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AQ/15 /1 Clothing & Equip - General 1st Cover
opened Nov. 12, 1943, - Closed Jan. 27, 1943

Nov. 1943 - Jan. 1944

File
Subject:- Distinctive Marking on Clothing

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Military Mission to
Italian Army
AQ/15/1
27 Jan 44

Stato Maggiore R Esercito

Copy to:- AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon
Ministry of War

Ref your letter 1202/Ord dated 12 January.

1. I am instructed to inform you that the issue of Khaki Battle Dress to Italian tps has been authorised in cases of emergency only and that it will be replaced by dyed clothing when the latter becomes available.
2. Khaki Battle Dress already bears black distinctive marking ⁶⁵⁸¹ when it is issued in such circumstances; normal badges of rank and collar stars may be added by the Italian unit concerned.
3. I am to say that the distinctive signs mentioned in your letter quoted above may only be worn on green uniform issued from Allied sources, and not on Khaki Battle Dress.

RJC/cc

*Brig
Comd*

De/to 1

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
Sezione Ordinamento

SECRET

n° 1470 / Ord. di prot.P.M. 151, 25 gennaio 1944

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE
presso l'Esercito Italiano

LEQUILE

OGGETTO: Nastro tricolore sull'uniforme di foggia inglese.-

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In esito a quesito verbale del capitano Baumann.-

- 1°) - Sulle uniformi di foggia inglese (grigio-verde o di altra tinta) per i militari italiani, questo S.M. gradirebbe fosse applicato il nastro tricolore con la scritta "ITALIA" (oltre le stellette e i distintivi di grado all'uso italiano).-
- 2°) - Nastri del genere non sono stati da noi approntati.-



IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Gen. A. Mariotti)

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MILITARY MISSION.

Date 26 Jan 44 14/15/1to
ITALIAN Y.

*Subj: It. ribbon on Brit. uniforms.
A conversation with Capt. Baumann
Request to put tricolour flag with
Italia embossed on it as well as
other distinctive markings eg Rank
on doped A.T.*

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MESSAGE FORM

Date Time

MMIA

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20/15/11

To: FLAMBO rptd ACMF

Q 450 Ref FILPOT Signal SD 2239 of 1 Jan not to you giving approx quantities Allied clothing and boots due to arrive early and late February for use Italian Army (°) What is present posn (°) Please fwd latest notified ETA and ports of arrival for boots underclothes uniforms etc (°) Production of Italian units for employment by Allies depends on this infm

To be sent in CIPHER

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SUBJECT: Issue of Second Uniforms.

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Military Mission to
Italian Army.

AQ/15/1.

26 Jan 44.

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S.M.R.E.

Copy to: Ministry of War

1. It is noted that the issue of uniform now being shipped to ITALY from Allied sources is limited to one per man, and that in the consignments there is no clothing suitable for issue as overalls to personnel employed as mechanics or on heavy work.
2. In order to save undue wear and tear on uniforms in possession of such men, will you please consider the issue to them of second uniforms from stocks of clothing now under your control in Italian depots.
3. It is suggested that this might well be done from the stock of Khaki Drill uniforms that arrived from SYRACUSE early this month.
4. You are requested to give a priority of issue to General Transport Coys already formed for duty with the Allies and to keep a reserve for the use of other units which may be formed in the future.

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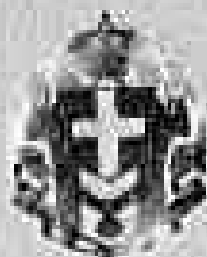
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N. 2909 (208) del Catal.
(R. 1936 - Anno XIV)

P.M. 151, li 23 gennaio 1944 Anno

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO SERVIZI - Sezione S.M.
*****AI LA MISSIONE MILITARE presso
l'Esercito Italiano (AQ.15/1)LEQUILE

Risposta al foglio del

Prot. N. 1/321/Sez. ^{Allegati}

Div.

Sez.

N.

OGGETTO Militari italiani in uniforme anglo-americana.-
Italian soldiers in British Uniforms

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S'informa che, come da accordi presi col maggiore Carew-Hunt di codesta Missione, è stato disposto che tutti i militari dei reparti italiani, provvisti di uniformi dell'Esercito Anglo-Americano, applichino sulle medesime le stellette, i contrassegni d'arma o specialità ed i distintivi di grado nello stesso modo dell'uniforme dell'Esercito Italiano.

MILITARY MISSION.

Data 24 June 1944

IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(A. Mariotti)

ARMY.

For DATA HQ

24/1/44
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They will wear stars, badges of rank etc as usual in Italian Army

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issue of Br. Battle dress & boots

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UFFICIO SERVIZIO - 502. COMANDO

No 3/447 Prov. di Prov.

L. 131, 11.22 gennaio 1944

AL DIRIGENTE GENERALE
Dir. Serv. Prov. No. 11.
(seguito memoria verbale)

AL COMANDO IN. MA. ALLA V. D. I. A.

AL COMANDO IN. MA. ALLA V. D. I. A.

e, per conoscenza:



AL DIR. S. I. A.
(ris. d. 10/15/1 del 15 corr.)

COMITO: Distribuzione divise britanniche Paki, viste in g.v. e scarpe.

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Gli allenti hanno sede a disposizione dell'Esercito
Italiano del continente:

-Per 13 Comando IN. MA. Alla V. D. I. A.

-scarpe riparate (in corso di arrivo) paio	n. 15.000
-giacche panno h.o. in corso di tintura in g.v.	" 15.000
-pantaloni panno h.o. " " " " "	" 16.000

-Per 13 Comando IN. MA. Alla V. D. I. A.

-scarpe riparate (in corso di arrivo) paio	n. 5.000
-giacche di panno h.o. in corso di tintura in g.v.	" 2.000
-pantaloni panno " " " " "	" 2.000

Si prega eccetto l'istituto di prendere rispettivi provvedimenti per la ricezione dei quantitativi di oggetti ad esame esaminati e di far conoscere d'urgenza la collocazione dei magazzini dove gli oggetti stessi saranno accantonati.

Allega per il solo Ministero della Guerra copia del foglio 10/15/1 del 15 corr. della D. I. A.

P.....C.....C.

IL COLONNELLO DI S.M.
CAPO UFFICIO SERVIZI
(A. Quercia)

IL DIRIGENTE GENERALE
F.to - A. Priotti -

THE ARMY MISSION.

Date 22/1/44
to
ITALIAN ARMY.

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10/10/10

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

Dir. Gen. Serv. Comm/to Mil.
Divisione Vestiario

N. 1302/24/V. Prot.

Risposta al

Carte annesse

OGGETTO

Assegnazione uniformi
da fatica

Indij: Fatigue dress.

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AL COMANDO DELLA TAPPA II3

TARANTO

e, per conoscenza:

ALLO S.M.R.E.-Uff. Servizi-Sec. Comm/to

P.M. 151

ALLA MISSIONE ALLIATA

presso l'Esercito Italiano

(rif. f. c. 375 del 13 corr.)

AL COMANDO DIFESA TERRESTRE

TARANTO

ALLA DIREZIONE DI COMMISSAR. MILITARE B A R I

ALLA COMPAGNIA GENERALE TRASPORTI TARANTO

MILITARY MISSION.

Date 2/10/44 to 15/10/44 15573

ITALIAN ARMY.

Si autorizza la cessione al Comando Difesa Terrestre di Taranto dei sottotati oggetti occorrenti per la Compagnia Generale Italiana Trasporti "y" di Taranto:

- emiciotti di tela k.o. sahariani n. 200
- pantaloni corti di tela k.o. " 200
- fasce gambiere " 200

Per norma del detto Comando Difesa Terrestre di Taranto si precisa che in considerazione dell'urgenza prospettata si assegnano i detti oggetti in sostituzione di quelli richiesti (te- la bigia) essendo già disponibili in Taranto presso la Tappa II3.

Taranto dei sottoelencati oggetti occorrenti per la Compagnia Generale Italiana Trasporti "y" di Taranto:

- camicioni di tela k.o.sahariani	R.	200
- pantaloni corti di tela k.o.	"	200
- fasce garbiere	"	200

Per norma del detto Comando Difesa Terrestre di Taranto si precise che in considerazione dell'urgenza prospettata si assegnano i detti oggetti in sostituzione di quelli richiesti (tela bigia) essendo già disponibili in Taranto presso la Tappa III.

P. IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

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Clothing issue order to 10000 (4) Gen Thr Coy.

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Ref 377 of 13 Jan 90 of MMIA
pleading inform us about the 2750
allied uniforms being dyed green will
be ready in order than the 16574
demanded by MMIA for a special
Italian unit may be made available

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LO/da

MINUTA



N. 2910 (208-bis) del Catal.
(R. 1941 - Anno XX)

P.M. 151,11/X gennaio 194 4 Anno

STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO
UFFICIO SERVIZI
Sez. Commissariato

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Dir.Gen.Serv.Corr.

SEDE

Risposta al foglio del

Prot. N. 3/576/ServAllegati

Div. Sez. N.

OGGETTO Uniformi di provenienza alleata.-

e, per conoscenza:



ALLA MMIA

REQUILE

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Riferimento fono 2 (311) datato 13 corr. 6573
della MMIA si prega codesto Ministero di voler far
conoscere l'avvenuto approntamento delle note 2750
uniformi di provenienza alleata da tingere g.v. per
disporre la cessione delle n.140 richieste dalla
MMIA per un reparto speciale italiano.

MILITARY MISSION.

Date 18 Jan 44 12/15/1
to
ITALIAN ARMY.

IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
- A. Mariotti -

For info:
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Reply to your letter HQ/15/124
of 11 Jan, clothing allotted to Italian
troops can be stored in BARI at
the Deposito Direzionale VE Capannoni
La Rocca - Estramurale Capannoni
and delivered to Capt D'Agostino.
A similar letter has already
been sent direct to the Italian
HQ, Distretto, by Q branch BARI.

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For information

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Bisculato

VA/da



MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

N. 242/I/T di prot.

ISPETTORATO

P. M. 107, u. 17 gennaio 1944

Risposta al foglio N.

del

Carte annesse

OGGETTO: Vestiario equipaggiamento fornito alle
truppe italiane.-

ALA MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA

LEQUILE

18/ In risposta alla nota di codesta Missio-
ne n.A.Q./15/1 in data 11 corrente, si precisa che
il vestiario ceduto alle truppe italiane potrà es-
sere immagazzinato a Bari presso il Deposito Dire-
zionale V.E. Capannoni La Rocca - Estramurale Ca-
pruzzi e consegnato al Capitano D'Agostino.

Analoga comunicazione è già stata fatta,
direttamente dalla Direzione di Commissariato di
Bari, alla Sezione Italiana di Collegamento presso
il 2° Distretto.

P. IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

MILITARY MISSION.

Date 18 Jan 44 Ad 15/1

to

ITALIAN ARMY.

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LO/da

STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO
UFFICIO SERVIZI - Sez. Commissariato

N°3/578/Serv. di prot.

P.M. 151, 11/12 gennaio 1944

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Dir. Geh. Serv. Comm.

S E D E

e, per conoscenza:

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE PRESSO
L'ESERCITO ITALIANO
(Rif. f. Q/375 del 13 corr.)

LEQUILLE

AL COMANDO DIFESA TERRESTRE

T A R A N T O

ALLA COMPAGNIA GENERALE TRASPORTI

T A R A N T O

OGGETTO: Assegnazione uniformi di fatica.-

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Fregasi disporre l'urgente cessione
a favore del Comando Difesa Terrestre di Taranto di nu-
mero 200 giubbe di tela e n. 200 pantaloni di tela de-
stinati alla Compagnia Generale Italiana Trasporti di Ta-
ranto.

Il trasporto si effettuerà a cura del
Comando del IX Corpo d'Armata.

IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
F/to - A. Mariotti -

P.C.O.

Il Colonnello di S.M.
Capo Ufficio Servizi
(A. Quarcia)

MILITARY MISSION.

Date 18 Jan 44 Ad 15/1
to
ITALIAN ARMY.

Please arrange immediate issue to the Territorial of HQ TARANTO of 20 uniforms
and 200 trousers (dtd) for the Italian Gen. Transport Coy - TARANTO.
Transport to be arranged by 9 Corps.

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that files.

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With our letter 4/102/ Serv. dated 11 January we have informed
the Ministry of War, that will provide according your desire
as soon as possible and ^{that} has asked ^{for} the railway transport means:

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DIREZIONE DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE DEL IX CORPO ARMATA
2ª SEZIONE V.E.

M.414/58/VE di prot. P.M.(67) 11 10 Gennaio 1944.-
OGGETTO: Ritiro materiali per la 91ª Compagnia Telegrafisti.-

AL COMANDO II° CORPO D'ARMATA P.M.410
e, per conoscenza:
ALLO STATO MAGGIORE M.E. SERV.SEL.COMM/TO P.M.151
(Rif.f.2/31/serv/ del 7 corrente)
AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA DIR.GEN.SERV.COMM/MIL.DIV.VEST. P.M.107
(Rif.tel.975/V del 9 corrente)
ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE PRESSO ESERCITO ITALIANO
AL COMANDO DEPOSITO 48° REGGIMENTO FANTERIA
AL COMANDO DEPOSITO 47° REGGIMENTO FANTERIA

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Il Ministero della Guerra, con dispaccio n.975 del 9 corrente, ha disposto la seguente cessione dei sottoelencati oggetti di corredo di v.e. a favore della 91ª Compagnia Telegrafisti, impiegata sulla rotabile Bari Taranto, che potranno essere prelevati a cura di codesto Comando presso gli enti in indirizzo:

presso DEPOSITO 48° REGGIMENTO FANTERIA CASTELLARA

- 55 guanti di lana a tre dita
- 55 sottocappotti di flanella
- 55 corpetti a maglia di lana
- 110 camicio di flanella con colletto
- 55 cappucci di lana a maglia
- 110 paia calze di lana
- 110 mutande di lana.-

MILITARY MISSION.

Desa 15 Jan 44 Ad 15/1.

ITALIAN ARMY.

presso DEPOSITO 47° REGGIMENTO FANTERIA LECCE

0.600 per inf.

Il Ministero della Guerra, con dispaccio n. 975 del 9 corrente, ha disposto la seguente cessione dei sottoelencati oggetti di corredo di v.e. a favore della 91^a Compagnia Telegrafisti, impiegata sulla rotabile Bari Taranto, che potranno essere prelevati a cura di codesto Comando presso gli enti in indirizzo:

presso Deposito 48° Reggimento Fanteria Castellana

- 55 guanti di lana a tre dita
- 55 sottocappotti di flanella
- 55 corpetti a maglia di lana
- 110 camicie di flanella con colletto
- 55 cappucci di lana a maglia
- 110 paia calze di lana

MILITARY MISSION.

Date 15 Jan 44 Ad 15/1.

ITALIAN ARMY.

presso Deposito 47° Reggimento Fanteria Lecce

- 110 mutande di lana.

To So Reg for inf.

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IL COLONNELLO COMMISSARIO DIRETTORE
(A. La Rosa)

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MMIA.

15 1530 A

For Action

FLAMBU.

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

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GR

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Q 392 Ref your G-4 9404 dated 14 Dec 43. Can only make use of your offer if repair material necessary is added to amount already asked for ~~and attached~~ ~~from~~ ~~attached~~. Your 31/5/Q(AE) of 28 Dec refers 6567

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Date 150915A. AD/15/1.

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(W) For Information (INFO)

to

ITALIAN ARMY.

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Originator's No.

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SECRET - CITE FLAMFOR 85

FREEDOM

NOT to you quote Stocks of class D shoes ?

? N AFRICA sufficient to furnish approx 20,000 pairs which require extensive repairs, advise whether repair material and facilities exist in ITALIAN ARMY for the repairs of the shoes ? ITALIAN ARMY Para 656 of above utilized advise ? instructions inquire advise FLAMBO of materials and facilities available and if you desire shoes

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(GV326) WL 9531 194 2,000,000 Paid. 5/43 B. & S. Ltd. 51-674516

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SUBJECT: Boots and Clothing from Allied Sources

Military Mission to
Italian Army.
AC/15/1
15 Jan 44

S.M.R.E.

Copy to: AMHQ Adv Adm Echelon, Eighth Army.
Fifth Army.
2 Districts.
AMHQ 10 Adv Adm Echelon, Eighth Army.
" " " " AMHQ Adv Adm Ech.
" " " " 2 Districts.
" " " " 31 Corps.

1. It is hoped that there will be shortly some 50,000 repaired boots from Allied sources placed at the disposal of the Italian Army on the mainland.

2. These boots will be issued to units in APULIA, LUCANIA and CALABRIA on the priority laid down :

- (a) Combat Zone.
- (b) Port Labour.
- (c) Other units actively employed by the Allies.
- (d) Reinforcements for Italian Formations.

A reserve of 20,000 pairs will be held for the specific use of new units to be formed for the Allies.

3. Boots will be cleared from depots into Italian Army Depots as under :

APULIA and LUCANIA	30,000 pairs.	including 4000 and 7000 pairs earmarked for Port Labour at BRINDISI and TARANTO respectively. To be held at BRINDISI until issued.
CALABRIA.	5,000 "	
CAMPANIA	15,000 "	To be despatched with urgency by S.M.R.E.

4. The issue of clothing after coming in APULIA will be distributed on a similar basis to the quantities already being despatched to S.M.R.E. by the Government.

(c) Other units actively employed by the Allies.
(d) Reinforcements for Italian Formations.

A reserve of 20,000 pairs will be held for the specific use of new units to be formed for the Allies.

3. Boots will be cleared from docks into Italian Army Depots as under :
- | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|---|
| APULIA and LUCANIA | 50,000 pairs. | including 4000 and 3000 pairs earmarked for Port Labour at BRINDISI and TRIESTE respectively. |
| To be held at BRINDISI until issued. | | |

CALABRIA.	5,000 "	
CAMPANIA	15,000 "	To be despatched with urgency by S.M.A.L.

4. The issue of clothing after entry in APULIA will be distributed on a similar priority; one third of the quantity ordered being despatched to CALABRIA for use of Italian Army Units under command of General BASSO. Of the remainder, 16,000 units will be reserved for the use of new units to be formed for the Allies in the other Provinces of S. ITALY, and 2,000 units for use in CALABRIA.

5. WILL YOU please make advance arrangements for the reception of the quantities detailed above in CAMPANIA and CALABRIA and inform S.M.A.L. of the location of depots where the boots and clothing will be held in these two provinces.

6. In the fortnightly returns of issues and Monthly Stock Lists, you are requested to show Allied boots and clothing separately from those of Italian origin.

Approved

*Brig.
Comd.*

TVA/.

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SUBJECT : Battle-dress for Italians.

AFHQ ADV ADM ECHELON,
CMF.

31/5/43.

12 Jan 44.

M.M.I.A.

Attached for your information is copy of this HQ signal Q8045 of 8 Jan 44 sent by DCAO to Eighth Army and 10 Corps.

An issue of 500 suits is being arranged forthwith for 10 Corps; demands from Eighth Army has not yet been received.

MILITARY MISSION.

GFJM/JS

Date 15/1 1945/1.

to

ITALIAN ARMY.

Deputy Chief Administrative Officer.

Major General,

6562

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MESSAGE FORM			Register No:
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FLAMBO		08 A	
For ACTION			
TO: REAR 8 ARMY		10 CORPS.	
(W) For INFORMATION (INFO)		Legal Instruction G	

ORIGINATOR'S NO: Q. 8045

To cover cases where real suffering or danger to health is occurring among Italian troops propose to authorise/limited rpt limited quantity British battle dress with distinctive making (.) submit staff estimate numbers required (.) green battle dress for general issue to Italian troops expected early Feb

Distribution Sigs /3
G-4
DDOS
MASTER 3120
File 31/5/Q

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~~Capt Byatt.~~

Capt Baumann for SNRE.

150a

Ref SNRE request attached detailing distinctive signs that Whitman's propose to wear on RD.

Please ask -

- 1) Do all three apply to both ^(a+b) green + khaki RD
- 2) Is the flash 'ITALIA' yet in production.
- 3) Do they realise that Capt Bay's del is being issued with dyed RD ex BAR?

I am putting it up to FLAMBO as soon as I have answers to a) + b)

Flambo agree in principle to distinctive markings.

Pged.

18/1

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It is said that

5 Army have asked that 1 mm be
be clothed - khaki R.R.

STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
- Sezione Ordinamento -

SEGRETO

N° 120. Ord. di prot.

P.M. 151, 11 19 gennaio 1944

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE PRESSO L'ESERCITO ITALIANO

LEQUILE

MILITARY MISSION.

C G G E T T O: I Reparto speciale autonomo.-

Date 14/1/44 15/1

ITALIAN ARMY.

marking of Battle Dress supplied to Italian Units

- Riferimento Foglio n° 1024/Ord. in data 3 corr. di questo

S.M.R.E. -

L'Ecc. il Capo di Stato Maggiore Generale è stato informato che il personale del I Reparto speciale autonomo sarà vestito dagli A.A.

A tale riguardo L'Ecc. MESSE desidera che sull'uniforme
no applicate:

- (a) - le stellette, a cinque punte, al bavero;
- (b) - i distintivi di grado (sulle manopole per gli ufficiali e sul braccio per sottufficiali e graduati);
- (c) - il nastro tricolore già previsto, però con la scritta "ITALIA" e non "ITALY".-

Si prega codesta Missione di voler provocare le conseguenti disposizioni da parte del comando competente.-

L'Ecc. il Capo di Stato Maggiore Generale e sua
che il personale del I Reparto speciale autonomo sarà vestito da-
gli A.A.

gli A.A. 1
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IL SOTTOCAPO I STATO MAGGIORE
(Gen. A. Perioti)

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14 JAN 1944
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SVC/RELAY NO.

MILITARY MISSION.

M/C NO : 21/13

CLASS: SECRET

Date 14/1/44 AG 15/1

REF NO: QAE 9053

PREC : ROUTINE

to

FILED : JAN 12 NPT

FROM : FLAMBO

ITALIAN ARMY.

REC'D : JAN 13 1855A

TO : MMIA

Reference your Q 353 dated 10th, 10,000 expected to arrive Catania 5 Jan,
90,000 expected to arrive Catania 22 Jan, 20,000 expected to arrive Bari 3 Feb,
80,000 expected to arrive Bari 13 Feb. Dates NOT firm, arrivals may be late.

DISTRIBUTION:

- 2 - AG
- 1 - Diary
- 1 - MMIA - INFO

Circulate.

*Refers to ETA Depot battle dress
from O.K. B. 65-7*

*Disregard, map handle
31/5/43 J. 30 Jan.*

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MESSAGE FORM

date time

Fr: M.M.I.A.

To: DISTWO rptd MMIA LO DISTWO

Q387 (°) ref your 744/Q dated 12 Jan (°) Please confirm number of boots arriving BRINDISI destined for Italian Army (°) Calculating on 50,000 prs request 27,000 be held Italian Military Stores BRINDISI(°) Remainder to go to STABILIMENTO LA ROCCA ESTRA MURALE CAPRUZZI BARI (°) Battle dress (°) 12,500 pieces sent to BERNARDI Dyeworks by Italian Military tpt 13 and 14 Jan (°) Further 87,500 pieces follow by rail to 500 A.O.D. to complete arrival by 21 Jan (°) Teli de tenda are no longer controlled stores being personal equipment(°) Will again advise SMRE of port labour needs

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For Action		
TO		(W) For Information (INFO)
1) MMIA ✓		
2) ORD DISTWO (By hand) 3) LAB DISTWO (By hand)		

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OTHER DATE STAMP

7 APR 1951

GR

Originator's No. 744 Q

Ref consignments boots and battle dress due arrive to day (.) Signal urgently disposal instructions and confirm that all outstanding demands boots for Italian Military labour in 2 District will be met (.) Groundsheets or other waterproofs urgently required (.) Request you state ~~POST~~ position and advise when these will be issued

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Translation

Ref. 1106.

94A

From : JAR Kin.

18th Jan 44

Subject : withdrawal of clothing and equipment stores

Direzione Generale Commissariato Br., of above Ministry informed that it could not be possible to withdraw clothing and equipment stores (Italian) from premises of R.S.D. 500 ACD., on account of lack of transport.

Instructions have been given in order to begin this withdrawal and to end it, as soon as possible.

Meanwhile the 100,000 clothing articles destined to the Italian army can be deposited in LA ROCCA stores (Caprusci Depot) LARI, premises well adapted for the purpose.

(S.) Generale ALBERTI

Buccheri

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

GABINETTO

Ufficio Collegamento Missioni Alleate

N. 114/c

di prot.

P.M. 107

13 gennaio 1944

OGGETTO: ritiro materiale v.e.

ALLA M. M. I. A.

- LEQUILE

La Direzione Generale dei Servizi di Commissariato di questo Ministero ha comunicato che per deficienza di mezzi di trasporto, non è stato ancora possibile sgomberare del materiale v.e. italiano i locali del R. S. D. 500 AOD.

Sono state date disposizioni perchè tale sgombero sia iniziato e portato a termine al più presto.

Nel frattempo, ove dovessero giungere i noti 100.000 capi di vestiario destinati all'Esercito ^{65^{to}} lieno, i medesimi potrebbero essere depositati nei locali siti nei capannoni La Rocca (extramurale Capruzzi) in Bari, locali pienamente idonei allo scopo.

MILITARY MISSION. GENERALE ALIBERTI

Data 13 Jan 44

ITALIAN ARMY.

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2250 Today 2250 Ballester's Blouses and
2250 Ballester's Blouses were despatched to BARI and
and being delayed as soon as possible. On 11th
140 units will be required as soon as delayed for Italian
Unit of Special Service. Which please note.

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		For Action			15/1
TO		(W) For Information (INFO)	88		
			STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO		- Message Instructions
			Distur. ref 1559/Q data 10 Jan 59		
Originator's No.		Further to MMIA Q 330 dated 6 Jan. O 'Y' Mahan			
Q 375		General Transport Coy at IARANTO urgently require			
		two hundred suits of uniform for use of 6500			
		D. More supply from stocks of Whaka. Will			
		recently arrive from SYDNEY or BOM.			
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By <i>Bylanthunk</i>		SIGNED		By ELS	
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(GV35) W1 050 154 2,000,000 Pads. 5/45. B. & S. Ltd. SL-6745/6.

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SUBJECT:- "Y" Italian G T Coy

M M I A

"Y" Italian G.T. Coy have requested the issue of denims or overalls to their workshop personnel.

Please state whether such an issue can be made from Italian sources.

TCO 1800 A.

Copy to:- S.T. (your 4410/1/ST dated 4 Jan refers).

cc. B/K with message 15 87
SMRE abn. This
Bqut. 13/1

HQ No 2 District CMF
Ext 11986
1559 Q

10 Jan 44

Sic. 10/10/59
as at Aug.

cc
13/1

13 Jan 44 AO/115/1
W. Edwards 6550

fu Colonel,
Col i/c Admin.

SUBJECT:

Issuing of Battledress for Italian Army.

Military Mission to
Italian Army.

AY/15/1.

11 Jan 44.

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MINISTRY OF WAR

Copy to: HQ No. 2 District.
Stato Maggiore R. Esercito
M.M.I.A. LO, attd. No. 2 District.

With reference to the imminent arrival of Allied clothing destined for the Italian Army :

1. Will you please arrange for a suitable 24-hour Guard to be available at short notice for duty at the dyeworks of FIO BERTARDI, 51 Corso Sicilia, RRL.
2. M.M.I.A. LO will assist by keeping in touch with D.D.O.S. 2 District, and notifying H.Q. 9 Corps of the effective date.
3. No. 2 District are arranging for Allied transport to convey an initial load of 15,000 pieces of undyed battledress from 2 Sub Depot 500 A.O.D. to the dyeworks and subsequently at weekly intervals the clearance of 6000 dyed pieces to the Italian Depot nominated by you. Will you please notify M.M.I.A. of this address urgently with copy to Italian Liaison Section attached 2 District.
4. It is stressed that such battledress and all clothing, boots or equipment when received from the Allies shall be treated as controlled stores. Details of distribution will form the subject of another letter.

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Bgcct.

Brig.
Cmd.

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SUBJECT: Clothing of Italian Army.

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Military Mission to
Italian Army.

AQ/15/1.

10 Jan 44.

Ministry of War

Copy to: S.M.R.E.

1. Between Nov 12th. and 25th, 1943 arrangements were made for the supply of 100,000 pieces of Battledress, i.e. 60,000 Jackets and 40,000 Trousers to the Italian Army, with the stipulation that the whole consignment be dyed green prior to issue.
2. Arrangements have now been made for the dyeing of this clothing; this will be carried out by PIG DENTURRI, 54 Corso Sicilia, BARI, who can undertake a maximum of 100,000 pieces at the rate of 6000 pieces ~~daily~~ weekly.
3. It must be pointed out, however, that at this rate the dyeing will take from seventeen to twenty weeks. Will you please, therefore, make arrangements for clothing to be dyed if it should be necessary, at a second location to avoid the delay if all the clothing has to pass through the dyeworks mentioned above.
4. S.M.R.E. 710/30/Cam of 22 Nov 43 stated that it was possible to dye 4000 suits. Since then dyes of various shades have been located at Engineers Stores at GALLIPOLI. This office AQ/15/1 of 6th Jan refers.
5. Will you please confirm that the facilities mentioned mentioned in para.4 above still exist and say whether they can be supplemented by the discovery of the dyes at GALLIPOLI.

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Bgcat.
for Brig.
Genl.

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MMIA

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AD 15/1

For Action

ELAMP30

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

GR

Originator's No.

Q 353

Ref your 3/5/63 dated 8 p.m. @ Detention
and ETA NOT understood @ should be grateful
for clarification

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SUBJECT : Battle Dress dyed Green.

AFHQ ADV ADM ECHOLON,
CIT.

MILITARY MISSION.

31/5/43.

Date 10/1/44 As 1/5/1

8 Jan 1/4.

M.M.I.A.

to

ITALIAN ARMY.

Ref the consignment of the above due from U.K. for issue to Italian Army, we are advised that 200,000 suits are to be shipped as follows:-

10,000 by KES 36 to FUSTIAN
90,000 by KES 38 to FUSTIAN

} 1 District Italy

20,000 by KES 39 to HACHLE
80,000 by KES 40 to HACHLE.

} 2 Districts

GSO III (1)

Interpretation of code names, pl.

Regd
11/1

Copy to :- HQ No 2 District.
C-1.
MMA LO.

[Signature]
Major General,
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer.

[Signature]
Dis regard, 65/10/1/4/4
31/5/43 & 30 Jan. 1944

Subject:- Dyeing of B.D.

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Military Mission to
Italian Army

AQ/15/1

8 Jan 44

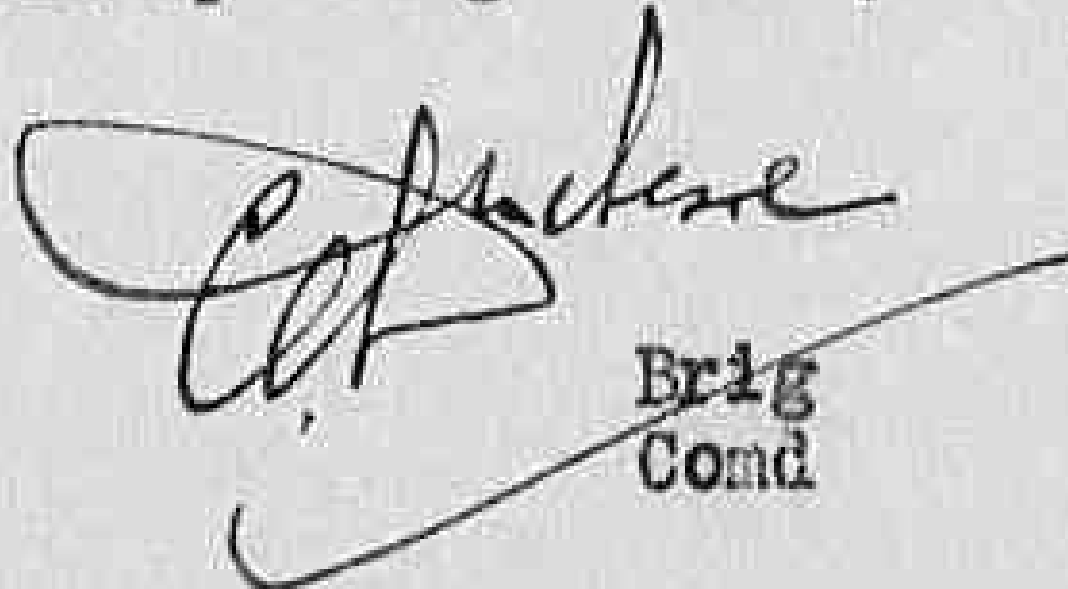
1° 2 District

Copy to:- DDOS AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon
DDOS N° 2 District

Ref MMIA Signal Q340 dated 8 Jan.

1. On 7 Jan 44, a contract was assigned at HQ N° 2 District between DADOS, MMIA and PIO BERNARDI for the dyeing of British Battle Dress prior to its issue to Italian Military Authorities.
2. In doing this, my DADOS, Major CHOWN acted under a misapprehension for he has no executive powers; in matters of this sort Service representatives of MMIA act in a liaison capacity between the Italian GHQ or War Ministry and the competent British Military Authority.
3. I consider therefore that the contract which is returned here with should be withheld until it bears the signature of an Ordnance Officer who is qualified to take such action.
4. In the meantime, I should be glad if the contract may be regularised as soon as possible. It would be more than unfortunate if the issue of clothing were held up owing to delayed negotiations.

EJC/cc


Brig
Comd

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TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

DDOS FLALBO

DDOS DISTWO

Message Instructions

CR

Originator's No.

Q370

ref contract for dyeing BD signed 7 Jan by DADOS M M I A (°)
consider that contract must be withheld until signed by Ordnance rep
of DISTWO with executive power (°) CHOWN signed under misapprehension
(°) Service reps of M M I A are in liaison capacity and NOT executive
Letter follows

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Subject:- Dyes, Aniline

Ministry of War

Copy to:- Stato Maggiore R. Esercito

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Military Mission to
Italian Army
AQ/15/1
6 Jan 44

At the Engineers Depot at GALLIPOLI are quantities of
dyes of various shades:-

Green	205 litre	Red	350 litre
Clear Green	50 "	Yellow	299 1/2 "
Orange	80 "	Blue	40 "
Violet	369 1/2 "	Pink	50 "
Brown	30 "	Granite	150 "
Black	400 "		

In the near future some 100,000 pieces of British Khaki
Battle Dress have to be dyed a suitable green, to be worn by
Italian troops.

Will you please experiment with this dye and notify MMIA
as to its suitability for use on clothing.

EJC/cc

EB - Maj.
Brig
Comd

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For Action

STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

Ad 15/1.

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

'Y' G.T. Coy % DISTWO MMIALO DISTWO

Message Instructions

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If not already demanded Through 9 Corps please supply 'Y' General Transport Coy at TARANTO with two hundred uniforms for use as overalls.

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15 ARMY GROUP

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

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Your SD2239 of 1 Jan (°) Allot anticipated arrivals of boots and battle dress as follows(°) FIRST (°) Early Feb ten thousand for Combat Zone plus units now working for Allies and five thousand for new units(°) SECOND(°) Late Feb fifteen thousand for Combat zone plus units now working for Allies twenty thousand for new units ten thousand for Italian formations(°) THIRD (°) The term new units refers to those listed in your 1605/50/GSD1 of 26 Dec on which start has already been made

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By HAND
of Brig DUCHESNE

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XXXI CORPS

23 ARTIERI Bn	374	GAGLIANO	Mine lifting
1 & 2 Artieri Coys	219	GIOIA TAURO	Bridges
3 Artieri Coy			
35 Composite Coy	70	DECOLLIATURA	Roads
103 Minatori Coy	278	ROGLIANO	Savuto br repairs
101 Pontieri Coy	260	ANGITOLA	Rds & Brs
1 Artieri Bn	443	CATANZARO	Rds & Brs
311 Composite Coy	70	CASTROVILLARI	Gen RE Work
MANTOVA DIV			
79 Artieri Coy	163	SOVERIA	Brs & Gen Engineering
238 Lavoratori Coy	166	CATANZARO	Roads
336 " "	55	"	"
Total	2098		
Grand Total	4076		

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LANO	Mine lifting	D	
TAURO	Bridges	D	
PLATURA	Roads	D	HQ & Artieri Pl only included
LANO	Savuto br repairs	D	
POLA	Rds & Brs	D	
IZARO	Rds & Brs	D	
NOVILLARI	Gen RE Work	D	HQ & Artieri Pl only included
RIA	Brs & Gen Engineering	D	
IZARO	Roads	D	
"	"	D	

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BOOTS & BATTLE DRESS

	Carry over 15,000	Reserve 60,000	Army 101,000	Ref 43,000	Reserve	TOTAL
Est. Requirements Dec 6	7,000	25,000	42,000			
Assume issued to Jan 5	4,000	1,000	—			5,000
Alloc early Feb	2,000	8,000	5,000 (a)			15,000
late	1,000	14,000	{ 20,000 (a) 10,000 (b)			45,000
Note (a) New units to work for Allen (b) Italian formation						
						65,000

65,000

Keep for reference
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Late	1550	14,000	{ 20,000 (a) 10,000 (b)	45,000
Note (a) New units to work for Allen (b) Italian formation	1550	14,000	{ 20,000 (a) 10,000 (b)	45,000

SECRET

Military Mission to
Italian Army

28 Dec 43

UNITES UNDER FORMATION FOR ALLIES

Ref Appx A 15 Army Group
1605/50/CSM of 26 Dec

<u>Serial</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>Orns</u>	<u>Ready to move</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1A	X Italian Recon Unit	13 CORPS	6	101		
2	7 Mtn Regt Italian personnel	15 Army Gr	5	486	7 Jan	
3	4 Mtn Art Pack Tpt Coy	FLANDERS	3	276	31 Dec	
3A	Rfts for DAPINO Bde	FIFTH ARMY		650	ready	
	2 Mortar Pls for above	"		50 ?	31 Dec	
	Hq of Regt and add Bn for above	"		800	15 Jan	
4A	Reconnt St Bn	P B S	5	350	7 Jan	
6	Two Pack Tpt Coys	FIFTH ARMY	12	520	ready	being shipped from SARDINIA 28 Dec
13	One Gen Tpt Coy	2 District	10	395	ready	
13	One Gen Tpt Coy	"	10	395	15 Jan	
16A	Two Line Cons Coys	"	8	240		
25	Two St Vet Hospitals	FIFTH ARMY	10	200		ex SARDINIA
52	Rfts for 2nd Pack Tpt Coy	EIGHTH ARMY		100	almost ready	
	Rfts for Port Labour to bring total to 22,000	2 District		4563 about 6000	7 Jan ?	Held up for boats etc.
	8 Bns for Internal Security & Guards	2 District		about 4800	7 Jan ?	65'0
	Rfts for 210 and 227 Divs to bring total to 10,500	CAMPANIA		about 3000	15 Jan	1 Bn to HIGHTH Army in lieu of Bn from 227 Div

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15 Army Group

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For Action

D/243.

TO

MMIA

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

GP

(Message received very cryptic).

Originator's No.

SD 2239

FIRST

① Estimate of boots and battle dress available from Allied sources for Italian units is (1st) Feb. 15000 sets late Feb further 45000 ② SECOND ② Can you obtain estimate of quantity of shoes in first (above?) that will be required to maintain units already employed by us and consequently the quantity that will be available for new units being joined for us

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Subj: Clothing

File Copy

Military Mission to
Italian Army
AO/15/1
5 Jan 44

Ministry of War

Copy to:-- AFHQ Adv Adm Loh
COO 500 ACD
COO RSD 500 ACD
Stato Maggiore R. Esercito)
} ref conversation 4 Jan Majors
} Whittles - Chown

1. Approximately 120 tons of Italian Army clothing have recently been received at RSD 500 ACD from SYRACUSE.

2. The consignment consists of:--

Jackets	32,896	Greatcoats	600
Trousers	22,881	Raincoats with hood	5,795
Shirts	11,960	Blankets	8,935
Caps	36,500		
Winter Clothing:--			
Jackets	5,500	Trousers	1,380
Puttees	2,500		

3. Will you please arrange to clear this quantity to your Clothing Depot at BARI as quickly as possible as the accommodation at ASD is required for other purposes.

4. You are reminded that as this clothing is of Italian origin it is not a "controlled store" and issues to Italian Units may be made as soon as it has been transferred from the Allied Depot.

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Reg. Amstun
f Brig
Comd

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R. G. Lawrence
Brig
Comd
+ *Trar*

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From: W. H. - J. G. - Branch
TO: [unclear] 3/1/45

Ref: 11/5448/M 13A
JAN. 44

Subject: camouflage nets

We are to inform you that ~~for urgent and special reasons~~ we have to-day authorized issue of 12 camouflage nets to the 29 Div. H-9 from the Direction Engineering Works stores of the IX Corps - B.A.O.I.
The 29 Div. is being transferred to the 8 Army area. To control all men in the area employed on labour works. ~~must have~~ as in the wake of
fighting the the Div. ~~must have~~ the nets ~~for~~ as camouflage the trenches, ~~the~~ as in the wake of
the effects of the bombardments in the area. because of the destruction of
MILITARY RECORDS

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Capt. Gen. A. CRIVIA
Date 6/1/44
AD/16/1
ITALIAN ARMY

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

Direzione Generale del Genio

Divisione Materiali

n.II/54/p /M di prot.

Risposta al

Carte annesse

p.m.107,11

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ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE ALLEATA
presso R.Esercito Italiano

= LEQUILE =

OGGETTO : Distribuzione reti mimetiche.-

Si comunica che, per l'urgenza e lo scopo particolare, è stata autorizzata in data odierna la distribuzione di nr. 12 reti mimetiche al Comando della 209^a Divisione dal Magazzino della Direzione Lavori Genio del IX C.d'A. Bari.-

Il predetto Comando è in trasferimento per la zona dell'8^a Armata Britannica con compito di controllo su tutte le truppe colà dislocate per compiti lavorativi.-

La Divisione ha necessità delle reti in oggetto essenzialmente per il mascheramento degli automezzi al seguito, perché, dovendo seguire le truppe operanti, non può fare assegnamento su mascheramenti di circostanza a motivo delle distruzioni causate nella zona dai combattimenti e dai bombardamenti aereo terrestri.-

p. IL MINISTRO
(Gen.Div.O.Crivarò)

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Subject:- Boots and Clothing - Carabinieri

Military Mission to
Italian Army
AQ/15/1
2 Jan 44

Allied Control Commission

AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon for information

Ref FREEDOM Signal 21035 dated 29 Dec addressed to you and passed to MIA for information.

1. It is noted that General PIECCHI is asking for 100,000 prs of boots to re - equip Carabinieri including those in SICILY and those destined for ROME.

2. I bring to your notice the fact that 21,000 Carabinieri on the Mainland have been included in the strength of the Italian Army for the purpose of rationing from Allied sources and that estimated boot and clothing requirements for the Italian Army forwarded to FLAMBO under my AQ/15 dated 6 Dec 43 also allow for provision to them.

3. This information may be of use to you in checking General PIECCHI's demands.

EJC/cc

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[Signature]

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FATIMA FOR ACC AND FARGO FOR ACC
RPTD FLAMBO FOR HES ADV RPTD FILPOT FOR AMB

re: (21)

This paraphrase of cable reference 371 CBT TA 428 of 8 December from AMB Filpot.

Carabinieri General Picchi requests materials to make 40,000 uniforms. Also shoes 100,000 pairs.

Request your consideration and recommendation prior to cabling AGWAR.

Ad/15/1
28/12
JFK

DISTRIBUTION:

- 2 - AG
- 1 - Diary
- 1 - General Taylor - ~~re: action~~
- 1 - MEIA - INFO
- 1 - Mr. Grady - INFO

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Equals British CONFIDENTIAL

Subject: GRINDING.

AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon,
GMP.

31/5/43(AE)

To: AFHQ - (AE)

25 Dec 43.

1. Attached is copy of letter AQ/15/1 dated 20 Dec 43, with Appendix A thereto, received from MMIA.
2. It is not possible to provide these requirements from present available stocks in GMP. May a ruling please be given as to whether this commitment can be undertaken and you can make the necessary extra provision.

Major General,
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer.

Copy to:

M.M.I.A.

Ord.

Refers to demands
for boat-repairing material
for 28000 lbs boats over
a period of two months

AQ/15/1

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Circulate.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

CABINETTO

N. di prot. 232/c

P.M. 107 li 27 Dicembre 1943

OGGETTO: Riparazione calzature.-

- ALLA M.M.I.A. -LEQUILLE-
- e, per conoscenza:
- ALLA DIREZIONE GENERALE DEI SERVIZI DI COMMISSARIO -P.M. 107-
- ALLO S.M.R.N. Ufficio Servizi -P.M. 151-

~~~~~  
Come noto sono in corso di impianto laboratori per  
riparazione calzature.-

Poichè è presumibile che le scarpe da riparare che  
potrebbero essere cedute dagli Alleati siano in migliori condizio-  
ni di quelle Italiane, sarebbe opportuno dare loro la precedenza per  
la riparazione, per assegnarle ai Reparti di manovalenza che lavorano  
con la 8<sup>a</sup> Armata, come già proposto da Codesta Missione con foglio  
A.Q./15 del 17 corrente, diretto allo S.M.R.N.-

Si prega pertanto voler comunicare se e dove le  
dette calzature da riparare possono essere messe a disposizione  
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della Guerra.-

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GENERALE AMBERI

NR.

Alber

ATA/15/17

noted for

Note - I Valued to Gen. Alberi

about this today + said that 1) we are waiting when the boots
will arrive. 2) it is not safe to rely upon them for getting
labour demands. Third must still be met closely. 3) That
our latest int was that they would arrive already repaired.

The replied that he understood, + would continue to get
his own output of repaired boots up to maximum possible
output.

Are used to answer this letter

No 198/c. di prot.

P.M. 107 -li 26 dicembre 1943.-

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA
presso l'Esercito Italiano

LEQUILE

OGGETTO: Fabbisogno materie prime per la concia delle pelli e per
la riparazione delle calzature.-

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La Direzione Generale Servizi Logistici, in merito all'argomento in oggetto, segnala:

1°- Non é di sua competenza provvedere alla concia diretta delle pelli. Essa si é tuttavia interessata a che le ditte private possano essere poste in condizione di produrre le materie prime occorrenti per le lavorazioni in questione. In modo particolare del cuoio per tomaie di cui in zona vi é scarsa disponibilità.

A tale fine risponde la richiesta di vagoni per il trasporto di materie prime concianti, di cui al foglio n°79/c, in data 11 dicembre c.a.

2° - Il fabbisogno di materie prime per riparazione calzature, già fornito in forma di appunto a Codesta M.M.I.A., é stato calcolato tenendo conto che:

a) - Si stanno organizzando, in Puglia, tre laboratori militari parazioni calzature (Pesano, Acquaviva delle Fonti, Lecce).  
Concorrono una dozzina di laboratori dei capi calzolari reggimentali.

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b) - Sono disponibili in Bari forti quantitativi di scarpe fuori uso (forse più di 200.000) delle quali una aliquota potrà essere riparata.

Dall'esame sommario finora potuto fare della massa di questo materiale, si suppone che, della aliquota riparabile, su 200 paia di scarpe il 45% abbisogni del cambio della suola e del tacco (fondo intero); il 45% del cambio della tomaia al disopra del piede e del fondo

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- 2 -

intero (mezza rimonta) ed il 10% della comune completa risuolatura (mezzo fondo);

c) - La produttività media giornaliera di un operaio comune può ritenersi di:

fondi interi = 1,5 paia di calzature

mezza rimonta = 1 " " "

mezzo fondo = 3 " " "

Da quanto è detto ai commi b) e c) *in linea di massima* si deduce che ~~possono~~ ripararsi, giornalmente, 570 paia di scarpe così ripartite: 270 fondi interi; 180 mezze rimonte e 120 mezzi fondi; il che equivale a riparare in due mesi (50 giorni lavorativi) 28500 paia di scarpe.

Sulla base di dette cifre e dei singoli tipi di riparazione, è stato dedotto il quantitativo dei materiali delle varie specie occorrenti per le riparazioni in questione e già segnalato a Codesta Missione, come da appunto che si unisce in copia.

3° - Quanto sopra si riferisce alla riparazione degli stivali e dei calzoni per armi a piedi. Per la riparazione degli scarponi per truppe da montagna la Direzione Generale dei Servizi Logistici ha già preso accordi con la Direzione del Penitenziario di Lecce per esaminare la possibilità di produzione dei chiodi a "T" necessari ~~per~~ <sup>83.3</sup>

IL GENERALE DI BRIGATA

- A. ALIBERTI -

*Aliberti*



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IL GENERALE DI BRIGATA

- A. ALIBERTI -





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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA  
Direzione Generale Servizi Commissariato

È stato fatto un calcolo per cui si riparerrebbero circa 14.000  
paia di calzature al mese e pertanto sono necessari i seguenti  
quantitativi di materiali per il fabbisogno dei primi due mesi.

| Spessori   | Fabbisogno                                  | Esistenza | approssimativa | da rifornire |
|------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------|----------------|--------------|
| mm 2,8/1,5 | - Vacchetta per tomaia Kg. 1800             | =         | 15.000         | 1800         |
| 4/7        | - Cuoio suola in schiappa" 23427            | 997       | 42             | 8427         |
|            | - Spago da calzolaio 477                    | 299,700   | =              | =            |
|            | - Chiodi di ferro 9/25 37,500               | =         | 42             | 299,700      |
|            | - Semenze acciaio da mm 12 64,800           | =         | =              | =            |
|            | - " " " I6 32,400                           | =         | =              | 64,800       |
|            | - " " " I8                                  | =         | =              | 32,400       |
|            | - Chiodi ferro a testa conica 11/16 Kg. 521 | =         | =              | 521          |
|            | - Chiodi ala di mosca " 3921,600            | 5.330     | =              | =            |
|            | - " a testa circol. " 1855,350              | 262       | =              | 1593,350     |
|            | - ornata " 3556,800                         | =         | =              | 3556,800     |
|            | - Chiodi a tronco di piramide " 3556,800    | =         | =              | 3556,800     |

ACCESSORI ED ATTREZZI

|                             |        |     |        |
|-----------------------------|--------|-----|--------|
| - Occhielli laccati N°      | 114000 | =   | 114000 |
| - Rivetti " 28500           | 28500  | =   | 28500  |
| - Lesine " 1600             | 1600   | =   | 1600   |
| - Setole mazzetti 1000      | 70     | 930 | 930    |
| - Pece da calzolaio Kg. 500 | 60     | 440 | 440    |
| - Aghi per rattoppi N° 1000 | 240    | 652 | 652    |

Il calcolo è stato eseguito sulla possibilità di lavoro di 400 operai attualmente ingaggiabili per i tre laboratori di: FASANO, ACQUAVIVA DELLE FONTI, IECOE. Per le richieste future (prossimi 2 mesi) si dovrà tener conto del graduale esaurirsi delle materie prime attualmente disponibili.  
Con l'occasione si segnala però che i materiali di cui alla seconda colonna sono già presso i laboratori ed in affluenza egli stessi per le riparazioni in corso.



|                               |     |          |       |          |
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| - Lesine            | "        | 1600   | =   | 1600   |
| - Setole            | mazzetti | 1000   | 70  | 930    |
| - Pece da calzolaio | Kg.      | 500    | 60  | 440    |
| - Aghi per rattoppi | N°       | 1000   | 240 | 680    |

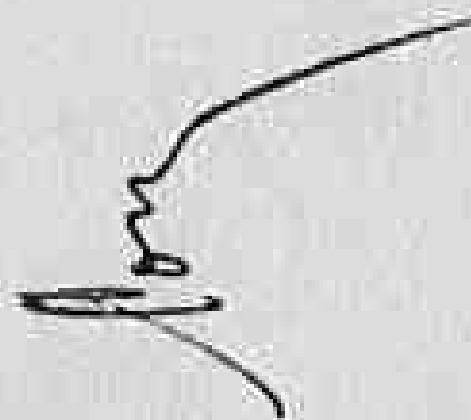
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Possibilmente dovrebbe essere fornito con precedenza il materiale di cui in atto non ha praticamente disponibilità.

P.....C.....C.

IL COLONNELLO ADDETTO  
(U. CORA)





TRANSITION

FROM THE MINISTRI

Ref. to 198/c di Prot.

9/11/63

26/12/63

Subject: Raw material for leather tanning and repair of boots

Direction Generale Commerce Logistics informs:

(1) It does not do leather tanning work, but has taken action to put private factories in condition to produce the necessary raw material for shoes, especially leather for uppers which is scarce in the area.

An request for waggon is made for the transports.

Tanning raw material is stated in letter 198/c of 11 June 63.

(2) We have forwarded to the state for the raw material required to his state has been worthless - because in winter the following:

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a) 3 Military ~~workshops~~ <sup>workshops</sup> are being formed for the repair of shoes (FARANO, ACCOVARO della FORTI and LENO).

We have got together a dozen Chief Regimental bootmakers. In all when our organization is completed there will be about 400 cobblers employed.

b) In OAS there are large stores of boots which are out of use at



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Required the following:

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We have got together a dozen Chief Representative bootmakers. In all when our organization is completed there will be about 400 cobblers employed.

- b) In BARS there are large stores of boots which are out of use at the moment (perhaps more than 200,000) of these a number will be able to be repaired.

Of boots which can be repaired, we estimate that ~~of them~~, 45% need change of ~~sole and heel~~ (complete new bottoms); 45% a change of upper (bottom section and upper section); and 10% complete soles (and

an ordinary cobbler

middle) <sup>average</sup> of ~~a~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~medium~~ <sup>average</sup> is about 5

c) Sole and heel (width of sole) 1.5

Sole and heel (width of sole) and 1.

Half uppers (and middle) 3.

Half sole (and middle) 3.

Half sole (and middle) 3.

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rely upon a daily repair of 540 p. of boots  
set out, as follows: 240 p. sole and 100 p. heel  
180 sole and heel, and half uppers; and 120 p. complete  
sole; according to this numbers, 28500 p. of boots could be re-  
paired in 2 months (50 working days).

On the basis of above figures and kind of repairs  
we have the necessary stores required as per  
copy of state attached.

32) All above concern repairing of boots for infantry,  
for the repairing of 240 p. of boots, 100 p. of heels  
See Quarter Logistics has already arranged with  
The Direction of LECC Prison with a view to  
examine if it was possible to manufacture the  
necessary mail, type 'T'.

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**Date:**

In Reply to Number

21 Dec

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DATA.

ADOS. Don't forget to keep a running check of all these issues.

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DIRECTIVE SECRETARIAL ATTO  
Subject: Authorization for drawing ~~costs~~ clothing

About 100 officers liberated from prison  
Finding it impossible to obtain clothing at the  
Lima Military or shops of the different towns of  
PERU have asked to draw them from the  
Military store segment

Who then ask for authorization to draw  
the following articles, to be distributed among the above  
officers, from 1. Separate Uniform Equipment  
Clothing and equipment store) LECCE.

16 Side caps grey green 6524  
41 jackets  
32 trousers  
27 Puttees (pairs)  
73 top boots (pairs)  
39 great coats  
173 shirt, linen



6524

|       |                       |
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| 16    | Sides caps gray green |
| - 41  | Goggles               |
| - 32  | Trousers              |
| - 23  | Puttees (pairs)       |
| - 93  | Top boots (pairs)     |
| - 39  | Great Coats           |
| - 143 | Shirt, linen          |
| - 40  | Cardigans             |
| - 129 | Under pants, linen    |
| - 140 | Woolen socks (pairs)  |
| - 132 | Cotton                |
| 310   | Handkerchieves        |
| 64    | Shawls                |
| - 11  | Brush seals           |
| - 68  | Body belts            |
| - 5   | Woolen gloves (pairs) |

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n. 165/C di prot.

P.M. 107, li 21 dicembre 1943.--

OGGETTO: - Autorizzazione al prelevamento di vestiario.--



ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA

LEQUILLE

e, per conoscenza:

ALLA DIREZIONE DEI SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO

SEDE

Un centinaio di ufficiali liberati recentemente dalla prigionia, trovandosi nell'impossibilità di provvedersi di oggetti di vestiario presso l'Unione Militare o presso negozi delle varie città delle Puglie, hanno chiesto di prelevarli a pagamento dai magazzini militari.

Pregasi pertanto voler autorizzare il prelevamento dal Deposito Vestiario Equipaggiamento di Lecce dei cottonati oggetti, da distribuirsi ai suddetti Ufficiali:

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| Berretti di panno g.v. | n. 16 | 6523 |
| Giubbe di panno g.v.   | " 41  |      |
| Pantaloni              | " 32  |      |
| Fasce gambiere         | p. 23 |      |
| Stivaletti             | " 73  |      |
| Pastreni di panno      | n. 39 |      |
| Camicie di tela        | " 173 |      |
| Farnetti               | " 70  |      |
| Mutande di tela        |       |      |



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Giubbe di panno G.V.

Pantaloni

Fasce gambiere

stivaletti

Pastreni di panno

Camicie di tela

Farnetti

Mantande di tela

Calze di lana

" " cotone

Fazzoletti

Arrotinatori

Sacchi per c. e p.

Fasce ventriere

Ganti di lana

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- GENERALE ALIBERTI -

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FROM: WAR. CHIEF - COMM. - Station & Equipment Div. - Sec. 1

TO: MMIA

NO 489/243  
21 DEC

SUBJECT: Blankets Requirement [for 21. 21. 21. 21.]

We bring to the notice of MMIA the following points:

- (1) Italian Troops stationed in Apulia, including Air Force and Navy personnel, amount to 157,882 men. These have distributed among them 296,587 blankets i.e. 1879 blankets per 1000 men.
- (2) Seeing that normally every soldier should have at least 2 blankets, the present deficiency is 121 blankets for every 1000 men.
- (3) If we further note, when you consider that some of these troops are either because they are in an area where the weather is colder, or because they are less well billeted or billeted very well, need three and sometimes even four blankets each, and considering also that of the total number of troops

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| 10% | need 4 blankets apiece |
| 30% | " 3                    |
| 60% | " 2                    |

the average requirement is for 2000 blankets per 1000 men.

- (4) Therefore it is obvious that the Italian Army is, at the present moment, short of 621 blankets per every 1000 men. And all this makes no provision for personal washing and disinfecting and repairing.

DIR. GENL. PERHAPS 6521

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA  
Direzione Generale dei Servizi di Commissariato  
-Divisione V.E.-Sez. 2-

N. 489/21/V. di prot.

Lecce li, 21 Dicembre 1943.-

OGGETTO: Fabbisogno di coperte per l'esercito italiano.-

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA

REQUIRE

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Si porta a conoscenza di codesta Missione quanto appresso:

1) alle truppe italiane dislocate nella Puglia, escluse Marina ed Aeronautica, che ammontano a 157.882 uomini sono in distribuzione n. 296.587 coperte pari pertanto a 1879 coperte ogni 100 uomini;

2) tenuto presente che normalmente ogni singolo militare italiano dovrebbe avere almeno due coperte, la deficienza attuale è di n. 121 coperte ogni mille soldati;

3) si consideri inoltre che parte delle truppe, per trovarsi in zone a clima più rigido oppure meno bene accantonate, abbisognano di tre e talvolta anche quattro coperte per ciascun militare e potendosi ritenere che sul totale delle truppe:

il 10% necessita di quattro coperte

il 30% necessita di tre coperte

il 60% necessita di due coperte

si ha in media un fabbisogno di 2500 coperte per ogni mille uomini;



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si ha in media un fabbisogno di 2500 coperte per ogni mille uomini;

4 ) in conseguenza emerge che l'Esercito Italiano è attualmente deficiente di 621 coperte ogni mille uomini.-

Ciò non ammettendo scorta alcuna per poter procedere alle periodiche lavature, disinfezioni e riparazioni.-



IL DIRETTORE GENERALE  
(Generale di Divisione Raffaele Pelligra )



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TELETYPE MESSAGE - IN

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FROM : N.S.A.

TO : BRAC. DUNFORD, c/o D & S, FILFOA

ORIG. NO: 101.

TOO : NIL

FOR : 2510A/20

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FOLLOWING IS LIST OF ITEMS OF WHICH ITALIANS NOW HAVE NO STOCKS. FIGURES BASED ON THEIR NEED TO REPAIR 140,000 BARS IN 2 MONTHS. AM WRITING LETTER AND FILL LIST OF REQUIREMENTS TO FLANCO. LEATHER FOR UPPER 3600 LBS STEEL NAILS 1600 LBS SOLE NAILS 200 LBS BOWTIES 7112 LBS RIVETS 1,413,000 RIVETS FOR UPPER 30,000 AXES 1600.

INC. DISTRIBUTION.

D & S

(FOR BRAC. DUNFORD)

2 ACTION

SMO : 2355A/20

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*6/10/20  
for 1000 Shovels*

*Act 1/5/1*

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Subject - Repairs of boots - Italian Army

Military Mission to  
Italian Army  
AQ/45/1  
20 Dec 43

AFHQ AGV Adm Ecn  
No 2 District  
FBS

for inform

1. The urgent need to provide the Italian Army with boots is well known.
2. The only boot repair workshops notified to MMIA are at:-

|                       |               |
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| PASANO                | map ref P8353 |
| ACQUAVIVA delle FONTI | P3958         |
| LEONE                 | L5403         |

where the Italian Ministry of War estimate that a total of 400 cobblers can repair 14,000 boots monthly, providing that the material is available.

3. Attached as Appendix 'A' to this letter is a list of requirements, provision of which will enable 28,000 pairs of boots to be repaired in two months. It will be noted that there is an acute shortage of soft leather for uppers, eyelets, rivets and awls whilst nails for soling are also scarce. There appears to be little more than one month's supply of sole leather.

4. In order to organize a regular output to the maximum possible with existing facilities, it is strongly recommended that material for boot repair be made available from Allied sources and that priority be given where possible to those essential items of which the Italian Army is completely deficient.

Bgt. arew. hunk  
for 5518 Naci  
Brig  
Comm  
absent on duty



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Appendix A

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| Seq/lat | Detail                                  | Stores reqd<br>every two<br>months | Now in store<br>and/or<br>workshops | Balance not<br>available<br>from Italian<br>sources for<br>first two<br>months | Remarks        |
|---------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| a       | b                                       | c                                  | d                                   | e                                                                              | f              |
| 1.      | Leather for uppers. thickness 2.8-4.9mm | Kg 1800                            | -                                   | Kg 1800                                                                        |                |
| 2.      | Nails for booting length 25 mm          | 300                                | -                                   | 300                                                                            |                |
| 3.      | Steel nails for soling length 16 mm     | 63                                 | -                                   | 63                                                                             |                |
| 4.      | " " " " " 18 mm                         | 33                                 | -                                   | 33                                                                             |                |
| 5.      | " " " " " 16 mm                         | 321                                | -                                   | 524                                                                            |                |
| 6.      | Nobnails, conical                       | 3560                               | -                                   | 3560                                                                           |                |
| 7.      | " pyramid                               | 114000                             | -                                   | 114000                                                                         | No. not weight |
| 8.      | Rivets                                  | 28500                              | -                                   | 28500                                                                          | "              |
| 9.      | Rivets for uppers                       | 1600                               | -                                   | 1600                                                                           | "              |
| 10.     | Cobbler's sole                          | Kg 23427                           | Kg 15000                            | Kg 8427                                                                        |                |
| 11.     | Sole leather thickness 4. - 7 mm        | 477                                | 997                                 | -                                                                              |                |
| 12.     | Thread                                  | 37                                 | 42                                  | -                                                                              |                |
| 13.     | Steel nails for soles length 12 mm      | 3922                               | 5380                                | -                                                                              |                |
| 14.     | Nobnails, angular for edge of sole      | 1835                               | 262                                 | 1593                                                                           |                |
| 15.     | " round headed                          | 1000                               | 70                                  | 930                                                                            | small bundles  |
| 16.     | Out for threading                       | 500                                | 60                                  | 440                                                                            | Kilograms      |
| 17.     | Cobbler's Wax                           | 1000                               | 240                                 | 760                                                                            | number         |
|         | " needles                               |                                    |                                     |                                                                                |                |

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E' stato fatto un calcolo per cui si riparerebbero circa 14.000 paia di calzature al mese e pertanto sono necessari i seguenti quantitativi di materiali per il fabbisogno dei primi due mesi.

| Spessori                                | Fabbisogno | Esistenza<br>approssimativa | Da rifornire |
|-----------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| mm 28/15 - Vacchetta per tomaia Kg.     | 1800       | 1800                        |              |
| " 7/4 - Cuoio suola in schiappa "       | 23427      | 8427                        |              |
| - Spago da calzolaio "                  | 477        | =                           |              |
| - Chiodi di ferro 9/25 "                | 299,700    | 299,700                     |              |
| - Semenze acciaio da mm. 12             | 37,500     | =                           |              |
| - " " " " 16                            | 64,800     | =                           | 64,800       |
| - " " " " 18                            | 32,400     | =                           | 32,400       |
| - Chiodi ferro a testa conica 11/16 Kg. | 521        | 521                         |              |
| - Chiodi ala di mosca "                 | 3921,600   | 5.320                       |              |
| - " " a testa cir- colare ornata "      | 1855,350   | 262                         |              |
| - Chiodi a tronco di pi- ramide "       | 3556,800   | =                           |              |
|                                         |            |                             | 521 6516     |

ACCESSORI ED ATTREZZI

|                         |    |        |        |
|-------------------------|----|--------|--------|
| - Occhielli laccati     | N° | 114000 | 114000 |
| - Rivetti               | "  | 28500  | 28500  |
| - Lesine                | "  | 1600   | 1600   |
| - Setole mazzetti       |    | 1000   | 930    |
| - Pece da calzolaio kg. |    | 500    | 440    |
| - Aghi per rattoppi     | N° | 1000   | 760    |

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ACCESSORI ED ATTREZZI

|                     |          |        |     |        |
|---------------------|----------|--------|-----|--------|
| - Occhielli laccati | N°       | 114000 | =   | 114000 |
| - Rivetti           | "        | 28500  | =   | 28500  |
| - Lesine            | "        | 1600   | =   | 1600   |
| - Setole            | mazzetti | 1000   | 70  | 930    |
| - Pece da calzolaio | kg.      | 500    | 60  | 440    |
| - Aghi per rattoppi | N°       | 1000   | 240 | 760    |

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Possibilmente dovrebbe essere fornito con precedenza il materiale di cui in atto non ha praticamente disponibilità.

*Lecc 20/12/43*  
*Gen. P. Pacioni*



VESTITARIO PER IL 372° BATTAGLIONE

Pastrani di panno g.v.

Giubbe di panno

Pantaloni di panno

Bustine di panno g.v.

Stivaletti

Camicie di flanella

Camicie di tela

Fasce gambiere

Mutande di tela

Sacchi per erui a piedi

Gavette

Cucchiai

Stellette (psia)

Fasce di flanella

Corpetti a maglia

Pacce da piedi o calze lana o cotone

Teli da tenda

677

280

380

50

400

370

483

270

534

=

500

500

1350

350

160

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770

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| Fasce gambiere                       | 270  |
| Intande di tela                      | 534  |
| Sacchi per armi a piedi              | =    |
| Gavette                              | 500  |
| Cucchiari                            | 500  |
| Stellotte (paia)                     | 1350 |
| Fasce di flanella                    | 350  |
| Corpetti e maglia                    | 160  |
| Perre da piedi o calze lana o cotone | 1300 |
| Teli da tenda                        | 770  |



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| TO                                              |                                        | GR                                                     |
| For Action<br><u>STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO</u> |                                        | Message Instructions                                   |
| (W) For Information (INFO)                      |                                        |                                                        |

Originator's No. Q 206 Ref you 938 dated 6 Dec 0 2370 teli da Linda  
for 227 COASTAL DIV will NOT be required 0 94 Sub Area  
are providing accommodation SALERNO area

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Subject: = Clothing for LEGNANO Div

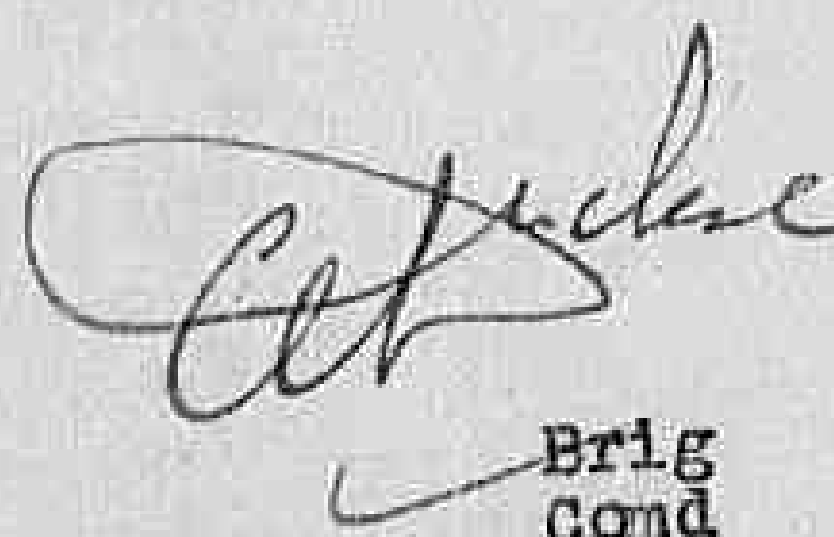
Stato Maggiore R. Esercito

Military Mission to  
Italian Army  
AQ/15/1  
16 Dec 43

With reference to your letter 1122 dated 12 Dec 43.

1. The requirements for LEGNANO Division have been noted, but issue cannot be authorized until the needs of units on a higher priority have been met.

2. This was agreed at my meeting with General BERARDI on 15 Dec 43.

  
Brig  
Cond

EJC/cc

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*Return to  
in file*



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From: S.M.R.I.Z. SERVICES S.M.I. Sec

N° 1122 12 DIC

To: P.U.I.A.

SUBJECT: Reorganization of LEGNANO DIV.

Ad/15/1  
15/12.

To complete clothing for the LEGNANO DIV, please authorize issue of the following items:

- |                    |            |                                         |
|--------------------|------------|-----------------------------------------|
| - Mountain boots.  | prs. 2,840 | } To be drawn from<br>stocks in PUGHIE. |
| - Socks woolen     | " 1,426    |                                         |
| - Blankets, field. | No 1,166   |                                         |
| - ALPINE Caps.     | No. 600    | } To be drawn<br>for SARDINIA.          |
| - Vests woolen.    | No 100     |                                         |
| - Handkerchiefs    | No 5,564   |                                         |
| - Spoons desert.   | No 1,875   | } To be drawn<br>for SICILY.            |
| - Palters          | prs 1564   |                                         |
| - Mess Tins.       | No 1136    |                                         |

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S. Mag. will let MMIA know later other requests for clothing needed by units making up the LEGNANO DIV.

To STATE

Note: May + State Ad/15/1 15 Dec.

A. MARIOTTI



ST/fl

STATO MAGGIORE R.ESERCITO  
UFFICIO SERVIZI  
Sez. Commissariato

URGENTE 25

Prot.n° 1122

P.M.151, li 18 dicembre 1943

OGGETTO: Riordinamento Divisione "Legnano".-

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ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE  
presso l'Esercito Italiano

LEQUILE

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Per completare la vestizione dei militari della Divisione "Legnano", pregasi compiacersi autorizzare la distribuzione dei seguenti oggetti di vestiario:

|                        |      |        |                         |
|------------------------|------|--------|-------------------------|
| - scarponi da montagna | paia | 2840 ) | da trarre dalle dispo-  |
| - calze di lana        | "    | 1426 ) | nibilità della Paglia   |
| - coperte da campo     | n°   | 1166 ) |                         |
| <i>coperti alpini</i>  | "    | 100 )  | da trarre dalle giacen- |
| - corpetti di lana     | "    | 5564 ) | ze della Sardegna       |
| - fazzoletti           | "    | 1875 ) |                         |
| - cucchiari            |      |        |                         |
| - fasce gambiere       | paia | 1564 ) | da trarre dalle giacen- |
| - gavette              | n°   | 1136 ) | ze della Sicilia        |

Questo S.M. si riserva di segnalare altra richiesta di oggetti di vestiario occorrenti per i reparti e per i complementi (699) entreranno a far parte della Divisione "Legnano".-

IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

(A. Mariotti)





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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

Direzione Generale dei Servizi di Commissariato

-Divisione V.E.-Sez.2^-

N. 282/30 di prot.

Lecce li, 13 Dicembre 1943.-

OGGETTO : Materiali britannici presso Magazzini Italiani.-

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA

-presso il R.Esercito Italiano -

A seguito del foglio 346/S dell'11 dicembre si comunica

che i seguenti materiali :

- 635 cappotti panno k.o.
- 60 giubbe panno k.o.
- 500 berretti a busta k.o. ;

segnalati come giacenti presso il Deposito Speciale V.E. della Base 9 in Brindisi sono stati trasportati a Lecce, essendosi dovuto cedere i locali del detto Deposito Speciale alla 71^ Subarea.

Si prega pertanto prendere nota che i materiali citati si trovano presso il Deposito Centrale Vestiario Equipaggiamento 5309 to - ex Scuole Cesare Battisti in Lecce.-

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE  
Generale di Divisione Raffaele Pelligra)



che i seguenti materiali :

- 635 cappotti panno k.o.
- 60 giubbe panno k.o.
- 500 berretti a busta k.o. ;

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Si prega pertanto prendere nota che i materiali citati si trovano presso il Deposito Centrale Vestierio Equipaggiamento 5303 to - ex Scuole Cesare Battisti in Lecce.-



IL DIRETTORE GENERALE  
Generale di Divisione Raffaele Pelligra)

*Raffaele Pelligra*



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TRANSMISSION

FROM: WDR JINJIS TAY

23

Divisione foriale dei Quirici di Comissariato  
Divisione N.E. - Sec. 2<sup>a</sup>

12/12/43.

To: M.M. 1A

Ref: 282/30 Qi farat.

Subject: Butoh carrying stores in Mtolian stores

Files to Refs 246/2 of 11 Dec, me

informed you that:

635 great coats, woollen kabi olive  
60 tunics, woollen  
500 Caps, F.C. 5538

which were in the special store (kit store)

of Base 9 CB RIV DIS + have been  
removed to LFCE, the above special store  
having been ceded to Yi Gulavon.  
The above mentioned above store



60 times, swollen  
500 Caps, EC 6508

which were in the special store (this store)  
of Base 9 BRIM DISI have been  
removed to LEECE, the above special store  
having been ceded to NYI Dubaron.

For your guidance above stores,  
(but stores) are located in ex Senole  
Cesare Battisti, LEECE.

IN DIRECT DE.

Pl. di DIV. R. OFF. PELLEGRINA

As/12  
12/10  
[Signature]



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Subject: Ordnance Stores

Military Mission to  
Italian Army  
AQ/15  
11 Dec 43

HQ N° 2 District

Copy to: Ministero della Guerra

The Italian War Ministry report that:-

"Owing to a fire, materials stored in the Central Depot VE in POGGIA were removed. One part was sent to the 9th Regt Arty Barracks.

These barracks are now occupied by Allied troops who prevent the transfer of some thousands of water bottles and cooking cases, which should, for checking, upkeep and re-issue, be systematically in the depots of the Commissariato".

Will you please arrange for these stores to be handed to the Italian Army. If however, it is not possible to move these stores, may representatives from the Italian Army be allowed access to them so that the necessary checking etc may be carried out.

RJC/cc

93rd Brig  
Cond

6507



Subject: Rucksacks and Hobnails

AMHQ Adv Adm Echelon  
15 Army Group  
HQ N° 2 District

Military Mission to  
Italian Army

17  
AQ/15/1  
11 Dec 43

Further to our AQ/15 dated 4 Dec 43.

1. Rucksacks are available as under:-

| Type                    | N°   | Loan of Depot |
|-------------------------|------|---------------|
| Sacchi Alpini           | 992  | LECCE         |
| Sacchi per armi a piedi | 7543 | LECCE         |
| " " " " "               | 6052 | BARI          |

2. It is confirmed that soft hobnails can be manufactured in LECCE prison. Also soft metal is available for 2000 lbs of nails. Manufacture can begin immediately if new files and small saws can be provided.

EJC/cc

Grid, Capt  
Brig  
Cond

6505



REPORT

Ministero Guerra

20A

Direzione Generale, Commissione Militare  
Divisione V.E. Sezione 2<sup>a</sup>

M.M.I.A.

Ref. 169/30 dist.

Subject Buck sacks - alpin and nails for

climbing boots

22/10/11  
11/12

Reply to letter AG/15 of 4/12/43

We have 992 buck sacks alpin available

6504

in the Central store of L.E.C.C.E., and

more infantry socks stored as follows:

713 in Central store, L.E.C.C.E., 235 in

infantry store W140, L.E.C.C.E. and remain-

der at BARI.

Regarding manufacture of boots clim-

ing in the Penitentiary of L.E.C.C.E.,



in the Central ~~store~~ <sup>clothing</sup> store of LECCE, and  
4000 infantry packs stored as follows:

713 in Central Store, LECCE, 235 in  
infantry store W140, LECCE and remain-  
der at BARI.

Regarding manufacture of boots clin-  
ing was in the Penitentiary of LECCE,  
we can begin immediately, having the  
necessary raw material to prepare 2000 lbs.  
of wool, but it would be necessary to  
supply the Penitentiary with new files  
and small saws, as present ones are

worn out. :  
ML Director General

W140 (Pen. di Sanzione Penale  
P. C. C. C.)



Rp

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA  
Dir.Gen.Serv.Commissariato Militare  
Divisione V.E. Sezione 2^

n. 169/30 di prot.

Lecce, 11

OGGETTO: Sacchi alpini e chiodatura scarpe da montagna.-  
Risposta a f.AQ/15 del 4 dicembre

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA

LEQUILE

Si precisa che nelle Puglie si hanno disponibili 992 sacchi alpini presso il Deposito Centrale Vestiario di Lecce.- Inoltre esistono 7000 sacchi per armi a piedi circa, di cui 713 presso il Deposito Centrale di Lecce, 235 presso il Deposito I40° Fanteria in Lecce e i restanti a Bari.-

Per quanto riguarda la fabbricazione di chiodi per scarpe da montagna presso il Penitenziario di Lecce, questo potrebbe dar subito inizio alla lavorazione avendo la materia prima necessaria per circa 2000 libbre di chiodi.-

Occorrerà, però, provvedere al Penitenziario stesso una rinnovazione di lime e piccole seghe dato che le attuali in dotazione sono molto usate.-

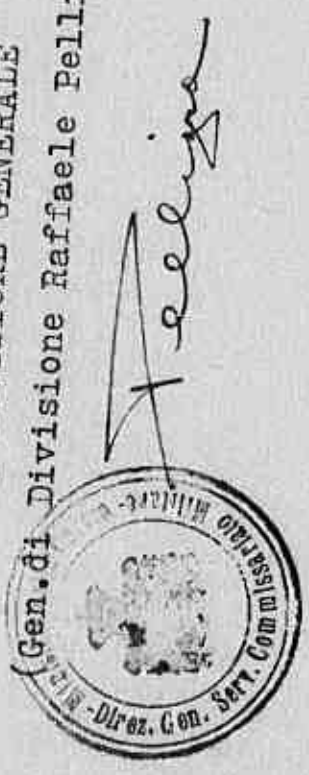
IL DIRETTORE GENERALE  
(Gen. di Divisione Raffaele Pelligra)

...stanti a Bari.-  
...te i-08 Panteria in Lecce) JJ

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IL DIRETTORE GENERALE  
(Gen. di Divisione Raffaele Pelligrà)





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ARMY FORM C2136 (Small)

## MESSAGE FORM

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Transmission Instructions

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Originator

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For Action

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

GR

Originator's No.

Q 331 - Ref your Q 1550, dated 2 Nov 0 House  
 confirm that days and evening facilities are  
 still available. If not, please advise for  
 houses involved. Please advise of any  
 changes in the program. If necessary,  
 units for review with the House.

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Subject: Rucksacks and Hobnails

Military Mission to  
Italian Army  
AG/15  
4 Dec 43

Ministry of War

Copy to: AFHQ Adv Adm Bnh (ref your 31/6/43 dated 21 Nov)  
15 Army Group  
2 District

Further to conversation Lt Col VACCA - Capt BYATT  
of 2 Dec.

1. It is likely that a large number of rucksacks  
(sacchi Alpini) will be required by the Allied Forces. It  
is understood that 1000 approx are available in APULIA.

Would you please state location of the depots,  
where these are available and of any further supplies in  
other Provinces.

2. It is understood that no soft metal hobnails for  
Alpine Boots are available, but that if the metal is provide  
ed, they can be made in LECCE prison. Would you please con  
firm this

*J. Bid, Capt*  
Brig  
Comd

BJC

6504

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CIPHER MESSAGE

15  
SECRET

|           |                                                   |         |     |
|-----------|---------------------------------------------------|---------|-----|
| PRIORITY  | IMMEDIATE                                         | FOLIO   | 136 |
| TO        | CE No 2 District rtd.<br>British Military Mission | DATE    | 28  |
|           |                                                   | T.O.O.  | —   |
|           |                                                   | T.H.I.  | —   |
| FROM      | DDW FLAMEO                                        | T.O.R.  |     |
| ORIG. NO. | DDW / 9                                           | T.DO(C) |     |

REFERENCE Ref para 1

One Request early investigation of Italian Army supplies of snow camouflaged equipment. Two also availability of white cloth and matt white paint. Purchase any existing stocks if necessary requisition

GESO II (RE) to see  
Bgcet 30/10  
31/10  
RECD. CA



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Subject:- Clothing for Italian Forces

S M R E

Military Mission to  
Italian Army  
AQ/15  
25 Nov 43

Ref your letter 710/SV/Comm dated 22 Nov 43.

1. I am instructed to say that it has been laid down that khaki battle dress will not be issued to Italian troops. Therefore dyeing is essential, and arrangements are being made accordingly (our AQ/15 dated 24 Nov refers).

2. It is again emphasised that this clothing will not be available for a considerable time.

EJC

6493  
Bq Claremont  
for Brig Maj  
Comd

TRANSLATION

FROM. Commissioner Dept  
S. M. R. E.

With reference to the 60,000 khaki uniforms released by the Allied H.Q. to our Army and the question of their being dyed, we wish to inform you that the existing dye will only allow for 4000 of them.

In addition, considering that the uniforms are ~~already~~ ready made, circumstances which will not allow for a successful dying, we are of the opinion that they could be used <sup>6492</sup> in their present state, also taking into consideration the urgency of their distribution.

In ~~order~~ <sup>order</sup> to avoid confusing them with those worn by Allied Units, they ~~should be~~ <sup>should be</sup> ~~here~~, it might be sufficient to ~~use~~ <sup>use on</sup> stars and distinctive markings as used at present by the Italian Army; ~~for the same~~ <sup>the same</sup> as some units are now being issued with khaki uniforms.

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Subject: ... Weigert

10: 21-11

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It would also be possible to go into the question of producing further special markings to put on to them.

22. Nov. 43.

Col. A. QUERENA

AD/15

DATAQMG

24/

I think this is answered in the letter sent to them about dying facilities.

See also that AFHQ have ruled that when battle dress is not to be worn, it should be in the brown color.



DA/fl



N. 2000 (208) del Catl.  
(R. 1941 - Anno XX)

P.M.151, li 22 novembre 1943 - Anno 15

STATO MAGGIORE R.ESERCITO

UFFICIO SERVIZI

Sez. Commissariato

Prot. N. 710/SV/Comm. Allegati

Risposta al foglio del 14 corrente

Div. Sez. N.

OGGETTO Uniformi.-

LA MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA  
presso l'Esercito Italiano  
P.M.107

Nei riguardi delle 60.000 uniformi kaki che il Coman-  
do Anglo-Americano sarebbe disposto a cedere per i bisogni  
del nostro Esercito, ed alla opportunità che esse vengano  
tinte, si comunica che la tintura esistente consentirebbe  
di provvedere solo per 4.000 di esse. 6497

Ciò stante, e considerando che le uniformi da cedere  
sono già confezionate, circostanza che non assicura la per-  
fetta riuscita dell'operazione, si ritiene che esse potreb-  
bero essere usate nello stato in cui si trovano, data anche  
l'urgenza di poterle distribuire.

Per evitare che esse possano essere confuse con quelle  
indossate dalli Eserciti Alleati, potrebbe essere sufficien-  
te munirle delle stellette e dei rimanenti contrassegni di  
arma e di grado attualmente in uso presso l'Esercito Italia-  
no, tanto più che per talune unità di esso già sono in di-  
stribuzione uniformi di color kaki.

Comunque potrebbe essere presa in esame la opportunità  
di adozione di altro speciale distintivo qualora ritenuto  
necessario.-

d'ordine  
IL COLONNELLO DI S.M.  
CAPO UFFICIO SERVIZI  
(A. Quercia)

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Subject: Clothing for Italian Troops

Military Mission to  
Italian Army  
Ref AQ/I5  
24 Nov 43

S.M.A.E. 3° Reparto

Ref our letter AQ/I5 dated 14 Nov 43.

1. Information has been received from No 2 District that facilities exist at BARI for dyeing 500 complete suits of British Military clothing daily, up to a total of 50,000 suits.
2. The cost will be 62 lire per complete suit.
3. As this clothing will not become immediately available, no account should be taken of it, in estimating your future requirements.

GEH

*gfid, Cpt*  
Brig  
Comd 6490



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*NOTE also H.Q. main*  
*16*  
SUBJECT :- Rucksacks. *Sacchi Alpini*  
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AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon.  
CMF.  
31/6/Q.

British Military Mission  
to Seventh Italian Army.  
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21 Nov 43.  
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There is a possibility of rucksacks being required in quantities greater than can at present be supplied from British stocks.

It would be appreciated if you could inform this H.Q. whether there are any stocks of Italian rucksacks which could be drawn on in event of requirement, and if so please state location and approx. quantity available.

*Richman* *main*  
*6490*  
Major General  
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer.

*1/12 JLB*  
Copy to :- H.Q. 15 Army Group G(SD)  
No.2 District  
Ord  
A.F.H.Q. Q(AE)

*Ad/15*  
*1/12*



Subject:- Clothing for Italian Army

HQ No.2 District CMF  
Ext 17  
1559 Q

21 Nov 43

M.M.I.A.

Ref this HQ 1429 Q of 12 Nov 43.

1. Pio Bernardi, 19 PIAZZA EROI MARE, BARI, can dye battledress at the rate of 1000 pieces per day, i.e. 500 complete suits, up to a total of 100,000 pieces = 50,000 suits. Cost 31 lire per piece.

2. Bernardi has been asked to freeze dye material pending further instructions from this HQ. 6

3. A.F.H.Q. have been informed on the strength of the above that facilities for dyeing exist in this District. It is suggested that this offer should be taken into account in conjunction with any negotiations you are making yourselves.

T.O.O.....

*G. M. H. for* Colonel  
Colonel I/c Admin

Copy to:- Allied Military Mission

"OS" No. 2 District.

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| ARMY FORM C2136 (Small)                                                                                                        |          | MESSAGE FORM                                                                                 |                           | Register No                                  |
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| Call                                                                                                                           | Srl. No. | Priority                                                                                     | Transmission Instructions |                                              |
| OM                                                                                                                             | 1559     |                                                                                              | 2000                      |                                              |
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| Q 195 (.) Cite <del>1559</del> FHGDQ (.) Ref your 9187/Q/AE of 7 Nov (.) All arrangements can be made to dye battle dress here |          |                                                                                              |                           |                                              |
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8/393 LRLC V LRCT ( R27  
FROM DISTWO

ATO MILITARY MISSION TO ITALIAN ARMY

18 NOV. 1943

Q170 --- ---

REF THIS HQ Q38 OF THE 30OCT . PLEASE  
ARRANGE <sup>SUPPLY FROM</sup> ~~ITALIAN~~ ITALIAN STOCKS UNDERSTAND TO

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RPTN ~~17XXX 48/393 Q170 Q38 ITALIAN BARI~~

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19/11/43 refers to B. 15  
million units in 3. 1943



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LRLC V LRCT 34/576 QVR1 GR--58

FROM ~~REDACTED~~ DISTWO 171900A

TO MMIA

INFO PW SUB COMMISSION OS 2 DISTRICT  
Q172 (.)

REQUEST FROM PW SUB COMMISSION

FOR ~~REDACTED~~ RELEASE OF ACCOMMODATION STORES

BLANKETS ETC FOR CIVILIAN INTERNEES (.)

RELEASE APPROVED AND ISSUE

BEING MADE ~~REDACTED~~ FOR

INITIAL DEMAND (.) AS FURTHER CALLS WILL PROBABLY BE

~~REDACTED~~ MADE WOULD BE OBLIGED

INFORMATION WHETHER ITEMS COULD

BE MADE AVAILABLE FROM ITALIAN RESOURCES

THI 172130

REPTN 34/576 QVR1 171900A MMIA 2 Q172

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18 NOV. 1948

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Recd  
2025  
Only

Subject:- Boots

Military Mission to  
Italian Army

AQ/15

17 Nov 43

SMRE 3° REPARTO

1. I am directed to say that part worn boots are being returned by the Allies to Ordnance Depots. These boots, while they are no longer suitable for troops in the front line, can be made sufficiently serviceable for more static occupations.
2. In view of the requirements of the Italian Army, and in particular of those units working with the EIGHTH ARMY, may we please be informed of the following:-
  - a) What facilities exist in the Italian Army for the repair of boots.
  - b) An estimated number of boots that could be repaired per month.

Rsgct.

for Brig  
Comd

EJC

Subject. Clothing for Italian Troops

Military Mission

AQ/15

14 Nov 43

SMRE 3° REPARTO

Copy to:- INTENDENZA, 7 Italian Army

1. There is a possibility that British military clothing may at a later date be made available to supply the needs of the Italian Army.
2. As all this clothing will be khaki colour, may ~~B~~ M M pleased be informed urgently, of the facilities that exist for having them dyed green, and if sufficient dye is available for up to 60,000 complete suits.

*Wend, Capt*  
or Brig  
Comd

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Sub. Battle Dress 2nd Grade for Italians.

HQ No. 2 District. CMF.

Ext. 17.

1429 Q.

12 Nov. 43.

British Military Mission.

1. 60,000 B.D. Blouses and 40,000 B.D. Trousers second grade are likely to be available from Mideast for Italians.
2. If these are shipped to this district are there facilities for having them dyed green and is there sufficient dye available.

13/11/43  
T.O.O. 16.00

Copy to:- Allied Commission.

9.10.43  
Colonel.  
Col i/c Admin.

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Section 3.2/NNP