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Q/OS/18 TRANI (804 It. B.R.D.)

Jan. - Aug. 1945

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	6-21 Feb HY	15 Feb	21 Feb	TOTAL
Blosses BD.	1000	1200	2800	5000
Jms BD	1000	1200	2800	5000
Boob	1000	2000	2000	5000 ~~5000~~
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TRANI strength @ 21 Feb.
(approx) 3500

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OUT

Ref.	date	From whom	Brief details	Ref.	date	To
6142/V	25 JAN	WM	Blankets etc for TRANI	A/DS/14	30 JAN	WM
AA2640	21 "	AA/L/O BARI	TRANI r/c expanded to 6500 in emergency. 3000 Shabkas	Q/OS/2	26 "	L/O NA
			Shabkas coming from NAPLES	Q/OS/58	14 Feb.	L/O B
ORD/45/6/1	25 "	L/O BARI/Naples	Another 11500 5000 Confirmed for TRANI			
AR/80	25 "	L/O BARI	Request 3000 Shabkas be ranked TRANI			
8854	24 "	40 NAPLES (6 NAPLES) to L/O BARI AG	Amend. MMIA by ORD/545 17 14 JAN. 5000 Confirmed for TRANI. My Army moving Shabkas (2)			
ORD/545	19 "	SS/L/O's BARI, NAPLES DISTANCE	Prepares for ship to 204 Div (Amtr stated) ex GIORDANO + 230 Div. Also for 204 Div ex GIORDANO.			
AR/15/6	11 Feb.	AA/WM L/O's BARI + NAPLES	Sendage. Allent BR-171 for TRANI etc.			
AA/109	5 Feb.	L/O BARI	Req. release WM Jaffes/ Benches to TRANI CAMP.			

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OUT

Q/OS/18

From whom	Brief details	Ref.	date	To whom	Brief details
M.	Blankets etc for TRANI.	Q/OS/14	30 JAN	WM.	Blankets, Jant's etc. for TRANI.
TOBARI	TRANI 1/2 hr expanded to 6 hrs in emergency. 3000 Shells. Shells coming from NABAS.	Q/OS/2	26	4/0 NAPLES.	Dispatch Shells Naples - 3000 to TRANI 1200 to GIORDANO.
		Q/OS/58	14 Feb.	4/0 BARI	Amts. 1/4 hr mixed GIORDANO - 230 Sh for BUI 4 TRANI m/fc.
Ri/Alacca	Another 11/12 5000 Confusion for TRANI.				
RFI	Request 3000 Sh/Shell be mailed TRANI				
ES (Col. HARRIS)	Amend. MIA in. ORD/545 14				
BARF MC	14 JAN. 5000 Confusion for TRANI.				
3 BARI, DISTANCE	My Army moving 1000 Sh (Amts. stated) ex. GIORDANO 4 230 Sh. Also for 200 Sh ex. GIORDANO.				
	JenVago. Alacca. BR-ITI for TRANI etc.				
RI	Req. release WM Jantles/Benchies to TRANI CAMP.				

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Subject:- 304 BND - Stores.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.E.I.A.)

H.Q. 18
Q/CS/18

M.E.I.A. L.P. 54 ARNA.

6 Aug/45.

Ref. your LO/2/182 of 31 July 45.

1. Tentage and accomodation stores held at 304 BND will be allowed to remain there while the GARIBOLDI Regt are in occupation of the site.

2. On their departure all ^{Stores} ~~stores~~ tentage and equipment will be withdrawn to GIORDANO.

W.M.P. Maxwell
W.M.P. MAXWELL, Major
for Col. DA & QMG,
M.E.I.A.

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM: MMIA LO 54 AREA

TO : HQ MMIA

INFO: DISTHREE
54 AREA
OC BR INCR 804 BRD

REF : SD 199

291605 B
JUNE

RESTRICTED

REF A 1129 OF 21 JUNE STRONGLY RECOMMEND DISBANDMENT
804 BRD TRAIN I BE POSTPONED UNTIL FIRST
HALF AUGUST (.) CONSIDER WILL BE REQUIRED FOR
DEALING WITH AND REALLOCATING COOPERATORS FROM
DILUTED UNITS (.) SEE SECOND SENTENCE OF PARA 2 (A)
OF SD 131 OF 2 JUNE 45

SD DISTRIBUTION;

ACTION; SD/29/2

INFO : SD/131

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FROM: M M I A

DATE TIME

25 1130E

JUNE

TO(FOR ACTION): 54 AREA

TO(FOR INFO) : BR CADRE 804 IBND TRANI

Q/OS/291

RESTRICTED

FIRST ADDRESSES FOR M M I A I O (.) REF DISBANDMENT
804 IBND T R A N I (.) ENSURE TENTAGE EQUIPMENT AND CLOTHING
STOCKS ARE RETURNED TO BRIEF DEPOT G I C R D A N O

PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

AUTHENTICATION forwards

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SIGNAL

FROM: M H I A

DATE: 28 JUN 54
TIME: 3

TO (FOR ACTION): DISTONE
54 AREA

TO (FOR INFO): HQ CADRE 802 ITALIAN BRD
HQ CADRE 804 ITALIAN BRD
PERSANTH

9/05/28A

RESTRICTED

FOR M H I A L O (.) SUBJECT CLOTHING FOR ITALIAN
BRD (.) M G T ACCORDING TWENTY PER CENT EXTRA BOOTS MAY BE HELD TO
FACILITATE EXCHANGE OF WHEN PAID IN FOR RETURN TO BASE PERAIN
CHNS (.) ALL MEN MAY BE ADMITTED TO WASH SCARF CLOTHING WASH IN
CAMP AT DISCRETION O C B H C A D E E (.) EXTRA GARMENTS TO BE
WITHHEATH ON DEPARTURE FOR UNIT

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PRIORITY: ROUTINE

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FROM: M M I A

DATE 20 JUNE TIME B

TO(FOR ACTION): 804 LBND

TO(FOR INFO) : 54 AREA
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Q/OS/275

RESTRICTED

REF YOUR LAD/316/45 OF 12 (.) TECH M T BQPT
FOR MAINT B R VENS N O T RPT N O T AVAILABLE FROM
I T A L I A N RESOURCES (.) REQUEST YOU ADDRESS FUTURE
ENQUIRIES THROUGH M M I A L O 54 A R E A

PRIORITY IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATION

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OUTGOING SIGNAL.

FROM : M.M.I.A.

DATE 20 JUNE 1415 B

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR.

INFO : A.F.H.Q.
3 DISTRICT.
BRITISH CADRE 803 BRD.
BRITISH CADRE 804 BRD.
54 AREA FOR MMIA LO.
3 DISTRICT FOR MMIA LO.
PENSOUTH FOR MMIA LO.

REF : A 1129.

RESTRICTED.

DISBANDMENT ORDER FOR 804 BRD T R A N I IS SHORTLY TO BE ISSUED (.)
UNALLOTTED ITALIAN PERSONNEL IN DEPOT BOTH PERMANENT STAFF AND REINFORCE-
MENTS ARE NOW AT 227 DIVS DISPOSAL FOR FILLING VACANCIES AND REPLACING
DEMOBILIZABLE PERSONNEL IN BR-ITI UNITS UNDER COMMAND 3 DISTRICT (.)
PRIORITIES WILL BE DECIDED BY 3 DISTRICT (.) FUTURE REINFORCEMENTS FOR ALL
227 DIV UNITS WILL BE DRAWN FROM 803 BRD R A V I S C A N I N A ^{UTIL} 3233
FURTHER NOTICE

PRECEDENCE: IMPORTANT

W.D. 16/10/18

2/05/18.

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3 DISTRICT.

BRITISH CADRE 803 BRD.
BRITISH CADRE 804 BRD.
54 AREA FOR MMIA LO.
3 DISTRICT FOR MMIA LO.
PENSOUTH FOR MMIA LO.

REF : A 1129.

R E S T R I C T E D .

DISARMAMENT ORDER FOR 804 BRD T R A N I IS SHORTLY TO BE ISSUED (.)
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FURTHER NOTICE

PRECEDENCE: I M P O R T A N T

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FROM: N M I A

DATE TIME
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TO(FOR ACTION): 54 AREA

TO(FOR INFO) : 3 DISTRICT
ITALIAN MINISTRY OF WAR

Q/OS/263

RESTRICTED

FOR N M I A L O (.) REPORTS RECEIVED RTTS
HAVE BEEN SENT FWD FROM T R A N I WITHOUT K D CLOTHING (.)
PLEASE INVESTIGATE AND REPORT

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

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FROM 804 IBERD

TO HQ MMIA ROME

INFO HQ 54 AREA HQ 3 DISTRICT

LAD/316/45 PLEASE EXPEDITE AUTHORIZATION OF TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT *

FOR L A D S 463 AND 464

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Branch Notes (by Maj. BADCOCK)

* N/A from Italian sources.

* Communicate in future through
normal channels i.e. MMIA TO 54 AREA.

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Q 103/16.39

TO : 227 Div. Sub. Depot Bari
FROM : Liaison Officer,
Lans Forces Sub Comm.
A.O. (M.H.I.A.).

DATE 25 May 1946
Serial No. 127/109/ 227/34

Q 103/16.39

AUTHORIZATION NOTICE.

1. Authority is granted to issue the u/m items from Allied/Italian sources.

TO 804 Italian Base Reinforcement Depot

Stationed at TRAPANI

<u>STOCK NO.</u>	<u>STANDARD NOMENCLATURE.</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
103 AB	Boots	2000
117 AB	Trousers, cotton	2000
105 AB	Shirts, cotton	2000
	Towels, Italian	2000

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2. In compliance with para. 5 MHA Adm. Inst. No. 1 items will be drawn in exchange for items issued.

3. REMARKS

117MB
105 AB

Boots
Trousers, cotton
Shirts, cotton
Towels, Italian

2000
2000
2000
2000

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2. In compliance with para. 5 NMIA Adm. Inst. No. 1 items will be drawn in exchange for items issued.

3. REMARKS

Ernest J. Murcell

C. J. Murcell, Maj. G. S.
Senior M. L. L. A. L. O.
C/o 54 Area.

DISTRIBUTION

- 1 - 804 IERD
- 1 - 227 Div. Depot
- 1 - Maj. Greenwood, NMIA ROBE (for info)

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FROM MMIA LO 54 AREA

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TO HQ MMIA

QOX BT

AQ/275 • RESTRICTED.

FURTHER TO OUR AQ 271 OF 8 MAY ADDITIONAL 300 TROUSERS

KD REPORTED SHORT FROM TRANI

THI 1815

SENT AJP BB B REC

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FROM M M I A

DATE TIME
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TO(FOR ACTION): PEN30UTH

PO(FOR INFO): 54 AREA
804 ITALIAN BRD TRAIN

Q/03/203

RESTRICTED

FOR M M I A L O (.) TRANSFER TWO THOUSAND
PALLIASSES FROM F R A T T A M A G G I O R E TO
G I O R D A N O (.) SECOND ADDRESSER WHOSE SD/169 OF 27
APL REFERS WILL ISSUE TO 804 BRD (.) TENT PIECES NOT
IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE

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PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATION

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Subject:- Winter Clothing;

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.G.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
Q/OS/11/1

M.M.I.A. L.O. to	BR;Inc. 5 Army
"	" 8 Army
"	" 1 District
"	" 3 District
"	" 54 Area
O.C. Br.Cadre	802 Italian BRD
"	803 "
"	804 "

7 May 45.

Ref. my Q/OS/11/1 of 25 Apr/45.

The instructions for the return of winter clothing to Base for cleaning repair etc. will apply equally to blankets and cotton comforters when withdrawn in accordance with para 5 (d) of M.M.I.A. Administrative Instruction N°25 of 26 Mar/45.

P. Greenwood

P.S. GREENWOOD, Major
for Col. DA & ONG,
M.M.I.A.

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Copy to:- M.M.I.A. L.O. NAPLES
" " 2 District

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Q (AE)

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Action (28)

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Q/OS Ichin 

Br Jim Crump

RAO

20 Apr.

Action taken by

Q(OS)



2/7/45

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LINE 8 WARP RN 27339 QVR 1

HIGH MOUNTAIN 54 AREA 271225B

TO MIA

INFO CMA-E R D

QGX 31

ED/169. RESTRICTED.

FIRST. PRESENT AUTHORIZED SCALE OF TENT PIECES FOR 504 E R D TRAIL IS ONE PER MAN. THE OF H I L U S CONSIDERS AND HAS ADVISED GOC THAT THREE PIECES PER TWO MEN ESSENTIAL FOR SANITARY LIVING AND TO PROVIDE MINIMUM ADM ACCOMODATION.

SECOND. CEILING STRENGTH OF TRAIL IS 7000. THOUGH ACTUAL STRENGTH NOW 6000 CEILING STRENGTH HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY REACHED AND LIKELY TO BE REACHED AGAIN SHORT NOTICE.

THIRD. ROOFED ACCOMODATION EXISTS FOR 2000. THEREFORE LIMITED COMMITMENT IS FOR 5000 MEN I.E. ~~7000~~ 7000 TENT PIECES. TOTAL PRESENT HOLDING TENT PIECES 5825 INCL GERMAN TENTS ON SAME BASIS.

FOURTH. PLEASE SAY WHETHER INCREASED SCALE AGREED. IF SO WHEN CEILING REACHED DEFICIENCY WILL BE 1677. ONLY 1000 STOCK AVAILABLE HERE.

FIFTH. PRESENT HOLDINGS MATRESS COVERS 4752. 2270 REQD 3225 CEILING STRENGTH. NONE AVAILABLE 232 DIV.

BT

SENT BAP 2 3

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FROM MMIALO 54 AREA ^{APR} 271805B

TO MMIA

INFO 804 B R D

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Q/OS/18

SD/169 (.) RESTRICTED (.)

FIRST (.) PRESENT AUTHORIZED SCALE OF TENT PIECES FOR 804
B R D TRANI IS ONE PER MAN (.) THE OPHILUS CONSIDERS
AND HAS ADVISED GOC THAT THREE PIECES PER TWO MEN ESSENTIAL
FOR SANITARY LIVING AND TO PROVIDE MINIMUM ADM ACCOMODATION (.)
SECOND (.) CEILING STRENGTH OF TRANI IS 7000 (.) THOUGH ACTUAL
STRENGTH NOW 6000 CEILING STRENGTH HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY REACHED
AND LIKELY TO BE REACHED AGAIN SHORT NOTICE (.)
THIRD (.) ROOFED ACCOMODATION EXISTS FOR 2000 (.) THEREFORE
TENTED COMMITMENT IS FOR 5000 MEN I.E. 7500 TENT PIECES (.)
TOTAL PRESENT HOLDING TENT PIECES 5823 INCL GERMAN TENTS ON
SAME BASIS

FOURTH (.) PLEASE SAY WHETHER INCREASED SCALE AGREED (.) IF
SO WHEN CEILING REACHED DEFICIENCY WILL BE 1677 (.) ONLY 1000
STOCK AVAILABLE HERE ^{at def 677.}

FIFTH (.) PRESENT HOLDINGS MATTRESS COVERS 4730 (.) 2270
REQUIRED FOR CEILING STRENGTH (.) NONE AVAILABLE 230 DIV
BT

SENT BAP B K

R-2245B--J O E---KK

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2/05/18

FROM: M M I A

DATE

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TO : 54 AREA

2/05/182

RESTRICTED

FOR M M I A L O (.) THIRTY THOUSAND
BUSH SHIRTS AND SLACKS KING DOG CONFIRMED AT ALLOCATION
TO 230 DIV FOR SALE AND T R A N I (.) GREATCOAT IS ITEM
OF SUMMER EQUIPMENT AND WILL BE ISSUED TO RECRUITS ON ARRIVAL

PRESIDENCE

Impor 3222

AUTHENTICATION

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Q/OS/18

FROM: N M I A

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TO : 34 AREA

Q/OS/182

RESTRICTED

FOR N M I A L O (.) THIRTY THOUSAND
BUSH SHIRTS AND SLACKS KING DOG COMPLETED AS ALLOCATION
TO 230 DIV FOR SELF AND T R A N I (.) GREATCOAT IS ITEM
OF SUMMER EQUIPMENT AND WILL BE ISSUED TO RECRUITS ON ARRIVAL

PRECEDENCE

Impor 3222

AUTHENTICATION

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FROM PENSOUTH MMIA LO
TO MMIA

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9484 RESTRICTED. REF YOUR Q/OS/161 OF 15. SHELTER HALVES
RECEIVED FRATTAMAGGIORE 22500 SINCE 1 JAN. ISSUED TO 227 3221
DIV WHICH INCLUDES AFRAGOLA 64390 RECORDED ISSUE TRANI
3000 VIDE AQ80 OF 25 JAN NOT INCLUDED IN 22500 ABOVE.

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MMIA

PANJOURN, DISTRICT, 54 AREA.

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9/05/161

FOR MMIA TO (.) FIGURES WANTED UNLESS OF (a) TOTAL RECEIPTS
 INTO GIOREANO / FRATTAMAGIONE OF SHELTER HALVES SINCE 01 JAN
 45 TO DATE EXCLUDING INTER + DEPT TRANSFERS (b) OF ISSUES
 THEREOF FOR SAME PERIOD NO APRAGOLA / TRAMI AS APPLICABLE
 (c) SHELTER HALVES IN USE IN RESPECTIVE CAMPS

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PENSCOTT, DISTRICT, 54 AREA.

6/08/1961

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FOR AREA 10 (.) FIGURES WANTED URGENTLY OF (a) TOTAL RESOURCES
INTO GIORDANO / PRATTAMAGGIORE OF SHELTER HALVES SINCE 01 JAN
45 TO DATE INCLUDING INTER + DEPOT TRANSFERS (b) OF ISSUES
THEREOF FOR SAME PERIOD TO ABRACOLA / THANI AS APPLICABLE

(c) SHELTER HALVES IN USE IN RESPECTIVE CAMPS

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11/11/61

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TO: MINISTRY OF WAR (3)

FROM: MMIA

DATE 13 APR 45

SERIAL NO. 10595/VC

2/05/18

AUTHORIZATION NOTICE

1. Reference: Ref M letter 10595/VC of 4 APR
2. Authority is granted to issue the u/n items from ~~ALLIED~~ ITALIAN SOURCES

TO: COM. DIV OF BARI MIL. TERR COMD. (ER-ITI)

Stationed at BARI

Employed by ER-ITIS

STOCK NO.

STANDARD NOMENCLATURE

AMOUNT

CAMP BEDS	50
MATTRESSES	50
BOLSTERS	50
BLANKETS, BARRACK	50
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CAMP BEDS	50
MATTRESSES	50
BOLSTERS	50
BLANKETS, BARRACK	50

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3. Purpose of issue FOR USE OF OFFICERS IN TRANSIT @ KHAM TRAM
- RPT TRANSIT CAMP.
4. In compliance with para. 5 MMIA Adm. Inst. No. 1. items will be withdrawn in exchange for items issued.
5. Collection should be made on or before 13 MAY 1945, after which this Authorization becomes invalid.
6. REMARKS

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Pro Forma MMIA/ORD/2

For Major General
Military Mission Italian Army

A.C. Nov. 1944

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SUBJECT: Shortage Reports.

RF Q/OS/18 27
 Liaison Officer
 Land Forces Sub Comm.
 A.C. (MMIA)
 c/o Hq. 54 Area
 CRD/230
 9 April, 1945.

TO : 804 Italian Base Rft. Depot - Trani

HQ. 230 Division - Ufficio di Commissariato - Bari

Reference Trani Camp shortage reports No. 3 and No. 4 and
 230 Div. letter 1770/Comm. of 4 April, 1945.

1. Authority is granted for 804 Italian Base Rft. Depot to
 drop from charge the following items of clothing found short in
 packing as reported on Shortage Reports No. 3 and No. 4:

Drawers, wool	29	
Socks, wool	91 Pr.	
Shirts, wool	18	
Undershirts, wool	25	
Towels,	100	3218

2. Since no shortage exists at 230 Div. Sub Depot, no action
 will be taken by the Div. Sub Depot, and no supplementary issue will
 be made to 804 Italian Base Rft. Depot to cover this shortage.

Ira V. Fordyce
 Ira V. Fordyce, Capt.
 for Senior MMIA LO

Copy to:

MMIA Q/OS

*Go: Maj. Greenwood
 for info -*

COMANDO CAMPO AFFLUENZA COMPLEMENTI-TRANI-

Magazzino Materiali

VERBALE N.° 3 COSTATANTE L'APERTURA DI COLLI ORIGINALI CONTENENTI
MUTANDE DI LANA LUNGHE DI PROVENIENZA ITALIANA.-

L'anno millenovecentoquarantacinque, addì tredici del mese di marzo

S I A

N O T O

che la sottodetta Commissione, nominata con ordine del giorno n.794
del 13 marzo 1945 e composta come segue:

Capitano	BENINI	Sig. Ferruccio	Presidente
Tenente	D'ETTORE	" Verino	Membro
S.Tenente	CHIESURA	" Pietro	Membro e Segretario

si è riunita nei locali del Magazzino Materiali del Campo Affluenza Komple
menti in Trani, per procedere alla verifica di 15 (dieci e cinque) colli
originali del Magazzino Territoriale Principale V.E. di Macomer, contenen
ti mutande di lana lunghe, spedite a mezzo autocarro dal Deposito Vestia-
rio Capannoni Giarano di Bari in data 11 marzo 1945.

La suddetta Commissione, dopo aver constatato che tutti i colli componenti
la spedizione trovansi in perfette condizioni di imballaggio, e che il pe-
so di essi corrisponde a quello segnato sul cartellino originale del Magaz-
zino Territoriale Principale V.E. di Macomer, ha provveduto all'apertura
dei colli medesimi ed ha proceduto alla verifica dei materiali contenuti
nei colli stessi riscontrando:

che dei quindici colli originali di mutande di lana lunghe di provenienza
italiana, ciascuno dei quali avrebbe dovuto contenere centesessanta paia
di mutande come dichiarato sul cartellino del Deposito V.E. di Macomer,
cinque di essi sono risultati costituiti come segue:

collo n.263 contenente	n. 155 paia di mutande
collo n.268 contenente	n. 153 paia di mutande
collo n.316 contenente	n. 150 paia di mutande
collo n.318 contenente	n. 156 paia di mutande
collo n.325 contenente	n. 157 paia di mutande

per cui sulla predetta partita di mutande di lana lunghe di provenienza
italiana sono risultate mancanti complessivamente ventinove paia di mu-
tande.

Quanto sopra si fa constatare mediante la compilazione del presente
verbale in triplice copia per l'uso che di ragione.

IL PRESIDENTE

Capitano BENINI Sig. Ferruccio
Tenente D'ETTORE " Verino
S.Tenente CHIUSURA " Pietro

Presidente
Membro
Membro e Segretario

si è riunita nei locali del Magazzino Materiali del Campo affluenza Mompie
menti in Trani, per procedere alla verifica di 15 (dieci e quindici) celli
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la specializzazione trovansi in perfette condizioni di imballaggio, e che il pe-
so di essi corrisponde a quello segnato sul cartellino originale del Magaz-
zino Territoriale Principale V.E. di Macomer, ha provveduto all'apertura
dei celli medesimi ed ha proceduto alla verifica dei materiali contenuti
nei celli stessi riscontrando:

che dei quindici celli originali di mutande di lana lunghe di provenienza
italiana, ciascuno dei quali avrebbe dovuto contenere centosessanta paia
di mutande, come dichiarato sul cartellino del Deposito V.E. di Macomer,
cinque di essi sono risultati costituiti come segue:

cello n. 263 contenente n. 155 paia di mutande
cello n. 268 contenente n. 153 paia di mutande
cello n. 316 contenente n. 150 paia di mutande
cello n. 318 contenente n. 156 paia di mutande
cello n. 325 contenente n. 157 paia di mutande

per cui sulla predetta partita di mutande di lana lunghe di provenienza
italiana sono risultate mancanti complessivamente ventinove paia di mu-
tande.

Quanto sopra si fa constatare mediante la compilazione del presente
verbale in triplice copia per l'uso che di ragione.

IL PRESIDENTE

(Capitano BENINI Ferruccio)

IL MEMERO

(Tenente D'ETTORE Verino)

IL MEMERO E SEGRETARIO

(S.Ten. CHIUSURA Pietro)

Visto:

IL VICE COMANDANTE DEL CAMPO

(Ten. Col. BERTAZZONI Giuseppe)

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COMANDO CAMPO AFFLUENZA COMPLEMENTI-TRANI-

Magazzini Materiali

VERBALE N. 4 CONSTATANTE L'APERTURA DI COLLI ORIGINALI CONTENENTI OGGETTI DI VESTIARIO DI PROVENIENZA ITALIANA E ADISATA.-

L'anno millenevecentequarantacinque, addi ventisette del mese di marzo

S I A N C T O

che la settennata Commissione composta dal Capitano BENINI Sig. Ferruccio delegato dal Comando del Campo Affluenza Complementi Trani, in rappresentanza della Parte mittente-ordine del giorno n. 891 del 25.3.1945- e del Tenente Consegretario FIGLIO Dario quale rappresentante la Parte ricevente, si è riunita nei locali del Magazzino Materiali del predetto Campo per procedere alla verifica di colli originali contenenti i seguenti oggetti di vestiario di provenienza italiana ed alleata:

- Maglie di lana.....n. 5000
- Garzie di lana....." 5000
- Galze di lana....." 5000
- Asciugatoi italiani.....n. 4000
- Berretti a busta s.v.....n. 1900
- Bustine tinte in verde...." 2100
- Tascapanni....." 1900

Prelevati presso il Magazzino V.B. Sussidiario della 230^a Divisione 321^a Bari in data 25 e 26 marzo 1945, e trasportati a Trani con automezzi accertati.

La suddetta Commissione dopo aver constatato che tutti i colli componenti la partita, eccettuato uno di asciugatoi, trovansi in perfette condizioni d'imballaggio, ha provveduto all'apertura dei colli medesimi riscontrando:

Galze di lana di provenienza alleata-	
Collo B.12 dichiarato contenente	720
" D.96	720
" B.32	720
" G.331	720
" 249	720
24270	700

Garzie di lana di provenienza alleata-	
Collo; senza numero ed indicazioni	80
"	80
"	80
"	80
"	80
Maglie di lana di provenienza alleata-	77
Collo senza numero ed indicazioni	77
"	77
"	77
"	77
"	77

Maglie di lana di provenienza alleata-	
Collo senza numero ed indicazioni	59
"	59
"	59
"	59
"	59

oggetti di vestiario di provenienza italiana ed alleate:

Maglie di lana n. 5000
 Canicie di lana " 5000
 Galze di lana n. 5000
 Asciugatoi italiani n. 4000
 Berretti a busta G.V. n. 1900
 Bustine tinte in verde ... " 2100
 Masochiani " 1900

prelevati presso il Negozio V.B. Sussidiario delle 230' Divisione 241 Bari in data 25 e 26 marzo 1945, e trasportati a Trani con automezzi accertati.

La suddetta Commissione scopo aver constatato che tutti i celli componenti la partita, eccettuato uno di asciugatoi, trovansi in perfette condizioni d'imballaggio, ha provveduto all'apertura dei celli medesimi riscontrando:

Galze di lana di provenienza alleata-	cello B.12 dichiarato contenente peso	720	riscontrato peso	700
" D.96	"	720	"	710
" B.32	"	720	"	700
" O.331	"	720	"	694
" 249	"	720	"	705

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Canicie di lana di provenienza alleata-

celle: senza numero ed indicazioni	dichiarate n.	80	riscontrate	70
"	"	80	"	79
"	"	80	"	79
"	"	80	"	77
"	"	80	"	77

Maglie di lana di provenienza alleata-

cello senza numero ed indicazioni	dichiarate n.	60	riscontrate	59
"	"	60	"	53
"	"	60	"	58
"	"	60	"	57
"	"	60	"	55
"	"	60	"	56
"	"	60	"	59
"	"	60	"	58

Asciugatoi di provenienza italiana.

Il cello n. 831 il cui peso dichiarato in Kg. 112 è stato riscontrato di Kg. 100 e 1/2 e contenente 900 (novecento) asciugatoi anziché 1000 (mille) La cassa di legatura esterna era più sottile di quella normalmente impiegata e l'imballaggio per quanto accuratamente confezionato e regolarmente piombato, non era conforme agli altri celli verificati. Internamente mancava la tela bianca di avvolgimento.

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Pertanto sulla partita di oggetti di vestiario di provenienza italiana ed alleata, sono risultati mancanti i seguenti oggetti:

- Galze di lana di prov. alleata 91
- Gancie di lana di prov. alleata ... 18
- Maglie di lana di prov. alleata ... 25
- Asciugatoi di prov. italiana 100

Quanto sopra si fa constatare mediante la compilazione del presente verbale in triplice copia, per l'uso che si raggione.

IL RAPPRESENTANTE LA PARTE MITTENTE
(Capitano BENINI Ferruccio)

Cap. Benini Ferruccio

IL RAPPRESENTANTE LA PARTE RICEVENTE
(Tenente ~~Regio~~, Derio)

De Regio



Visto:
IL VISE COMANDANTE DEL CALTO
(Ten. Col. BERTAZZONI Giuseppe)

[Signature]

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TO: MINISTRY OF WAR (2)

FROM: MMIA

DATE 27 March 45

SERIAL NO AQ BR-ITI/51

AUTHORIZATION NOTICE

1. Reference None

2. Authority is granted to issue the u/n items from ALLIED SOURCES

TO BR-ITI Trani Camp

(BR-ITI)

Stationed at Trani

Employed by BR-ITIS

STOCK NO.

STANDARD NOMENCLATURE

AMOUNT

Mattress Covers	2,000
Insulated Food Cont.	5
Axes	5
Knives, Kitchen	10
Can Openers	10
Pots Cooking	20
Ladels	20
Coffee Grinders	321
Pans Frying	10
Skimmers	10

STOCK NO.

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AMOUNT

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Pots Cooking	20
Ladels	20
Coffee Grinders	321 10
Pans Frying	10
Skimmers	10

3. Purpose of issue

4. In compliance with para 5 MMIA Adm. Inst. No. 1. items will be withdrawn in exchange for items issued.

5. Collection should be made on or before 27 Apr 41 1945, after which this Authorization becomes invalid.

6. REMARKS

DISTRIBUTION:

MMIA LO Bari (2)
MMIA ORD
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Q/OS - (1)

Pro Forma MMIA/ORD 2

For Major General
Military Mission Italian Army

A.C. Nov. 1944

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SUBJECT: Shortage Report, Comforters-Trani Camp.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
Q/15/1
23 March 1945.

TO : MMIA LO 54 Area.

1. Reference your ORD/230 dated 13 March 1945.
2. The information contained in the above reference letter, and in the report as rendered by a Board of Italian Officers, has been given consideration. It is noted that:
 - a. Your letter reports a shortage of 9 comforters only, while the report of the Italian Board reports a shortage of 6 comforters only.
 - b. The Board reports a shortage of 1 comforter each in 6 bales, all of which were original packages received from U.S. Agencies, and none of which showed any evidence of ever having been opened or tampered with.
 - c. Although the report states that all of the bales in question should have contained 10 comforters each, it does not make any definite statement as to the actual marking of contents which is always found on all U.S. packages.
3. Comforters supplied from U.S. Sources are normally packed in two size packages: One of 10 each, and one of 8 each. A limited number of boxes containing 5 comforters each have also been reported. It would appear unlikely that a concealed shortage of one comforter per bale would occur in six out of approximately 50 bales shipped to Trani Camp. Any shortage would more likely be a result of issuing bales of 8 comforters each, and counting them as bales of 10 comforters.
4. In view of the above, it is our opinion that the evidence as submitted fails to establish any shortage which is chargeable back to the U.S. Government. No credit will, therefore, be allowed to the Italian Government for the alleged shortage. Any discrepancies in lot delivery to Trani should be adjusted as a line loss between BR-ITI Depot (Giovani) and HQ Reinforcement Transit Camp Trani.

GAS/ag

Copy to: ORD Records
Q/OS.

Geo. A. Shipley
GEO. A. SHIPLEY, Lt. Col.
for Col. DA & QMG
Land Forces Sub Commission.

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FROM MMIA LG 54 AREA 151645A

TO SIGS BARLETTA FOR O'DONNELL

INFO 230 DIV

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SIGS

Q/OS

AG/171 . RESTRICTED . CONSIDER SUFFICIENT CLOTHING STOCKS NOW IN
T R A N I FOR MARCH REQUIREMENTS . ALL FUTURE INDENTS WILL BE
SUBMITTED THROUGH 230 DIV SUPPORTED BY A STOCK STATEMENT OF HOLDINGS AT
DATE OF INDENT

BT 151645-

CON 2ND LINE AMEND WA MARCH REQUIREMENTS IMA REQUIREMENTS

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SENT NR 320 2054 DMS E 1 IMI B1 K

RE NR 320 (DNI) 2054 (M1)

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LRGE V MAED NR 314
FROM MMIA LO 54 AREA
TO MMIA

IMPORTANT T LRB
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Q&X CR BT

AQ/165(.) RESTRICTED (.) REF YOUR Q/OS/94 (.) FOLLOWING
QUANTITIES REQUIRED TO EQUIP TRANI RFTS TO SCALE (.)

CAPS 1000 CMA SHIRTS 10000 CMA DRAWERS 6000 CMA SOCKS 16000 CMA
/// CMA UNDERSHIRTS 12000 CMA BELTS 6000 CMA HAVERSACKS
6000 CMA SEWING KITS 2000 CMA TOWELS 2000 CMA MESS KITS 2000 CMA
(.) FOLLOWING REQUIRED FOR 230 DIV MAINT(.) SHIRTS 5000 CMA SOCKS
10000 CMA UNDERSHIRTS 5000 CMA BELTS 2000 CMA TOWELS 5000
CMA MESS KITS 10000 ~~111~~ 10000 ~~C111~~ 1000 CMA TENT PIECES 1000

BT 111800A
SENT RGE B

RD NR 314 2016 CDM RKKKK

*Major Bird: kill
investigate report
pending in view of
recent release 12/3*

Caps 1000

Shirts 8000 +

Drawers 6000 +

Socks 16000 +

Undershirts 12000 +

Belts 6000

Haversacks 6000

Towels 2000

Mess kits 2000

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file Q/OS/5 (23000)
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SIGNAL

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DATE TIME

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FROM: M M I A

TO : 54 AREA

Q/OS/94

RESTRICTED

FOR M M I A L O (.) MY Q/OS/93 OF 7TH RELEASES CERTAIN
STOCKS FROM G I O R D A N O (.) IN VIEW YOUR OTHER RECEIPTS
FROM BR ORD WHAT MORE DO YOU NEED TO MAINTAIN 230 DIV AND EQUIP
RECRUITS NOW IN T R A N I TO FULL SCALE

PRIORITY IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATION

[Signature]

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See 1/0 BARI sig AQ/165 d. 11 Mar. 45.

Subject TRANI Rtr's. (6)

Liaison Office. ²¹
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MMIA) c/o 54 Area.
LO/2/1/SD
5 Mar 45.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (MMIA).

Ref MMIA Q/03/18 dated 20 Feb 45. — alt

1. Att. is a report from TRANI Camp on the condition of the men in reference, and an explanation why on this occasion they did not take blankets — a matter since rectified.

2. It is confirmed that no man left TRANI naked from the waist downwards.

J.G. Bird
J.G. BIRD Major.
Senior MMIA LO.
c/o HQ 54 Area.

Hold on
Shaw

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 $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{6}$; $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{6}$.

1. Ref. 10/2/2'3D noted 24 February, 1945.

2. It is agreed that the clothing of the decedent contained was sold, but at that time no clothing was available for resale.

3. It is pointed out that on the issue in question no stock of clothing was held in Trail nor was there any authority to clothe troops in this depot.

5. It is regretted that owing to a misinterpretation by M.B.I.A. L.C., that of the words "Cold-Op Reception Centre" and "Refugees' Depot" in para 5 of R.M.I., Letter AQ 15 of 8th Dec. 45, the reinforcements were dispatched without one blanket.

7. 0.02000×10^6 is 2.0×10^4 percent.

Quinn-Cox

Major, R...
Commanding British Cadre,
Italian Detachments Depot, TRIESTE.

FIELD, 003.
4/24/45.

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Q/05/18

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FROM: M.M.I.A. L.O. 54 AREA

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TO : M.M.I.A.

FEB.

AQ/155. Restricted (.) 230 DIV depot present stocks essential items follow (.) Blouses 1449: Trousers 1002: Boots 1000: Socks 304 Drawers, Shirts, Undershirts NIL each (.) To bring TRANI reserve to 3000 to meet present influx plus normal bi-monthly maintenance 230 DIV plus 1000 reserve request following releases (.) Blouses 2000: Trousers 2500: Boots 4000: Socks 8000: Drawers 5000: Shirts 7000: Undershirts 5000 (.)

G I O R D A N O present round figure stocks these items follow (.) Blouses 23,000: Trousers 43,000: Boots 22,000: Socks cotton 3,000: Specks Wool 5,000: Drawers Wool 11,000: Shirts Wool 4,000: Shirts Cotton 2,400: Undershirts 30 (.)

New subject (.) Previously borrowed 2,800 BD complete for TRANI: against 3,000 allotted 230 DIV just arrived ex NAPLES.

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Q/05/18

FROM: ~~WIA~~

DATE TIME

TO (FOR ACTION) SA AREA

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see
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FOR WIA LO (*) HAVE YOU ISSUED ONE PAIR BOOTS AND SUIT BATTERIES TO ALL
OCCUPANTS TRANI QUKEY

PROCEDURES _____

AUTHENTICATION FTN/COM
col.

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Subject: TRANI RFTS.

Q/OS/18

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) R O H R

Q/OS/18

(Q/OS/18)

20 Feb 1945

To: ADIA HQ 24 Area.

Ref att letter AFHQ/9187/4(AS) of 12 Feb covering a report LID 400 of 30 Jan 45.

1. This report alleges that 164 men were sent from TRANI to ARZSO on 25 Jan quite naked from the waist downwards i.e. no boots, no trousers, no socks and majority with no underpants.
2. You will check the records of clothing of this draft and forward all information which will be of assistance in rectifying this matter in future drafts. You will in particular report why the draft was despatched without one blanket in view of the present orders on this point.
3. It is agreed that at 25 Jan rfts were all clothed by receiving formations and that the onus of equipment was NOT on TRANI, nevertheless no man should have been sent out in this alleged state.
4. You will confirm that all rfts in TRANI are fitted out with one pair boots and one suit battledress. All rfts will be sent fed with one garment of each description as soon as AFHQ have completed their arrangements to overcome the immediate underclothing shortage. In the meanwhile you will use such stocks as are available in 230 Div.

PM/1a

F. J. Noan

F. J. Noan, Col.
D.A. & J.M.G.
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: AFHQ for Q/AS, your 9187/4(AS) of 12 Feb refers (less enclosures)
HQ One District for Q - ref One District letter LID 3208 30
Jan copy to Q.

For reply - see L/O BARI letter
14/LO/2/1/SD d. 5 Mar. (fo)

TO : SAKI BR IRI DEPOT

FROM : Liaison Officer,
Liaison Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (M.K.I.A.).

DATE 20/2/45

Serial No. 13/1057
CBB/45/BR/3AUTHORIZATION NOTICE.

8/05/18

1. Authority is granted to issue the u/m items from Allied/Italian sources.

TO : FRANK RPT CAMP

Stationed at Spain

STOCK NO.STANDARD NOMENCLATURE.AMOUNT

101B

Messes B.D.

2800

102B

Messes B.D.

2800

2. In compliance with para. 5 MILIA Adm. Inst. No. 1 items will be drawn in exchange for items issued. 3202

3. REMARKS

To be replaced by 230 Div. Sub Depot when Allocation released under Authority 9/08/17 is received from Naples.

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<u>STOCK NO.</u>	<u>STANDARD DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
101B	Shoes B.D.	2800
102B	Trousers B.D.	2800

2. In compliance with para. 5 MIA Adm. Inst. No. 4 items will be drawn **3203** exchange for items issued.

3. REMARKS

To be replaced by 230 Div. Sub Dept when allotment released under authority 4/08/17 is received from Naples.

John V. ...
John V. ... Capt.
for C. W. Marcell, Maj. G. S.
Senior M. M. L. A. L. O.
C/o 54 Area.

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Col. FIDELITY

Q (Maj GREGORY)

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Subject: Base Mt Depot, TRANI.

CHIA LIAISON OFFICER
TRANI
18 Feb 45.

To: Hq. M.M.I.A.

Q/05/18

A. LOCATION

(1) TRANI Depot is scattered over a number of buildings, as follows:-

(a) 9 Regt Depot Barracks. This building - built as a school, but never used as such - houses the HQ and 1 & 2 Bns, each Bn having a present approx strength of 800 all ranks.

(b) Milling Milllet. This is a disused mill with a maximum capacity - consistent with hygiene, fire-precautions and control of troops - of 500, but it has held 1000 during the worse part of the winter. It is not a satisfactory billet.

(c) Camp site. This is 500 yards from the main barracks. It is not at the moment in use as a considerable amount of M.I. work is being done to make it a satisfactory permanent camp. Work in hand should be finished in 7 days.

(d) Seminary. A disused convent houses the personnel being trained as drivers in the D.M.P. Driving School, TRANI.

(2) The future set up, effective from the ^{EN} 1 of February or sooner, will be:-

(a) Regt Barracks will hold Depot HQ and 1 Bn less one or two Coy's of driver trainees detached in the Seminary by the Driving-school.

(b) Camp site with 2 & 3 Bn areas functioning and 4 Bn area ready should the necessity for it's use arise.

(c) The mill will cease to be used except in grave emergency.

B. MAN-POWER

(1) Source

The nature of the majority of rifts in the Depot at any given time depends on the general situation, e.g., at first they were surplus personnel from 47 Inf Regt Depot, recently they have been Balkan repatriates and in the future they may consist largely of call-ups. In addition to these, there is an average daily inflow of approx 50 from a variety of sources - "abandati", troops ex long

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leave forwarded on by Depots, Distretti and Presidi Militari, personnel at hospitals, prisons etc.

(2) Breakdown.

The great majority are non-specialist. About 35 are drivers; about 10 are suitable as engr rfts, though should the Depot consist in the future of Southern call-ups, this percentage will drop. The disposal of medically unfit personnel - approx 10% - presents a problem, as Pioneer units do NOT want them, and as a constant transfer between hospital and Depot and vice versa, throws a considerable amount of work on the administrative staff. Most of the remaining troops are suitable mainly as labour rfts, or if suited physically and by civilian background, as subalterns. It is pointed out that it has not been the practice to ask for volunteers for Pack Tpt Coys, as troops consider that for anyone who wants to go volunteering, the combat groups offer more safety and better conditions than Pack Tpt.

C. FEATHERING.

In view of the previous military history of rfts, as indicated in part (1) of the preceding paragraph, the clothing of rfts is far from satisfactory. Repatriates ex Balkans are generally clad in a weird variety of military uniforms and civilian rags, while call-ups and abundant bring with them only the bare minimum necessary to get them from their homes to the Depot. In view of the scarcity and cost of boots on the civilian market, their footwear is in shocking condition. As for shirts, the majority have only one - and some not even that - with the result that a constant campaign has to be fought to keep them from freezing - this despite the fact that there are hot showers available. Here, though, the complaint is that the soap ration is received once per month, so that a man may be upwards of 3 weeks without soap. Many, too, have no towels.

D. MORALE.

On the average, morale is not more than fair. Factors unfavourably affecting morale are lack of clothing, length of time spent in transit while awaiting movement, inactivity, bad weather, lack of interest in the war, and - in the case of Northerners - the usual preoccupation about the fate of their families in enemy occupied territory. Given a uniform and a pair of boots, troops could be given more routine work and made to take an interest in themselves, with the feeling that the authorities too were interested in them.

Desertion and A.S.D.I. is confined almost entirely to Southerners and in particular to Apulians, who hate the idea of being stationed outside Apulia.

The recent free distribution of the first edition of the Army paper "Italia", was favourably commented on.

A canteen and rest-room are being set up and stocks of the Italian dailies provided. It is hoped that a library can be organized if the necessary reading material can be made forthcoming.

11 Con. Depot ball team was organized until it played a match with the Base Depot. Each company now has a team and 11 Con Depot has given the use of a football pitch during the mornings.

E. DISCIPLINE.

This is fair, considering that Italian troops have no respect for their N.C.O.'s and little for their officers, except in individual cases.

F. BRITISH CADRE.

The British Cadre - C.O., Maj. THOMAS, R.A. - has one main difficulty, viz., they have no instructions as to their duties, and they are considered an "unborn" unit by 54 Area.

G. CONCLUSION.

It is considered that a Depot satisfactory from all points of view, can be effectively organized given the following conditions:-

- (1) That a supply of minimum necessary clothing be maintained. (1000 sets of B.O., boots, and caps have been received already from NIA DO BANI).
- (2) That some form of welfare for the troops be organized.
- (3) That the British Cadre be recognised as a unit with an authorised W.O. and G.O., with authority to draw necessary stores.

E. O. DOWELL
Capt.
Liaison Officer

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FROM: NOLIA

DATE TIME OF ORIGIN

24 FEB 1964

TO (FOR ACTION): 54 AREA

REF ID: A68486

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FOR MMIA 1.0 (.) FIRST (.) MOVE FROM GIORDANO TO 230 DIV FOR DIV AND

TRAWL MAINTENANCE FLOUNDER BD QTY 1000 TROUT BD QTY 1000 SHIRTS QTY 2075 ~~SHIRTS~~

BOOTS PAIRS 5000 SHEEP WOOL QTY 626 MACHINERY QTY 469 COMFORTERS QTY 1000

CAPS QTY 2000 UNIFORMS SHIRTS QTY 761 DRAPEERS WOOL QTY 2000 (.) SECOND (.)

WEDUCE 380 DIV RESERVE TO 1020

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Subject: Reinforcement - Italian
Pioneer Units.

TEL. NO. WISADOM 427

AFHQ/9187/Q(AM)

HQ, MMIA. ✓

Q(05)

12 Feb. 45

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter received by the Directorate of Labour this Headquarters from the Labour representative at 1 District - LID 400 dated 30 Jan. 45.

1. It was understood by this Headquarters that there was no shortage of greatcoats; in fact the impression was that there was no shortage in most of the items stated to be deficient.
2. Will you please investigate this matter with the District Concerned and forward a report on your findings to this Headquarters.

TSAG/DY.

R. W. Beasley
R. W. BEASLEY, Major,
for Major General, G-4 (P).

Copy to: No. 3 District - a copy of the above quoted letter is attached hereto.

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Go to see him

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COPY

LABOUR BRANCH HQ DISPO

Subject: Reinforcements - 1st Par Coy.

LED 400

1.

On 23 Jan. 45, 278 1st Par rfts arrived at AREZZO from TRANT for ADL "C" Team. None of these rfts had a blanket and the state of clothing and necessities was as follows:-

	In good condition	In bad condition	Total
Boots		76	202
Trousers (BD pres)	103	14	161
Blouses (BD)	50	-	226
Caps	61	13	204
Greatcoats	50	3	225
Shirts	-	3	275
Underclothes (Vests & drawers)	60	3	215
Socks	-	-	278
Tins Mess	21	-	257

2.

It will thus be observed that the general condition of these men on arrival was quite deplorable. The misery they must have suffered on the journey can be imagined.

3.

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4.

Is it not possible to fit a whole draft out with a minimum of a complete battle-dress, boots, a shirt and a blanket before departure from the Depot?

5.

It may be that extreme caution in the matter of prevention of ill and sale of clothing and necessities is being exercised

	In good condition	In bad condition	Total
Boots		76	202
Trousers (BD trousers)	105	14	151
Blouses (BD)	50	-	228
Caps	61	15	204
Greatcoats	50	2	225
Shirts	-	3	275
Underclothes (Vests & Drawers)	60	3	215
Socks	-	3	278
Tins Mess	21	-	257

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5. It may be that extreme caution in the matter of prevention of illegal sale of clothing and necessities is being exercised at the rft depots; but to send 278 men on a long, very cold train journey in such a state of raggedness is a grave reflection on administration.

6. It will be appreciated that with the clothing store of 205 Div at CSBQC it takes a minimum of several days to collect details of deficiencies on arrival of drafts, to obtain MIA sanction for the release of clothing and equipment, and to collect same and issue to the men who may easily be a week without blankets.

7. May this matter be taken up, please, with a view to an improvement in the fitting out of rfts before departure, as this trouble is constantly recurring.

(Signed) L.J. DEAN,
Colonel,
DEL.

CMP.

30 Jan. 45.

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2/05/18

SUBJECT: Tentage.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M N
AQ/15/6
11 February 1945.

TO : Ministry of War
MMIA LO Bari
MMIA LO Naples.

1. The Ministry of War is directed to concentrate the following tentage in the LA ROCCA Depot BARI as soon as possible. Tents will, where possible, be complete with bags.

Present Depot	Tents	Corps Comd.	Tents Officers
47 Inf Regt LECCE	16		--
48 Inf Regt CASTELLANA	17		10
139 Inf Regt CONVERSANO	2		2
225 Inf Regt MONOPOLI	6		4
14 Arty Regt COHATO	3		20
9 Engr Regt TRANI	--		11
Dist HQ BARI	3		1
Dist HQ BARLETTA	--		2
Clothing Depot (LA ROCCA) BARI	8		59

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2. Allocation of Tentage will be as follows:-

	Tents	Corps Comd.	Tents Officers
(a) ER-ITF for TRANI Camp	18		54
(b) PES for US-ITIS	37		54

3. (a) MMIA LO BARI will notify this HQ as soon as the PES allocation is concentrated in BARI, when arrangements will be made b: this HQ for its movement to NAPLES.

(b) As soon as the PES commitment is met MMIA LO BARI will arrange to issue the ER-ITF allocation to TRANI Camp as available.

4. MMIA LO NAPLES will arrange with HQ for the collection

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Tents

Corps Comd.

16
17 2 5 3 -- 3 -- 3

Tents Officers

-- 10 2 4 20 11 1 2 58

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2. Allocation of Tentage will be as follows:

Tents
Corps Comd. Tents Officers

(a) BR-ITI for TRANI Camp 13 54
(b) PBS for US-ITIS 37 54

3. (a) MMIA LO BARI will notify this HQ as soon as the PBS allocation is concentrated in BARI, when arrangements will be made by this HQ for its movement to NAPLES.

(b) As soon as the PBS commitment is met MMIA LO BARI will arrange to issue the BR-ITI allocation to TRANI Camp as available.

4. MMIA LO NAPLES will arrange with PBS for the collection of tentage on its arrival in NAPLES.

RTM/as

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ORD Records.

William May

RTM WAREHAM, Major
for Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission.

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LRKE V LADE NR22

FROM MMIALG 54 AREA 051730A

TO MMIA

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AQ/109 (.) RESTRICTED (.) REQUEST WAR MINISTRY AUTHORISE RELEASE
TO TRANI CAMP SUFFICIENT TABLES BENCHES FOR FOUR THOUSAND TROOPS
(.) NONE RPT NONE AVAILABLE IN CAMP

BT 051730

SENT NR22 052050A JLP EB K

US

R NR 22 052050A USA BE

A release to Grant
plus. Trans.

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2/45

Subject: Blankets for TRANI Rft Camp

Q/OS/18

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.G.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME
Q/OS/17

30 Jan 45.

MINISTRY OF WAR

Ref your 6172/V dated 25 Jan 45, refers.

1. The blankets, tents, etc., for TRANI Camp have already been arranged through Major BIRD, MMIA LO in BARI.

FJH/wk

F. J. Hoakes
F. J. HOAKES, Col,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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SIGNAL

Q (os)

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FROM: NMIA

DATE

TIME

TO (ACTION): 54 AREA

27 1000 A

TO (INFO): DISTANCE EAST

DISTANCE

JAN.

AQ 2670

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FOR NMIA LO (.) MOST ESSENTIAL TEAM DEVELOPED EARLIEST POSSIBLE TO HOLD
SIX THOUSAND WITH EXPANSION TO SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED IN EMERGENCY (.)
CALL UP IN PROGRESS AND DRIVER TRAINING PLAN NOW CONFIRMED (.) THREE
THOUSAND SHELTER HALVES COMING FROM NAPLES (.) EXPLAIN URGENCY TO 54 AREA

APPROVE PRECEDENCE

Important

AUTHENTICATION

FT. Noam

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for

See "James"

Translation.

Q/OS/18.7

From M of W
To M. M. S. A.

Q/OS/17

Ref No. 6172/V.

Date 25 January 1945.

Subject: Blankets for Reception reinforcement camp
Trani.

The H. Q. of 230th Division has reported that the Trani H. Q. Reception reinforcement camp, has to provide for the arrival of 2000 call ups from the districts of Foggia, and in accordance with the decision of Allied Command to issue a 2nd blanket, has requested the following assignment of:

Camp Blankets - - - 6000.

^{shut}
 Paillasses - - - 2000.

Tent Staves with accessories - 500.

We beg M. M. S. A. to inform us whether we adhere to this request, with the understanding ^{of disposal} ~~of disposal~~ for which we have naturally within the limits of availability especially concerning blankets, which availability is at present very scarce owing to large numbers of call ups for which it is necessary to provide same.

(L. Capanini.)

Sgd.
(PELLISKA)



Ministero della Guerra

DIREZIONE GENERALE
DEI SERVIZI DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

Divisione V/E
Det. 1° 5172/V

Sez.
Alligati

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ALLIED FORCES SUB COM-
MISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
= R O M A =

Rapporto al f. del
Da *Sez.* *1°*

OGGETTO *Coperte per campo affluenza complementi*
Trani.-

Il Comando della 230^a Divisione ha segnalato che il Comando del Campo affluenza complementi di Trani, in previsione dell'arrivo di 2000 richiamati del distretto di Foggia, ed in relazione alla decisione del Comando Alleato di distribuire la 2^a coperta, ha richiesto l'assegnazione di:

- coperte da campo	6000
- pagliericci	2000
- teli tenda con accessori	500

Fregasi codesta M.M.I.A. di far conoscere se si deve aderire alla suddetta richiesta, beninteso nei limiti consentiti dalle disponibilità, specialmente per quanto riguarda le coperte, delle quali si hanno attualmente scarse disponi-
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bilità per le numerose esigenze dei richiamati che
occorre fronteggiare.-

p. IL MINISTRO

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM MMIA
TO PANSCUTH
INFO 54 AREA

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FOR MMIA LOS (.) REFERENCE CONVERSATIONS NOAKES-~~AIKEY~~ (.) DISPATCH
SHELTER HALVES AS FOLLOWS (.) 2000 DIRECT TO TRANI 2000 TO
GIORDANO (.) SIGNAL CONSISTENT PARTICULARS

PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATED

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TRANI

(extract on
GIORDANO file)

J. H. H. H.
6 Feb 45

DATE 25 Jan. 1945

Serial No. 1E/1097

003/AS/12/1

TO : LA ROCCA 1200L 0100

FROM : Liaison Officer,
Luna Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (M.A.I.A.).AUTHORIZATION NOTICE.

Ref. Signal 084 from Rome to Bird

1. Authority is granted to issue the u/m items from Allied/Italian sources.

TO : FRANK CAMP

Stationed at : Train

STOCK NO.

109 A

STANDARD NOMENCLATURE.

Comforters

AMOUNT

5000

e/n items are to be deducted from allotment to DE-7PI as under AG 2507
issued by AG/15/11 of 22 January 1945.

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2. In compliance with para. 5 HMLA Adm. Inst. No. 1 items will be drawn in exchange for items issued.

3. REMARKS : Required to be accomplished by rail on 05 Jan.

STOCK NO.

STANDARD NOTIFICATION.

STANDARD NOTIFICATION.

5000

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2. In compliance with para. 5 MILA Adm. Inst. No. 1 items will be drawn in exchange for items issued.

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3. REMARKS: This is to be accomplished by rail on 25 Jan.

John V. Purdy
 Dr. V. Purdy, Capt.
 C. J. Purcell Maj. G. S.
 Senior M. V. I. A. I. O.
 C/o 54 Area.

DISTRIBUTION

MIA (EO - 1 - for information)

6:DS/1286/24/11-44.

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LRKE V MJVL NR 4
T QVR2
FROM MJVL 241140A
TO 54 AREA
INFO NMIA
DISTHREE
8 ARMY REAR
GR 136 BT

"P" "PD"

REF: No. 8854

6/24

8/05/18
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8/27/24

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RESTRICTED PD FROM NOAKES PD FOR NMIA LO PD REFER NMIA SIGNAL ORD
SLASH FIVE SEVEN FIVE OF ONE NINE ONE SEVEN FIVE FIVE ABLE PD DELETE
ALL REFERENCE TO TWO TWO SEVEN DIVISION AND SEND ITEMS TO TWO TWO
EIGHT REPEAT TWO TWO EIGHT DIVISION PD INFORM MORIARTY PD REFERENCE
NUMBER EIGHT EIGHT FIVE FOUR PAREN TO 54 AREA INFO NMIA, DISTHREE,
REAR EIGHT ARMY FROM PENSOUTH NMIA LIAISON OFFICER PAREN NEW SUBJECT
PD ISSUE COMFORTERS TO TRANI AS CAMP STOCK AND REPORT DETAILS NMIA PD
BLANKETS THROWN UP TO BE USED FOR REPLACEMENTS MOVING TO UNITS PD
ISSUE SHELTER VALVES AS NEEDED TO TRANI AND REPORT DETAILS NMIA PD
NEW SUBJECT PD AIREY MOVING STOCKS BATTLEDDRESS AND OTHER ITEMS TO
YOU FOR GIORDANO CMA TWO THREE ZERO DIVISION AND TWO TWO EIGHT
DIVISION PD BT 241140A

SENT NR 4 24/1525A EGM BB

RECD NR 4 24/1527A J O E K

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HEADQUARTERS
24 JAN 45
A. C.

24/640

From:- MMIA

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(original on file 2/05/4)

To: MMIA LO 54 Area.

Info. DISTONE for MMIA LO 3 DISTRICT for MMIA LO

ORD/575 Restricted

Prepare for shipment to 227 DIV following clothing (.)

From 230 DIV (.) Caps qty 500 (.) From GIORDANO (.)

Boots qty 5000 pairs Drawers wool qty 4000 Shirts wool

qty 1000 Undershirts wool qty 4000 (.) Also prepare

following for 209 DIV (.) From GIORDANO (.) Boots qty

5000 pairs Drawers wool qty 4000 Shirts wool qty 1000

Undershirts/qty 4000 (.) Despatch instructions follow

2/05

Show me over

The signal

sent

from

Naples

(530)

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A/B

Ref.

885H

d. 24 Jan

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