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Aug. - Sept. 1944

Subject: Answers to questions submitted by Lt. Col. Finks.

Army Sub Commission (MIA)
H.C., A.C.C.
R.O.M.E.
AC/15/1.

AUG 44

MEMO FOR: LT. COL. FINKS

1. Q. What should we do to trace, locate and ensure delivery of the items due in accordance with AFHQ letter 9 January?

A. (a) Get a list of actual shipments from US, UK and ME by items, by ships, and by conveyors.

(b) Use this information to trace any errors in delivery to wrong agencies etc, and request that any balances due be furnished.

(c) The information will also enable MIA to check deliveries to Italian depots against actual shipments, trace deliveries to wrong agencies, losses in transit, or during off loading and delivery.

2. Q. What evidence do we have that the entire 300,000 pairs of boots have been received?

A. All boots were routed through British Depots and the exact division as between boots imported and boots repaired in this theater under AFHQ Adm Memo No. 5 cannot be determined. The total delivery from British sources is approximately 970,000 pairs and it appears reasonable that the full 300,000 due from importation have been received.

3. Q. Stocks in Sardinia should be under MIA control. What is required to accomplish this?

A. An understanding with G.C. AG.S. which will place Italian Depots in Sardinia under MIA control and if not already accomplished the transfer of all stocks intended for Italians to Italian Depots.

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4. Q. (a) What has been received from British sources exclusive of (Jan) allotment for issue to Italian Army through MILA?

(b) What has been issued to Italians direct from British sources?

A. (a) All items as at 25 July 44 are listed in Appx "A" hereto attached.

(b) This information is not available in HQ MILA. It should be available from C(IE) of AFHQ.

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6. Q. What is total stocks of clothing, shoes and equipment that is available for issue as at 25 July 1944.

A. See Appx "B" hereto attached.

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7. Q. What is total stocks of clothing and shoes and equipment that has been received, is now in Italian hands but will require classification and repair prior to issue?

A (a) Approximately 34 2,000 pairs of US shoes.

(b) An unsorted lot of clothing which is just now in process of being delivered. Sorting and classification is necessary before a list by items can be furnished. Very little, if any, equipment other than clothing is included.

8. Q. What has been turned over to ACC for civilians as being unsuitable for use by the Military?

A. Nothing as yet.

9. Q. How much green dye should be delivered to following consignees upon arrival, based on 36 tons initial receipt and 10 tons per month thereafter?

- A. British.
- B. Italian depots.
- C. PES.

A. Under new policy all Green Dyes should be turned over to Italian Depots.

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GEO. A. SHIPLEY Lt. Col.
For Major General,
Army Sub Commission (AMSL)

9. C. How much green dye should be delivered to following consignees upon arrival, based on 35 tons initial receipt and 10 tons per month thereafter?

- A. British.
- B. Italian depots.
- C. PPS.

A. Under new policy all Green Dye should be turned over to Italian Depots.

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GRD. A. SHIPLEY Lt. Col.
For Major General.
Army Sub Commission (MIA)

Annex A to AC/15/1P dated 3 Aug 44

CLOTHING RECEIPTS IN TREATY OF MADRID
of letter of 9 Jan 44 as at 25 July.
RECEIVED AS RE-APPROPRIATIONS

		AMERICAN	BRITISH
1. Blouses Battle Dress	P/W	22542	27082
2. Shoes rubber soled	Class B2		
3. Boots, ankle	P/W		
3. Blouses HBT	Class X	10230	29013
5. Caps, Garrison - dyed green	"	910	
5. Coats, service, wool, undyed	"	7158	
7. Drawers, cotton, short, khaki	"	7600	
8. " wool, long	"	100	
9. Jackets, field, undyed	"	4422	
10. " " dyed green	"	575	
11. " Paratrooper, undyed	"	300	
12. Leggings, canvas	"	1820	
13. Overcoats, undyed	"	2894	
14. Shirts, cotton, dyed green	"	1075	
15. Socks, cotton	"	730	
16. " wool, light	"	100995	
17. Suits, HBT one piece	"	2627	
18. Towels Bath	"	4050	
19. " Huck	"	1920	
20. Trousers Battledress	P/W		17493
21. " cotton khaki	Class X	2750	
24. " HBT	"	3920	
23. " wool, undyed	"	24975	
24. " " dyed green	"	537	
25. Undershirts, cotton	"	22328	
26. " wool	"	4189	
27. Tools tailoring & sewing	New		10
28. Seals, Railway wagon	"		4000

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Subject: Provision of Boots and Clothing for Italian Armed Forces.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ. M.M.I.A.
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AG/15/11.

H.Q., A.A.I. for DCAG (4 copies)

Jul 44.

1. The following information is submitted and is from stock states as known on 25 June 1944.
2. Attached at Appx "A" Details of RECEIPTS from ALLIED sources.
 " " " " Details of ISSUES to Italian Forces.
 " " " " (i) Resultant stocks as known on 25 June.
 (ii) Stock under AGS(Sardinia) Control.
 (iii) Stocks still due under AFHQ letter 400.1(ITALY) GDS-AGM 9 Jan 44.
 (iv) Total - (i) plus (ii) plus (iii).

3. The following items have been received as a result of AFHQ Adm. Memo No. 5. These have been included in the figures given at Appx "A".

British Boots	68,090
U.S. Boots.	10,146
Trousers Battle Dress	6,018
Blouses Battle Dress	12,457

NOTE: Included in the 19,000 Battle Dresses reported last month as received as result of AFHQ Adm. Memo No. 5 were 15,000 suits imported before being dyed and then dyed in British shops in Italy.

4. (a) Approximately 300,000 pairs of Class "C" and Class "D" U.S. Shoes

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4. (a) Approximately 300,000 pairs of Class "C" and Class "D" U.S. Shoes are at present being delivered to Italian Depots for repair by Italian Army. It is estimated that between 50% and 70% will be found repairable. The Italian Army has facilities for repair of boots up to a rate of 100,000 pairs per month. The actual rate of repair of both Italian and U.S. Boots will be dependant upon the provision of repairing materials, especially sole leather or composition soles. Approximately 10% of sole leather requirement appears at present to be available from local sources under A.C.C. Control. It is understood that additional U.S. Class "D" shoes will be available at the rate of 6,000 to 8,000 pairs per month.

(b) It is also understood that a substantial quantity of U.S. part-worn clothing is to be made available for repair and dyeing by the Italian Army. Repair shops and other facilities are available but certain materials, especially dye, cannot be obtained from local sources.

(c) In addition to U.S. clothing and shoes available for repair in Italian Army shops, a substantial stock of Italian uniforms and boots have accumulated and can be repaired by the Italians if the necessary repairing materials are made available.

5. Estimates of time existing stocks will last are given in Appx "D". These estimates are based upon the assumption that total quantities still due under AFHQ letter 400.1 (ITALY) GDS-ADM 9 Jan 44 will arrive in due course. The increased delivery of boots from British repair shops, the contemplated repair of U.S.

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Boots and Italian Boots, and U.S. Clothing and Italian Clothing by the Italian Army, has also been given due weight. The rate of repair in Italian shops will be dependant on the supply of essential repairing materials; some from local sources under A.C.C. control, and others from Allied sources.

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

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RECEIPTS OF CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT BY ITALIAN DEPOTS FROM ALLIED SOURCES

		F.D. BLouses	B.D. TROUSERS	BOOTS	PULLOVERS	SHIRTS COTTON	SOCKS COTTON	DRAWERS WOOL	
<u>Receipts from 26 May to 25 June 44.</u>									
BARI	A.	-	-	-	-	46215	-	4202	
	B.	17880	19600	8788	-	-	-	-	
NAPLES	A.	-	-	-	-	8919	64800	300	
	B.	-	14500	48721	-	-	-	-	
TARANTO	A.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	B.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
SICILY	A.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	B.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL		17880	34200	57509	-	55134	64800	4502	
<u>Total receipts as of 25 June 44.</u>									

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Appendix

STATEMENT OF ISSUES OF CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT FROM ALLIED

BLouses B.D.	TROUSERS B.D.	BOOTS	PULLOVERS	SHIRTS COTTON	SOCKS COTTON	DRIVERS WOOL	MA
<u>Issues during 26 May - 25 June 1944</u>							
23905	25371	45225	Nil	43245	58492	2934	
<u>Total issues as at 25 Jun 1944</u>							
93624	95097	166531	3879	121383	172951	13572	5

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Appendix "B" to A2/15/11 dated 20 Jul 44.

OF CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT FROM ALLIED SOURCES TO BRITISH ARMED FORCES.

SHIRTS COTTON	SOCKS COTTON	DR. TIE WOOL	MAKINAW COTTON	COMFORTERS COTTON	CAPS WOOL	HELMETS WEB
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Issues during 26 May - 25 June 1944

43245	58092	2934	700	Nil	15749	8201
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Total issues as at 25 Jun 1944

121383	172951	13372	5134	Nil	20326	11711
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STOCKS ON HAND AND PRESENTED TO BE AVAILABLE AS AT 25 JUNE 1944.

BLOUSES B.D.	TROUSERS B.D.	BOOTS	PULLOVERS	SHIRTS COTTON	SOCKS COTTON	DRIVERS WOOL	MUCKERS
(i) <u>STOCKS in hand on 26 June 1944.</u>							
138774	128509	211705	90965	215293	238224	275077	1588
(ii) <u>STOCKS understood to have been delivered to AGS (SARDINIA) and still on hand but not</u>							
-	-	-	-	145181	180176	127405	7461
(iii) <u>STOCKS still due under AFHQ Letter 400.1 (IT-RC) GCS-AGM 9 Jan.</u>							
40059	22412	nil	155156	18143	8649	84146	1107
Total of present stocks, stocks reported in SARDINIA and balance still due ((i) + (ii) + (iii))							
(iv)	178833	150921	211705	246121	378617		

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Appendix "C" to AOC 15/11 dated 20 Jul 44.

NO BE AVAILABLE AS AT 25 JUNE 1944.

SHIRTS COTTON	SOCKS COTTON	DRAWERS WOOL	SLACKS WOOL	COMFORTERS COTTON	CAPS WOOL	BELTS WEB
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215293	238224	275077	158849	122353	107377	34092
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AGS (SABOTAGE) and still on hand but not as yet under MMIA control.

145181	180176	127405	74638	14792	91832	45589
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IV. (SABOTAGE) AGS-AGM 9 Jan.

18143	8649	84146	11079	112845	30465	107608
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AGS (SABOTAGE) and balance still due ((i) + (ii) + (iii))

378517	427049	486628	244556	250000	229674	188289
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Appx "D" to AG/15/11 dated 20 Jul 44

AND QUANTITY ALREADY SET UP WILL BE EXHAUSTED

limited as of 25 June 1944.

BASIS OF CALCULATION	STOCK WILL BE EXHAUSTED
essential items. As ITALIAN uniform is worn out there is no cloth to make more.	October 1944.
essential items. Increased repairs in British and alien shops is helping to maintain stocks.	October 1944, or December 1944, if sufficient repairing materials are made available.
issue until October	December 1944.
large demand and no appreciable ITALIAN stocks.	November 1944.
considerable demand for thicker socks. Italians are using foot cloths from flour sacks and issuing in lieu of cotton socks.	November 1944.
issues until October	January 1945.
all issues only during summer.	December 1944.
issue until October	January 1945.
stocks of ITALIAN caps can be made available slowly.	No further supply required.
issues to certain units only.	No further supply required.

Subject: Clothing for Italian Military Personnel.

1220 HQ L of C Troops Engrs.
Ref No 1220/A/94.
10 Oct 44.

Italian Ministry of War,
Rome.

Copy MMIA, Rome.

121 Rd Constrn Coy RE.

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Ref attached copy letter of 6 Sept 44 requesting issue of clothing for Italian Military personnel.

May these items which are urgently required, please be released.

*Answered by HQ 15/11
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Capt. R.E.

For Lt.-Col. R.E.

1220 HQ L of C Troops Engrs.

unwarranted by the units employed or were
involved by 210 Div. or by 5th Army, which
requests which have been sent back)

These requests, with those now at
the Ministry, will be forwarded to 210
Div. HQ & we beg you that they be
transmitted back to the concerned units
with due remarks.

For your information 5th Army former member
Italian & allied cloth & equipment request 225
of Italian units employed by the Allies
will be forwarded to this Ministry but
to the Allied HQs from which same
units are depending.

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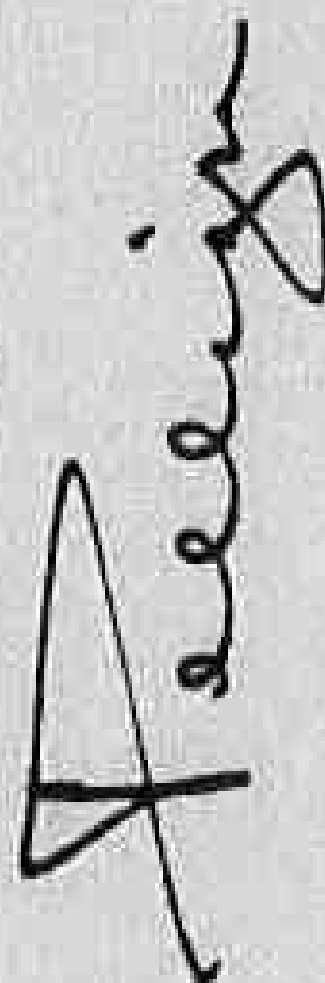
L'Army Sub Commission ha comunicato che con l'assegnazione degli oggetti di v.e. di provenienza alleata disposta a favore di codesto Comando con il foglio 40/61/358 in data 10 corrente (dispaccio N° 20439/4 del 5 corr. di questo Ministero) devono intendersi soddisfatte tutte le richieste inoltrate dai reparti impiegati o controllati dalla 210^a Divisione e dalla V^a Arm., delle quali ha effettuato la restituzione. =

Tali richieste, unitamente a quelle giacenti presso questo Ministero, sono pertanto trasmesse a codesto Comando con preghiera di disporre la restituzione ai reparti interessati accompagnate dalle comunicazioni del caso. =

Per norma si precisa che d'ora in avanti le richieste di tutti i materiali di v.e. (alleati ed italiani) dei reparti italiani impiegati dagli A.A. dovranno essere trasmesse, non più a questo Ministero, bensì direttamente ai Comandi delle unità alleate da cui i reparti stessi dipendono. =

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MILITARY MISSION, ITALIAN ARMY
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9 October 1944

TO: Liason Officer,
Military Mission Italian Army
5th Floor,
Banco Di Lavoro Bldg.
123 Via Roma
Naples

136. Your semi-monthly return covering period 11th to 25th Aug. for Socks, Wool, Light, Part Worn 124-A indicated 50 repeat 53 receipts in period. Your daily report of receipts in period 11th to 25th Aug. inclusive indicated receipts of 124-A amounting to 160,200 pairs. Your semi-monthly returns for periods 26th Aug. to 10th Sept. and 11th Sept. to 25th Sept. report total receipts of 90,745 pairs of 124-A. Daily reports of receipts for same period indicate receipt of 40,340 pairs of 124-A. Total receipts of 124-A from 11th Aug. to 25th Sept. amount to 200,540 pairs according to daily reports of receipts. This figure added to stock figure at 10th Aug. given by semi-monthly return shows present stock of 124-A as 327,694 pairs, less 5,650 pairs issued. Semi-monthly return for period 11th to 25th Sept. reports stock of 212,449 pairs of 124-A or 109,795 pairs short of figure arrived at by adding reported daily receipts to previous stock figure. Can you clarify?

Copy for G/AE.

for
Lt. Colonel
AA & QMG
M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT: Clothing - Italian Army

Military Mission
Italian Army

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AQ/15/11

9 October 44

TO: HQ 3 DISTRICT

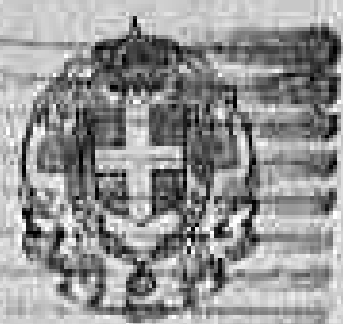
Ref your 485 Q dated 7 Oct 44.

A copy of 120 Gd Bn indent was forwarded to this HQ.
by Major Thrupp on 28 Sept 44.

At this time it was known that the Bn would be absorbed
into Mantova Div, and that they would have moved before the indent
could have been met.

Under these circumstances it was considered advisable
to withhold approval until the Bn reached their new location. 215

FAC
F.A. COLE, MAJOR
for Major-General
Military Mission
Italian Army



Ministero della Guerra

Roma

8 VII 1944

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ITALIANO COORDINAMENTO
SERV. GEN. PER L'A.C.C.

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Request for Clothing

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