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21 June 1943

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BASED ON STRENGTH ITALIAN ARMY OF 347300 ALLOCATION SERVICE TROOPS FOR US SET AT 71000 X ITALIAN GROUND SERVICE TROOPS AS OF 10 JUNE WITH US FOLLOWS COLON FIVE ARMY 9560 CMA PBS 24888 CMA AIRFORCE FOGGIA AREA 244 CMA IBS 892 CMA AGS 12402 X PRESUME YOU WILL DETERMINE DISTRIBUTION X RECOMMEND PBS 51000 CMA FIVE ARMY 10000 CMA AGS 10000 X IBS CAN UTILIZE PORTION SECURITY DIVISION FOR GUARD AND AIR FORCE SECURE ITALIAN AF SERVICE X IN VIEW EARLY DEMOBILIZATION REQUEST PROMPT DECISION US ALLOCATION SO NECESSARY TROOP MOVEMENT CAN BE EXPEDITED

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ARTHUR E. CONN
Captain, QMC
Assistant G4

ROUTINE

c/c G(SD) "Q" "A"

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TO MANILA
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TO: INFO ACTION AAI TO FOR INFO CG SOS NATOUSA
OBTN.TOO: FX 63394 CITE NAIDS RPT NAGUE

TOTAL ITALIAN GROUND SERVICE TROOPS IN SUPPORT OF US FORCES WILL NOT EXCEED 75000 INCLUDING 5000 IN CORSICA.
REFERENCE YOUR G 4320 OF 21 JUNE.
FINAL ALLOCATION CANNOT BE MADE UNTIL DECISIONS AS TO STRATEGY AND PLAN WHICH MAY RESULT IN CONSIDERABLE REDUCTION OF NEED FOR ITALIAN TROOPS IN SUPPORT OF US FORCES.
THIS MSTG CLOSED ON 19 JUNE IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFHQ LETTER OF JUNE 6 FILE AG 381 OP 370 FORCE A-5 CCL-O, SUBJECT: QUOTE SERVICES AND FACILITIES FOR USE OF US NAVY IN PALERMO AREA UNQUOTE.
FINAL REQUEST OF ITALIAN TROOPS TO BE EMPLOYED WILL DEPEND ON APPROVAL BY THE COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 370.43-5 GCT-O

6 June 1944

SUBJECT: Services and Facilities for Use by United States Navy in Palermo Area.

TO : Commander-in-Chief, Allied Armies in Italy.

1. There are inclosed a copy of the agenda of a meeting held at Allied Force Headquarters on 30 May 1944 to discuss the implications of the closing of the Island Base Section - Sicily (Inclosure 1) and a copy of the minutes thereof (Inclosure 2). The United States Navy will continue to operate out of Palermo after the closing of Island Base Section (target date of 15 July 1944) and certain minimum installations must remain for the support of such activities. A list is attached (Inclosure 3) showing the United States units and personnel and Italian POW units to remain in Sicily to assist in the support of the United States Navy.

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2. Reference paragraph 5, 8 and 9 of the above mentioned minutes:

a. (Paragraph 5) No definite answer yet received as to whether HATS will continue to operate in Sicily.

b. (Paragraph 8) The Troops Carrier Command will move out of Sicily, date not yet known.

c. (Paragraph 9) The Airborne Training Center will move out of Sicily, date not yet determined.

3. It is requested that Allied Armies in Italy, in collaboration with Allied Control Commission, United States Navy and other interested agencies, take necessary action incident to the provision of the balance of necessary services and facilities for the United States Navy in the Palermo area not covered by units and personnel listed in Inclosure 3. Arrangements will be made on the basis that Sicily is a British controlled area as defined in Allied Force Headquarters Administrative Memorandum Number 11 (revised to 21 October 1943) and that the other references listed in paragraph 1 (a to h inclusive) of the Agenda (Inclosure 1) will apply.

4. Inasmuch as this matter is urgent your report on the arrangements will be forwarded to reach this headquarters not later than 17 June 1944.

By command of General WILSON:

/s/ H. V. Roberts
/t/ H. V. ROBERTS,
Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

3 Incls
1 - Agenda
2 - Minutes of Meeting
3 - List of units

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1. Units required by Navy in Island Base Section.

a. United States Service Units

194 MP Co (22) (- 1 Platoon) D/S from Peninsular Base Section

4 officers	112 Men

POW Administration Co (Detachment)

1	4 D/S from PBS

Graves Registration

1	2 D/S from PBS
6	118

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b. Italian Service Troops - (POW)

	Officers	Enlisted Men
7625th QM Truck Co (Italian)	5	110
1 Platoon 7627th QM Bakery Co (without equipment)	1	37
7646th QM Service Co	4	215
	10	362

Inclosure 3 to AFHQ ltr, AG 370.43-5 GCT-O, dated 6 June 1944.

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TO: ACC MAIN NAPLES

(W) For Information (INFO)

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AC 1602 (.) RESTRICTED (.) for OFFENHAUER (.) your 6668 of 24 June (.) request you pass may AC 1595 of 23 June to HQ Region Eight rpt Region Eight for whom origin May intended

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Originator's No. AG 1595 Restricted (.) Subject is pay and clothing Italian soldiers and your letter 17 June (.) Pay and clothing requisitions entire responsibility Italian Army (.) request you report loction of personnel concerned and MMA will arrange attachment to Italian formation

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Headquarters,
Allied Armies in Italy.

AC/C(Ops)

22 June 44

A.C.C.	(5)
Army Sub Commission	(5)
Fifth Army	(100)
AMG Fifth Army	(5)
Eighth Army	(100)
AMG Eighth Army	(5)
2 Polish Corps	(20)
O.S.S.	(5)
No. 1 Special Force	(5)
P.W.B.	(3)

At a meeting held at ACC in ROME 21 June, it was decided that the following agencies responsible for the organisation of resistance groups, namely:

OSS
No. 1 Special Force.
National Committee of Liberation
and Italian Military Organisation for Central Italy,

would provide representatives to go forward and attach themselves to AMG with both Fifth and Eighth Armies. These representatives will be given passes by this Headquarters initially to report to AMG. Thereafter, armies will issue the necessary passes so that they can circulate freely within the army areas.

These representatives will act as Liaison Officers between AMG and the resistance group leaders. It is not possible to disclose the names of the resistance group leaders before the territory is liberated by the forward troops, firstly, on account of security, and secondly, because in many cases they are only known by code words. The representatives, however, will be able to establish their identity, and this will lead to the identification of the sub-leaders in the outlying districts.

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ACC, in conjunction with PWB, will arrange for the production of suitable posters to be put up in the towns and villages, thanking the patriots for the good work they have done to hasten their liberation, calling upon the leaders to contact AMG to receive instructions about where and when to hand in their arms so that these may be dropped without delay on other patriots in the North to carry on the good work.

ACC will provide a suitably worded document, thanking the patriot for his good work and at the same time acting as a receipt for the arm he hands in.

Most patriots will wish to return to their normal occupations. They should be encouraged to do so. There will be some, however, whose homes are in Northern Italy and who will require subsistence. These will be directed by AMG to camps to be established by ACC in the East and West sectors.

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Use will, of course, be made by military personnel of any information which the patriots can give, but military personnel will not employ patriots in any fighting role once they have been liberated.

It is emphasised that military personnel must not become involved in problems raised by resistance group leaders or patriots, and no promises will be made to them. They will in all cases be referred to AMF with whom the representatives of the various organisations will be working in close touch.

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HSKM/JH

Lt.-Gen.,
Chief of General Staff.

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Subject:- Medical Officers

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA)
LECCE. (LECCE)
AG/11
26 June 44

Ministry of War

1. HQ AMG Fifth Army have forwarded a request from a young Italian doctor in VALENTANO, to be enrolled in the Italian Army.

2. It has been agreed by AMG that this doctor is not required for civilian needs, and his request is forwarded herewith for such action as you may consider necessary.

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

JB/jrp

Copy to:- Med MMIA

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/210/9/CA

22 June 1944

SUBJECT: Local Purchases and Contracts.

TO : Distribution below.

1. Cases are still occurring where ACC/AMG are entering into financial transaction on behalf of Italian Ministries, Governmental Institutions or other Italian agencies which could equally well be handled by such Ministries, Institutions or agencies themselves. It must be remembered that it is our policy as far as possible to restore the normal course of trade and to encourage normal trading relations between the Italians themselves. This policy is further dictated by the lack of ACC/AMG personnel to handle and account for such transactions. For this reason it should only be in exceptional circumstances that ACC/AMG themselves make local purchases for resale in Italy or incur expenditure in performing services which could equally well be paid for by the Italian Government or other Italian agency. This does not of course mean that ACC/AMG should not cooperate by making available the necessary supplies etc.

2. The principle is best illustrated by two examples. If large quantities of pamphlets are printed for an Italian Ministry, the printers' invoices being paid by ACC who supply the paper free to the pinters, a great deal of unnecessary work is created. In such a case the procedure should be for all invoices to be settled direct by the Italian Ministry or agency and should it be necessary for ACC/AMG to supply any commodity, in this case paper, in order that the contract may be carried out, such commodity should be sold to the Italian Ministry or agency by the Economics and Supply Division of the Region in which the contract is being carried out. Similarly, if salt is sent from a sald mine to an Italian State Monopoly warehouse, ACC should not purchase and resell but the financial transaction should be one between the State Monopoly and the Salt Mine.

M.S. LUSH
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

GABINETTO

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OGGETTO Registrazione perdite ed inumazioni.-

ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R.ESERCITO P.M.151

e, perconoscenza:

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO
DELLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO LEQUILE
ALL'UFFICIO CENTRALE N.I.P. SEDE

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Si trasmette copia del foglio AQ/8 in data 17 giugno 1944 della Sottocommissione per l'Esercito della Commissione Alleata di controllo peri oggetto, con preghiera di emanare ordini in consegnenza e darne notizia a questo Ministero.-

Enclosed copy of MMIA's AQ/8 dated 17th. for that you may take accordingly.

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

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DELLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO
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d'ordine
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
(Col. R. Fiore-Vernazza)

Enclosed copy of AMIA's AQ/8 dated 17th. in order that you may issue orders accordingly and report action to this Ministry.

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SUBJECT:- Graves Registration.

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Army Sub Commission, ACC
(M M I A)
Rear H Q EIGHTH ARMY.
MM/101/45/2

20 Jun 44.

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

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Reference your AQ/8 of 17 Jun 44.

Reference your para.2.

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This is confirmed.

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I Feldman

Major,
Liaison Officer.

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SUBJECT:- Provisional Arrangements for Italian Army in ROME

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q.(MMIA)
LECCE (LECCE)
G/109
19. Jun 44

1. Set-up in ROME:

a. Italian Military Authority in ROME (I.M.A.R.):
For organisation see Appendix "A"
Gen. BERGIVENGA in authority.
b. Military and other personnel:
See Appendix "B".

2. Problems:

a. The "take-over" between I.M.A.R. and LECCE authorities.
b. Action in connection with personnel shown in Appendix "B".
c. Accommodation for M.M.I.A., M of W, and S.M.R.E. when they come to ROME; and dates of move to ROME.
d. The ration problem.
e. Channels of control.

3. As regards 2a:

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(b) Advance parties from M of W and SMRE in ROME will work under the command of BERGIVENGA in the closest liaison with MMIA, who will be the agency for issuing the policy approved by the Allied C in C.
(c) Later, when (it is hoped) M of W and SMRE move to ROME officially, a date will be fixed on which command of the whole Italian Army will be unified, and M of W and SMRE will assume executive control of the Italian ROME garrison and responsibilities.

4. As regards 2b - see Appendix "B":

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4. As regards 2b - See Appendix "B":

(a) GG.FF and CC.RR to be enrolled officially as such. Enough vacancies exist within provisional ceiling of 60,000. These can then be issued with Army scale rations.

(b) Agents of Public Security Corps--civilians and a matter for A.C.C. as regards organisation, feeding on civilian scale etc.

(c) Sick in hospital--are A.C.C. responsibility for care and feeding.

(d) Members of partisan bands whose families are NOT in ROME--these count as civilians for feeding until "screened", and where desirable, enrolled officially into the Army.
In addition, it is understood that there are a further 2,500 partisans who are living with their families in ROME. These to be dealt with similarly to the other partisans.

(e) Garrison forces--until "screened", and where desirable officially enrolled into effective Italian Army controlled by M of W and SMRE, these to be counted as civilians for feeding, but to continue their work under BENCIVENGA and MMIA.

(f) Navy personnel--to be counted as civilians for feeding until "screened", and where desirable, officially enrolled into existing Navy controlled by Minister of Marine.

(g) Air Force personnel--as for (f), mutatis mutandis.

(h) Central mess--M.M.I.A. have secured permission to retain this--feeding a civil matter for A.C.C.

(i) P.A.I.--MMIA not concerned; a civil matter.

ACTION REQUIRED NOW ON THE ABOVE:

(j) M of W and SMRE to send advance parties now, each of up to 15 officers plus

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small number of clerks and administrative personnel. SHAPE party under Gen GAILLA. To be located in M of W building, ROME. See also paragraphs 3(b) and 5(c).

(k) MMIA to send advance party, as detailed, including wireless for link with LEQUILE, to arrive ROME by Friday evening, 23 June.

(l) M of W to set up forthwith a further 'screening' agency in ROME to screen personnel other than officers as in para 4(a), (d) and (e). This personnel to be dealt with in accordance with Hq MMIA G/19, dated 3 June, in conjunction with Carabinieri, as regards tracing individuals, etc.

(m) The numbers of officers in existing Italian Army have been reduced, but are still overstrength. Several thousand more have been found in ROME. More will undoubtedly be found as we advance North. The total strength of the Italian Army has not yet been decided by COS, so it is not possible to give a firm figure of the eventual total number of officers which will be authorised. Nevertheless, it is essential to act now to reduce the numbers of surplus officers, selection for retention being on the basis of past record combined with future potentiality.

To examine the cases of Majors and below, boards will be constituted and set up under the direction of M of W, who will take action on the boards' recommendation, reporting to MMIA on the 1st of each month the totals retained or discharged, by ranks.

For Lt Cols and Colonels, a central board will be constituted and set up by M of W in M of W building. An MMIA officer will attend as representing the Allied C in C.

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For Generals--recommendations agreed by Comando Supremo will be submitted by M of W to MMIA for approval by Allied C in C.

Figures to work to in the first instance will be:

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Lt Cols and below	-	14700
Colonels	-	300
Generals	-	70
		15070

This will permit of the addition of a number of officers who will become available as we advance further.

I.M.A.R. will be represented on the board for Lt Cols and below in ROME area, and on central board, so that these may know of the I.M.A.R. officers' recent activities and conduct.

(n) Examination by MMIA and AAI of the matter of the development of the Italian Armed Forces' supply system for the whole area North of the original line prior to the present advance. This plan should envisage the whole of ITALY.

5. As regards 2c:

(a) The permission and date for MMIA, Comando Supremo, M of W and SHAPE to move to ROME completely has not yet been given. Meanwhile preparations will be made.

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5. As regards 2c:

(a) The permission and date for MMIA, Comando Supremo, M of W and SMRE to move to ROME completely has not yet been given. Meanwhile preparations will be made.
(b) MMIA offices will be located in the Ministry of Corporations buildings alongside remainder of A.C.C.
(c) MMIA officers and ORs will be housed in hotels already designated.
(d) All the offices of the Italian Military Authorities (including temporary I.M.A.R.) will be in the M of W building. Housing of these officers and men will be the responsibility of the Italian authorities, with assistance (if necessary) of MMIA.
(e) Advance party of MMIA will arrive in ROME as per para 4(k), and of M of W and SMRE as per para 4(j). Remainder will move when further orders are received from A.A.I. (see paragraph 5(a) above).
(f) "MMIA Advanced" representative in ROME will be Colonel PIDSLEY, who will deal direct with I.M.A.R.
(g) A decision has been secured by MMIA that NO War Ministry real estate in ROME will be requisitioned without reference to "MMIA Advanced".

6. As regards 2d:

As specified in paras 4(a) to 4(i), the principle to be followed is that until military personnel are officially enrolled in the Italian Army under Allied command, they count as civilians for ration purposes.
The policy is laid down in HQ MMIA G/19, dated 3 June, in order to obviate issue of rations on Army scale above the provisional ceiling of Italian Army personnel. (150 Army scale rations authorised for I.M.A.R.)

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7. As regards 2a:

(a) For "Italian Military Authority in ROME", see para 3(a).
(b) An advanced echelon ("MMIA Advanced") has been set up in the Ministry of Corporations building in ROME under Colonel W. FIDSLER. All matters of relevant local importance will be referred to and dealt with by him, direct with I.M.A.R. and "MMIA Rear at LAQUILE. He is also authorised to deal direct with A.A.I. where necessary.

Signed L. BROWNING.

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

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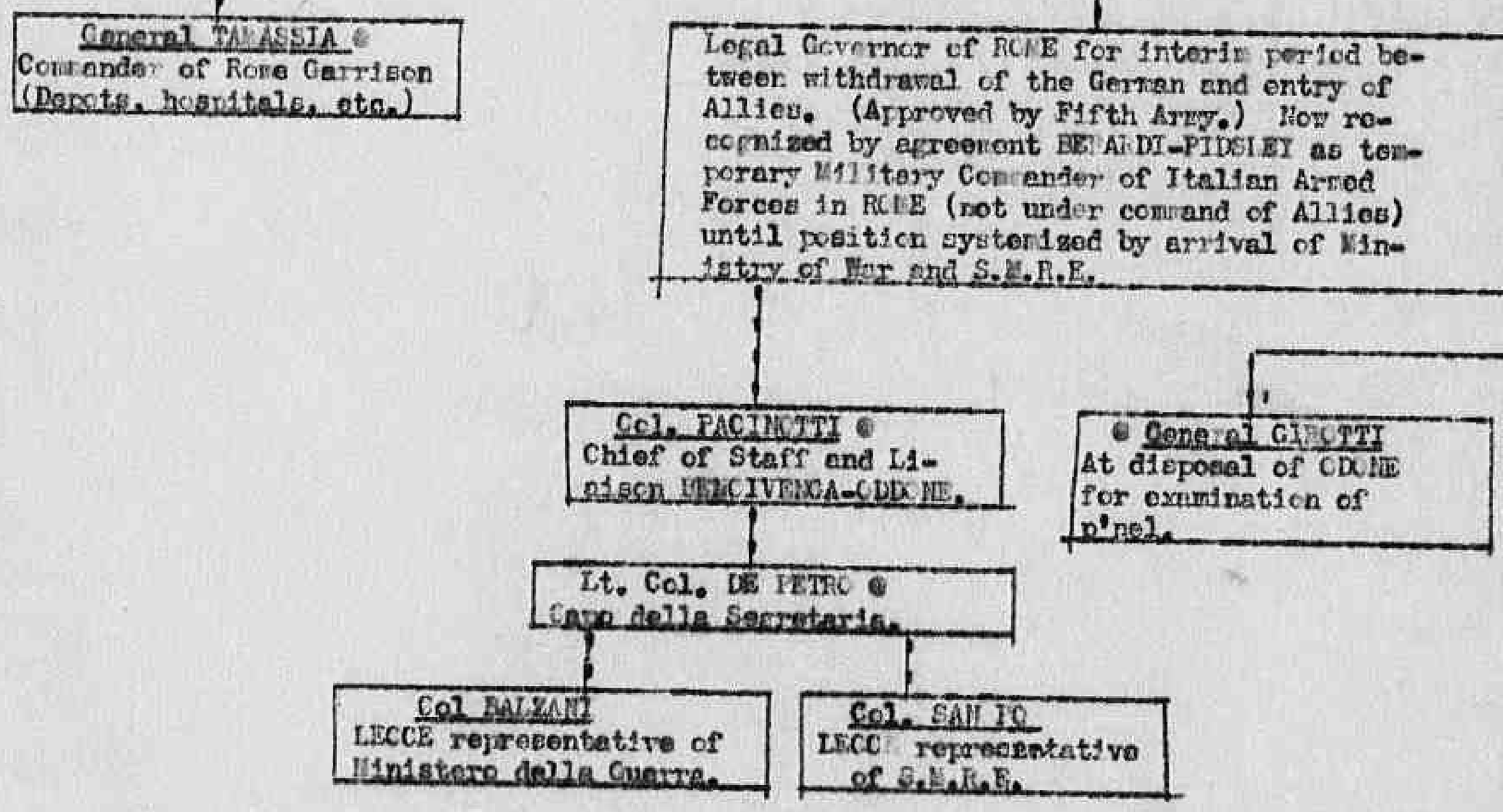
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TABLE SHOWING TEMPORARY ITALIAN MILITARY COMMAND IN ROME



© Officers engaged in clandestine front movement in ROME prior to arrival of Allies.

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...CHING TEMPORARY ITALIAN MILITARY COMMAND IN ROME

General BENCIVENGA ©

...l Governor of ROME for interim period be-
...n withdrawal of the German and entry of
...es. (Approved by Fifth Army.) Now re-
...ized by agreement BERARDI-PIDSLEY as tem-
...ry Military Commander of Italian Armed
...es in ROME (not under command of Allies)
...l position systemized by arrival of Min-
...y of War and S.M.R.E.

General ODDONE ©
Semi-representative of S.M.R.E. and carrying out task of examining records of all Army personnel remaining in ROME during German occupation.

...NOTTI ©
...aff and Li-
...VENGA-ODDONE.

General GIACOTTI ©
At disposal of ODDONE for examination of personnel.

General CARATTI ©
Artillery Services & salvaging of War material.

General CORTELLESSA ©
Engineer Services & Communications, radio etc.

...PETRO ©
...retaria.

Col. SANNI ©
LECCE representative of S.M.R.E.

...present in ROME prior to arrival of Allies.
...vement in ROME prior to arrival of Allies.

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APPENDIX "3".

MILITARY COMMAND OF ROME.

No. 5/55 di prot.

Rome, 16 June 1944.

Promemoria for Colonel Howard.

A problem of the utmost importance is that of feeding the numerous personnel sick in hospital, forming part of the Public Safety forces, or belonging to military units whose existence is essential for calling in of the partisan bands and individuals without units.

The following sets out the numbers in each category:

Internal Security Forces:

1. R. Guardia di Finanza	3,000
2. Carabinieri (excl. those brought by 5th Army) ..	7,000
3. Agents of Public Security Corps	10,000
4. Sick in hospital.....	1,500
5. Members of partisan bands whose families are not in ROME.....	2,500
6. Garrison Forces (personnel from the Distretti Militari, Commissariat, 2 Reorganisation Camps providing for the concentration and re-forming of military personnel not living in ROME, hospital personnel, and personnel of demobilisation offices).....	6,000
7. Navy personnel of the same categories.....	1,000
8. Air Force personnel of the same categories.....	1,000
9. Central mess for penniless officers and the families of officers who are prisoners in Poland or Germany, providing 2,000 meals a day	2,000
10. R.A.I. - Italian Colonial Police now being disbanded and concerning which orders are awaited.....	1,500
Total.....	35,500

A total of 35,500 daily rations are involved which will be reduced as and when the partisan bands and those who have lost their units are sent home.

Up to 20 June the rations for the hospital

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Up to 20 June the rations for the above total are available, unless the Allies requisition (and this procedure has already begun) stores set aside for the garrison.

As from the 20 June, the problem to be faced is either:

a. to furnish rations from Allied sources, or

b. to authorise "NEPRAL" to provide the rations needed from those authorised for the city of ROME.

d'Ordine
Il Capo di Stato Maggiore.
(Col. G. PACINOTTI)

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19 Jun 44

Minutes of a Meeting on Ceiling of Italian Army and Acceleration of provision of personnel for PBS, held at 1430 hrs 17 Jun, Main HQ AAI

Present:

Brig	STAYNER	- BGS (SD & T) (Chairman)
Maj-Gen	BROWNING	- Comd MMIA
Brig Gen	HAMBLEN	- DCAO
Brig	PATON	- DAG
Brig	RITCHIE	- DQMG
Col	ALLBRIGHT	- ACC
Col	FARREN	- ACC
Col	GLASGOW	- SD(UK)
Col	[illegible]	- PBS
Lt-Col	McQUEEN	- G (SD) (Secretary)
Maj	[illegible]	- ACC - [illegible] Commission
Maj	KILNER	- ACC - Indu[illegible] nd Commerce
Maj	RUSSELL	- Q (M)
Capt	GRAHAM	- G (SD)

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PART I - ITALIAN ARMY CEILING

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1. Comd MMIA stated that prior to the meeting he had had an interview with the Supreme Allied Commander-in-Chief at which had been discussed :-

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b) The new reduced ceiling in the AFHQ Memo of 11 Jun.

SAC considered the original proposals to be sound and that no reductions should be accepted. He instructed Comd MMIA to inform the Meeting accordingly.

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Reply to AFHQ Proposal

3. It was agreed, therefore, that the reply to the AFHQ Memo should include :-

a) Mention of the interview at para 1 above.

b) AAI's revised version of the original proposals of 3 Apr and 4 May.

c) A proposed breakdown of the reduced ceiling of 444,300.

4. The meeting then proceeded to examine the figures at coln (c) of Annex 2 of the Agenda.

Maintainance of Personnel in excess of Ceiling

5. a) Chairman explained that it had been suggested that certain categories of personnel might be maintained in excess of ceiling by the Italian Government from resources at their disposal.

...../b) ACC

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b) ACC stated that while rations on a modified scale could be produced for such personnel, it would be impracticable to find boots, forest green clothing, eqpt etc.

c) After discussion it was agreed that the retention of such personnel on the strength of the Italian Army would be impracticable. Accordingly "ineffectives" (i.e. sick, reinforcements, personnel in transit) must be covered within the ceiling figure.

Breakdown of the Ceiling figure of 444,300

6. The breakdown at Appendix 'A' attached was agreed. The following points and decisions were made in the course of discussion.

Service Units

7. a) British - cut from 100,000 to 93,000.

DQMG accepted this unwillingly.

b) US - cut from 96,000 to 71,000.

DCAO stated that he would provide breakdown for IBS, PBS, AGS and Fifth Army.

PBS stated that they could accept a reduction provided four gd bns were provided from internal security formations.

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8. ACC rep pointed out that in order to carry out functions in the fwd areas, personnel in uniform must be provided. In view of the fluctuating and indefinite nature of the ACC requirement, it was decided that the figure for Internal Security formations should include an element for ACC and that the latter's requirements would be met from the Internal Security formations.

AA and CD

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10. 5,000 represents present strength. It was believed that these personnel were of Jugoslav origin and on this basis AFHQ were to be asked that the commitment should not be included in the ceiling of the Italian Army. If this were agreed, then 2,500 would be added to each of Serials 1 and 2.

Internal Security Formations

11. a) These represent a reserve for AAI. Serials 1 and 2 make no allowance for gd duties on Allied installations. Internal Security formations would provide units for these duties. G (SD) AAI would review requirements and make the necessary allocations in due course.

b) In principle, in view of the reduction in numbers, the best Italian tps will be retained in the internal security divs.

Italian Adm and Services

12. The figure has been cut to 40,000 which the meeting considered to represent the bare minimum required for efficient adm. It was agreed to ask

...../AFHQ to

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AFHQ to allot 5,000 from Navy and Air Force ceilings to Italian Army adm on the grounds that the latter covered the entire Italian Armed Forces.

Carabinieri

13. Cut from 60,000 to 55,000. If subsequent events prove that 60,000 are essential the additional 5,000 will be provided at the expense of the Internal Security formations.

PART II - ACCELERATION OF PROVISION OF UNITS FOR PBS

14. Rep PBS referred to a letter from Gen WILSON (CG PBS) to HQ AAI which stressed the urgency of providing immediately Italian Army personnel for PBS. In this letter PBS recommended inter alia that :-

a) Shipping lift from SARDINIA should be increased.

b) Priorities be reviewed.

c) Outstanding engr, medical and truck-driver units be shipped immediately. 6-64

d) Six labour regts now awaiting shipment be assigned to PBS.

e) The CREMONA Div be assigned to and moved to PBS.

15. It was agreed that :-

a) Q (Mov) and PBS should signal AFHQ and C[illegible]TOUSA respectively stressing the need for provision of addi[illegible]l shipping for 25,000 personnel from SARDINIA to meet British and US needs.

b) Priorities would be reviewed by DQMG and DCAO and a proportion of labour regts in SARDINIA would be allotted to PBS.

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16. Summary and action required

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See Table at Appx 'B' attached.

L.M.McClure

Lt-Col G.S.
(Secretary)

DISTRIBUTION : ACC (2)
MAIA (5)
PBS (3)

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Appendix 'A' to
1605/50/3/G(SD1)
dated 19 Jun 44

Breakdown of ceiling figure of 444,300 for Italian Forces

Serial	Category	Strength
1	Service units British	93,000
2	Service units US	71,000
3	AA and CD	5,000
4	Corsica	5,000
5	Italian Combat Tps	25,000
6	Internal Security formations	53,300
7	Italian Adm and Services	40,000
8	Carabinieri	55,000
9	Total Italian Army	347,300
10	Navy	75,000
11	Air Force	22,000
12	Total Italian Forces	444,300

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Appendix 'B' to
1605/50/3/G(SD1)
dated 19 Jun 44

SUMMARY OF MAJOR DECISIONS AND ACTION REQUIRED

PART I - Italian Army Ceiling

Para	Decision	Action
3.	Revised AAI bids and breakdown of new figure of 444,300 will both be included in reply to AFHQ Memo of 11 Jun.	G(SD)
4.	No personnel will be held in excess of ceiling	
6.	Breakdown of 444,300 will be as at Appx 'A'	
7.	Bids for service units US and British will be out.	DCAO will inform G(SD) breakdown of US figure of 71,000.
8.	AOC requirements will be met from IS fmns.	
9.	AFHQ will be asked to reduce AA & OD	G(SD)
10.	AFHQ will be asked to allot CORSICAN ceiling to service units	G(SD)
11.	IS fmns will be employed on gd duties on Allied installations	G(SD) will examine allotment of bns to fmns
12.	AFHQ will be asked to allot 5000 of Navy and Air Force ceiling to Adm.	G(SD)

PART II - PBS Needs

15 (a)	Request to be submitted for more shipping for movement from SARDINIA	PBS and Q(Mov) to signal CG NTOUSA and AFHQ respectively.
(b)	Priorities of allotment of Service units will be reviewed.	DCAO and DQMG.
(c)	Division in SARDINIA will be allotted to PBS	MMIA to make recommendations.

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AG 312.3/560 D-O 3d Ind /ke
HEADQUARTERS MATOUSA, APO 534, 8 June 1944

TO: Commander-in-Chief, AAI, Rear Administrative Echelon, APO 400
ATTENTION: General HAMBLEN

Attention is invited to the preceding indorsement.

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:

T. J. BEE,
Captain, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

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AAI/921.1/DCAO 4th Ind. ALH/rjs
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY (REAR ADM. ECHELON), APO 400, U. S. ARMY. 17 June 1944.

TO: Chief Army Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission, APO 683, U.S. Army.

1. Attention is invited to 2nd Indorsement with particular reference to paragraph 3. The matters referred to in paragraph 2.b. will be handled in this headquarters. 6461

2. Please return correspondence.

A. L. HAMBLEN
Brigadier General, U.S.A.
DCAO

5th Ind
Hq Army Sub Comm ACC, APO 394, 21 June 1944. TO : Hq AAI (Rear Adm ch) APO 400 U. S. Army.

2d Ind noted and correspondence returned herewith.

For the Commanding General :

C. P. Kerr,
Col., Inf.

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Basic: Memo, HQ. Allied Armies in Italy, 16 May 1944, Subject: "Local Resources Procurement"; 1st Ind. HQ. NATOUSA, 25 May 1944, File AG 12.3/560 D-O.

400.12 (SSGDS) 2nd Ind.
HEADQUARTERS, SOS NATOUSA, APO #750, U. S. Army. 2 June 1944.

TO: Commanding General, NATOUSA, APO #534, U. S. Army.

1. The Commanding General, Peninsular Base Section and the Commanding Officer, Island Base Section have been directed to send directly to Headquarters Allied Armies in Italy the data referred to in Paragraph 1 of basic communication.

2. It is recommended that:

a. Allied Armies in Italy and Military Mission Italian Army communicate directly with Peninsular Base Section, Island Base Section, Northern Base Section and Allied Garrison in Sardinia on matters pertaining to the receipt, storage, distribution and accounting for supplies for the Italian Armed Forces which are a United States responsibility, at Base Section level in the same manner as Allied Armies in Italy now deals with Peninsular Base Section on questions of supply for Allied Troops in Italy.

b. All matters be referred to this Headquarters which require action above Base Section level, such as those pertaining to establishment of new policies, changes in existing policies or requiring coordination between two or more Base Sections.

3. It is deemed desirable that this Headquarters be furnished copies of all formal correspondence between Allied Armies in Italy or Military Mission Italian Armh, and Base Section until such time as the problem of supply for Italian Armed Forces has been fully clarified and operating routines established.

4. If the above recommendations are approved, it is requested that this Headquarters be advised in order that the Base Sections may be directed to comply.

For the Commanding General:

/s/ Vernon W. Rice,
/t/ VERNON W. RICE,
Lt. Colonel, A.G.D.,
Adjutant General.

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AG 312.3/560 D-O 1st Ind
HEADQUARTERS NATOUSA, APO 534, 25 May 1944.

TO: Commanding General, SOS NATOUSA, APO 750.

1. The memorandum of 16 April 1944 from Headquarters, Allied Armies in Italy mentioned in paragraph 1 of basic communication is attached as Inclosure Number 1.

2. It is desired that the Allied Force Local Resources Section data required by Headquarters, Allied Armies in Italy Memorandum of 16 April 1944 be submitted by the Base Sections direct to Headquarters, Allied Armies in Italy (Administrative Echelon) with such copies thereof as you require furnished to your headquarters.

3. Your recommendations are requested as to the channels of communication regarding supply of the Italian Military forces as outlined in paragraph 2 of basic letter. In this connection, reference is made to letter, Allied Force Headquarters, file AG 400-1 (Italian) D-O, subject: "Organization for Supply of Effective Italian Troops", dated 21 April 1944.

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:

/s/ A. B. King, C-160
/t/ A. B. KING,
Major, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

1 Incl
Memo AAI (Adm Ech) dtd
16 April 1944 w/incls.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
REGION VIII

AG/ 211.6

June 19, 1944

Subject: Italian Army Drivers

To : Army Sub-Commission

1. Request specific instructions as to the manner in which Italian Army drivers assigned to this Region are to be administered in so far as clothing and pay are concerned, to whom must clothing requisitions go and in what manner is payment made?

2. This Region has made arrangements for feeding and billeting.

For the Regional Commissioner:

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JOHN W. MAYER
Major, AGD
HQ. Comdt.

JWM/gdk

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Major, AGD
Hq. Comdt.

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Subject:- ADMINISTRATION OF ITALIAN FORCES UNDER COMMAND 5 CORPS

AQ 9.4517
17 Jun 44

AQ 24/6

H.Q., A.A.I. (Q) (10) — 383

Reference this HQ Q.4517 dated 5 Jun 44.

Attached herewith are Appendices "B" and "C" to the abovementioned letter.

Appendix "A" will follow as soon as completed.

A.M. Hen. Kd

Lieutenant-General,
Commander, 5 Corps.

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Copy to:- H.Q., A.A.I. (G.SD) (ENCL)
Main EIGHTH ARMY (Q)
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APPENDIX "C"

SUGGESTED MONTHLY PROVISION OF ITALIAN

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War Diary (2)

APPENDIX "C"

SUGGESTED MONTHLY PROVISION OF ITALIAN MEDICAL STORES FOR UTILI & MEDPO DIVS.

To be held as an Italian Wing of 7 Adv Depot Medical Stores.

Total Tonnage per month comprised as follows :- 6 - 8 tons

(a) Dressings	(Lint (Gauze (Wool (Bandages etc	60%
(b) Drugs	(incl: (Anaesthetics and (Sera	20%
(c) Miscellaneous	(Splints (Plaster (Instruments (Syringes etc	20%

Replacements forwarded from RARI by empty Ambulance Train proceeding to Advance Ambulance Railhead.

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APPENDIX "B"

ORDNANCE REQUIREMENTS

Web Egpt (Italian equivalent)	set complete	750
Bottles Water		1000
Helmets steel		150
Respirators A.G.		150
Needles pkts asstd		100
Cotton 300 yd reels or cops		200
Wool Darning 4-oz balls		750
Braces		750
Brushes Hair		1000
Shaving		1000
Tooth		4000
Combs Hair		2000
Drawers		5000
Dressings Field		3000
Forks		1000
Jersey Pullovers		1000
Knives Clasp		1000
Table		1000
Razors Safety		1000
Shirts		6000
Socks		12000
Spoons		1000
Towels Hand		5000
Vests		5000
Awls Sewing		6
Flax White	lbs	16
Boots Ankle		5000
M/C		100
Bristles Bundles		20
Heel Ball Block	dozs	100
Laces Leather 30"	prs	3000
Rivets 5/8"	lbs	200
3/4"	"	300
Soles half plain	size 1	250
	2	2500
	3	3000
Lifts	1	2000
	2	4500
	3	2000
Nails Hob	lbs	1500
Tip Heel 1 1/8"	lbs	450

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Knives Clasp			1000
	Table		1000
Razors Safety			1000
Shirts			6000
Socks			12000
Spoons			1000
Towels Hand			5000
Vests			5000
Awls Sewing			6
Flax White lbs			16
Boots Ankle			5000
	M/C		100
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		2	4500
		3	2000
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Tip Heel 1 1/8" lbs			450
Screws Tip Toe		gross	80
Tips Boot Heel	Size	2 7/8" prs	4000
		3	4000
		3 1/8"	4000
		3 1/4"	1300
Tips Boot Toe	Size	2 7/8" prs	3200
		3	3200
		3 1/8"	3200
		3 1/4"	1200
Tip Fillings	Size	2 7/8"	1000
		3	1500
		3½	1500
		3¼	1000
Wax Shoemakers lbs			4
Greatcoats			700
Caps			2000
Helmets Crash D.R.			50
Anklets Web or Puttees			5000
Pantaloons M/C			100
Battledress Blouses and trousers			1500
K.D. shorts			5000
	Trousers		3000
Capes A.G.			1000

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Badges of Rank and Insignia	As required
Housewife (or Italian equivalent)	1000
Nets Cam asstd sizes	500
Knives trimming (Shoemakers)	8
Nails asstd cwt	10
Screws " gross	50
Nuts and Bolts asstd gross	10
Pins Keep Split gross asstd	10
Rivets asstd cwts	2
Washers " "	5
Electrodes various	2000
Steel Mild Angle lbs	500
Flat "	2000
Cloth Emery various sheets	2000
Dubbin lbs	300
Oil C.70 gals	40
Linseed Boiled pints	100
M.80 gals	400
Mineral Hydraulic buffer	250
Paint various lbs	500
Soap lbs	6000
Thread various lbs	20
Cordage, Sisal etc various fms	1000
Rags Cotton Waste lbs	200
Axes Pick Head	250
Helves	500
Shovels	500
Sheets Ground	5000
Tools Entrenching	500
Bush Nets	3000
Cans Water 2-gal	1000
Cookers (as available)	-
Stretchers Amb.	100
Lamps Hurricane complete	150
globes spare	100
Tins Mess	1000

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Cooking Equipment

Knives Kettles Camp Dishes Baking etc Ladles Machines Mincing	As available

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Paint various lbs		500
Soap lbs		6000
Thread various lbs		20
Cordage, Sisal etc various fms		1000
Rags Cotton Waste lbs		200
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Helves		500
Shovels		500
Shepts Ground		5000
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Knives Kettles Camp Dishes Baking etc Ladles Machines Mincing	As available

Oxygen cyls		100
Acetylene "		50
Electrolyte gals		150
Distilled Water gals		250
Shoes Mules prs	Front	1000
	Rear	1000
Nails Mules Shoe lbs		500
Shoes Horse prs	front	150
	rear	150
Nails " " lbs		50

Blankets	5000

Tentage

Bivouac type	500
160 lb (or Italian equivalent)	100

Accommodation Stores

Tables	100
Forms	200
Chairs Folding	50

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Subject:- ADMINISTRATION OF ITALIAN FORCES UNDER COMMAND 5 CORPS

Q.4517
17 Jun 44

H.Q., A.A.I. (Q) (10)

Reference this HQ Q.4517 dated 5 Jun 44.

Attached herewith are Appendices "B" and "C" to the abovementioned letter.

Appendix "A" will follow as soon as completed.

Lieutenant-General,
Commander, 5 Corps.

RB.

(ENCL)

Copy to:- H.Q., A.A.I. (G.SD)
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APPENDIX "C"

SUGGESTED MONTHLY PROVISION OF ITALIAN

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APPENDIX "C"

SUGGESTED MONTHLY PROVISION OF ITALIAN MEDICAL STORES FOR UDINE & NEMBO DIVS.

To be held as an Italian Wing of 7 Adv Depot Medical Stores.

Total Tonnage per month comprised as follows :- 6 - 8 tons

(a) Dressings	Lint, Gauze, Wool, Bandages etc	60%
(b) Drugs	incl: Anaesthetics and Sera	20%
(c) Miscellaneous	Splints, Plaster, Instruments, Syringes etc	20%

Replacements forwarded from BARI by empty Ambulance Train proceeding to Advance Ambulance Railhead.

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APPENDIX "B"

ORDNANCE REQUIREMENTS

Web Eqpt (Italian equivalent) set complete	750
Bottles Water	1000
Helmets steel	150
Respirators A.G.	150
Needles pkts asstd	100
Cotton 300 yd reels or cops	200
Wool Darning 4-oz balls	750
Braces	750
Brushes Hair	1000
Shaving	1000
Tooth	4000
Combs Hair	2000
Drawers	5000
Dressings Field	3000
Forks	1000
Jersey Pullovers	1000
Knives Clasp	1000
Table	1000
Razors Safety	1000
Shirts	6000
Socks	12000
Spoons	1000
Towels Hand	5000
Vests	5000
Awls Sewing	6
Flax White lbs	16
Boots Ankle	5000
M/C	100
Bristles Bundles	20
Heel Ball Block dozs	100
Laces Leather 30" prs	3000
Rivets 5/8" lbs	200
3/4" "	300
Soles half plain size 1	250
2	2500
3	3000
Lifts 1	2000
2	4500
3	2000
Nails Hob lbs	1500
Tip Heel 1 1/8" lbs	450
Screws Tip Toe gross	80

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Jersey Pullovers		1000
Knives Clasp		1000
Table		1000
Razors Safety		6000
Shirts		12000
Socks		1000
Spoons		5000
Towels Hand		5000
Vests		6
Awls Sewing		16
Flax White lbs		5000
Boots Ankle		100
M/C		20
Bristles Bundles		100
Heel Ball Block dozs		3000
Laces Leather 30" prs		200
Rivets 5/8" lbs		300
3/4" "		250
Soles half plain size	1	2500
	2	3000
	3	2000
Lifts	1	4500
	2	2000
	3	1500
Nails Hob lbs		450
Tip Heel 1 1/8" lbs		80
Screws Tip Toe gross		4000
Tips Boot Heel Size	2 7/8" prs	4000
	3	4000
	3 1/8"	1300
	3 1/4"	3200
Tips Boot Toe Size	2 7/8" prs	3200
	3	3200
	3 1/8"	1200
	3 1/4"	1000
Tip Fillings Size	2 7/8"	1500
	3	1500
	3 1/8	1000
	3 1/4	4
Wax Shoemakers lbs		700
Greatcoats		2000
Caps		50
Helmets Crash D.R.		5000
Anklets Web or Puttees		100
Pantaloons M/C		1500
Battledress Blouses and trousers		5000
K.D. shorts		3000
Trousers		1000
Capes A.G.		

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Badges of Rank and Insignia	As required
Housewife (or Italian equivalent)	1000
Nets Cam asstd sizes	500
Knives trimming (Shoemakers)	8
Nails asstd cwt	10
Screws " gross	50
Nuts and Bolts asstd gross	10
Pins Keep Split gross asstd	10
Rivets asstd cwts	2
Washers " "	5
Electrodes various	2000
Steel Mild Angle lbs	500
Flat "	2000
Cloth Emery various sheets	2000
Dubbin lbs	300
Oil C.70 gals	40
Linseed Boiled pints	100
M.80 gals	400
Mineral Hydraulic buffer	250
Paint various lbs	500
Soap lbs	6000
Thread various lbs	20
Cordage, Sisal etc various fms	1000
Rags Cotton Waste lbs	200
Axes Pick Head	250
Helves	500
Shovels	500
Sheets Ground	5000
Tools Entrenching	500
Bush Nets	3000
Cans Water 2-gal	1000
Cookers (as available)	-
Stretchers Amb.	100
Lamps Hurricane complete	150
globes spare	100
Tins Mess	1000

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Cooking Equipment

Knives Kettles Camp Dishes Baking etc Ladles	As available

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Paint various lbs		500
Soap lbs		6000
Thread various lbs		20
Cordage, Sisal etc various fms		1000
Rags Cotton Waste lbs		200
Axes Pick Head		250
Helves		500
Shovels		500
Sheets Ground		5000
Tools Entrenching		500
Bush Nets		3000
Cans Water 2-gal		1000
Cookers (as available)		-
Stretchers Amb.		100
Lamps Hurricane complete		150
globes spare		100
Tins Moss		1000

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Cooking Equipment

Knives, Kettles Camp, Dishes Baking etc, Ladles, Machines Mincing	As available	
Oxygen cyls		100
Acetylene "		50
Electrolyte gals		150
Distilled Water gals		250
Shoes Mules prs Front		1000
Rear		1000
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Major-General Sir Brian H. Robertson Bt.,
Chief Administrative Officer,
Tac H.Q. Allied Armies in Italy,
C.M.F.

5001/9/CAO.

8 Jun. 44.

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AQ/8.

My dear Brooming.

Thank you very much for your letter AQ/8 of 8 Jun.44. I am afraid that the preparation of this letter must have meant a good deal of work to you. I can assure you, however, that it is very useful. It enables me to review the whole matter with my Staff, and this is likely to produce useful action as far as you are concerned. Some of the paragraphs of your letter do not call for a reply, and on others I cannot give you a definite answer. I give below such replies as I am in a position to afford.

Para 2. Supply Accounting Procedure. As you say, I am fully aware of your difficulties in regard to shortage of staff, and I have given instructions that you are to be assisted to the maximum extent possible pending approval from AFHQ of your final establishment. General Hamblen tells me that he is sending you an additional officer from his own staff. DDST does want his officers back, but he will not take them away without warning. Certain officers will become available to you from the former British Increment to HQ 6 (US) Corps. This will mean that there will be a preponderance of British officers on your staff, but General Hamblen considers that this is satisfactory, so long as Kerr is with you to afford the necessary US supervision.

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Para 3. Animals in SARDINIA. I think that this matter is now settled.

Para 7. Reinforcements. G(SD) and "A" are working out a scheme which will, I hope, put this matter on a sound footing.

Para 8. General Administration. I am afraid that I am not able to report much progress in this connection. AFHQ do not appear to understand our difficulties.

Para 10. Dilution. I am still pressing AFHQ to confer with us on this matter. Their attitude is that the policy of dilution has been finally decided, and we have yet to convince them that it is not practicable.

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Para 13. Medical Supplies. I am glad that you have raised this question, and I quite agree that we have a responsibility to help. I have made this clear to Sutton. He agrees with the statements in your letter, although he does say that the situation has much improved in the past month.

AFHQ have refused to promote two QMs in anticipation of your establishment and Sutton himself is very short-handed. I am going to discuss this matter further with him, but I quite agree that we must help you.

Para 14. Italian Military personnel from enemy occupied territory. The letter and plan to which you refer have not yet been seen by G(SD), but they are in agreement with you as to the problem.

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A. Johnston

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B. R. Johnston

Major-General Langley Browning, C.B., C.B.E., M.C.,
Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.,
Main H.Q. (MMIA)
LECUILE (LECCE).

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UPGENTE

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

GABINETTO

N. di prot. 8831 /II P.M.107 li 17 giugno 194 4

OGGETTO: Trasformazione delle carceri militari in carceri civili.-

+ manifestazioni generalizzate pericolose ordine pubblico

17/6.

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO DELLA
COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
LEQUILE

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d'ordine
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
(Col. R. Fiore-Vernazza)

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Subject:- Graves Registration.

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Army Sub Commission ACC.
Main HQ. (MHA)
LANDMIL. (LACC)
AG/S

17 June 44.

Ministry of War.

1. It is the principle that Italian formations fighting with the Allies undertake all action necessary in connection with the care and burial of their dead, and that the dead are buried in Italian cemeteries under Italian arrangements.

2. Please confirm to this HQ that this principle is known to all Italian Corps., and that orders to this effect have been issued to Italian troops.

Confirmed by Eddie

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

APO 512

6.4.48

L/JB
Copy to:
HQ. FAI. (Your AAI/5021/A(G6) of 13 June 44. refers)
MMA.LO with Fifth Army.
MMA.LO with Rear Eighth Army.
MMA.LO with Rear 5 Corps.

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TO MMB
from General Hamilton

A8/8.
17/6

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SIG NR 7169
ROUTINE
CONFIDENTIAL

TO FOR ACTION AGWAR FOR SOMERVELL
FOR INFO CG NATOUSA, PEMBARK AND AAI-ADNAP

FROM NATOUSA SIGNED DEVERS CITE NAGDS, NAQMC F58640 131225B

FURTHER CONFIRMATION OF NEED FOR COMPLETE DISTINCTIVE MARKINGS ON SHIPMENTS FOR ITALIAN MILITARY IN FOLLOWING REPORT JUST RECEIVED. QUOTE SUBSISTENCE SHIPMENTS ON UGS 42 WERE VERY POORLY IDENTIFIED, BEING ONLY 10 PERCENT SPOT MARKED AND THESE MARKINGS INDISTINCT AND ONLY 1 INCH LETTERS; FLOUR MIXED W ITH "TOG" CONSIGNMENT. MUCH SORTING, CAUSING EXTRA LABOR AND TRANSPORT ENTALLED AND ACCOUNTING VERY UNSATISFACTORY UNQUOTE. PARA. REFER TO EXCHANGE OF CABLES TERMINATING WITH WXF 1861 OF 27 MAY. REQUEST EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO DISTINCTLY MARK EACH PACKAGE WITH QUOTE ITA UNQUOTE IN 4 INCH LETTERS, AND TO SEGREGATE IN SO FAR AS POSSIBLE "ITI" FROM OTHER CONSIGNMENTS ABOARD SHIP.

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SUBJECT: Graves Registration

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HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

AAI/5021/A(PS)

12 Jun 44

16 CMA

1. It is desired to confirm the arrangement now understood to be in force that the Italian formations fighting with the Allies undertake all action necessary in connection with the care and burial of their dead.

It is the principle that Italian dead will not be buried in British War Cemeteries but will be placed in their own cemeteries, under their own arrangements.

2. Will you kindly confirm that this principle is known to, and accepted by the Italian Military Authorities concerned, and that orders to this effect have been issued to their Fps.

C.H. Tabor

Brigadier,
D.A.G.

CHF/Ti

Copy to:- Adv Hq GR & E (Med Pool), CHF.

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file. letter & reply
and Lois comment
see folio 392
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Subject:- Italian Personnel from Enemy Occupied Italy.

Army Sub Commission ACC
Main HQ. (MILA)
LECCE. (LMC)
AC/S
Files

Air Force Sub Commission ACC.
Bari.

1. It would possible that a large number of Italian service personnel will be collected as Displaced persons, and that arrangements should be made for regulating the manner in which they can be absorbed, without prejudice to ration strengths.

2. In addition to the present ration strength it may be necessary to increase the maximum ceiling to provide for all present and future purposes.

3. It is suggested therefore that only those for whom rations can be obtained, that is on corresponding number or other men demobilised at the same time.

4. A letter written by this HQ to the Italian Ministry of War on this subject is attached for your information and in case you should wish to take parallel action.

6.4.45

Lieut Colonel
for General.
Army Sub Commission A.C.C.

SUBJECT:- MAIA Adm Instruction No.3.

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Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main HQ. (MAIA)
LECUILE. (LECCE)
AQ/S.

11 June 44.

1. MAIA Admin. Instruction No.3 is forwarded and is effective forthwith.

2. Requisite MAIA personnel are NOT yet available in sufficient strength in all localities, but the intent of this Instruction will be implemented at once to the maximum extent.

3. Acknowledgement is requested on the attached form.

J. J. Noaml
for Major General.
Army Sub Commission A.C.C. 6.6.44

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2 District	25	::	:: SIGS	1	::
3 District	20	::	:: ST	10	::
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Message Instructions. GR

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CONFIDENTIAL. Your CA 294 of 9 June refering to Penbase 18228. Stores and supplies needed for Italian Troops under Penbase can be drawn by 212 Div from Basso depots in Naples and moved to new location by Penbase the same as is done by 5 and 8 Army for their Italian troops. Basso has stocks sufficient for 212 Div which is capable of handling supplies if furnished transport by Penbase. In emergency Penbase can issue Italians rations from U S stocks and be repaid from Italain Depots in Naples. Basso has neither personnel to establish new Italian Depot nor transport to move supplies from Naples depots. Consider unwise to attempt to open new Italian depot beyond Naples as Allied transport would have to be furnished

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FROM : AAI signed LEMNITZER 091930B

TO : CG NATOUSA Rpt PBS, MMIA, ACC and AFHQ attn of MGS, G-4 GM

ORIG. NO : DCGS 207

Mail to MMIA

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1. Fifth Army has requested that eight officers of 36 Div now on duty with MMIA return to their organization. Basis of request is disapproval by your HQ of request for transfer these officers to 2675 Regt ACC for dutywith MMIA. Letter HQ 2675 Regt ACC date 19 April file 370.5 subject Officer Surplus with 36 Div and various indorsements thereon refers.

2. This correspondence was passed to you by this HQ but was returned to Fifth Army direct. Par 2 your sixth Ind states that disapproval based on fact that current vacancies within 2675 Regt are committed for other purposes.

3. These officers constitute majority of US personnel now working with MMIA in current setup which was created to meet an emergency situation and to tide over functioning of that agency until such time as proper personnel authorization was obtained. Their removal at this time will have most serious effect if not completely stop operation of US side of MMIA which to date has been functioning at absolute minimum scale with officers loaned by various HQ and agencies in Italy. Personnel request to meet MMIA requirements imposed by FAN 338 were submitted to you in early April. Understand this request was passed to War Dept but no action taken to date. To obtain minimum working organization in meantime plan was evolved to transfer certain officers and enlisted men to 2675 Regt ACC for duty with MMIA charging this personnel to that Regt. With recent reduction grades and ratings to 2675 Regt and above mentioned decisions which in effect freezes all existing vacancies in that unit for other purposes procurement necessary personnel for MMIA is not possible.

4. CCS in FAN 338 directed creation of agency in Italy similar to French rearmanent Committee which is charged with responsibility for handling requirements, issues and record keeping pertaining to supply of subsistence clothing, fuel etc to Italian troops. In AFHQ letter to C-in-C Italy, file AG 400-1, dated 21 April subject Organization for Supply of Effective Italian Troops the Army subcommission paren MMIA paren of ACC was designated as the responsible agency to handle this project. Proper US organization with MMIA is considered essential because US has assumed primary responsibility for subsistence and joint responsibility for clothing for Italian Army. These are huge and valuable commitments and involve among other things supervising distribution of about on half million of various types of rations per day issued on various scales to many separate agencies. In addition MMIA is charged with supervising procurement of Italian Army units assigned to or working with the Allied Armies. Many of these units now urgently needed by PBS AND Fifth Army to meet extension of supply lines resulting from

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current operations.

5. Foregoing is presented to stress importance and scope of task assigned MMIA particularly as it pertains to US side. Notwithstanding importance of task and the fact that superior HQ have directed creation of an agency to perform these important tasks all efforts to obtain necessary authorization for US personnel for that agency have failed to date.

6. I consider this a matter of considerable urgency. It is recommended that personnel requested for MMIA be authorized earliest and that personnel now on duty with MMIA on temporary or loan basis be authorized to remain on that duty pending such authorization.

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L. L. LEMNITZER,
Brig. Gen.,
D.C.G.S.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/6/168/CA

8 June 1944

SUBJECT: Demands for Italian Troops and Equipment.

TO : R.C.'s Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII and IX.
S.C.A.O's 5 & 8 Armies.

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M.S. LUSH
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Copy to:
Army Sub-Commission, Lequille (Lecce)
Your SD/15 of 4 June 44 refers.

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Copy to:
Army Sub-Commission, Lequille (Lecce)
Your SD/15 of 5 June 44 refers.

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY SUB COMMISSION ACC
APO 394, U S Army

8 June 1944.

Memorandum for Colonel Leahey, PBS :

With further reference to your letter of 1 June.

1. Reference the 12 Battalion Headquarters - these have been arranged for, and most of them should have arrived in Naples. All are due to leave not later than 10 June. They are being moved under Italian orders in Italian transportation. Would appreciate if you would advise the number which have arrived.

2. Reference administration of your Italian Division. I discussed the matter with the Deputy Chief of Staff, and, while the Italians would prefer to have a corps of two divisions, as they fear that an Italian staff cannot handle such large bodies of troops, it has been agreed that they will furnish 30 additional officers and 180 EM as requested. These will reinforce the present 212 Div staff. Half of the officers will be senior officers, and the General Staff is now making selections and I will advise you when they are ready to come forward.

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All further reference to changing your organization is dropped. You will have the 212 Div with your ten groups.

We will see that sufficient officers are included in all new serials sent to you. However, if you do not get sufficient, let us know.

The question of the assignment of Col Bruno has been discussed. This officer is not available for assignment to 212 Div. There is nothing further to be done about it, as it is the policy to let the Italians run their own show so long as they furnish suitable people. Bruno is a colonel, very junior in rank, and has been selected for some special mission.

The Italians have suggested Division General Reisoli for assignment to command the 212 Div. It is assumed that the present commander would be relieved if Reisoli were assigned, and that is what you want done.

Reisoli is 57 years of age. He has seen service in the field in three wars. Decorated for valor twice. His record seems to be good.

For Chief of Staff of the 212 Div Lt ColCaropressi is suggested. This officer is now Chief of Staff of the 31 Corps at Catanzaro. He is 47 years of age. Our liaison officer

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at Catanzaro informs us that this officer is very capable and efficient. Inasmuch as our liaison officer himself is very capable, I would be inclined to believe that Caropresusi would handle your job well.

I would suggest that you advise me as soon as possible if you want these officers. The present Div Comdr would be relieved, but the new Brigadier you have there could remain unless you desired otherwise.

With a new Division Commander and Chief of Staff, and 30 new officers, and 180 FM, the staff of the 212 Div should be able to handle the job.

3. With reference to the tentative draft of AFHQ on the utilization of Italian units. This was issued for troops under British command only. We have made many comments as the thing does not fit and should include troops under US command also. It is our understanding that AFHQ is sending an officer to discuss the matter before anything is done about it, and that we will be in such a discussion. We will let you know so that you may be present. 6:134

4. The minutes of the discussion between Generals Wilson and Barr are noted.

a. The Italians would like to bring back officers who are now POW. At the same time we are insisting that the Italian officer strength be reduced.

b. Regarding selection of personnel. We are almost at the bottom of the bucket. Units are sent over from Sardinia in accordance with the priority list. We cannot do otherwise. Because of all of the units being formed in Sardinia we cannot do otherwise than let the Italians pick them for the serials. The Allied Garrison there has already taken about 20000 troops. I suppose they have what they want. We are furnishing what specialists we can get our hands on. PBS will get its proper share of what is available.

c. There is nothing we can do about the harvesting. The whole program has been delayed thereby. I know AAI has made every effort possible to get additional shipping.

d. I have instructed Lt Col Offenhauer to take up the matter of sanitary supplies. These have only been available recently, and I am informed that all available are being issued. We are running down the report that only half of the authorized allowance of soap was issued. This is an Italian commodity issue, and must be secured locally. Soap factories are being put back into production, but it will take 60 days before anything is accomplished. ~~Sanitary~~

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e. We have received no official notification of the new ration. We have heard that it increased the issue of imported commodities from 21 oz to 25 ounces on the B scale, and reduced the A scale from 38½ oz to 25 ounces. This will not be satisfactory to the troops on the A scale. We have made recommendations on the subject, but it seems to have been settled at a desk back home.

f. The Italian Army pay system is most unsatisfactory. We have been working on this for months, and they have produced a plan to improve the situation. However, it is difficult for these people to understand pay on grade, and not labor status. All conscript armies seem to be run on labor status. As the new plan proposed affects the financial position of the Italian Government, it is being submitted to ACC as they control the Italian finances. What and when anything will come of this is not known. There is nothing we can do further.

g. We hope that you are making use of our liaison officers stationed in Naples. This is a small group with too much to do to get it all done well. But I am sure that they will do what they can. In the near future we may move closer to you.

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5. This letter is being delivered by Col Ridsley, who is very familiar with MMIA and will do anything he can to help.

C. P. Kerr,
Colonel, Infantry

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY (REAR ADM. ECHELON), APO 400, U.S. ARMY. 8 June 1944.

TO: Allied Control Commission, Army Sub-Commission, APO 394, U.S. Army.

Attached hereto is a copy of correspondence in connection with the receipt and storage of rations for the Italian Armed Forces. It is desired that you contact the controlling port, and area authorities with a view to the improvement of warehouse facilities and to the acceptance of Iti stores at shipside.

A. L. HAMBLEN
Brigadier General, U.S.A.
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AG 430.2 BPTPM (3 June 44) 3rd Ind.

HEADQUARTERS, PENINSULAR BASE SECTION, APO 782, U. S. Army, 6 June 1944

TO: DCAO, AAI, APO 400, U. S. Army

1. Concur with para 3 basic communication with emphasis on fact that sub-para c. is a direct result of sub-para a.

2. Concur, also with contents of para 6. Present rate of acceptance by Italian military depots results in slow down of ship discharge and lost truck hours. Additional depot space, though scarce, must be located to alleviate present inefficiency in receiving on part of Italian military.

3. Suggestion that Italian military accept cargo at shipside and furnish rider guards to depots is likewise concurred in, provided that MTA is in a position to make available sufficient personnel to insure that ship discharge will not be retarded through slow checking, and that vehicles are not obliged to stand under load awaiting the return of guards from previous trips.

For the Commanding General:

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/s/ L. F. Nickel
L. F. NICKEL
Adjutant General

4th Ind. ALH/rjs
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY (NEAR AFM. SCHOOL), APO 400, U.S. ARMY.
8 June 1944.

TO: Commanding General, NATOUSA, APO 534, U. S. Army.

1. Inviting attention to 2nd and 3rd Endorsements above.

2. The matter of securing additional warehousing is being actively pursued. In connection with receiving stores at shipside, the Italian Army can furnish sufficient guards. The local problems which arise are being discussed with a view to implementing shipside acceptance.

For the Commander-in-Chief,
Allied Armies In Italy:

A. L. HAMBLEN
Brigadier General, U.S.A.
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY, ADMINISTRATIVE ECHELON, APO 400, U.S. ARMY, 25 May 1944.

TO: Commanding General, Peninsular Base Section, APO 782, U.S. Army.

1. Your comments are requested in order that an agreed response may be sent to Commanding General, SOS NATOUSA.

2. The findings contained in paragraph 3 are concurred in. It is noted however that no mention is made of erroneously marked cases in which items not authorized for the Italians are marked with ITI markings.

3. The recommendations contained in paragraphs 5, 6, and 7 are fully concurred in. Representations have previously been made to the Peninsular Base Section to procure these conditions without success. It has been the previous attitude of Peninsular Base Section that counting and acceptance at shipside was not practicable if the daily tonnages unloaded from ships was to be maintained. With reference to depots it has been stated that there is a great shortage of warehouse space and that no more suitable warehouses were available for assignment.

/s/ A. L. Hamblen
A. L. HAMBLEN
Brigadier General, U.S.A.
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7. It is suggested that shipside acceptance of cargo by the Italian Military be directed, transportation to the Depots to be furnished by Peninsualr Base Section and adequate guards to be supplied by the Italian Military.

8. The present method of handling Italian Military supplies at BARI is considered satisfactory both by representatives of this headquarters and by MMIA in BARI.

For the Commanding General:

/s/Vernon W. Rice,
VERNON W. RICE,
Lt. Col., A.G.D.,
Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS NATOUSA, APO 534, 23 May 1944. S: 2 June 1944

TO: Commanding General, Allied Armies in Italy, (U.S. Contingent), APO 777, U.S. Army. (Attention: General HARRIS)

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For comment as to paragraphs 6 and 7 of basic communication.

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:

/s/A. B. King,
A. B. KING,
Major, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY
NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
ARMY POST OFFICE 750

430.2 (SOSMC) 18 May 1944

SUBJECT: Handling of Italian Rations.

TO : Commanding General, NATOUSA, APO 534, U. S. Army.

1. Reference is made to MMIA Cable to AFHQ, dated 26 April 1944, from HAVILAH to ADDOCK.

2. The method of handling Italian Military subsistence received on U. S. ships was examined by representatives of this headquarters, ordered to Italy for that purpose.

3. It was found that shortages and overages in deliveries to the Italian Military were the result primarily of:

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a. Inadequate marking of cases and sacks prior to shipment from the United States.

b. Dispatch of cargo from dock to depots without accurate record of truck load.

c. Cargo routed from dock to wrong depots.

d. Inadequate guards between dock and depots.

4. Remedial action with reference to marking has been taken by NATOUSA Cable F-39345 to ADDAIR for SOMERVILL, 30 April 1944, requesting marking all cases and sacks with 4" letters "ITI" in Yellow.

5. Directive is being issued to the Commanding General, Peninsular Base Section, to supply manifests and BLSD to the MMIA Office in NAPLES; to adjust loading and dispatch of trucks from dock to depots to approximate capacity of each depot to receive, and to make adequate count of cases or sacks.

6. The receipt, accounting and issue of Italian Military subsistence in NAPLES would be improved by acquisition of Italian Army warehouses affording easy recess. The depots 590/1 and 2 have only one entrance. Trucks are unloaded at the rate of only 5 per hour at Depot 590/1 and 3 per hour at Depot 590/2. Issues are made through the same entrance, requiring receiving.

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LIAISON SECTION
HEADQUARTERS PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
APO 722

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AG 14/6

8 June 1944

ITALIAN LIAISON)
MEMO NO. 65)

TO : Tribunale Militare Territoriale, Di Guerra Di Napoli, c/o Palazzo Salerno, Naples.

1. Reference is made to your letter of 23 May 44 addressed to Peninsular Base Section Headquarters with reference to the attendance at your office of certain Italian soldiers now in desertion.

2. You are advised that all Italian soldiers on duty with Peninsular Base Section are under the administration and disciplinary jurisdiction of the 212th Division, Italian, with headquarters on Via Roma, Naples. The 212th Division, is of course subject to the jurisdiction of the Commanding General, Italian Forces in Campania.

3. Even if identified as to their person and their location, this headquarters would not be in a position to effect the arrest and appearance of these soldiers. This headquarters habitually calls upon the Commandant of the local Carabinieri to effect the arrest of Italian nationals, whether civilian or military, with whom it is necessary to obtain interviews or the like.

For the Commanding General:

DONALD J. LEEHEY
Colonel, G. S. C.
Chief Liaison Officer

cc - C. G., Italian Forces in Campania
PBS G-2

MMIA, LECCE

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Subject:- ADMINISTRATION OF ITALIAN FORCES UNDER COMMAND 5 CORPS

Q.4517
5 Jun 44

H.Q., A.A.I. (Q) (10)

Copy circulated to Comd 21/c

1. During the past week there have been numerous conferences on the subject of the administration of the Italian forces and units under command 5 Corps. Opinions have been obtained not only from Italian Commanders and Staffs but also from EIGHTH ARMY and 10 Corps and from certain Branches at A.A.I. In addition to the British Headquarters who have been consulted, discussions have taken place with the following :-

General BEPARDI, Chief of Staff to Marshal MESSE
Colonel QUERCIA, C.A.O. to Marshal MESSE
Commanders and Staffs of UTILI, NEMBO and 209 Divisions
Colonel LOMBARDI and Staff of the Italian Mission
Lt.-Col. MORLANDY, L.C., M.M.I.A.

Following on these discussions a final conference has been held with General de STEFANIS, who has been nominated by Marshal MESSE as G.O.C., L. of C. and Advanced Base for the Italian forces operating in 5 Corps area, Colonel QUERCIA, and General BROWNING, M.M.I.A.

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(b) The M.T. of Italian origin is in bad condition: many of the tyres are unserviceable while spares are almost non-existent. This is clearly unavoidable but it has serious reactions as regards workshop services which are noted below.

(c) The Italian equivalent to the British R.E.M.E. set-up is totally inadequate for formations actually taking part in operations, although the existing Italian workshops have done extremely well by cannibalisation and by the best use of the small stocks of spares available.

(d) The quantity of transport available within formations is inadequate for mobile operations but this situation is showing gradual improvement as additional issues are made.

(e) Divisional Medical units are static and are organised on a scale much below that in the Allied Armies. There is no hospitalization buffer such as C.C.Ss. and 200 Bedded Hospitals between Divisions and Base Hospitals. Motor Ambulances are mechanically unsound. There has been and still is a shortage of medical stores but this has been overcome by essential issues from British stocks.

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(f) The provision of supplies and P.O.L. has presented no difficulties.

(g) It is agreed by all those consulted, both British and Italian, that the present system of demands through the channel Italian formation - Italian Military Mission - British Corps - British Army H.Q. - A.A.I. - M.M.I.A. - S.M.R.E. has proved quite unworkable and is the root cause of the failure to provide the Italian fighting formations with their requirements of Italian origin.

3. I therefore strongly recommend that in so far as Italian forces in 5 Corps are concerned the following steps should be taken to put their administration on a sound basis :-

(a) An Italian H.Q., L. of C. and Advanced Base should be established under my command immediately in rear of 5 Corps Group. This H.Q. to be responsible for all administration of Italian forces in the Corps, other than purely operational administration, i.e. day to day supply of ammunition, P.O.L. and rations, which will be dealt with direct between the Italian operational H.Q. (at the moment C.I.L.) and H.Q. 5 Corps. This has already been accepted by A.A.I. and Marshal MESSE has appointed General de STEFANIS as G.O.C., L. of C. It is proposed that he should establish his H.Q. at VASTO, in the vicinity of which Italian Advanced Depots will be established. The L. of C. H.Q. will move forward immediately in rear of 5 Corps Group as the advance progresses. Details of the establishment of H.Q., L. of C. will be worked out by S.M.R.E. and M.M.I.A., based on recommendations made by General de STEFANIS.

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(i) Reinforcements for all arms equivalent to the British scales for 14 days at intense rates. (Appendix "A").

(ii) Three weeks supply of Italian origin only of artillery equipments, arms, clothing, ordnance stores etc. based approximately on the normal wastage rates. (Appendix "B").

(iii) One month's provision of medical stores: to be held as an Italian Wing of 7 AdvancedDepot Medical Stores. (Appendix "C").

(iv) Approximately three Italian units of fire of ammunition. It is suggested that these be held as a Wing of 25 A.A.D. CUPELLO and should be operated by the present British staff augmented with a small Italian Ammunition Section, to assist in identification, inspection etc: this section to be provided with the necessary machinery and tools.

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(d) All demands for stores of Italian origin to follow the channel UTILI (incl MEMBO) and 209 Divisions - 5 Corps - H.Q. Italian L. of C. - S.M.R.E. Duplicates of all demands will be transmitted by the L.O. with 5 Corps to M.M.I.A. This duplicate system is essential in order that M.M.I.A. may be kept fully informed of all issues made by S.M.R.E. In this connection General BROWNING, General BERARDI and myself consider that priority should be given to Italian formations actually engaged in fighting: if this is done it will have a considerable effect in maintaining and raising their morale.

In any case where Italian L. of C. reports non-availability of equipment, issues, if operationally essential, will be made immediately by 5 Corps from British stocks (if available), H.Q., A.A.I. being at once informed.

(e) Detailed recommendations regarding medical services are contained in Appendix "D". Briefly the object of these proposals is to enable the Italian Divisions during static periods to be able to hold sick and casualties likely to be fit within 10 days, those likely to be fit within one month being retained in 5 Corps medical units or in the Corps Rest Centre. The longer term cases to be evacuated to Italian Base Hospitals at BARLETTA etc.

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(f) In addition to the holdings of ammunition at CUPELLO under control of H.Q., L. of C., two units of fire will be held under 5 Corps control at PADDINGTON, the latter moving forward with the F.M.A. as the advance progresses.

(g) As regards R.E.M.E. Workshops:- Within formations there are the equivalent of weak British L.A.Ds. Between them and the Base Workshops at CAPUA and TREPUZZI there is no workshops organisation whatsoever. It is considered by Colonel QUERCIA and the Italian Mission that it is not practicable to remove either of these Heavy Workshops and that in any case they will be fully employed with work arising from Western and Southern ITALY. It is also understood that Italian resources do not admit of intermediate workshops being set up on at all an adequate scale. It is therefore considered that the best solution will be firstly, to add to the number of and to strengthen the weak L.A.Ds. mentioned above; secondly, to attach an Italian Wing to the Corps Troops Workshops, with

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(g) As regards R.E.M.E. Workshops:- Within formations there are the equivalent of weak British L.A.Ds. Between them and the Base Workshops at CAPUA and TREPUZZI there is no workshops organisation whatsoever. It is considered by Colonel QUERCIA and the Italian Mission that it is not practicable to remove either of these Heavy Workshops and that in any case they will be fully employed with work arising from Western and Southern ITALY. It is also understood that Italian resources do not admit of intermediate workshops being set up on at all an adequate scale. It is therefore considered that the best solution will be firstly, to add to the number of and to strengthen the weak L.A.Ds. mentioned above; secondly, to attach an Italian Wing to the Corps Troops Workshops, with whatever tools and spares can be made available; and thirdly, if any resources remain, to establish the equivalent of one or more Brigade Workshops. It is apparent that the wastage of the existing Italian M.T. will be rapid and that continual replacements from Allied stocks will be required. This situation reinforces the recommendation made in my letter Q.4517 dated 3 June 44 for the retention of one British Inf Tps Workshop under my command: if this is not approved there will, in my opinion, be a complete breakdown of Workshop Services in 5 Corps Group in the near future. A reply to your letter 3390/Q(AE) dated 3 June is being forwarded separately.

4. General de STEFANIS and General BROWNING entirely agree in principle with my recommendations. We feel that if there is to be a C.I.L. it must be properly equipped to carry out its role as a reasonably mobile operational formation. General BROWNING considers that not only will our proposals provide an efficient fighting formation but they will also go far to meet Italian aspirations with, it is suggested, the consequent political advantages to the Allies both now and post-war. General BROWNING however feels that he must mention the fact that these proposals

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will inevitably involve an increase on the proposed total figure of 14,100 for C.I.L., recommended to the Combined Chiefs of Staff: this increase will correspondingly reduce the effectives authorised for the remainder of the Italian Army; he feels however that this might be accepted.

Note:- Appendix "D" is attached, Appendices "A", "B" and "C" will follow later.

Lieutenant-General,
Commander, 5 Corps.

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APPENDIX "D"

MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS

1. PERSONNEL

The Field Hospital is somewhat similar to the F.D.S. in the British Army. When a total of eight have arrived, they should be sufficient to deal with all minor cases for the two Divisions, fit to return to duty in 7 days.

(a) To implement the policy of holding cases likely to recover in 4 weeks, as there is no C.C.S. or 200 Bedded General Hospital in the Italian Army, it is proposed to set aside 100 beds for this purpose at 50 General Hospital and admit cases to both 50 General Hospital and 5 C.C.S.

The following Italian increment is required at 50 General Hospital :-

M.Os. (1 Physician, 1 Surgeon)	...	2
Sgt	...	1
Nursing Orderlies	...	10

(b) To further economise in manpower, it is proposed to open a Convaleacent Wing of 100 beds at VASTO. 6.124

Required :-

M.O. (Physician)	...	1
Orderlies (Nursing and G.D.)	...	10

The M.O. will have additional work in the adjoining Italian Rest Camp.

(c) Assuming an Advanced Section of Italian Medical Stores will be brought forward to VASTO.

Require :-

Officer (Pharmacist)	...	1
O.Rs.	...	5

To bridge the interval between the request and the arrival of the abovementioned personnel, it is proposed to split up as a temporary measure the 521 Field Hospital (209 Division) at LANCIANO as stated in

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There will still remain in 521 Field Hospital :-

3 Officers - A Surgeon, an Administrative Officer and a Chaplain, with 1 Sgt and 30 O.Rs.,

and the majority of the equipment, sufficient to run a 50 Bedded Sick Centre at the present site.

As the increments arrive, personnel relieved will return to their present unit, which will then be able to increase its holding capacity to 100 cases.

2. SUMMARY

Required :-

Personnel - 3 M.Os. (1 Surgeon, 2 Physicians), 1 Pharmacist, 1 Sgt, 25 O.Rs.

Hospital - A 300 Bedded Hospital capable of expansion, moved up to near Corps area to increase total number of beds for holding cases and reduce evacuation.

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FROM : Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Control Commission,
BARI.

TO : Headquarters,
Mediterranean Allied Air Forces, C.M.F.

DATE : 5th June 1944.

REF. : AFSC/S.640/EQ.

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EQUIPMENT AND CLOTHING - ITALIAN PERSONNEL

Receipt is acknowledged of Headquarters, M.A.A.F. letter 1762/2/CRG dated 25th May 1944.

1. Italian personnel used in substitution of R.A.F. Balloon Squadron personnel, were all drawn from the Italian Navy and not from the Italian Air Force. All questions relating to such personnel, should be raised with the Naval Sub-Commission of the Allied Control Commission. 6.123

2. The responsibility for the clothing of Italian Air Force personnel supplied to British and American Air Forces, rests with the Italian Air Ministry, guided by this, the Air Forces Sub-Commission. This does not however, apply to boots. It has long been the established policy that the Allied Air Force receiving Unit must provide boots. For guidance and information, enclosed herewith copy of this Sub-Commission's letter 7/AIR, dated 11th April 1944, addressed to 15th Air Force Service Command. A copy of this letter has been supplied to all Units enquiring about Italian Air Force personnel during the last two months.

3. The position with regard to Italian Army personnel is controlled by the Army Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission.

4. All rations for the Italian Air Force, are drawn from the Italian Army, from stocks provided by the Allies. Enclosed herewith copy of Scale "A" and Scale "B".

Scale "A" is for operational personnel and Scale "B" for non-operational personnel. Ration strength returns are rendered to the Army Sub-Commission at 10 daily intervals by all three Italian Services. The Army Sub-Commission checks this with the Sub-Commissions and issues orders

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5. The Italian Air Force has in store Khaki Drill in sufficient quantity it is believed, to clothe the existing Italian Air Force. Orders have been issued for this cloth to be made up immediately and for issue to be made to all Italian Air Force personnel. Instructions have also been given that all Italian Blue-grey is to be withdrawn, cleaned and repaired, and held for issue next winter, to those personnel of the Italian Air Force who remain on the establishment strength of the operational Italian Air Force, as distinct from the surplus personnel serving with Allied Air Force Units.

6. The Army Sub-Commission has promised to supply this Sub-Commission with between 6,000 and 7,000 pairs of repaired British Army type boots and these will be issued to the Operational Italian Air Force. The Army Sub-Commission has further promised an allocation of 12,000 repaired and dyed British Battle Dress. These it is proposed to issue next winter to those Italian Air Force personnel with Allied Air Force Units.

7. Every effort is being made by this Sub-Commission to make the Italian Air Force as self-supporting as possible and any attempt to rely upon supplies from British or American sources, is immediately vetoed, until the possibility of supply from Italian sources has been thoroughly examined.

J.Walton S/L

J.WALTON, SQUADRON LEADER
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

Copies to :-
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Army Sub-Commission. ✓

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FROM : Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Control Commission,
Bari.

TO : Headquarters,
15th Air Force Service Command,
U.S.A.A.F. (Attention of Lt. Parenthold).

DATE : 11th April 1944.

REF : AFSC/7/AIR.

EQUIPMENT.

1. With further reference to Lt. Parenthold's visit to this Headquarters this morning, it is confirmed that there is no minute recording the accepted policy which was agreed between General Bartram and Air Vice-Marshal Foster, in the early days of Utilisation of Italian Air Force manpower, but the very fact that this policy has been actioned and precedents established, should prove to all interested that it is the basis upon which manpower is supplied to Allied Units from the Italian Air Force.

2. For guidance upon any points which are not quite clear, the general outline of the policy is repeated below.

(a) All Allied Units desirous of taking advantage of the supply of Italian Air Force specialists and technicians, against their own establishment deficiencies, must make applications to their own Command and not direct to the Air Forces Sub-Commission.

Commands, if they approve the application, will make application to the Air Forces Sub-Commission, giving details of the numbers and trade categories of the men required and the date upon which they will be required, together with the name and locality of the Unit to whom they are destined.

(b) The receiving Unit will be responsible for providing :-

(1) Accommodation (Where they are not located within reasonable marching distance of an Italian Air Force barracks).
(2) Lighting.
(3) Cooking facilities.
(4) Mess tins, knives, forks, spoons, mugs.
(5) Boots.
(6) Transport to collect Italian Air Force personnel from point of assembly.
(7) Transport for the collection of rations from Italian Air Force Depots.

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(5) Meals.
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(c) Medical equipment in the Italian Air Force is in very short supply and only where units of over 150 in strength are supplied, is it possible to provide a Medical Officer and receiving Units are therefore responsible for providing Medical Inspection Room treatment for minor casualties where small bodies of men are supplied.

3. Should any point arise with regard to Italian Air Force personnel, the receiving Unit should contact its own Command Headquarters, who will, if necessary, refer the matter to the Air Forces Sub-Commission.

4. It should be appreciated that the Italian Air Force is now actually employed upon operations against the common enemy and has undertaken certain operational commitments which, at a later date may entail an expansion of its ground organisation, and the right is therefore reserved to withdraw, after due notice, any or all personnel supplied to Allied Units. It is hoped that this expedient will never come into force, and that the Italian Air Force's own manpower problems will be met from recruiting.

(Sgd). W.A.B. Bowen-Buscarlet,
Air Vice-Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

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RATION SCALE "A"

COMMODITY	OUNCES FOR RATION
Whole wheat or Flour	18
Pulses	2
Canned meat (X)	4
Cheese Tinned	1
Sugar	1
Pepper	1/200th.
Coffee	½
Macaroni	3
Rice	2
Tomato Cursup or paste	½
Dried vegetables	1½
Dried Onions	2

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(X)

Or (A)	Herrings Tinned	4/7ths
Or	Sardines Tinned	2/7ths
Or	Salmon Tinned M.R.	3/7ths
And	Cheese Tinned	1
And	Sausage Tinned	1½
And	Sugar	½
Or (B)	Fish Tinned	4

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Rice		2
Tomato Cursup or paste		½
Dried vegetables		1½
Dried Onions		2

(X)

Or (A)	Herrings Tinned	4/7ths
Or	Sardines Tinned	2/7ths
Or	Salmon Tinned M.R.	3/7ths
And	Cheese Tinned	1
And	Sausage Tinned	1½
And	Sugar	½
Or (B)	Fish Tinned	4
Tobacco or cigarettes		1½ ozs per head per week British Scale

Two packages cigarettes tobacco with papers attached per man per week.
U.S. Scale.
Authorised as an interim measure until such time as cigarettes can be produced from Italian production.

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RATION SCALE "B"

COMMODITY	OUNCES PER RATION
Whole wheat	16
or Flour	12
Pulses	2
Canned Meat (X)	2
Herrings Tinned	4/7ths
or Sardines tinned	4/7ths
or Salmon M.R.	3/7ths
Cheese Tinned	1
Sausage Tinned	1½
Sugar	1
Pepper	1/200th.
Matches	2 Books or
	1 Box per week
Coffee	½

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(X)

Or (A)	Herrings Tinned	4/7ths
Or	Sardines Tinned	4/7ths
Or	Salmon Tinned M.R.	3/7ths
And	Cheese Tinned	1
And	Sausage Tinned	1½

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Sausage Tinned	1½	
Sugar	1	
Pepper	½	1/200th.
Matches	2	Books or
	1	Box per week
Coffee	½	

(X)

Or	(A)	Herrings Tinned	4/7ths
Or		Sardines Tinned	4/7ths
Or		Salmon Tinned M.R.	3/7ths
And		Cheese Tinned	1
And		Sausage Tinned	1½
And		Sugar	1

NOTE : In addition to the above the following items will be furnished by Italian Army. Purchases from local resources will be co-ordinated with A.M.G. to insure equitable distribution between civil and military requirements. All such purchases will be paid for by the Italian Army.-

Fruit	8	ozs.
Fresh Vegetables	8	"
Olive Oil	½	
Wine	¼	litre
Nuts (unshelled)	1	oz. as an alternative for fresh fruit and vegetables

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Subject:- Italian military personnel from enemy occupied ITALY

Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main HQ (MAIA)
Lequile (Lecce)
G/19
3 June 44

Ministry of War

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Adv HQ Army Sub Commission, SALERNO
Army Sub Comm. LO, Naples
5 Army
8 Army

HQ, ACC
Army Sub Comm, LO 1 District
2 District
3 District
5 Corps HQ

1. The following categories of Italian military personnel may fall into our hands as a result of successful operations:-

(a) Men in uniform who are being treated initially as enemy prisoners of war in the ordinary way.

(b) Men who claim to have been serving soldiers, to have evaded(or even to have actively opposed) German authority, and who wish to rejoin the Italian Army.

(c) Men of military age, liable to service in the Italian Army but who do not voluntarily come forward.

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The numbers in categories (b) and (c)are not likely to be large, especially in the early stages, as most of the able-bodied men will probably have been deported by the Germans.

2. Category (b)are being evacuated along normal refugee channels to the refugee camps at present at FOGGIA and AVERSA. The Ministry of War will at once attach representatives to these camps to assist in investigating and checking their statements, and will arrange to transfer to appropriate Italian Army Depots those accepted for service in the army.

3. Category (c)will be dealt with in due course by the normal Italian Army administrative organisation. Deserters or absentees will be apprehended and dealt with by Italian Military Courts. Those liable for military service will be called

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4. Although the reorganisation of these men, particularly in newly liberated territories, will take some time, their inclusion in the Italian Army may tend temporarily to raise its strength above that which has been authorised unless an adjustment is made by demobilisation of older age groups. The Ministry of War will control this and will make timely recommendations to AMMA so as to keep strength within the approved ceiling and assure that young men of military age do not avoid service while older soldiers are retained.

5. In fairness to the returning personnel and to give more time for re-adjustment in units, the Ministry of War will authorise leave of absence of from 14 to 28 days duration(depending on travelling time)to men who have relatives or homes in liberated territory as soon as adequate documentation and means to ensure their punctual return have been effected.

6. In giving detailed orders to effect this, the Ministry of War will ensure that men are not amassed at depots to the detriment of working units. As far as possible numbers for discharge from units concerned should be selected in advance. Replacements should be assigned to these units before being granted leave from refugee camps and ordered to report direct to their units at the end of their leave. The corresponding number of men should then be immediately discharged.

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7. A copy of orders issued by Ministry of War to give effect to the above directive will be sent to MMIA.

L Browning

Maj Gen
Army Sub Comm, ACC

WP/cc

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394.

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REPORT FOR APRIL 1944.

1. The major change in organisation has been the division of the stretch of Italian Government territory hitherto administered as Region II into two distinct Regions. Road, rail and telephone communications are poor and confronted with the difficult problems of supply and refugee disposal, Calabria, Apulia, and Lucania had become unwieldy. Region VII was therefore constituted by splitting off Calabria from Region II. The HQ of the new Region was established under Colonel KIRKWOOD at CATANZARO. The staff of the Provinces of Cosenza, Catanzaro continued at their posts.

2. Most of the initial difficulties of the change over from Government to control have now been surmounted. The more frequent visits of HQ officers to the Regions have proved welcome in the Regions and helpful to all parties. At the same time, visits of field officers to Headquarters have become more numerous to the benefit of all concerned.

3. The Regional Commissioners and Sub-Commissions conference occupied three days, 14th, 15th and 16th April. The full discussion of common problems of Regional Commissioners, SCAO's Army AMG and the Directors and members of the Sub-Commissions was the means of arriving at solutions in many cases and lines of future action in others. Particularly was this observed in the consideration given to the problem of the harvest and the effect which it will undoubtedly have on the future of the Italian people. More exact details of the results will appear later in this report.

4. Throughout the whole of liberated Italy there is more political activity, generally of an orderly and quiet kind directed towards organisation and definition of objectives. The political inexperience of people, who have been compulsorily inarticulate for so long has had some strange effect. It is hoped that the growth of local administrations now possible under the schemes for re-organising local government from communes to provinces may create a greater sense of civic responsibility and consequently an increase in political sense.

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6. There are incipient labour troubles in all Regions. Nearly all these are concerned with food; demands for increased wages relate to the cost of living. It is the policy of the Commission to relieve these local troubles by methods that do not involve increases in the wage rates or embarrassing increases in the ration scales.

7. With the departure of Lieut.Colonel McCaffrey from Region II for another sphere, Colonel J.T. Zellars took command of the Region.

8. Two main topics occupy the minds of all officers of the Commission - the probable extension of Military Government activities as a result of military operations and the forthcoming harvest and collection of commodities.

POLITICAL.

9. The political crisis which began with the unanimous resolution of the Communist Party on 1st April, and proceeded to the King's request on 17th April

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to the Marshal to form a new Government, was finally resolved on 21st April when Badoglio succeeded in forming a Government in which all the six recognised opposition parties were represented. The new Government is as follows:-

Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs		- Badoglio
Ministers without Portfolio:		
	ACTION PARTY	- Sforza
	LIBERAL PARTY	- Croce
	COMMUNIST PARTY	- Togliatti
	SOCIALIST	- Mancini
	CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT	- Rodino
Minister of the Interior	CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT	- Aldisio
Under-Secretaries	SOCIALIST	- Salerno
	ACTION PARTY	- Caracciolo
Minister of Finance	NON-PARTY	- Quintieri
Under-Secretary	COMMUNIST	- Pesenti
Minister of Communications	LABOUR DEMOCRAT	- Cerabona
Under-Secretaries	NON-PARTY	- di Raimondi
	NON-PARTY	- Fano
Minister of Public Works	ACTION PARTY	- Tarchiani
Under-Secretary	LABOUR DEMOCRAT	- Cilento
Minister of Agriculture	COMMUNIST	- Gullo
Under-Secretary	LIBERAL	- Bergami
Minister of Justice	LIBERAL	- Arangio Ruiz
Under-Secretary	LABOUR DEMOCRAT	- Lombardo
Minister of Education	ACTION PARTY	- Omodeo
Under-Secretary	CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT	- Jervolino
Minister of Industry	SOCIALIST	- di Napoli
Under-Secretary	CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT	- Sansonetti
Minister of War	NON-PARTY	- Orlando
Under-Secretary	COMMUNIST	- Palermo
Minister of the Navy	NON-PARTY	

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Minister of Communications	LABOUR DEMOCRAT	-	Cerabona
Under-Secretaries	NON-PARTY	-	di Raimondi
	NON-PARTY	-	Fano
Minister of Public Works	ACTION PARTY	-	Tarchiani
Under-Secretary	LABOUR DEMOCRAT	-	Cilento
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Minister of Education	ACTION PARTY	-	Omodeo
Under-Secretary	CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT	-	Jervolino
Minister of Industry	SOCIALIST	-	di Napoli
Under-Secretary	CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT	-	Sansonetti
Minister of War	NON-PARTY	-	Orlando
Under-Secretary	COMMUNIST	-	Palermo
Minister of the Navy	NON-PARTY	-	de Courteen
Under-Secretary	SOCIALIST	-	Albergo
Air Minister	NON-PARTY	-	Sandalli
Under-Secretary to the Presidency	LIBERAL	-	Morelli

The Party division of the whole Government, including Under-Secretaries, gives the following picture:

Left	Action Party	-	4
	Communists	-	4
	Socialists	-	4
Moderate	Labour Democrats	-	3
	Christian Democrats	-	4
	Liberals	-	4
Non-Party (including Badoglio)		-	7

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10. The first formal meeting of the new Government took place on 27th April. The official declaration of policy made after the meeting may be summarised as follows:-

(a) The Government is formed from representatives of anti-fascist parties no longer opposed to one another, but united in the effort to solve the vital problems of the moment.

(b) Other problems, not of immediate urgency, will be set aside, including the institutional one, which can only be decided by a constituent assembly elected by universal suffrage.

(c) All the parties, according to their beliefs, are prepared for the fundamental reforms necessitated by two world-wars; but such reforms cannot be initiated or completed while Italy is cut in half and still at war.

(d) The renewal of democratic government provides a new spirit, lacking under Fascism, for the prosecution of the war at the side of the Allies, and for the heroic endeavours of patriots of every party now united in the defence of Italy and the conquest of Hitler's Germany.

(e) The necessity of war involves the severest measures against all traitors and the freedom of Italians from all those who, having served Fascism, still cling to its habits, hopes or aims.

(f) Such work must not be actuated by a spirit of revenge, but by a determination that Fascism shall never recur. The work has been put in hand and will be carried energetically to a swift conclusion.

(g) Government action will be based on the urgent necessity of improving conditions of life by increasing industrial and agricultural activity, fighting speculation, smoothing internal exchange of products, obtaining essential supplies from abroad, and hastening the construction of public buildings, roads and bridges. For such tasks the Government counts upon the co-operation of all professional organisations.

(h) Administration, despite difficulties of archives, accommodation and personnel, must be regularised and it is proposed to re-establish the State Accounting Office and the Accounting Court. It is proposed also, in co-operation with the Committees of Liberation, to establish a small Consultative Body, symbol of Parliament, to which periodic reports of progress will be made.

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FINANCE.

11. It is still almost impossible to obtain any budget estimates even on a monthly basis from the Italian Government which prepared expenditure estimates only when it felt the need for additional supplies of currency. Such estimates are not expenditure estimates but solely estimates of cash disbursements. The failure of the former Minister of Finance to initiate the preparation of a budget for the remainder of the current year means that Regions I, II, VI and VII are now operating without any form of budgetary control.

12. A proposed procedure for exercising control over Government expenditures submitted to the Italian Government during the month, is now being considered. The draft of a war profits tax decree to include farming profits and a memorandum detailing the long-term changes required in the Italian tax system have been prepared.

13. Since July 1943 the Italian Government and its agencies have disbursed about 28 billion lire of which only 4 billion was offset by gross revenues. In March the excess of Government expenditures over revenue was approximately 3 billion lire. During April the separate pools of currency reserves held at the various branches of the Banca d'Italia were brought under central control. The currency needs of deficit Regions are now met not by AM. but by transferring currency from Regions with surplus currency.

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14. Though there has been an increase in the black market prices of bread, potatoes and meat during the month, the black market price of fish fell from 250 to 125 lire per kilo as a result of the ACC development of fish supplies and the establishment of a fish marketing programme. Olive oil also declined in price due to rations issued at the end of the months of March and April. Supplies of spring vegetables also helped to reduce the cost of living in Naples at the end of the month to a figure lower than at any time since February.

ECONOMICS, RESOURCES & SUPPLY.

15. Food. Over half a million tons of civilian supplies have now been received, 106,000 tons being handled this month. The proportion of grain to flour is increasing. The scale of distribution of bread and miscellaneous foodstuffs was maintained.

16. Olive oil is now being supplied in sufficient quantities to make a universal ration available. Considerable quantities of unrefined oil exist in Southern Italy and the arrangements in hand for supplies of caustic soda for refining should make it possible to keep up the present ration for several months.

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Sacks	-	140,225	increase 37905
Ropes	-	3,923 tons	decrease 452 tons
Binder Twine	-	1,960 quintals	increase 1880 quintals.

Considerable quantities of hemp products were supplied to the Services. The present heavy demands for canvas will be more adequately met when the several small factories that have been rehabilitated during the month come into production in May

21. The project for the repair of salvaged footwear is now in operation though only on a small scale pending the arrival of grindery and the increased production of leather. Output is now 500 pairs per day. This can be increased to 1000 pairs per day.

AGRICULTURE, FORESTS & FISHERIES.

22. Agreement was reached with the new Italian Government for a co-ordinated control of agriculture at all levels, Communal to Provincial, Compartmental and Ministerial. The necessary decrees for the collection of wheat and barley have been drawn up and details of the organisation of the committees that will give effect to the decrees have been published.

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23. Retentions of grain for seed will again be permitted but on a reduced scale. Retentions on a production-worker basis have been drastically cut. Both these measures are designed to obtain as large a collection of these vital commodities as possible.

24. To divorce the old associations of AMASSI and FASCISM from the minds of people and farmers and to focus the attention of the Italian people on the efforts that they must make to satisfy their own needs for food, the term "Il granai del Popolo" (The people's grain) is being used instead of "amassi" in all harvest publicity and references to "amassing" will be avoided in favour of "contributing" and "collecting".

25. The price to be paid to the farmer for wheat has been the subject of much discussion. Recommendations varied from 640 lire per quintal to 1800 lire per quintal. The price has been fixed at 1000 lire per quintal for hard wheat, and 900 lire per quintal for soft.

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27. Fisheries. Fish production continues to increase. Materials have been furnished to enable new nets to be made and old ones repaired. The industry can now make a useful contribution to the food supply. Fishermen have been moved from areas where night fishing is prohibited to unrestricted areas.

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31. Electrical Division. The Italian Decree rationing electricity came into force on 5th April. Public Works officers are enforcing observance in conjunction with various electrical supply companies. This rationing is of vital importance to conserve energy for Rome, and north thereof. Arrangements were completed for the reconstruction of a transmission line from north of the Garigliano River to Rome, involving probable employment of 300 to 400 civilian workmen. A very large hydro-electric turbine plant was planned for removal from Sicily to Southern Italy where it is urgently required; actual transfer will take place in May.

32. Public Works. Very good progress has been made in clearing Messina and Cagliari. Arrangements have been made with Malarial Control Branch for execution of necessary engineering projects, e.g., pumping operations, etc. The eruption of Vesuvius necessitated remedial measures, including retaining walls on the mountain, which are expected to cost 370 million lire.

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TRANSPORTATION.

33. No major difficulties were experienced in the first full month's operation of the Sicilian railways under ACC supervision. Some war-damaged lines have been re-opened, train services have been increased, some damaged locomotives are being repaired, and plans are in preparation for sending scrap to U.S.

34. Approximately 70,000 tons of civilian freight were carried on the mainland railways. 45% of this total was arranged through ACC officers in the field and the rest was accepted through the "bidding" system. Though the basic schedule of civilian freight trains has been reduced at military request, ACC are notified daily of available space for civilian freight on military trains. Movement has improved.

35. 512 military trucks with civilian drivers and 120 Italian Army trucks are now being used for the transport of civilian supplies. (An additional 104 military trucks will be in operation during May).

36. Shipping. A scheme for the closer control of all Italian schooners has been submitted to MEDBO with the request that this be issued as a AFHQ directive. Another 225 Italian schooners have been registered making a total of 375 vessels, with a deadweight tonnage of 30,000 tons, the employment of which is directed by MEDBO. Schooners are not now allowed to sail between Sardinia and the Italian mainland and Sicily.

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40. A handbook "Consolidated Instructions for Allied Military Courts", containing in addition to the Instructions, specimen Legal Forms and Rules for Procedure together with Italian translations of the latter, has been prepared. This translation is for limited distribution amongst Italian authorities and Avvocati appearing in Allied Military Courts.

41. The figures for April in respect of espionage cases are as follows:- 7 death sentences were confirmed; 7 death sentences were commuted to terms of imprisonment; 6 cases were submitted for confirmation; 2 sentences each of 20 years imprisonment were affirmed on review; 2 accused were acquitted. Proceedings were commenced against a Director and two Managers of the Manifatture Cotoniere Meridionali on charges relating to black market offences. The trial attracted much attention and publicity as the three accused were formerly influential Fascists. All three accused were convicted and each sentenced to 5 years imprisonment.

42. The first trial by an Allied Military Court in Unoccupied Territory took place during the month at Salerno. The two accused were charged in respect of a series of thefts from a British Army Post Office. They were both convicted and sentenced to 10 years imprisonment.

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PUBLIC SAFETY.

43. Police. Law and order has been well maintained with the exception of one serious incident between civilian and French troops which occurred in Trapani Province, Sicily. This is the subject of a full inquiry which is now proceeding. The situation is now quiet. The civil police have rendered excellent service in dealing with refugees, clearing military roads and controlling civilian movement.

44. Fire and Civil Defence. The Minister of the Interior has issued instructions for the civil defence organisation in Italian Government territory to be absorbed into the fire service. This will mean a large reduction in civil defence personnel.

45. Prisons. The overcrowding of civilian prisons has become more acute. The latest available figures show that throughout the Regions there are prisoners detained in prisons, the normal capacity of which is 19,963 and some prisons are filled to over twice their capacity. There are many contributory factors, the chief being the requisitioning of civilian prisons by Allied Forces (1860 places), the detention of Italian Military prisoners (1784 places) and war damage to jails (1891 places). A committee has been set up with instructions to find a solution to this problem and has already achieved results.

PUBLIC HEALTH.

46. A few cases of smallpox have been reported. Measures have been taken to prevent epidemic.

Venereal Disease. The setting up of hospitals for the treatment of infected women is retarded owing to the difficulty in obtaining beds and bed furniture. Statistics show a diminution in the number of cases amongst troops stationed in Naples.

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The publication and distribution of the revised elementary school text books was continued. The new books have met with widespread approval and are to be re-printed by the M.E. Command for use in North Africa.

PROPERTY CONTROL.

48. The Minister of Finance prepared a decree revoking the application of the provisions contained in the War Law to the property of United Nations and French Nationals, and the Minister has sent out an instruction to all Prefects and Intendenti di Finanza detailing the procedure to be followed when the decree is published.

49. In Region I, most of the property of the Italian Government (including that of semi-statal institutions) taken into custody by AMG has been formally handed back. Fascist funds standing in the name of the CP have been or are being transferred to the Commissario Straordinario appointed by the Italian Government.

50. In Region III estates of 80 Allied and French owners and 35 commercial and industrial concerns have been taken into custody.

MONUMENTS, FINE ARTS AND ARCHIVES.

51. List of Protected Monuments No.3 (Lazio and Abruzzi-Molise) is in the press. Work on the preparation of the remaining lists continues.

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COMMUNICATIONS.

Telecommunications.

52. Telegraph. The extension of the internal telegraph service has been authorised to include Avellino Province and Naples Province up to the R. Volturno. Service with Naples City has been inaugurated; by the end of the month about 850 messages a day have been passing through Naples post office. The internal telegraph service is now restored to about 65% of the communes in Italian Government Territory which previously had such service, and includes all provincial capitals and large towns.

53. Telephones. The civil telephone service, previously limited to urban calls, has been autherised for calls within provincial boundaries. Within Italian Government Territory about 12% of the communes now have telephone communications to their provincial capitals and a further 9% to the local large town not a provincial capital. The repair of the main Salerno - Reggio cable has been completed, making many additional long-distance telephone circuits available to the Italian Government. Direct telephone service for official use is now available from Salerno to all provincial capitals on the mainland in Italian Government territory, and to Palermo, Messina and Catania in Sicily.

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54. Posts. Arrangements were completed for restoration within the postal zone of internal service for the following classes of mail:

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Maximum weight allowed was raised from 90 grams to 210 grams per letter.

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55. Censorship. The Civil Censorship Group, Italy, formerly operating under INC, AFHQ, was transferred to ACC towards the end of April. The Headquarters personnel was moved from Palermo to Salerno and the group now forms part of the Sub-Commission, the title of which has been changed to the more inclusive one of the Communications Sub-Commission.

INTERNEES & DISPLACED PERSONS.

56. General. Refugees this month from Yugoslavia were as in March, composed of children, women encumbered with large families, old men and old women. The orphans' homes at Di LEUCA and Di BAGNI are doing good work and have had a very satisfactory beginning. That at Di Leuca is now in full running order. The school, gardening and games are organised and a large quantity of toys have been made by the RED CROSS representative at No.1 Camp, BARI and distributed to the children. A large number of Jews were moved from BARI to Di BAGNI Camp, only those remaining who had employment at BARI and their close relatives.

57. Medical. A general all round improvement may be recorded for April. One sign of progress was evident when nearly 2,000 refugees were received on one day and were all disinfested, vaccinated and inoculated before passage to Holding Camps. The entire British Staff at Di LEUCA Refugee Hospital was withdrawn on 24 April and the hospital is now staffed by Yugoslavs who are working as well as can be expected, bearing in mind their lack of experience. One case of typhus occurred during the month. Seven members of a Hospital Unit of the Society of Friends are working at two hospitals of this Sub-Commission and giving invaluable service. Red Cross personnel at Hospitals and Camps have contributed very largely in assuring the welfare of the inmates.

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58. Records Bureau. To the 30 April, 24,400 persons have been recorded, of whom 13,950 have been evacuated, 3,000 present whereabouts unknown, the remainder in camps or residents at known addresses (own or employers), 300 in hospital, 42 dead. 31 nationalities are involved. About 600 RED CROSS messages have been sent out, but as the International Red Cross are now established and have made their services available through Italian post offices in Southern Italy, it has been advocated that this service should be used wherever possible. If it is impossible for the individual to use this service, messages can be sent through the Records Bureau.

59. Repatriation. Work on the selection of Jewish principals to send to PALESTINE within the limits of certificates authorised has been dealt with and it is expected that some 600 immigrants will leave for PALESTINE at the end of May.

60. Statistics. As at 1st May (unless otherwise stated):-

Refugee population in Camps and Hospitals	-	7458 +
Reception during April (by ship)	-	7708 =
Reception by means other than ship	-	12
Shipped to Middle East	-	3571

\+ includes 676 Partisan trainees
= of which 2601 were women, 3796 were children under 16 years.

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63. An additional camp was opened at CAPUA and is operating successfully. A camp is in course of preparation in the FOGGIA area and should be ready to receive refugees by mid-May. (This camp is now operating and will be used in connection with harvesting operations if not required for refugees). Aversa Camp had to be closed for two weeks owing to an outbreak of typhoid fever. It is now in operation again.

PUBLIC RELATIONS.

64. The relationship between PRB, HQ and the Regions was more clearly defined and a weekly bulletin was started.

65. Assistance of various kinds was offered to newsmen; precis and trends of copy concerning ACC affairs were prepared, press conferences were arranged - notably one for Mr. Murphy and Mr. MacMillan, which was attended by 28 correspondents - and facilities of transport and liaison offered to reporters covering the change in

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Italian Government and Cabinet meetings. PRB also assisted in organising Italian Ufficio Stampa in Salerno, with a branch in Naples. Photographs were taken of activities of interest: delivery of bread in Naples, work of Education and Fine Arts Sub-Commissions, and personalities of Italian Government.

66. With PWB arrangements were made for publication of a soldier's guide to Rome; this has been printed with a foreword by General Sir H. Alexander. Work was continued with Central and Local Allied Publications Boards. Pre-censorship has been abolished but a reminder on the procedure for military censorship was sent to Italian Government. A scheme for a new Press decree has been discussed with Chief Legal Officer and is in preparation.

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Subject:- Disposal of Italian Material.

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main HQ. (MMIA)
LECULLE. (LECCE)
AQ/8. 7 June 44.

HQ. ACC. (attention Capt. D.Haslam. G4)

A copy of MMIA AQ/3 dated 12 May 44 is forwarded herewith.

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

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Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main HQ. (MAIA)
LECUILE. (LECCE)
AQ/8
12 May 44.

HQ. A.C.C.

Further to MAIA message AQ 1044 dated 30 April 44.

1. A copy of AG 091.711-1(ITALIA)GCT-AGM dated 10 Feb 44 is forwarded herewith.

2. Para.1(b) of AFHQ Circular No.13 dated 1 May 44 is also pertinent and is quoted below:-

1(b) Italian Material. All Italian Material belonging to all arms and services of the Italian Ground Forces and in the possession of the Italians at the time of the armistice is considered as Italian Material, and, except as otherwise directed by this HQ., is reserved for the use of the Italian Army under the direction of the Army Sub Commission, Allied Control Commission.

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(Sgd) J. BIRD. Capt.
for

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HEADQUARTERS MEDITERRANEAN BASE SECTION
APO 782

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AG 2/8

31 May 1944

ITALIAN LIAISON)
MBSO NO. 52)

TO , Commanding General, XV AA. Companie.

1. As the military situation has now developed, it will soon become necessary and desirable to send certain Italian units on duty with MBS into the Anzio-Nettuno Area. No MBS Italian units have been sent to that area previously, as it was known that no Italian supply facilities for rations, clothing, individual equipment, medical service, etc. there existed. Such must be provided promptly at this time.

2. Some Italian troops, operating under Fifth Army, have been in that area, and certain supply facilities were built up for that purpose. It has been arranged with Fifth Army that such facilities will be extended to units of the 212th Division (MBS), pending the working out of other arrangements. Lt. Colonel Billingham, G-4 Staff, Fifth Army, is now on duty at Anzio, and will work out needed arrangements with your representatives. Please arrange all necessary details thru that office.

3. When MBS jurisdiction is fully established in that area, an administrative order will be published covering all supply responsibility there, -- and the Italian requirements will be covered therein. Anything you would wish to be therein specified should be addressed to this office in detail.

for the Commanding General:

DONALD J. [illegible]
Colonel, G. S. C.
Chief Liaison Officer

cc - C. G. 212th Division, Italian
G-4, Fifth Army.
Lt. MBS.
Army Sub Commission, ACC.

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SUBJECT. Execution of Document 'D' of Transfer of Territory

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main HQ. (MMIA)
IBQUILE (LECCE)
AG/8
30 May 44

HQ. A.C.C.

See 370/1

Reference SC 602.3 dated 22 May 44.

This Army Sub Commission has no knowledge of any Administrative Instruction or regulations issued by the Italian Government as defined by para 3(a)(1) Arts 1, 2, and 3 of the paper by the Legal Sub Commission.

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

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Subject:- Maintenance of the Italian Armed Forces when serving sentences or awaiting trial in Jail.

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H'q. (MMIA)
LE QUILE. (LECCE)
AC/8
27 May 44.

M.F. General Orlando.
Minister of War.

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Your Excellency,

In accordance with directives from higher Authority, I am directed to inform you that paragraph 3(b) of my letter on above subject, AC.8 of 23 May 1944, is deleted.

Please correct all copies of the cited letter and amend any instructions you may have issued accordingly.

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

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Copy to: HQ. AMI.(2)
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SUBJECT: Water Supply - TREMITI and PELAGOSA Islands. SECRET

Army Sub Comission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA)
IZEQUIEL (IJCCE)
AQ/8——
23 May 44.

H.Q. AMI.

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Further to MMIA letter, AQ/8 dated 14 May 44. attd

The Italian Ministry of War letter, 7207/I dated 14 May 44 giving a full report on the water position of the above Islands, is forwarded herewith. A trace is att showing the location and type of water containers on the Islands of the TREMITI Group.

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

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Copy to: H.Q. ACC HAPLEG. } Less trace.
H.Q. No. 2 District.
H.Q. Force 266, CMF.
H.Q. Naval Sub Commission.
Navy House, TARANTO.

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TRANSLATION.

From: Min of War - Cabinet. Ref No: 7207 / 1
7.3.6

To : M.M.I.A.

Date: 14 May 44.

Subject: Water Supply for the TREMITI & PELAGOSA Islands.

Further to our 6550/1 dated 3 May. Herewith full particulars gathered by an Officer sent on the spot for that purpose:

TREMITI ISLANDS.

The islands have a population of 372 civilians and about 80 soldiers (42 men, Army - 25 men, Navy - 6 men, Custom Guards -(CCRR) totalling 452 persons.

Inhabitants are at the S. NICOLA and S. DOMINO islands while nobody lives on the CRETTACCIO and CAPRAIA. On the latter there is the R. Navy lighthouse. On the S. DOMINO there is a terno-electric installation which supplies electricity for S. DOMINO and S. NICOLA. The connection between the two islands is now cut because of an Allied aircraft which crashed between the two islands. The S. NICOLA island has no electricity supply now.

There are no springs on the island and the water is supplied by means of water tanks which are regularly supplied by water tankers of the Navy and by means of wells filled up with rain. Location of wells and tanks is shown in the attached diagram.

CAPRAIA Island.

- 1 Water Tank 50 cubic metres (for the use of the lighthouse personnel)
(a) Well 30 " " (" " " " " " ")

S. NICOLA Island.

No. 1	Water Tank	400	"	"	for the civilians.
2	" "	90	"	"	" " "
3	" "	40	"	"	for the soldiers.
4	" "	30	"	"	for the R.C.F.
No. a	Well	250	"	"	
b	"	70	"	"	
c	"	300	"	"	
d	"	300	"	"	
e	"	300	"	"	
f	"	160	"	"	(4 wells in the civil houses of 40 cubic-metres.

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S. DOMINO Island.

No. 1	Water Tank.	400	"	"	
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3	" "	600	"	"	(recently repaired by the Navy but not

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S. NICOLA Island.

No. 1 Water Tank 400 " " for the civilians.
2 " " 90 " " " " " "
3 " " 40 " " for the soldiers.
4 " " 30 " " for the R.C.F.

No. a Well 250 " "
b " 70 " "
c " 300 " "
d " 300 " "
e " 300 " "
f " 160 " " (4 wells in the civil houses of 40 cubic-metres.

S. DOMINO Island.

No. 1 Water Tank. 400 " "
2 " " 60 " "
3 " " 600 " " (recently repaired by the Navy but not yet filled with water.)
4 " " 25 " " (for the lighthouse personnel)

No. a Well. 30 " "
b " 30 " "
c " 50 " "

Total: 9 tanks with a capacity of 1695 cubic metres and 13 wells with a capacity of 1520 cubic metres.

Out of the 9 tanks 8 were filled up at the beginning of MAY, while the one with a 600 metres capacity, recently repaired by the Navy is still empty. There are now about 1000 cubic metres of water on the islands. This quantity is considered enough to cover for one year the requirements of the 452 inhabitants considering their daily requirements as of 6 litres per man (Water from tanks only)

The water is not rationed and the basis of 6 litres per day is taken from the figures observed by the Area representative for the Water Supply Service. The inhabitants do not drew more having to transport the water from the coast towards the interior which is a high ground. They only draw the quantity strictly necessary, using the wells inland for their extra requirements.

The supply of water for the tanks is carried out by the Navy tankers every time application is being sent through the Prefettura at FOGGIA.

Recently a group of colonial houses have been built at S. DOMINO and 6 new wells were built for their supply, capacity about 70 cubic metres each.

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Should an increase of population arise these wells could be filled up with drinking water as it is carried out with the other wells on the islands during the summer even the lack of rain prevent their normal filling.

The water situation on the Islands does not necessitate further consideration even if the population should be increased and the present issue of 6 litres also increased. A larger water consumption will necessitate an increased supply of water from the Mainland, but will be an advantage on the sanitary point of view as it would result with the prevention of the possible contamination of the water which is kept for such a long time. It is also to be considered that while the number of tanks available has lately been increased with new constructions the population has decreased, all the persons confined to the Islands by the Fascists having been liberated.

PALAGOSA.

Personnel - 15 sailors.

Water Required- 10 litres per man. Total 160 litres per day. Supply for the engine basin included.

Unit i/c of Water Supply - Military Naval H.Q. PELMARIA.

Location of Depots - 1 well at the Semaphoric station and 2 wells at the village of S. MICHELE - capacity unknown.

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Sgd: Col. FIORE VENAZZ..

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SUBJECT: Maintenance of the ITALIAN Armed Forces when serving sentences or awaiting trial in Jail.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
AQ/S
23 May 44.

To: H.E. General ORLANDO,
Minister of War,

Your Excellency,

1. In continuation of the policy that the Allied Governments will maintain on Army Scale only the Italian Armed Forces who are in fact effective, it is necessary to examine the position of the Italian Armed Forces who become NON-effective through serving sentences of imprisonment in jail or through awaiting trial in jail.

2. I am directed, therefore, to inform you that no member of the Italian Armed Forces may be absent from duty, either through awaiting trial or through serving a sentence of imprisonment, for a period longer than 30 days and remain on the effective strength of those Armed Forces for maintenance on Army Scale.

3. Any member of the Italian Armed Forces will, after absence from duty awaiting trial for 30 days or on being sentenced to a term of imprisonment for a period exceeding 30 days, be : -

either (a) Struck off the effective strength of the Italian Armed Forces for maintenance on Army Scale and no Army rations will thereafter be issued to them until they again become effective members of the Italian Armed Forces. These prisoners will then be eligible only for the Civilian Scale of rations. On completion of their sentence or release from custody, they may be re-instated as effective members of the Italian Armed Forces for maintenance on Army Scale.

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or (b) Released on parole and returned to his unit or sent to a Re-organisation Camp for immediate drafting to units working for the Allies.

4. (a) I am further directed to say that Civil prisons will be used only for non-effective Italian Armed Forces prisoners serving sentence of over 30 days or awaiting trial over 30 days.

(b) The remainder of Italian Armed Forces prisoners will be retained in Italian Armed Forces prisons or punishment camps to be established by you

5. It is requested, therefore, that you inform me at an early date of:

(a) The orders you issue to ensure effective compliance with this instruction.

(b) The date by which personnel of the Italian Armed Forces as in para 4 (b) will have been removed from Civil prisons.

L. Browning

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

Ref. CC/P/318.

22nd. May, 1944.

My dear Langley,

Reference your memorandum AQ/8 of 9th. May which has taken a long time to reach me.

2. We discussed this at our last meeting.

3. I have now gone through your memorandum to the Ministry of War and I like it with one exception.

This is your Para 4(a)(ii). I would prefer Para 4 without this sub-para and think it would be well to delete it altogether. Otherwise I approve the memorandum.

Yours sincerely,
Noel Mason MacFarlane
C.C.C.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

Major-General L. Browning, CBE, OBE, MC,
Director, Army Sub-Commission.

See folios 334 & 371 of AQ/8 -
(all M. of W. to delete para 3(b)
of AQ/8 dated 23 May.
LB
27 May

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

Office of the Secretary General
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22 May 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Vice President, Economic Section
Director, Army Sub-Commission
Chief, Naval Sub-Commission

1. Enclosed is a copy of a note from the Administrative Section to the Secretary General together with a letter from Colonel Spofford and a letter from the Chief Legal Officer, subject: Execution of Document "D" of Transfer of Territory.

2. It is requested that the comments desired in paragraph 4 of the letter from the Administrative Section be forwarded to this office as soon as possible.

Robert E. Doe

ROBERT E. DOE
Major, A.G.D.
Secretary General

3 Incls.
1 - ACC/4140/L of 20 May 44
2 - MGS-387.4-2 of 3 May 44
3 - ACC/4140/L of 16 May 44

for Chairman
Executive Committee

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

ACC/4140/L 20 May 44

SUBJECT: Execution of Document "D" of Transfer of Territory.

TO : Secretary General, Rear HQ ACC.

1 Reference MCB 387.4-2 dated 3 May 44 attached; this letter was forwarded to this Section for action, Legal Sub-Commission have submitted the attached memo ACC/4140/L dated 16 May 44.

2 It will be seen from the latter that information to complete the reply is required from ECONOMIC Section and from ARMY and NAVY Sub-Commissions, and possibly from Political Section.

3 It is considered that the co-ordination of the complete reply will need to be carried out by your office, the papers are therefore referred to you. In the meantime a copy of the LEGAL memo has been referred to Interior and Public Safety Sub-Commissions with instructions to furnish information required re para 3 a (i) Art. 2, para 3 a (i) Art. 12, and para 3 a (i) Art. 3. This information will be furnished to you on receipt by this office.

4. On the basis of the LEGAL memo referred to in para 1 above, the following Sections and Sub-Commissions will require to be consulted in addition to those of the Administrative Section, (now in hand); E102

ECONOMIC SECTION re para	2 a last para.
	3 a (i) Art 1.
	3 a (i) Arts. 10 and 11 (FINANCE S.C.)
	3 a (i) Art. 14 (-do-)
	3 b Arts. 1, 2, 3.5. (- do)
ARMY SUB-COMMISSION	3 a (i) Arts. 1, 2, & 3.
NAVY SUB-COMMISSION	3 a (i) Arts. 1 & 2.

(Sgd) R. R. CRIPPS
R. R. CRIPPS,
Lieut. Colonel,
CSO Admin Section.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Military Government Section CMS/CF/mls

MGS-387.4-2 3 May 1944

SUBJECT: Execution of Document D for Transfer of Territory.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission.

Reference is made to Document D of the instruments for the transfer of territory to the administration of the Italian Government. By that document the Chief of the Italian Government undertook to take certain action of a legislative or administrative character, including as far as might be necessary the implementation of Documents A and C. While an examination of the Gazzetta Ufficiale makes it apparent where certain of the requisite decrees have been enacted, other requirements, called for action only "if necessary," "in so far as not already provided," etc. The actual situation is thus in some matters not known to this Section, which has been requested by the Civil Affairs Division, War Department General Staff, to advise on the matter. Accordingly the Allied Control Commission is requested to make a report to this Headquarters showing exactly what has been done to execute the various conditions of the transfer of territory to Italian administration.

(Sgd) CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief of Section.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Legal Subcommission
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ACC/4140/L

16 May 1944

SUBJECT: Execution of the Documents for Transfer of Territory.

TO : V.P. Admin. Section.

1. Reference is made to the letter of AFHQ MGS 387.4-2 of 3 May 1944. A survey of Italian legislation implementing the terms of the above documents together with the corresponding provisions of the said documents is set out below.

2. By virtue of para 2 of Document B the Italian Government undertook to publish in the Official Gazette before the date of restoration the following decrees:

(a) "A decree stabilizing wage rates, maximum prices, charges for services; maximum quantities of grain to be held by anyone; as existing at the date of restoration and pending the future policy being agreed upon between us."

In compliance with this obligation the Royal Decree Law No. 32 of 11 Feb. 1944 was published in Gazzetta Ufficiale No. 7, Art. 1 of which reads as follows:

"The wages of private employees, the fixed maximum prices of all kinds of goods and the maximum tariffs for services in effect in the territories restored to the Italian Administration on February 11 at 0000 hours, remain in force without change. The regulations regarding the maximum quantities of mentioned products allowed to be kept remain likewise unchanged."

Subsequently the Italian Government, in agreement with the respective branches of the Allied Control Commission, has passed a number of decrees changing rationing rules of certain goods and the prices of certain products and regulating the quantities of grain to be retained by certain classes of persons, (the last by the Ministerial Decree of 2nd May 1944 on Regulations for collecting grain and barley harvested in 1944, published in G.U. No. 24 of 3 May 1944.). The particulars of the changes effected in this field may be obtained from the respective subcommissions.

(b) "A decree to implement paragraph 5 of document A providing for the establishment of Allied Military Courts to try offences entailing any

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as follows:

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(b) "A decree to implement paragraph 5 of document A providing for the establishment of Allied Military Courts to try offences entailing any hostile act against the Allied Forces and empowering any member of the Allied Forces to arrest any person whom such member had reasonable grounds for believing is concerned in such an act, except in the case of an Italian officer or an Italian high official in which case the Italian Government or the local superior authority concerned should be asked to cooperate in any action."

* The Italian Government fulfilled this undertaking by publishing the Royal Decree Law of 11 Feb. 1944 No. 31, Art. 3 which in its original form read as follows:

"Whoever within the liberated Italian territory commits a hostile act or offence against property to the prejudice of the Allied Military Forces or of any member thereof or of any functionary, representative or agent of United Nations, or whoever takes part in seditious demonstrations against the Allied Forces or commits any act which in whatever way may hamper the war effort or help the enemy, shall be punishable under Italian penal law and shall be tried in Allied Military Courts according to their own procedure.

"In the case contemplated by the preceding paragraph 1 any member of the Allied Armed Forces can effect the arrest of any person who may be reasonably believed to be implicated in acts therein above set out, except where an

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5. The right to convene Allied Military Tribunals for the trial of any person violating any order or regulation issued by the Allied Military Authorities and of any person otherwise doing any act hostile to the Allied Forces.

Art. 3 and 4 of RDL No. 31 set out above under 2(b) and 3(a) i and 4 respectively, were issued in compliance with this term.

6. The right to try offences committed before restoration in violation of AMG proclamations or orders then in force.

This term was implemented by Art. 2 of the RDL No. 31 which provides as follows: "proceedings in the Allied Military Courts for offences heretofore committed contemplated by the Proclamations and orders mentioned in Art. 2 (Note: should read "in Art. 1") shall be continued and disposed of by said Courts in accordance with the provisions of said Proclamations and Orders.

7. No removal of AMG appointed officials without consent of C in C. In this respect Art. 1 Para 2 of the RDL No. 31 states as follows: "The efficacy of the acts undertaken by the Allied Military Authorities ....shall remain in force including the appointments and dismissals of public or private officials, which shall be recognized in every case as having full and valid legal effect as if they had been made by the Italian Government. The legal and financial status of those who have been placed in public office by the Allied Military Government will be regulated by the rules of Italian laws.

In addition to the above an exchange of correspondence took place between the Chief Commissioner and the Chief of Government in which the latter confirmed the necessity of previous consent by the A.C.C. to any change in the status of officials appointed by the AMG in the restored territory (Marshal Badoglio's letter of 13 March 1944 No. 759). As far as this Subcommission is concerned the Minister of Justice gave his assurance to adhere to this agreement in respect to judicial officials in a meeting held on 21 March 1944. 6399

8. The right to requisition property or services. No legislation on this subject was published and no difficulties seem to have arisen. Interior Subcommissions and the Army Subcommission may supply information as to administrative instructions.

9. The right to reoccupy or take any steps necessary for prosecution of war. No need for legislation on this point has arisen.

10 & 11. Right of import, export and distribution of civilian supplies for civilian population without duty and right of import and export of military and other supplies necessary for progression of war.

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Most probably arrangements have been made in this respect between Finance Subcommission and other Subcommissions concerned on one side and the Italian Government on the other. These Subcommissions will be able to furnish particulars.

12. Free movement and immunity from taxation for any representative of the United Nations.

No legislative provisions published. There might be some administrative directives issued in agreement with Interior and Finance Subcommission.

13. Immunity of the representatives of the United Nations from the jurisduction of Italian courts.

No need for a legislative provision has arisen; to this Subcommission's knowledge the Italian authorities scrupulously avoided any claim of jurisdiction over United Nations personnel.

14. Costs of maintaining Allied Troops within the Unoccupied Territory chargeable to the Italian Government.

This matter was dealt with by the Financial Subcommission which will be able to supply particulars.

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"If necessary and in so far as not already provided for in existing le[illegible]ation; (forbidding?) except as permitted or licensed by the Minister of Finance, all transactions in foreign exchange, import or export of coins, curre[illegible]y, securities or gold or silver bullion and barring financial, commercial or other transactions involving trade or communication with any person outside the territory actually administered by the Italian Government except as between such territory and Italian territory still occupied by the Allied Military Forces and except transactions, imports and exports for the Allied authorities authorized by them."

This term was implemented by para 1 Art. 2 of the above mentioned RDL No. 32 which reads as follows:

"for the purpose of the prosecution of war the Chief of the Government is given authority to impose in the aforesaid territories (i.e. territory restored to the Italian administration), in agreement with the competent Ministers and as the cases may arise, special directives for or limitations upon the exercise of any productive or commercial activities and also to fix the zone in which such activity may be conducted."

The Finance Commission should be consulted as to administrative instructions in point.

4. "Authorizing the competent Ministers in their discretion as a war measure to prohibit the entering into or carrying on of any type of business except upon such terms or in such areas as they may prescribe, and authorizing them to require any property in which there are reasonable grounds for believing that any enemy or fascist interests, direct or indirect exist, to be delivered to any agency designated by them to be blocked or to become subject to some other form of control; and providing that subject to the terms prescribed by the Minister of Finance property now held in a blocked account shall remain in its present status, and further providing that financial institutions holding blocked accounts are to make semi-monthly reports to the Minister of Finance showing any dealings in these accounts.

This term was embodied partly in para 1 of Art 2 of RDL No. 32 set out above under 3, partly in para 2 of the same Art 2 which reads as follows:

"Furthermore the Minister of Finance is given authority:

(a) to sequestrate or provide for any other form of controlled administration under the supervision of the Ministry of Finance of any property or undertaking in which fascists or enemy nationals, be they physical or judicial persons, hold any direct or indirect interest.

(b) to keep frozen the values and bank deposits already affected by such measure, to determine the respective procedures and likewise to provide that the banking institutions holding such values or deposits report every 15 days all effected operations to the Ministry of Finance."

5. Requiring all future initial openings of safe deposit boxes and delivery

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5. Requiring all future initial openings of safe deposit boxes and delivery of contents to be made only in presence of representatives designated by the Minister of Finance. The Financial Subcommission should be requested to supply information on administrative instructions issued on this subject.

(c) Under the heading "United Nations and Enemy Property" Document D imposes upon the Italian Government the duty to pass a decree "conferring administrative powers upon the Allied Director of Property Control in relation to the property of any of the United Nations or of any national of the United Nations including property of France and French nationals."

As a result of extensive and at times difficult negotiations a machinery has been designed which met the wishes of the Director of the Property Control in respect to the above term. Administrative instructions have been issued to the Prefects and a draft decree is ready for publication which repeals the restricting Italian regulations regarding property owned by the United Nations, France and their respective citizens. The particulars can be obtained from the Property Control Subcommission.

/s/ G. R. UPJOHN
G. R. UPJOHN, Colonel
Chief Legal Officer.

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PERSONAL GENERAL CANNEL FROM GENERAL HARDING.

REF YOUR F47723 OF 18 MAY.

1. INCREASE IS REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT SUPPLY ACCOUNTING AGENCY WHICH COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF ORDERED TO BE SET UP IN FAN338 OF 26 FEB 44.

2. DELEGATION FROM YOUR HQ EXAMINED THIS MATTER IN MARCH IN ITALY. THEY RECOMMEND SUPPLY ACCOUNTING AGENCY SHOULD BE INCORPORATED IN MMIA. THIS HQ AGREED WITH THIS FINDING AS BEING MORE EFFICIENT AND ECONOMICAL WAY OF MEETING REQUIREMENTS. THIS HQ LETTER 1605/50/3/1/G (SD) OF 3 APR 44 REFERS.

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3. IF INCREASES ARE NOT APPROVED SUPPLY ACCOUNTING AGENCY CANNOT BE PROPERLY SET UP AND COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF POLICY WILL NOT THEREFORE BE PROPERLY IMPLEMENT.

4. DO NOT CONSIDER PROPOSAL 9 NECESSARY PERSONNEL FROM ACC IS SATISFACTORY SOLUTION AS THEY MAY HAVE TO BE WITHDRAWN AT SHORT NOTICE FOR OTHER COMMITMENTS.

5. MOST GRATEFUL IF YOUR DECISION COULD BE RECONSIDERED.

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Subject:- Supplies to Italian Army- Accounting

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11 May 44.

ACC(Finance and ACcounting Division.)

Your comments on AMIA letter AQ/8 dated 24 Apr.,44, will be appreciated.

(SIGNED) R.NICHOLS Major
Major-General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

Ref: HQ/CA/67 15 May 1944

SUBJECT: Supplies to Italian Army - Accounting

TO: Chief Administrative Officer,
HQ AAI, CMF.

1. Reference your 2025/3/Q2 of 11 May 1944 the following are my comments on MMIA letter AQ/6 of 24 April 1944.

2. I entirely agree with the main point made by MMIA, namely that quantitative records should be kept which will be valued monthly on the acknowledgment of the bulk monthly receipts by the Italian Ministry of War. This office has always felt that any attempt to price and value individual itemised receipts would be impracticable and would at the best result in an unjustifiable expenditure of man-power. We were, however, under the impression that the pricing and valuing of the monthly figures would be done by MMIA.

3. This office can quite well undertake the valuing of the monthly quantitative figures provided that we are supplied with the necessary prices. The prices supplied to us would have to be the actual prices to apply; it would not be sufficient, as has been suggested, to supply us with an Army list price and to expect us to determine a percentage to be added to cover shipping, handling charges etc. as we have not the data on which to make such estimates. 6 of 35

4. Discussions are at present taking place between Washington and London on the whole procedure for valuing imports into Italy, and it is possible that it may be decided that all such valuing, including the valuing of imports for the Italian Army, should be done in Washington and London. This, however, would be a matter for the decision of the Combined Chiefs of Staff in Washington and would in any case not affect the general principle suggested in MMIA's letter.

5. The letter from MMIA refers in para. 3 to issues from Depots. The above comments refer only to direct bulk imports for the Italian Armed Forces, as a different procedure is already in force for depots issues.

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Issues from American Army depots are reported to the Chief Accountant ACC and are, or should be, accompanied by a priced summary showing total values. Issues from British Army depots are not reported to ACC but are reported to the War Office via the Financial Adviser. It would therefore appear that the quantitative reports prepared by MMIA should include only bulk imports for direct issue to the Italians.

For Lieut-General MASON MACFARLANE.

H. G. CRAWSHAW,
Colonel,
CHIEF ACCOUNTANT.

HGC/ALM.

Copy to:-

HQ Finance Sub-Commission.
MMIA (with copy HQ AAI
2025/3/Q2 of 11/5/44).

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

GABINETTO

Ufficio Collegamento Missioni Alleate

N. di prot. 2239/c

P.M.107, li 14 maggio 1944

OGGETTO: Finanziamento addetti militari italiani in Turchia, Spagna, Svizzera e Svezia.-

Finanze ed Italia, Militari Addetti in Turkey, Spain, Switzerland and Sweden,

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE ALLEATA PER L'ESERCITO A.C.C. LECUILE

e, per conoscenza:

ALLA DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI AMMINISTRATIVI S E D E

In seguito alla situazione determinatasi dopo l'Armistizio, è venuta a mancare la possibilità di assicurare la somministrazione dei fondi necessari agli uffici degli addetti militari in oggetto, sia per il funzionamento degli uffici stessi, sia per il mantenimento del personale.- 6073

Il Ministero delle Finanze, interessato al riguardo, ha fatto presente che, data la particolare situazione del momento, non vi sarebbe altra possibilità di provvedere, che mediante le Rappresentanze diplomatiche Alleate.-

Si sarà, pertanto, molto grati a codesta Sottocommissione se vorrà

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Le spese indispensabili a cui detti uffici debbono far fronte a tutto il 30 giugno p.v., comprese le competenze arretrate, sono:

- per il R.Addetto Militare a Berna (Svizzera)	Franchi svizz.	23.000
- per il R.Addetto Militare a Madrid (Spagna)	Pesetas	500.000
- per il R.Addetto Militare ad Ankara (Turchia)	Lire italiane	130.000 -
- per il R.Addetto Militare a Stoccolma	corone svedesi	43.500.-

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SECRET

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11 May 44

Headquarters,
M.M.I.A,
C.M.F.

Subject: Formation Of Base Depot For Italian Army Personnel.

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Reference A.F.H.Q. letter ISD/424 dated 8 May 44, Para 9(c).

It would be much appreciated if very early information could be given as to the probable date of formation of this Base Depot.

It is also asked that information may be very early given as to the location which is being considered for this Depot. It is very strongly urged that it should be located close to the railway in the neighbourhood of either BATTIPAGLIA or EBOLI, so that it may be in close communication with the Reinforcements Section of OZE, which is in NAPLES, and be on good railway communication for the forward movement of reinforcement personnel.

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J.H. Woods
Brigadier,
D.A.G.,
G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon.

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B.M.A.F.

Copy To: G-1(BF), A.F.H.Q.
BM A.A.I.

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362.1 AF

Subject:- Provision of Italian Uniforms for XXXI Corps.

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main HQ. (MAIA)
LEQUILE. (LECCE)
AG/8
17 May 44.

H.E. General ORLANDO.
Ministry of War.

1. The recent inspection of units of XXXI Corps by Major General Browning C.B. C.B.E. revealed that 4,000 men are still in civilian clothes.

2. The reason for this is not understood. 60,000 Allied Battle Dress uniforms have already been issued to Italian troops. It is accepted that certain troops were in civilian clothes and that others had Italian Uniform which required repair.

But it is evident that sufficient sound Italian uniforms must have been returned to enable you to make the required number available for XXXI Corps.

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3. I therefore desire to know the quantity of Italian uniforms issued to XXXI Corps since the issue of Battle Dress commenced, and also the date on which you will deliver to XXXI Corps the remaining quantity required to put each man in Italian uniform.

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

fb/FJN

Copies to: Stato Maggiore R Esercito.
MAIA. HQ. XXXI Corps.

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Subject:- AFHQ letter HED/4.24 of 8 May 44 - Employment of Italian Army Units and personnel with British Forces.

Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main HQ (MMIA)
LABOUHLE (ALGIERS)
AG/8
4 May 44

H.Q., A.A.I.

1. On return from tour I have just read AFHQ letter as above. I regret to say that I disagree with it profoundly on 5 main grounds:-

(a) I cannot see how it is possible to have such a directive applying to British Forces only. From every angle, legal, political, economic or military, the Allies must speak and act with one voice.

(b) The legal status of the British vis a'vis the Italians as proposed by AFHQ is complicated, would breed trouble and lower Italian morale. After handing over "Kings Italy" to the Italian Government and control of the Italian Army to the Italian military authorities, subject to control by A.C.C. and A.A.I.(as per A.A.I. Adm Sch Administrative Instruction No 6 dated 15 Mar) I do not see how we can "Command" the Italian Army in the manner laid down in the AFHQ letter.

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(e) The term "dilution", I think has been misinterpreted. We have advanced far from the original conception of "diluting" Allied units with Italian soldiers. On many grounds this has been deemed impractical. Particularly in view of my remarks in para 1(b), all Italian soldiers should be informed units under their own officers.

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4. Frankly, I am alarmed at possible, even probable, repercussions if the AFHQ letter is issued as it is, not only as regards the actual "work-out" but also in respect of its effect on the morale of the Italian Army and people, both now and post war.

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Maj Gen
Army Sub Comm, ACC

IB/cc

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APPENDIX "B"
to MMIA letter AG/8 of 16 May

Charter for Allied L.O's with I.P.L. Coys.

1. (a) Italian labour units working for the Allies are subject to Italian Military law under their own Italian Commanders. Italian unit C.O's are thus responsible for the internal discipline, administration and efficiency of their units.

(b) On the other hand such Italian units are subject to operational control of the Allies who issue rations on a basis of effectiveness.

2. The functions of an Allied unit L.O. thus are to:-

(a) issue operational orders to the Italian C.O. for the execution of duties ordered by higher Allied authority.

(b) assist the Italian C.O. in respect of the issue of supplies and material from Allied sources.

(c) advise the Italian C.O. in respect of improvements necessary to increase the efficiency and well being of his unit. The Italian C.O. will facilitate any investigation the Allied L.O. may see fit to make.

(d) recommend to superior Italian authority the removal and replacement of the Italian C.O. and other officers who are unsuitable, if adequate action is not taken by the Italian C.O. as in (a) and (c). The Allied unit L.O. will simultaneously report his recommendation to the Allied L.O.(who, if necessary, will pass the matter on to M.M.I.A. for action with M. of W. or S.M.R.E.)with the Superior Italian formation concerned, in order to ensure that the Superior Italian formation commander takes suitable action to maintain or increase the efficiency of the unit.

3. In view of the nature of his work an Allied L.O. cannot be given a hard and fast charter to cover every single detail of his work. Moreover the sense of responsibility of the Italian C.O. must be encouraged and his authority upheld. All action by Allied L.Os should therefore be governed by tact and common sense.

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SECRET

Subject:- AFHQ letter HSD/424 of 8 May 44 - Employment of Italian Army Units and personnel with British Forces

Army Sub Commission ACC
Main HQ (MAIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
AQ/8
16 May 44

Chief Commissioner, ACC

1. During the past 4 weeks I have proposed to AAI and ACC in several letters a policy for dealing with various aspects of the above.

2. On return last night from tour I find AFHQ HSD/424 dated 8 May, which I disagree with profoundly.

3. As I see it, you and AAI (as advised, where necessary, by me) should produce the constructive policy for AFHQ to approve. The latter cannot appreciate the situation at that distance.

4. (a) Their letter is trying to do our job for us without first hand knowledge of the various implications.

(b) How can one have a policy for the British and none for the Americans ?

How can one have Italians "remaining subject to Italian Military law" and in the same breath make them subject to British Military law in an area where both British and Americans are working together ?

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(c) I know MAIA commented on both the first AFHQ draft in Jan 44 and the second early in Apr 44 before I arrived. But the situation has crystallised since then and many of our comments were unheeded.

(d) I propose to come and discuss all above with you bringing this letter in person on 17 May, because I feel the AFHQ letter should NOT be allowed to stand. Meanwhile I have wired you to ask AAI to hold up issue of the AFHQ letter, pending my discussion with you.

6. My American 2nd in command assures me that, with my proposed amendments, the AFHQ letter could be made applicable to the Allies and not the British only.

L Browning

Maj Gen
Army Sub Comm ACC

gsh/LB

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SECRET 361/A

Appendix "A"
(To accompany MMIA letter AQ/8 dated 16 May 44)

Suggested amendments to AFHQ letter HSD/424 dated 8 May - "Employment of Italian Army units and personnel with British Forces"

1. Title

For existing title read "Employment of Italian co-belligerent Army".

NOTE - The policy must cover CIL, units employed by Allies, IS formations and Italian Administration.

2. Throughout

For "British" read "Allied", except in para 10.

NOTE - We must have one Allied policy; otherwise chaos.

3. Para 1

Delete at end "to Italian Army units and personnel serving with British Forces" and substitute "to the complete co-belligerent Italian Army as may be authorised by CCS viz:-

C.I.L.

Units employed or to be employed by the Allies.

I.S. Formations.

Central Italian Administration. "

NOTE:- To make clear the title and the separate categories affected by the letter.

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4. Para 2 (b)

Delete "which are required to return to U.K."

NOTE:- Italian replacements may be required for any Allied unit, to save

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4. Para 2 (b)

Delete "which are required to return to U.K."

NOTE:- Italian replacements may be required for any Allied unit, to save or redirect manpower.

5. Para 3

Substitute:- "For all S.D. matters, subject to any orders that may be issued by the Allies, the Italian co-belligerent Army will be treated in a similar manner to the Allied Army".

NOTE:- To fit in with the TITLE etc.

6. (a) Para 4

For "SUPREME COMMAND" read "MILITARY AUTHORITIES"

NOTE:- MMIA deals direct with M of W and SMRE. The COMANDO SUPREMO is really a fifth wheel in the coach.

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6. (b) Delete "for a body which is to be entirely Italian" and last sentence of first sub-paragraph.

NOTE:- See my letter G/6/1 on DILUTION dated 15 May. We should form all Italian soldiers into formed bodies thus establishing the simple basic principles set out in my amended para 5 and avoiding legal difficulties.

7. Para 5

Substitute:-

"5. COMMAND and PUNISHMENT

The principles under which command and punishment will be enforced are:-

(a) Provided that their execution of command does NOT contravene Italian military law, all Allied commanders are given power of command over Italian formations or units which may be put under their command.

(b) Such Italian formations and units will comply with orders as in (a) through Italian channels under the direction of their own authorities. Demands for disciplinary action, or the removal and replacement of unsuitable Italian officers, will be made by the Allied commander to the Italian commander concerned, who will comply as in (c).

(c) All personnel of the Italian Army will be subject to Italian Military Law which will be administered by Italian officers in accordance with the Italian code.

When there is no Italian officer competent to deal with the case, the offender will be sent to the nearest Italian authority competent to act.

Allied commanders will be informed of the action taken, cases of inaction or inadequate action being reported to higher Allied authority to ensure

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NOTE:- We cannot partially give Italians disciplinary control of their Army under their code. We must demand proper action by them and see to it that inaction or inadequate action is punished by the removal of the inadequate Italian officer concerned.

The above three principles are simple, practical, avoid legal difficulties and give much needed support to the prestige of the Italian army as a co-belligerent, while safeguarding Allied interests and getting the necessary results.

8. .... sheet 3

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Para 6

Delete "although such offence may not be an offence against Italian law" and substitute -

"pending investigation and handing over the offender for trial by the Italian authorities"

NOTE:- The same remarks apply as in the NOTE to "COMMAND and PUNISHMENT"

Surely, also, under existing circumstances, there can be NO offence under BRITISH military law which is not covered by ITALIAN military law. But, to make certain, a section could be added to the Italian military code stating that "Any offence against Allied Military Law is also an offence under Italian Military Law and is punishable by .....". I am sure the Italians would gladly conform.

9. Para 7

See my AQ/8 dated 27 Apr -

In AFHQ letter there is no allowance for:-

(a) difficulty of travel in Italy. A man may take 4 or 5 days getting to and from his home.

(b) compassionate leave - which, if not given, will breed serious discontent, desertion etc.

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10. Para 8

For para "5(a)(i)" read "5".

11. Para 9(a) to (e)

See my AQ/8 dated 27 Apr -

To be effective the reinforcement plan must be simple and be designed to meet the needs of the whole Italian co-belligerent army. The AFHQ letter covers only part of this army. In my AQ/8 dated 27 Apr I outlined a comprehensive scheme (including hospital casualties) whereby reinforcements could be provided for the two main subdivisions of the Italian Army i.e. Troops employed or to be employed by the Allies on the one hand; and C.I.L., I.S. Formations and central Italian administration on the other. Each subdivision requires different treatment and I consider that para 9(a) to (e) of AFHQ letter should

be re-written/.....sheet 4

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11. (cont)

be re-written accordingly, without going into details.

12. Para 10

The Americans have a different pay system to the British, in that there is a "finance officer" per Division. Moreover I understand that American law and procedure does NOT permit of advances of pay to the Italian Army. Unless this state of affairs has been changed by recent decree, add a para 10 (f) to read "Advances of pay to Italians are NOT made by the Americans."

13. Para 12(b)

Delete references to NAPLES and BARI. Locations may change.

Delete "which are accepting cases from units to which this directive refers".

The Italian Medical Service is responsible for supplying all Medical Units.

14. Para 13

Delete whole para and substitute -

"Welfare will be entirely the responsibility of the Italian government. Allied commanders of units working in conjunction with Italian units may assist in the welfare of the Italian unit, provided always the welfare amenities available to Allied troops in no way suffers. Certain allotments of games equipment may be made, if available, under arrangements made by the Allied Welfare authorities.

15. Para 14(a)

Delete sub para and substitute - 6383

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"Supply will be made through normal Allied channels. Compensating supplies will be demanded on Army Sub Commission ACC by the appropriate Allied Formations."

Para 14 (b)

Delete "(i) Diluted Italian units will draw through DIDs."

(ii) delete "For complete Italian units the policy will be"

Para 14(c)

After "EFI" add "or PX"

16. Para 17

Delete whole para and substitute -

"17. Equipment

Pending the receipt of full and final instructions from the Combined Chiefs of Staff, Italian units and personnel working for the Allies will be equipped and clothed as follows:-

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(a) primarily from Italian Army stocks to the maximum possible extent.

(b) Deficiencies in clothing will be made up as far as possible from the Allied pool of clothing provided from Allied sources and controlled by Army Sub Commission ACC.

(c) Such further items of clothing and technical equipment as are essential for the unit to carry out its work may be authorised by HQ AAI and issued by the appropriate Allied source".

L. Browning

Maj Gen
Army Sub Commission ACC

gsh/LB

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Subject:- Additional Rations for Hospitals - MILANO.

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H. (MILAN)
LEGHORN. (LEGHORN)
AC/S
16 May 44.

MILAN. LEGHORN. AC. NAPLES.

351/1-

Reference your AC/1 dated 9 May 44.

1. Under the arrangements made by F, AAI, the Italian Military Hospital at MONTECATINI is returned to Italian Command from command of FIFTH Army as of 16 May. It then becomes entirely an Italian responsibility in exactly the same way as any other Italian Hospital behind the Combat Zone and is not a responsibility of A.C.C.

2. Italian Hospitals in CENTRAL ITALY have a scale allowance of 5 lire a day per patient to make such additional purchases as they can.
A special proposal is now being discussed between London and Washington from which it is hoped to provide a certain extra issue of food for Italian hospitals.

3. Until this is settled, hospitals in rear of the Combat Zone are only entitled to Local Scale rations with such extra items of local purchase as the Italian Government arranges.

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for CLAYTON E. ALLEN Col.
For Major General.
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

TO

Copies to: AC. MILAN.
MILO. LEGH.

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Subject:- XII Italian Corps

Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main HQ (MAIA)
LECCE (LECCE)
AQ/8
15 May 44

H.Q., No 1 District

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Your 1D/111/A dated 8 May 44 -

(a) I have passed your remarks to my L.O. with XII Corps for action through that Corps H.Q. with S.M.R.E.

(b) I have written to A.A.I. asking for any morale raising information to be sent to this H.Q. We will then pass to S.M.R.E. and M. of W. for distribution to their formations.

(c) ABCA and welfare has been specifically laid down by A.F.H.Q. as their responsibility of the Italian authorities. No grants or suchlike assistance is available from Allied sources. I doubt welfare being possible on British lines and ABCA almost certainly not. The Italians have no printing or paper facilities to issue ABCA pamphlets. They are trying hard to set a rather chaotic house in order and I do not see their being able to extend their activities as above, which affect all Italy.

(d) Same situation everywhere. The whole case has been urgently reported to A.A.I.

(e) I fear out of the question at present. The difficulty is to get even one suit for the 180,000 personnel working for the Allies.

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Maj Gen
Army Sub Comm, ACC

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

GABINETTO

N. di prot. 7207/I 7.3.5 Lecce, li 14 MAG 1945 194

OGGETTO: Rifornimento acqua per le isole Tremiti e Pelagosa.

Allegati: n.1 Water supply for the Tremiti and Pelagosa Islands.

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO
DELLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO LEQUILE

A seguito foglio n.6950/I in data 3 maggio c.a., si comunicano i seguenti dati che un ufficiale inviato appositamente sul posto ha potuto raccogliere:

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Non vi sono acque sorgenti ed ai bisogni idrici degli abitanti si provvede a mezzo di serbatoi di acqua potabile, che vengono periodicamente riempiti da navi-cisterna della R.M., ed a mezzo di cisterne che vengono riempite di acqua piovana. L'ubicazione dei serbatoi e delle cisterne è quella di cui all'unito schizzo e precisamente (i numeri e le lettere distintivi dei serbatoi e delle cisterne

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I.CAPRAIA

- serbatoi per acqua potabile : N.1 - mc.50 (per gli addetti al faro)
- cisterne per acqua piovana : a) - mc.30 (per gli addetti al faro)

I.S.NICOLA

- serbatoi per acqua potabile : N.1 - mc.400 (per i civili)
  " 2 - mc. 90 (per i civili)
  " 3 - mc. 40 (per i militari)
  " 4 - mc. 30 (per la R.G.di Finanza)

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- cisterne per acqua piovana : a) - mc.250
b) - mc. 70
c) - mc.300
d) - mc.300
e) - mc.300
f) - mc.150 (4 cisterne nell'abitato di mc.40 ognuna)

I.S.DOMINO

- serbatoi per acqua potabile: N.1 - mc.400
" 2 - mc. 60
" 3 - mc.600 (recentemente sistemato dalla R.M. ma non ancora rifornito di acqua)
" 4 - mc. 25 (a servizio del faro)

- cisterne per acqua piovana : a) - mc. 30
b) - mc. 30
c) - mc. 50

In totale quindi si dispone di N.9 serbatoi per acqua potabile della capacità complessiva di mc.1585 e N.13 cisterne per acqua piovana della capacità complessiva di mc.1520.

Dei nove serbatoi per acqua potabile: otto sono pieni, perchè riforniti ai primi di maggio corrente; mentre quello di 600 mc.- recentemente sistemato dalla R.M. - è vuoto. - Pertanto, attualmente vi sono sul posto circa mc.1000 di acqua potabile ritenuti sufficienti per i bisogni dei 452 abitanti per circa un anno, tenuto presente il consumo giornaliero di litri sei per abitante.

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Nell'isola S.Domino è stato recentemente costruito un gruppo di case coloniche, a servizio delle quali sono state costruite altre sei cisterne per acqua piovana della capacità di circa mc.70 cadauna. Tali cisterne, all'occorrenza, verificandosi cioè un aumento di popolazione nelle isole, potrebbero essere riempite anch'esse di acqua potabile come viene praticato per altre cisterne esistenti, durante la stagione estiva, allorchè l'insufficienza di precipitazioni non consente il loro riempimento con acqua piovana.

In sostanza quindi la situazione idrica delle isole non desta preoccupazioni anche se la popolazione dovesse aumentare e la razione giornaliera dovesse superare i sei litri che si consumano attualmente. Un aumento di consumo di acqua richiederebbe un più frequente rifornimento, il che andrebbe però a vantaggio dell'igiene in quanto verrebbe ad eli

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minarsi il pericolo di alterazione dell'acqua in conseguenza di prolungata conservazione. A tal proposito è da tener presente che, mentre negli ultimi tempi è aumentata la disponibilità dei serbatoi a causa delle recenti costruzioni, d'altro canto la popolazione è fortemente diminuita con la eliminazione della colonia di confino ivi istituita dal passato regime.

PELAGOSA

- personale dislocato: 15 marinai,
- quantità d'acqua occorrente: litri 10, a persona. Totale 160 litri al giorno compreso il rifornimento vasca del motore,
- ente che provvede al rifornimento dell'acqua: Comando Militare Marittimo di Brindisi,
- dislocazione dei depositi: 1 cisterna nella stazione semaforica e 2 in località S.Michele. Non se ne conosce la capacità. -

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
(Col.R. Fiore Vernazza)

Fior Vernazza

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SUBJECT: Military personnel in civil Jails.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
AQ/8
14 May 44.

L.O. Army Sub Commission,
Rear H.Q. A.C.C.
SALERNO.

Reference your QS 412 dated 9 May.

Proposals for the solution of this problem were forwarded by the Comd to the Chief Commissioner for consideration before presenting to H.Q. AAI.

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Lt.Col.
A.A. & Q.M.G.

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Subject :- Water Supply - PANTELLERIA SECRET

Army Pub. Commission A.C.C.
Main Hq. (MAAF)
Lr MTOC. (Caserta)
AG/S
14 May 44.

H.Q. A.A.I.

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Further to MTO message AG 1036 dated 4 May 44.

1. In order to obtain accurate information on the water position in the PANTELLERIA Gp. and PELAGIE, the Italian Ministry of War sent a representative to investigate and report.

2. He has now returned, and made the following report.

a) PELAGIE
Occupants — 80 Sailors.
Water Containers — 3 Cisterns.
Ration — 10 Litres per day.
Requirements — Sufficient for the present.
Responsibility for supply — Italian Navy.

b) PANTELLERIA Gp.
Occupants — 82 Soldiers 372 Civilians
Water Containers — 2 Water Tanks, capacity 1700 c.metres. Various others for Rain-water.
Ration — Nil
Requirements — Present requirements of drinking water are 1,000 c.metres.
Responsibility for supply — Replenishment made by Italian Naval Cmd. PANTELLERIA at beginning of May.

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2. As has been reported, the water [illegible] supply.

a) PALERMO
Occupants — 80 Soldiers.
Water Containers — 3 Cisterns.
Ration — 10 Litres per day.
Requirements — Sufficient for the moment.
Responsibility for supply — Italian Navy.

b) TRAPANI Gp.
Occupants — 82 Soldiers 372 Civilians
Water Containers — 2 Water Tanks, capacity 1700 c.metres
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Ration — Nil
Requirements — Present reserves of drinking water are 1,300 c.metres.
Responsibility for supply — Replenishment made by Italian Naval Cond. TRAPANI at beginning of May.

3. The information on PALERMO is rather vague, but it would appear that the provision of supplies is the responsibility of the Italian Navy, and that such provision is in fact being made.

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

Copies to: H.Q. A.C. [illegible].
H.Q. No.2 District.
H.Q. Force 266. CMP.
H.Q. Naval Sub Commission, Navy House. [illegible].

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Subject:- Disposal of Italian Material. SECRET

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main HQ. (MAIA)
LECUILE. (LECCE)
AQ/8
12 May 44

HQs A.C.C.

Further to MAIA message AQ 1044 dated 30 April 44.

1. A copy of AG 091.711-I(ITALIA)GCT-AGM dated 10 Feb 44 is forwarded herewith.

2. Para.1(b) of AFHQ Circular No.13 dated 1 May 44 is also pertinent and is quoted below :-

1b. Italian Material. All Italian Material belonging to all arms and services of the Italian Ground Forces and in the possession of the Italians at the time of the armistice is considered as Italian Material and, except as otherwise directed by this HQ is reserved for the use of the Italian Army under the direction of the Army Sub Commission, Allied Control Commission.

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J Bird, Lt-Col
for Major General.
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.
APO 512

Auth: C in C. AF.
Initials ???
10 February 1944.

AG 091.7II-I (Italian) GCT-AGM REVISED

Subject: Disposal of Italian Army.

To : Commander in Chief, Allied Central Mediterranean Force.
Deputy President, Allied Control Commission (Lt.Gen. Mason MacFarlane)
Deputy Vice President, Army Sub Commission (Brig C.C. Dunbesne)

I. The following policy regarding the Italian Army and its resources is announced. So much of F/109 of 3 October, letter this HQ's, file AG 400.93-I GCT-AGM, subject "Italian Equipment", dated 2 December 1943, and any other instructions as are in conflict herewith, are rescinded. The Deputy President Allied Control Commission, in collaboration with Commander-in-Chief, Allied Central Mediterranean Force, will issue the detailed instructions necessary to implement this policy.

2. The Italians will assemble the following units:
a) The division to be organised and placed in combat as soon as practicable.
b) Two additional Divisions which are to be trained, armed and equipped for combat at a later date, depending on our requirements and the general supply situation. Pending our decision to place them in combat, they will be at the disposal of the Italian Government, who will locate them as directed by C-in-C, Allied Central Mediterranean Force to meet the needs of internal security (eg CALABRIA)
c) The DANDO Brigade and NEMBO Division will be included in one or the other of the divisions referred to in (a) or (b) above.
d) A total ration strength of 32,000 for these three divisions has already been agreed between Allied Central Mediterranean Force and Marshal MESSE.

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3. The Italian Division now in SICILY (SABAUDA Division) will remain intact and be equipped from Italian sources on a scale commensurate with its mission of internal security.

4. In order to meet the requirements of para's 2 and 3 above, the Italians may call forward the necessary uniforms and equipment from SARDINIA. Priorities of shipping bids will be established by Allied Central Mediterranean Force in the normal manner.

5. Captured Italian military resources in SICILY have been allocated to the OSS/SOE and will not be available to the Italians except as declared excess by the OSS/SOE.

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6. Italian military resources on the mainland will be reserved for use by Italian troops and released to the Italians forthwith. The Italians will inventory and keep the Allied Control Commission and Allied Central Mediterranean Force fully informed of the status of their resources.

7. a)For administrative details governing rations and clothing for the Italian Armed Forces see Admin. Memo No.2, this HQ's, dated 10 January 1944, and letter to HQ Allied Control Commission dated 9 January 1944, subject, "Supply Organisation - Italian Military", file AG 400-I(Italy) OPS-AGM.

b)The total number of personnel to be maintained under the procedure referred to in sub-para(a) will not exceed the ceiling of 500,000 including Army, Navy, Air and Carabinieri. The figure of 500,000 is a maximum and in view of the increasing demands upon Allied resources every effort will be made to effect progressive reductions of the total.

c)The Italian combat divisions will, insofar as possible, be equipped from Italian resources. Essential items which cannot be supplied from these sources should be reported to this HQ with a view to securing the approval of the Combined Chiefs of Staff for issue.

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8. As a matter of general policy it is impracticable at this time to release any Italian Prisoners of War, either officers or men, now held in enemy units in North Africa. The release of a limited number of non-specialist officers will be made, at the discretion of this HQ, upon request. Requests may be made for any officer prisoners in the United States.

9. Subject to the above, the labor requirements of CORSICA and the defence requirements of SARDINIA, the remainder of the Italian Forces are at the disposal of Allied Central Mediterranean Force, which, in conjunction with the Allied Control Commission, will be responsible for the assignment of elements of the Italian Army as required by its subordinate commands and separate commands, including Air and Naval, in the mainland of ITALY as well as in SICILY and SARDINIA.

10. The Military Mission with the Italian Army (MMIA) becomes the Land Forces Sub Commission of the Allied Control Commission. The Land Forces Sub-Commission of the Allied Control Commission is designated as the agency for receiving and implementing, in accordance with the terms of this directive, all demands from Allied Central Mediterranean Force for Italian Army Units and resources. The senior member of the Land Forces Sub-Commission is designated as a member of the Allied Control Commission and will act as its representative with Allied Central Mediterranean Force.

By command of General WILSON.

R.V. ROBERTS
Colonel AGD
Adjutant General.

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I - G-4(A)
I - G-4(B)
I - G-4(Mov & Tn)
I - QM
I - QM(CMRS)
I - Q(Maint)
I - Q(AE)
I - Dirlabour
I - Liaison
6 - MIS
2 - CAO
2 - C in C Med.
2 - MAAF
I - Allied Garrison Commander, Sardinia.
I - FBS
I - IBS
6 - SGS NAPOLSA
I - FLAMBO
I - No.I District.
I - No.2 District
I - No.3 District
I - Adv Force I33
I - MerBS
I - CMC Middle East.
IC - Spares.
2 - AG Records

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SUBJECT: Maximum use by Italians of Local Resources.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main Hq (MAIA)
LECUILE (LECCE)
AG/8
11 May 44.

M of W.
S.E.A.F.

1. While every endeavour is being made by the Allies to provide authorised issues to the Italian Armed Forces, you will appreciate that such issues in ITALY (including SARDINIA and SICILY) depend on : -

(a) Available production in country of origin, on which demands are very great.

(b) Availability of shipping, which must be allotted on a priority basis and is subject to the hazards of war.

2. I am therefore to request that you will issue instructions that the utmost use shall be made of local resources to fulfil your requirements, by requisitioning or otherwise, provided that such action does not run counter to Allied policy. This applies particularly to M.T.

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

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copy to: MA. A.C.C.

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SUBJECT: Supplies for GARIBALDI Div.

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Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
AQ/8
11 May 44.

S.M.R.E.

Your Excellency,

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Ref your 1/2054/Serv di prot dated 9 May.

1. As you know, I have exercised myself personally on your behalf on the above subject and the state of affairs is fully realised.

2. I am to inform you that the decision that all supplies must be sent through Force 266 to 2 Corps and distributed by the latter, is Final. There can be no discrimination. The British Liaison knows the state of affairs and is seeing to it that there is a fair distribution.

3. I am also to point out that the items you mention in your para. 4, such as boots, tobacco, medicines etc, are being issued to the Italian Army for use in this country; and that Italian arms and ammunition are required by the Allies for arming Italian combat and I.S. Troops in aid of the Allies in this country. Any diversion to the GARIBALDI Division can only be at the expense of the war effort in this country.

4. While appreciating your concern, no more can be done than is being done at present.

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

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO SERVIZI- Sezione S.M.

N°1/2054 /Serv. di prot. P.M. 151, lì 9 maggio 1944

O G G E T T O: riformimento Divisione "Garibaldi".-

Al Generale BROWNING
Sottocommissione per l'Esercito A.C.C.

LEQUILE

Ho preso atto di quanto comunicato col foglio AQ/8 del 5 c.m.

Sono tuttavia costretto a farLe presente che le disposizioni prese non corrispondono alle complete necessità della Divisione "Garibaldi", perchè le distanze che possono intercorrere tra le truppe di tale divisione ed il Comando del II Corpo d'Armata partigiano sono spesso notevoli e devono essere percorse a piedi in terreno pericoloso per imboscate.

Per di più mancano i necessari mezzi di someggio, cosichè sarà impossibile provvedere alle necessità della divisione "Garibaldi" se i rifornimenti non saranno lanciati direttamente nelle località dove sono dislocate le truppe italiane.

Inoltre è da tener presente che oltre ai viveri, occorre rifornire alle truppe italiane: calzature, vestiario, armi, munizioni, generi vari e di conforto quali: sapone, medicinali specifici, tabacco, candele, fiammiferi, carta da lettere, ecc.-

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Poichè per ovvie ragioni morali è assolutamente necessario che le uniformi e le armi siano quelle italiane, prego vivamente di voler considerare la necessità che le relative richieste siano fatte direttamente a questo S.M. e siano del pari direttamente soddisfatte. Lo stesso dicasi per il denaro, corrispondenza d'ufficio e privata, generi vari e di conforto.

Sarò grato alla S.V. se vorrà adoprarsi in proposito e farmi avere un cenno di risposta.-

CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
- Paolo Berardi -

Translation fr.
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10 May

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Stato Maggiore R Esercito

Ref 1/2054/Serv di prot 9 May 44

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Subject:- Supplies for "GARABALDI" Div

To:- General Browning
M.M.I.A.

I have duly noted contents of AQ/3 of the 5th inst.

I feel nevertheless forced to point out that the measures taken are still not sufficient to cover the full requirements of the "GARABALDI" Div., since the distance to be covered between the troops of the said Division and HQ 2nd Army Corps of the Partizans is often considerable. This distance has to be covered on foot and is rendered dangerous by ambushes.

Furthermore they have no pack transport and it will be therefore impossible to provide for the requirements of the "GARABALDI" Div., unless supplies are dropped directly over the positions occupied by the Italian Troops.

In addition it must be considered that it will be necessary to supply these troops not only with food but also with Boots, clothing, arms, munitions, necessaries and comforts such as, soap, medicines, tobacco, candles, matches, writing paper, etc.

For obvious reasons, concerning morale, it is absolutely essential that uniforms and arms be Italian and I earnestly request you, therefore, to consider the policy of indenting for all the necessary uniforms and arms from the S.M.R.E., to be met by them. The same applies to money, private and official correspondence and necessaries and comforts.

I will be extremely grateful to your Excellency, if you will kindly study the matter and let me know your views.

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(Sgd) General PAOLO BERARDI
The Chief of Staff.

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Subject: Additional Rations for Hospital Units.

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Army Sub Commission
HQ Allied Control Commission
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TO: Col Kerr
(Attention Col Finch)
Army Sub Commission (ACC)
Main Hq (MILA)
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AG/1

9 May 44.

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Lt Col.
Army Sub Commission (ACC)

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CR/A 1 ENDENZA FF.AA.DELLA CAMPANIA

N° 44-4/CO di pret. P.M.120 6 maggio 44

ALL'ARMY SUB COMMISSION (A C C)

N A P O L I

O G G E T T O : Viveri speciali per l'Ospedale Militare di Maddaleni.

L'Ospedale Militare di Maddaleni,fino a che é stato alle dipendenze della 5ª Armata,é stato autorizzato a prelevare per i militari ivi dipendenti i generi speciali presso i magazzini delle Sussistenze Militari Americane per l'ammontare di L.35 a testa.Detta Autorizzazione risulta dal Memorandum 75-10 del 20 dicembre u.s.e dal l'Administrative Istructien N°39 del 17 aprile u.s.del Comando della 5ª Armata.

Poichè l'Ospedale in parola é era passato alle dipendenze del P.B.S.si prega cotesto Comando volerlo autorizzare a prelevare i generi di cui trattasi presso i magazzini del P.B.S..-

I generi richiesti sono i seguenti :

-Milke,evap 14 oz.
-Salmon,pink
-Chiken,boned
-Turkey
-Fruit Cocktail
-Bacon,Smoked
-eggs,Whole,dried
-Juice,orange
-Rice
-Spaghetti
-Lunche on,Mest
-Tea
-Cocoa
-Butter
-Biscuit "C"

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IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

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(Magg.a.S.M.Luigi Ferlenza)

F.F.A.A. INTENDENZA

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INTENDENZA FF.AA. DELLA CAMPANIA

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N.797/00 di prot. P.M.120 6th May 1944

TO ARMY SUB COMMISSION (AOL)

NAPOLI

Subject: Special food for the Military Hospital of Maddaloni.

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As the above Hospital has now passed under Command P.B.S., please authorize the following items to be drawn from P.B.S. depots.

The items are as follows:

Milk evap. ¼ oz.
Salmon pink.
Chicken boned.
Turkey.
Fruit cocktail
Bacon smoked.
Eggs whole dried.
Juice orange.
Rice.
Spaghetti.
Luncheon meat.
Tea.
Cocoa.
Butter.
Biscuit "C".

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Meanwhile please, authorize the Military Hospital of Maddaloni, to draw from Allied sources litri 20 of anitride salforosa, necessary to put the Hospital refrigerator in working order as there are no further stocks available in Italian stores.

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
/S/ Major Forlenza
Official Stamp.

Extract true copy
Capt. Army Sub Commission

Charles P. Bennetti
Charles P. Bennetti

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INTENDENZA FF.AA. DELLA CAMPANIA

N.2474/CO di prot. P.M.120 6th May 1944

TO ARMY SUB COMMISSION (ACC)

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Subject:- Reinforcement Scheme - ITALIAN ARMY. SECRET

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main HQ. (MEDIA)
LECCE (LECCE)
AG/8
May 44.

M.A. AAI.

Reference my letter AG/8 dated 28 April 44 on this subject.

1. I request that the following paragraph 8(a)(iii) may be inserted in the letter.

(iii) AGRICULTURAL LEAVE: When confirmed by the appropiate Allied Formation Commander upon the request of the Regional Commissioner ACC - NOT exceeding 60 Days.

2. The Chief Commissioner has emphasised the importance of providing manpower in certain areas in order to collect the harvest and it is understood that he is discussing the subject with you.

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Signed
L- BROWNING
Major General.
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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Copy to:- HQ. ACC. with copy of AG/3 of 28 April as amended
(For Brigadier LUSH.)

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LIAISON SECTION
HEADQUARTERS PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
APO 782

DJL/md

3 May 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

To : Brigadier Browning, MMIA
(Thru Lt. Col. Offenhouer, MMIA, Naples)

1. Enclosed herewith is copy of PBS Staff Memo No. 16, wherein the Commanding General, Peninsular Base Section, has set forth his policy with reference to authorizing "exemptions" for Italian nationals employed by PBS in civilian capacities, when such persons receive calls to military service with the Italian Army or Navy. You will note that PBS will no longer "exempt" any such persons, and now cancels all such previous certifications.

2. This action is in line with your suggestions to the undersigned in our recent conference at Leguile. It should facilitate the Italian problem of filling out to desired strength the many units assigned to PBS which currently are at low strength -- and hence only partly effective. Enclosed is copy of my memo to General Basso on the subject, which suggests taking further advantage of the PBS release of such personnel. It would be most helpful if the other Allied commands which have hitherto "exempted" such persons, would now adopt a similar policy.

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3. Our plans, as outlined to you, are progressing (note enclosures hereto). We badly need more labor units, in full battalions. We badly need any type of construction unit. We urgently need fillers. We hope for filler replacements of better calibre, as we have received many which the local Italian command rate as the most inferior type in their Army.

4. The new proposed "single" ration is a very great disappointment, in that: it does not involve any increase overall; it does not give enough flexibility; it decreases the flour content; it leaves too much to Italian procurement; and it leaves too many items where unusable "substitutes" will be issued, as at present.

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5. Will probably visit your Headquarters for further conference some day next week.

DONALD J. LEETHEY,
Colonel, G. S. C.
Chief Liaison Officer

2 Incls:
1 - PBS Staff Memo No. 16
2 - Memo to Genl. Basso

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HEADQUARTERS
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
APO 782

1 May 1944

STAFF MEMORANDUM)
NUMBER 16)

ITALIAN MILITARY SERVICE

1. Rescinded: Paragraph 3, Daily Bulletin No. 65, 5 March 1944.

2. No exemption will be requested or authorized by any person in the Peninsular Base Section for any Italian national from duty with his army or navy or any other government service.

3. Any exemptions which have been given heretofore, in any way connected with the recommendation of the Peninsular Base Section, will be withdrawn.

4. The names of any persons exempted at the moment will be forwarded by the Base Purchasing Agent to the Chief Liaison Officer who, in turn, will give them to the Italian Commanding General with the information that this Base has no interest whatsoever in exempting any Italian from military service.

(AG 327.22 BPPCG)

By command of Major General WILSON:

L. F. Nickel

L. F. NICKEL
Lt. Col., A.G.D.
Adjutant General

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LIAISON SECTION
HEADQUARTERS PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
APO 782

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ITALIAN LIAISON)
MEMO No. 15)

To : Commanding General, FF AA, Campania, Naples.

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2. It may be desirable to have certain groups, now employed on specialized duties under "exemptions" previously authorized, assigned to Italian military units for the handling of those same duties, when their "exempted" status is terminated. Your suggestions as to the routines to be adopted for this purpose are requested. The names of the individuals can be certified to such office as you suggest, if that office is in position to effect the assignment to the military unit designated.

For the Commanding General,

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DONALD J. LEEMEY,
Colonel, G. S. C.
Chief Liaison Officer

Incl: PBS Staff Memo #16.

COPY

SUBJECT: Formation of Italian Units.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY
1605/50/3/G (SDI)
2 May 44.

CG Fifth Army
Eighth Army
5 Corps
1 District
2 District
3 District
PBS
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1. No action to form new Italian units will be taken by any Allied or Italian authority until such units are authorised by this HQ.

2. Instructions to form new units will be issued by this HQ to MMIA who will make the necessary arrangements with the Italian authorities.

3. There are understood to be certain Italian units or dets working for the Allies, details of which have not been recorded by this HQ or MMIA. Please check such units under your command with the Order of Battle (Troop List) published fortnightly by MMIA and report any discrepancies to this HQ without delay so that the matter may be regularised.

Sgd: ??????????????
Lt Col for
Lieutenant General,
Chief of General Staff.

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HEADQUARTERS
28 APR 1944
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

AFHQ/2554/Q(Maint)

22 Apr 44

Subject: Maintenance Italian Armed Forces.

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E.Q., A.A.I.
C.M.F.

Reference your 1025/Q1 of 5 April 1944.

1. This letter deals with paras 2 (a) (i) and (ii), 2 (c) of the above-quoted letter covering Hospital Supplies, Disinfectants and Miscellaneous items and Medical stores. The remaining paras will be the subject of a separate reply.

2. Hospital Diet Items, Disinfectants and Miscellaneous Stores.

It is considered that the scale shown at Appendix 'B' which is the British maximum scale is too high. A revised scale, as under, should be substituted and considered as the maximum scale of provision and the basis on which 30 days reserve to be held in Italian Depots will be calculated :-

A	B
Water Sterilizing powder	15 lbs
Anti mosquito cream	375 lbs
Taste remover tablets	250
Izal	1 gallon
Fly catchers	480
Prepared rat bait	½ lb
AL 63	20 lbs
Blocks fumigating	

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Anti mosquito spray	20 gallons
Cresol	10 gallons
Methylated spirits	5 gallons
Malariol	30 gallons
Paris green	14 lbs

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Releases for May consumption will be notified departmentally, and may not reach the full 30 day theoretical requirement. Demands for subsequent months should be submitted to AFHQ departmentally by you based on demands made to you by ACC; these demands to reach AFHQ by the 20th of each month and so formed that the maximum stock held by ACC will not exceed one month's requirements.

3. Medical Stores

The scale suggested in para 2(c) is agreed. A full month's stock will not be available as a result of direct shipments until AUGUST 1944. In the meantime, provision for essential requirements should be continued on the present arrangements ex British stocks - demands for replacements being added by you to normal maintenance demands.

It is not considered necessary for detailed breakdowns to be submitted every 10 days. Monthly breakdowns will conform with normal provision arrangements. The breakdown for AUGUST should be submitted now through departmental channels, and for subsequent months by the 20th of each month, commencing MAY.

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The method of distribution and holding is agreed as set out in your letter.

R.M.J. GOLDIE, Brigadier,
for Lieutenant General,
Chief Administrative Officer,
A.F.H.Q.

RMJG/HF

Copy to : G-4
DST
Surgeon
G-1(B)

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(Trans.) Ad. 85 (12)

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE
ISPETTORATO

Rd. Uff. Sett. 9/5

N. 1357 I/T di prot. P. M. 107, li 7 Maggio 1944

Risposta al foglio N. del Carte annesse 1

OGGETTO: Vendite e sottrazioni clandestine di cuoiami destinati alle Forze Armate Italiane.- Tedesco + undecipherable sentence Cuoio destinato alle Forze Armate Italiane.

Al L' A.C.C. SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO

L E Q U I L E

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A giustificazione del loro operato, le ditte interessate hanno esibito degli ordini di requisizione delle Autorità Alleate (A.M.G. e P.B.S.): ordini che lo scrivente ritiene carpiti, profittando della buona fede delle Autorità Alleate stesse.

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Pertanto, si segnala il fatto a codesta Sottocommissione, pregando compiacersi intervenire in merito - qualora lo creda - affinchè i cuoiami già destinati all'Amministrazione Militare Italiana siano lasciati a disposizione della stessa e per essa delle Direzioni di Commissariato Militare competenti.

All'uopo, si riterrebbe anche opportuno che gli organi

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Alleati stabilissero una netta separazione fra le concerie, distinguendo (anche per la diversità del prodotto) quelle incaricate della produzione per la popolazione civile da quelle incaricate della lavorazione per le Forze Armate.-

PEL MINISTRO

Pellizzo

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Allegato al isp. n. 1357/1/a
del 7 maggio 1944

ELENCO DELLE CONCERIE CHE SI SONO RIFIUTATE DI CONSEGNARE CUOIAMI ALL'AMMINISTRAZIONE MILITARE ITALIANA

- Ditta Michele Buonanno di Solofra (Prov. di Avellino)	Venduto per usi civili parte del conciato destinato all'Amministrazione Militare e rifiutato di consegnare le rimanenze alla Direzione di Commissariato Militare di Napoli, esibendo ordini di requisizione dell'A.M.G. di Avellino.
- Ditta Pasquale Russo di Solofra (Prov. di Avellino)	Rifiutata consegna come sopra, esibendo ordine di requisizione A.M.G. di Avellino.
- Concerie Salernitane Riunite - Salerno	Rifiutata consegna come sopra, esibendo un ordine di requisizione dell'A.M.G. di Salerno (cuoio suola e crosta) ed un ordine di requisizione del P.B.S. (Q.M.) (vitellone).
- Ditta Schiavo Vincenzo e figli di Salerno	Rifiutata consegna come sopra, esibendo ordine di requisizione dell'A.M.G. di Salerno.
- Ditta Mario Morelli di Cosenza	Passato al consumo per usi civili Q.li 60 di cuoiami destinati all'Amministrazione Militare Italiana (autorizzazione dell'A.M.G. di Cosenza).-

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SUBJECT. XII Italian Corps

ID/2701/1/Q

May 44

M.M.I.A.

At the visit of Col Pidsley to H.Q., XII Italian Corps it would appear that several points were raised as to rations, clothing, and medicine stores.

It is considered that these points should have been referred by XII Italian Corps to this H.Q., as from such information as is available it appears that the statements put forward were in some cases inaccurate in fact, and in others answerable without reference to your H.Q.

It is felt that the reference of matters direct to your H.Q. is inconsistent with the general policy, and may lead to misunderstandings besides being undesirable from the staff duties point of view. It is proposed to inform Comd., XII Italian Corps accordingly.

C.A. Heydeman
Major General,
Commanding,
No.1 District.

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M.M.I.A.
C.M.F.

The following matters require attention in XII Italian Corps and your assistance in obtaining satisfactory solutions will be much appreciated.

(a) Officers.

SABAUDA Division requires three Lt-Cols (infantry) preferably regular soldiers. This is an important requirement and should be given a high priority in any available resources. Twelve Inf officers of lower grades are also needed but not so urgently.

(b) News Service.

Information as to the activities and successes of Italian units in the line is very desirable. A markedly good effect was obtained by a talk from a British officer who had had recent battle experience near some of them and gave a first hand account. A news bulletin service is highly desirable and action to institute it is requested.

(c) ARCA and Welfare.

These services are very noticeable by their absence. Guidance is desired as to what can be done and who are the Italian authorities responsible for executive action. Is there an approved system and/or any funds for distribution?

(d) Tyres.

Very shortly an acute situation will arise as there are no replacements in the Island in the sizes likely to be required. Provisional action has probably been taken by you but early warning of the inability of XII Corps to be self supporting appears necessary. 6353

(e) Denims.

An issue for the hot weather if K.D. is not to be available is desirable. The dyed B.D., excellent in the winter is quite unsuitable for the summer and can be expected to be in a bad state by next autumn if no alternative wear can be provided.

See Comd 157's

C.A. Heydeman
Major-General,
Commander,
No.1 District.

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CMF.

copy to:- "G". "Q". Lt-Col HODZIANKO.
Capt Monico Adv Ref A.A.I.

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FROM (A) MMLA *Originator* | *Date-Time of Origin.* 12/1200B | *Office Date Stamp*

For action. HQ AAI for HARRIS

TO

(W) For Information (INFO) 241

Rptd: ACC Main for Chief Accountant.

Message Instructions. GR

Originator's No. AG 1130 (*) RESTRICTED (*) Your G4/235 of 11 May (*) FIRST (*) Your general instructions by SHIPLEY (*) Agreed and suggest deletion of sentence of par 12 reading quote at present the Italians are required to sign for commodities as listed in ships manifest unquote (*) Would have preferred addition of appendices showing scales and effective troop strength but realise this may not be possible at this time (*) SECOND (*) Third and final draft of SOP to be issued by MMLA can and is now being completed in accordance with your general instructions which we consider to be the final directive (*) Therefore no further instructions needed unless your directive is materially changed (*) Draft SOP will be sent to you and Chief Accountant ACC on 16 May for consideration and discussion by all concerned at AAI and ACC and PHILLEY will then visit AAI at time set by you to tie up details (*) Signed MARR

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Originator's No. AG 1130 (*) RESTRICTED (*) Your G/235 of 11 May (*) FIRST (*) Your general instructions by SHIPLEY (*) Agreed and suggest delation of sentance of par 12 reading quote at present the Italians are required to sign for commodities as listed in ships manifest unquote (*) Would have preferred addition of appendices showing scales and effective troop strength BUT realise this may not be possible at this time (*) SECOND (*) Third and final draft of SOP to be issued by MMLA can and is now being completed in accordance with your general instructions which we consider to be the final directive (*) Therefore no further instructions needed unless your directive is materially changed (*) Draft SOP will be sent to you and Chief Accountant ACC on 16 May for consideration and discussion by all concerned at AAI and ACC and PIDSLEY will then visit/at time set by you to tie up details (*) Signed KERR

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This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means except WIRELESS. Signed,	If liable to be intercepted or to fall into enemy hands this message must be sent IN CIPHER. Signed.	Originator's Instructions. Degree of Priority.	Time	System	Op.
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Subject:- Reinforcement Scheme - ITALIAN Army. SECRET

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main HQ. (MESIA)
IESUILE (LECCE)
AQ/8
8 May 44.

HQ. AAI.

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Reference my letter AQ/8 dated 28 April 44 on this subject.

1. I request that the following paragraph 8(a)(iii) may be inserted in the letter.

(iii) AGRICULTURAL LEAVE: When confirmed by the appropiate Allied Formation Commander upon the request of the Regional Commissioner ACC - NOT exceeding 60 Days.

2. The Chief Commissioner has emphasised the importance of "providing" manpower in certain areas in order to collect the harvest and it is understood that he is discussing the subject with you.

Signed
L. ERSKINE
Major General.
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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Copy to:- HQ. ACC. with copy of AQ/8 of 28 April as amended
(For Brigidier LUSH.)

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SECRET

Subject:- Discipline and Control of the Italian Army

Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main HQ (MMIA)
Lequile (Lecce)
G/6/1
7 May 44

H.Q., A.A.I.

1. Your AAI/3074/A(O) dated 3 and 4 May meets my wishes entirely.

2. I appreciate that vital skilled personnel must be exempted; and note that you have already instructed employing services to apply for, while limiting to essentials, such exemptions.

3. (a) The Ministry of War published a Proclamation such as you refer to in your para 6, a month ago. They have been "picking up"deserters ever since.

(b) The M. of W. are in process of producing a further Proclamation, whereby deserters and absentees will be decreed to be offending"in the face of the enemy".

4. I am glad to note the contents of your para 7. I should be grateful if lists of "exemptees" could be forwarded to this HQ, for onward transmission to M. of W. and S.M.R.E., to enable these latter to make up their records. I take it that, in view of what I say above, you will issue your further directive at once. I would urge that in this directive you stress that the Carabinieri are to be given every assistance in their enquiries and examinations, for I feel that is the real way we will track down the non-skilled illegal absentees.

5. I would like to ask if the Allied Air Force authorities in the FOGGIA area are controlled by you. I am not clear on this point. Your directive should obviously apply in that area also; otherwise there will be a sanctuary in which all deserters and absentees can take refuge.

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Maj Gen
Army Sub Comm, ACC

LB/cc

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Subject:- Maintenance of the ITALIAN Armed Forces
when serving sentences or awaiting trial in Jail

Ministry of War

Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main HQ (AMGIA)
LECCILE (LECCE)
AG/S
9 May 44

1. In continuation of the policy that the Allied Governments will maintain on Army Scale only the Italian Armed Forces who are in fact effective, it is necessary to examine the position of the Italian Armed Forces who become NON-effective through serving sentences of imprisonment in jail or through awaiting trial in jail.

2. It is accepted that:-

(a) disciplinary measures must be enforced within the Italian Armed Forces.

(b) to avoid considerable complication in the issue of rations, the Allies are prepared to maintain on army scale for a limited period the NON-effective prisoners mentioned in paragraph 1.

3. I am directed, therefore, to inform you that no member of the Italian Armed Forces may be absent from duty, either through awaiting trial or through serving a sentence of imprisonment, for a period longer than 30 days and remain on the effective strength of those Armed Forces for maintenance on Army Scale.

4. (a) Any member of the Italian Armed Forces will, after absence from duty awaiting trial or serving a sentence of imprisonment for a period of 30 days, be :-

either (i) Struck off the effective strength of the Italian Armed Forces for maintenance on Army Scale and no Army rations will thereafter be issued to them until they again become effective members of the Italian Armed Forces. These prisoners will then be eligible only for the Civilian Scale of rations. On completion of their sentence or release from custody, they may be reinstated as affective members of the Italian Armed Forces for maintenance on Army Scale.

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(b) I am to add that the figure of 30 days is subject to review by the Allies, depending on the total numbers of NON-effective prisoners maintained.

4 5. (a) I am further directed to say that Civil prisons will be used only for Italian Armed Forces prisoners serving sentence of over 30 days or awaiting trial over 30 days.

(b) The remainder of Italian Armed Forces prisoners will be retained in Italian Armed Forces prisons or punishment camps to be established by you.

5 6. It is requested therefore that you inform me at an early date of:-

(a) the orders you issue to ensure effective compliance with this instruction.

(b) the date by which personnel of the Italian Armed Forces as in para 4(b) will have been removed from Civil prisons.

For
AG/ACC

Maj Gen
Army Sub Comm, ACC

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Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (M.I.A.)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
DO/8.

7 May 44.

My Dear

Reference our talk on up to 5000 Italian Army personnel to help in getting in the FOGGIA Crop - my people have warned S.H.A.E.F. that such a demand may be made shortly and that details will be sent to us by you.

They have been told to think about how they will do it.

Meanwhile my AQ/8 dated 27 April as amended by AQ/8 of 7 May shows you that I have proposed as regards agricultural leave for Italian Army personnel

Yours L.B.

Brigadier M. LUSH, O.B.E., M.C.
Executive Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission.

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DRAFT ADM INSTRUCTION.

1. OBJECT. The object of this Instruction is to define the procedure under which the ITALIAN Armed Forces will be issued with clothing, personal and technical equipment.

2. BASIC PRINCIPLE.

(a) The ITALIAN Armed Forces will be clothed and equipped from stocks of ITALIAN origin to the maximum extent possible. Items of ALLIED origin will only be used when supply from ITALIAN sources is impossible and when the provision of the article is essential to enable the ITALIAN unit concerned to carry out its task in the ALLIED war effort.

(b) Personnel will be held to be in fact effectively aiding the Allied war effort and so qualified to receive Allied clothing, personal and technical equipment under the following circumstances.

ARMY, if on the "Order of Battle of ITALIAN Army under command of Allied formations" G/11/32 published fortnightly by M.M.I.A.

or

on AAI programme of units forming for work under Allied command.

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3. PHASES OF RE-EQUIPMENT. The sources of clothing, personal and technical equipment are three and re-equipment is therefore divided into three phases :

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(a) PHASE ONE : Issue of ITALIAN items by the ITALIAN Forces from their own stocks under control of M.M.I.A.

(b) PHASE TWO : Issue of M.M.I.A. controlled items on the standard

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(b) PHASE TWO : Issue of M.M.I.A. controlled items on the standard scale (See para 4) specially preshipped from U.S. and U.K. or provided in bulk from Allied sources in C.M.F. for distribution under M.M.I.A. control. These items are stored in ITALIAN warehouses and issued through ITALIAN sources under M.M.I.A. control to those personnel who in fact effectively aid the ALLIED war effort.

(c) PHASE THREE : Issue from ALLIED Services in ITALY, SARDINIA or SICILY of items not available in PHASES ONE or TWO and which are ruled by H.Q. AAI to be essential to complete authorised scales.

(d) All further reference to PHASE ONE, TWO, or THREE will mean the phases as defined above.

4. SCALE OF ISSUE.

(a) The scale of issue of clothing and personal equipment will be known as the "STANDARD" scale and will be : -

Blouse, battledress (dyed green)	1	Overcoat or Mackinaw	1
Trousers, battledress (dyed green)	1	Boots, pairs	1
Shirts, cotton	2	Socks, pairs	3
Belts, web, waist	1	Anklets, (if required)	1
Drawers	2	Sewing Kit (initial issue only)	1

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4. SCALE OF ISSUE (Contd.)

Undershirt	2	Blankets, wool	2
(One jersey pullover may be		or Comforter	1
(issued in lieu of 2 under-			
(shirts)		Pack Carrier	1
Towel	1	Canteen	1
Cap, F.S.	1	Fork	1
		Spoon	1
		Cup	1

(b) In addition special G 1098 and Table of Equipment as may be authorised by H.Q. AAI for special units may be set up. Such scales will include all personal and technical equipment and vehs which are NOT included in the "STANDARD" scale.

5. PROVISION OF ITEMS.

(a) PHASE ONE : All items referred to in para 4 (a) and (b) above will be provided by the ITALIAN Forces to the maximum available extent. M.M.I.A., FOTALI and Air Division A.C.C. will ensure that the best possible use is made of such available items before PHASE TWO re-equipment and that the maximum use of all local resources of manufacture etc is made in conjunction with A.C.C.

(b) PHASE TWO : All items in the "STANDARD" scale will be held in ITALIAN warehouses under ITALIAN management. Issue will be controlled by M.M.I.A. in accordance with the intent of this Instruction. Bulk allotments will be made by H.Q. AAI for such items in the "STANDARD" scale as are not specially preshipped from overseas for use of ITALIAN Armed Forces. Such bulk allotments will be controlled in the same manner as preshipped items.

(c) PHASE THREE : Items, including vehicles, will be issued from ALLIED sources under the direction of H.Q. AAI

6. METHOD OF DEMANDING AND ISSUE FOR PHASE ONE AND TWO.

(a) ITALIAN units will demand through normal ITALIAN channels all items required to complete PHASES ONE and TWO. The ITALIAN General Staff (S.M.R.E.) will report all deficiencies to M.M.I.A. with a certificate that the deficiencies cannot be made good from any source under ITALIAN control, military or civil.

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(b) M.M.I.A. will complete PHASE TWO equipment under arrangements made direct with the ITALIAN General Staff (S.M.R.E.)

(c) M.M.I.A. will report to H.Q. AAI all items which cannot be completed under PHASE TWO. H.Q. AAI will then arrange bulk issue from Allied sources to ITALIAN warehouses under M.M.I.A. control.

7. METHOD OF DEMANDING AND ISSUE FOR PHASE THREE.

(a) The Allied Formation or Service for whom the ITALIAN unit is earmarked will supply M.M.I.A. with details of such scales of PHASE THREE technical equipment and vehicles as are essential and authorised : as well as any item of personal equipment (e.g. gasmasks) not covered by "STANDARD" scale (see para 4)

(b) M.M.I.A. will arrange the supply of items mentioned in 7 (a) from ITALIAN sources as far as possible and report deficiencies to H.Q. AAI.

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7. METHOD OF DEMANDING AND ISSUE FOR PHASE THREE (Contd.)

(c) H.Q. AAI will then instruct the Allied Cond or Services concerned on the source and method of providing these deficiencies. The Allied Cond or Services concerned will, in accordance with the H.Q. AAI orders, arrange issue of these items from the Allied Depot to the ITALIAN unit.

8. ACCOUNTANCY. Accountancy requirements will be met as under : -

(a) PHASE ONE Re-equipment : All items are the property of the ITALIAN Government and no accountancy is required.

(b) PHASE TWO Re-equipment : Responsibility will be taken over by the ITALIAN Government at shipside or on transfer to ITALIAN bulk depots ; in the case of issues from Allied depots, at the Allied depots concerned.

(c) PHASE THREE : The Allied Cond or Services concerned will obtain in triplicate and forward to H.Q. M.M.I.A. a full receipt for all items issued. This receipt will give full details of all items issued and will be signed by the Allied officer responsible for the issue and the C.O. of the receiving ITALIAN unit.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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25 April 1944

SUBJECT: Move of Army Sub-Commission Main HQ., S.M.R.E. and War Ministry to CAMPANIA.

TO : Army Sub-Commission A.C.C. Main HQ. (MMIA) LEQUILE (LECCE).

1. Chief Commissioner has instructed me to "check up with all concerned that accommodation for all concerned is available (including Army Sub-Comm. Main HQ.)" and let him know "soonest". This is the result of an application by Comando Supremo through D.C.C. after C.C. had informed Marshal BADOGLIO that he agreed with the move if quarters were possible and would offer all possible help.

2. Gens. ORLANDO and BERARDI have stated that they can transfer to CAMPANIA with reduced personnel as follows:-

War Ministry	250 Officers	750 Men
S.M.R.E.	100 Officers	600 Men
Total	350 Officers	1350 Men

A total of 1700 persons instead of 3290.

I am visiting 3 District on 25th to discuss:

a. If in fact S.M.R.E. can get into PAGANI.

b. If there is accommodation for the War Ministry in NOCERA.

3. With regard to move of Army Sub-Comm. Main HQ. If above move is found to be practicable from point of view of accommodation, Army Sub-Comm. Main HQ. will presumably move simultaneously leaving (if any) only a det to balance activities of Rear Ech. of S.M.R.E. and War Ministry which presumably will have to be left behind.

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Accommodation in SALERNO has always been acute and is further complicated by the recent large incursion of a U.S. Combined Ops. (Naval) Training Centre.

As it is very unlikely that any large building will be available, I propose that Army Sub-Comm. Main HQ. come to the Palace of Justice and occupy some of the 2nd floor (27 rooms) which is at present used by a part of the Ministry of Justice.

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1 Pagani + Nocera already refused by A.A.I.
2. Where + what distribution M. of W. + S.M.R.E.
CAMPANIA?
3. 50% M. of W. + S.M.R.E at CAMPANIA +
LECCE
4. Q. does not "propose". I do.
Hospital Situation of Palace of Justice offices
Hours 0900 to 1700.
CAVA accdn 12 miles away - no amenities
5. Conference ORLANDO Saturday.
Right to recce.
Discussion - after recce. Y/on application
Delay in work
Double work
6. Lay off - Can hold Acc + A.A.I + FISME

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Before putting this up, I suggest you send up a recce officer with sufficient data to be able to state:

(1) Office accommodation required.

(2) Officer billets necessary.

(3) O.R. to be accommodated.

(4) Tpt., storesetc.

(5) How far present ACC (Rear) org. can provide for administration.

Lt. Col.

(G. W. QUINSMITH)
Army Sub-Commission
Advanced Headquarters

Copy to:
Deputy Chief Commissioner (for info)

I Explained the situation to QUINSMITH on 30 Apr. He now understands. Anyway, the move has been now forbidden.

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L.B
1 May

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY
(Rear Adm. Echelon)
APO 400

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AIII/rjs
5 May 1944

SUBJECT: Issues to Italian Armed Forces.

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission, APO 394, U. S. Army.

1. Instructions have been issued, with your concurrence, that the supervision and control of rations, medical supplies, stores and clothing for the Italian Armed Forces shall rest with the Army Sub-Commission ACC. The Combined Chiefs of Staff have issued very definite instructions that these supplies and stores shall be issued only to those who are in fact effective in aiding the Allied efforts. They may be issued only to actual members of the Armed Forces who are commissioned officers, warrant officers, or other ranks, who are borne on the official strengths of the respective Armed Forces' ministries as duly constituted organisations or units.

2. In order that the Army Sub-Commission may carry out its directive with reference to the receipt, storage, issue and accounting for rations furnished the Italian Armed Forces, it is requested that you require the Navy Sub-Commission and the Air Force Sub-Commission to inform the Army Sub-Commission as follows:

a. Initially on 25 May 1944 an Order of Battle of their respective forces as of 15 May 1944 together with a statement that only bona fide air or naval personnel who are in fact effective are included. The report to show strengths, locations, and type of employment, and type of ration (combat or basic) applicable.

b. A similar report to be submitted on the 5th, 15th and 25th day of each month as to the condition on the preceding 25th, 5th and 15th respectively. The report clearly to indicate any new formation, unit or establishment which is included for the first time. Any formation, unit or establishment which has been dropt or disbanded should likewise be reported.

3. The Army Sub-Commission is being held strictly responsible that rations are issued only to proper personnel and in the proper amounts. It will be fully justified in refusing to issue rations to units of any of the Italian Armed Forces which it cannot identify as

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being properly authorised, and in refusing to replace over issues or unauthorised issues and in adjusting by withholding subsequent issues in order properly to adjust any over or unauthorised issues. This fact indicates the necessity for close liaison between the Naval and Air Sub-Commissions and the Army Sub-Commission (MMIA).

A. L. HAMBLEN
Brigadier General, U.S.A.
DCAO

Copy to:
Army Sub-Commission. ✓
Navy Sub-Commission.
Air Force Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY
APO 400

AQ/8.
23/4

ALH/jrs
21 April 1944

MEMO TO: MMIA.

SUBJECT: Supplies for Italian Army. 232

1. Reference your AG 8, 16 April 44, subject as above.

2. Your para 1: Every effort is being made to obtain approval of your proposed T/O & E. The matter has been referred to the USWD by a personal representative of General Devers.

3. Your para 2: Strong representation has been made for a common ration scale. The decision of the CCS is awaited.

4. Your para 2(a): It is recommended that the Italian Army obtain authority either directly or thru you from the Local Resources Board to procure certain locally available foods for shipment to Sardinia. As frequent sailings are made between Naples and Sardinia it is believed that movement can be accomplished.

5. Your para 2(b): If the method of procurement is as suggested as above, prices are allied controlled.

6. Your para 3: These views have been presented to AFHQ.

7. Your para 4: It is understood that the matter is in hand. 63-Q-

A. L. HARMER
Brigadier General, U.S.A.
DCAO

Copy to: "Q"

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H.Q. ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.

Supplies to Italian Army - Supervisory Organisation.

To: M.M.I.A.

Info: A.C.C., Armies & Districts.

1. The Combined Chiefs of Staff have authorised the issue of subsistence, clothing, medical supplies and fuel (POL) for effective Italian Army, Navy and Air Force troops. The United States has assumed primary responsibility for clothing, the arrangements for which will be furnished later. The United Kingdom has assumed primary responsibility for medical supplies. POL products (Class III supplies) are furnished through normal petroleum slate procedure.

At Headquarters, AAI, the review and supervision of the supply system outlined herein will be the responsibility of officers of the country of ownership of the supplies involved. Proper officers of the Nationality involved are being designated for this purpose.

2. The Army Sub Commission (M[illegible]IA) of the Allied Control Commission will be the responsible agency for effective Italian Army, Navy and Air Force troops. The Army Sub Commission will operate directly under the control of Headquarters, AAI, on all supply matters.

3. (a) Supervision of the issue of special imports for Italian Army, Navy and Air Force, will be exercised within M.M.I.A. as follows : -

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(a) M.M.I.A. will furnish monthly to Chief Accountant A.C.C. a statement (with signed receipts) of the total amount of each commodity accepted by the Italian Ministry of War from sources mentioned in para 1.

(b) Chief Accountant A.C.C. will be responsible for all pricing and for maintaining such records as will enable him to furnish the information required by higher authority.

5. Standing Orders (including necessary supplementary instructions) for the supply supervisory and accounting organisation required to make the above procedure effective within the Italian Army, Navy and Air Force, will be prepared and issued by M.M.I.A. for action by the Italian Government and the guidance of all Allied Commanders concered.

6. (a) Scales of Supply approved for items mentioned in para 1 are issued as Appendices A to this instruction.

(b) List of effective Italian Troops as approved by Combined Chiefs of Staff is issued as Appendix B to this instruction.

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being designated for this purpose.

2. The Army Sub Commission (MMIA) of the Allied Control Commission will be the responsible agency for effective Italian Army, Navy and Air Force troops. The Army Sub Commission will operate directly under the control of Headquarters, AAI, on all supply matters.

3. (a) Supervision of the issue of special imports for Italian Army, Navy and Air Force, will be exercised within M.M.I.A. as follows : -

(i) Subsistence, by the senior U.S. Army officer.

(ii) Clothing, jointly by the senior British and U.S. Officers.

(iii) Medical supplies, by British Medical Officer designated by Commander.

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4. Accounting will be effected as follows: -

(a) M.M.I.A. will furnish monthly to Chief Accountant A.C.C. a statement (with signed receipts) of the total amount of each commodity accepted by the Italian Ministry of War from sources mentioned in para 1.

(b) Chief Accountant A.C.C. will be responsible for all pricing and for maintaining such records as will enable him to furnish the information required by higher authority.

5. Standing Orders (including necessary supplementary instructions) for the supply supervisory and accounting organisation required to make the above procedure effective within the Italian Army, Navy and Air Force, will be prepared and issued by M.M.I.A. for action by the Italian Government and the guidance of all Allied Commanders concered.

6. (a) Scales of Supply approved for items mentioned in para 1 are issued as Appendices A to this instruction.

(b) List of effective Italian Troops as approved by Combined Chiefs of Staff is issued as Appendix B to this instruction.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 400-1 (Italian) D-O 21 April 1944

SUBJECT: Organization for Supply of Effective Italian Troops.

TO : Commander-in-Chief, Allied Armies in Italy.

1. The Combined Chiefs of Staff have authorized the issue of subsistence, clothing, medical supplies and fuel (POL) for effective Italian troops. The United States has assumed primary responsibility for subsistence. The United States and United Kingdom have assumed joint responsibility for clothing, the arrangements for which will be furnished later. The United Kingdom has assumed primary responsibility for medical supplies. POL products (Class III supplies) are furnished through normal petroleum slate procedure.

2. The Army Subcommission (MMIA) of the Allied Control Commission will be the responsible agency for effective Italian troops. The Army Subcommission will operate directly under the control of Headquarters, AAI, on all supply matters.

3. The senior U.S. Army officer of the Army Subcommission of Allied Control Commission will supervise the supply of subsistence. The senior British officer and the senior U.S. Army officer of the Army Subcommission will jointly supervise the supply of clothing. A British officer at the Army Subcommission to be designated by the Commander thereof will supervise the supply of medical supplies. The procedure for handling POL products required by Italian forces is prescribed in Allied Force Headquarters Administrative Memorandum No. 11, cs, and will remain unchanged. The proper accounting papers involved in the transfer of authorized supplies to Italian troops will be furnished to the Chief Accountant, Allied Control Commission, who will prescribe the form and methods of the accounting records to be maintained.

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4. At Headquarters, AAI, the review and supervision of the supply system outlined herein will be the responsibility of officers of the country of ownership of the supplies involved. The proper officers at Headquarters, AAI, of the nationality involved will be designated for this purpose.

5. You will issue the directive necessary to accomplish the purposes outlined in paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 hereof, and furnish 12 copies of same to this headquarters.

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6. This directive does not affect existing procedure and supply channels whereby certain supplies and equipment are issued by British or American units to Italian troops under their respective commands. This letter effects only the items authorized for issue on an international basis, which are listed in paragraph 1 hereof.

7. You will receive a separate directive defining the scales of supply for the items mentioned in paragraph 1, and a list of effective Italian troops as approved by the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

By command of General WILSON:

/s/ H. V. Roberts,
H. V. ROBERTS,
Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

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Hq Army Sub Comm ACC, APO 394, U S Army, 5 May 1944. TO : CG, AAI (Rear Adm Ech) APO 400, U S Army.

Draft attached.

CLAYTON P. KERR
Colonel, Infantry.

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394

R.C. & M.C. Section
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Ref: 87/3/CA. 28th April 1944.

Subject: Supply of Italian Troops in MONTENEGRO.

To : Army Sub-Commission,
Main HQ (AMIA),
LEQUILE (LECCE).

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AQ/8 of 21st April and directs that you should take up the matter with 266 Mission direct.

The Chief Commissioner has read your letter

MSI/JC.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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HQ, Force 266, CMF

Ref: Comd/DO/1254

3 May 44.

Dear Garosa 2 — 294

Further to my letters Comd/DO/1249 of 25 Apr and Comd/DO/1251 of 27 Apr, we have now received a clear statement from our Liaison Officer with Partisan 2 Corps that all supplies to the GARIBALDI Division will come from the allotment to 2 Corps. These supplies will be dropped to 2 Corps and will be distributed by the Partisans under the direction of OC, 2 Corps.

A request has been received that 10% of all stores other than food shall be of ITALIAN origin for the Division, and steps are being taken to comply with this as far as possible. Food will be sent to 2 Corps as a whole, and distributed according to current needs.

Our Liaison Officer has requested that no stores be marked specifically for GARIBALDI Division, as this has caused bad feeling in the past, but that distribution be left entirely in Partisan hands.

Yours sincerely
F.P. Davidson

Maj Gen Langley Browning, OBE, MC.
Army Sub Commission on ACC,
Main HQ (MMIA), LEQUILE (LECCE)

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(W) For Information (INFO)

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TO AAI

(W) For information (INFO)

MAJA ACC Main and CG SOG NATOUSA

Message Instructions — CR —

Originator's No. F393/06 rpt F393/67 (*) SECRET (*) cite FHGOS and FHGCT (*) Security Police and Fire Bdes are not considered effective Italian tps, the limitations prescribed by the Combined Chiefs of Staff (*) Ref. your letters of 3rd and 25th Apr subject CLN QUOTE Employment Italian Army UNQUOTE (*) Para 5 Police and Fire Bdes will be supplied only through ACC/MGS channels and will NOT rpt NOT be furnished any supplies which are earmarked Italian Army (*) Request you ack this signal

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 400-1 (Italian) SUP-AGM

14 February 1944

SUBJECT: Prices of Subsistence Issued to Italian Army.

TO : Deputy President, Allied Control Commission, APO 394.
(Attention: Colonel J. Crawshaw)

1. In accordance with cable, this headquarters, Number 45221, dated 30 January 1944, the following information is furnished.

2. Army Regulation 30-3000, dated 31 August 1943, and Change 1 thereto, give the price list of clothing and equipment of the United States Army.

3. There will be very little new, or Class A, clothing and equipment turned over to the Italian Army. The majority will be used stock. For your accounting purposes, and in order to simplify procedure, the following will apply:

a. New, or Class A clothing and equipment at price listed in AR 30-3000.

b. Used clothing and equipment will be at 25% of price listed in AR 30-3000.

4. The latest U.S. Army subsistence price list will be used in pricing all subsistence issued to the Italian Army. A copy can be secured from the Quartermaster, Peninsular Base Section.

By command of General WILSON:

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S/T. J. BEE,
T. J. BEE,
1st Lt, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

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Invalid, MMIA does not deal with prices presume we got this copy from Col Crawshaw. W.P.

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Copy From - Ministry of the Interior 1951
To - M of W. (ref 4/C) 24 April 4+ SALERNO

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Ref your above letter, herewith information received from Prefetto di Foggia under his 2526/DG/GP of 28 March.

'I have the honour to assure you that the supply to the Tremiti Islands is carried out regularly. I have carried out a personal inspection of the above mentioned islands and have the means of stating that the morale of the population is very high as is also the patriotic spirit. ~~Remarks~~ On this occasion I arranged that the ration of bread be increased to 300 gr. per day.

Re the military there, this Section has asked the Direzione di Commissariato Militare di BARI when the sending of supplies to the detachment takes place so that we can use the same means of transport for the food destined for the civilian population.

The Minister
F/to Aldisio

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Il Colonnello addetto
M. Ravagli.

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From - M of W
To - ~~MMIA~~ Min. of Interior copy to ACC, IX Corps

4/c
2 Jan 44

Supplies for the Tremiti Islands

ACC has asked us for the assurance that the regular sending of supplies to the civilian population of the abovementioned islands is being carried out.

We cannot give such an assurance, in as much such supplies are the responsibility of the Sezione Provinciale dell'Alimentazione, ~~MMMMMMM~~ (Provincial Food Section) under the BARI Prefettura.

Whilst asking you to give us the assurance requested by the ACC, we inform you that the Direzione Militare di Commissariato of the BARI Army Corps periodicelly sends supplies to the detachment located on these islands, consequently by making direct arrangements with the Commissariato, the abovementioned Food Ministry could use the same means of transport as those employed for military supplies.

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Ministero dell'Interno
Gabinetto

N. 1951 di prot. Salerno, 24 aprile 944

Oggetto: Rifornimento Isole Tremiti.

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA = Gabinetto =
(risp. fº n. 4/C.) P.M.107

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Con riferimento al foglio sopradescritto, si trascrive quanto comunica il Prefetto di Foggia, con nota 2526/DG/GP del 28 marzo:

"Ho il pregio di assicurare che il rifornimento delle Isole Tremiti si effettua regolarmente. Ho eseguito personalmente una ispezione nelle predette Isole ed ho avuto modo di constatare che il morale dèlla popolazione è ottimo e lo spirito patriottico elevato. In tale occasione ho disposto che la razione del pane per quel comune venga elevato a 300 gr. giornaliera.

Circa l'uso di mezzi militari questa Sezione ha chiesto notizia alla Direzione di Commissariato Militare di Bari per conoscere i periodi in cui vengono effettuati i rifornimenti al distaccamento colà dislocato onde usufruirne per i trasporti dei generi destinati alla popolazione civile".-

IL MINISTRO
F/to Aldisio

P. C. C.
IL COLONNELLO ADDETTO
(M. Ravagli)

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

GABINETTO

N. di prot. M/c. - P.M.107 li 2 gennaio 1944

OGGETTO: Rifornimento delle isole Tremiti.

AL MINISTERO DEGLI INTERNI P.M.151

e,per conoscenza;

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO BRINDISI
ALLA DIREZ. DI COMMISSARIATO DEL IX CORPO D'ARMATA P.M.67

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La Commissione Alleata di Controllo ha chiesto a questo Ministero l'assicurazione che viene provveduto regolarmente all'invio dei rifornimenti alla popolazione civile delle isole indicate in oggetto.

Tale assicurazione non può essere fornita che da codesto Ministero in quantochè tali rifornimenti sono di competenza della Sezione Provinciale dell'Alimentazione, dipendente dalla Prefettura di Bari.

Mentre si prega di voler fornire l'assicurazione richiesta dalla Commissione alleata di Controllo, si segnala che la Direzione Militare di Commissariato del Corpo d'Armata di Bari provvede periodicamente al rifornimento del distaccamento dislocato nelle isole eppertanto, mediante accordi diretti con la stessa, la suddetta Sezione dell'Alimentazione po-

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From - M of W
To - MMIA

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3 May 44

Fresh Water Supply for the Tremiti and Pelagosa Islands 218

As a result of the request contained in your AQ/8 of 12 April, you are informed that the Army authorities have never been responsible for the fresh water supply to the population of the islands Tremiti and Pelagosa and, consequently, considering the present situation, we are not in possession of relevant data for such service.

~~Informed~~ The Provincial authorities and those of the Royal Navy have taken up the matter and the results of their enquiries will be forwarded.

In the meantime, in view of the urgency of your request, we forward such details as we have been able to gather so far -

- on Tremiti island, the 31 Dec 43, there were about 500 persons including 60 to 70 various military.

- the total average requirements of fresh water can be calculated at from 750 to 900 tons ~~per monthly~~ * - from April to the end of August 1943 2230 tons in all were supplied.

* very two months

- the supply has not been made on the basis of a daily ration for each individual.

- there are on Tremiti island water tanks intended for the storage of drinkable water. Capacity and location are not known.

No information can yet be given regarding Pelagosa island.

(Col. R. Fiore - Vernazza)

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

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N. di prot. 6550/I
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Lecce, li 3 MAG 1944

OGGETTO: Rifornimento acqua fresca per le isole Tremiti e Pelagosa.

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO DELLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

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In esito alla richiesta contenuta nel foglio di codesta Sottocommissione nº AQ/8 in data 12 aprile c.a., si comunica che non risulta che l'autorità del R.Esercito abbia mai provveduto al rifornimento di acqua fresca alla popolazione delle isole Tremiti e Pelagosa e, per conseguenza, data anche l'attuale situazione, non si è in possesso di dati relativi a tale servizio.

Si sono all'uopo interessate le autorità provinciali e della R.Marina e si fa riserva di comunicare i dati che sarà possibile avere.

Nell'attesa, data l'urgenza con la quale è stata formulata la richiesta di codesta Sottocommissione, si comunicano le notizie che fino ad ora è stato possibile raccogliere:

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- non risulta che il rifornimento sia stato effettuato in base ad una razione giornaliera stabilita per ogni individuo;
- risulta che nelle isole Tremiti vi sono delle cisterne destinate al deposito dell'acqua potabile. Non se ne conoscono ancora capacità e ubicazione.

Nessuna notizia può ancora essere fornita per l'isola di Pelagosa.

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
(Col.R.Fiore-Vernazza)

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HQ, Force 266, CMF

27 Apr 44.

Ref: Comd/DO/1251

Dear Geneve

Further to my letter Comd/DO/1249 dated 25 Apr, the following message has now been received from our Liaison officer with Partisan 2 Corps:-

> "All supplies would be indented for by me in accordance with my orders. I do not deal with Garibaldi Div as they are merely a formation of 2 Corps. I do not control the stores sent in after Partisans have taken them over so cannot say how much GARI is getting but would say their fair share especially as their Bty of Arty seems the only unit fighting at present. They have made no complaint to me."

In view of this message we will not, unless the situation changes, send any special sorties to the GARIBALDI Div, over and above the four already arranged, and mentioned in the postscript of my letter of 25 Apr. 6325

Yours sincerely

H.L. Mills

Maj Gen Langley Browning, CBE, MC,
Army Sub Commission on ACC,
Main HQ (MAIA), LEQUILE (LECCE)

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE
DIVISIONE SUSSISTENZE

IA/ro

N 4247 /S. di prot.

P. M. 107, li 29 aprile 194 4

Risposta al foglio N. del Carte annesse

OGGETTO: ~~Energia elettrica per Pastificio NUZZO~~ Electric power for NUZZO Factory

AlLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO DELLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO - COMANDO PRINCIPALE - (MEDIA) -

L E C C E

Il pastificio NUZZO di Lecce ha in corso la lavorazione di considerevoli quantitativi di pasta da minestra per il R.Esercito.-

Sono stati infatti assegnati a detto panificio quantitativi di farina per la produzione di circa 3.600 quintali di pasta da minestra ed altri saranno assegnati in seguito.-

Data l'importanza e l'urgenza della lavorazione, aventi carattere di continuità, si sarebbe grati a codesta Sottocommissione se volesse intervenire presso le competenti Autorità Alleate al fine di assicurare al pastificio predetto la fornitura dell'energia elettrica necessaria per la produzione della derrata.-

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SUBJECT: Dilution of British and American Units with Italians.

AQ/8

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA)
[illegible] (LEGCO)
CD/26
28 Apr 44.

To : G. AG. AG. Sigs.
L.O. [illegible] L.O. Min of War.

1. I can see the whole matter of dilution as above looming up in the offing and we should have our minds and policy clear as to what we think can or should be done, together with the implications.

2. It seems to me to be a thorny problem because results and action taken will affect the Italian Army and Nation not alone now but post-war also. I start off on the assumption that the post-war aspect is a major one and although certain action may be apparently very desirable, it may not by any means necessarily be so taking the long view. Moreover we have to consider not alone the tactical and technical aspects but also psychological.

3. Would you therefore think over this matter and let me have by 0930 hrs Saturday 29th April a short statement of your views on the matter. I will then discuss the whole problem with Colonel KERR and we will formulate a suggested comprehensive policy on paper and send it to A.F.H.Q. so that they may make any decisions with full knowledge of the factors and implications.

L. Brownjohn

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

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Major General.
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Enc. Nil.

Copy to: Colonel [redacted].

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Cmd 302
Item to Medical
Will 11/5/44
Return 'Q'

SUBJECT:- Supplies for Italian Army

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q.(MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
AQ/8
25 Apr 44

HQ A2A.I. Adm Sch for G-4

1. It is desired to clarify the position regarding the various RATION SCALES now in operation and also under consideration.

2. The scales at present in operation are Combat Scale 'A' - Calorific Value 3745 calories
Basic Scale 'B' - Calorific value 2306 calories

The addition of the 2 ozs P Meat brings the basic scale 'B' to 2436 for personnel employed in Docks and other similar work.

3. The present scale 'B' is insufficient for the troops to carry out their duties and it is understood that the C.C.S. have been asked to approve the issue of Scale 'A' to all troops. It is clear that this would enable for more work to be done by the tps and so fulfil the tasks laid down by the Allies.

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5. The proposed Scale 'C' (at annexure 1) has been carefully prepared taking into consideration the necessary balancing of protein, fat and carbohydrate and gives a calorific value of 3279 calories. It also is so balanced as to be acceptable and easily digested by ITALIAN tps and so give the best results in proportion to the bulk of food shipped by the Allies. For ease of reference I attach the present scale 'B' at annexure 2. C322

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L. Brownjohn

Maj Gen,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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ANNEXURE I

PROPOSED SCALE "C" FOR ALL ITALIAN TROOPS.

		Protein	Fat	Carbohydrate	Total Calories
FLOUR (or Rice or Biscuits)	16 oz.	192	17	1487	1676
Pulses	2 Ozs	57	-	135	192
P. Meat or M&V 6 ozs or Fish 4 ozs	4 ozs	104	156	-	260
Cheese	1 ozs	31	95	-	126
Rice	2 ozs	14	2	186	202
Macaroni	3 ozs	18	3	228	249
Sugar	1/2 oz	-	-	38	38
Tomato Ketchup	1/2 oz	1	-	9	10
Coffee	1/2 oz	-	-	-	-
Pepper	1/200	-	-	-	-
Local Purchase					
Fresh Fruit ✓	4 ozs	2	-	54	621
Fresh Veg.	12 ozs	18	-	84	102
Olive Oil	1 oz	-	263	-	263
Nuts (unshelled) Sby shelled	1 oz 1/2 oz	16	64	5	85

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Rusks	2 ozs	87	-	138	198
P. Meat or M&V 6 ozs or Fish 4 ozs	4 ozs	104	156	-	260
Cheese	I ozs	31	95	-	126
Rice	2 ozs	14	2	186	202
Macaroni	3 ozs	18	3	228	249
Sugar	I/2 oz	-	-	58	58
Tomato Ketchup	I/2 oz	I	-	9	I0
Coffee	I/2 oz	-	-	-	-
Pepper	I/200	-	-	-	-
Local Purchase					
Fresh Fruit	4 ozs	2	-	54	56
Fresh Veg.	I2 ozs	I8	-	84	I02
Olive Oil	I oz	-	263	-	263
Nuts (unshelled) Say shelled	I oz I/2 oz	I6	64	5	85
Wine	I/2 litre	-	-	-	-
Salt	I/2 oz	-	-	-	-
		453	600	2226	3279

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EXISTING SCALE B

ANNEXURE 2.

		Protein	Fat	Carbohydrate	Total Calories
Flour	12 oz	144	13	1091	1248
Pulses	2 oz	57	-	135	192
P. Meat	2 oz	52	78	-	130
Preserved Fish (raq figures only available	4 oz	101	71	-	172
Sugar	½ oz	-	-	58	58
Coffee	½ oz	-	-	-	-
Pepper	1/200	-	-	-	-
Local Purchase					
Fresh Fruit	4 oz	2	-	54	56
Fresh Veg.	12 oz	18	-	84	102
Olive Oil	1 oz	-	263	-	263
Nuts (unshelled) (Say ½ oz shelled)	1 oz	16	64	5	85
		390	489	1427	2306

2 ozs extra P. Meat drawn by Port Labour etc. bringing total to - 2436.

This diet is too low in total calorific value of 2306 but properly balanced.

Medical opinion of DDMS AAI gives 3400 calories as necessary for moderate work.

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SUBJECT: Water Supply. NTT AG. HQ No. 2 District, CMF. 1549 Q1.

14 Apr 44.

Ref this HQ 1549Q dated 4 Apr 44.

1. As a result of repairs being carried out to the Acqueduct there is to be a reduction of pressure in the water supply between the following dates:

D.D.A. A/C

BARI Province	2 - 6 May
BRINDISI "	2 - 6 May
TARANTO	3 - 8 May
LECCE	3 - 8 May

2. On this occasion the reduction of pressure will be greater than that of the 13 - 19 April and will take place during the daytime as well as at night but restoration to full pressure is being carried out in the event of an Air Raid.

F. R. Matthews Lt Col
Colonel,
Col. i/c Adm.

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NOIC BARI
NOIC BRINDISI
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AG 400-1 (Italy) GDS-AGM

6 February 1944

SUBJECT: Clothing for Italian Military .

TO : Deputy Chief Administrative Officer,
Allied Force Headquarters Advance Administrative Echelon.

1. The attached paper is forwarded to your headquarters for consideration. It is a directive that was to have been published by this headquarters, but in view of the duties to be assumed by your headquarters in the near future, it is considered more appropriate to be forwarded to you for action.

2. In considering the attached, it is desired that clothing in the quantity indicated be provided for the Sabauda Division.

By command of General WILSON:

S/T. J. Bee,
T. J. BEE,
1st Lt, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

2 Incls:
Staff Minute Sheet, dtd 2 Feb 44,
subject: "Clothing for Italian Military."
Appendix 'A' to Staff Minute Sheet.

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Date
Originated: 2 February 1944.

Subject: Clothing for Italian Military.

	From	To	Date	
1.	QM	G-4	2 Feb 44	1. In order to distribute more equitably the supplies that are being received from the U.S. and British sources for the Italian military, it is necessary that some transshipping of the supplies en route be accomplished. To implement this and to decentralize the control of clothing for the Italian military, it is recommended that a letter, in substance as follows, be written to the following addresses with distribution "B":

Acting Deputy President, Allied Control Commission
AFHQ Advanced Administrative Echelon
The Commanding General, Peninsular Base Section
GOC, No. 2 District
GOC, No. 1 District
The Commanding General, Island Base Section
Allied Garrison Commander, Sardinia
The Commanding General, Northern Base Section
The Commanding General, SOS, Natousa

Subject: Clothing for Italian Military

To : Addressees shown above

"1. Reference is letter, this headquarters, to Acting Deputy President, Allied Control Commission, subject: Supply Organization-Italian Military dated 9 January 1944, file AG 400-1 (Italy) C-GDM. The clothing listed in Appendix B of the reference letter is for the entire Italian military, except the Italian Navy, irrespective of present locations. Italian Navy requirements will be submitted to the Royal Navy. Under present instructions from the Combined Chiefs of Staff, this clothing is the total amount to be expected under the present interim policy. Issue, will, therefore, be made only on the basis of necessity and then only in minimum amounts. Consideration can not be given to issues based on uniformity of appearance or complete outfitting in any one type of outer clothing.

"2. That full advantage may be taken of stocks, control with authority to issue or transfer from one area to another by mutual agreement is delegated as follows:

a. GOC, No. 2 District, for Italian troops operating with British organizations or installations in Italy.

b. CG, PBS, for Italian troops operating with United States organizations or installations in Italy.

c. Allied Garrison Commander, Sardinia, for Italian troops operating in Sardinia and Corsica.

d. GOC, No. 1 District, for Italian troops operating in Sicily, including those in Island Base Section area.

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Priority of issue is as follows:

Priority A	Combat troops
Priority B	Line of communication troops
Priority C	Those not specified in priorities A and B above.

"4. Every effort will be exerted toward the utilization of Italian Army repair facilities for the maintenance of Italian clothing and equipment as well as that issued from Allied sources. The guiding principle is that the Italian Army must sustain itself in every manner possible with existing Italian stocks supplemented by those made available from Allied sources.

"5. Because of changes in shipping instructions and shifting of Italian troops from one area to another, it will be necessary upon arrival of the imported clothing, to make some trans-shipments in order that distribution may be better effected.

"6. Attached as Appendix A are information and trans-shipment instructions. Arrangements will be made by those concerned to ship the clothing listed in accordance with the procedure outlined in Appendix A.

"7. Administrative Memorandum #5, AFHQ, dated 27 January, contains instructions for disposal of clothing on the mainland of Italy unsuitable for Army use.

a. The COC, No. 1 District, the CG, 135, the Allied Garrison Commander, Sardinia, and the CG, Northern Base Section, will each implement appropriate turn-in, repair and issue facilities, comparable to those prescribed in paragraphs 3 and 4 of Administrative Memorandum #5, insofar as possible. The report required in paragraph 6 will be sent to this headquarters, copy to the Allied Control Commission for information.

b. Inorder to supplement the limited supply of clothing and equipment that will become available in each of the above commands, limited supply of used but repairable clothing and equipment is available from stocks in North Africa. Requests will be submitted to this headquarters with supporting evidence of need."

II. It is further requested that copies of letter, this headquarters to Acting Deputy President, Allied Control Commission, subject: Supply organization-Italian Military, dated 9 January 1944, file AG 400-1 (Italy) GDS-AGM, Administrative Memorandum #5 and a copy of cable from this headquarters to Flasbo, #45220, MC OUT 8809, dated 30 January 1944 be furnished the CG, Northern Base Section.

/s/ T. H. Ramsey
/t/ T. H. RAMSEY
Brig. Gen., USA,
Chief Quartermaster.

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	No. 1 District	No. 2 District	Sardinia	PBS
Battledress	15,000	50,000	60,000	75,000
Battledress ex Mideast		60,000 jackets 40,000 trousers		
U. S. Shipment	15,000 sets	40%(of total U.S. shipment)	30%(of total 30% U.S. Shipment) less 15,000 sets	
Boots, ex Mideast	15,000	27,500	30,000	27,500
Pullovers, ex Mideast	15,000	100,000	60,000	75,000

An additional 200,000 pairs of boots available in Mideact will be bid by AFHQ Adv. Adm. Echelon as shipping permits. Distribution will be made by AFHQ Adv. Adm. Echelon based on future area requirements.

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I. The distribution by transhipment referred to in paragraph 6 of the basic letter is shown below based on approximate strengths in the several areas as of this date (see Appendix B of letter referred to in paragraph 1 of basic letter);

1. GOC, No. 1 District, will transhipp the following:

a. Of the shipment due from U.K., 100,000 battledress dyed green

(1) Ship to Allied Garrison Commander, Sardinia, 60,000 trousers and jackets.

(2) Ship to CG, PBS, 25,000 trousers and jackets.

2. GOC, No. 2 District, will transhipp the following:

a. Of the shi ment due from U.K., 100,000 battledress dyed green

(1) Ship to CG, PBS, 50,000 trousers and jackets.

b. Of the shipment arriving from Mideast, 100,000 pairs used boots

(1) Ship 27,500 pairs to CG, PBS.
(2) Ship 15,000 pairs to GOC, No. 1 District.
(3) Ship 30,000 pairs to Allied Garrison Commander, Sardinia.

3. Allied Garrison Commander, Sardinia, will transhipp the following:

a. Of the shipment of 30% of clothing from U.S.

(1) Ship 15,000 of each item to GOC, No. 1 District.
(2) Ship quantity required to Northern Base Section.

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4. CG, PBS, will transhipp the following:

a. Of the shipment of 150,000 pullovers from Mideast

(1) Ship 15,000 to GOC, No. 1 District.
(2) Ship 60,000 to Allied Garrison Commander, Sardinia.

(Note: It has been requested that Mideast mark 75,000 with letters " C I T I ")

5. After completion of transhipment referred to above, the following stocks will be available in each area for issue to Italian Army:

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ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM)
:
NUMBER 5)

27 January 1944

DISPOSAL OF UNIFORM CLOTHING
UNSUITABLE FOR USE IN THE BRITISH AND UNITED STATES ARMIES

1. A shortage exists for meeting the minimum essential clothing requirements of the Italian military and civil population. To meet this shortage, in part at least, certain used clothing and shoes will be provided in such quantities as become available from British and United States Army sources. The Peninsular Base Section and the United States Air Forces in ITALY will be the United States Army sources.

2. The British Ordnance Service has established repair facilities in NAPLES and BARI which will be augmented by the necessary civilian labor to dye and repair all items of military clothing and shoes for Italian military and relief purposes.

3. The clothing and shoes selected for this purpose will be carefully screened and will be in such condition as to be beyond economical repair for further use by the British or United States Armies; including prisoners of war in custody of these Armies.

4. As the outer uniform clothing provided for this purpose will be of distinctive color and design, all distinctive markings such as buttons, insignia of rank, etc., will be removed prior to its release. To change its appearance from that originally intended, all outer military clothing provided for use by the Italian military will be dyed a forest green color. Outer uniform clothing, in such condition as to be beyond repair for use by the Italian military, must be dyed blue or black in order to distinguish it from its original color and that of the Italian military.

5. It is desired that all items of uniform clothing and shoes in the class listed in paragraphs 3 and 4 above, which are accumulated in British Ordnance Depots and United States Quartermaster Salvage Depots on the mainland of ITALY, be shipped to the British Ordnance Depot in NAPLES or BARI, whichever is nearer, for suitable repair.

6. Monthly reports of clothing, dyed and repaired, will be submitted to this headquarters and Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, for subsequent issue to meet Italian military and civil needs as recommended to this headquarters by Headquarters, Allied Control Commission. (AG 421-1 GDS-AGM)

By command of General WILSON:

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/s/J. L. Tarr,
J. L. TARR,
Colonel, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

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