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I.C.F. Reorg. - Q - General

July 1944 - Jan. 1945

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Subject: E.F.I. Supplies to Grappi.

Q/29/1

Land Forces Sub Comd. :
(C. S. I. A.) 2 G M E
HQ/2/311 Jan 1945
-----To: HQ 15 Army Group.

reference your GS/82/AFS dated 13 Dec 1944.

The total value of E.F.I. goods supplied to the Grappi up to
30 Nov 1944 is as follows:-

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	£	s.	d.
(a) SCULLY Sp.	1164	-	13 - 0
(b) J. KENNA Sp.	1142	-	14 - 8
(c) LEONARD Sp.			NIL
(d) POLLOCK Sp.			NIL
(e) SANTOVA Sp.			NIL

PFF/1e

P. P. Radell

P. P. RADSELL, 3/Comm.
for Major General,
C. S. I. A.

Copy to: 80 BLU)
 81 BLU) Please forward return
 82 BLU) for use 44 as requested
 83 BLU) in our letter HQ/2/3 dated
 84 BLU) 22 Dec 44.

Spec. Sec. MHA

Subject: E.F.I. Supplies for the Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME
AQ/2/3

10 Jan 1945

To: Ministry of War

Reference your 5067/V dated 9 Jan 1945.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of the following Banca D'Italia cheques:-

- (a) Cheque No. 0,354,793-A for 500,000 lire.
- (b) Cheque No. 0,354,794-A for 351,685 lire.

Total 851,685 lire.

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2. This sum being in payment of NAAFI bills Nos M81259, M81260 and M81286 for E.F.I. supplies issued to Friuli and Cremona Combat Gps.

3. Attached, as requested through Major BYATT, are details of the goods supplied in respect of each Group.

P. P. Fardeall

P. P. FARDELL, J/Comd.
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

EFT/As

Copy to: Special Section, MMIA. ✓

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Subject: E.F.I. Supplies to GRUPPI.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME
AQ/2/3

28 Dec 1944

To: 52 B.L.U.

Ref your Q/3/38 of 24 Dec 1944.

1. Some confusion appears to exist over your reading of the two letters AAI 2049/12/Q2 dated 5 Oct 44 and AFHQ 2554/Q Maint dated 27 Sept 44. They should be read in conjunction.

2. The AAI letter referred to does not state that para 4 of AFHQ 2554/Q Maint does not apply until the Gruppi enter the operational zone. It merely states that para 4 will apply when the Gruppi enter such zone.

3. Para 2 of AFHQ letter 2554/Q Maint states that "It is intended to provide these Italian Gruppi, as they are formed, with toilet articles from E.F.I. as follows. This authority must not be quoted as a precedent for the issue of E.F.I. supplies to other Italian forces."

DSLB/le

Copy to: Bgee Sec MCIA

D.S.L. GREGSON
D.S.L. GREGSON, Major,
for Colonel, DASOM
M. M. I. A.

Subject: Distribution of EFI goods to Combat Groups.

To Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (LMIA)

53 B.L.U.
Ref. Q1 - 64.
24 Dec 44.

1. Ref your S/Q/29/1 of 18 Dec 44.
2. It is suggested that the BLU should not be given this added responsibility which would fall on the DAA & QMG who is already fully occupied. It is agreed, however, that the Combat Gp must be made entirely responsible for accounting and the settlement of their accounts.
If EFI have any difficulty in their transactions with the Gp, the LMIA LO would carry out the necessary liaison.
3. It is considered that no British officer should be made responsible for the settlement of accounts, which is entirely a matter between the EFI and the Gp.
4. In the case of any default on the part of the Gp, the concession should be immediately withdrawn.

C. H. M. W. K.

Lt. Col.
G.S.

29/12

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Subject: E.F.I. Supplies for Italian Combat Groups.

5/9/29/1

Land Forces Sub Comd. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
AQ/2/3
28 Dec 1944

To: Ministry of War

[Signature]

Ref your 22942/V dated 26 November 1944.

1. The question of payment for E.F.I. goods supplied to the combat Groups has been investigated.
2. It is regretted that the proposal in your a/m letter cannot be agreed to.
3. The method of payment for E.F.I. goods will continue as heretofore.

[Signature]
D. S. L. GREGG, Major,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

USLB/le

Copy to: 50, 51, 52, 53, 56 BLUS
(This HQ letter 5/9/29/1 of 18 Dec 44 refers)
Spec Sec MIA

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Subject: E.F.I. Supplies to the Italian Army.

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Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME
AQ/2/3

24. Dec 1944

To: 52 B.L.U.

1. Information has been received from 15 Army Group that arrangements for the supply of EPI goods, similar to those now in force for the GRUPPI, were made for the supply of these goods to UTILE and MESSO units of the C.I.L.
2. 15 Army Group wish to know the total value of EPI goods supplied to these two units prior to their absorption into the present GRUPPI.
3. Will you please forward this information.

DSIG/le

W. H. I. A.
D.S.L. GRIGSON, Major,
for Col. DA & QM
M. M. I. A.

Copy to:
Spec. Sec. MMIA

W. H. I. A.

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Subject: EPI Supplies to GAUNCI

5/29/1

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(R. M. I. A.)
R. O. M. I.
20/1/3

22 Dec 44.

50, 51, 52, 53 & 56 D.L.S.

1. Enclosed is copy of a letter received from 18 Army Group.
2. In order that this information may be forwarded to 18 Army Group, will you please forward to this HQ:
 - (a) The total value of EPI goods supplied to your group up to 30 Nov 1944.
 - (b) Thereafter monthly.

All returns are required.

D. B. L. GREGG
D. B. L. GREGG, Major,
for Major General,
R. M. I. A.

DSIG/wk

Copy 18 Army Group (your 68/52/AFM dated 13 Dec refers)
Spec. Sec. _____

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23/12

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C O P Y

Subject:- E.F.I. Supplies to Gruppi.

Headquarters,
Allied Armies in Italy.
Tel:- Filpot 268.
CM/52/AFA.

13th Dec 44.

M.M.I.A.,
HQ. Allied Commission,
A.P.O. 394.

Will you, please forward to this office a statement of the total value of E.F.I. goods supplied to the Gruppi up to 30th November 1944 under the terms of A.F.H.Q. memo AFHQ/2554/Q(Maint) dated 27 Sept 1944 and arrange to forward a monthly statement in the future.

sgd I.W. BURNETT,
Lt. Col.,
Assistant Financial Adviser.

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SUBJECT:- EMI Goode

52 British Liaison Unit.

CmF.

21 Dec 44

To:- Land Forces Sub Comm AC
(MMIA)

Q/3/34

Q/ra/1

Reference your S/Q/29/1 of 18 Dec 44.

1. It is not considered practicable for an officer of the BLU to undertake the suggested responsibility for settlement of the Gruppo's EMI accounts. Whether payment was made by individual Units or through a consolidated Divisional Fund, the officer concerned would have to check all accounts as EMI would hold him responsible for accurate payments. Further the accounting Units would presumably be entitled to the usual NAPFI rebate and the British officer would become responsible for PRI accounts.

2. It is NOT considered that any officer should be asked to accept the responsibilities concerned nor has any officer the time from his own duties.

RWG/WN.

23/12

F. Phillips

Lt. Col,
G.S.O.I.

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Subject: M.P.I. Supplies to the Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) R G M E
AM/2/3

21 Dec 1944

To: RTG-IOG for attn Major Gelardi.

1. Information has been received from 15 Army Group that arrangements for the supply of M.P.I. goods, similar to those now in force for the GRUPPI, were made for the supply of these goods to UTILE and NEBO units of the C.I.L.
2. 15 Army Group wish to know the total value of M.P.I. goods supplied to these two units prior to their absorption into the present GRUPPI.
3. Will you please forward this information or if unable to do so suggest from whom it can be obtained.

DSIG/lc

[Signature]
D.S.L. GEMISON, Major,
for Colonel, D.A. 38
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: 15 Army Group (your CM/52/AVA dated 15 Dec refers.
N.B. C.I.L. was absorbed into present Gruppis
in mid-September)

Spec. Sec. MMLA

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Subject: B.F.I. Supplies to Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. H. I. A.) ROME
AQ/2/3

21. Dec 1944

MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Enclosed are HASTI Bills Nos B81259, B81260 and B81286 for goods supplied to PRIULI and GRADONA Combat Groups, together with consolidated statement No. B81287 which shows a net amount due of £2129-4-3 (Two thousand one hundred twenty nine pounds, four shillings and three pence).
2. You will note that each bill is supported by a statement signed by an appropriate Italian officer.
3. Will you please forward your cheque in settlement of this account to this Bq for onward transmission to A.F.H.Q.
4. The suggestion raised in your letter 22942/V dated 26 Nov 44 is under consideration and a decision will be communicated to you in due course.
5. Please return original bills with your cheque.

WELG/1a

D. S. L. GREGGON
D. S. L. GREGGON, Major,
for Major General,
M. H. I. A.

Copy to: A.F.H.Q. (your AFHQ 2554/Q Maint dated 27 Sept refers)
Spec Sec. MMIA

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SUBJECT: Distribution of EPI goods to Combat Groups

LAND FORCE SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

File No. 8/5/29/1

18 Dec 44

TO : 50, 51, 52, 53, 56 BLU's

1. It is suggested that a cash transaction between each Combat Group and EPI would be a better means of distributing EPI goods to Combat Groups than the present system whereby the account is presented afterwards to the Ministry of War. Each Group would then be entirely responsible for accounting for such goods and the Ministry of War would not be involved in something over which it has no direct control.
2. The Ministry of War states that the Groups' Canteen organisation (Spaccio) has the necessary cash resources to do this.
3. It would, however, be necessary for the money to be paid to EPI through a British Officer who would be responsible for each account being settled. Provided the transaction were left on a strictly cash for goods basis there would seem to be no difficulty about this.
4. You are requested to inform MEIA if you agree with the above proposal, and if the BLU can undertake the task of being the necessary link between the Combat Group and EPI on the question of handing over the cash.

[Signature]
Major General
M. M. I. A.

Internal: A/R

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COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "TRIULI"
Ufficio Commissariato

N. 7345 di prot.

O G G E T T O: Articoli da toletta.-

P.M. 79, 17 novembre 1944

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
D.G.S.C.M. - Div. V/B

= P. M. 151 =

Gli ufficiali britannici di collegamento di questo Gruppo hanno fatto presente che la lista di distribuzione di articoli da toletta per militari italiani comprende i seguenti oggetti:

Distribuzione iniziale

- rasoio 1 per due uomini
- lamette per rasoio 2 per uomo
- spazzolino da denti 1 per uomo
- pennelli da barba 1 per due uomini

Rinnuovo

- 2 ogni mese
- 1 ogni 4 mesi

I militari di questo Gruppo hanno già ricevuto i materiali suddetti ad eccezione del rasoio.

I citati ufficiali di collegamento hanno fatto presente che non verranno distribuiti il sapone da barba, il dentifricio, il nero lucido per scarpe, perchè detti generi non fanno parte del materiale dell'Esercito Inglese ma vengono invece distribuiti a pagamento alle truppe britanniche dal N.A.A.F.I.

Poichè i reparti italiani non possono attingere alle risorse del N.A.A.F.I. è necessario che al rifornimento dei materiali suddetti provveda codesto Ministero.

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Si rimane pertanto in attesa di disposizioni in merito.

Il fabbisogno dovrebbe essere ragguagliato alla forza di

9500 uomini ed alle seguenti spettanze individuali mensili:

- g. 50 di nero lucido
- g. 20 sapone da barba
- 1 tubetto di dentifricio.

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d'ordine

IL FLM. COL. DI S.M. CAPO DI S.M.
F.to G. VEDOVATO

PER COPIA CONFORME

Il Direttore Capo Divisione

G. M. V. V. V.

SUBJECT: Authority to draw Rations.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
(M.E.I.A.)
ROME.

8/9/20/1
Nov 44.

Tot O.C., 45 S.A. Wkaps.
O.S.F.

392 Workshops Company moving to BENEVENTO on the
7th, is authorised to draw one day's rations plus one day's
travel rations: strength 6 Officers, 185 ORs.

Major General.
M.E.I.A.

SECRET

Subject: Disposal of Italian Ammunition.

23 Oct
Military Mission
Italian Army,
R O M E
AG/BO

22 Oct 44

MINISTRY OF WAR

1. When the Combat Groups receive British weapons and ammunition, Italian weapons and ammunition will become surplus to establishment.
2. The Ministry of War will therefore make arrangements for the disposal of such weapons and ammunition, and send disposal instructions direct to the Combat Groups.
3. Owing to difficulties of rail transport, no bids will be made for rail space to move weapons and ammunition to the Rome area.

F. J. Noakes
F. J. NOAKES Lt. Col.
A.A. & Q.M.G.
M.E.I.A.

JD/ah

Copy to: 50 BLU
51 BLU
52 BLU (this answers your OKD/25/2 of 16 Oct 44)
53 BLU
54 BLU
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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MMIA

DATE TIME ORIGIN

TO: 50 BLU
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53 "

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REF NO. AQ 200/

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PAREN HOME AREA PAREN (.)

FREEDOM DIRECTIVES APPLY TO ALL RPT ALL TPS OF ITALIAN
ARMY (.) THE DIRECTIVE HOWEVER ALLOWS FREEDOM TO VARY
AT THEIR DESCRETION FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES (.) NO CHANGE
IN PRESENT EQUIPING PROGRAM IS CONTEMPLATED AT PRESENT
METHOD OF EQUIPING GROUPE NOR IN TYPE OF ITEMS BEING
ISSUED (.) FOR 50 BLU YOUR QUEEN 5 of 4 OCT AND QUEEN
95 OF 8 OCT REFERS (.) FOR 52 BLU YOUR AQ/5/22 of 2
OCT REFERS

PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATION

COPY TO: ORD
COL PIDSLEY

May Head 10/10
10/10 Get Pidsley to
cc. 10/10 J.P.

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SUBJECT: Toilet Articles for
ITALIAN GRUPEL

MILITARY MISSION
ITALIAN ARMY
R.A.E.
8/8/50

6 Oct 50

TO : A.F.H.Q. E.U.

1. The attached copy letter A.F.H.Q./2534/2(aint) dated 27 Sept 44 is forwarded for information and/or necessary action.
2. It has been pointed out to A.F.H.Q. that supplies for 4 Gruppi will be required by end October and for a further 2 Gruppi by end of November.
3. Arrangements for bulk payment are being made with Ministry of War.

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[Handwritten signature]
Maj Gen
U.S.A.

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIEDDATE 10/10/01 BY 6032REASON: 25XALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIEDDATE 10/10/01 BY 6032REASON: 25XDATE 10/10/01 BY 6032

2. From Italian subject groups are being formed and organized in accordance with the following program:

- (a) By end May - First Group.
- (b) By end Oct - Second and Third Groups.

3. It is intended to provide these Italian Groups, as they are formed, with technical advice from U.S.I. as follows. This advisory such as to be given as a precedent for the form of U.S.I. supplies to other Italian Groups.

3. (a) The scale of issues will be as follows:

Item	Initial Issue	Subsequent
Security.	1 per 2 sec.	1st.
Power Station.	"	2 per 1 month.
Transportation.	"	1 per 4 months.
Shipping Branch.	1 per 2 sec.	1st.

(b) The subsequent scale is subject to availability.

(c) The first subsequent issue of each Group will be based on the scale of initial issue, subject to availability.

4. U.S.I. attached each Group will be responsible for the initial a consolidated report to U.S.I. in respect of their Group and for the security of each Group. U.S.I. will give a full report to U.S.I. for each report and this report will give U.S.I. the certificate of issue. U.S.I. will obtain a receipt for the certificate from the responsible Italian

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Desire.
Batter Bladen.
Dental.
Shaving Brush.
1 per 2 sets.
1
1 per 2 sets.

(b) The minimum scale is subject to availability.

(c) The first subscription issue of major blues may be made at the same time as initial issue, subject to availability.

4. U.S. attached each Group will be responsible for obtaining a subscription order to U.S. in respect of their Group and for the delivery of such order. U.S. will give a full receipt to U.S. for goods received and this receipt will form U.S.'s certificate of issue. U.S. will obtain a receipt for the articles from the responsible person officer and forward such receipt to U.S. U.S. will submit their account for articles supplied to U.S. who will arrange payment.

5. Headquarters, Allied Forces in Italy will lay down the method of issue and payment to be followed when Group enter the operational zone.

By order, Lt. Col.
for Headquarters,
U.S.

General for Headquarters, Allied Forces in Italy.
U.S.

Subject: Shipment of Commodities in and Out of a Military Area.

Dir. Gen. Commissariat,
Italian War Ministry.

Copy to: DAME: A, B, C, D, E, H, I.
MIA, LO, NALAN.
Spec. Sect. MIA.
02/53/40.

Military Section Italian Army,
Rome.
02/53/40.

Part 11.

Reference telephone conversation Lt. Col. FERRARIO/Lt. MARIANO
of 19 Sept 44.

Will you please instruct the Military Commissariats of Commerce
Military Companies immediately that the following points be rectified:-

- (1) Baking facilities in the above two areas are inadequate, additional
equipment is necessary to cope with the requirements. It is suggested
that Italian Field Laboratories be available for this purpose.
- (11) Bread and Cereals groups are short of flour and it is requested that
this commodity be forwarded regularly in the daily pack trains and a
reserve stock be built up to meet any emergency.
- (111) Cereals group has 122 tobacco or cigarettes and it is also requested that
a supply be forwarded regularly to maintain their requirements.

Please keep this office informed of the results of your rectifications.

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(44) Build and Census groups are short of flour and it is requested that this commodity be forwarded regularly in the daily pack trains and a reserve stock be built up to meet any emergency.

(44) Census group has up tobacco or cigarettes and it is also requested that a supply be forwarded regularly to maintain their requirements.

Please keep this office informed of the results of your recommendations.

enc/ba

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for
D.L. PERKINS,
M.A. Col. MACI,
AMC, Military Mission Italian Army.

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ARMY FORM C-2130
(Pats. of 100)

CIPHER SECRET MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. 15513

CALL
AND
INSTRUCTIONS

IN

OUT

No. of Groups
GR.

M.M.I.A.

FILE REF

Date Recd

10/9/51

TO

FROM "A" B L U from GREPE FX 1

Information required immediately as to availability
of ITALIAN message form (TF and MF) for use
within GRUPPO 0 also availability CODICE
R/T di SERVIZIO DEL REGIO ESERCITO (N 448)

being passed orally

This Message May be sent AS WRITTEN
by any means
(Except)

If Likely to be intercepted or fall
into enemy hands, this Message
must be sent IN A CIPHER

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

Time of Origin

161200

U.H.

161305B

L.O.R.

Signed

Signed

RACPE

IMPORTANT

2. (Originator may delete "Except" and insert "In cipher.") (BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

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CONFIDENTIAL

Subject: Italian Combat Force - Clothing and Personal Equipment.

Army Sub Commission(MMIA)
H.Q., A.C.C.
R O M E
AQ/8

7 Sep 44

The att instruction has been issued to the Italian Ministry of War.

All requests by Italian Formations of the Combat Force for items of clothing or equipment from Allied sources will be referred to HQ MMIA.

F.J. Noakes

F.J. NOAKES Lt.Col.
For Major General.
Army Sub Commission(MMIA)

FJN/hh

DISTRIBUTION:

MMIA	LO	NAPLES
"	"	BARI
"	"	FRIULI Div
"	"	CREMONA Div
"	"	FOLGORE Div
"	"	LEGNANO Div

Copy to: G.
Q/AE
ORD.
Col. Pidsley
War Diary (2)

MMIA	LO	1 District
"	"	2 District
"	"	3 District
"	"	5 Army
"	"	8 Army
"	"	60 Sub Area

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

Subject: Italian Combat Force - Clothing and Personal Equipment.

Army Sub Commission(MMIA)
H.Q., A.C.C.
R O M E
AQ/8

Sep 44

MINISTRY OF WAR

1. The maintenance of the Gruppi di Combattimento while they are being reorganised and trained in the use of British Equipment remains an ITALIAN responsibility.
2. As each Group reaches a satisfactory state of training it is proposed to transfer it to British administration and make a complete issue of British clothing and personal equipment.
3. For the present therefore you are to ensure that every effort is made to clothe and equip these units as necessary with items of ITALIAN origin from the stocks under your control. No issue of Allied clothing and equipment will be made from MMIA controlled stocks. Certain assistance in the supply of boots may be given should you so request.
4. You will be notified in advance of the date on which the transfer is to take place, so that arrangements for withdrawal and transfer of Italian items can be made. It is not expected that this will take place, in the case of the first group, before mid October.
5. In view of the above, you will appreciate the vital necessity of developing your repair programme with the greatest energy and speed.

hh.

Major General.
Army Sub Commission(MMIA)

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SUBJECT: Use of Elementary School, PALMA, NOLA.

Army Sub Commission, MMIA.
H.Q., A.C.C.

ROME.

S/O/29/1
7 Sept 44.

To: Education Sub Commission,
A.C.C.

1. Part of the above school is required by the Italian Ministry of War for an Italian Signals School. The Ministry of Public Instruction is not willing for it to be used for this purpose.

2. Unless there is a very strong reason for not giving up this accommodation we should like to request that the Ministry of Public Instruction should let it go. It is important that the Italian school should be near the British school which is at NOLA, and there appears to be no other suitable premises in the District.

3. It is operationally essential that the Italian Signals School should be ready to open on 18th September.

tvs.JAD.

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

Subject:- P.O.L. St. Giorgio

Army Sub Commission, (MIA),
HQ, ACC, ROME.
ST/53/13.

Direz. Gen. Motorizzazioni,
Italian War Ministry.

8/2/29/10
4 Sep 44

It is considered that if action has not already been taken on the subject by you, some arrangement be made for a regular supply of POL for the troops in the Training Area of St. Giorgio.

It is suggested that a supplementary demand be made for September and that a new column be installed in your monthly demand, for the following months. Showing that area as a separate area.

The petrol will probably have to be released from Naples and a dump established at St. Giorgio.

Please give this your attention and notify this office of your proposals in order that there will be no delay in obtaining the necessary POL, and to avoid hampering the training of the Combat Groups.

[Signature]
B.L. PERCEVAL.
Lt. Col. RASC,
ADST, Army Sub Commission, (MIA).

RE/50
Cpt Spec Sec

Subject: Rations, issue of to-Training
Team B.A. (Italian forces).

9.
WP

ARMY SUB COMMISSION (MMIA)
HQ ACC
ROME
AG/2
29 August 1944

To : Ministry of War.

1. This is in confirmation of telephone conversation, this date, with your office. Authority is hereby granted to issue rations from the Rome Depot, to subject organization, up to and not exceeding a daily strength of 150.
2. This authority covers the period only, from date of this letter to 16 September 1944, inclusive.

Tommy Rose
TOMMY T. ROSE, Major,
for Major General
Army Sub Commission MMIA.

HEL/wk

Copies to: Col. W. Pidsley
S & T.

SECRET.

SUBJECT: Translation of Training Manuals.

Army Sub Commission, WIAA.
H. Q. A. C. C.

RHE.

5/29/44. ✓
23 Aug. 44.

To: A. F. H. Q. (BT 3).
D. F. T.
C. F. T. C.
R. A. H. Q. A. A. J.

1. In accordance with para 2 of D. T. 55/MTI of 10 Aug. 44 the following are lists of

(a) Manuals already translated and printed or in press

1. Projector Infantry anti-tank.
2. The Thompson machine Carbine.
3. Mortar (2" inch).
4. Application of fire.
5. Light machine gun.
6. Mortar (3" inch).
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| 9. Maintenance manual for the Ordnance | OF 17PR Mark 1 Carriage. |
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2. Please forward any other manuals for which translations are required.

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W. P. Kelly
Major General
Army Sub Comm. A.C.C.

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Subject : Rations for Italian Military Students at CMTC.

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HQ. MMIA
Naples SECTOR
STH/24

20 August 1944

To : Direzione Commissariato Naples.

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Copies to: Special Section, MMIA HQ.
ADST, MMIA HQ.
Commando, Campania.
CMTC HQ, Benevento.

1. This is to confirm telephone conversation (Maj. Papineau Ten. Rocca) of 19 August 44 at which time the issue of rations at Benevento Distribution Depot to 150 Italian Military Students undergoing instruction at CMTC was authorized W.E.F. 21 August 1944, until further notice.

2. This letter also confirm verbal arrangements to the same effect made by Capt. Nelson in Benevento on 19 August 44, with Distribution Depot Benevento and CMTC HQ (Capt. Clark) respectively.

O.C. Papineau

O.C. PAPINEAU
Major RASC
ST Liaison Officer
MMIA Naples.

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MESSAGE FORM

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From MMIA
To AAI rptd Col FIDLEY

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SD 1322 (*) TORREO (*) Latest developments indicate that trg. eqpt. tpt are likely to be available for two Italian GRUPPI DI COMBATTIMENTO very early SEP 44 (*) It is considered therefore that Italian CREMONA Div now in SARDINIA should be concentrated on mainland in S. GIORGIO area N.79 by 3 SEP 44 (*) Request therefore that CREMONA be given EARLIER Serial No than 380 on List SEVEN in order to provide for its arrival mainland 1 SEP 44 (*) Conversation Brig COOPER SD AAI - Col FIDLEY MMIA on 19 Aug refers

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Subject: Benevento Special Arrangements.

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MMIA
NAPLES SECTOR
STN/24.

12 August 1944.

To: ADST, MMIA, HQ.

Copies: Special Section MMIA HQ
AA and QMG MMIA HQ.

ADST	9.
FILE	
Date Recd	14/8/44

1. Following on instructions received from ADST, MMIA HQ in Rome on 8 August 1944 visits were made to Benevento by Major Papineau and Capt. Nelson on 9 August 1944 and 11 August 1944.

2. Resulting from these journeys the following is the latest position.

3. The pre-existing Italian Commissariato Magazzino Viveri at Benevento is a very small depot holding approximately 10 tons in constricted premises for the maintenance of approximately 1000 ITI troops based on Benevento. These premises would not allow an increase in the holding of this depot.

4. Prior for check up by this ^{office} arrangements had been worked out in Naples on 9 August 1944 between Lt. Col. Riso Commissariato Naples and Lt. Col. Petrucci Chief of Staff Friuli Division for food supplies to be consigned from Naples to Benevento for acceptance by the Friuli Division into their own special depot at San Giorgio.

5. On visit by MMIA Naples officers to Benevento on 9 August 1944 no trace could be found either of the Italian divisional staff or of the food depot referred to in para 4.

6. On 10/11 August 1944 food supplies were despatched from Naples to Benevento as per attached list (which is set out for comparative purposes against a target of 6000 feeding Strengths for 15 days). Despatches will continue daily.

7. On 11 August 1944 the depot created by Friuli Division for acceptance of these supplies was inspected. It consisted of a small but satisfactory barn-type storeroom capable of holding and operating distribution of some 25 tons all supplies.

8. Additional storage space is available in the vicinity and it was therefore agreed with Lt. Col. Petrucci in San Giorgio on 11 August 1944, that despatches from Naples would continue until the target of 6000 men x 15 days is attained,

9. Baking facilities will constitute a difficulty. The Friuli Division is actively investigating all possibilities for meeting their own divisional requirements and will probably succeed in arranging sufficient daily bread production. The situation for subsequent personnel will however be correspondingly more difficult. It is considered that War Ministry should be invited to examine urgently the problem of arranging Italian field bakeries to cope with later arrivals. In addition a small reserve stock of Biscuits is being transported from Naples to the Benevento Commissariato depot as an emergency reserve.

10. The situation is at present therefore under control and will continue to be closely watched.

O. C. Papineau
(O.C. PAPINEAU)
ST LIAISON OFFICER
MMIA, NAPLES.

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BENEVENTO SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTSTarget 6000 Feeding Strengths x 15 Days.

Item	Scale of Issue per Man per Day	Target 6000 Men x 15 Days	Despatched From Naples to Benevento 10/11 August 1944
	<u>Ozs.</u>	<u>Kgs.</u>	<u>Kgs.</u>
Flour	12	30578	23329
Macaroni	3	7644	2900
Rice	1	2548	1019
Meat/Fish	3	7644	3110
Pulses	2	5096	1495
Dehydr. Vegetab.	1	2548	709
Cheese	1	2548	1008
Tomato Preserve	$\frac{1}{2}$	1274	508
Sugar	1	2548	1008
Coffee	$\frac{1}{2}$	1274	498
Salt	$\frac{1}{2}$	1274	839
Oil	1	2548	2178
Wine	$\frac{1}{2}$ litre	45000 litres	.
Cigarettes and	10 pieces	10 pieces	.

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Dehydr. Vegetab.	1	2543	709
Cheese	1	2543	1003
Tomato Preserve	$\frac{1}{2}$	1274	503
Sugar	1	2543	1003
Coffee	$\frac{1}{2}$	1274	493
Salt	$\frac{1}{2}$	1274	399
Oil	1	2543	2173
Wine	$\frac{1}{2}$ litre	45000 litres	-
Cigarettes and Tobacco	10 pieces daily	900000 cigarettes	403000
Matches	2 boxes (or 4 books) per 15 days	12000 boxes	= 6000 boxes
Pepper	$\frac{1}{200}$	13	5

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10 1768 (.) SECRET (.) Ref AAI Signal 02704 of 28 Jul (.) Have instructed S. S. S. to send reconnaissance party of five Italian officers to S. S. S. area eight August (.) Senior reports Town Major S. S. S. for details of area (X) and then suballot to Italian Units (.) Expect to concentrate there two groups of 9000 each between 15 Aug and 15 Sep (.) May need further area preferably S. S. S. by 15 Sep

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SECRETSUBJECT: Sites for CILHEADQUARTERS
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY
1605/50/25/G(SD1)

28 Jul 44

MIA
G (Trg)
A
Q1
Q2
Q (AB)
Q (Mov)

Reference this HQ 1605/50/25/G(SD1) dated 27 Jul 44.

Herewith at Appendix 'A' are the Minutes of the meeting held on
28 Jul 44.

John H. H. H.
for Brigadier,
G(SD & T).

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Appendix 'A' to
1605/50/25/G(SD1)
dated 28 Jul 44

MINUTES of a MEETING held at HQ AAI

at 1000 hrs 28 Jul 1944

Chairman: Lt-Col McQUEEN G(SD)

Present:

Col	PIDLEY	MILA
Lt-Col	FIELD	'Q'
Lt-Col	HAMPTON	MILA
Lt-Col	NOAKES	MILA
Maj	BARTON	Q (AE)
Maj	GOLDBERG	G (Trg)
Maj	MORGAN	G (SD)
Maj	THORNTON	'Q'
Maj	WELLS	Q (Mov)
Capt	FETCH	Q (Mov)

1. The Chairman explained that the meeting had been called primarily to consider a suitable location for the concentration, equipping and training of six Gruppi di Combattimenti. The six groups are to be formed from Italian Army personnel for combat duties. They will consist of approx 9,500 personnel each and are to be equipped with British equipment. The maximum number of groups for which accommodation would be required at any one time in the concentration area would be four.

2. After discussion it was agreed that the area SAN GIORGIO N 7273 be selected subject to confirmation by 'Q' that this area was NOT required for any other purpose. G (SD) in consultation with MILA and Q (Mov) will produce a programme for the concentration of the groups.

ACTION: 'Q' and G(SD)

3. The meeting then proceeded to consider the question of moving and accommodating the Italian Volunteer Centro. Lt-Col HAMPTON explained that the centre at present located at VIBO VALENTIA Y 8310 is about 630 strong but with the anticipated influx of volunteers this figure will increase to a total of not more than 3,000.

4. It was decided to move the centre to ORTONA G 3317 by rail for

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ACTION: G (SD)

5. The meeting then examined the desirability of moving Delegazione 'A' forward together with the advanced base for CIL and the Italian Volunteer Centro. 4512

6. It was decided that, subject to concurrence by 1 District, Delegazione 'A' and units in para 5 above will be moved forward to MACERATA R 5512. CHIETI in Italian transport as opportunity offers.

ACTION: 'Q' and G(SD)

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M.H.L.A.
T.S./G/29
21 July 1944.

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ITALIAN FORCIBLE DIVISIONS.

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1. REQUIREMENTS, of ONE British Division to be used to furnish TWO Italian
Pocket Divisions and necessary rearward services.

2. RELATIVE STRENGTH, and fire power as follows: -

	British	Italian	Representative	British	Italian
Inf	450	200	44%	25 pdr	32
Arty	3,250	1,400	43%	17 pdr	8
Eng	850	400	47%	6 pdr	36
Sign	650	300	46%	40 mm	42
Inf	9,350	6,300	67%	M.L.A.L.	200
Tpt	1,050	400	38%	3rd mortar	30
Med	500	300	60%	2nd mortar	40
Misc	600	200	33%	L.M.C.	500
				Carbines	2,500
TOTAL	16,700	9,500	56%	Rifles	4,500

Note: following available weapons excluded for simplicity.

18 mm; 3, 4.2" mortars and 18, 20 mm equipments.

3. ARMY TROOP, and Services (not included above) for whom equipment would be available, could include 3rd Para Coy, Signals, 8 & 7, Medical and Maintenance if needed.

4. A BRITISH MAINTENANCE UNIT, (as under) should be attached to each Division: -

1 Lt Col	} with tpt, interpreter, clerks, batmen drivers and others as needed.
1 Major (Arty)	
1 " (Inf)	
1 Capt (Sign)	

5. BRITISH TRAINING UNIT, will be needed temporarily to supervise training and issues of stores. Italian instructors will need to be trained before-hand.

16 VMEs; 3, 4.2" mortars and 12, 20 mm equipments.

ARMY TROOPS and Services (not included above) for whom equipment would be available, could include 3d Para Coy, Signals, 5 & 7, Medical and Maintenance if needed.

4. A BRITISH MAINTENANCE UNIT (an unit) should be attached to each Division -

1 Lt Col	} with typ, interpreter, clerks, busman drivers and ciphers as needed.
1 Major (Arty)	
1 " (Inf)	
1 Capt (Signs)	

5. ITALIAN TRAINING TEAM will be needed temporarily to supervise training and issue of stores. Italian instructors will need to be trained beforehand.

6. TRANSCOM STAFF should be translated early.

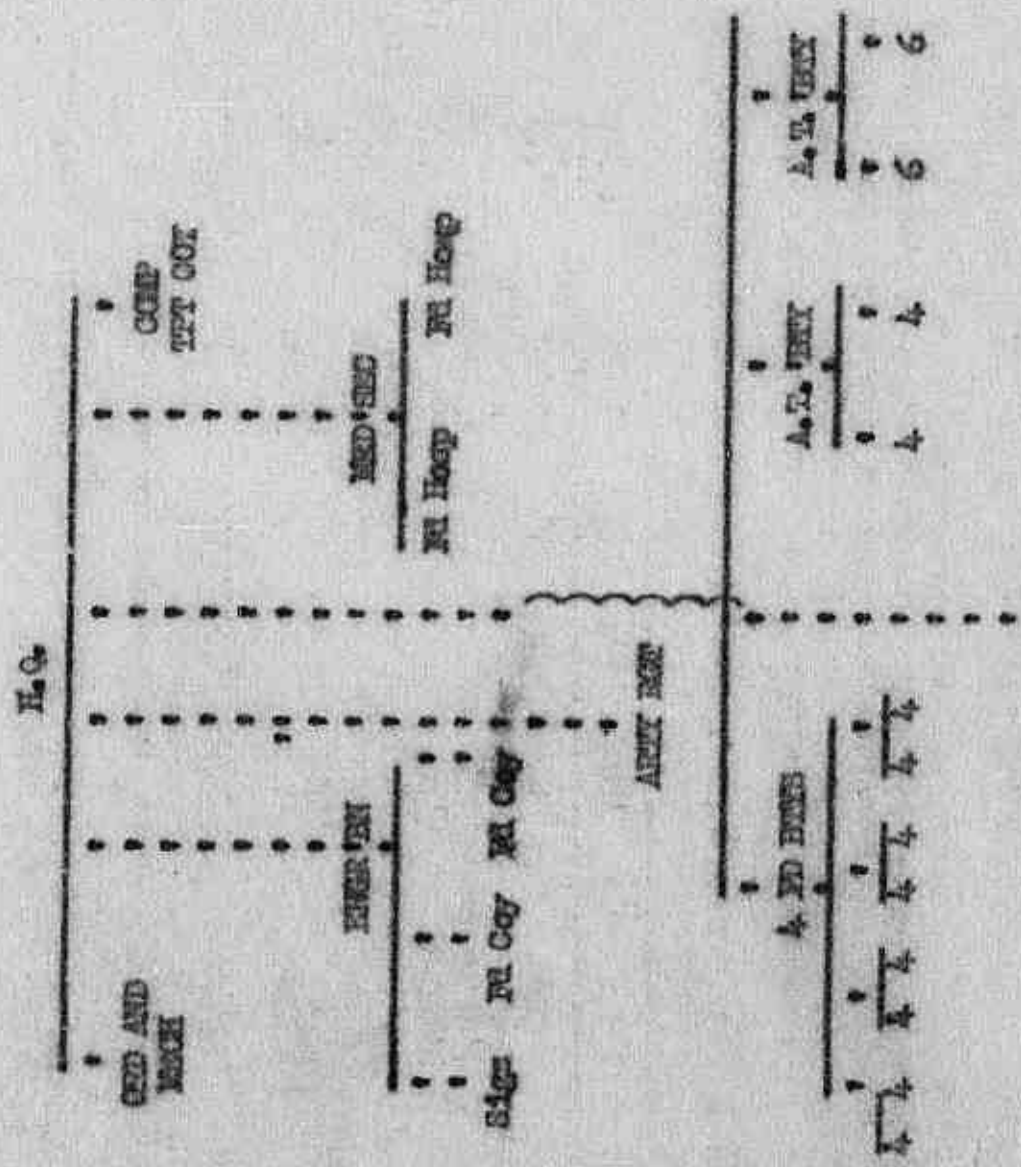
7. RECONNAISSANCE from Poles and/or French might be used.

8. RECONNAISSANCE in outline and infantry strengths in detail are stipulated.

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 AUGUSTED ORGANIZATION

A POWER DIVISION



2 Support Coys - - - - - 2 Support Coys

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POCKET DIVISION

LINEALITY EIRLNGTHS

PLATON

HQ	2
1 Sec	20
2 Sec	20
	<u>42 x 3 per Coy.</u>

PLATE COX.

HQ	34
1 Pl	42
2 Pl	42
3 Pl	42
	<u>160 x 3 per Bn</u>

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Support Coy	120
1 Rifle Coy	250
2 Rifle Coy	150
3 Rifle Coy	150
	<u>670 x 3 per Regt.</u>

THE IN

Marker Coy	200
Can Coy	200
1 Inf Bn	200
2 Inf Bn	250
3 Inf Bn	250
	<u>150</u>

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INF DIV

INF

Support Coy
1 Rifle Coy
2 Rifle Coy
3 Rifle Coy

120
250
180
160
160
850 x 3 per Regt.

INF BATT

INF

Mortar Coy
Comm Coy
1 Inf Bn
2 Inf Bn
3 Inf Bn

200
200
200
850
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3,150 x 2 per Div.

Div Inf strength 6,300

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