Blades and soap and other items are not reaching Italian

troops under their command. It is realised that sometimes the blame lies with the Italian units themselves for not putting their demands through the normal channels.

You will please issue an instruction to Italian Commanders, informing them that supplies, though limited, are available and must be obtained on demand through the normal Italian channels.

16/JB.

F. J. No. 1000
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 Major General.
 Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

Copies to :-

- Hq. Arml. Arm. Ech.
- Hq. Fifth Army.
- Hq. Rear Eighth Army.
- Hq. 5 Corps.
- MMIA 10 Hq. ACC.
- MMIA 10 CI, Italian Corps.
- MMIA 10 Rear Eighth Army.
- MMIA 10 5, Corps.
- MMIA 10 2, District.
- MMIA 10 60, Sub Area.

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Army Sub Commission, ACC
(M M I A)
Rear H Q EIGHTH ARMY.
MM/111/16

22 Apr 44.

357/4

I F A HQ
Capt. Cicogna Mot.Gp.LO Rear EIGHTH ARMY.

Army Sub Comm.ACC LEQUILE (for info)

SUBJECT:- Toilet Supplies.

I am informed that toilet supplies such as personal washing and shaving soap, blades, shaving brushes, tooth brushes and paste are not serially supplied after one indent on the Ministry of War.

Please instruct your Intendenza that a separate indent to the Ministry of War must be made for each demand of toilet supplies.

M. Feldman

Major,
Liaison Officer.

30/4/44

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Army Sub Commission, ACC
(M M I A)
Rear H Q EIGHTH ARMY.
MM/113/10.

19 Apr 44.

AD 2/3
27/4
Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main H Q (M M I A)
LEQUILE (LECCE)

SUBJECT:- Supplies for UTILE GROUP.

AD 2/4
The following issues have been authorised by FE 6A
Campania to UTILE GROUP.

4,000 Razor Blades.

[Signature]
Capt or Major,
Liaison Officer.

M.M.I.A.
10/2/3

2/3

H.Q. 67 C.R.E. Works. **33**
Ref: 26/25
21 April 1944.

RE. Italian 900 L.A. Coy.

The a/n company is obtaining $\frac{1}{4}$ lb of soap per month per man.

Will you kindly inform me if there is any possibility of this issue being increased in the near future as it has been stated by the O.C. of the a/m Unit that the present month's issue only lasts his men about two weeks.

RF/WGS

for D. E. Aborne Lieut. **35**
Lieut. Colonel, R.E.
H.Q. 67 C.R.E. Works.

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ARMY FORM 0188 (Small)

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MMTA IO Rear 8 Army

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(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

GR -

rpdt: Q Rear 8 Army.

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AQ 974 (*) CONFIDENTIAL (*) Your M4/86 (*) FIRST (*) 30000 represented total
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ITALIAN channels (*) NOT rpt NOT a regular issue (*) THIRD (*) NONE available from
Allies (*) FOURTH (*) Refer local purchase to AID 8 Army (*) FIFTH (*) investigating
possible supplies from LOCAL industry (*) SIXTH (*) Italian War Ministry informed
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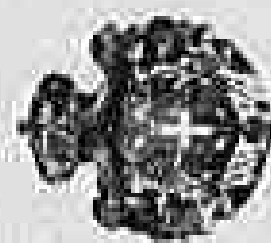
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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE
DIVISIONE CASERMAGGIO E COMBUSTIBILI

N. 1895/C di prot. D/4

Risposta al foglio N.

del

Carte annesse

P. M. 107, 8 APR 1944

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OGGETTO Sapone per truppe Sicilia.

Soap for troops located in Sicily

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE ALLEATE DI CONTROLLO

LEQUILE

e, per conoscenza:

ALL'UFFICIO COLLEGAMENTO MISSIONI ALLEATE - S E D E -
AL COMANDO DIVISIONE "SABAUDA" - P.M.30 -
(rif.f.968 del 29;marzo u.s.)

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Sono note le difficoltà nelle quali si dibatte questo Ministero per far fronte ai bisogni delle truppe dislocate in penisola, data la deficienza assoluta di materie prime, talchè è stata interessata e si dovrà ancora interessare codesta Sottocommissione.

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P. II MINISTERO

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SUBJECT: Black Boot Polish.

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Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MHQA)
LEQUIL (LECOE)
AQ/2/3.
13 Apr 44.

Ministry of War.

Ref your 1955/CD/2 dated 11 Apr 44.

1. The shortage of black boot polish in Italian military stores has been referred to the Allied authorities concerned.
2. The Ministry of War will be informed of the position as soon as a reply is received.

tva.JB.

for F. J. N. O. and
Major General.
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

Divisione Casermaggio e Combustibili

N. 1955/C di prot. D/2

P. M. 107. II

11 APR 1944 194

Risposta al foglio N.

del

Carte annesse

OGGETTO: Rifornimento di nero lucido

Refurnishing of black shoe polish

Al LA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE ALLEATA PER L'ESERCITO

LEQUILLE

e per conoscenza,

ALL'UFFICIO COLLEGAMENTO MISSIONI ALLEATE =SEDE =

*Italian have no further means of obtaining same
for purchase (over)*

supply Per effetto della quasi cessata macellazione
ne bovina, il gettito del grasso, che questo Ministero
aveva destinato, in parte, in sostituzione del nero
lucido per calzature, è così irrisorio da rendere dub-
bia ogni possibilità di ulteriore raccolta.

*130/250
quintali
black shoe polish
for
import* In considerazione di quanto sopra e poiché
si rende indispensabile la conservazione delle calza-
ture, di cui è ben nota la scarsa disponibilità, si
prega codesta Sottocommissione di voler cortesemente
interessarsi circa la possibilità di un rifornimento
di nero lucido a favore dell'A.M. Italiana onde po-
ter risolvere tale interessante problema.

Si fa presente che il fabbisogno si aggira
sui 230/250 quintali mensili.

Si rimane in attesa di cortesi notizie al
riguardo.

MILITARY MISSION.

p. IL MINISTRO

Date

to

ITALIAN ARMY.

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SUBJECT:- EMI Supplies for Italian Troops

HQ AAI (ADM ECHOLON)
CMF

2049/12/22

30 Mar 44

To:- Army Sub-Commission,
Allied Control Commission,
Main HQ (AMIA)
LECCE

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Your AQ/2/3 dated 9 Mar 44.

1. Your paras 2 and 3 - noted.
2. Your paras 4 and 6 -

AFHQ have stated that they do not admit the necessity for issue of such items from Allied stocks and that they consider that it is the duty of the Italian High Command to accept responsibility for furnishing all supplies of this nature. Will you please therefore obtain the following information from the Italian Military authorities:-

- (a) What is their usual practice in regard to the issue of such articles to Italian military personnel. Are such issues in fact made to Italian troops, and if so, are they made free or on payment?
- (b) Are they in a position to ensure future stocks of these articles being made available from local resources, or if not, have they any suggestions as to how this difficulty can be overcome.

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DLC/ATM

for Major General
Chief Administrative Officer

Major General

Date 1/4/44 HQ/2/3.

ITALIAN ARMY.

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STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO
UFFICIO SERVIZI - Sen. Commissariato

N° 318635/Serv. di prot.

P.M. 154, li 21

marzo 1944

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO
A.C.C. - Comando Principale - (M.M.A.)

REQUISITI (Lecco)

OGGETTO: Articoli da toilette.

~~~~~Toilet requisites~~~~~

Come si rileva dalle situazioni, attualmente sono in servizio alle dipendenze del Comando Alleato circa 130.000 soldati italiani, i quali hanno bisogno di articoli da toilette indispensabili per l'igiene della persona ed introvabili sul mercato.

Il Ministero della Guerra, interessato da questo S.M., ha assegnato al Comando Raggruppamento lavoratori di Brindisi un modesto quantitativo ed altre lievi quantità sono accantonate nei magazzini italiani per far fronte a richieste urgenti ed imprevedibili.

Poiché il rifornimento dovrebbe essere mensile ed avere, quindi, carattere di continuità, si prega codesta Sottocommissione di esaminare la possibilità di far assegnare mensilmente 45 a re-

perimento i seguenti quantitativi di articoli:

According to recent returns there are about 130,000 Italian soldiers working at present in the Allies. These men are in urgent need of essential toilet articles which cannot be obtained from the trade. The War Ministry requires the following quantities of articles monthly:

|                                                   |    |              |
|---------------------------------------------------|----|--------------|
| -sapone da barba Shaving soap                     | m. | 65.000 pezzi |
| -spazzolini da denti <del>tooth</del> brushes     | "  | 65.000       |
| -tubetti pasta dentifricia <del>tooth</del> paste | "  | 65.000       |
| -lamette per rasoio razor blades                  | "  | 650.000      |
| -rasoi di sicurezza safety razors                 | "  | 2.000        |
| -pennelli per barba shaving brushes               | "  | 2.000        |
| -spazzolini da denti <del>tooth</del> brushes     | "  | 2.000        |







Subj: EPI Supplies for Italian Troops

Army Sub Commission, ACC  
Main H.Q. (MMIA)  
LEQUILE (LECCE)  
AQ/2/3  
6 April 44

HQ AAI (Adm Ech)  
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Ref your 2049/12/Q2 dated 30 March 44.

1. The practice obtaining in the Italian Army for the issue of "EPI" supplies is as follows:

- (a) Jam, spirits, surplus coffee - free of charge,  
Only spirits at present available.
- (b) Personal amenities - on repayment.

Free issues are only made upon request by the Ministry of War or other senior officials.

2. The only source of future supplies of these articles is from local resources. They state that none are available.

3. The Industry and Commerce Sub Commission, Allied Control Commission, is being asked how far they can help to meet Italian Military demands, from local industry.

The result of this enquiry will be passed to you when received.

*B. G. Lawrence*  
for Brig. 148  
Army Sub Comm, ACC.

Subject: • WFI Supplies • Italian

**BO. ACME (A DITCH)**

Copy to: HQ ACHET

Hq Allied Control Commission

**Lt Col Quin Smith**

Army Sub Commission, AGC  
Main HQ (MHA)  
Lequile (Lecce)  
AQ/2/3

Q. 10. 11

Reference your Signal Q20716 dated 4 March 44, and further to our letter AQ/2/3 dated 5 Feb.

1. The Italian Ministry of War was instructed in our AQ/2 dated 15 Jan to supply soap, razor blades etc to Italian troops in the Combat Zone. This is now done upon incident being made by these troops upon the Ministry of War.

## 2. PRESENT STOCKS

- a) Toilet Soap at rate 200 grams per man per month - sufficient till 30 Jun 44.
- b) Washing Soap at rate 200 grams per man per month - sufficient till 30 Jun 44.
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- d) Razor Blades - 30,000 blades

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or

b) provision from Allied Sources of Caustic Soda, 190 tons per month, for their own manufacture.

Shaving Soap and Razor Blades. No request for supplies has yet been made by the Italian Ministry of War. But a future shortage will occur.

5. No other comforts are available from Italian sources.

6. May this Sub Commission please be informed of any policy for supplying soap and razor blades to the Italian Armed Forces.

cc/mn

*For J. N. B. M. L.*  
*W. J. N. B. M. L.*  
Army Sub Comm. AGC





# MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE  
DIVISIONE CASERMAGGIO E COMBUSTIBILI

N. 1354/C di prot. D/4

Risposta al foglio N. del

P. M. 107, li 5 Marzo 1944

Carte annesse

OGGETTO: Erogazione generi vari alle truppe italiane

*DISTRIBUTION OF VARIOUS SUPPLIES TO ITALIAN TROOPS*

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

presso l'Esercito Italiano

LEQUILE

e per conoscenza

ALL'UFFICIO COLLEGAMENTO MISSIONI ALLEATE

SEDE

A seguito di conversazione verbale odierna con l'Ufficiale incaricato da codesta Sottocommissione, si fa presente che alle truppe italiane vengono distribuiti, fra l'altro, i seguenti generi:

## A TUTTE LE TRUPPE

Saponette (gr. 200) per pulizia personale e sapone (gr. 200) per la lavatura della biancheria. Quando non si dispone di saponette, la spettanza di sapone viene elevata a gr. 400. Tali distribuzioni vengono normalmente effettuate una volta al mese in seguito a richiesta degli Enti interessati.

Il servizio é assicurato per tutte le truppe fino al mese di giugno prossimo venturo.

Per il fabbisogno successivo, date le difficoltà di approvvigionamento, si prevede doversi far ricorso a codesta Sottocommissione per la cessione di sapone o soda caustica per la fabbricazione.



e per conoscenza

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Il fabbisogno complessivo, in relazione alla forza attuale, si aggira intorno ai q.li 1900 mensili.

Si soggiunge che la spettanza sarà ridotta a gr. 150 sia per le saponette che per il sapone, in considerazione dell'aumentata percentuale di acidi grassi dal 28-30% al 43-47%.

Sapone da barba e lamette - Il rifornimento avviene dietro richiesta dei reparti interessati.

La disponibilità attuale di sapone per barba é di circa q.li 18 e quella delle lamette di n. 30.000.-

ALLE TRUPPE COMBATTENTI ED AI MILITARI COMANDATI A PRESTARE SERVIZIO DI GUARDIA NOTTURNO ALL'APERTO.

Generi di conforto. Vengono effettuate normalmente 15 distribuzioni

././././.



zioni mensili di Cognac od Anice nella misura di centilitri 3 per uomo.

La stessa spettanza viene eccezionalmente distribuita ai militari sottoposti a particolari disagi, dietro richieste autorizzate di volta in volta da questo Ministero.

La disponibilità dei suddetti generi è la seguente:

COGNAC hl. 190

ANICE hl. 37.

Il servizio, in base alla forza, risulta assicurato approssimativamente per 8 mesi.

p e l M I N I S T R O

*A. Ellinger*

SUBJECT:- RFI - Issues to Italians

"Q" Br Increment Fifth Army

Copy to:- Army Sub-Commission —  
Q.2.

HQ AGMF (Adm Echelon)

CMF

49/12/02

28 Feb 44

Ref your Q 78 of 22 Feb 44.

1. The statement that Italian troops in the forward area are without cigarettes is not understood.
2. Italian soldiers on the Combat Scale are at present entitled to receive a ration of 2 oss. cigarettes or tobacco weekly. The tobacco is at present provided from Allied sources. In the near future this tobacco will be of Italian origin and the ration scale will be that of the Italian Army. In the absence of RFI facilities it may be that the ration of tobacco is insufficient. It is for Army Sub-Commission to consider, once tobacco is supplied from Italian sources, whether the Italian Army ration scale of tobacco should not be increased.
3. The question of RFI supplies to Italian troops in the forward area is receiving further consideration, and a reply will be forwarded in due course.

MILITARY MISSION.

Date 2 March 44 2/3.

to  
ITALIAN ARMY.

*John H. Dean Maj*  
*for*

Major General.

Chief Administrative Officer.

02/3 9/13



16 FEB 1944 / 4

SECRET

17 FEB 1944

FROM : Air Division,  
Allied Control Commission,  
BARI.

TO : Headquarters,  
Allied Control Commission,  
C.M.F.

DATE : 13th February 1944.

REF. : S.634/EQ.

Toilet Articles for Italian Forces

1. The necessity of supplying minimum quantities of such things as razor blades, shaving soap, toilet soap, dentifrice, shoe polish and sewing thread to Italian Air Force personnel is being constantly brought up by the Regia Aeronautica authorities to this Division.
2. It would be appreciated if you could advise as to the general policy which is being adopted, for no doubt the subject has been raised by the Italian Army and Navy.
3. It is suggested that the same concession should be afforded the serving Italian troops as that given to Italian prisoners of war.

*R. M. Foster*  
R.M. FOSTER,  
AIR COMMODORE

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*Comd AFCE on unit 287*

SUBJECT: Requisition.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.  
Rear HQ (MRIA)  
LEQUILL (LECCO)  
AQ/2/3  
17 Feb 44.

HQ No. 2 District.

Copy to: AMG LO 2 District.  
Ministero della Guerra.

1. The Italian Ministry of War state that HQ, RASC 2 Pet Installations have requisitioned from the General Depot, BARI, 27 barrels of caustic soda (about 6000 kgs). This had been blocked by local authorities for the manufacture of soap for the civilian population, and they request its return owing to the shortage of caustic soda in Italy and the impossibility of manufacture.

2. As this is a civilian supply, please communicate your decisions to AMG direct.

TVS.

*W. J. J. J.*  
Brigadier.  
Army Sub Comd, A.C.C.



  
MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

GABINETTO

Ufficio Collegamento Missioni Alleate  
N. 634/c di prot. P.M.107 " 15 febbraio 1944.

OGGETTO: Soda caustica.

*Caustici Soda.*

Alla ARMY SUB COMMISSION, A.C.C.  
Rear HQ (MMIA)

- LEQUILE

E' a conoscenza di questo Ministero che il HQ Royal Army Service Corps - 2 Petroleum Installation - ha requisito e ritirato dai Magazzini Generali Bare-si 27 fusti di soda caustica (circa 120 quintali) che il Consiglio Provinciale delle Corporazioni di Bari aveva bloccati per far fronte momentaneamente alla produzione del sapone per la popolazione civile.

Poichè, come è noto, nelle regioni dell'Italia liberata non esistono disponibilità di soda caustica, nè vi sono stabilimenti di tale materia prima, si ~~sarà~~ *presta* codesta Sottocommissione *se vorrà* provocare un ordine di restituzione del suddetto quantitativo di soda caustica requisito o esaminare la possibilità di far assegnare, con cortese urgenza, tale prodotto, senza del quale non si potrà assolutamente provvedere alla fabbricazione del sapone, genere di prima necessità igienica. =

MILITARY COMMISSION

GENERALE ALIBERTI

Data 16 febbraio 1944

ITALIAN ARMY

*Aliberti*  
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Subject: Soap and Boot Polish - Italian Army.

AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon,  
CSP.

31/5/43

11 Feb 44.

M.M.I.A.  
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With reference to your AG/2/3 dated 5 Feb 44.  
Please see this HQ letter 49/Q dated 10 Jan 44.

A Directive on the Administration of the Italian  
Army is being prepared by AFHQ and a request has been made  
for the matter under reference to be included.

*Flinn* *Howe*

Major General,  
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer.

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DADOS to see.  
Pgct.  
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MILITARY MISSION.

Date 13 Feb 44 AG/2/3

to  
ITALIAN ARMY.

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Subject:- Soap and Boot Polish - Italian Army

Military Mission to  
Italian Army

AQ/2/3

5 Feb 44

*File*  
AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon

1. On 31 Jan 44, stocks of soap and black boot polish in possession of the Italian Army on the Mainland was as under:-

|              |            |
|--------------|------------|
| Washing soap | 139,385 kg |
| Toilet soap  | 32,654 kg  |
| Boot polish  | 600 kg     |

2. On a basis of 200 gr. washing soap, 200 gr. toilet soap; 100 gr. polish per man, the monthly requirements are:-

|              |           |
|--------------|-----------|
| Washing soap | 52,200 kg |
| Toilet soap  | 45,000 kg |
| Boot polish  | 22,500 kg |

3. It will be seen that on this basis present stocks will expire

|              |                 |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Washing soap | 20 Apr (Approx) |
| Toilet soap  | 20 Feb ( " )    |
| Boot polish  | (expired)       |

4. May provision action please be taken to make these commodities available from other sources.

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*B. G. L. and others*  
*Mar*

† Brig  
Comd

EJC/cc

*7a*

FABBISONGO MENSILE SAPONE-SAPONETTE E NERO LUCIDO  
*Monthly requirement*

| FORZA<br><i>Strength</i>                                        | SAPONE DA BUCATO<br><i>Washing soap</i>  |                                                  | 66 SAPONETTE PER LA PULIZIA PERSONALE<br><i>Toilet Soap</i> |                            | NERO LUCIDO<br><i>Black boot polish</i> |                    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------|
|                                                                 | razione mensile<br><i>Monthly ration</i> | fabbisogno mensile<br><i>Monthly requirement</i> | razione mensile                                             | fabbisogno mensile         | razione mensile                         | fabbisogno mensile |
| Uomini Men 230000                                               | gr. 200                                  | <sup>450</sup><br>Qli. 460                       | gr. 200                                                     | <sup>450</sup><br>qli. 460 | gr. 100                                 | Qli.               |
| * supplementi per: infermieri, cuccinieri, meccanici ecc. 23000 | " 200                                    | " <sup>45</sup><br>46                            | --                                                          |                            |                                         |                    |
| Quadrupedi Horses 9000                                          | " 300                                    | " 27                                             | --                                                          |                            |                                         |                    |
| TOTALI                                                          |                                          | <sup>522</sup><br>Qli. 533                       |                                                             | <sup>450</sup><br>Qli. 460 |                                         | Qli.               |

\* Extra for hospitals, kitchens, mechanics etc



SAPONE-SAPONETTE E NERO LUCIDO

| ATO        | SAPONETTE PER LA PULIZIA PERSONALE<br><i>Toilet Soap</i> |                            | NERO LUCIDO<br><i>Black boot polish</i> |                            | NOTE |
|------------|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------|------|
|            | razione<br>mensile                                       | fabbisogno<br>mensile      | razione<br>mensile                      | fabbisogno<br>mensile      |      |
| 450<br>460 | gr. 200                                                  | <sup>450</sup><br>qli. 460 | gr. 100                                 | <sup>225</sup><br>qli. 230 |      |
| 45<br>46   | --                                                       |                            |                                         |                            |      |
| 27         | --                                                       |                            |                                         |                            |      |
| 533        |                                                          | <sup>450</sup><br>qli. 460 |                                         | <sup>225</sup><br>qli. 230 |      |





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SITUAZIONE SAPONE-SAPONETTE E NERO LUCIDO ALLA DATA 31 GENN

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| GENERE<br>Type                  | Esistenza al 31-I-1944<br>Quantity on 31 Jan 44 |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Sapone (Washing soap)           | kg. 139,385                                     |
| saponette (Toilet soap)         | " 32,654                                        |
| nero lucido (Black boot polish) | " 600                                           |





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SAPONE-SAPONETTE E NERO LUCIDO ALLA DATA 31 GENNAIO 1944

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| E                      | Esistenza al 31-I-1944<br>Quantity on 31 Jan 44 |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| washing soap)          | kg. 139,385                                     |
| toilet soap)           | " 32,654                                        |
| (Black boot<br>polish) | " 600                                           |



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LRGT V HARR 24/26410 T QVR2

TO ADOS 8 ARMY MMIA

FROM CAPT HERBERT MMIALR

PH1 26 ROS/55/3

CONSIGNMENT OF 1100 BARS SOAP NOT BEEN DELIVERED  
CAMPOBASSO YET.

TOO 1215 THI 1235

REPTN 24/26410 QVR2-8 MMIA MMIALR PH1-26 ROS/55/3

11HUN 1215-1235++

MILITARY MISSION.

Date 27 Jan 44 to 12/13  
to  
ITALIAN ARMY.

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Refers to issue authorized by 8 Army  
to Italian units 8 Army Area. Refers  
still hasiv said what they can produce  
from stocks made or held in ITALY  
Bgct 28/1.

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LEQUILLE.

Capt. Herbert  
M.M.L.O.  
103 SUB AREA.

MILITARY MISSION.

Date 20 JAN 44

to 103 SUB AREA  
ITALIAN ARMY.

Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.

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18 Jan 44.

Ord. Rear 8 Army.

Copy to:- M.M.I.A. Rear EIGHTH ARMY:

SUBJECT:- Soap Issue - ITALIAN Units.

Reference attached signal.

1. Authority is given for the issue of 1100 bars of soap for use by ITALIAN units in CAMPOBASSO area.
2. Will you please inform MMIA-Rear EIGHTH ARMY where this can be drawn? 136
3. This soap will be issued on repayment. The issue is an emergency measure and will not be regarded as a precedent.

*2/1/44*  
*Ltr has been sent to Italian War Ministry, telling them to provide such amount to them for use in this area*  
DA & QMG EIGHTH ARMY

*Complete*



SUBJECT: Assistance for Italian Troops in Combat Area

Military Mission to  
Italian Army.

4/2/5  
17 Jan 56.

MINISTRY OF WAR

Copy to: 1. A.D. 1. Adv Am Echelon.  
2. A.D. 1.  
3. A.D. 1. HQ adv AME Adv Am Echelon.  
4. A.D. 1. HQ adv Force II Eighth Army.

Reference A.D. 1. 1. Letter, 4/2 dated 15 Jan.

1. It is now known that Italian troops in Eighth Army area are also in need of such supplies and that they should be extended to include all items of personal toilet and cleaning material normally available from Regimental Comdants.

2. Will you please arrange the provision of such items to Italian units concerned as they cannot be made available from Allied stocks.

TVE/s

Regent  
J  
Brig.  
Comd.

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SUBJECT: Req of Soap and Razor Blades.

Military Liaison to  
Italian Army.

AY2  
15 Jan 44.

MINISTRY OF WAR

Copy to: AMH, Adv Adm Nicholson - ref 49/Q dated 10 Jan. 44  
M.M.L.A.  
M.M.L.A. to att AMH, Adv Adm Nicholson.

1. It has been reported to M.M.L.A. that Italian units employed by the Allies are in need of soap and razor blades.
2. This applies particularly to those in GERMANY.
3. It is known that 250,000 razor blades and a quantity of soap are in Italian Military Stores at GERMANY and elsewhere.
4. As it is not possible to supply such items from Allied sources, I am to request you to commence distribution from existing stocks to the areas where they are needed, and to consider such provision for the future.

Bgct.

f Delg.  
Comd.

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SUBJECT:- Amenities for Italian Military Units

AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon  
CMF

49/Q

10 Jan 44

To:- MMIA ✓  
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1. The Italian Armed Forces, Campania, have asked if it would be possible to distribute soap and razor blades to Italian units engaged with the Allies.
2. AFHQ have confirmed that it is not possible to provide such items from either British EFTI or US Post Exchange stocks, and have directed that the question be referred to the Italian High Command, with a view to their acceptance of the responsibility for the provision of all supplies of this nature.
3. Will you please take this question up in the proper quarter, and report progress to this HQ.

JAF/AEM

*Latid*  
Major General  
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

Copy to:- G-4 - AFHQ Signal FHSUP FHGDS 24452 dated 6 Jan 44 refers.  
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*244 000 razor blades  
or gold pieces*  
MILITARY MISSION.

Date 13 Jan 44 *HA/2*

to  
ITALIAN ARMY.



SUBJECT:- Italian Military Labour

AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon  
R CMF

49/Q

10 Jan 44

To:- Fifth Army (Pr. Increment)

Reference 10 Corps Q 232/4 dated 7 Jan 44.

1. EFI rations are not admissible to personnel of Italian units serving with the Allies.
2. An issue of cigarettes or tobacco was authorised for Italians serving in forward areas, and mentioned by the British in this HQ letter 25/Q dated 23 Dec 43.
3. The MMIA are being instructed to take up the question of provision of soap and razor blades etc., with the Italian Government.

JAF/AEM

*[Signature]*  
Major General  
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

Copy to:- Rear Eighth Army  
10 Corps  
No.2 District  
No.3 District  
MMIA

MILITARY MISSION.

Date 13 Jan 44 Adh  
to  
ITALIAN ARMY. 2

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