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Q|15 Ordance Policy
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File 92 — Orders 8/15 3741

Subject :- Italian Army Personnel - Discharged from service.

51 British Liaison Unit

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To :- MMIA

Q Rear 8 Army
Q Rear 5 Corps
50 B L U
MMIA LO Rear 8 Army

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SUBJECT: CCRR Clothing.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
Q/15
28 February 1945.

TO : MMIA LO Sicily.

1. Attached hereto is a copy of a letter received from Public Safety Sub Commission, ALCOM on the matter of equipment for the Montegranero Battalion CCRR Sicily.

2. This is for your information, and confirms our recent signal to you on the same subject.

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

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SUBJECT: Clothing for CCRR.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
Q/15
28 February 1945.

TO : Ministry of War.

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1. Reference your 5793/V dated 19 February 1945.

2. Information received by Headquarters MMIA as to stocks on hand in certain CCRR Depots indicates that there is a substantial stock of many items already under CCRR control, and available for issue to the members of that Command.

3. Arrangements have been made through Public Safety Sub Commission ALCOM to furnish inventories of CCRR Depots.

4. Until such inventories have been received, no further authority will be granted to make issues of any items of Italian Army Stocks to CCRR.

GEO. A. SHIPLEY, Lt. Col.
for Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission.

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SECRET

Subject: Clothing etc. for CESANO.

Colonel F. J. NOAKES, O.B.E.
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME

27. Feb 1945

Dear

This DO is written with the knowledge of my General as there are some points over which I felt you should see the picture as we see it.

1. The first is in CESANO.

I saw the BLU there on Sunday and obtained the att report on the state of arrival of equipment. The C of S and the Eighth Army Commander take a great personal interest in the equipment of these men. This list speaks for itself and unless Ord take some pretty drastic action there will quite rightly be a first class scandal. I am sure D.O.S. cannot know the real position. Such stuff as is made available is being ferried forward by a Combat Gp MT Coy which should be fwd with the Army. Unless some drastic and effective action is taken to put the stuff fwd to ROME where the local MT can get at it, the rfts will go fwd half equiped. They cannot do otherwise when the picture is like this.

2. The second is BR-ITI Service Tps.

It is only by the considerable personal efforts of Sloan and your staff that anything gets done at all. I fully appreciate the difficulties of providing clothing for Greeks and all the other commitments in the Theatre but my job is to represent the needs of the ITALIAN Tps under Br Comd in the first instance but bearing in mind our Br share in the International commitment in the ITI-ITI category. 6/37

The commitment is simple, not only the equipment from the "skin out" of 30,000 call ups but also the steady maintenance of 98,000 tps. The wastage rate is stated to be 33⅓ % per month, this will undoubtably cover the steady influx of recruits to replace normal man wastage as well as normal garment wastage of second hand grade III clothes. This means that Ord have got to produce some 32,000 sets per month for normal maintenance. NOT just sets of rubbish but enough

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stuff to enable the ITIS to get 32,000 sets out of it after repair. This means 64,000 shirts per month and 96,000 pairs of socks and other items in proportion. This is a big commitment and if we cannot do it then Q must say to C that they cannot have the number of tps. After my last visit to Sloan he has managed to make ORD 1 produce a promise dated 22 Feb which is the best effort they have made so far. I only hope they appreciate the job they have on hand.

3. It still stands out a mile that the best method was to maintain BR-ITI from Ord depots throughout the country. I have been forced to set up a complete parralel system of repair shops, depots etc. to do a job which Ord could have done easier, quicker and better with fewer men than I use. MAIA tried to say so before and it is even more clear now than when we tried to convince AFHQ some months ago. It is interesting to note that ST are already coming round to the same view and their latest plans adopt many of the suggestions which were put up but shot down at the beginning.

4. This all sounds like a moan, and in a way it is, but it is written because I am genuinely worried and should be failing in my duty to Gen BROWNING if I did not moan to you often, loud and long. Anyway you know how grateful MAIA is for the unfailing help all your Q/AE offrs give when we do moan.

Yr.

Brig. R. G. THURBURN,
Q/AE, ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

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COPY

Herewith copy of List taken by Lieut-Col. Horsfall on his visit to Naples Feb. 24th.

Articles	Demanded 16/20 Jan.	Total Recd. to date	Balance due	Present stocks	Anticipated requirements to end Feb.
Boots	26,200	17,600	8,600	800	9,000
Forks	15,000	nil	15,000	nil	8,000
Greatcoats	15,000	3,500	11,500	3,000	12,000
Housewives	15,000	nil	15,000	nil	12,000
Jersey Pullovers	15,000	12,040	2,960	4,000	6,000
Knives table	15,000	nil	15,000	nil	12,000
Shirts	26,000	25,000	1,000	nil	9,000
Socks	45,000	43,500	1,500	4,000	10,000
Spoons	15,000	nil	15,000	nil	12,000
B.D.Trousers	15,000	6,600	8,400	nil	8,000
Tins Mess	15,000	480	14,520	nil	12,000
Mugs drinking	15,000	nil	15,000	nil	12,000
Sheets ground	15,000	nil	15,000	nil	12,000
Blankets	60,000	32,730	27,220	2,100	6,000
Towels	15,000	15,000	nil	nil	4,000
Vests wool	30,000+	+	30,000	4,000	8,000

+ A quantity were received from D.A.D.O.S. ROME in order to tide over.

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In addition to the above 5,500 complete sets were indented for on 3 and 17 February to meet March requirements and a further 2,000 sets are now in course of being indented for for the same period.

(sgd) ? ? ? Lt. Col.

24 Feb 45

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ORD Policy
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Subject: Clothing of Repatriated P's/W.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) R O M E
G/A/10/1

26 Feb 1945

To: CMO & IPW Sub Comm. A.C.

1. It has been noted that ex-P's/W repatriated to this country are wearing Allied uniforms, in many cases without any distinguishing mark. This practice is contrary to existing regulations, which state that all Allied uniforms must be dyed before being issued either to the Italian Army or to civilians.

2. A report has been received recently from Sicily that an ex-P/W was found drunk in a gutter in Palermo. He was not wearing any distinguishing mark and was free all appearances an American soldier. The Field Shore Patrol in trying to assist him was attacked in return. It was later learnt that this man was also mentally unbalanced.

3. Instances such as this are extremely detrimental to the Allied cause and it is requested that you initiate enquiries as to why uniformed Allied uniforms are issued to P's/W.

PWB/le

F. J. HOAKE, Col.
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: AFHQ for G3 Org (Foreign)
AFHQ for G5
AFHQ for G2 (UB)
MMIA HQ Sicily.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 489081 - 365

AC/14601/8/1/PS 21 February 1945

SUBJECT : CC.RR. Clothing

TO : Commanding General CC.RR.

1. The Montegranaro Battalion Italian Army has now been incorporated into the CC.RR. in Sicily.

2. Information has been received that the following items of equipment are necessary:-

Jackets, Wool	367
Trousers, Wool	557
Shirts, Cotton	965
Belts, Web	488
Undershirts, Wool	380
Drawers, Wool	864
Towels	617
Caps, Alpini	15
Boots	250
Socks	1,430
Leggings, Wrap	438
Blankets	218
Haversacks	85
Gunteens	45
Mess Tins	80
Cups	70
Spoons	90
Forks	218
Handkerchiefs	694

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3. When it was originally proposed to transfer the Picene Group to CC.RR. it was agreed that clothing would be supplied from Italian Army sources. However,

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clothing was subsequently allotted to CC.ER. on a 55,000 ceiling and the Montegranero Battalion are within that ceiling.

4. Will you please arrange for the supply of the items mentioned in para 2.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

Copy to: Land Forces Sub Commission
(Attn: Lt Col. Shipley)

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From: M. of W.
To: M.M.I.R.
Subject: Clothing for C.C.R.R.

Q/15 Ref 5793/V
19/2/45

In relation to the policy adopted by the M.M.I.R. to make bulk issues of clothing and equipment items to C.C.R.R. General H.Q. to meet all the requirements of dependant unit, M/Int. H.Q. has sent us a report showing their requirements as on attached list.

The att., list refers to the legions, sections, and nucleus already formed, or newly formed.

— to the 8 Legions (strength - 2500 men) to be formed gradually as the National territory is liberated.

— to the new carabinieri in course of being recruited.

— to the carabinieri being gradually recovered.

— to the carabinieri returned from prisons.

The general H.Q. C.C.R.R. has made known that the request is general for the arm of the C.C.R.R.

The Legion Depots are completely unprovided in the items requested, it has not been possible so far to effect distribution to the units that have gradually been formed, and also the carabinieri in course of being recovered. It is ~~any~~ necessary that the stores requested, are put at our disposal as early as possible, so that quick distribution can be effected.

This Ministry is in a position to furnish the items indicated in column 3 of att. list, making reservations however that some of the items are unavailable at present, and depend on future arrangements as indicated in column 4.

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Owing the fact that there o small quantities
inferior to the articles and quantities requested, with
the deficient condition of the materials, it is not possible
to effect major reassignments, it does not seem opportune on the
otherhand to immobilise materials of equipment and clothing
required to fit other units) to satisfy the unremediable
requirement of C.C.R.R.

Consequently unless the M.M.I.P. moves the withdraw-
al in large quantities instantly disposable, of allied material, to
fulfil the requests in question especially the articles on the list-
marked (A) as done in preceding assignments, the Ministry is
of the opinion that it would be better to cancel the projected
entire assignment, and to consider instead, from time to time, the
single request, which the General H.Q. C.C.R.R. could be author-
ised to send, us, and when necessary.

We ask the M.M.I.P. to make known their deci-
sion.

For the Minister.

PELLIGRIA.

F. Pellegria C.C.R.R.

Ministero della Guerra
DIREZIONE GENERALE
DEI SERVIZI DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

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Translate letter + return Attached

Roma, 10 DEC 1945

N.° di Prot. 5793/V di Sped.
Allegati

Risposta al Foglio N.°
del

OGGETTO Oggetti di V.E. per C.C.R.R.
Standing for CCRR

Alla LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
ROMA

In relazione al criterio adottato da cotesta M.M.I.A. di effettuare assegnazioni globali di oggetti di v.e. al Comando Generale dell'Arma C.C.R.R., per tutte le necessità dei dipendenti enti e reparti, il Comando stesso ha presentato il fabbisogno di cui all'unito elenco.

Più precisamente, tale elenco si riferisce:

- alle Legioni, Sezioni e Nuclei già ricostituiti o costituiti ex - novo;
- alle 8 Legioni (forza:25000 uomini) da ricostituire man mano che si libera il territorio nazionale;
- agli allievi carabinieri in corso di reclutamento;
- ai carabinieri che via via vengono ricuperati;
- ai carabinieri reduci dalla prigionia.

Il Comando Generale dell'Arma C.C.R.R. ha inoltre fatto presente che:

- la richiesta è generale per tutta l'Arma dei C.C.R.R.;
- i magazzini legionali sono completamente sprovisti degli oggetti che vengono richiesti;

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- non essendosi finora potute effettuare distribuzioni ai reparti che man mano sono stati ricostituiti ed ai carabinieri ricuperati, è necessario che gli oggetti richiesti siano messi a disposizione al più presto per poterne effettuare la sollecita distribuzione.

Questo Ministero è in grado di fornire i materiali indicati nella colonna N°3 dello specchio, avvertendo però che per taluni di essi la disponibilità non è immediata ma dipende da futuri allestimenti, come è indicato nella colonna N°4

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dello specchio stesso.

Trattasi di quantitativi limitati che sono inferiori per specie e quantità a quelli richiesti, ma, a parte che nell'attuale situazione deficitaria dei materiali non è possibile effettuare maggiori assegnazioni, non sembra, d'altra parte, opportuno immobilizzare, per le esigenze - non tutte immediate- dei C.C.R.R., oggetti che sono necessari per la vestizione e l'equipaggiamento degli altri reparti.

Conseguentemente, a meno che cotesta M.M.I.A. non ritenga di attingere in larga misura alle disponibilità di materiali alleati per soddisfare la richiesta in parola, specialmente per gli oggetti distinti nello specchio allegato con la lettera A) come disposto con precedente assegnazione, questo Ministero esprime il parere che sia il caso di soprassedere alla progget=tata assegnazione globale, per prendere invece, di volta in vol=ta, in considerazione le singole richieste che il Comando Gene=rale Arma CC.RR. potrà essere autorizzato a far pervenire, man mano che se ne presenti la necessità.

Si prega cotesta M.M.I.A. di far conoscere le proprie de=cisioni in merito.

p. IL MINISTRO

Stelligna

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COMANDO GENERALE DELL'ARMA DEI CC.RR.
Direzione di Amministrazione

Descrizione	Quantità richiesta	Quantitativi da trarsi dalle disponibilità italiane attuali e future	Annotazioni
1	2	3	4
I) - VESTIARIO			
asciugatoi	100.000	60.000	-potranno essere confezionati con sacchi fuori uso
bretelle per pantaloni	60.000	-	
borse per pulizia complete	50.000	-	
" da viaggio tela marr.o gv.	60.000	2.000	
" per corrispondenza	100	100	
borracce	50.000	-	
bustine tela grigia	45.000	-	
berretti a busta panno g.v.	35.000	35.000	
camicie di tela g.v. con colletto attaccato	60.000	-	-(A) - di provenienza alleata tipo kaki
camicie bianche	40.000	-	
colletti bianchi	40.000	-	
calze di cotone (paia)	60.000	-	-(A)
" " lana "	60.000	-	-(A)
cucchiai	60.000	60.000	-ne è progettata la costruzione a mezzo stab.art.
cinghie per pantaloni	40.000	10.000	
custodie per spazzole capelli	40.000	-	
cravatte lana g.v.	60.000	30.000	
" " nera	35.000	35.000	-ricavabili dalla trasformazione di camicie nere ex-milizia
combinazioni tela rasata	4.000	-	
cappotti panno g.v.	30.000	5.000	
cravatte bianche	20.000	-	
caschi di cuoio per motociclisti	500	-	
cappotti panno g.v.impermeabilizz. con fodere per motociclisti	500	-	
cappotti g.v. con pelliccia	2.200	5	
coperte da campo	80.000	-	-(A)
" grandi	40.000	-	-(A)
farsetti a maglia	50.000	-	
fazzoletti	140.000	-	
forchette	60.000	60.000	-ne è progettata la

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bretelle per pantaloni	60.000	-	-potranno essere confezionati con
borse per pulizia complete	50.000	-	saechi fuori uso
" da viaggio tela marr.o gv.	60.000	2.000	
" per corrispondenza	100	100	
borracce	50.000	-	
bustine tela grigia	45.000	-	
berretti a busta panno g.v.	35.000	35.000	
camicie di tela g.v. con colletto attaccato	60.000	-	-(A) - di prove-
camicie bianche	40.000	-	nienza alleata
colletti bianchi	40.000	-	tipo kaki
calze di cotone (paia)	60.000	-	-(A)
" " lana "	60.000	-	-(A)
cucchiai	60.000	60.000	-ne è progettata
cinghie per pantaloni	40.000	10.000	la costruzione a
custodie per spazzole capelli	40.000	-	mezzo stab.art.
cravatte lana g.v.	60.000	30.000	
" " nera	35.000	35.000	-ricavabili dalla
combinazioni tela rasata	4.000	-	trasformazione di
cappotti panno g.v.	30.000	5.000	camicie nere ex-mi
cravatte bianche	20.000	-	lizia
caschi di cuoio per motociclisti	500	-	
cappotti panno g.v.impermeabilizz. con fodere per motociclisti	500	-	
cappotti g.v. con pelliccia	2.200	5	
coperte da campo	80.000	-	-(A)
" grandi	40.000	-	-(A)
farsetti a maglia	50.000	-	
fazzoletti	140.000	-	
forchette	60.000	60.000	-ne è progettata la
fasce ventriere di lana	60.000	-	costruzione a mez-
" gambiere panno g.v.	80.000	-	zo stab.art.
gambali di cuoio di varie taglie	5.000	-	
giubbe di panno g.v.con cinturino	35.000	5.000	
gavette	30.000	30.000	-ne è progettata la
giubbe tela grigia	45.000	-	costruzione a mez-
giubboni di pelle per motociclisti	500	-	zo Istabil.art.
guanti lana g.v. (paia)	50.000	10.000	
" bianchi di filo (paia)	26.000	7.000	
" pelle per motociclisti	500	-	
mantelle impermeabili	1.000	-	

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Sheet 1 / Genl - Q.M.G. & Q.M.R.
Dir. of Adm.

Description	Quantity Requested	Quantities to be drawn from Station stores. Cross. K. Factors	Remarks
1	2	3	4
1) CLOTHING			
Bath Towels	100,000	60,000	Can be interserved with U.S. Stocks
Braces for trousers	60,000	—	
HOLD-ALLS COMPLETE	50,000	—	
SATCHELS TRAVELLING GREY GREEN	60,000	2 000	
SATCHELS-CORRESPONDENCE	100	100	
BOTTLES WATER	50,000	[illegible]	
CAPS GREY CLOTH	45000	—	
STIFF CAPS G.S.	35000	35000	
SHIRTS WITH COLLAR GG	60,000	—	
SHIRTS WHITE	40,000	—	(A) from Allied sources (Khaki)
COLLARS "	40,000	—	
SOCKS (COTTON) Pairs	60,000	—	(A)
SOCKS (WOOLEN) Pairs	60,000	—	(A)
SPOONS TABLE	60,000	60000	Manufacture has been planned through ARTIL. FACTORY.
BELTS TROUSER	40,000	10,000	
COVERS BAUSNES HAIR	40,000	—	
TIES (KHAKI) G.S.	60,000	30,000	
" " BLACK	35,000	35,000	— Made from Black shirts - substitute
OVERALLS	4,000	—	
OVER-COATS G.S.	30,000	5000	
TIES (WHITE)	20,000	—	
HELMETS (CRASH) (MC)	500	—	
RAIN COATS. G.S. WITH LININGS FOR (MCs)	500	—	
COATS G.S. FUR LINED	2,000	5	
BLANCKETS (CAMP)	80,000	—	—(A)
" (LARGE)	40,000	—	—(A)
JERSEY PULLOVER (WOOL)	50,000		
HANKERCHIEFS	140,000		
FORKS TABLE	60,000	60,000	— Further manufacture to be given to pioneer formations.
BELTS BODY (WOOL)	60,000	—	
PUTTEES G.S.	80,000	—	
GAITERS LEATHER (VARIOUS)	5,000	—	
JACKETS GS WITH BELT	33,000	5000	
MESS TINS	30,000	30,000	— Further manufacture to be done by pioneer formations
JACKETS (GREY CLOTH)	45,000	—	

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[illegible] WHITE	[illegible]	—	[illegible] Khaki)
" KHAKI	40,000	—	
SOCKS (COTTON) Pairs	60,000	—	(A)
SOCKS (WOOLEN) Pairs	60,000	—	(A)
SPOONS TABLE	60,000	60,000	Manufacture has been planned through ARTIL. FACTORY.
BELTS TROUSER	20,000	10,000	
COVERS BRUSHES HAIR	20,000	—	
TIES (WOOL) G.G.	60,000	30,000	
" " BLACK	35,000	35,000	— Made from Black shirts — available
OVERALLS	4,000	—	
OVER-COATS G.G.	30,000	5,000	
TIES (WHITE)	90,000	—	
HELMETS (CRASH) (MC)	500	—	
RAIN COATS. G.G. WITH LININGS FOR (MCs)	500	—	
COATS GG. FUR LINED	2,200	5	
BLANCKETS (CAMP)	30,000	—	—(A)
" (LARGE)	20,000	—	—(A)
JERSEY PULLOVER (WOOL)	50,000		
HANKERCHEFS	140,000		
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BELTS BODY (WOOL)	40,000	—	
PUTTEES G.G.	80,000	—	
GAITERS LEATHER (VARIOUS)	5,000	—	
JACKETS GG WITH BELT	35,000	5,000	
MESS TINS	30,000	30,000	
JACKETS (GREY CLOTH)	45,000	—	Further manufacture to be done by pioneer formations
MACKINHOW 'LEATHER MC.	500	—	
GLOVES (WOOL) G.G.	50,000	10,000	
" (WHITE) linen	26,000	7,000	
" LEATHER. MCs	500	—	
CLOAKS WATER PROOF	1000	—	

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1	2	3	4
maglioni di lana	2.000	-	-(A)
mutande " "	60.000	-	-(A)
occhiali per motociclisti	500	500	
pantaloni di tela cerata per mot.	500	-	
" panno g.v.	35.000	5.000	
" g.v.per armi a cavallo (varie taglie)	5.000	-	
pantaloni tela grigia	45.000	-	
pezzuole da piedi (paia)	60.000	20.000	
passamontagna	35.000	-	
piastrini riconoscimento	80.000	80.000	
paletti per tenda	160.000	-	
parti di bastone per tenda	185.000	-	
stivaletti per armi a piedi	50.000	-	
spazzole per capelli	60.000	-	
" " vestiario	60.000	-	
" " scarpe	60.000	-	
spazzolini per lucido nero	60.000	-	
sacchetti per cartucce	60.000	-	
" " arnesi f.u.	50.000	-	
sacchi per armi a piedi	40.000	5.000	
" a pelo	5.000	100	
scarponi da montagna (paia)	15.000	-	
tazze	30.000	30.000	-ne è progettata la costruz.a mezzo stab. art.
teli da tenda grandi	60.000	-	
tascapani	25.000	5.000	
zaini	25.000	-	
2) - EQUIPAGGIAMENTO			
astucci per carta	75	-	
bidoni a spalla di alluminio da lt. 5 a 6	115	15	
barilotti da uff.da lt. 10 a 15	25	-	
" di legno " 25	50	-	
" " " " 500	45	-	
borse di cuoio per denaro	25	25	
coltelli a leva apriscatole	100	50	
" per cucina	120	50	

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passamontagna	35.000	-	
piastrini riconoscimento	80.000	80.000	
paletti per tenda	160.000	-	
parti di bastone per tenda	185.000	-	
stivaletti per armi a piedi	50.000	-	
spazzole per capelli	60.000	-	
" " *vestiario*	60.000	-	
" " *scarpe*	60.000	-	
spazzolini per lucido nero	60.000	-	
sacchetti per cartucce	60.000	-	
" " *arnesi f.u.*	50.000	-	
sacchi per armi a piedi	40.000	5.000	
" *a pelo*	5.000	100	
scarponi da montagna (pala)	15.000	-	
tazze	30.000	30.000	*-ne è progettata*
teli da tenda grandi	60.000	-	*la costruz.a mez*
tascapani	25.000	5.000	*zo stab. art.*
zaini	25.000	-	
2) - *EQUIPAGGIAMENTO*			
astucci per carta	75	-	
bidoni a spalla di alluminio da lt. 5 a 6	115	15	
barilotti da uff.da lt. 10 a 15	25	-	
" *di legno* " *25*	50	-	
" " " " *500*	45	-	
borse di cuoio per denaro	25	25	
coltelli a leva apriscatole	100	50	
" *per cucina*	120	50	
coperchi per marmitte da campo	265	30	
casse di cottura	250	-	
ceste per carne con tagliere	60	30	
cassette per denaro	75	-	
casse-forti a 2 chiavi	115	-	
" " *3* "	10	-	
cucine complete da 3 per uff.	56	-	
cofani scrittoio	25	55	
colli completi per riparazioni sarto	60	-	
" " " " *calzolaio*	60	-	
forchettoni con manico di legno	70	30	
grattugge a punte di acciaio per truppa	53	-	
guaina per mannarese	103	-	

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Sheet 2

Description 1	Quantity Required 2	3	Remarks. 4
VEST (WOOL)	2,000	—	(A)
DRAWERS (")	60,000	—	(A)
GOGGLES (MCs)	500	500	
TROUSERS (OIL CLOTH)	500	—	
" G.G.	35,000	5000	
BREECHES G.S. (HORSE)	5,000	—	
TROUSERS (Grey)	45,000	—	
CLOTHS (FOOT)	60,000	20,000	
BALACLAVAS	35,000	—	
DISCS IDENTITY	80,000	80,000	
PEGS TENT	160,000	—	
TENT POLE (PARTS)	185,000	—	
BOOTS ANKLE	50,000	—	
BRUSHES (HAIR)	60,000	—	
" (CLOTHING)	60,000	—	
" (BOOTS)	60,000	—	
" (BLACKING)	60,000	—	
BAGS (AMMO)	60,000	—	
" (TOOLS)	50,000	—	
PACKS (INF)	40,000	~~5000~~	
BAGS (FUR or HAIR)	5,000	100	
BOOTS (MOUNTAIN)	15,000	—	
MOCS (drinking)	30,000	~~30000~~ 30000	— Further manufacture to be given to pioneer unit.
SHELTER HALVES (ground sheets)	60,000	—	
HAVER-SACKS	25,000	5000	
PACKS (INF)	35,000		
Pt 2. Equipment			
BOXES STATIONERY	75		
CONTAINER PORTABLE 5-6 Litre	115	15	
BARRELS OFFICERS 10-15 "	~~50~~ 25		
" (WOOD) 25 "	50		
" " 100 "	45		
BAGS MONEY LEATHER	25	25	
OPENERS TIN.	100	50	
KNIVES COOK	120	50	
LIDS FILLED STEW POTS	375	30	

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BRUSHES (HAIR)	60,000	—	
" (CLOTHING)	60,000	—	
" (BOOTS)	60,000	—	
" (BLACKING)	60,000	—	
BAGS (AMMO)	60,000	—	
" (TOOLS)	50,000	—	
PACKS (INF)	40,000	6000	
BAGS (FUR or HAIR)	5,000	100	
BOOTS (MOUNTAIN)	15,000	—	
MOOS (drinking)	30,000	~~30000~~ 30,000	— Further manufacture to be given to pioneer unit.
SHELTER HALVES (ground sheets)	60,000	—	
HAVER-SACKS	25,000	5,000	
PACKS (INF)	25,000		

Pt 2. Equipment

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BOXES STATIONERY	75	
CONTAINER PORTABLE 5-6 litre	115	15
BARRELS OFFICERS 10-15 "	~~50~~ 25	
" (Mess) 25 "	50	
" " 100 "	45	
BAGS MONEY LEATHER	25	25
OPENERS TIN.	100	50
KNIVES COOK	120	50
LIDS FILLED STEW POTS.	265	30.
CONTAINERS THERMES	250	—
BASKETS MEAT. WITH HANDLES	~~60~~ 60	30.
BOXES (CASH)	75	—
" STRONG (DOUBLE LOCK)	115	—
" " (TREBLE ")	10	—
KITCHEN DEF. for 3 "	56	—
DESKS FOLDING	25	559
KITS TAILOR	60	—
" COBBLER	60	—
FORKS LARGE (WOODEN HANDLE)	70	30
GRATERS (CHEESE)	53	—
SHEATHS (BUTCHER) CHOPPER	103	—

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imbuti grandi	53	30	
lanterne da campo	250	50	
macinino da caffè	103	30	
mannarese senza guaina	103	-	
marmitte da campo senza coperchio	265	30	
macchinette per taglio capelli	60	-	
portafogli con correggia per CC.FF.	1.000	451	
padelle con manico di legno	106	-	
reggi candele per lanterne da campo	250	-	
ramaioli di lamiera	143	30	
sacchetti per sale, zucchero e caffè	274	274	
sacchiper pane viveri	324	324	
schiumatoi	103	30	
tubi di gomma per travasare il liquido da m. 2,50	53	-	
tasche di cuoio o tela per lettere	43	45	

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1	2	3	4
FUNNELS (LARGE)	53	30	
LAMPS (HURRICANE)	250	50	
GRINDERS (COFFEE)	103	30	
CHOPPERS (BUTCHER) No SHEATHS	103	—	
POTS STEW (LIDLESS)	265	30	
CLIPPERS (HAIR)	60	—	
SATCHELS MESSAGE for U.S.R.R. COMPLETE	1060	451	
LADLES (WOODEN HANDLES)	106	—	
HOLDERS CANDLE for LANTERNS	950	—	
LADELS TIN-COPPER	103	30	
BAGS RATION, SUGAR & COFFEE BAGS	274	274	
BAGS RATION BREAD	324	324	
SKIMMERS	103	30	
TUBES RUBBER (SYPHON)	53	—	
BAGS MAIL LEATHER & CLOTH	43	45	

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 489081 - 365

AC/14601/8/1/PS

16 February, 1945.

SUBJECT : Clothing and Equipment CC.RR.

TO : Director Land Force Sub-Commission.

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1. Reference your AQ/15 dated 24 January 45.

2. On 28 January 1945, the Commanding General CC.RR was requested to render a return by 1 February 1945. On 13 February 1945 the following reply was received :-

"In reference to your letter A.C.14601/8/1/PS we inform you that we are not in a position to draw up and let you have the requested inventory as of 1st February.

The reports of which we are in possession refer to a long time ago, so that the figures would not be corresponding to the actual situation.

Will you please be good enough as to still wait for the above mentioned return, which we will be able to forward from 1st March on, with data referring to the 10th of the preceding month.

This is due to the slowness of communication, which compels us to leave to the various Legions the time necessary to comply with our request."

3. Forwarded for your information.

for JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.C.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

FJW/G.

See folio 378

10/- 3 Mthly 4% 50/-

19 Feb

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SUBJECT: Daily Report of Receipts & Issues, Form F/MMIA/ORD/4.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
AQ/15
15 Feb. 1945.

TO : MMIA LO Naples
MMIA LO 84 Area
ORD Records.

1. Effective at once, the requirement that our Main Issue Depots render a Daily Report of Receipts and Issues is rescinded.

2. The use of Form F/MMIA/ORD/4 is discontinued.

GEO. A. SHIPLEY, Lt. Col.
for Col. DA & QMC
Land Forces Sub Commission.

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MESSAGE FORM

Date - Time

FROM: MMIA 28/15.

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TO : AFHQ

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REFERENCE YOUR F 44187 CITE FHSUP-CEMS OF 26 OCTOBER (.)
REQUEST REPLY TO OUR AQ-2043 OF 19 OCTOBER SUBJECT PRICES
FOR CAPTURED CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT SHIPPED FROM MID-EAST
FOR ITALIAN MILITARY (.) THESE PRICES ARE URGENTLY NEEDED
SINCE WE ARE NOW RECEIVING THE ITEMS FROM MID-EAST

PRECEDENCE Important

AUTHENTICATION

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IMPORTANT

FOR V LRAR NR 5024 141300A

FOR MMA LO REAR EIGHTH ARMY

FOR HQ MMA ROME

TO

GCK

IM 329. RESTRICTED . REF YOUR AO/15 OF 24 JAN. 22Z ETV CONFIRM

ALL TPS UNDER COMD HAVE FOUR BLANKETS

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Translation

DRIS

From: The Minister for War Ref: 12/400/2
To: Maj Gen. Borbonetti Date: 10.2.45

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Sir

It is with great pleasure that I have received your letter A2/15 dated 17th inst. I am delighted to learn that you have been able to check upon the various work carried out in our clothing repair shops during your visit to establishments.

I thank you for your excellent suggestions & distributing printed slogans to our establishments.

I have issued the necessary instructions in order that these slogans may be printed and distributed at our

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With kindest regards,
I have the honour to remain,
Yours sincerely,
(Sgd) A CASATI

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IL MINISTRO DELLA GUERRA

URGENT
Immediate for
GOC.

IN

A/G 12.14.ac/2

Roma, 10 febbraio 1945

Signor Generale,

Mi è giunta graditissima la Sua lettera AG/15 del 17 gennaio u.s..

Lieto di apprendere che la visita eseguita nei nostri stabilimenti militari abbia dato alla S.V. la possibilità di constatare l'intenso ritmo del lavoro di riparazione degli effetti di vestiario, La ringrazio per l'ottima iniziativa di diffonde= re fra le maestranze "slogans" adeguati.

Ho dato al riguardo le disposizioni del caso perchè si provveda alla stampa dei motti in que= stione ed alla conseguente distribuzione agli stabilimenti militari.

Gradisca, Signor Generale, i migliori saluti.

Alexander 6.07

Al Sig.Magg.Gen. L.Browning
Capo del L.F.S.C.AC.(MMIA)
AC - Palazzo delle corporaz. -ROMA-

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SIGNAL

From: CG MTOUSA

Ref: FX24215

To : Peubase, 5 Army, Adriatic Depot, Rome Area Command, AAFSC/MTO, Hq. Cond. AFHQ, MMIA

Date: 10144OA

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Effective 1 Mar 1945, the provisions of cable FX 72526 dated 21 Dec 1944 are rescinded. (FX24215 cite NAMC Signal CG MTOUSA). As of the 15 Feb and monthly thereafter adressees will submit report to this HQ consisting of following information:

Column A. A list of all items of clothing and individual equipment produced within the command not suitable for reissue to this troops.

Column B. Quantity of those items on hand a beginning of period.

Column C. Quantity produced during the period.

Column D. Quantities received from other sources including MMIA during period.

Column E. Quantities issued to Italian Service units (ex POW) of the command.

Column F. Quantities issued to US-ITI Units within your command.

Column G. Shortages required for issue to Italian Service Units and/or US-ITIS.

Column H. Quantity shipped to other commands upon authority of this HQ.

Column I. Quantity issued to organizations within the command for minimum essential issues to civilians employed by the organizations in necessary out-of-doors work. This remains organizational property.

Column J. Balance on hand at end of month.

All outer garments, wool and cotton, except raincoats and headgear issued to Italian Service Units and US-ITI troops will be dyed green prior to issue. Raincoats will have either "ISU" or "US-ITI" stenciled in white letters four inches high on back of coat. CG Fifth Army only may eliminate dyeing of clothing for Italian troops if considered necessary for protection of personnel in combat areas.

Distribution between major commands will be controlled by this HQ after 1 Mar and requests for essential requirements for US-ITI and ISU not available from that generated within the command in accordance with paragraph 2b Annex C to AFHQ letter of 22 Sept, will be submitted here.

Accounting procedures are not changed and are in accordance with AFHQ letter AG 400/031 GDS-O, dated 6 Oct. 1944. Records of issue to US-ITIS must be kept current and available to officers of Inspector General and

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Signal FX24215 dated 10 Feb Contd.

Inspecting teams of this HQ. Illegal disposal of US property by US-ITIS will be dealt with firmly under existing authority of commanders.

MMIA will report to this HQ in allocating items surplus to ITI-ITI requirements for US-ITI troops.

Reference Annex B to AFHQ letter 33 Sept. , and within the ability of the CG 5 Army, CO Adriatic Depot and CO PENBASE to do so, the scale of issue for US-ITIS is amended as follows:

(a) For US-ITI troops north of latitude 42 degrees, issue is authorised during winter months of equivalent to 4 used blankets.

(b) For US-ITI troops south of 1 titude 42 degreed issue is authorised during winter months of equivalent of three used blankets.

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MESSAGE FORM

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FROM SIGNED MCNARNEY DEC 21

TO CO PBS

TO FOR INFO CG AAF/MTO, CG AAFSC/MTO, MMIA CG FIFTH ARMY
CO ADRIATIC DEPOT

REF FX 72526 CITE NAQMC

SUPPLY OF US-ITI TROOPS IS SUBJECT.

REFERENCE COMZONE CIRCULAR 119, THE SUPPLY OF US-ITI TROOPS IS DELEGATED TO YOU INSOFAR AS QM CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT IS CONCERNED. THE SCALE OF ISSUE WILL NOT BE EXTENDED WITHOUT APPROVAL OF THIS HEADQUARTERS. TO IMPLEMENT THIS POLICY THE FOLLOWING IS DIRECTED:

1. ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT MADE AVAILABLE TO US ARMY FOR USE BY US-ITI WILL BE TURNED OVER TO PENBASE AND ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROPORTIONAL NUMBEROF SERVICE TROOPS EMPLOYED AFTER NEEDS OF US-ITI UNITS ASSIGNED TO FIFTH ARMY HAVE BEEN FULFILLED.

2. COMMANDING GENERAL FIFTH ARMY AND CO ADRIATIC DEPOT, AFTER UTILIZING ITEMS GENERATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 2B, ANNEX C TO AFHQ LETTER 22 SEPTEMBER INCLOSED IN COMZONE CIRCULAR 119, WILL SUBMIT ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS TO CO PBS WHO WILL SUPPLY WITHIN HIS ABILITY TO DO SO BASED ON USED STOCKS AVAILABLE TO HIM. ITEMS SURPLUS TO EACH ABOVE COMMANDERS REQUIREMENTS WILL BE DISPOSED OF AS DIRECTED BY CO PBS.

3. IN ORDER THAT CO PBS MAY BE IN POSITION TO EQUITABLY DISTRIBUTE CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT, SUCH MOVEMENT DATA AND REPORTS AS REQUESTED

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HEADQUARTERS. TO EMPLEMENT THIS POLICY THE FOLLOWING IS DIRECTED:

1. ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT MADE AVAILABLE TO US ARMY FOR USE BY US-ITI WILL BE TURNED OVER TO PENBASE AND ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROPORTIONAL NUMBEROF SERVICE TROOPS EMPLOYED AFTER NEEDS OF US-ITI UNITS ASSIGNED TO FIFTH ARMY HAVE BEEN FULFILLED.

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3. IN ORDER THAT CO PBS MAY BE IN POSITION TO EQUITABLY DISTRIBUTE CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT, SUCH MINIMUM DATA AND REPORTS AS REQUESTED BY HIM FROM FIFTH ARMY AND AAFSC WILL BE FURNISHED AS REQUESTED.

4. REFERENCE ANNEX B TO AFHQ LETTER 22 SEPTEMBER, AND WITHIN THE ABILITY OF THE CG FIFTH ARMY, CO ADRIATIC DEPOT AND CO PENBASE TO DO SO, THE SCALE OF ISSUE FOR US-ITIS IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

A. FOR US-ITI TROOPS NORTH OF LATITUDE 42 DEGREES, ISSUE IS AUTHORIZED DURING WINTER MONTHS OF EQUIVALENT OF FOUR USED BLANKETS.

B. FOR US-ITI TROOPS SOUTH OF LATITUDE 42 DEGREES ISSUE IS AUTHORIZED DURING WINTER MONTHS OF EQUIVALENT OF THREE USED BLANKETS.

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5. NOTHING HEREIN IS TO BE INTERPRETED TO CHANGE OR AMEND ACCOUNTING PROCEDURE REQUIRED BY MMIA. RECORDS OF ISSUE TO US-ITIS MUST BE KEPT CURRENT AND AVAILABLE TO OFFICERS OF INSPECTOR GENERAL AND INSPECTING TEAMS OF THIS HEADQUARTERS. ILLEGAL DISPOSAL OF US PROPERTY BY US-ITIS WILL BE DEALT WITH FIRMLY UNDER EXISTING AUTHORITY OF COMMANDERS.

6. ACTION WHERE APPLICABLE TO MTOUSA ON FOLLOWING CABLES IS PASSED TO CO PENBASE: TABULATE IN THREE COLUMNS:

1. ORGANIZATION:	2. CABLE REFERENCE:	3. CABLE DATE:
ADRIATIC DEPOT	335-C	DECEMBER 14
MMIA	AQ 2163	NOVEMBER 8
MMIA	AQ 2206	NOVEMBER 13
MMIA	AQ 2202	NOVEMBER 13
MMIA	AQ 2234	NOVEMBER 19
MMIA	AQ 2259	DECEMBER 12
MMIA	AQ 2389	DECEMBER 16

END OF TABULATION. REQUEST MMIA TO FURNISH CO PENBASE 6403 INFORMATION CONTAINED IN ABOVE CABLES IN INSTANCES WHERE CO PENBASE IS NOT AN ADRESSEE

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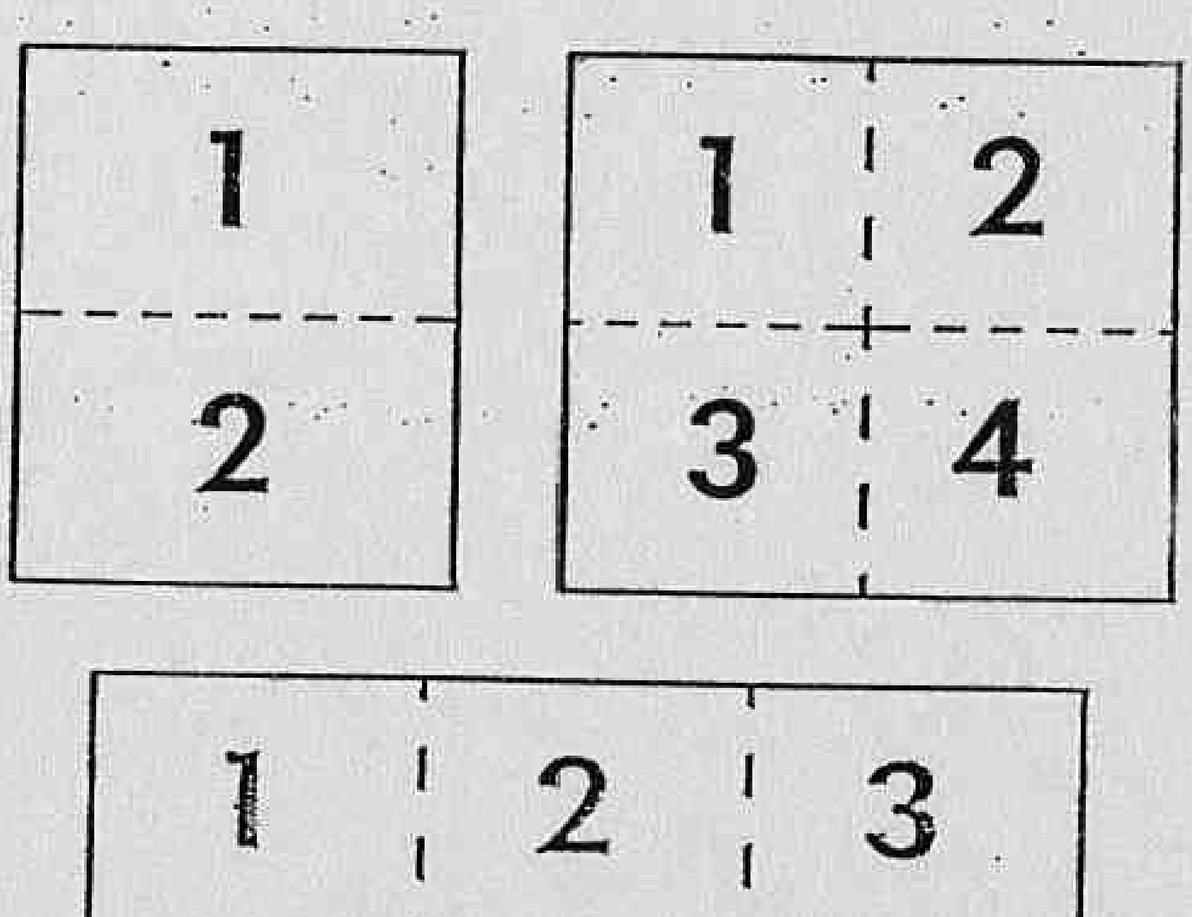
LEFT TO RIGHT, AND TOP TO BOTTOM.

SEE DIAGRAMS BELOW.



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FROM LAEE 101440A

(1) PENSACE

(2) FIFTH ARMY

(3) ADRIATIC DEPOT

(4) ROME AREA COMMAND

(5) AAFSC/MTO

(6) HQ COMMAND AFHQ

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PROVISIONS

TWO SIX DATED TWO ONE DECEMBER ONE

NINE FOUR FOUR ARE RESCINDED PP [redacted] TW24215

[redacted] CITE MAMO SIGNED CG MTOUSA PD AS OF THE FIFTEENTH FEBRUARY

AND MONTHLY THEREAFTER ADDRESSEES WILL SUBMIT REPORT

TO THIS HEADQUARTERS CONSISTING OF FOLLOWING INFORMATION CLN COLUMN

ALLE PD A LIST OF ALL ITEMS

OF CLOTHING AND INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENT PRODUCED WITHIN THE COMMAND

NOT SUITABLE FOR REISSUE TO THIS TROOPS PP [redacted] TW24215 PARA PD

COLUMN BAKER PD QUANTITY OF THOSE ITEMS

ON HAND AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD PD PARA PD COLUM CHARLIE PD

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SERVICE UNITS PAREN EX FOR PAREN OF THE COMMAND PD PARA PD COLUMN

FOX PD QUANTITIES ISSUED TO US DASH ETI UNITS

WITHIN YOUR COMMAND PP PARA PD COLUMN GEORGE PD

SHORTAGES REQUIRED FOR ISSUE TO ITALIAN SERVICE UNITS AND SLANT

OF US DASH ETIS PD PARA PD COLUMN HOW PD QUANTITY

[redacted] COMMAND FROM AUTHORITY OF THIS

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ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR

US DASH ITI AND ISU NOT ////////////////////////

AVAILABLE FROM THAT GENERATED

WITHIN THE COMMAND IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH TWO BAKER ANNEX

CHARLIE TO AFHQ LETTER OF TWO TWO SEPTEMBER

CMA WILL BE SUBMITTED HERE PD PARA PD ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES

ARE NOT CHANGED AND ARE IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFHQ LETTER AG

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PD RECORDS OF ISSUE TO US DASH ITIS MUST BE KEPT CURRENT

AND AVAILABLE TO OFFICERS OF INSPECTOR GENERAL AND INSPECTING

TEAMS OF THIS HEADQUARTERS PD

ILLEGAL DISPOSAL OF US PROPERTY BY US DASH ITIS WILL BE

DEALT WITH FIRMLY UNDER EXISTING AUTHORITY OF COMMANDERS PD PARA

PD MMIA WILL REPORT TO THIS HEADQUARTERS IN ALLOCATING

ITEMS SURPLUS TO ITI DASH ITA REQUIREMENTS FOR

US DASH ITI TROOPS PD PARA PD REFERENCE ANNEX BAKER TO

AFHQ LETTER TWO TWO SEPTEMBER CMA AND

WITHIN THE ABILITY OF THE CG FIFTH ARMY CMA CG

ADRIATIC DEPOT AND CG PEMBASE TO DO SO CMA THE SCALE

OF ISSUE FOR US DASH ITIS IS

AS SHOWN AS ALTERED BY PARA PD

AND PD FOR US DASH ITI TROOPS NORTH OF LATITUDE

FOUR TWO DEGREES CMA ISSUE IS AUTHORIZED DURING WINTER MONTHS OF

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AND AVAILABLE TO OFFICERS OF INSPECTOR GENERAL AND INSPECTING
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QVR 2
FROM REAR EIGHTH ARMY 101705A
TO FREEDOM FOR QAE
INFO M M I A ROME
BT .

Q3594 . RESTRICTED . SIBJECT GRINDERY , HAVE APPRECIATED IN PAST SHORTAGE GRINDERY PARTICULARLY SOLES HALF PLAIN . INFORMED HOWEVER BY QMG NO GLOBAL SHORTAGE GRINDERY . ORD ALSO ADVISE NO THEATRE SHORTAGE . IN VIEW IMPROVEMENT SUPPLY REQUEST EARLY PROVISION MADE MEET OUTSTANDING DEMANDS 228 ITI DIV THROUGH M M I A AND ADEQUATE MAINT STOCKS FUTURE MONTHS TRANSFERRED TO M M I A AT BASE .
BT .

SENT NR 8798 1858 CT . AR . KKK
RECD NR 8798 1858 BP BBB TKS

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INDENT DEMAND OR I.O. NO. | DEGREE OF URGENCY | FROM: VOUCHER FOR STORES

CJ/742 XXXXX | NORMAL / SPECIAL

VOUCHER TO (FULL POSTAL ADDRESS). AND MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY (FOR ITALIAN WAR MINISTRY AT DUKO)

ADDRESS FOR STORES. BRANSTON

TYPE OF TRANSPORTATION: C.O.C. BRA

NO. OF SHEETS | SHEET NO. | 0-1 45368

SELECTED BY | INITIALS | DATE | CONTROL O

PACKED BY

AUTHORITY:- BRN 20396/4 P 4/Box/82/9 D/- 281144

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See II 275

Received the above mentioned stores in good condition

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* Stores issued on Exchange or Expense Voucher will not be brought to charge.
B—Cases. Bl—Bales or Bundles. C—Crates. D—Drums or Cylinders.
E—Cartons. K—Kegs. L—Loose. M—Packets. P—Parcels.
S—Sacks. T—Tins. V—Vats. Z—Cases special to contents.

Mode of Conveyance (Train and number or vessel)

Date of Despatch ..... Carrier's Note No. T/1674

RECEIPT for STORES
SIGN and RETURN RED COPY
Signature .....
Rank .....

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DEGREE OF URGENCY | FROM: BRANSTON | VOUCHER FOR STORES | TYPE OF TRANSACTION | DATE | AMA 3/62 ORDER CONTROL NO.

ADDRESS FOR STORES:
AMG
LITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
OR ITALIAN WAR MINISTRY AT DUKO)

NO. OF SHEETS | SHEET NO. | SELECTED BY | INITIALS | DATE | PACKED BY

C.O.C. BRANSTON
0-1 45368334
CONTROL OFFICE

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FULL PART COMPLETION

A/Box/82/9 B/- 28114

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Mode of Conveyance (Railroad, motor or vessel)
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SIGN and RETURN
RED COPY
Signature
Rank

RECEIPT VOUCHER NO. | DATE

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SUBJECT:- Needles.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

TEL.NO. FREEDOM 427

AFHQ/9192/Q(AE)

7 Feb 45

MMIA

Ref TROOPERS signal 65374 WS10 of 3 Feb 45, copy to you, and conversation Lt.Col. SHIPLEY/Lt.Col. WADSWORTH/Lieut.LITTLETON.

1. The following items have been released from US Army stocks:

Item	Unit	Quantity
Needle, stitching, curved, No.45	doz	500
Awl, stitching, curved, No.43	doz	833
Needle, shoe patching, No.21	doz	17
Needle, machine, sewing, Singer No.21 - 175 x 7 (in lieu of No.22 - 175 x 7)	ea	500
Needle, sewing, hand, assorted, 5/pkg	pkg	1400

2. Present US Army stock level prevents loan of the item Needle, machine, sewing, Singer No.22 - 175 x 7 and restricts quantity of Needle, stitching, curved, No.45 to 500 dozen.

3. The transfer of these items has been made on a loan basis and replacement guaranteed when consignments are received by you from UK.

4. Application for air priority has been made, as requested in the above quoted signal, for the needles available in UK.

5. Persuant to paras 3 and 4 above it is requested that agreement will be made by you to QM stocks in PEN BASE when total initial consignment, as demanded in Freedom signal to Troopers FX 51623 of 12 Nov 44 (Info MMIA) has been received.

6. May it please be confirmed that arrangements will be made by you for collection of the items specified in para 1 above.

R.W. BEASLEY, Major.
for Major General C-4 (Br).

VL/MLP

Copy to: Ord (B)

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MMIA

DATE-TIME OF ORIGIN
05 1659 A

TO (FOR ACTION): ALCOM CATANZARO

REF. NO. AG 2743

(SECURITY CLASSIFICATION): RESTRICTED.

FOR MMIA LO FOX (.) REFERENCE YOUR CAL 5 DATED 5 FEB MESS TINS CMA SPOONS CMA FORKS CMA CUPS CMA AND BLANKETS NOT TO EXCEED 10,000 MESS KITS SETS AND 15,000 BLANKETS MAY BE RETAINED IN CALABRIA DEPOTS FOR CALL-UPS (.) ANY SURPLUS WILL MOVE TO NAPLES (.) REPORT TOTAL BACK THESE ITEMS AVAILABLE CMA QUANTITIES RETAINED AND ANY SHIPMENTS TO NAPLES (.) ALL ITEMS RETAIN WILL BE SET ASIDE AND HELD FOR CALL UPS WHICH BEGINS 15 MARCH (.) BLANKETS FOR CALL UPS AT REGGIO ALREADY AUTHORIZED BUT WAR MINISTRY MAY UTILIZE CALABRIA STOCKS FOR THIS PURPOSE

PRECEDENCE: _____

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ORIGINATOR'S AUTHENTICATION:

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RAAC MESSAGE FORM

8/05/389

CALL	CIRCUIT No.	PRIORITY	TRANSMISSION INSTRUCTIONS
	NR 6790 AAF	NIL	QVR 2

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SECRET

FROM (A) TROOPERS

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DATE-TIME OF ORIGIN 031254A

TO (FOR ACTION) +FREEDOM PASS COPY MMIA

TO (FOR INFORMATION)

MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS	GR

(REF. No.) 65374WS10

(SECURITY CLASSIFICATION) CONFIDENTIAL

FEB FOR APB . CITE FHQAE . 274/1

AQ 15/5/2

FS51623 12 NOVEMBER. SEWING MACHINE NEEDLESS QUANTITY 15500 AVAILABLE .

WEIGHT 28 LBS . ALLOT AIR PRIORITY

Good 5/2

Lee Folio 361

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LAND FORCES

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INCOMING MESSAGE

D 604 (358)

= S ROMA CATANZARO 410 178 4 11/40 ===

TO: = M M I A = ROMA ==

FROM: SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No:

REFERENCE No: CLASSIFICATION:

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: PRECEDENCE: AC

OFFICE OF ORIGIN: 357

====== CAL 5 (,) FROM FOX (,) YOUR AJQ Q 2718 OF 1 FEB RECEIVED (:) MINISTRY OF WAR HAS ORDERED HQ CALABRIA TO PREPARE ALL MESS TINS SPOONS IN CALABRIA FOR A CALABRIA CALL UP (,) IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES 1 CANNOT SEND THEM TO NAPLES (,) REQUEST CONFIRMATION THAT THEY ARE REQUIRED HERE AND ALSO REQUEST THAT 1 MAY BE KEPT INFORMED OF ORDERS GIVEN TO MOF W. AFFECTING TRANSFER OF ITEMS FROM CALABRIA TO NAPLES (,) SUBJECT BLANKETS (,) HQ CALABRIA INFORMS ME THAT AUTHORTITY NOW GRANTED FOR CALL UP PERSONNEL MOVING FROM REGGIO TO TAKE ONE BLANKET EACH (,) IF THIS IS SO PRESOME SAME WILL APPLY TO PROPOSED CALABRIA CALL UP (,) I AM NOT REPEAT NOT SENDING ANY BLANKETS THEREFORE TO NAPLES (,) PLEASE CONFIRM THAT I AM ACTING CORRECTLY (,) AM MOVING STOCKS BY TRAIN TO NAPLES IN FUTURE OWING TO ROAD TRANSPORTATION DIFFICULTIES (,) DO NOT INTENND TO BE IN CATANZARO AFTER FRIDAY NEXT 9 FEB (,) REPORT NO 8 FOLLOWS TOMORROW SUNDAY 4 FEB = CAPT FOX =

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4 FEB 1945 1490
IL CAPITANO ADDETTO

Answered TE 9

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SIGNAL MESSAGE

DATE TIME

01 1810 A

FROM: MMIA

TO: ALCOM CATANZARO

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AG 2718 RESTRICTED

FOR MMIA LO FOX (*) THE AGREED POLICY IS TO CLOSE ALL CLOTHING AND BARRACK STORES DEPOTS IN CALABRIA MOVING STOCKS TO NAPLES AS FAST AS TRANSPORTATION IS AVAILABLE (*) ITALIAN SALVAGE DEPOTS AND REPAIR SHOPS WILL REMAIN FOR PRESENT AND BE MOVED LATER UNDER CONTROL OF THE WAR MINISTRY REPAIR BRANCH (*) YOU MAY ISSUE FROM EXISTING LOCAL STOCKS ITEMS IMMEDIATELY NEEDED BY AUTHORIZED ITI-ITI UNITS NOW IN CALABRIA AND REPORT SUCH ISSUES TO THIS HEADQUARTERS (*) UNITS WILL INDENT UPON THE WAR MINISTRY FOR ANY REMAINING NEEDS (*) ALL ITI-ITI UNITS IN CALABRIA WEAR ITALIAN UNIFORMS AND NOT REPEAT NOT BATTLEDRESS (*) ALL ITEMS OF ALLIED CLOTHING SHOULD MOVE NAPLES AS FIRST PRIORITY

PRECEDENCE Immediate

AUTHENTICATED Geo A SHIPLEY 6391

Int. Dist.

Q(AE)
ORD RECORDS
MMIA LO NAPLES(by Mail)

See folio 358

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

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MSG Center No : N1124/30
Classification : RESTRICTED
Precedence : PRIORITY
From : AFHQ
To : TROOPERS INFO MMIH

Date | Time Rec'd :
Date | Time Sent : 30/830
Reference NR : EX17827
Cite : FHQAE

Ap/15
31 Jan

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RESTRICTED (U) SIGNED ALEXANDER (U) REFERENCE YOUR 13509 OSS D 27 JAN. HS (U) ITEMS 1, 2 AND 3 OF OUR FX 69023 ARE REQUIRED FOR WORK NOW IN PROGRESS (U) ITEMS 4 AND 5 PART 1 ? REQUIRING ? ARE ANY CA RECORDS ITEMS FOR FINAL DISPOSAL

HEADQUARTERS
31 JAN 1945

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SUBJECT: Clothing and Equipment for Italian Troops Stationed in Sardinia.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALCOA (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
AG/15
30 January 1945.

TO : Ministry of War (2)

1. Military Headquarters Sardinia will maintain a depot to stock and issue a limited supply of Allied and Italian clothing and equipment needed for Italian troops stationed in Sardinia.

2. a. The items of Allied clothing and the maximum quantities of each to be on hand at any one time are listed as Appendix "A" hereto.

b. The stock of Italian clothing and equipment to be stocked and on hand is also listed in Appendix "A" hereto. Additional items may be agreed from time to time.

3. Military Headquarters Sardinia will obtain advance authority from MMIA LO SARDINIA before making issue of any item of clothing or equipment of Allied Origin, and also of controlled items of Italian Origin. For list of Controlled Italian Stores see MMIA Administrative Instruction No. 20.

4. Depots and Depot stock records are to be open to inspection by MMIA LO at all times.

5. A report of stock states, including details of receipts and issues will be rendered monthly to MMIA LO SARDINIA. All receipts and all issues will be shown. This report will be rendered as at the close of business on the 25th day of each month.

6. Indents for items of Allied Origin necessary to bring stocks to the authorized levels will be submitted monthly along with report of stock states as provided in Para 5 above. The required stock of items of Italian origin will be main-

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6. Indents for items of Allied Origin necessary to bring stocks to the authorized levels will be submitted monthly along with report of stock states as provided in Para 5 above. The required stock of items of Italian origin will be maintained to the fullest extent possible from existing stocks in other Depots in Sardinia, and by the repair of items available from Sardinia. Indents demanding shipment of Italian items from the Mainland will be made only after all local stocks have become exhausted.

7. Unless otherwise specifically provided, MMIA LO Sardinia will arrange any movement of stocks from Mainland to Sardinia.

Sec 15-6/15/1

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Copies to: MMIA LO Sard'nia (2)
MMIA LO Naples (2)
ORD Records.

Geo. A. Shipley
GEO. A. SHIPLEY, Lt. Col.
for Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission.

See folio 343
13TH Jacket 15/1

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APPENDIX "A" to letter
AG/13 dated 30 Jan. 45

	Quantity		
Overcoats	500	(IT)	For Winter
Blouses	1,000	(IT)	
Trousers	1,000	(IT)	
Boots	1,000	or(A)	
Socks (Wool or Cotton)	2,000	pr(A) or(IT)	
Shirts (Wool or Cotton)	1,000	(A) or(IT)	
Undershirts (Wool or Cotton)	2,000	(A) or (IT)	
Drawers (Wool or Cotton)	2,000	(A) or (IT)	
Caps	1,000	(A) or (IT)	
Belly Bands	1,000	(IT)	
Puttees or Leggings	500	(IT)	
Gloves	500	(IT)or (A)	For Winter
Belt, Web	1,000	(IT)	
Packs, Infantry	500	(IT)	
Towels	2,000	(IT)	
Handkerchiefs	2,000	(IT)	
Housewives (Complete)	1,000	(IT)	
Mess Tins	500	(IT)	
Cups	500	(IT)	
Spoons	500	(IT)	
Water Bottles	500	(IT)	
Blankets	1,000	(IT)	For Winter

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(A)-From Allied Sources

(IT)-From Italian Sources

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MESSAGE FORM 28/28/15.

FROM: MMIA

DATE - TIME OF ORIGIN
28 [illegible] A

TO(FOR ACTION): AC SICILY REGION

REF. NO. AQ 2670

(SECURITY CLASSIFICATION): RESTRICTED

FOR MMIA LO (.) YOUR 1181/2 DATED 25 (.) MONTEGRANERO BN NOW PART OF CCRR WHICH IS THEREFORE RESPONSIBLE FOR EQUIPMENT (.) MATTER BEING TAKEN UP WITH PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION

INTERNAL:
Q (AK)

PRECEDENCE: Routine

ORIGINATOR'S AUTHENTICATION: [signature]

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QVR 2. Send Forces 353.

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

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A. 16/29

MSG Center No :
Classification : Restricted
Precedence : Rear Rear
From : Draper
To : Freedom repeat MMIB

Date / Time Rec'd :
Date / Time Sent : 271530
Reference NR : 9259 058
Cite :

R 2/15
29/1

Restricted D 348

Your FX 87332 18th January cite FHQAE 2

and the records required under your FX 81623 12TH

NOV 42 for duct work heat reclaiming machinery air

cleaning machines 275

(E 78)

Shape RTKQ (May Remain Q(ME))

30 Jan. Advised Hqtrs any used cable would be
purchased from clean Duty with Cable.
Book used also duct attachments
to necessity for air freight
(See folio 357) MMIB

See folio 356

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Subject: Clothing and Equipment - CC.RR

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)
Rome
AG/13
24 January 1945

To : Hq Allied Commission for Public Safety Sub Commission.

Copy to: AFHQ for General Hamblen
AFHQ for G-3 (Org)
AFHQ for G (Maint)
AFHQ for G-4
AFHQ for QM

1. In order to make full use of all Italian resources in the war effort, and to allot clothing and equipment to the various categories of the Italian Army, it is necessary that complete inventories of all such resources be rendered periodically by all units of the Italian Army. Therefore, under the provisions of Par 6 1 of AFHQ letter of 22 September 1944, file AG 400/105 G-5, it is requested that you direct the Commanding General of the CC.RR to render to this Headquarters as of the first day of each month, beginning 1 February 1945, a complete inventory of all stores in CC.RR depots, warehouses, repair shops, and legion supply rooms. The inventory should be in two parts:

a. Items of Allied origin supplied to the CC.RR through the War Ministry.

b. Items of Italian origin, regardless of source of supply.

2. While it is realized that it is not possible to have the inventories in this Headquarters for some days after the first of each month, this should present no difficulty as the Italian units generally maintain a running inventory and render a monthly report to their next superior headquarters. However, the prompt transmittal of such inventories to this Headquarters will facilitate action on requests for clothing and equipment and allow time for preparation of stocks for issue.

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CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel
for Major General
Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)

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SUBJECT: Blankets.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALCOH (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
AQ/15
24 January 1945.

TO : MMIA LO Eighth Army. 340/1

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1. Reference your MM/121 dated 12 January 1945.

2. The provisions of letter AQ/15 of 8 Jan. as to blankets for BR-ITIS does not apply to ITI-ITI Units, such as Guard Bns.

3. An exception has been granted, however, to issue blankets beyond the authorized scale of 2 per man to ITI-ITIS operating in forward Army areas, provided; the additional issues are determined to be an operational necessity, and provided; the total blankets supplied to such ITI-ITI Units do not exceed the blankets supplied to BR-ITI Units or US-ITI Units in the same areas.

4. Issues necessary to meet minimum essential needs will be authorized from ITI-ITI Stocks.

5. Blankets should be moved forward from ITI-ITI Depots to your Sub Depots, and issued by your Sub Depots to ITI-ITI Units concerned.

6. Will you plaase check situation with each Guard Bn. working for British Formations in 8th Army Area, and advise this Hq. the quantity of additional blankets required for each Unit, and cause indents to be submitted as required.

GEO. A. SHIPLEY, Lt. Col. 6382
for Colonel DA & QMG
Land Forces Sub Commission.

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Subject: ALCOM Clothing and Equipment Release
Lot Number 1 -- Depot 1750

LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
NAPLES
AQ/4/SR

23 January 1945

AQ/15
25/1

To: Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

1. Transmitted herewith list of clothing and equipment not suitable for the Italian Military and to be released to ALCOM. This is Lot Number 1.

2. Our letter AQ/4/AI dated 14 January 1945, subject Salvage items for ALCOM marked with Lot Numbers, refers. 343

3. Copies of attached list of Lot Number 1 have been sent to ALCOM to expedite issues. Lot Number 2 now being formed.

GEORGE D. SMITH, JR.
Major, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

EPZ/ed

Transferred Records file
Hdq 2/2

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	NR8015	IMPORTANT	QVR 2

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DATE-TIME OF ORIGIN 230945

FROM (A) FREEDOM

DR 15.

TO (FOR ACTION) TROOPERS

TO (FOR INFORMATION) MIA

MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS GR

(REF. No.) FX 89789

(SECURITY CLASSIFICATION) RESTRICTED

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SIGNED ALEXANDER CYRIL FIGAE

348 — 537/2 MQ8-5 Envelope 2811

REFERENCE OUR FX 87332 OF 18 JAN AND FAN 436. REPAIR SITUATION NOW CRITICAL. REQUEST FIFTY PER CENT COLN B OF FIRST TWO ITEMS BY AIR. REMAINING ITEMS TWENTY PER CENT COLN B. PISCATOR. BALANCE SOONEST

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LRKB V LAEE NR 41 P Fontaine

FR MMIA LO 54 AREA 191500

TO MMIA

GR -- QQY BT

AQ67. RESTRICTED. REF YOUR AQ2584. ALL RECEIPTS FROM BR ORD HAVE BEEN IN GIORDANO SINCE 24 NOV. ITEMS IN COLUMN THREE APPX ABLE OF ORD/4/2 OF '31 DEC ARE SORTED AND GRADED CMA BUT NOT REPAIRED OR DYED. PRESENT DYING FACILITIES 2000 GARMENTS PER WORKING REPEAT WORKING DAY. BATTLE DRESS HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN PRIORITY ON REPAIR. NEW SUBJECT. REQUEST EARLY RELEASE ~~RELEASE~~ FOUR LORRIES OF THREE TON CAPACITY TO BE ASSIGNED TO REPAIR PROGRAM THIS AREA

ET 1810A

SENT NR 41 19/2119A BS B K
RCD NR41 19/2119A HRA

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COPY

SIGNAL

From: AFHQ signed ALEXANDER

To : TROOPERS (Action)

Info: MMIA

Date Time: 190248

Ref: FX87332

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REF OUR FX 51623 of 12 NOVEMBER 44 AND FAN 436.

(FX87332 FOR ACTION TO TROOPERS AND FOR INFO TO MMIA SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE FHQAE)
ITEMS LISTED COLS A AND B OUR CABLE NOW REQUIRED VERY URGENTLY. REPAIRS LIKELY TO BE DELAYED THROUGH SHORTAGE OF NEEDLES. REQUEST YOU STATE WHEN INITIAL SHIPMENT WILL BE MADE.

AQ DISTRIBUTION

Q/AE Action
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FOR MIA LO (.) YOUR CHICAGO STOCK POSITION NOT RPT NOT UNDERSTOOD (.)
HAVE YOU MOVED TO CHICAGO ALL RECEIPTS FROM BR CHI SINCE CHI NOV QUERY (.)
ALL ITEMS COLUMN THREE APPX AREA OF YOUR CHI 1/2 OF 34 TWO SHOULD BE
IN CHICAGO BY NOW PERIOD

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CHI BROOKERS
DADOS

Portland (1).

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Subject:- Output of Repair Factories.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
AQ/15

17 Jan 45.

H.E. Count CASATI
Minister for War.

Your Excellency,

I was delighted during a recent tour to see the energetic steps that are being taken to improve the output of clothing and boots from your repair factories.

I am sure you realize what a vital measure this is and how necessary it is not only to maintain the Italian Army in these items, but to build up the biggest possible reserve, in order that any future commitments can be met.

I am wondering if we cannot stimulate production even further by a psychological appeal to the operatives by means of slogans; a system which has worked very well in Allied countries.

I suggest such slogans as:-

a) Soldiers cannot fight or work without clothes and boots - It all depends on YOU.

b) In this Factory, as regards production, the sky is the limit.

c) Increase YOUR output and thus help to liberate Italy quicker.

It is also very possible that slogans can be quoted from statements made by famous Italian historical characters.

All this, I am sure, will help to produce even greater keenness, and give the workers a more direct personal interest in the Italian War Effort, which is undoubtedly the common object.

I shall be glad if you will give this matter your consideration and let me have your views.

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R. Brown
Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT: Salvage Clothing for ALCOM.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALCOM (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
AQ/15
17 January 1945.

TO : Commerce Sub Commission, Allied Commission.

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1. Reference your AC/5134/Commerce dated 8 Jan. 1945.

2. Upon receipt of the above reference letter, the matter was taken up with your Mr. White. It was mutually agreed that items of salvage clothing must be turned over to ALCOM at the same price at which they were initially charged to the Italian Military. This procedure is necessary in order to credit the Italian Military at the prices at which they were initially charged.

3. It so happens, that a large percentage of the items initially offered to ALCOM have been charged to the Italian Military by pieces. Recently, however, a substantial tonnage which was received from Allied Sources by weight, has been included in deliveries to ALCOM, and all such tonnages have been recharged to you by weight.

GEO. A. SHIPLEY, Lt. Col.
for Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission.

GAS/ag

T E L E S C R I T T O

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MAGAZZINO DIREZIONE LAVORI GENIO = B A R I =
COMANDO GENIO MILITARE = B A R I =
DIREZIONE LAVORI GENIO MILITARE = B A R I =

GUERRAGENIO II/20257/M DI PROT ALT DESTINATARIO MAGAZZINO DIREZIONE LAVORI GENIO ET PER CONOSCENZA COMAGENIO MILIT ET DIREZIONE LAVORI GENIO MILITARE ALT SEGUITO DISPACCIO II/20156/M DATA 9/1/45 ALT PER DISPOSIZIONI M.M.I.A.COMUNICASI CHE ~~45~~ LE QUINDICI STUFE PORCELLINO ASSEGNATE CON DISPACCIO CUI SI FA SEGUITO DOVRANNO ESSERE CEDUTE COME PRESTITO E RIVERSATE APPENA TERMINATO L'IMPIEGO AL MAGAZZINO DIREZIONE LAVORI GENIO BARI PUNTO FIRMATO PROMINISTRO CRIVARO 140015

v i s t o :

IL CAPO DIVISIONE MATERIALI
F/to(Col. C. Picone)

AQ/15

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Direzione Generale del Genio
Divisione Materiali

Nº II/20257/M di prot. 340 P.M. 3800, li 16 GEN 1945

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.) = R O M A =
(rif.fºAQ/15 del 12/1/45)
AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA-Uffico Reduci Prigionia di Guerra e Rimpatriati = S E D E =
(seguito dispaccio II/20156/M del 11/1/45)
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.....per conoscenza.-

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IL CAPO DIVISIONE MATERIALI
F/to(Col. C. Picone)

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Direzione Generale del Genio
Divisione Materiali

Nº II/20257/M di prot. 340 P.M. 3800, li 16 GEN 1945

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSIONA.C. (M.M.I.A.) = ROMA =
(rif.fº AQ/15 del 12/1/45)
AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA-Uffico Reduci Prigionia di Guerra e Rimpatriati = SEDE =
(seguito dispaccio II/20156/M del 11/1/45)

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.....per conoscenza.-

P.IL MINISTRO
col Commissione

TO: Warehouse, Eng. Works HQ.
Re: letterII/20156/M dated 9 Jan. 1945.
According to MMIA directives the 15 porcelain stoves which were assigned with a/m letter must be issued on loand and returned as soon as the are no longer used in the Engineer Works HQ warehouse BARI.

s/ CRIVARO

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Translation.

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From:- MM of W.
To:- MM HQ.

Ref.- 3632/V.
Date- 14th Jan. 45.

Subject:- Clothing articles for CCRR. 339 AQ/15.

Ref. AQ/15 dated 11th inst.

We beg to inform you that articles of clothing remaining to be withdrawn by the CCRR are as detailed below because GHQ, CCRR did not take into account several quantities drawn from Rome and Messina of the quantities being manufactured.

Taking into account recent arrival of stores from Sardinia and quantities manufactured in workshops, we have arranged, on the same date, to assign the following articles of clothing on authority given by you.

- Overcoats ——— 7284 V
- Caps Grey Green ——— 4000 V
- Jackets (parachute troops type) —— 500 V
- Trousers " " " —— 500 V
- Jackets Grey Green ——— 2337 V
- Trousers " " ——— 1500 V

It is confirmed that stores from Allied sources were assigned by signal 24784/V dated 23rd Dec. 44 and, therefore, as soon as MM HQ gave verbal authority the assignment, which was held pending, will be made.

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(Vgm) PELLIGRA

S/A. FHQ RC

NA

Ministero della Guerra
DIREZIONE GENERALE
DEI SERVIZI DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

Roma, 14 GEN 1945

Al

N.° di Prot 5632/V *di Sped.*
Allegati

Risposta al Foglio N.°
del

OGGETTO : *Effetti di vestiario per CC.RR.*

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC. (MMIA) R O M A
(rif.AQ/15 dell'11 corr.)

In esito alla lettera in riferimento si comunica che i materiali che debbono ancora ritirare i CC.RR. sono quelli sottonotati in quanto il Comando Generale dell'Arma non ha tenuto conto di taluni prelevamenti fatti a Roma e Messina attingendo a quantitativi in corso di lavorazione presso capi-sarti.

Per quanto precede, tenendo conto dei recenti arrivi di materiali dalla Sardegna e del gettito dei laboratori recuperi, si è provveduto in pari data ad assegnare i seguenti oggetti di vestiario a saldo della autorizzazione concessa da codesta MMIA :

- *cappotti* n. 7284
- *bustine di panno g.v.* " 4000
- *giubbetti tipo paracadutisti* n. 500
- *pantaloni* " " " 500
- *giubbe di panno g.v.* " 2337

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ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC. (MMIA) — ROMA
(rif.AQ/15 dell'11 corr.)

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Si conferma che i materiali di provenienza Alleata furono assegnati con dispaccio 24784/V del 28/12/44, cioè non appena si ebbe da codesta MMIA l'autorizzazione verbale di dar corso all'assegnazione stessa, tenuta prima in sospeso in base alle note conversazioni avutesi in merito.

p. IL MINISTRO

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AQ/15 (343)

SUBJECT: Clothing for ALCOM

LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
NAPLES
AQ/4/AI

14 January 1945

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

1. Attached hereto copy of letter concerning clothing release policy for ALCOM.

GEORGE D. SMITH JR.
Major, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

EPZ/nl

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PERSONAL

SUBJECT: Output of Repair Factories.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)-
AG/15
14 JAN 45

Dear

1. I was delighted during recent tour to see the energetic steps you are taking to improve the output of clothing and boots from your repair factories.

2. I know you appreciate what a vital measure this is. We want not only to maintain the Italian Army in these items, but also to build up the biggest possible reserve. We may have to clothe and boot patriots and possibly later on even P of W. So, as I say, the bigger reserve we have, the better.

3. (a) I am wondering if we cannot stimulate production even further by a psychological appeal to the operatives and by interesting them in the fruits of their labour.

(b) The Italian is a sentimental and emotional person. One can get much out of his (or her) by playing on their tendency to be easily swayed...! They like slogans. They like praise. They like writing catchwords on walls. And, like every one else, they are likely to do better work if we can give ther an objective by introducing interest and the competitive spirit.

4. With these thoughts in mind, I think we might start by :-

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(b) Putting up slogan placards in all workrooms.

(c) Explaining verbally to the operatives what important work they are doing and praising their efforts.

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5. (a) As regards 4(a), I have instructed my PC Staff at ROME to make the necessary arrangements.

(b) As regards 4(b), I suggest such slogans as :-

(i) Soldiers cannot fight or work without clothes and boots - It all depends on YOU.

(ii) In THIS Factory, as regards production, The sky is the limit.

(iii) Increase YOUR output
and thus
help to liberate Italy quicker.

I am getting Ministry of War to make the necessary placards (with RED, WHITE and GREEN edges) in proper Italian and will send you a supply shortly.

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5. (Cont'd)

(c) As regards 4(c)

apart from anything you may wish to do or say, I think that it would help if the following from me were put on the notice board and read out (even at the expense of working time) to the operatives in each workroom :-

"To the management and operatives from General [redacted], Head of the Allied Military Mission to the Italian Army.

I am very pleased to note the good work you are doing for the Italian army in repairing clothes and boots. Your Soldiers cannot fight or work unless they have proper clothes and boots. So you are helping directly in the war effort to finish this war and liberate Italy from the cruel German oppression.

The Allies are providing all they can, but they have many commitments in addition to Italy. As you know, they are supplying all the theatres of war - in France, Italy, Greece, Yugo-Slavia, Russia, Burma, China, The Pacific, etc. Therefore it is essential that you should provide as much as you can for your own gallant Italian soldiers.

So I urge you to -

INCREASE YOUR OUTPUT
and thus
HELP TO LIBERATE ITALY.

IT ALL DEPENDS ON Y O U"

5. (d) I send you a number of copies of my remarks in 5(c) translated into idiomatic Italian.

Good luck and good production..!

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yours A.B.

Major C.D. SMITH
Major J.C. BIRD

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Alla Direzione ed agli Operai da parte del Generale BROWNING, Capo della Missione Militare Alleata presso al ~~Regio~~ Esercito Italiano

Sono oltremodo compiaciuto dell'ottima opera che state svolgendo a favore dell'Esercito Italiano mediante la riparazione di vestiario e di calzature .

Il VOSTRO SOLDATO non può combattere o lavorare se non è dotato del vestiario e calzature indispensabili. Pertanto voi contribuite direttamente allo sforzo bellico per porre termine a questa guerra devastatrice e liberare la vostra Patria dalla crudele oppressione Tedesca.

Gli Alleati stanno facendo quanto è umanamente possibile per aiutare, ma hanno moltissimi altri impegni oltre quelli che stanno fronteggiando in ITALIA. Come vi è ben noto, essi riforniscono tutti i teatri di guerra - in FRANCIA, ITALIA, GRECIA, JUGO- SLAVIA, RUSSIA, BIRMANIA, CINA, il fronte nel PACIFICO ecc. E pertanto indispensabile che voi facciate tutto ciò che è nel vostro potere per il VOSTRO VALOROSO SOLDATO ITALIANO

Quindi, io vi invito caldamente ad:

AUMENTARE LA VOSTRA PRODUZIONE

e così

PARTECIPARE ATTIVAMENTE ALLA LIBERAZIONE DELL'ITALIA

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" TUTTO CIÒ DIPENDE DA VOI "

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Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) R O M E
AQ/15

15 Jan 1945

Dear

My brother is att as under

Lt. C. G. NOAKES,
R.A.O.C.
att 274 Armd Delivery Sqn R.A.C.
C.M.F.

and has some TTI just about in the usual state. They are not quite clear how to help them so I have put him onto you. They have I believe just moved into your parts. Would you take an interest in them and tell Tomaselli.

Yours

Lt. Col. G. H. MORIARTY
MMIA IO, Rear 8 Army.

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SUBJECT:- Blankets.

Liaison officer
Land Forces Sub Comd.AC (LnZIA)
c/o Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.
AA/121

12 Jan 45

AQ/15

Land Forces Sub Comd.AC.
(L M I A) Rome.

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1. Your AQ/15 of 8 Jan 45 makes no mention of scale of provision applicable to III - ITI units in army or else such as GD. Bns. Is it permissible to bring such units up to four from resources in my Sub-Depot? The EIGHTH ARMY and AG Bns have already shown themselves to be very exercised over the general state of equipment of these Bns.

2. I am obtaining the figures required in para. 2(b) of your letter and will report as soon as these are complete.

Lt-Col. G.S.
LMIA Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.

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Answered
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SUBJECT: Loan of Shelter Halves (Tent Pieces) and Stoves for St. Andrews Camp.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALOOM (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
AQ/15
12 January 1945.

TO : Ministry of War.

1. Reference MMIA Authorization Notice No. AQ/BR-ITI/5 dated 8 January 1945.

2. The 1,000 Shelter Halves and 15 Stoves, Heating authorized by the above reference Authorization Notice are to be considered on loan only, and they will be returned to Italian Depot Stocks when they are no longer required at St. Andrews Camp. Action to initiate return at the appropriate time will be the responsibility of the Camp Commander.

GEO. A. SHIPLEY, Lt. Col.
for Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission.

GAS/ag

Copy to:
MMIA LO 52 Area
MMIA OC St. Andrews Camp.

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SUBJECT: Clothing for CCRR.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALCOM (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
AQ/15
11 January 1945.

TO : Ministry of War.

1. Reference MMIA allotments by AQ/15 dated 3 October and AQ/15 dated 3 November 44. —265—

2. A report from the Public Safety Sub Commission ALCOM on 11 January, advises that items are still due on the above reference allotments as follows:-

Blouses, Italian	- 3,000
Trousers, Italian	- 4,135
Overcoats, Italian	- 8,000
Comforters, Allied	- 5,000
Socks, Cotton, Allied	-28,000

3. Stocks of Comforters are available, and they should be issued to the Carabinieri immediately upon demand.

4. Socks, Cotton, Allied are at present in short supply in all Italian Issue Depots. There is, however, a substantial stock being repaired, and they will shortly be available.

5. The items of Italian Uniforms and Overcoats are understood to be at present available. Italian Overcoats have been in short supply, but a substantial stock has recently been moved from Sardinia.

6. Will you please confirm that the items of Italian Uniforms and Overcoats are available, and can be issued to the Carabinieri immediately upon demand. It is desired that the above reference allotments to the Carabinieri be completed at the earliest date practicable. Please consider your reply as a matter of urgency.

7. For Public Safety Sub Commission: This refers to your AC/14601/8/1/PS. —337—

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GEO. A. SHIPLEY, Lt. Colonel
for Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission.

GAS/ag

Copy to: Public Safety Sub Commission.

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Subject: Intake - ETC ICE CREAM Period 10 - 31 Jan 45

(Land Forces Sub Units. A.F.
(M. M. E. A.) A.P.O. M.E.
A0/18
1 Jan 1945

Ref: Sec/Lt. (3)
(Ref G(AF) - GS Org - Gen 1)

1. It is expected that approx 2000 British Italian personnel will be received at the ETC ICE during the remainder of Jan. This is the maximum figure.
Details are shown as APPX 'A'.

2. In addition an intake of 6000 young soldiers is scheduled for Feb from the APULIA Call-up.

3. The vast majority of the above personnel will be either Call-ups with previous service or new recruits, all of whom will arrive at the ETC in civilian clothing. The remainder will be soldiers from the PW/DP Group and other units who will arrive in either Italian or British Green Uniforms.

4. It is requested therefore that the following additional clothing equipment and personal arms be released for issue in the period 20 Jan - 28 Feb 45.

The figures below include 5000 sets authorised by AFHQ to be held by ETC as a reserve to meet running commitments and take into account the 5000 sets already authorised through MAAC:-

Intake expected as per Appx 'A'	-	10,000
Personnel at ETC 6 Jan not equipped	-	1,000
	Total	16,000
less 5,000 sets already authorised through MAAC	-	5,000
Total clothing and eqpt requested	-	11,000
Personal Arms to scale are required for (no Personal Arms have yet been issued to ETC ICE).	-	10,000

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F. J. Stanley, Colonel,
for Major General,
M. E. I. A.

F/JS/le

Copy to: Commanding General, Base Area Allied Command.
Directorate Military Training
G/AT MAIA
GHQ MAIA

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Appx "A" to [illegible] letter
AG/15

Personnel due to arrive at [illegible] CESANO
as permanent staff and reinforcements.

Date of arrival at CESANO.	Service	Numbers expected
8 - 10 Jan.	Patriots ex SIENA	800
10 Jan.	SICILY call-up	1,000
10 - 15 Jan.	Patriots ex PERUGIA	350
10 - 15 Jan.	Drivers ex TERNI	250
15 - 20 Jan.	Drivers ex [illegible]	100
15 - 20 Jan.	985 Officials	170
15 - 22 Jan.	SICILY Call-up	1,000
20 - 25 Jan.	IV Gruppo and 152 Arty Regt.	480
20 - 25 Jan.	227 Div	50
21 - 25 Jan.	[illegible] Div	2,200
25 - 30 Jan.	Patriots ex FIRENZE	1,000
20 Jan - 5 Feb.	LAZIO Call-up	870
	Various sources	454

		8,900
Feb	Young soldiers ex [illegible] Call-up	6,000

	Total arrivals expected	14,900

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Strength of [illegible] 10 Jan
Reinforcements and permanent staff) - 1,700

Departures anticipated during Jan:-

to Muleteers	-	380
to FRIULI	-	400
to CREMONA	-	400

Total		1,180

NOTE: This is estimated as the maximum which would arrive.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 489081 - 365

11 January 45

AC/14601/8/1/PS

SUBJECT : Clothing and Equipment CC.RR.

TO : Director Land Forces Sub-Commission.

1. Reference the issue of clothing and boots to CC.RR as a result of your AQ/15 dated 3rd October and 3rd November 1944.

2. The following items have not been made available by the Minister of War

28,000 Pairs socks — U S — Short at present
4,135 Pairs trousers — 1Ct —
3,000 Jackets — 1Ct —
5,000 Comforters — U S — on hand
8,000 Overcoats — 1Ct —

3. Can steps be taken to expedite the issue of the items mentioned please.

for JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.C.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

FJW/G.

answered by
copy of AQ 15 11 Jan
To ministry of war
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LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
NAPLES
AQ/4/RC

10 January 1945.

Subject: Clothing and Equipment - BR-ITI Other Than Combat Groups.

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

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1. Reference your letter subject as above dated 26 December 1944 the following report is submitted.

2. With reference to your paragraph 2, outstanding releases were issued as instructed. Reference your paragraph 3 (a) w.e.f. 26 December, we began to adjust the Base Stock and same has been completed with the exception of 4722 socks, cotton and 2500 undershirts, wool, which are not available at Bari or Naples. ITI-ITI stock has been transferred to Bari and our signals 8675 dated 29 December, Bari Signal AQ/34, dated 30 December and our signal 8713 dated 3 January refer.

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3. With reference to your paragraph 4, 8000 drawers, wool, Italian are being moved from Depot 591 to Depot #8. 5000 of this allotment was shipped to Bari for the 232 Division, telephone conversation Smith - Cole refers. The 20,000 vests, wool, British and shirts, cotton, British are in the process of being delivered by #2 Sub Depot, 557 B.C.D. For your further information pullovers, new, British were also delivered as of 9 January 1945.

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4. With reference your paragraph 7 (a), all unsorted, ungraded garments and salvage is being moved from Depot 1750 to Depot #8 on the basis of approximately 80 tons per week. At present all such clothing and equipment of British origin is being delivered direct to Depot #8. With reference to your paragraph 7 (b) the report as directed is submitted. The figures as presented were secured through Italian Military Sources, namely, the Clothing Repair Section, Naples. The following items of British clothing as listed on this report have been received in Depot 1750 from 1 November to 12 December and Depot #8 from 12 December to 31 December. The total number of each item represents the amount of that item which has been sorted and graded and remains in the depot or has been transferred to a dye plant, laundry, or repair unit and is therefore in the process of becoming an issueable garment. All items are of British origin except those marked (U.S.).

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Blouses, B.D.	52,293
Trousers, B.D.	84,690
Shirts, Cotton (US)	3,498
Socks, Cotton (US)	4,925
Blouses, Denim	1,224
Trousers, Denim	1,154
Trousers, Wool (US)	48,580
Trousers, Cotton Khaki (US)	1,811
Jackets, Field	940
Socks, Wool (US)	15,203
Blouses, Wool, Serge (US)	756
Greatcoats, D.M.	5,339
Caps, F.S. (RAF)	14,996
Shirts, Wool	17,315

Items surplus to quantities given in paragraph 3 (a) and 4 and now in depot #6 are as follows:

Blouses, B.D., Dyed Green	2,663
Trousers, B.D., Dyed Green	3,260
Trousers, Wool (US) Dyed Green	6,100

6. The situation with reference to boots, British is as follows:

Group #1	-	4,120 (1000 delivered to Repair Shop)
Group #2	-	7,560 (1000 delivered to Repair Shop)
Group #3	-	None
Group #4	-	100
Group #5	-	460
Group #6	-	None
Group #7	-	100
Total Graded		12,340

Balance to be graded - 29,560

Total received since 1 November 1944 - 41,900.

GEORGE D. SMITH, JR
Major, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

GDS/jlm

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Subject: Personnel Equipment and Clothing for RE-ITI Service Tps from Call-ups.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. [illegible]) ROME
AG/15

9 Jan 1945

To: A.F.H.Q. for G Maint (2)

1. Estimate of Strength.

The present estimate of personnel from call-up who will be allotted to RE-ITI Service Tps is approx as under:-

January	February	March
8,000	10,000	10,000

2. Requirements.

To provide essential items of clothing for the above, the following is required:-

(a) Item	(b) Quantity Required	(c) MGA has now available for this purpose	(d) Balance Required	(e) Source of Balance
B.D. Green	28,000	-	28,000	UK Shipment
Boots	28,000	-	28,000	?
Shirts	56,000	-	56,000	?
Drawers, Woolen	56,000	-	56,000	?
Vests, Wool } or Pullovers }	56,000	-	56,000 or 28,000	?
Socks, Cotton	84,000	25,000	59,000	?
Belts, Web	28,000	-	28,000	?
Great Coat or Mackinaw	28,000	12,000	16,000	?
Caps, FS	28,000	ITIB can make from old uniforms.		
Towel	28,000	ITIB must produce locally.		-
Blankets } or Comforters }	56,000	-	36,000 or 28,000	?
Anklets, Web, prs.	28,000	-	?	?

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5. Shirts Cotton and Vests Woolen.

The shirts cotton and vests woolen released under AFHQ/9193/Q/AG of 15 Dec are already mortgaged to equip December call-up and maintain the feet tps at the present number.

4. Boots.

(a) The repair capacity for boots from META repair factories for BRITISH Service tps use is steady and may be estimated at 1,500 pairs per day if genuinely repairable Br boots are provided by Ord at this rate and the necessary grindery is made available. The wastage rate given as 33⅓ % per month in AFHQ/9187/Q(AG) of 30 Nov 1944 requires 20,000 pairs per month for 60,000 Service Tps and 32,000 for the total 96,000 ceiling.

(b) At present owing to the low grade of part worn boots provided and the bad weather in fwd areas, a pair of boots is NOT lasting the estimated three months but often only two or three weeks. The output in 4 (a) is aimed to the utmost to meeting replacement demands and is even then producing boots which are in truth unsuitable for fwd operational use. It will NOT be possible to find an initial equipment stock of 96,000 without assistance.

5. Present Stocks.

The stocks of relevant items now in the Bari and Naples Base Depots including certain surplus stocks in Div Sub Depots is as under. This is exclusive of certain small maintenance stocks in the Div Sub Depots which will be used for normal maintenance. There is in addition 5,000 sets in ORVIETO which will cover the December call-up now moving to that Area Depot. There is also in addition a certain small unknown income from certain part worn and salvage stocks now in repair, dyeing plants etc. This will assist towards normal wastage but cannot materially assist the call-up commitment.

Present stocks in BARI and NAPLES estimated available against call-up commitment:-

Socks, Cotton	25,000
Vests	12,000
Comforters	10,000

6. Wastage rates.

(a) The wastage rate on part worn BD and boots for 90,000 will be 30,000 sets per month. If the supply of part worn articles is kept up by Ord this can be met by the META Repairing and Dyeing plants.

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(b) It is not possible accurately to calculate the wastage rate in part worn underclothes, socks and shirts. Salvage underclothes are of little value for issue to tps and much of the part worn garments is in poor condition.

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7. Recent Increments.

For information the following main items of clothing have been or are being moved to Five Army Rr Increment (231 Div), Eight Army (226 Div) and CENTIPO (BR-ITT Rfts Depot):- Source / Detail

Items	Rr Increment 5 Army	8 Army	CENTIPO
Blouse, KD	3,200	14,850	5,000
Trousers, KD	8,200	15,250	5,000
Boots	13,250	16,500	5,000
Pullovers	6,000	16,000	-
Shirts, Cotton	19,000	36,950	10,000
Shirts, Wool	11,600	-	-
Drawers, Cotton	-	14,500	-
Drawers, Wool	33,000	32,000	10,000
Socks, Cotton	10,000	9,500	-
Socks, Wool	29,600	-	10,000
Handkerchiefs	11,500	13,000	5,000
Comforters	12,000	15,635	5,000
Capes	9,550	7,750	5,000
Belts	-	1,750	5,000
Vests	17,000	9,000	-

8. Conclusion.

The normal wastage can be estimated to be covered by the normal inflow from Rr Ord provided this inflow contains enough underclothes, shirts etc. in addition to socks and S.D. It is put forward for consideration that a special grant of items (less KD already covered) be made to cover the initial equipment of recruits. Such initial equipment grant would be put direct into the 3 BR-ITT Rfts Depots (CENTIPO - THANI - APHONGAI) and used only for initial equipment. There are special morale reasons for starting off the men with good clothes.

9. Major Cole, DAQMG, is conversant with the details of all clothing plans and stocks and can provide much further information as you require.

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F. J. ROBERTS, Colonel,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: MGIA G/A2
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
Special Materials Section

LVRW/FZ

Ref.AC/5134/Commerce
Tel. 478.192

8 January 1945

SUBJECT : Salvaged Clothing for ALCOM

TO : Land-Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA)
(attn.Lt.Col.Geo.A.Shipley)

contacted on the phone and conference on this matter on 13/1 (8)

1. The Commerce Sub-Section in Southern Region which is supervising the reprocessing of army clothing available to ALCOM from MMIA has requested this Sub-Commission to make the necessary arrangements with your office to facilitate the handling of salvaged garments.

2. When MMIA forwards lists of available items to this office they are broken down by items or by pound weight to facilitate accounting procedures.

3. However when these items are issued to ALCOM representatives from Depot 1750 in Naples it is done on a piece basis. In order to clear the MMIA depot as rapidly as possible Commerce Sub-Section, Southern Region has instructed its contractors to take delivery of garments at 1750. However, this system will be discontinued unless Depot 1750 authorities are instructed to issue items by weight and not by piece. The only control AICOM can exert over the contractors is by comparing poundage of garments delivered to factories with the weight of finished items plus rags returned. If ALCOM is forced to collect and weigh all items issued by MMIA in another warehouse the entire process of repairing clothing will be slowed down to the disadvantage of all concerned.

4. Thus it is requested that your office instruct its representatives in Naples to issue all salvaged clothing from Depot 1750 to ALCOM by weight. Your co-operation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

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For the Chief Commissioner

W.P. EVANS
Colonel-Director
Commerce Sub-Commission

Copy to: Regional Commissioner, Southern Region
attn.Commerce Sub-Section, Maj.Birt)

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FOR BMIA LO (.) SUBJECT IS BLANKETS SCALE OF ISSUE BR-ITIS (.) ONE (.) FIFTH AND EIGHTH ARMIES (.) SERVICE TPS AND COMBAT GPS ACCORDING AVAILABILITY BUT MAXIMUM FOUR BLANKETS (.) RETAIN SURPLUS BR-ITI BLANKETS FOR MAINTENANCE BR-ITI SERVICE TPS ABOVE SCALE OF TWO (.) LOS REPORT QUANTITY REQUIRED TO BRING ALL SERVICE BR-ITI TPS TO MAXIMUM SCALE (.) BE ORD RESPONSIBLE EQUIPMENT COMBAT GPS (.) TWO (.) BR-ITIS OUTSIDE ARMY AREAS (.) SCALE OF ISSUE IS TWO (.) BLANKETS HELD IN EXCESS WILL NOT BE WITHDRAWN (.) THREE (.) PERSONNEL FROM CALL UPS SCALE OF ISSUE IS TWO PRIOR TO ENTERING ARMY AREAS (.) FOUR (.) CALL UP RECEPTION CENTERS (.) PROVISION OF TWO BLANKETS PER MAN FROM ITI-ITI STOCKS WHILE AT CENTRES (.) ONE BLANKET TO BE ISSUED AS PERSONAL EQUIPMENT ONLY FOR JOURNEYS OVER ONE HUNDRED MILES (.) LETTER FOLLOWS

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"C" BMIA

IMPORTANT
P.P. P.S.I.L. 1/C

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SUBJECT: Accounting Procedure to Adjust for "Concealed Shortages" and Operating Losses of Clothing & Equipment.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
AFCOM (M. M. I. A.)
H Q E E
AQ/15
8 January 1945.

TO : MMIA to Naples.

1. Reference your letter AG/4/AI dated 14 Dec. 1944.

2. Concealed shortages have been comparatively few, and the quantities of stock involved relatively insignificant. Losses due to pilferage, theft, and other similar causes have been and continue to be substantial. This is especially true of line losses, while goods are in transit.

3. The majority of concealed shortages so far reported have originated from some three or four Formations. These Formations apparently appoint a Board of Officers to open and count the contents of all packages received. The shortages reported are always small and seldom more than 1% or 2% of the stock involved.

4. Losses from pilferage and other causes from goods that are in transit are frequently as much as 25% or more. The Italian Officers in charge of depots and shipping are too prone to accept these losses as unavoidable. Some of the Allied Agencies responsible for shipping and even our own MMIA Representatives are sometimes prone to accept them as the normal expectancy.

5. In view of the above, it is considered at present inadvisable to publish any special instructions detailing an accounting procedure for each of the various types of shortages or discrepancies, which may from time to time be reported. Obviously, the remedy for the prevention of our serious losses is better guarding, better control of goods in transit, and better operation of depots. Publication of a detail accounting procedure, telling the Italians how to adjust their books after such losses have occurred, might easily have the effect of increasing losses, rather than reducing them.

6. Ordnance Branch Hq. MMIA will consider each loss as reported, and instruct the depot concerned as to any entries that are necessary on the stock records. Whenever indicated,

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SUBJECT: Accounting Procedure to Adjust for "Concealed Shortages" and Operating Losses of Clothing & Equipment. (Cont'd).

credit will be granted for concealed shortages, and corresponding debits will be made against the responsible Agency.

7. Shortages reported by Sub Depots or receiving Formations will not be replaced by supplementary issues from bulk depots. Additional stock as may be required will be part of the next following indent or allotment.

8. When an issue to any Unit is short of items which are urgently required for operational purposes, an additional emergency issue will be authorised against emergency indents from the Unit to its normal supply source.

GEO. A. SMIPLEY, Lt. Col.
for Colonel DA & QMG
Land Forces Sub Commission

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Copy to:
MMIA LO 34 Area
MMIA ORD
Q (Maint) (Accounting).

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SUBJECT: Boots for CCRR.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALCOM (M. G. I. A.)
R O M E
AC/15
5 January 1945.

TO : Ministry of War.

AG 15/10

1. Reference your letter No. 24318/V dated 27 Dec. 44.

2. The plan proposed in the A/K letter for exchange with CCRR of repaired boots for boots to be repaired is approved in principle. The quantity of repaired boots to be initially allotted is, however, considered excessive, and the allotment of an equal quantity to each CCRR Legion is considered inadvisable.

3. The total allotment of repaired boots will not exceed 10% of the total strength of the CCRR, which is fixed at 55,000. Therefore, not more than 5,500 pairs of boots will be initially allotted. The sub-allotments to CCRR Legions will be at the rate of 10% of the actual strength of each Legion, and not repeat not an equal amount to each Legion regardless of strength.

4. Boots for repair will be returned to Italian Army Repair Shops in the full amount of repaired boots issued. Any shortages will be deducted from subsequent allotments made available to CCRR from Italian Army Stocks.

5. In view of the above allotment of repaired boots, no further items of boot repairing material will be released from Italian Army Stocks to CCRR.

6. The allotment of boots up to 10% the total CCRR strength, the terms for return of boots as stated in para 4 above, and the terms in regard to repairing materials as stated in para 5 above, have been agreed by the CCRR and Public Safety Sub Commission Alcoa as evidenced by Public Safety Sub Commission letter AC/14601/S/1/FS dated 5 Jan. 1945.

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7. The collection of boots from Italian Army Depots and the return of boots for repair will be the responsibility of the CCRR. The War Ministry will notify CCRR as to the Depots from which repaired boots will be withdrawn and the repair installations to which deliveries will be made.

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SUBJECT: Boots for CGRR (Cont'd).

A record of all boots returned by the CGRR will be kept by the War Ministry and reported montly to HQ MGIA as at the 25th of each month.

3. This arrangement is based upon current conditions, and may be ammended by HQ MGIA at any time.

4. Enclosed herewith is Authorization Notice No. AG/46/ITI/13 releasing the initial allotment of 5,600 pairs of boots to CGRR.

GEO. A. BRIPLEY, Lt. Col.
for Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission

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Copy to:

Public Safety Sub Commission, Alcom.
MGIA GHQ
MGIA LO Naples
MGIA LO 54 Area
} for info only.

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Subject: BR-ITIS - Blankets.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME
AQ/15

8 Jan 1945

To: All MMIA LOs.

1. The following rulings have been laid down by AFHQ concerning the supply of blankets or the equivalent in comforters for all BR-ITI tps.

2. BR-ITIS in Five and Eight Armies.

(a) Both service tps and Combat Gps may, when supplies are available, be equiped to a scale equivalent to and NOT exceeding four blankets.

It is most unlikely that any British blankets will be made available. Owing to the large call-up planned for the next four months, the blankets in possession of the Italian Army will all be required to equip the call-up centres with initial equipment and to maintain the ITI-ITI category to the scale of two blankets. Any available stock of BR-ITI blankets or comforters will be kept in the Army Areas to assist in maintaining BR-ITI Service tps above the scale of two.

(b) MMIA LOs with Br. Increment Five and Eight Armies will report the quantity required to bring all Service BR-ITI tps to the scale equivalent to four blankets.

(c) The equipment of Combat Groups is that of Br Ord in the normal manner.

3. BR-ITIS in ALL areas other than Five and Eight Armies.

(a) The scale of issue will be the equivalent of two rpt two blankets.

(b) Blankets or equivalents held by men in excess of two will NOT be withdrawn unless the Allied Formation so requests HQ MMIA.

(c) Under no circumstances will any man be raised by new issues or transfers above the scale of two. You will NOT issue any blankets or comforters to any unit until you are personally satisfied that the issue is required to equip men to the scale of two and is NOT equiping any man above that scale.

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4. Personnel from Call-ups.

(a) Personnel from call-ups will be equipped only to the scale equivalent to two blankets. The scale will NOT be raised to four until personnel have moved

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5. Call-up reception centres.

(a) Call-up reception centres will be stocked with ITI-ITI blankets sufficient to provide each man with two blankets while in the reception centre.

(b) When the journey from the Reception Centre to the US-ITI or BR-ITI Rfts Centre (eg Astroni or Orvieto) is more than 100 miles, ONE blanket will be taken by the men. This blanket will become part of the man's personal equipment and thus assist the Allied Rfts Centre in equiping the men. A blanket will NOT

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be taken by men for journeys less than 100 miles. The Call-up Reception Centre will in all cases advise the Allied Rfts Centre if the men have left with blankets.

8 Jan 44
PJN/lc

F. J. Noakes

F. J. NOAKES, Colonel,
D.A. & Q.M.G.
M. M. I. A.

Copy to:

AFHQ for Q/AE
AFHQ for G-4 (A)
HQ MTOUSA
HQ 15 Army Group
HQ Five Army (Q Br Increment)
HQ Eight Army (Q)
HQ P.B.S. to note para 5 (b)
HQ No. 1 District
HQ No. 2 District
HQ No. 3 District
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Col Shipley

I have discussed with OO a system for handling clothing for effectives on discharge from military hosp.

We cannot handle Pond units should not be in Army hospitals in the first place.

Discuss with Col Hawker on clothing the effectives on discharge from hosp.

Not interested in civilians

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Col Shipley: I have already told Hert what he want him to do with out Dont you remember it yet

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Translation.

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From:- M of W.
To:- MMIB.

Ref:- 5045/V.
Date:- 6th Jan 45.

Subject:- Clothing for Patients in Hospitals.

In accordance with MMIB's policy in respect of clothing for military patients in hospitals and to whom, as it may be noted, this Ministry cannot assign any article of clothing, we have ~~once~~ more than once been asked by units in the area as to what action is to be taken in order to supply clothing to these soldiers.

This question refers especially to soldiers who, being at P.O.Ws or for other reasons, on being admitted in hospitals, were not in possession of the necessary articles of clothing and consequently must be retained for an unnecessary period in hospitals because not properly clothed to proceed to their destinations.

Since the problem of clothing such men requires to be solved, we beg MMIB to inform this office if there is an Allied Branch dealing with requirements of soldiers in such conditions and that can take the necessary action to provide their requirements.

(Sgd) Col. P. [illegible]
Comm/ty Director.

Sgt. Foare

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Roma - P.M. 3800, 4/1. 1945.

Ministero della Guerra
DIREZIONE GENERALE
DEI SERVIZI DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB
COMMISSION-A.C.(M.M.I.A.)
R O M A

Divisione Vestiario
Sez. 1ª 5045/V Allegati

Risposta al f. del
Div. Sez. N.

OGGETTO Vestiario per degenti ospedali -

In relazione al criterio praticato da codesta M.M.I.A. nei riguardi della vestizione dei militari degenti presso gli ospedali, ai quali, com'è noto, questo Ministero non può assegnare alcun oggetto di v.e., viene ripetutamente chiesto dagli enti periferici in qual modo si deve provvedere alle esigenze dei suddetti militari.

La questione si riferisce particolarmente a quei militari che, in quanto provenienti dalla prigionia od in dipendenza di altre ragioni, all'atto in cui vengono ricoverati negli ospedali non sono in possesso dei necessari oggetti di v.e., e quindi debbono prolungare oltre il necessario la loro degenza negli ospedali stessi perchè non sono in condizioni di vestiario idonee per raggiungere la loro destinazione.

Poichè il problema della vestizione dei suddetti uomini dovrà necessariamente essere risolto, si prega codesta M.M.I.A. di far conoscere se esista eventualmente un apposito Organo

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Alleato competente ad esaminare le esigenze della categoria di militari in parola e di emanare provvedimenti intesi a soddisfare le necessità segnalate.

P. IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
L'ISPETTORE SERVIZI COMMISS.
(Col.Commiss.ff.gs: P. BASILE)

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Col Shipley

If the people mentioned are prisoners in civil jails, the election is a civil responsibility and we cannot help.

How many are involved?

Why do not the civil people do their job?

If these are prisoners in the Army stockade - under 30 days then - we can help.

I have already written to Hirabayashi about this matter.

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Translation.

From MISIV
to MMIIA.

Ref No 5042/IV
Date 6 June 45

Clothing and equipment for troops in detention

Request for 6 and 8. articles to be issued to troops undergoing detention are continuing to arrive at this Ministry

MMIIA has not deemed fit up to this day to comply with those requests as the troops concerned are not included in the active strenght

This Ministry on the base of reports received and especialy owing to the actual bad weather period, considers necessary the requirement of those troops, This we pass the problem up to MMIIA and beg same to reexamine the question.

From the reports received it appears that discontent is circulating amongst the troops undergoing detention owing to the poor condition of their clothing, and the Prison directors in their reports, manifest their fears, that if the situation remains as it is they are to expect violent manifestation by the prisonners.

Recommended

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Roma 5 Feb 945

Ministero della Guerra

DIREZIONE GENERALE
DEI SERVIZI DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

Roma, li 6 GEN 1945 Anno

Servizio Vestiario
Sez. 1ª 5042/V Allegati

A LA LAND FORCES
SUB COMMISSION A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
ROMA

Risposta al foglio
Div. Sez. 1ª

OGGETTO: Oggetti di v.e. per militari detenuti.

Continuano a pervenire richieste di oggetti di vestiario da distribuirsi ai militari detenuti nelle carceri.

Codesta M.M.I.A. non ha ritenuto fino ad ora di aderire a tali richieste per la ragione che i militari in parola non sono compresi nel piano di battaglia.

Questo Ministero, in relazione alle pressioni ricevute ed al fatto che specialmente nell'attuale stagione fredda si rende necessario sistemare il vestiario dei suddetti militari, prospetta la questione a codesta M.M.I.A., con preghiera di benevolo riesame.

Si fa presente che dalle relazioni ricevute un grave malcontento serpeggia tra i detenuti per le condizioni pietose del proprio vestiario, ed i direttori delle carceri, nell'invocare solleciti provvedimenti, manifestano il proprio timore che, qualora questi dovessero tardare,

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si possano verificare manifestazioni di violenza da parte dei detenuti stessi.

P. IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
L'ISPETTORE DEI SERVIZI DI COMMISSARIATO
(Colonn.comm.ff.g.s.Pietro Basile)

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SCALE OF BLANKETS - BR-ITIS

QUERIES (MMIA Signal AQ2372 dated 13 Dec)	ANSWERS (AFHQ signal F79843 dated 6 Jan)
1. Majority BR-ITIS in fwd area have equivalent of 3 blankets and plans to equip FRUILI and CREMONA to this scale in hand.	
2. Some BR-ITIS in DISTHREE already have three blankets owing overdemanding in past.	
3. Is position as my first above authorised?	3. Agree Combat Groups and BR-ITIS with Armies equipped to scale of 4 but cannot promise to make available from British sources at present.
4. Are blankets surplus to scale in my second above to be withdrawn to provide stock for possible future call ups?	4. Considered most undesirable withdraw blankets but must ensure that no further issues made.
5. If supplies become available is authority granted to raise remaining tps in DISTHREE to scale of three?	5. Authority not granted to raise remaining tps in Districts to scale of 3 as policy is that Base and L of C BR-ITIS equipped to two.
6. Are callups to be issued with two or three?	6. Call-ups should be issued 2 and only increased to 4 if proceeding to units with Armies.
7. How do your rulings on above affect CC.RR?	7. To be treated on same basis as BR-ITIS.
8. Request similar rulings for US-ITIS so that MMIA can plan stocks and issue on equitable basis.	

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FROM LAEE 060907A

TO MMIA

GR 133 BT

RESTRICTED SUBJECT IS ~~WW IPPEDROMHO IS~~ SCALE OF BLANKETS FOR BRITIS. F79843 SIGNED SACMED CITE FHQAE. YOUR AQ 2372 OF 13 DEC AND AQ 2468 OF 26 DEC.

PARA 3. AGREE COMBAT COOUPS AND BRI-ITIS WITH ARMIES EQUIPPED TO SCALE OF 4 BUT CANNOT PROMISETO MAKE AVAILABLE FROM BRITISH SOURCES AT PRESENT.

PARA 4. CONSIDERED MOST UNDESIRABLE WITHDRAW BLANKETS BUT MUST ENSURE THAT NO FURTHER ISSUES MADE.

PARA 5. AUTHORITY NOT GRANTED TO RAISE REMAINING TROOPS IN DISTRICTS TO SCALE OF 3 AS POLICY IS THAT BASE AND L OF C BR-ITIS EQUIPPED TO TWO.

PARA 6. CALL-UPS SHOULD BE ISSUED 2 AND ONLY INCREASED TO 4 IF PROCEEDING TO UNITS WITH ARMIES.

PARA 7. TO BE TREATED ON SAME BASIS AS BRITIS.

BT 060907.-

SENT NR 10 06/1010A

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IN I LINE ONE ALL BEFORE : SCALE OF K

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

AG 15

AC/14601/8/1/PS

5 Jan 1945

SUBJECT : Boots for CC.RR.

TO : Director General, Land Forces Sub-Commission.

1. Reference conference Lt Col Shipley Major Wilson on 4 Jan 1945.

2. It has been agreed with Commanding General CC.RR. that a scheme for providing repaired boots for CC.RR. would make it unnecessary to provide repair materials for CC.RR. workshops.

3. It is understood that if the new policy is approved, it will make repaired boots available to CC.RR. on a scale of 10% of strength. At the present time this would be 5,500 pairs of boots. The boots would be exchanged through CC.RR. channels and fresh boots issued only on receipt of an equal number of old boots. Any deficiency to count against future bulk allotments made to CC.RR.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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SUBJECT: Authorization

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALCOM (M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
AQ/15
5 January 1945

TO: General Hq. Carabiniers

Ref your letter 227/117-5 of 3 Jan 45.

Attached is a copy of authorization notice AQ/60/244 of 1 Dec 44, which you requested in your letter of 3 Jan 45.

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

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AFHQ/6405/1/Q(AE)

Q(AE) Branch,
Allied Force Headquarters,
C.M.F.

4 January 1945.

File in A-Q/15 323 Brig / called about & to see by 7/1

My Dear General -

I have been into the question of clothing etc which you raised in your letter AQ/15 dated 27 December 1944.

The statements in your para 2 are confirmed.

The figures given in your 2(d) include Green Battle Dress and Greatcoats and a certain amount of normal maintenance.

Arrangements are already in hand with Ordnance to hand over 93,000 sets of Green Battle Dress for BR-ITIS. This will enable you to make a complete new issue to BR-ITI units, while at the same time allowing them to retain the old Battle Dress now in possession which will ensure that they have one reasonably good Battle Dress plus one old suit which will give them a change of clothing in wet weather.

Your para 3 is also confirmed. Our difficulties in meeting your requirements, however, were caused by the responsibility being rather suddenly imposed upon us. Provision action, as you know, takes several months to be effective in producing the clothing in the depot.

Your 4(a); 93,000 sets Battle Dress will be available to you during this month. Your 4(b); nothing has been expressly demanded for BR-ITIS from Middle East as it is considered that maintenance can be provided from Grade 3 clothing.

I must say that I find your paragraph 5 difficult to understand. During the last three months a total of 297560 garments have been produced by the Ordnance Clothing Factory for M.M.I.A. A list of these garments is attached as an Appendix and includes both items already issued to you and others awaiting your ability to accept. Although Ordnance are very anxious to deliver the balance still available to you they have been told that your Depots are full.

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I think the healthier position you are now in is reflected in your ability to meet the commitment (although a comparitively small one) in respect of the Patriots, for whom you have only asked us to assist in provision of gas capes.

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I think the healthier position you are now in is reflected in your ability to meet the commitment (although a comparitively small one) in respect of the Patriots, for whom you have only asked us to assist in provision of gas capes.

We have never had a specific demand from you for under-clothing. We have, however, made 40,000 Grade 3 Shirts, Angola, Drab, available to you.

During the current month we can also make available 10,000 pairs of repaired boots. We can also provide socks for maintenance at the rate of 15,000 pairs per month, if required.

I hope the foregoing will give you the information you require; further details are available in my AFHQ/9193/Q(AE) of 16 Dec 44.

Yours sincerely,

Roy Thurstan.

Major General Langley Browning,
Land Forces Sub Commission AC.
M.M.I.A.

P.S. I hope to be in Rome in 10-14 days' time and shall call in at your office to ascertain the latest position.

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APPENDIX.

Blouses B.D.	98,400
Trousers B.D.	103,000
Greatcoats	5,300
Blouses Denim	1,200
Trousers Denim	1,200
Shirts Angola Drab	10 ,000
Jackets Field (A.M.)	26,400
O.D. (Am)	750
Trousers O.D. (Am)	48,500
Trousers K.D. (Am)	1,800
Coats Mackinor	1,010
	297 ,560

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APO 394
COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
Special Materials Section

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AG/15

LVRW/FZ

Ref. AC/5134/Commerce
Tel. 478.192

4 January 1945

SUBJECT : Italian Military Clothing Available to AC

TO : Regional Commissioner, Southern Region
(attn.Commerce Sub-Section, Major Birt)

1. The following items of unrepaired clothing are available to AC from Italian Military Stocks at Deposito S. Giovanni a Teduccio, Naples:

- Boots 30,000 Prs.
- Clothing 50,000 Kgs.

(This lot includes approximately 13,000 wool jackets and 25,000 wool trousers).

2. It is requested that arrangements be made for collection of these garments by contacting MMIA-LO, Room 84, Provincia Building, Tel.N.53622.

For the Chief Commissioner

W.F. EVANS
Colonel-Director
Commerce Sub-Commission

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Copies: 2. to Land-Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA)
attn.Lt.Col.Geo. A. Shipley

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
Special Materials Section

IVB7/FZ

Ref.AC/5134/Commerce
Tel. 478.192

4 January 1945

SUBJECT : Unrepaired Clothing Available to A.C.

TO : Bari Zone
(attn.Port Liaison Officer, Lt. O'Leary)

1. The following quantity of salvage clothing is available to AC from Italian Military Stocks at the Deposito Zanoletti, Bari:

- Unsorted Clothing 100,000 Kgs.

2. It is requested that collection be made by contacting the local M.M.I.A. at the M.M.I.A.- H.Q., 161 Corso Vittorio Emanuele II, Tel.11458 (Bari).

3. After collection has been made, it is requested that these items be shipped to Naples, Regional Commissioner, Southern Region, attn.Commerce Sub-Section, Major Birt.

For the Chief Commissioner

E.P. EVANS
Colonel-Director
Commerce Sub-Commission

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Copies: 2 - Land-Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA)
(attn.Lt.Col.Geo. A. Shipley)
1 - Regional Commissioner, Southern Region

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(attn. Port Liaison Officer, Port Levy)

1. The following quantity of salvage clothing is available to AG from Italian Military Stocks at the Deposito Zanoletti, Bari:

- Unsorted Clothing 100,000 Kgs.

2. It is requested that collection be made by contacting the local M.M.I.A. at the M.M.I.A.- L.C., 161 Corso Vittorio Emanuele II, Tel.11458 (Bari).

3. After collection has been made, it is requested that these items be shipped to Naples, Regional Commissioner, Southern Region, attn.Commerce Sub-Section, Major Birt.

For the Chief Commissioner

W.P. EVANS
Colonel-Director
Commerce Sub-Commission

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Copies: 2 - Land-Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA)
(attn.Lt.Col.Sec. A. Shipley)
1 - Regional Commissioner, Southern Region
(attn.Commerce Sub-Section, Major Birt)

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NRKB V MJVL NR 5 "P" "P"
T'QVR 2
FROM MJVL Ø3183ØA Lo Naples.
TO MMIA LO 54 AREA
INFO MMIA
GR 54 ET
CONFIDENTIAL PD REFERENCE YOUR ABLE QUEEN DASH THREE SEVEN PD
FIVE ZERO ZERO ZERO BELTS LOADED ON ONE TRUCK PD REFERENCE NUMBER
EIGHT SEVEN ONE THREE PAREN TO MMIA LO 54 AREA INFO MMIA FROM
PBS SOUTHERN DISTRICT MMIA LIAISION OFFICER PAREN TRUCK DEPARTED
ONE FOUR ZERO ZERO HOURS PS /// PD SOCKS COTTON UNAB// UNAVAILABLE
NAPLES BT Ø3183ØA
SENT NR 5 Ø3224ØA JJD B1
RECD NR 5 Ø3224Ø A AAA AR K

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Subject:- Clothing and Equipment - BARI BR-ITI Depot.

Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (M.M.I.A.).
C/o 54 Area. CMF.
ORD/4/2
31 Dec 44

AQ/15

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

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Ref your AQ/15 dated 26 Dec 1944.

1. The Report called for in Para. 7(b) & (c) of your AQ/15 dated 26 Dec 44 is shown on appendix "A" attached. This report is as of midnight 25 - 26 of Dec 44.

2. As a result of the physical movement of Repair Depot # 2 from LA ROCCA Depot to "CASERMA GIORDANO"(now designated as BARI BR-ITI Depot) on or about 24 Nov, it is impossible to determine whether the materials selected were received before or after 1 Nov 1944. Our figures are based on total selections at "CASERMA GIORDANO".

3. The American clothing listed on attached report was received from British Ord on 13 & 14 Dec 44.

4. The attached report should be self explanatory. The letters "B" and "A" following the item designates whether the item is British or American. The columns of figures are labled to correspond to the sub paragraph of your AQ/15 of 26 Dec 44.

IVF/jmr

Copies passed to Ord 2nd Ech 3/1

Ivan V. Fordyce
I.V.Fordyce. Capt.
for Senior MMIA LO.
C/o H.Q. 63rd Gp.

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APPENDIX "A" TO GAD/4/2 OF 31 DEC 44.

ITEM		7 (b) (1)	7 (b) (11)	7 (c) (1)	7 (c) (11)	7 (c) (111)
Blouses BD	B	16846	5140	11726	11726	
Trousers BD	B	22390	-	22390	22390	
Overcoats	B	4175	-	4175	4175	
Shirts Wool	B	2370	2290	80	80	
Undershirts Wool	B	1570	1490	80	80	
Drawers Wool	B	4720	-	4720	4720	1440
Undershirts Cotton	B	690	-	690	690	
Overcoats	A	300	-	300	300	
Jackets Field	A	520	-	520	520	
Mackinaws Canves	A	246	-	246	246	
Socks Cotton	A	2330	2050	280	280	
Socks Wool	A	4447	2750	1697	1697	
Trousers Wool	A	2888	-	2888	2888	
Blankets	B	1040	-	1040	1040	

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Bird informed

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LROT V LAEE NR 9 -P---------P-
CWR-1
FROM MMIALO 54 AREA 301510A
INFO MMIA
INFO PINSOUTH
QOX GR -- BT
AQ/37 (.) RESTRICTED (.)
REF AQ/15 OF 26 DEC SUBJECT CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT
7941 SOCKS COTTON 2155 BELTS WEB
REQUIRED FOR BI-ITI STOCKS PARI BI-ITI DEPOT
REQUEST 5000 BELTS FROM NAPLES FOR ITI-ITI STOCK
BT 301846
SENT NR 9 310106-A NCP B1 K
HERELG NR 9 310106A JN BB KKK1

FOR MMIALO
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FROM: PBS (SD) MMIA LO Naples 29 Dec.
TO : MMIA

INFO: MMIA LO 54 AREA

Abrulled by 5-000

Ref No. 8675

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RESTRICTED. REFERENCE YOUR LETTER AQ/15 OF 26 DECEMBER SUBJECT CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT, CONFIRMATION FORDYCE - ZAYAZ TELEPHONE CONVERSATION THIS DATE. REFERENCE NUMBER 8675 (TO MMIA INFO MMIA LO 54 AREA FROM PBS SOUTHERN DISTRICT MMIA LO) ADDITIONAL 5000 SOCKS COTTON AND 2100 UNDERSHIRTS WOOL REQUIRED COMPLETE BR-ITI STOCKS DEPOT 8 UNAVAILABLE BARI. BARI STOCKS BELTS WEB NONE, WILL SHIP 500. BARI DEMAND OF 8000 SOCKS COTTON UNAVAILABLE NAPLES. NEW SUBJECT. 2 SUB DEPOT 557 BOD HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING LETTER NO COPY TO YOUR HEADQUARTERS REFERENCE DOF 1411 (ORD 1) DATED 27 DECEMBER SUBJECT PROTECTIVE CLOTHING FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUPS OF BR-ITI PARAGRAPH 1 VOUCHER MMIA MARKED FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUPS. JERSEY PULLOVERS 23000 SLACKS KHAKI DRILL THIRD GRADE 70000, CAP COMFORTERS 70000 END PARAGRAPH 1. PARAGRAPH 2 VOUCHER MMIA MARKED FOR BR-ITI, BATTLE DRESS SUITS DYED GREEN 93000, VESTS WOOL 20000, SHIRTS COTTON 20000 END PARAGRAPH 2. PARAGRAPH 3 CONSIGNMENT INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE GIVEN BY HQ MMIA DIRECT. PLEASE ADVISE.

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What Hq?
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SUBJECT: Clothing Allotted to the CCRR.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALCOM (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
AQ/15
28 December 1944.

TO : Ministry of War.

1. Appended hereto is letter received from the Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali Direzione di Amministrazione under date of 18 December 44, in regards to clothing still due the CCRR against their allotment.

2. This communication is forwarded to you for necessary action.

3. It is desired that all items due Carabinieri against allotments granted by letter AQ/15 dated 3 October 44 and also letter AQ/15 dated 3 November 44 be made available for their collection immediately.

4. Will you please arrange this, and advise this Headquarters when collection has been completed.

GEO. A. SHIPLEY, Lt. Col.
for Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission.

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LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. AQ/15
27 Dec 44

My dear

1. During my visit to LONDON on other matters I was sent to Q(AE) W.O. in the course of my rounds on the subject of clothing for the MR-ITI 98,000 Service Tps.

2. The story as I understood is briefly this:

(a) Bulk issues of B.D. etc are made to ME who are the distributors for the WO or in some cases direct to ITALY.

(b) M.E. have large reconditioning plants.

(c) M.E. should supply you against your demands. If they cannot meet them they refer to W.O.

(d) K.M.S. 72 is bringing:-

200,000 B.D. Suits
235,000 B.D. Blouses
181,000 B.D. Trousers
58,000 Greatcoats

with a further 47,000 greatcoats in Jan.

3. I further was led to understand that the W.O. have met all demands from M.E. to date. So apparently your demands on M.E. are being met by them.

4. Can you help me to make my plans by telling me:- 6317

(a) When I can in fact expect the items of B.D. etc coming direct to ITALY?

(b) What items and quantities you have been demanded from M.E. on my behalf.

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5. You know that MMIA clothing position now is very weak. I am living from hand to mouth with no stocks and an uncertain income of badly worn out repaired items. It is all a frightful headache.

I simply cannot maintain these tps in support of the British Formations without a proper stock. I am at my wits end to maintain even the existing people and I must know what is coming in if the new rfts and "Call-ups" are to be produced in a state fit to do their work. I can see some B.D. coming in, but boots, underclothes, shirts, socks etc are every bit as essential.

6. I shall be most grateful for every piece of information you can give me both as regards information and by delivering the goods.

See folio 27/3

Yours, R.B.

Brig. R. G. THURBURN
Q(AE)

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Subject: BR-ITI Clothing.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) R O M E
AQ/15

27 Dec 1944.

To: AFHQ for Q/AS

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I enclose herewith my AQ/15 of 26 Dec 1944.

1. This gives the basic stocks of BR-ITI clothing in the main Bari and Naples Depots.

2. It has been necessary to check up as detailed in para 7 of the letter in order to straighten out the large amount of "loans" made to BR-ITIS during the last few weeks. The facts derived from the reports as para 7 will be reported to you as soon as clarified.

3. Information on items sent to Br. Increment Five Army in furtherance of their 188/19 of 15 Dec is forwarded separately.

P.J.K/le

P. J. KOAKES, Col.
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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Subject: Clothing and Equipment - BR-ITIS other than Combat Groups.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) R O M E
AQ/15

26 Dec 1944

1. The following instructions will be effective forthwith and cancel all previous conflicting instructions on this subject.

2. OUTSTANDING RELEASE.

AFM Release Notes for clothing etc. for BR-ITIS up to and including AQ/B/157 of 16 Dec 44 will be completed forthwith from ITI-ITI stocks from ITI-ITI warehouses.

3. BASE STOCK.

(a) WEF 26 Dec 44 the stock of the following Allied items in BARI BR-ITI Depot and NAPLES No. 8 BR-ITI Depot will be:-

	BARI	NAPLES
Boots	697	1,000
Pullovers	-	-
Drawers, wool	405	1,000
Shirts, cotton	1,260	2,000
Mackinaws	5,469	6,000
Socks, cotton	15,057	15,000
Comforters	6,349	6,000
Caps, wool	-	545
Belts, web	2,195	5,000
Undershirts, wool	5,051	5,000
Socks, wool	-	15,205

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(b) MMIA LO BARI and NAPLES will make forthwith the necessary actual stock movements to implement para 3 (a) above. Movement by MT is authorised. Transfers of stock between BARI and NAPLES necessary to accomplish may be made direct by the LO's concerned, HQ MMIA being informed in all cases.

4. ADDITIONAL STOCKS.

In addition to the stock given in para 3 (a) the following will be placed in Depot 8 NAPLES:-

Drawers, wool, Italian - 15,000 My AQ2416 of 18 Dec refers.

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Comforters	6,349	6,000
Caps, wool	-	345
Belts, web	2,195	3,000
Undershirts, wool	5,051	5,000
Socks, wool	-	15,203

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Drawers, wool, Italian	-	15,000	My AQ2418 of 16 Dec refers.
Vests, wool, British	-	20,000)	My AQ2437 of 21 Dec refers.
Shirts, cotton, British	-	20,000)	

5. RECEPTION, REPAIR AND DYEING.

WEF 26 Dec 44 ALL items, either repaired or salvage, received from British sources will be accepted direct into the BARI BR-ITI Depot and NAPLES No. 8 BR-ITI Depot. All sorting and classification will be done in those depots. Items requiring repairing and for dyeing will be issued from these depots to the ITI-ITI repair and/or dye works and will be returned to these depots after processing.

6. TENTAGE.

Tentage previously alloted and to be alloted in the future under AQ/15/6 of 30 Nov 44 is not affected by this letter.

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MCIA

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PRIORITY

BR INCIDENT FIVE ARMY

AG 2600

SECRET 313

FOR Q/AE (.) REQUEST YOUR EARLY DECISION RE REQUEST OF 12 DEC (.) SUBJECT MATTER IS RELATED TO BR INCIDENT FIVE ARMY SIGNAL MSG OF 23 DEC (.) SUFFICIENT BLANKETS ~~BE~~ BUT NOT NOW HELD TO EQUIP AND MAINTAIN ALL PERSONNEL TO SCALE OF FOUR BLANKETS UNLESS YOU COULD HELP

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Q/AE

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C O P Y

SIGNAL

LRKB V LOGU NR1 QVR1

FROM G4 BR INCR FIVE ARMY 232046A

TO MMIA

INFO AFHQ Q (AE)

15 ARMY GROUP Q (AE)

GR 134 BT

REF NR 4852

RESTRICTED AQ 656 PAREN FROM GEORGE FORU BRITISH INCREMENT 5 ARMY TO MMIA FOR ACTION AND AFHQ Q (AE) AND 15 ARMY GROUP Q (AE) FOR INFORMATION ~~PAREN~~ SUBJECT IS BLANKETS FOR BRITISH ITALIANS MTOUSA SIGNAL FX 72526 OF 21 DECEMBER TO PBS FOR ACTION AND AAF, AMFSCA, MMIA FIVE ARMY AND ADRIATIC DEPOT FOR INFORMATION AMENDS AFHQ SCALE OF 22 SEPTEMBER TO 4 REREAT 4 USED BLANKETS NORTH OF LATITUDE 42 DEGREES FOR US ITALIANS REQUEST CORRESPONDING ADJUSTMENT TO SCALE FOR BRITISH ITALIANS

SENT NR 1 24/0256A WS K

RPT 9/2 AZJKL AND 10/7

RECD NR 1 24/0256 A //0305 A AAA AR AR

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AG 420/464 OM-O 1st Ind AWK/jcm
HEADQUARTERS MTOUSA, APO 512, 23 December 1944.

TO: Commanding General, Northern Base Section, APO 386.

1. The directive governing the supply of the Italian Army is:

a. Headquarters COMZONE MTOUSA Circular Number 119, dated 3 November 1944, to which is attached Allied Force Headquarters letters, dated 22 September and 6 October 1944.

2. Reference your paragraph 1 a, there is no authority for requisitioning on the United States for replacement of new items issued to the Italian Army; therefore, new items may be issued to US-ITIs only upon approval of this headquarters. Requests should not be made unless considered essential to perform a given military assignment.

3. Reference your paragraph 1 b, there are no other directives applicable. If supply of items through your salvage facilities is not sufficient, in accordance with Annex "C" of letter, Allied Force Headquarters, file AG 400/105 D-O, dated 22 September 1944, subject: "Supply of Italian Armed Forces (Army, Navy and Air)", to provide replacement, a request should be submitted to this headquarters for additional supply of used items.

4. Reference your paragraph 2, in accordance with provisions of Annex "C" to letter, Allied Force Headquarters, referred to in paragraph 3 above, there is no authority required for issue of these items, provided they are available in your used stock in excess to your United States Army requirements. If they are not available, request should be submitted to this headquarters. At present theater supply position of used jacket and trousers, fatigue, does not warrant authorization of issue of two of each garment.

5. Reference your paragraph 4, formerly there was a special allowance for US-ITI on Corsica. This has been discontinued upon publication of above cited Allied Force Headquarters letter. The responsibility of supply of items listed is that of the Italian Army. Requests should be submitted to Military Mission to the Italian Army, who will arrange for supply, to the extent possible, by the Italian Ministry of War as is the supply of cigarettes and tobacco.

6. Reference your paragraph 5, these items are also a responsibility of the Italian War Ministry. Requests for minimum essential quantities should be submitted to Military Mission to the Italian Army. Pending the supply of these items, issues may be made in emergencies from United States stocks, to the extent considered essential by the Surgeon, Northern Base Section.

cc to [illegible] MTA

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1st Ind, Hq MTOUSA, file AG
420/464 GS-O, dtd 23 Dec 44 (cont'd)

7. As a general policy, due to shortage of supplies in the Zone of Interior and also of transportation to the theater, the responsibility of the United States Army to the US-ITIs is that of furnishing minimum essential items to accomplish the mission assigned these troops. Insofar as possible, the responsibility is that of the Italian War Ministry. The United States Army supplements this supply when, and to the extent, considered essential. Care must be taken not to exceed the standards of the Italian Army prior to their becoming co-belligerents.

By command of Lieutenant General McNARNEY:

ALBERT W. KARR,
Captain, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

Copies to:
MMIA

BASIC: Ltr, Hq NORBS, file AG 091.713 (BNQM), subj: "Clothing and Individual Equipment for US-ITI Units", dtd 11 Nov 44.

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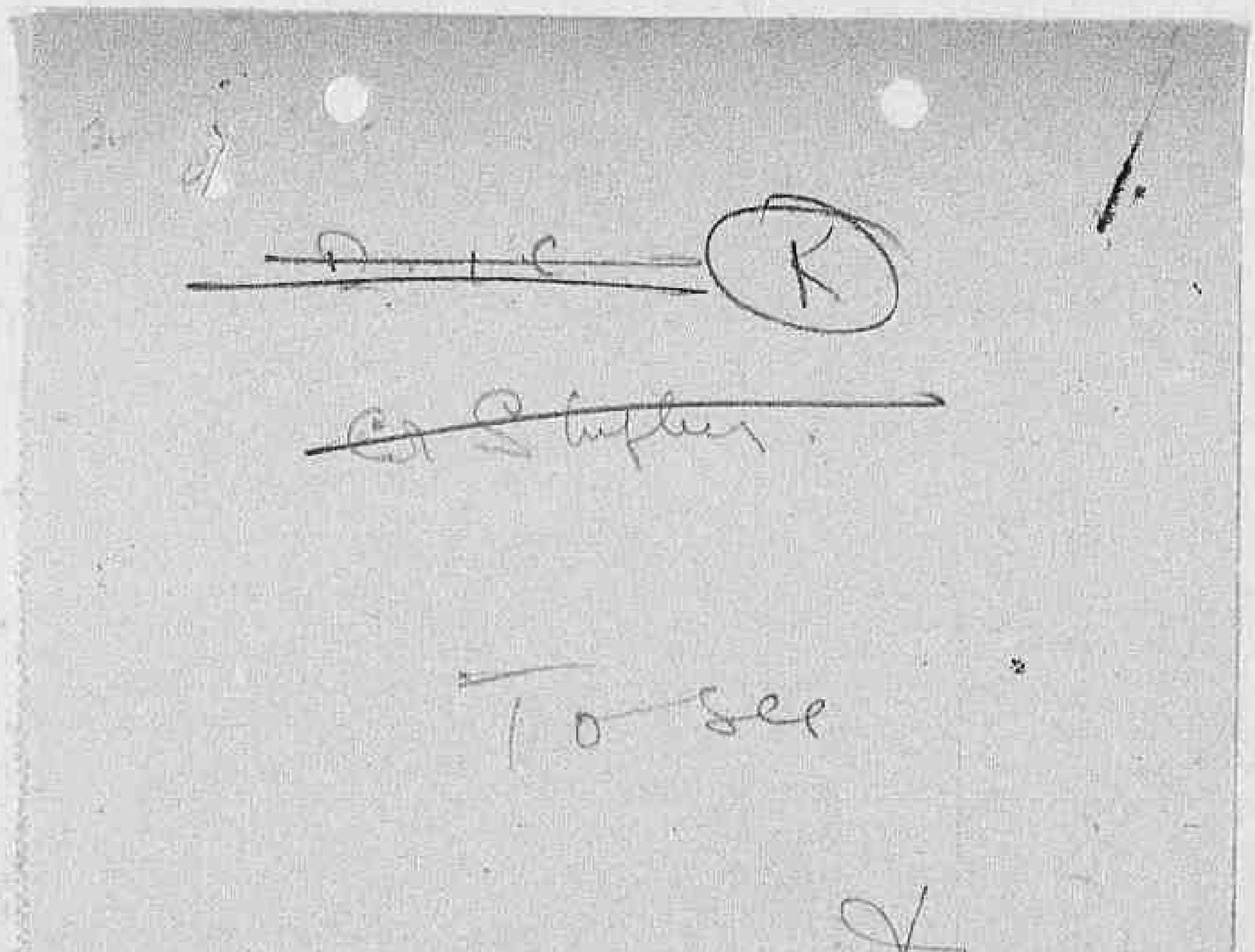

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HQ 230 DIV.

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Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C.(M.M.I.A.)
C/o H.Q.54 Area
LO/I4/AQ
20 Dec 44

Copy to:- HQ MMIA
MMIA LO AQ 52 AREA
HQ 3 DISTRICT (East)
HQ 52 AREA
HQ 54 AREA

AQ/15.

DIRECTIVE NO.1

1. OBJECT

The object of this directive is to implement MMIA Administrative Instruction No. 17 with regard to 230 Div, by defining the procedure for the provision of clothing, personal equipment, accommodation stores and tentage to BR-ITIS under command HQ 230 Div.

2. SOURCES OF SUPPLY

Supplies will be made available to HQ 230 Div by the Italian Ministry of War, as directed by HQ MMIA.

3. DIVISIONAL DEPOT

A Div depot has been established by HQ 230 Div to hold all supplies furnished by the Italian Ministry of War. HQ 230 Div will be responsible for the safeguarding and proper care of the depot, and will provide a competent staff to operate it.

4. SUBMISSION OF INDENTS

All Units under Command HQ 230 Div will submit bi-monthly indents on the 5th and 20th of each month to HQ 230 through ITALIAN channels. Unit indent forms as per Specimen attached at Appx"A" will be used.

5. SCREENING OF INDENTS

HQ 230 Div will examine all indents to ensure that unnecessary demands are NOT being made. Thereafter the following procedure will be adopted:-

a) Indents for clothing, equipment and accommodation stores, which are held in 230 Div Depot, will be forwarded in duplicate to MMIA HQ, BARI for screening, and authority will be given to

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230 Div.

2. SOURCES OF SUPPLY

Supplies will be made available to HQ 230 Div by the Italian Ministry of War, as directed by HQ MMIA.

3. DIVISIONAL DEPOT

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4. SUBMISSION OF INDENTS

All Units under Command HQ 230 Div will submit bi-monthly indents on the 5th and 20th of each month to HQ 230 through ITALIAN channels. Unit indent Forms as per Specimen attached at Appx"A" will be used.

5. SCREENING OF INDENTS

HQ 230 Div will examine all indents to ensure that unnecessary demands are NOT being made. Thereafter the following procedure will be adopted:-

a) Indents for clothing, equipment and accommodation stores, which are held in 230 Div Depot, will be forwarded in duplicate to MMIA LO, BARI for screening, and authority will be given to make issues according to availability.

b) Indents for equipment and accommodation stores which are NOT held in 230 Div Depot, will be forwarded direct to the Ministry of War, for further action. A copy of such indents will be forwarded to MMIA LO, BARI.

6. METHOD OF ISSUE

After indents have been screened by MMIA LO, all items approved will be immediately issued by HQ 230 Div under their own arrangements.

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7. UNSERVICEABLE ITEMS

All items of clothing and equipment, that become unserviceable, will be returned by Units to HQ 230 Div Depot, for sorting and grading with a view to further repair and re-issue.

8. PROCEDURE FOR STOCKING DIVISIONAL DEPOT

HQ 230 Div will forward to MAIA LO on the 15th and 30th of each month a stock return, showing the total amounts of items held in the depot, and the estimated requirements for the first two and second two weeks respectively of the next month. This return will be rendered in triplicate, as per Specimen Proforma attached at Appx "B".

J.G.BIRD Major.
Senior MAIA LO.
C/o H.Q.54 Area

JGB/t

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Appx 'A' to LO/)[illegible]/A& dated Dec 44.

UNIT INDENT FORM.

Name of Unit..... Unit Serial No.....

Location..... Date.....

ITEM	TOTAL ISSUES DURING PRECED--ING 15 DAY PERIOD	PRESENT REQUIREMENTS			ESTIMATED REQUIREMENTS FOR NEXT 16 DAY PERIOD.
		NEW ISSUES	REPLACE--MENTS OF WORN ITEMS	TOTAL	

Present Strength..... Officers ..... 6307 ORs

Authorised Strength..... Officers .....ORs

Re-inforcements received since last Indent ..... Officers ..... ORs

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Present Strength..... Officers .....6301 ORs

Authorised Strength..... Officers .....ORs

Re-inforcements received
Since Last Indent.....Officers ..... ORs

CERTIFICATE.

I CERTIFY that uniforms and boots requested above are within the authorised allowance of one uniform and one pair of boots per man and do NOT include stock for surplus or reserve and that all other items requested are within authorised scale for unit concerned.

Signed..... .....
Commanding.....

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Appx 'B'

SEMI-MONTHLY RETURN OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT FROM ALLIED SOURCES

STECCHIO QUINDICENALE DI VESTIARIO ED EQUIPAGGIAMENTO DI PROVENIENZA AL

DEPOT _____ PERIOD : FROM _____ TO _____
MAGAZZINO PERIODO DAL AL
STOCK NO. _____ ARTICLE _____
N. DELLA VOCE ARTICOLO

ON HAND AT START OF PERIOD _____
ESTSTENZA ORIGINALE

This return deals with actu
Authorisations to issue or
entered.

RECEIPTS (ENTRATA) — ISSUES (U

DATE DATA	RECEIVED FROM PROVENIENZA	AMOUNT NUMERO	RECEIVING VOU. No. BUONO DI RICEVUTA N.	DATE DATA	TO WHOM IS CONSEGNATA

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Appx'B' to LO/14/AQ dated Dec 44.

SEMI-MONTHLY RETURN OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT FROM ALLIED SOURCES

RITORNO QUINDICENALE DI VESTIARIO ED EQUIPAGGIAMENTO DI PROVENIENZA ALLEATA

PERIOD : FROM _____ TO _____
PERIODO DAL AL

ARTICLE _____
ARTICOLO

This return deals with actual receipts and issues. Unfilled Authorisations to issue or anticipated receipts will not be entered.

RECEIPTS (RICEVUTA)				ISSUES (USCITA)		
	AMOUNT NUMERO	RECEIVING VOU. No. BUONO DI RICEVUTA N.	DATE DATA	TO WHOM ISSUED CONSEGNATARIO	AMOUNT NUMERO	AUTHORITY FOR ISSUE AUTORITA PER LA CONSEGNA

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AT-MONTHLY RETURN OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT FROM ALLIED SOURCES

O QUINDICENALE DI VESTIARIO ED EQUIPAGGIAMENTO DI PROVENIENZA ALLEATA

PERIOD : FROM: _____ TO _____
PERIODO DAL AL

This return deals with actual receipts and issues. Unfilled Authorisations to issue or anticipated receipts will not be entered.

ISSUES (USCITA)

AMOUNT NUMERO	RECEIVING VOU. No. BUONO DI RICEVUTA N.	DATE DATA	TO WHOM ISSUED CONSEGNATARIO	AMOUNT NUMERO	AUTHORITY FOR ISSUE AUTORITA PER LA CONSEGNA

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Balance from previous Period Rimanenza _____	(Ultimo specchio)
Receipts	Entrate
Total	Totale
Issues	Uscita
Balance Actually on hand	Rimanenza Effictiva

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All recovered materials are to be under control & will be divided into 3 categories:
Clothing
Equipment
Barracks materials (comprising furniture) & their kind, quantity & condition will be specified.
Records will show materials entered in stores & materials existing. Any material issued to civilians must be withdrawn in the shortest time.—
All changes in records are to be proved by receipts & indent forms.—
Store directors are responsible for the materials in store & their keeping.—
It is advisable to have only 1 director for each recovery depot.— If there are any sub-depots, keeping of same is to be entrusted to civil authorities & CCRR.
Recovery stores in Liberated Italy, excluding Tuscany, Marche & Emilia, are to be constituted as detachments of main stores of the various Commissariat Directorates. Stores that have

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Recovery stores in liberated Italy, excluding Tuscany, Marche & Emilia, are to be considered as detachments of main stores of the various Commissariat Directorates. Stores that have been or will be opened in Tuscany, Emilia & Marche & in other regions will follow instructions contained in this circular & later on MOW will determine if they are to be considered as "main" or as "detachments"

Materials recovered by mobilized units will be handed over to the nearest CERSA or CERSETI depot.-

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MOW will be immediately informed if ~~any~~ food stuffs will be recovered + ~~will be taken~~ disposed ~~of in some~~ These food stuffs will be later on assigned by MOW on agreement with Allied authorities. —

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COMANDO DELLA 227^ DIVISIONE
S.M. - Sez. I^

N° 02/2506/cont. di prot. P.M. 186 li 9° dicembre 944
OGGETTO: Richiesta vestiario.-

A TUTTI I REPARTI DIPENDENTI = LORO SEDI
ALL'UFFICIO DI COLLEGAMENTO DELLA M.M.I.A.
presso il 3° DISTRETTO = CASTELLAMMARE
ALL'UFFICIO ITAL. DI COLLEGAM. 3° DISTRETTO = CASTELLAMMARE
ALL'UFFICIO ITAL. DI COLLEGAM. 86^ AREA = NAPOLI
ALL'UFFICIO ITALIANO DI COLLEG.94^ SUB-AREA = SALERNO
AL SOTTODEPOSITO V.E.DIVISIONALE = S E D E

In base a nuove disposizioni pervenute dagli Enti Alleati competenti (Comando 3° Distretto e Uff. di coll.to dalla MMIA presso 3° Distretto), a seguito e complemento foglio 02/2440/cont. del 24 novembre, dispongo con effetto immediato :

1°)- Composizione della serie di oggetti di vestiario ed equipaggiamento per i militari italiani : quella indicata in allegato.-

2°)- Per ogni motivo è concessa una distribuzione di oggetti - sia nuovi che usati, di provenienza italiana - inferiore a quella indicata dalla serie.-

3°)- I militari non sono ammessi scorte di reparto di alcun genere e per qualsiasi ragione, ad eccezione di quella indicata al n° 5 del citato foglio 02/2440 (per militari da inviare in congedo o licenza trimestrale).-

4°)- Quanto risulta eccedente in base alle prescrizioni di cui ai n. 2 e 3 dovrà essere versato al sottodeposito divisionale entro il 20 corrente.
Preavviso che dopo tale data saranno effettuati controlli ed ispezioni presso i reparti da parte di Ufficiali dei competenti organi Alleati ed Italiani

5°)- Questo Comando ha già prospettato i seri inconvenienti cui darà luogo la sensibile riduzione nel numero delle coperte, specie per le truppe attendate, e soprattutto il notevole possibile peggioramento delle condizioni sanitarie - cui si andrà incontro con l'inoltrarsi della stagione invernale - e conseguenti ripercussioni negative nel campo dell'attività lavorativa e del rendimento.

6°)- Il sottodeposito divisionale funziona per la cernita delle singole voci degli oggetti usati e f.n. di provenienza italiana : ciò a complemento di quanto detto al n° 4 del foglio 02/2440 sopracitato.

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2°)- Per motivi contingenti è consentita una distribuzione di effetti - sia nuovi che usati, di provenienza italiana o alleata - superiore a quella indicata dalla serie.-

3°)- I militari non sono ammessi scorte di reparto di alcun genere e per qualsiasi ragione, ad eccezione di quello indicato al n° 5 del citato foglio 02/2440 (per militari da inviare in congedo a licenza trimestrale).-

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6°)- Il sottodeposito divisionale funziona per la [illegible] anche gli oggetti usati e f.u. di provenienza italiana ; ciò a conforto di quanto detto al n° 4 del Foglio 02/2440 suprascritto.

7°)- E' previsto in rifornimento al sottodeposito v.s. divisionale di [illegible] ; perciò le relative richieste dovranno essere trasmesse a questo C.do (che le evaderà appena disponibile il materiale) colle stesse modalità previste per gli oggetti di corredo di provenienza alleata.-

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IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
(Silvio Ferri)

P.C.C.
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Ten. Col. Leo Scotto Lavina)

227. Divisione COMANDO

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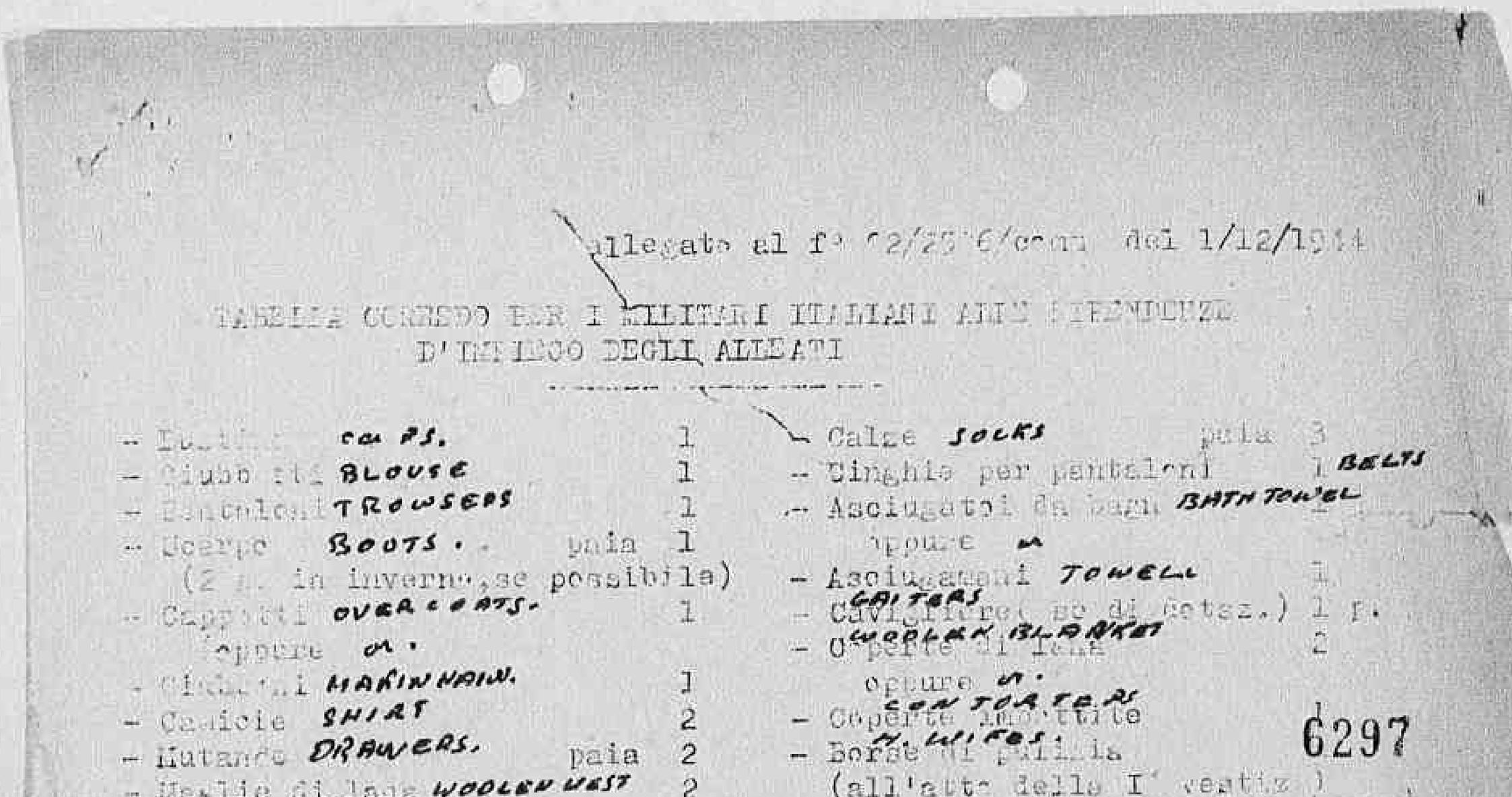

Allegato al f° 62/25 6/ocm del 1/12/1944

TABELLA CORREDO PER I MILITARI ITALIANI ALLE DIPENDENZE D'IMPIEGO DEGLI ALLEATI

– Elmetto CA PS.		1	– Calze SOCKS	paia	3
– Giubbe tipo BLOUSE		1	– Cinghia per pantaloni	1	BELTS
– Pantaloni TROUSERS		1	– Asciugatoi da bagno BATH TOWEL		2
– Scarpe BOOTS.	paia	1	oppure		
(2 p. in inverno, se possibile)			– Asciugamani TOWELL		3
– Cappotto OVER COATS.		1	– Calzettoni GAITERS (se di pelez.)	1 p.	
oppure M.			– Coperte di lana WOOLLEN BLANKET		2
– Giubba MACKINAW.		1	oppure M.		
– Camicie SHIRT		2	– Coperte antipulci CON TOASTERS		1
– Mutande DRAWERS.	paia	2	– Borse NI pallia NILIFOS.		
– Maglie di lana WOOLEN VEST		2	(all'atto della I vestiz.)		
oppure M.			– Borsa a zaino HAVERSACKS		1
– Maglioni VEST PT.		1	– Gavette MESS TINS		1
– Cucchiaio, forchetta e coltello		1	– Borraccia W/BOTTLES.		1
SPOON FORK KNIFE					

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE = ISPETTORATO =

N° 3534/I/Mi. di prot. 3800, lì 13 dicembre 1944

OGGETTO : Ricupero materiali dei servizi di commissariato militare - Norme amministrativo-contabili.-

AL COMANDO DELEGAZIONE "T" S.M.R.E.	= Pal. 179 =
AL COMANDO DELEGAZIONE "A" S.M.R.E.	= Pal. 185 =
- Ufficio Stralcio -	
AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SARDEGNA	= Pal. 75/A=
AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SICILIA	= P.M. 72 =
AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA CALABRIA	= CATANZARO=
AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA PUGLIA LUCANIA	= B A R I =
AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA CAMPANIA	= P.M.3400 =
AL COMANDO MILITARE DEL LAZIO UMBRIA ABRUZZI	= P.M.3800 =

e, per conoscenza :

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (MILA)	= R O M A =
AL GABINETTO	= S E D E =
AL CAPO STATO MAGGIORE R.E. - Ufficio Servizi -	= S E D E =
AL COMANDO GENERALE DELL'ARMA CC.RR.	= R O M A =
ALLA DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI AMMINISTRATIVI	= S E D E =
ALLA RAGIONERIA CENTRALE	= S E D E =
ALLA DIREZIONE DI COMMISSARIATO DEL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SARDEGNA	= P.M. 75/A=
DELLA SICILIA	= P.M. 72 =
DELLA CALABRIA	= CATANZARO=
DELLA PUGLIA LUCANIA	= B A R I =
DELLA CAMPANIA	= P.M.3400 =
DEL LAZIO UMBRIA ABRUZZI	= P.M. 3800=

I comandi delle delegazioni "A" e "T" dello S.M.R.E. hanno, nella loro competenza, già impartito disposizioni di massima per i ricuperi dei materiali dell'amministrazione militare, nonchè per l'immagazzinamento, la custodia e la manutenzione dei materiali stessi.

Per quanto si attiene, in particolare, ai materiali dei servizi di commissariato militare, è necessario, oltre tutto, tenere pre-

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AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA CAMPANIA = P.M. 3400 =
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e, per conoscenza :

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Per quanto si attiene, in particolare, ai materiali dei servizi di commissariato militare, è necessario, peraltro, tenere presente che :

- i reparti italiani che non si trovano alle dipendenze di un Comando Alleato devono essere vestiti ed equipaggiati, fino al massimo del possibile, con materiali provenienti dalle disponibilità dell'Esercito Italiano;
- gli oggetti italiani (vestiario, equipaggiamento, casermaggio e relative materie prime ed accessorie) esistenti nei nostri magazzini sono stati "bloccati" dalle Autorità Alleate e nessuna distribuzione, a qualsiasi titolo, può essere effettuata senza la preventiva autorizzazione della Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (M.M.I.A.) da chiedersi tra-

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nite questo Ministero. Nel detto "blocco" rientrano, naturalmente, anche i materiali che vengono recuperati, e ciò sin dal momento in cui viene accertata l'esistenza dei materiali stessi,

- il ricupero costituisce, ormai, la principale fonte di rifornimento, perciò nulla deve andare disperso o sciupato ma tutto deve essere recuperato e gelosamente custodito.

E pertanto, allo scopo di ottenere che tutti i materiali dei Servizi di Commissariato Militare che vengono recuperati siano integralmente acquisiti da un ente responsabile per la loro utilizzazione e per il loro impiego, questo Ministero, ad integrazione e completamento delle istruzioni già impartite dalle delegazioni "L" e "T" dello S.M.R.E., ritiene necessario emanare le norme amministrativo-contabili di cui al documento allegato.

Si aggiunge, altresì che in relazione alla detta finalità, lo scrivente, già dai primi dello scorso mese di agosto, ha disposto, a mezzo di propri ufficiali, ricognizioni nelle varie località a nord di Roma, per accertare i vari recuperi effettuati e per il trasporto di alcune categorie di oggetti in sede più opportuna per la loro migliore manutenzione ed utilizzazione.

Detto servizio sarà continuato e intensificato in relazione ai mezzi disponibili. Intanto i materiali, mano a mano che vengono recuperati, saranno segnalati come per il passato a questo Ministero.

Gli enti in indirizzo sono pregati, per la parte di competenza, dare disposizioni per l'applicazione delle norme allegate che entrano immediatamente in vigore.

Di tali disposizioni lo scrivente desidera avere notizia per opportuna conoscenza.-

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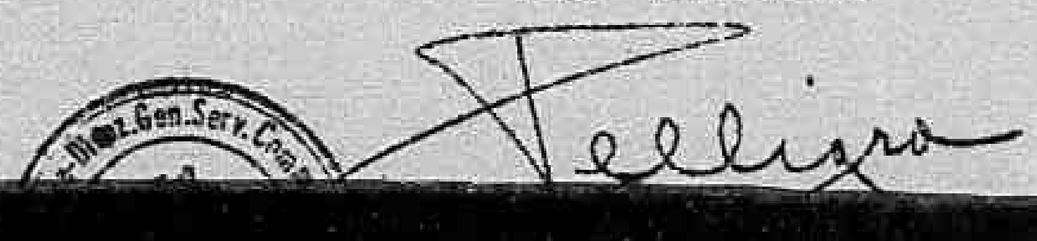

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Allegato alla Circolare N° 3534/I/Ri.
in data 13 dicembre 1944

NORME AMMINISTRATIVO-CONTABILI PER I RICUPERI DEI MATERIALI DEI SERVIZI DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

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A) - Tutti i materiali di vestiario, equipaggiamento, casermaggio, mobilio, ecc. ed in genere tutti i materiali attinenti ai Servizi di Commissariato Militare, anche se trattasi di oggetti di prescrizione delle Forze Armate tedesche devono, mano a mano che vengono recuperati, essere assunti in regolare carico, facendo constare le relative operazioni a mezzo di appositi verbali dai quali risulti :

- quantitativi e specie dei materiali;
- classe d'uso dei materiali stessi;
- ente o persona che ha provveduto al ricupero;
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- categ. 1^ vestiario
- " 2^ equipaggiamento
- " 3^ casermaggio

Nella terza categoria si comprenderà anche il mobilio.
E' necessario che ad ogni categoria corrisponda un registro apposito.

2°)- Per ogni oggetto dovrà indicarsi: specie, unità di misura,

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quantitative e classe d'uso.

Per semplificazione contabile le classi d'uso possono ridursi alle seguenti :

- oggetti nuovi
- oggetti usati
- oggetti fuori uso

Per oggetti usati devono intendersi quelli che, pur non essendo più nuovi, sono suscettibili di ulteriore utilizzazione anche se abbisognevoli di riparazioni.

Gli oggetti fuori uso saranno assunti in carico a "peso" (stracci di lana, stracci di cotone, stracci di canapa, rottami di ferro, rottami di alluminio, rottami di cuoio, ecc.).

3°)- I quaderni (o registri) di carico, prima di essere messi in uso, devono essere controfirmati in ogni pagina dall'autorità cui sono demandati la vigilanza ed il controllo sui consegnatari. Tali autorità sono normalmente gli uffici di Commissariato militare; in mancanza, provvederanno i comandanti dei distaccamenti del "CERSA" e del "CERSETI" oppure i comandanti dei Nuclei di presidio militare.

4°)- Nei quaderni (o registri) di carico dovranno essere compresi sia i materiali alla sede del consegnatario, sia quelli eventualmente in uso o in distribuzione ad altri enti (militari o civili) del presidio. Ciò può accadere esclusivamente per i materiali da letto e per il mobilio che, alla data della presente circolare, siano già in distribuzione ai detti enti giacchè, d'ora in avanti, qualsiasi nuova distribuzione non può avvenire senza la preventiva autorizzazione della Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (L.F.S.C.A.).

Peraltro i materiali in distribuzione ad enti civili dovranno essere ritirati subito o appena possibile.

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D) - I consegnatari dei materiali sono considerati come gestionari di "veri e propri magazzini di Commissariato Militare" anche se, come praticamente avviene, la fonte principale di rifornimento dei materiali è costituita dal recupero.

I consegnatari stessi hanno, pertanto, piena responsabilità amministrativo-contabile sia in rapporto all'assunzione in carico di tutti i materiali che vengono recuperati sia in rapporto alla gestione, intendendosi per gestione la conservazione, la custodia, la manutenzione e la distribuzione dei materiali.

A tal fine è necessario che in ogni presidio (e in ogni lo-

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calità ove potrà costituirsi un "magazzino" di ricupero) si abbia un solo consegnatario anche se i materiali dovessero essere accantonati in fabbricati, località o presso enti diversi.

Si intende, peraltro, che i materiali depositati in località diverse dalla sede del "magazzino" dovranno essere affidati ad un ente del posto (preferibilmente i comandi dell'arma CC.RR. o, in mancanza, il sindaco del comune od altra autorità civile) che, per quanto si attiene alla custodia ed alla buona conservazione dei materiali, assumerà piena responsabilità verso il consegnatario del "magazzino" presidiario competente.

E) - Ragioni contingenti non permettono che i consegnatari abbiano, almeno per ora, un vero e proprio conto giudiziale. E Pertanto, fermo restando la piena e completa responsabilità amministrativo-contabile dei consegnatari stessi, questo Ministero dispone che :

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- del magazzino vestiario-equipaggiamento, per i materiali del vestiario e dell'equipaggiamento;
- del magazzino casermaggio, per i materiali di casermaggio e per il mobilio.

Pertanto i detti magazzini "principali" dovranno includere nei loro conti giudiziali, i materiali in consegna ai "distaccamenti" delle rispettive circoscrizione territoriali e provvedere nei confronti dei "distaccamenti" stessi alla "verifica" trimestrale dei quaderni di carico.

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F-) - E' ovvio che le istruzioni contabili di cui sopra non si applicano per i magazzini o depositi delle unità mobilitate per i quali hanno valore le disposizioni contenute nelle"istruzioni amministrative per le truppe in campagna". Però, ai fini di una completa e razionale utilizzazione dei ricuperi, è necessario che i materiali nuovi od usati, eventualmente ricuperati dalle unità stesse, siano versati al più vicino " magazzino" di presidio o al più vicino " posto" di raccolta eventualmente istituito dal "CENSA" o dal "CERSETI".

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G) - Restano, altresì, in vigore le disposizioni di cui agli artt.751 e segg. del Regolamento di amministrazione e contabilità dei corpi, relative all'amministrazione dei mobili degli enti che non hanno amministrazione propria e degli alloggi militari.

H) - I viveri che venissero eventualmente recuperati devono essere dati immediatamente in consegna, mediante regolare verbale, ad un'agente responsabile, segnalando i relativi quantitativi a questo Ministero che disporrà circa l'utilizzazione dei viveri stessi d'intesa con le competenti autorità Alleate.

I) - Per ogni eventuale dubbio o incertezza circa l'applicazione delle norme contabili sopra riportate, formulare a questo Ministero specifici quesiti.-

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Translation

From: Italian General Hq. CARABINIERI Ref. 269/1-1 (3161)
To: MIN. of WAR Date Dec. 16, 1944
& for info to MMIA
Subject: Assignment of clothing AQ/15

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With ref to AQ/15 dated Nov. 3, MMIA 9 informed us that the following articles of clothing would be placed at our disposal:

- 500 new uniforms
- 4500 repaired uniforms
- 5000 pr. repaired boots
- 5000 pullovers
- 5000 cotton shirts
- 6000 prs. cotton socks
- 10,000 woolen drawers
- 6000 cotton sleeping bags
- 5000 trouser belts

Please advise urgently that these materials be placed at our disposal in order to be issued to our legions which still have carabinieri in civilian clothing or with unsufficient clothing.

Cpl. TC.

(Sgd) Gen ORLANDO

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Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 489081 - 365

18 December, 1944.

AC/14601/8/1/PS

AQ/15

SUBJECT : CC.RR Clothing.

TO : Director General, Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA).

265 2nd packet.

1. Reference your AQ/15 dated 3rd November 44 addressed to Minister of War (copy to this Sub-Commission).

2. On 16th December 44, General Orlando, Commanding General CC.RR stated that difficulty was still being experienced in getting clothing released from Italian Military Stores. This clothing is urgently required by CC.RR, particularly in the north.

3. All the items mentioned in your AQ/15 dated 3rd Oct. 44 have not yet been made available. Further, the extra allotment notified on your AQ/15 dated 3rd November 44 is not agreed by the Minister of War.

4. It is asked that the clothing mentioned in your two letters to the Minister of War be made available to the CC.RR as soon as possible, in order that transport arrangements can be made for distribution to units.

for JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

FJH/G.

Copy to Commanding General CC.RR.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.
Tel No. FREEDOM 518

AFHQ/6453/G(AM)

16 Dec. 44.

TO:- M.M.I.A.

Reference is made to AG 091.711/153 GCT-O of 21 Nov.

The maintenance of Italian Port Gp Coys is an agreed British/~~army~~ commitment. Will you therefore arrange for them to be clothed in accordance with approved scale.

J.J. SLOAN, Lt.Col.
for Major General G-4(Air).

JJS/FB.

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LRKB V LRAR 8784 IMPORTANT T 151120A

FROM MMIA REAR EIGHTH ARMY

TO HQ MMIA ROME

GR 30 BT

MM/281 (.) RESTRICTED (.) REF YOUR AQ2370 OF 13 (.)

NIL FOR ITALIAN TPS NOW ON STRENGTH (.)

CANNOT YET SPEAK FOR UNITS TO COME ON STRENGTH LATER OR RFTS

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FREEDOM

AQ 2372

RESTRICTED

FOR Q/AE AND 04 A (.) SUBJECT IS SCALE OF BLANKETS FOR ALL CATEGORIES ITALIAN TPS (.) FIRST (.) MAJORITY BRITIS IN FWD AREA HAVE EQUIVALENT OF THREE BLANKETS AND PLANS TO EQUIP FRUILI AND CREMONA TO THIS SCALE IN HAND (.) SECOND (.) SOME BRITIS IN DISTRESS ALREADY HAVE THREE BLANKETS OWING OVERDEMANDING IN PAST (.) THREE (.) IS POSITION AS MY FIRST ABOVE AUTHORIZED QUERY (.) FOUR (.) ARE BLANKETS SURPLUS TO SCALE IN MY SECOND ABOVE TO BE WITHDRAWN TO PROVIDE STOCK FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE CALL UPS QUERY (.) FOUR (.) IF SUPPLIES BECOME AVAILABLE IS AUTHORITY GRANTED TO RAISE REMAINING TPS IN DISTRESS TO SCALE OF THREE QUERY (.) FIVE (.) ARE CALLUPS TO BE ISSUED WITH TWO OR THREE QUERY (.) SIX (.) HOW DO YOUR RULINGS OR ABOVE AFFECT CORM QUERY (.) SEVEN (.) REQUEST REGULAR RULINGS MAY BE TELS SO THAT MAIA CAN PLAN ROOMS AND ISSUE OF BLANKETS PROMPTLY

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See Note 331

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AQ 2371

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FOR MMIA LO (.) PENDING FREEDOM RULINGS BLANKETS SURPLUS TO SCALE OF TWO NEED NOT RPT NOT BE WITHDRAWN (.) NEW ISSUES WILL BE CORRECT TO SCALE

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REAR EIGHT ARMY

AQ 2370

RESTRICTED

FOR MMIA LO (.) HOW MANY BLANKETS OR EQUIVALENT WOULD YOU NEED TO BRING ALL ER-ITIS TO SCALE OF THREE BLANKETS PER MAN QUERY

See folio 314

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Evans C).

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SUBJECT: Uniforms for ITI-ITIS.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALCOM (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
AG/15 [redacted]
11 December 1944.

TO : All Concerned.

1. ITI-ITI Troops as shown on the Order of Battle are clothed in Allied Uniforms or Italian Uniforms as follows:

a. Troops on Mainland.

Category 1	- All in Italian Uniforms
Category 4	- All in Allied Uniforms
Category 5	-
(i) Units working for ALCOM	- All in Allied Uniforms
(ii) Guard Battalions	- All in Allied Uniforms
(iii) Hqtrs. of Gd. Regiments	- All in Allied Uniforms
(iv) SIM Units	
(a) Censor Sections	- All in Italian Uniforms
(b) Other than Censor Sections	- All in Allied Uniforms
Category 6 (c)	- All in Italian Uniforms

(Note):-
Hq's GD Regts. listed under this category have been disbanded.

b. Troops in Sardinia.

Category 1	- All in Italian Uniforms
Category 5	-
(i) Service Unit working for ALCOM	- All in Allied Uniforms
(ii) All other Units	- All in Italian Uniforms
Category 6 (c)	- All in Italian Uniforms

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c. Troops in Sicily.

Category 1	- All in Italian Uniforms
Category 5	- All in Italian Uniforms

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Category 5 - All in Italian Uniforms
(Note):-
Those troops in Sicily who are at present in Battledress will continue to wear it until replacements are required. With the exception of the small stock of Battledress now in Sub Depot of Sicily, all replacement issues will be of Italian Uniforms.

GEO. A. SHIPLEY, Lt. Col.
for Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission

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ALCOM for G 1 (Br) - 2
MMIA ORD - 2
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Subject: Items of Italian Accommodation Stores and Equipment for BR-ITIS.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
AQ/15

12 Dec 44.

1. Major items of Italian Accommodation Stores and Equipment will be allotted from available stocks to US-ITIS and BR-ITIS by HQ MMIA.

a. Items so allotted will include:-

Blankets (or substitute)
Paillasses
Shelter Tents (including pins and poles)

b. (i) Items so allotted to US-ITIS will be withdrawn in bulk by U.S. Agencies as designated by Comzone.

(ii) Items so allotted to BR-ITIS will be sub-allotted to the Sub Depots of the several Italian Administrative Headquarters established for BR-ITIS. Until such allotment, the stock will be retained in the BR-ITI Reserve Clothing Depots being established in NAPLES and BARI.

2. All other available items of accommodation stores and equipment will be held in the main Italian Depots.

3. BR-ITI Units or Formations will place their indents for all items (those included under Para 1 and Para 2 above) upon their respective Italian Administrative Hq. The Italian Administrative Hq will in turn forward such indents, or consolidations thereof, to the War Ministry with copies to the MMIA LO concerned. The War Ministry will secure advance approval from HQ MMIA for the issue of any items of "Controlled Italian Stores" as provided under MMIA Administrative Instruction No. 11, dated 3 October 1944.

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for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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TO MMIA
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ET 331656A

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Translation.

From. 227 Div. Ref No 2/2506/com.
To MMIA for info. Date. 1st Dec 44

Clothing Request.

To complie with orders issued by the allies (MMIA 3rd District) and further to letter 02.2440/com. Dated 24 of Nov. 44 the following instruction will become effective as from now.

(1) The Items of kit for each soldier will be in accordance with attached kit list.

(2) On no occasion will allied or Italian Clothing be issued over the above scale.

(3) The same rules applies to units, who must not have any reserve clothing except as when it complies with order issued in Ref letter. Paras. nos 5. (Military to be discharged or sent on leave)

(4) The excess stock resulting will be sent to this H.Q. Depot before the 20th of Dec

We inform you that inspections to ensure the correct carrying out of this order will be done by competent officers both allied and Italian.

(5) This H.Q has taken steps in view of the serious crisis caused by the reduction of the no of blankets issued to troops billetted in tents and above all the possible worsthening of

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The Medical situation which will be met with the coming winter season. and which would cause serious impediment & the work of the Italian troops

(6) The Div sub Depot will function also for the recovery of u/s Italian material: This according to Para 4 of letter 02/2440.

(7) The receipt of the supply of Divisionnal Depot (clothing and equipment) with shelter half. Therefor Request for same must be sent to this HQ who will send material as soon as possible using the normal methods for material from allied sources.

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ACTION SLIP

THIS SLIP WILL NOT BE REMOVED

TO

C A Sec.

1. Reference the attached draft, No. 4/37.5/CA dated 4 December 1944.

2. Returned. No comments.

GEO. A. SHIPLEY, Lt. Col.
for Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission.

7 Dec. 44.

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Special Materials Section

LVEN/FE

Ref. AC/5134/Commerce
Tel. 478.192

6 December 1944

SUBJECT : Clothing Available to Allied Commission

TO : Regional Commissioner, Southern Region
(attn.Commerce Sub-Section, Major Birt)

AQ 115

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1. Attached herewith please find list of clothing to be transferred from M.M.L.A. to A.C.

2. It is requested that the Commerce Sub-Section contact M.M.L.A. HQ Naples, Rm.84, 4th floor, Provincia Bldg., Tel.No.53.622 and arrange for collection of these items.

For the Chief Commissioner

W.P. EVANS
Colonel-Director
Commerce Sub-Commission

Copies: 2. Land-Forces Sub-Commission (MMLA)
(attn.Lt.Col.Gen.A.Shipley)

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SUBJECT: Repairing Materials for Boots and Clothing.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALCOM (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
AQ/15
5 December 1944.

TO : Ministry of War.

1. Materials available to the Italian Army for the repair of both clothing and boots are in short supply. For the past 90 days items secured from local resources have been running substantially behind quantities authorized by AFLRS and ALCOM. The present rate of repair must be increased to meet requirements of both ITI-ITIS and BR-ITIS. All stock, including anticipated deliveries, are essential to meet this requirement.

2. All boot repairing materials, including needles, and all clothing repairing materials, including all item of cloth, thread, needles etc. will be retained for the operation of the main Italian Repair Program under the direct control of the Ministry of War.

3. For the present and until otherwise advised, repairing materials are not available from Italian Army Stocks for issue to US-ITIS or BR-ITIS. Issues to ITI-ITIS for repair of clothing and boots by Units will only be made upon specific advance authority granted by HQ MMIA.

Geo. A. Shipley

GEO. A. SHIPLEY, Lt. Col.
for Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission.

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Distribution:-

AFHQ for G4 and Q (Main) (2)
C.C. Comzone
PBS
Pensouth
All MMIA LO's (2)
MMIA ORD

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DEFER FX62311 CITE FHQAN (.) MEA LO NOW IN ROME AND FULLY CONVERSANT PRESENT SITUATION (.) HE WILL REPORT TO YOU ON RETURN NAPLES FIVE DEC AND WILL INDICATE DEPOTS

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FINOCCHIARO

VA/de

Ministero della Guerra
DIREZIONE GENERALE
DEI SERVIZI DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE
- Ispettorato -

N. di Prot. 3344/I/Bz. Sped.
Allegati

Roma, 3 dicembre 1944

A 9/15
(303)

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
R O M A

Risposta al Foglio N.
del

OGGETTO : Materiale alleato f.u. da cedere all'A.C.-
Allied Unused, unserviceable tobe issued to AC.

Il M.M.I.A.-L.C. di Napoli ha già informato i propri organi superiori che il materiale a disposizione dell'A.C. per le popolazioni civili, per quanto riguarda la Campania, è stato già approntato e disponibile presso i locali stabilimenti ricuperi.

Come risulta dall'allegata situazione, trattasi di ingenti quantitativi che ingombrano il Deposito 1750.

Si prega pertanto codesta Missione volersi compiacere intervenire affinchè il ritiro del materiale di che trattasi possa avvenire al più presto possibile.-

DEL MINISTRO

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PEL MINISTRO

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The MMIA- L.C. at NAPLES has already informed his higher Hq. that the materials available to A.C. for the civilian population in CAMPANIA has been made ready and available at the local recovery establishments.

As per inclosed stock- report, there are immense amounts which crowd the Depot 1750.

We therefore ask MMIA to kindly see that the materials are withdrawn as soon as possible.

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Allegato al foglio nº 3344/I/Ri.
in data 3 dicembre 1944

D E P O S I T O 1750

M A T E R I A L E A M E R I C A N O F U O R I U S O

Asciugatoi	nº	145
Bustine lana	"	5.605
Coperte	"	191
Camicie lana	"	4.552
Camicie cotone	"	506
Cappotti	"	36
Giacchette da campo	"	300
Guanti lana	"	1.400
Guanti pelle	"	3.200
Giubbe da fatica	"	2.475
Maglie cotone	"	3.226
Mutande lana	"	1.438
Mutande cotone	"	2.374
Pantaloni fatica	"	7.790
Pantaloni lana	"	5.798
Pantaloni cotone	"	396
Tute da fatica	"	3.795
Maglie lana	"	1.338

Berretti da fatica	LBB.	1.820
Bustine lana	"	135
Bustine cotone	"	140
Camicie lana	"	2.375
Calze lana	"	23.421
Calze cotone	"	60
Cappotti	"	2.000
Coperte	"	150
Cinghette per ghette	"	180
Giubbe da fatica	"	348
Giacchette da campo	"	11.980
Guanti di lana	"	830
Guanti di pelle	"	2.310
Guanti di cotone	"	120
Ghette	"	5.635
Gibberne	"	6.237
Giubbe di lana	"	185

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Guanti pelle	"	3.200
Giubbe da fatica	"	2.475
Maglie cotone	"	3.226
Mutande lana	"	1.438
Mutande cotone	"	2.374
Pantaloni fatica	"	7.790
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Ghette	"	5.635
Gibberne	"	6.237
Giubbe di lana	"	185
Buffetterie diverse	"	25.098
Farsetti a maglia	"	193
Fodere per piccone	"	77
Fodere per coperte	"	116
Impermeabili	"	280
Mutande lana	"	1.438
Maglie cotone	"	730
Mutande cotone	"	905
Porta borracce	"	1.432
Pantaloni lana	"	6.875
Pantaloni cotone	"	105
Pantaloni da fatica	"	1.635
Sacchetti	"	2.805
Spallacce per giberne	"	815
Tute da fatica	"	2.870
Teli da tenda	"	450

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Zainetti	LBB.	2.819
Zanzaniere	"	6.010

MATERIALE INGLESE FUORI USO

Giubbotti	N°	2.650
Pantaloni	"	5.990

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FROM LAEE (AFHQ) 031720A

TO MMIA

TO DDOS L OF C

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GR 144 BT

YOUR AQ 2301 OF 1 DEC. (SIGNED SACMED CITE FHQEE). FX 62311.

1. BRITISH ORD UNABLE REPAIR ANY GARMENTS OR BOOTS FOR ITIS PURSUANT PARA 2A AG 400/105 D-O ANNEXURE C OF 22 SEP 44.

2. REQUEST YOU NOMINATE ITI DEPOTS TO WHICH GRADE III ALREADY REPAIRED AND STOCKS UNREPAIRED GRADE III CLOTHING SHALL BE DELIVERED. YOUR LO NAPLES STATES UNABLE ACCEPT AT DEPOT UNDER HIS CONTROL.

3. REQUEST ALSO YOU NOMINATE DEPOT TO WHICH SALVAGE CLOTHING SHALL BE DELIVERED.

4. ESSENTIAL DEPOTS NOMINATED BE PERMANENT SO THAT REGULAR ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE FOR DELIVERY.

5. GRADE III AND SALVAGE CLOTHING NOW SOURCE OF GREAT EMBARASSMENT TO ORD AND UNLESS THIS REMOVED VERY SPEEDILY ORD WILL HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO HAND OVER TO SALVAGE DEPOTS FOR OTHER DISPOSAL.

BT 031720A

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PRIORITY PURSUIT FOR MMIA LO

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AQ 2301

FOR Q/AE (.) REFER AFHQ LETTER AG 400/195 D-O ANNEXURE C OF 22 SEP 44 (.) FIRST (.) IN VIEW URGENT NEED FOR REPAIRD GARMENTS AND BOOTS REQUEST YOU SAY WHAT QUANTITIES ORD CAN REPAIR UNDER PROVISIONS PARA 2 ABLE (.) SECOND (.) REQUEST BALANCE OF ALLOTMENTS WHICH ORD CANNOT REPAIR BE DELIVERED APT DELIVERED TO ITI-ITI DEPOTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 2 BAKER (.) MMIA LO NAPLES CAN COORDINATE DETAILS DETAILS DELIVERY POINTS

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Translation

From Gen. Hq. Canadiens — Ref. 227/117-5
Date Jan 3, 1945
To MMISA
Subject clothing for Canadiens

With letter 227/117-3 dated Dec. 13 this General Hq., in reply to your AG/15 dated December 1, reported that it had not received the enclosure mentioned in No 3, of said letter (AG/15) and therefore requested a duplicate copy.

We repeat the text of said letter with the request that you send a duplicate copy:

"From Gen. Hq. Canadiens Ref. 227/117-3
Date Dec. 13, 1944
To MMISA
Subject clothing for Canadiens

No enclosure to letter AG/15 dated Dec. 1, was received.

Therefore, please send said enclosure or a duplicate copy.

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Sgd Col. MOTTOLA

Cpl. VC.

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Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

DIREZIONE DI AMMINISTRAZIONE

N. 227/II7-3 di prot. Roma, li 3 gennaio 1945

Risposta al *del* *n.* *Allegati n.*

OGGETTO: Vestiario per i CC.RR.-

Al LA M.M.I.A. - SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO
ROMA

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Con lettera pari numero della presente in data I3 di= cembre u.s. questo comando generalein risposta al foglio AQ/I5 di data I° dicembre faceva presente che con quel foglio(AQ/I5) non era pervenuto l'allegato di cui al 3° comma, ne richiedeva pertanto un duplicato.-

Se ne ripete il testo con preghiera di far pervenire il chiesto duplicato:

"" n°227/II7-3 di prot. Roma, li I3 dicembre I944
risposta al foglio del I° corr.n°AQ/I5
Oggetto: Vestiario per i CC.RR..-
ALLA M.M.I.A.-SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO
ROMA

Con la lettera cui si risponde non è pervenuto a questo comando l'allegato di cui al 3° comma.-

Si prega codesta Sottocommissione compiacersi farlo tenere ovvero inviarne un duplicato."" 6266

IL COLONNELLO DIRETTORE
-Giovanni Mottola-

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SUBJECT: Clearance for CC.RR.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALGIERS (N.A.T.O.)
R O M E
AG/13
2 December 1944

TO : Military of War.

1. Verbal authority to the Military of War to issue 10,000 tons, coal Repaired from Italian Stocks to CC.RR is hereby confirmed.

2. These tons are in addition to those previously allotted to CC.RR by AG/13 of 3 October, and AG/13 of 3 November. — 2652nd file

3. It is understood that these ons will be withdrawn from Italian Depot, Bari. Release Notice No. AG/23/244 authorising such withdrawal is attached hereto.

Geo A Kilpatrick

GEO. A. KILPATRICK, Lt.Col.
for Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission.

GAK/mg

Copy to:

Public Safety Sub Com. AFHQ
General Orlando CC.RR
MEDIA LO [redacted] Bari
MEDIA ORD

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff

Ref: 4/37.5/CA

1 Dec 44

SUBJECT: Distribution of Clothing.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission.

1 The Civil Affairs and Economic Sections of this Commission have under consideration distribution of Allied military salvaged clothing, including boots and blankets amongst various classes of the Italian populace.

Apart from the necessity for providing as large a quantity of clothing as possible for the Italian population as a whole there are certain classes to whom it has been agreed priority should be given. These classes are briefly as follows: for use in hospitals and infirmaries for the destitute; for the use of Police Forces (other than the Carabinieri); for homeless people in war devastated areas such as Cassino; for genuine fighting patriots who come through the lines semi-clothed; for repatriated persons and refugees, and for agricultural and heavy workers.

2 Formerly considerable quantities of salvage clothing, boots and so forth, were made available to the Commerce Sub-Commission for distribution, and as an example, by August last no less than 6,000 pairs of boots per week were being repaired and made available for the Italian populace and the special classes mentioned above.

3 By AFHQ Memorandum No. 36 of the 4th September it was provided that all salvaged clothing and boots should be delivered direct to Italian military repair installations as designated by you, and only clothing and boots not suitable for the Italian army would be made available for the purposes of the Commerce Sub-Commission. The result has been to cut down to a nominal figure the amount of clothing and boots which has been available for civilian distribution.

4 The Chief Commissioner is of the opinion that policy in this respect requires reconsideration. He considers that a certain proportion of all salvaged clothing and boots should be made available for the purposes of civilian distribution and that the Italian Army should not have complete priority.

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5 For your information the question of proportionate distribution between the various special classes set out in para 1 has already been under discussion between the Sub-Commissions concerned.

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M.S. LUSH, Brig,
C.O.S.

x or send a representative. Chief Comm 4 Dec

Copy to: Economic Section, (3),
Civil Affairs Section (3),
War Materials Disposal S/C. (1)

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(EXTRACT COPY)

3 DISTRICT ADM INSTRUCTION No 21.

RESTRICTED

SUPPLY OF CLOTHING, PERSONAL EQPT, ACCN STORES AND TENTAGE TO ITALIAN ARMED FORCES UNDER BRITISH COMMAND

1. DEFINITION

Italian Armed Forces are divided into the following categories:-

(a) Thos under British Command - BR--ITIS
(b) " " US " - US--ITIS
(c) " " Command of the Theatre Comd through the Italian War Ministry - ITI-ITIS.

2. OBJECT

This instruction defines the procedure to be adopted for the supply of clothing, personal eqpt, accn stores, and tentage to BR-ITIS (except certain items for which special instructions may be issued from time to time.)

3. RESPONSIBILITY

Provision, storage and issue of the above items to BR-ITIS is the responsibility of the Italian War Ministry as directed by MMIA.

4. DEMANDS

BR-ITIS units will submit demands direct to the following Italian Fmn HQ.

(c) Units in SICILY - to Mil HQ SICILY

5. ISSUES

(a) Issues will be made from Italian Sub Depots under arrangements of the Italian Fmn HQ concerned.

6. EFFECTIVE DATE

The above instructions are effective from 20 Nov 44.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
Special Materials Section

AP/17/2992

LVBW/FZ

Ref.AC/5134/Commerce
Tel.478.192

30 November 1944

SUBJECT : Salvaged Clothing

TO : Regional Commissioner, Southern Region
(attn.Commerce Sub-Section, Major Birt)

1. Attached please find list of clothing and equipment forwarded to this Sub-Commission by the Land-Forces Sub-Commission.

2. It is requested that the Commerce Sub-Section contact M.M.I.A., I.C Naples, room 84, 4th Floor, Provincia Bldg., Tel.N.53622 and arrange for collection of these items.

3. M.M.I.A. has also reported that items previously made available are still uncollected. As soon as possible collection should be made and items transferred to the Ufficio Provinciale del Commercio e dell'Industria which will handle all repairing, sorting and dyeing in the future.

For the Chief Commissioner

Copies sent Naples 17/~

W.P. EVANS
Colonel-Director
Commerce Sub-Commission

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Two (2) copies to: Land-Forces Sub-Commission (M.M.I.A.)
(attn.Lt.Col.Gen.A. Shipley)

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MMIA LO
Att British Increment
HQ Fifth Army
CMF

Phone No: LIGHTNING REAR 163

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28 Nov 44

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HQ 231 Div
Italian LO G.4 Rear Fifth Army

Copy to:- HQ MMIA
MMIA LO with Rear HQ 13 Corps
Brit Incr, HQ Fifth Army Q (6)

DIRECTIVE NO. 1

1. OBJECT

The object of this directive is to implement MMIA Administrative Instruction No. 17 with regard to 231 Div, by defining the procedure for the provision of clothing, personal equipment, accommodation stores and tentage to BR-ITIS under command HQ 231 Div, or such specific ITI-ITI units as are attached by HQ MMIA to HQ 231 Div for administration.

2. SOURCES OF SUPPLY

Supplies will be made available to HQ 231 Div by the Italian Ministry of War, as directed by HQ MMIA.

3. DIVISIONAL DEPOT

A Div depot will be established by HQ 231 Div to hold all supplies furnished by the Italian Ministry of War, or received from Allied sources. HQ 231 Div will be responsible for the safeguarding and proper care of the depot, and will provide a competent staff to operate it.

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4. SUBMISSION OF INDENTS

(a) BR-ITI Units

All BR-ITI units will submit indents to HQ 231 Div through

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Copy to:- HQ MMIA
MMIA LO with Rear HQ 13 Corps
Brit Incr, HQ Fifth Army Q (6)

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4. SUBMISSION OF INDENTS

(a) BR-ITI Units

All BR-ITI units will submit indents to HQ 231 Div through Italian channels. Indents will be submitted on the 5th and 20th of each month in duplicate as per specimen pro-forma attached at Appx "A". One copy will be passed for screening to British Increment, Rear HQ Fifth Army (Attention: MMIA LO).

(b) ITI-ITI Units

All ITI-ITI units attached to HQ 231 Div for administration will submit indents to HQ 231 Div, as directed by that HQ. All such indents will be forwarded direct to the Italian Ministry of War by HQ 231 Div, and a copy passed to MMIALO for onward transmission to HQ MMIA.

5. METHOD OF ISSUE

After indents have been screened by MMIALO, all items approved will be immediately issued by HQ 231 Div under their own arrangements.

..... Sheet 2 .....

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6. UNSERVICEABLE ITEMS

All items of clothing and equipment, that become unserviceable, will be returned by Units to HQ 231 Div Depot, for sorting and grading with a view to further repair and re-issue.

7. PROCEDURE FOR STOCKING DIVISIONAL DEPOT

HQ 231 Div will forward to MMI/LO on the 15th and 30th of each month a stock return, showing the total amounts of items held in the depot, and the estimated requirements for the first two and second two weeks respectively of the next month. This return will be rendered in triplicate, as per specimen proforma attached at Appx "B"

8. COLLECTION OF SUPPLIES

The movement of supplies from Bulk Depots to railheads or ports in the Army Area is the responsibility of the Italian Ministry of War. Collection from railhead or port is the responsibility of HQ 231 Div. Where Italian transport is not available, all requests for British transport will be passed to MMILO for action through British channels.

J.G. BIRD, Capt
MMI. LO
British Increment
att HQ Fifth Army.

JGB/EMH

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Appx "A" to 5LO/2/Q
Dated 28 Nov 44.

UNIT INDENT FORM

Name of Unit ..... Date.....

ITEM	Total issues during preceding 15 day period	PRESENT REQUIREMENTS	ESTIMATED Requirements for next 15 day period.

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Present Strength ..... Officers ..... ORs.

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Appx "B" to 5LO/2/9
Dated 28 Nov 44.

CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT RETURN

as at 15 Dec 44

HQ 231 DIVISION

ITEM	Total issues to ITI-IIIS during period 30 Nov 44 to 15 Dec 44	Total Issues to ITI-IIIS during period 30 Nov 44 to 15 Dec 44	Total Stocks in Depot	Estimated Requirements for period 30 Dec 44 to 15 Jan 45.

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For Junior OK before dispatch 28/11 [illegible]

Col Ship Cay [illegible] Z 299

Maj Rose. OK [illegible]

Subject: Transfer of Repairable Footwear and Clothing to Allied Commission for Civilian Use.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
AQ/15

27 Nov 44.

To : MMIA LO NAPLES
MMIA LO BARI

Further to this HQ letter AQ/15 of 5/10/44 and superceding all previous instructions on this subject.

1. The policy for the transference of salvaged footwear and clothing from MMIA to AC has been agreed with HQ A.C. and is outlined below:-

(a) HQ MMIA will notify Commerce Sub-Commission A.C. of quantity and location of available clothing and footwear and also the name and location of MMIA Liaison Officer with whom collection can be coordinated.

(b) Commerce Sub-Commission forwards this information to its Sub-Section in Southern Region or other desired Agency, with instructions to collect all items. Two copies of such notices are forwarded to HQ MMIA by Commerce Sub-Commission and will constitute notification that items as offered are accepted and will be promptly collected.

(c) One copy of the notice of acceptance from Commerce Sub-Commission will be forwarded to the MMIA LO concerned.

2. The accountancy proceedure will be as follows:

(a) The point of acceptance will be at Italian Army Depot.

(b) The Depot will obtain receipts from the receiving agency in quadruplicate, covering each issue, truck load or otherwise.

(c) The receipt will give the following information:-

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(i) Date of issue.
(ii) Depot making issue.
(iii) Unit to which issue is made

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1. The policy for the transference of salvaged footwear and clothing from MMIA to AC has been agreed with HQ A.C. and is outlined below:-

(a) HQ MMIA will notify Commerce Sub-Commission A.C. of quantity and location of available clothing and footwear and also the name and location of MMIA Liaison Officer with whom collection can be coordinated.

(b) Commerce Sub-Commission forwards this information to its Sub-Section in Southern Region or other desired Agency, with instructions to collect all items. Two copies of such notices are forwarded to HQ MMIA by Commerce Sub-Commission and will constitute notification that items as offered are accepted and will be promptly collected.

(c) One copy of the notice of acceptance from Commerce Sub-Commission will be forwarded to the MMIA LO concerned.

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(iii) Unit to which issue is made.
(iv) Item (use standard nomenclature).
(v) Unit.
(vi) Quantity.
(vii) Signature of Receiving Agency.
(viii) Countersignature of issuing agency. All copies to be signed.

3. Distribution of the prepared vouchers will be as follows:-

(a) Original to HQ MMIA through MMIA LO, where items are transferred.

(b) Copy to receiving agency.

(c) Copy to issuing agency to be used as a credit to stock records Account.

(d) Copy to Italian War Ministry. Care will be taken to see that all copies of the vouchers are legible.

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4. As far as articles of U.S. origin are concerned, the procedure for pricing will be as follows. All items will be priced by Ordnance Section, HQ MMIA and the following prices will govern:

(a) Cotton Rags (incl material from winter underwear) - $ .10 per lb.

(b) Wool Rags - $ .30 per lb.

(c) Items repairable to Class X: at 35% of list price of new articles.

(d) Items originally classified as Class X or repaired to Class X: at 50% of list price of new articles.

5. In order to implement the above policy MMIA LOs will keep HQ MMIA informed as to quantities and locations of stocks available for transfer.

F. F. Noaman
Major General,
M. M. I. A.

DSLG/wk

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AFHQ for Q Maint
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HQ A.C. (10)
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MESSAGE FORM

FROM : MAIA TOO. 27 2035 A

TO : 37 BEACH GROUP FOR 50 BLU

BEAT (.) CONFIDENTIAL(.) REPORT EARLIEST DEFICIENCY OF BLANKETS IN GROUP AND AUXILIARY UNITS AGAINST SCALE OF THREE BRITISH OR ITALIAN PER MAN

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FBS for MMIA LO

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AC 2257

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SUBJECT IS BULK ISSUE CLOTHING ALLOTTED US-ITIS (.) REFERENCE COMZONE CABLE LX 47003 DATED 13 OCTOBER 1944 (.) EXPEDITE COMPLETION OF TURN OVER TO FBS ALL ITEMS ALLOTTED US-ITIS (.) ARRANGE IMMEDIATE TRANSFER ITEMS NOW AVAILABLE IN NAPLES DEPOTS AND REMAINING ITEMS WHEN STOCKS ARRIVE EX SARDINIA

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI DI COMMISSARIATO
Divis. Vestiario

n. 22785/V di prot. P.M.151, 22 NOV 1944

OGGETTO: Vestiario-equipaggiamento per i reparti italiani.

AL COMANDO 228^ DIVISIONE — P.M.16
AL COMANDO 209^ DIVISIONE — P.M.165
AL COMANDO 210^ DIVISIONE — P.M.179
AL COMANDO 22^ DIVISIONE — P.M.136
AL COMANDO 230^DIVISIONE (Presso Com.Milit. Puglia e Lucania) — BARI
AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SICILIA — P.M.72
AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SARDEGNA — P.M.75.A

e, per conoscenza :

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC.(MMIA) — ROMA
ALLO S.M.R.E. -- Ufficio Servizi -- — SEDE
AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA CALABRIA — CATANZARO
AL COM. MILIT. DELLA PUGLIA E LUCANIA — BARI
AL COM. MILIT. DELLA CAMPANIA — P.M.3400
AL COM. MILIT. LAZIO UMBRIA ABRUZZI — P.M.151
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Si fa riserva di ulteriori comunicazioni sull'argomento.

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ISTRUZIONE AMMINISTRATIVA N. 17

6 novembre 1944

1. OGGETTO.

Lo scopo di questa istruzione è di definire la procedura per provvedere il vestiario, l'equipaggiamento personale, materiale da casermaggio e attendamento per la categoria BR-ITI dell'Esercito Italiano, che non siano gruppi di combattimento.

2. RESPONSABILITA' DELLA DISTRIBUZIONE

I BR-ITS, che non siano gruppi di combattimento saranno riforniti di vestiario, equipaggiamento personale, materiale da casermaggio e da attendamento dal Ministero della Guerra, tramite gli organi militari italiani, come prescritto dalla A.M.I..

3. ENTI CUI COMPETE LA DISTRIBUZIONE

a) - gli enti italiani saranno responsabili della fornitura di equipaggiamento personale, di vestiario, materiale da casermaggio e di attendamento per BR-ITS come sotto indicato:

ENTI ITALIANI	TUTTI I REPARTI BR-ITIS DISLOCATI
228 Divisione	Nella zona 8ª Armata
209 Divisione	Nel 1° Distretto
210 Divisione	Nella zona 5ª Armata - come da provvedimenti presi da Br Increment Five Army con il Comando 5ª Armata
227 Divisione	Nella parti della CALABRIA, CAMPANIA e LAZIO che sono nel 3° District
230 Divisione	Nelle parti della PUGLIA, LUCANIA e ABRUZZI che sono nel 3° District.
Comando Militare Sicilia	Sicilia
Comando Militare Sardegna	Sardegna.

b) - Tutti i Reparti BR-ITIS saranno aggregati ad uno dei suddetti Comandi per il rifornimento di vestiario, equipaggiamento personale, materiale di casermaggio e attendamento.

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4. FONTI DI RIFORNIMENTO.

Le fonti di rifornimento saranno come segue:

a) - generi di origine italiana. Sarà fatto il massimo uso possibile di tutte le fonti italiane.

b) - generi provveduti da fonte britannica.

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5. DEPOSITI CENTRALI.

Vengono istituiti Depositi Centrali a BARI e a NAPOLI. Tali depositi saranno usati per ricevere grosse assegnazioni da fonte Alleata, generi provenienti da manifatture di riparazioni italiane e per il concentramento di tutti i generi italiani disponibili. NON si faranno delle distribuzioni al minuto da parte dei Depositi Centrali.

6. DEPOSITI SUBSIDIARI.

Depositi subsidiari saranno organizzati e tenuti in oper. dal Comando Militare Italiano come stabilito dal succitato paragr.3). Tali depositi saranno usati soprattutto per il mantenimento delle truppe BR-ITIS, Reparti specifici ITA-ITI possono venire aggregati dalla MMIA, quando necessario, se verranno fatte le conseguenti transazioni di stocks.

7. INOLTRO DI RICHIESTE DEI REPARTI.

Tutti i BR-ITIS invieranno le richieste al Comando Italiano, come prescritto nel paragrafo3; le richieste saranno vagliate dal IO MMIA presso il Comando della formazione italiana, ed i generi distribuiti immediatamente dal Deposito Sussidiario Italiano.

8. PROCEDURA PER L'IMMAGAZZINAGGIO NEI DEPOSITI SUSSIDIARI.

a) - Il Comando Italiano (vedi paragrafo3) inoltrerà dal 15 ed il 30 di ogni mese una situazione degli stocks e la stima dei fabbisogni per le prime e le susseguenti due settimane, rispettivamente, del mese seguente. Verranno emanate separatamente istruzioni per il Comando Italiano.

b) - Questa situazione degli stocks e la richiesta saranno inoltrate in triplice copia alla M.M.I.A., per mezzo del IO. M.M.I.A.- Una copia sarà immediatamente passata dal Comando M.M.I.A. al Ministero della Guerra.

c) - Il Comando M.M.I.A. invierà istruzioni al Ministero della Guerra perchè siano effettuate cessioni in blocco da Depositi Centrali ai Depositi sussidiari secondo la posizione relativa degli stocks e delle richieste.

p. IL MAGGIOR GENERALE
M.M.I.A.
Fº Colonn. NOAKES

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Al: MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

7. INOLTRO DI RICHIESTE E LORO ESAME.

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AI: MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
M.M.I.A. LO CON COMANDO 1° DISTRETTO 8^ ARMATA
COMANDO N. 1 DISTRICT
COMANDO N. 3 DISTRICT
COMANDO 51 AREA
COMANDO 52 AREA
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e, p.c. conoscenza:
A.F.H.Q. G/AG
COMANDO ARTIGLIERIA 5 ARMATA PER EB. INGRIMENT
COMANDO ARTIGLIERIA 8^ ARMATA PER Q
COMANDO N. 1 DISTRICT
N. 2 DISTRICT ARTIGLIERIA
N. 3 DISTRICT EAST
COMANDO A.C.

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OK Mr Wilshaw 295

Subject: Control of Issues of Clothing and Personal Equipment to BR-ITIS on the Mainland.

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Land Forces Sub Comm, A.C.
(M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
AQ/15

22 Nov 44.

1. Clothing and personal equipment for BR-ITIS is in very short supply. It will be issued through the following Div HQ ONLY. Issues will NOT be made from any other source without specific authority from HQ MMIA. The MMIA Liaison Officer shown is specifically responsible for the efficient control of the Sub Depots.

Div HQ	Relavent Tps	MMIA LO Responsible
HQ 209 Div	One District	MMIA LO to HQ 1 District
HQ 227 Div	That part of CALABRIA, CAMPANIA, and LAZIO which is in Three District.	MMIA LO to HQ 3 District
HQ 228 Div	Eighth Army Area.	MMIA LO to HQ Rear 8 Army.
HQ 230 Div	That part of APULIA, LUCANIA ABRUZZI which is in Three District.	MMIA LO to BARI Office
HQ 231	British Increment 5 Army	MMIA LO to HQ Rear 5 Army British Increment

2. The Liaison Officers detailed in para 1 above, are responsible that

(a) Items on indents are either on the current authorised scale or specially authorised.

(b) Quantities demanded are reasonable in view of previous demands and present unit strengths.

(c) The indent is in accordance with any special instruction in force concerning BR-ITI clothing.

3. Present stocks of clothing are NOT yet sufficient to permit units to build up reserves of any type and stocks of clothing will NOT be held by units "in case rfts arrive".

4. Liaison Officers are authorised to cause any necessary checks to be made in units or to amend any indent in order to comply with this instruction.

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for F. J. Noakes
Colonel
Major General,
M. M. I. A.

FJN/wk

DISTRIBUTION:

For Action:
ALL MMIA LOs

For information:
AFHQ for Q/AE
HQ AAI for Q/AE
HQ Rear Eighth Army for Q
HQ Rear Fifth Army for Q Br Increment
HQ No. 1 District
HQ No. 3 District
HQ No. 3 District Eastern Det.
Q/AE MMIA
ORD MMIA

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SUBJECT: Issue of Blankets to BR-ITIS.

LAND FORCES SUB-COMM.
A.C. (M.M.I.A.) R O M E
AQ/15
22 November 1944

TO: All MMIA LO's.

1. It must be realised by all concerned that blankets from Allied Sources are in extremely short supply, British blankets are not sufficient to issue to authorised scale for all British troops.

2. The supply of clothing and equipment to the six combat groups is entirely a British commitment.

3. A.F.H.Q. have arranged to borrow 20,000 Italian blankets (ex Sardinia), these will be repaid later from British stocks, insofar as the combat groups are concerned. These 20,000 blankets have been allotted by AAI in the following priority:-

A. Complete all BR-ITIS in operational zone to scale of 2 per man.

B. Issue of third blanket to Friuli and Cremona Groups.

C. Issue of third blanket to BR-ITIS operationally engaged with Armies.

These units are to be selected in conjunction with the Armies concerned according to availability.

4. The position is summarised as follows:-

(a) BR-ITIS in operational zone.

2 Italian blankets or 1 comforter cotton per man.

(b) Friuli and Cremona Groups.

2 British blankets plus one Italian blanket per man, the latter to be replaced by British blankets when available.

(c) BR-ITIS operationally engaged with Armies.

2 Italian blankets or 1 comforter cotton per man, plus one Italian blanket ex 20,000 arriving from Sardinia, if available when priorities at para 3A and 3B have been filled.

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2 Italian blankets or 1 comforter cotton per man, plus one Italian blanket ex 20,000 arriving from Sardinia, if available when priorities at para 3A and 3B have been filled.

(d) <u>LEGNANO, FOLGORE, MANTOVA & PICENO GROUPS.</u>

2 Italian blankets or 1 comforter cotton per man, to be replaced by 2 British blankets per man when available.

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for F. F. Norman Colonel
Major General.
M.M.I.A.

Copy to: AFHQ for Q(AE)
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Hq. Rear 5 Army for Br Increment.
Hq. 1 District
Hq. 3 District
ORD MMIA
Q(AE) MMIA
SPEC SEC, MMIA.

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FROM MMIA LO 54 AREA
TO MMIA
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SUBJECT: Issue to Italian Officers of Clothing supplied by the Allies and controlled by MMIA.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
AQ/15

24 Nov 44.

1. Enquiries have been received on the subject of sale to Italian Officers of clothing provided by the Allies and controlled by MMIA.

2. The acceptance by the Italian Government includes positive assurance that the supplies received will be issued on the scale announced and that the supplies will not be bartered sold or otherwise disposed.

Articles supplied by the Allies will therefore NOT be sold to Italian Officers.

3. Articles supplied by the Allies and controlled by MMIA may be issued to officers of the Italian Armed Forces when members of units working for the Allies upon the same scale and under exactly the same conditions as any issue made to ORs/EM of the unit.

4. No authority has been given to MMIA to initiate any requests for the purchase of any item by Italian Officers from British or U.S. Army Stocks. Many items of Italian origin are still in Italian warehouses and it is the responsibility of the Italian Government to supply any item not covered in para 3 above.

F. J. Noakes

F. J. NOAKES, Colonel,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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DISTRIBUTION: ALL MMIA LO's

Copy to: Ministry of War (who will please issue instructions on this point to all concerned)

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FOR MEIA LO (.) SIGNAL REQUIREMENTS TO BRING (A) ALL BR-ITIS IN OPERATIONAL ZONE (B) OTHER BR-ITIS OPERATIONALLY ENGAGED IN ARMY AREAS TO SCALE OF ONE COMFORTER OR TWO BLANKETS

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ROUTINE

F.T. Norman Capt.

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SUBJECT: Control of all Repairing Materials Including Dye.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
AG/15
1 November 1944.

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

1. Italian Officers, who have been placed in charge of the Italian Repair Program by the order of the Ministry of War, have been informed by HQ MMIA and by the Ministry of War that:-

a. The issue and use of all repairing materials will be rigidly controlled.

b. They are responsible for, and must account for all dye, leather, and other repairing materials from both local resources and Allied sources.

2. Authority has been granted by HQ MMIA to these Italian Officers to issue repairing materials including dye, as required for current operations to shops (both Military shops and controlled Civilian shops), which are specifically employed as part of the Italian Army Repair Program. Issue of repairing materials including dye for any other use, or to any Headquarters, Unit or Formation in the Italian Army or Allied Forces, will NOT be made, except upon approval by HQ MMIA.

3. PBS have, for the present, arranged to dye U.S. clothing for US-ITIS in plants under their control, and it has been agreed by HQ MMIA that dye as required will be supplied from stocks held by the Italian Army.

4. When PBS makes demands for dye from MMIA LO Naples or elsewhere, all such demands will be immediately reported to HQ MMIA. "Authorization Notices" will be executed by HQ MMIA, and copies furnished to all concerned. This procedure will avoid any infringement upon the responsibility of the Italian Repair Branch as stated in Paragraph 1 and 2 above, and at the same time permit prompt release of dye to PBS. 6241

GEO. A. SHIPLEY, Lt. Col.
for Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission.

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Copy to: ORD
Capt. Bennatti % MMIA LO Naples.
Capt. Gastner

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SUBJECT: Processing of British Salvage in Italian Repair Shops.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
AQ/15
20 November 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO : DA QMG. ✓

1. The work of sorting, renovation, and repair of British salvage to produce clothing for ER-ITIS, involves several unknown elements which may cause difficulty.

a. The quantity of salvage to be made available is not known.

b. It is assumed in general, that this salvage will be available in Naples and Bari with a probability that the large percentage of it will be at Bari or other East Coast points.

c. The amount of repairable items that can be reclaimed from salvage is not known. There is a possibility that it may include certain items of clothing already repaired, or other repairable items which are considered surplus to British requirements. On the other hand, it may consist largely of unrepairable items or items which require extensive repair in entailing extra work and extra repairing materials.

d. No policy has yet been established as to point of delivery or acceptance. The limited transport facilities available to the Italian Repair Operations will be inadequate to collect from various British Formations. Italian Depots should be the point of acceptance and material should be delivered by British Transport.

2. The present facilities operated by the Italian Army 6 of 245 repair of both boots and clothing, may prove inadequate to process all of the material made available to us from British Sources. A safe estimate of the situation cannot be made without more complete information in regards to points listed in Para. 1 above. In the event, additional facilities are required, it will be necessary to either establish them, or to have use of some of the Civilian Repair Shops, Dye Shops, etc. which have in the past been used by British Ordnance. In either event,

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it will be necessary to assign additional Italian Military Personnel, and to employ additional Civilian Personnel to man whatever additional installations that are needed. The provisions of additional Military Personnel should be arranged from either BR-ITIS or ITI-ITIS.

3. It is recommended that the entire matter be discussed with the proper British Authorities, with a view of laying on a more complete plan at the earliest date practicable.

Geo A Shipley

GEO. A. SHIPLEY, Lt. Col.
~~for Colonel DA i/c MG.~~
~~Land Forces Sub Commission.~~

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Copy to;
Colonel Kerr.

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FROM LADE 201456A

TO M M I A

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REF AQ1ZQ/AE 7090 ~~ZBY~~ OF 15 NOV AND YOUR AQ 223ØX9!OF 15 NOV (.)

SIGNED SACMED CITE FHQAE (.) ONE (.) ACCEPT 2ØØØ BLANKETS IN YOUR AQ 223Ø OF 13 NOV 44 EX ITI STOCKS OF WHICH 75ØØ IN FIRST SHIPMENT AND 125ØØ LATER BUT DESIRE TO MAKE POSITION CLZAR (.) TWO (.) ITI COMBAT GROUPS ARE ENTIRLY BRIT RESPONSIBILITY ()//(.) SUPPLY OF BLANKETS FROM ITI SOURCES FOR COMBAT GROUP MUST THEREFORE BE CONSIDERED AS LOAN TO BE ~~RP~~// REPLACED LATER FROM BRIT STOCKS (.) THREE (.) STOCKS BRIT BLANKETS IN THIS THEATRE PLUS KNOWN DUES IN ARE NOT SUFFICIENT TO ISSUE TO AUTHORISED C//SCALES FOR BRIT TROOPS ()//(.) IT WILL BE SEEN THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO REPLACE BLANKETS ~~LOANED~~// LOANED EX ITI STOCKS IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE (.) FOUR (.) FOR AAI (.) DECISION WHETHER YOU ISSUE 2ØØØ BLANKETS EX ITI STOCK TO MULE COYS IN OP ZONE OR COMBAT GROUPS ~~MUT~~//MUST REST WITH YOU BUT ASSURE YOU ALL POSSIBLE BEING DONE TO IMPROVE SUPPLY ~~P~~//POSITION (.) FIVE (.) CONCURED G-4(A).

BT ~~ZØU~~/ 201456A

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TO MMIA

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MM Q(AE) 7126 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.)

YOUR AQ2230 OF 18 NOV (.) REQUEST FOLLOWING PRIORITIES OBSERVED IN ALLOCATION BLANKETS FOR BR-ITIS (.)

FIRST (.)

COMPLETE ALL BR-ITIS IN OPERATIONAL ZONE TO SCALE TWO PER MAN (.)

SECOND (.)

ISSUE THIRD BLANKET TO FRIULI AND CREMONA GRUPPI (.)

THIRD (.)

ISSUE THIRD BLANKET TO BR-ITIS OPERATIONALLY ENGAGED WITH ARMIES (.) UNITS TO BE SELECTED IN CONJUNCTION ARMIES CONCERNED IN ACCORDANCE AVAILABILITIES (.) REQUEST YOU KEEP THIS HQ INFORMED ALL ALLOCATIONS MADE (.)

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REFER AAI/[illegible]/AM 7099 OF 15 NOV (.) HALF OF ELEMENTS SELECTED FROM SARDINIA ARE AVAILABLE FOR RE-ITIS (.) DO YOU REQUIRE EXTRA BLANKETS TO BE ISSUED COMBAT GROUPS NOW GA TO NULE BUILT NOW IN COMBAT ZONE QUERY (.) QUANTITY ESTIMATED DUE FROM SARDINIA IS 15,000 NOW FOLLOWED BY 25,000

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DATE * TIME 181809

FROM AFHQ

REF NO FX-54349

TO CG - 5 ARMY

CITE MAQMC

INFO MMIA
CO - PBS

BLANKETS FOR ITALIANS OPERATING IN MOUNTAINOUS AREA WITH UNITED STATES TROOPS IS SUBJECT REFERENCE YOUR 2305 NOVEMBER 16th.

(FX 54349 SIGNED CG MTOUSA ACTION TO CG 5 ARMY INFO TO MMIA AND CO PBS CITE MAQMC)

THERE ARE NO BLANKETS OBTAINABLE FROM ITALIAN STOCKS IN ITALY. ISSUE IS AUTHROIZED NOT TO EXCEED TWO ADDITIONAL BLANKETS PER US-ITI FROM STOCKS TO BE RETURNED TO PENBASE DUE TO SUBSTITUTION OF BAG SLEEPING WOOL TO UNITED STATES TROOPS AND RESULTANT TURN IN OF BLANKETS. COMFORTER AND TWO BLANKETS ARE CONSIDERED EQUIVALENT TO FOUR BLANKETS. THERE ARE NO BLANKETS IN PENBASE STOCKS AND SOME UNITED STATES TROOPS HAVE ONLY THREE BLANKETS AND CAN NOT BE ISSUED FOUR UNTIL YOUR TURN IN IS COMPLETED. SEE CABLE PENBASE 31775 NOVEMBER 17TH. PARA. UPON COMPLETION OF ISSUE AUTHORIZED ABOVE REPORT QUANTITY USED FOR THIS PURPOSE

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LAND FORCES SUB COMM. AC (MMIA)
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No.1617

1944
17 November 1944

SUBJECT: Clothing - Salvage and repair.

TO : G.O.C., Land Forces Sub Comm. AC (MMIA) ROME
(Attention: Col. Shipley)

1. Ref. your AQ/15 dated 11 November. — 274

2. Ref. Par 2 - MMIA Ref SD 1628 dated 22 October instructed us to check on reported store of pack saddlery in ITI Army Depot at Messina. We not only checked Army Depots but contacted AC as well to ascertain if they had any stocks there. A negative report has been sent on both to MMIA by our cable No.822/1 dated 2 Nov. and another negative report on the latter was made by Par 1 b (1) of our Weekly Ln. Log No.26 dated 5 Nov. which you refer to.

3. Ref. Par 3 - Your instructions re dye for faded B.D. received 15 Nov. and forwarded to Military Hq Sicily.

4. Ref. Par 4 a - In the Salvage Depot there is the following Italian Clothing:

Item	Actual No.	Estimated No.	Estimated Reparable	Remarks
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*Overcoats		1200 ea	60%	
Blankets	5100 ea		5000 ea	
Cloth, woolen	6914 Kgrs.			These weights of cloth are composed of uniforms, overcoats, caps, leggings etc., and it is impossible to estimate the number of each item or number reparable. Some still in bags and have not been washed or sterlized. A large amount upon being washed will be useless as uniforms etc., but make only rags. Am advised the weight method is
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Rags-mixed material	29,451 Kgrs.			Useful for rags only

* Included in the 6914 Kgrs. woolen cloth.

The items mentioned above are in salvage depot only, does not include items in clothing depot which are reported monthly as at 25th and are greatly depleted now due to recent issues.

How about stocks in other salvage depots and Sub Depots in Sicily

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Concurrent w/ the request with request for information is per OCR 201.11 11 Nov 24/11

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Par. 4 (continued)
Ref. Par 4 b

Item	On Hand	Future Procurement	Amt. Clothing or boots it will repair	Estimated time will last	Critically Short	Remarks
1.Thread, cotton	130 Kgrs.	None ex LS	Varies as to garments	50 days	No	
2.Buttons, g-g (with stem)	164000 lg. 250000 sm.	" " "	"		No	
3.Buttons, g-g (2 hole)	260000 lg. 95000 sm.	" " "	"		No	
4.Buttons, white	36000 lg.	" " "	"		No	
5.Buttons	600 sets.	" " "				For housewife bags.
Ref. Par 4 d						
1.Thread, boot	750 Kgrs.	B.M. only	25000 pr	*	No	Also to supply Unit Boot repair Shops
2.Nails, flat top	30 ")					
" , fly wing	75 ")		500 pr	12 days	Yes	"
" , Heils	460 ")					
3.Wax	300 "	Yes, ex LS		10 mo.	No	"
4.Leather, sole	4000 "	Frozen by Min. War	6000 pr	*	No	"
5. " , upper	150 "	"	500 pr	*	Yes	"
6.Half soles	4500 pr	"	4500 pr	*	No	"
7.Heels	1900 pr	"	1900 pr	*	No	"
8.Steel Plates, Heels	6200 pr					British - not used on ITI Boots
9.Steel Plates, soles	6300 pr					For Br. Steel Plates
10.Nails, 3/4 in.	25 Kgrs.					
11.Nails	226 "					
12.Tape 15 mm g-g	none	None ex LS			Yes	Urgently Required.

* As these supplies are furnished to unit boot repair shops not able to estimate time it will last.

LS Local Sources B.M. - Black Market

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Par. 4. (continued)

Estimate it will take 3 months to repair and make over clothing material on hand with present force.

Ref. Par. 4 c - Yes the present clothing repair shop can produce sufficient garments to maintain the present ITI Army now scheduled to remain in Sicily if provided with the required repair material and reparable garments when the present stock is depleted. If given sufficient reparable material and repair material the clothing repair shop employees could be increased from 80 to 200, and the boot repair shop employees from 50 to 150. [redacted] (Continued page 4)

Ref. Par. 4 e - Regarding the 50 tons of leather M.H.S. ask Min. War to release from frozen stocks, just passing on the information to you they gave me. I do agree that it is a too large stock to request, ITIs are prone to make over demands which I am trying to correct, In making calculations we must consider and estimate the amounts used by the various Units' boot repair shops that come from this supply. The average number of boots rebuilt and repaired at the Palermo shop is now increased to about 45 pair daily. Most of the minor repairs, including half soles and heels, are done in the unit boot repair shops. Previous to the freezing of the leather the D/C had been buying leather in the open market as well as nails and thread. It is doubtful if Sicily will receive any great quantity of leather because the Min. War directed them to draw 15 tons, if obtainable, from Catania and ship to the Mainland all except 0.6 of a ton to be retained for Sicily. It is doubtful that this leather will be available at Catania. AC Region 1 advised me this date that they did not know of any tanned leather in Catania, there was raw leather (hides) to be tanned but no tannin could be secured as explained in Par 1 f of our weekly log No.26 of 5 Nov.

5. Ref. Par 5 - The D/C advised me there was no other salvage or clothing depot in Sicily.

6. Ref. Par 6 - The matter of Director of Commissary, M.H.S., requesting reparable goods be shipped from Mainland you brought to my attention when I was at Rome which was covered by your AG/2042 dated 19 Oct., however you advised me to disregard same as you had arranged with Min. War to take over all repair shops. On my return I did question D/C, MHS, if such a request had been made and was advised that they had asked Min. War to send ten railroad cars of boots and clothing to be repaired some time ago and also made a monthly request for boot and clothing repair

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Par. 6 (continued)

Firm holding Raw Cotton	Tons	Where Held	Remarks
Instiutito Cotonierod di Milano	135	Gela	
" " " "	54	Vittoria, Ragusa	
" " " "	239	Catania	
" " " "	211	Trapani	
In Civilian stores for Min. Agriculture	97	"	Not known if still held.
Bank of Sicily	Lg. Amt.	Would not state quantity or where held.	

M.H.S. recommends the above raw cotton be shipped to Naples to be made into thread, returned to Sicily to be woven into cloth and distributed.

LESTER R ALBERT
Lt Col Inf
L O Sicily

Ref. Par 4 c (continued from page 3)

The units have made no demands for blankets and it is believed most have two blankets per man. As these ITI blankets are rather light M.H.S. request to issue 5 blankets per man and 4 per man stationed in interior mountain regions. I recommend the issue of extra blankets as we have approx 7000 on hand. Wait your approval before authorizing same. The blankets on hand are 'field' or light type blankets.

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SUBJECT: Issue of Clothing to CC.RR.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
AG/15
17 November 1944.

TO : MMIA LO Bari (54 Area).

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1. Reference MMIA letter AG/15 dated 3 October, Subject- Issue of Clothing to CC.RR.

2. The above subject letter allotted 23,000 comforters, No. 109-A to CC.RR, to be withdrawn from the Bari Depot.

3. This allotment of Comforters to CC.RR from the Bari Depot is now reduced to 20,000, and 3,000 Comforters will in turn be released to the CC.RR from stocks in Rome.

4. MMIA LO Bari will therefore reduce his record of stocks still due CC.RR at Bari by 3,000 Comforters. This is a book transaction and does not involve the transfer of any stocks from the Bari Depot.

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

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SUBJECT: Sub Depots for 227 Division & 230 Division.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
AG/15
17 November 1944.

TO : MMIA LO Naples
MMIA LO Bari (54 Area).

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1. Reference AG/15 of 14 November 1944, Subject- Implementation of Adm. Instruction No. 17.

2. Paragraph 1 of the above subject letter provided for a transfer of certain items of stock to the Sub Depots of the 227 Division from items allotted to BR-ITIS and on hand at Naples. The 10,000 Mackinaws, No. 108-A, and the 10,000 Comforters, No. 109-A, are not available in Naples Depots for BR-ITIS. MMIA LO Naples has therefore been instructed to add 10,000 Mackinaws and 10,000 Comforters to the items allotted to BR-ITIS from Naples Depots, it being understood that like quantities of the same items will be deducted from the amounts still due from Bari Depots to BR-ITIS.

3. Naples Depot will therefore credit 10,000 Comforters and 10,000 Mackinaws to items on hand for BR-ITIS, and the Bari Depot will deduct the same quantities from the stock on hand for BR-ITIS at Bari. This is a book transaction and does not involve the transfer of any stocks from Bari to Naples.

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

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SUBJECT: Issue of Clothing to CC.RR.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
AQ/15
17 November 1944.

TO : MMIA LO Bari (54 Area).

1. This will confirm our telephone conversation of 16 November in regards to the release of Italian Uniforms and Italian Great Coats as directed by the Ministry of War from Italian Depot Bari.

2. The situation has been checked with the Ministry of War, and they report that CC.RR. were directed to collect--

8,000 Jackets
5,000 Drawers
6,000 Overcoats

from the Bari Depot.

3. You will therefore, permit the Italian Depot to issue these items up to quantities specified above from available stocks.

Geo A Shipley

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

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REFER AAI/Q/AE 7090 OF 15 NOV (.) HALF OF BLANKETS SECURED FROM SARDINIA ARE AVAILABLE FOR BR-ITIS (.) DO YOU REQUIRE EXTRA BLANKETS TO BE ISSUED COMBAT GROUPS NOW OR TO MULE UNITS NOW IN COMBAT ZONE QUERY (.) QUANTITY ESTIMATED DUE FROM SARDINIA IS 15,000 NOW FOLLOWED BY 25,000

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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To : AFMED

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SECRET/X CLOTHING SCALE AUTHORIZED FOR ITALIAN MILITARY ALLOWS FOR THE ISSUE OF TWO BLANKETS/OR ONE COMFORTER PER MAN X PAREN REF NR TWO THREE XERO FIVE FROM FIVE ARMY FOR ACTION TO CHARLIE GEORGE CMF/CTOUSA AND FOR INFO TO MIKE MIKE ITEM ABLE SOLN ITALIAN WAR MINISTRY AND CHARLIE DEDE CMA PETER BAKER SUGAR PAREN UNCLE SUGAR SOLDIERS OPERATING IN THE SAME AREA IN ADDITION TO BEING EQUIPPED WITH SPECIAL WINTER CLOTHING ARE AUTHORIZED TWO BLANKETS AND A SLEEPING BAG OR THE EQUIVALENT OF FOUR BLANKETS X IT IS REQUESTED THAT AUTHORITY BE GRANTED TO DRAW FROM PETER BAKER SUGAR AND ISSUE THE EQUIVALENT OF FOUR BLANKETS CMA EITHER UNCLE SUGAR OR ITALIAN CMA TO ITALIAN TROOPS WHEN OPERATING IN MOUNTAIN AREAS X THIS IS CONSIDERED TO BE AN OPERATIONAL NECESSITY X PLEASE ADVISE

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Talked with Ray Watson, phone 365, Public Safety, and suggested he have D.C.R.R get the Sandwich Attachment together and ship over. On Naples reply would depend with transportation. D.C.R.R to furnish funds. Col. Simmons informed J by action and he will inform the Regional Commissioner. How up to Public Safety -

(K) 20/11

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
SARDINIA REGION

PS/1528 15 November 1944

SUBJECT: Boots and Clothing for Carabinieri.

TO : Headquarters, A.C., Public Safety Sub-Commission.

1. With reference to your letter ACC/14601/8/PS of the 18 October 1944, relating to the assignment of uniform and boots to the Carabinieri, I should be glad if the allotment to the Legion in Sardinia could be expedited.

2. I realize that the whole of the Carabinieri badly need re-equipping, but I feel that here they have a priority claim.

3. The "violent" crime rate is high and the most common of these offences, cattle stealing and robbery with violence , are largely committed in mountainous, roadless districts, where even tracks are very few. To provide patrols, which are very necessary, and to prevent and detect such crimes, the Carabinieri have to cover very long distances over the roughest country, frequently at night. In the present state of boots and clothing, the Carabinieri are practically immobilized. For example, in the Province of Nuoro, some 300 out of a total strength of 715, are unable to do other than local patrol work in the communes.

4. To stress the urgent need of boots and clothing, I cite a typical Sard situation which has developed and with which the Carabinieri, owing to these deficiencies, are having the greatest difficulty in dealing. A feud has arisen between on the one hand the town of Nuoro and on the other, the communes of Oliena and Argosolo, over grazing rights for sheep. So far, flocks comprising in all over 1000 head of sheep have been slaughtered by the Nuoresi. The inhabitants of the other two communes are stated to have declared that when they have finished there will not be one sheep left alive belonging to the Nuoresi. The feud shows no signs of abating and may well become more serious. The flocks attacked are widely dispersed over rocky, mountainous and roadless country. The situation calls for a number of strong night patrols of Carabinieri, but in their present condition they are unable to provide them. The country

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round Nuoro is about 500 metres above sea level, it has already started snowing there, and it cannot be expected of ill clad and ill shod men to carry out night patrols under such conditions of climate and terrain.

5. In addition to the above, between the 1st and 24th October, twenty-five (25) armed robberies occurred chiefly in country districts. Items in this list are, cash £ 162,000 (lire); 2 horses; 200 sheep; 273 sheep; 20 goats, etc. etc.

6. The Commaddant of the Legion has made repeated applications to the High Commissioner and Italian Military authorities for boots and clothing but has received nothing but promises which are never fulfilled.

7. The Commandant has now been informed by the Commissariat of the Italian Armed Forces that the 50 kgs. of leather for repairs, which he has been receiving monthly, had been discontinued owing to the lack of leather.

8. There is good reason to believe that the Commissariat has received about 700 kgs. of this leather, but for some reason refuses to part with any of it.

9. There is also a large quantity of used, but repairable boots in the Commissariats' store at Via Liguria 87, Cagliari. It is further known that certainly until recently, the Commissariat had a large quantity of new boots at the depot at Macomer.

J.A.C. Pennycuick

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J.A.C.PENNYCUICK, Col.,
Regional Commissioner,
A.C., Sardinia Region.

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Copy to MMIA (Col Simmons)

Major Wilson 565

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Adv 115 16H

TO (FOR INFORMATION) FREEDOM

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REF AFHQ FX 52685 OF 14 NOV. REQUEST REPORT EARLIEST (A) WHAT POSSIBILITY INCREASING SCALE FOR BR-ITIS IN FORWARD AREAS FROM 2 TO 4 BLANKETS PER MAN FROM ITALIAN SOURCES (B) WHAT ALLOCATIONS CAN BE MADE FIRST AND SECOND GRUPPI FROM BLANKETS EX SARDINIA

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9 NOV 44 . REQUEST YOU ADVISE EFFECTIVE DATE FOR

ADOPTION OF NEW PROCEDURE.

MEANWHILE [illegible] BR- ITI INDENTS CONTINUE

TO BE SUBMITTED TO YOUR LOS BARI

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In reply to G 3347 (.) New procedure effective not later than 20 NOV (.)

My AC/15 of 14 NOV refers

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A/C 16/11

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

MSG Center No : 113/14
Classification : S
Precedence : P
From : AFHQ
To : AMIA

AQ/15 Date / Time Rec'd : 142353
Date / Time Sent : 142005
15/4 Reference NR : FX-52485
Cite :

PRIORITY

QUEEN PAREN ABLE EASY PAREN SEVEN ZERO SIX SIX OF ONE THREE NOV REFERS

PT FOX XRAY FIVE TWO SIX EIGHT FIVE SIGNED SACMED FROM AFHQ TO FOR

ACTION [redacted] MMIA INFO FOR MAIN AAI [redacted] CMA MAIN EIGHTH ARMY

CMA FIFTH ARMY BRITISH INCREMENT CITE RHOAE [redacted] PT SUBJECT IS

BLANKETS FOR GRUPPI PD BRITISH BLANKETS NOT [redacted] AVAILABLE TO

COMPLETE GRUPPIE TO SCALE OF FOUR PE [redacted] NO OBJECTION THIS HQ

INCREASING SCALE TO FOUR PER MAN PROVIDED ADDITIONAL TWO SUPPLIED

FROM ITALIAN SOURCES PD REQUEST YOU MAKE PRIORITY ALLOCATION [redacted]

[redacted] FIRST AND SECOND GRUPPI [redacted] FROM BLANKETS EX GARDINIA

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SUBJECT: Issues to BR-ITIS.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
AQ/15
14 November 1944.

TO : MMIA LO Naples.

1. During the immediate past, we have been making issues from Italian Depots direct to BR-ITIS. A check of your "Daily Reports of Issue" indicates the following:

a. Certain items have been issued from the stocks allotted to British Ordnance under Paragraph 5, AFHQ letter AG 400/105 D-O, 22 September 1944.

b. Other issues have been made against items loaned (by specific agreements between HQ MMIA and AFHQ) to British Ordnance from ITI-ITI stocks with the understanding that they would be repaid in kind.

c. Other issues, including certain quantities of U.S. Wool Shirts and U.S. Wool Undershirts, have been made from ITI-ITI stocks without any understanding of repayment or recovery.

2. There has apparently been some misunderstanding in regards to issues made under Sub-Paragraph 'C' of Paragraph 1 above. It was not intended that issues of this type would be made.

a. In the case of U.S. Woolen Undershirts, 20,000 of this item have just been allotted to BR-ITI, and issues which you have already made should be charged against this allotment.

b. In the case of Wool Shirts or any other items which may have been issued, it will be necessary to either consider them as a substitute for items still due British Ordnance, or to make some other adjustments which may be indicated in each case.

3. Confirmation of our telephone call this date, do not make any further issues to BR-ITIS, unless the items are available from stocks allotted to British Ordnance or are specifically approved by HQ MMIA.

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

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SUBJECT: Implementation of Adm. Instruction No. 17

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
AQ/15
14 November 1944

TO : MMIA LO Naples (2)
MMIA LO Bari (54 Area) (3)
MMIA LO Disthree (2)
Hq. No. 3 District (3)
Ministry of War

1. (a) Stocks from those items allotted to BR-ITIS under provisions of para. 5 AFHQ letter AG 400/105 D-O dated 22 September 1944 will be immediately transferred from Italian Depots Naples to Sub Depot of 227 Division as follows:

No.	101-B	Blouses B.D	4,000
"	102-B	Trousers B.D	4,000
"	103-AB	Boots	3,000
"	105-A	Shirts cotton	10,000
"	106-A	Socks cotton	20,000
"	107-A	Drawers Wool	5,000
"	108-A	Mackinaws	5,000
"	109-A	Comforters	5,000
"	110-A	Caps Wool	5,000
"	111-A	Belts Web	5,000
"	124-A	Socks Wool	10,000

(b) MMIA LO Disthree will arrange with Hq. No. 3 District and Hq. 227 Div. for collection of all items at Italian Depots Naples and movement to Sub-Depot 227 Div.

(c) Items of shirts cotton, socks cotton and caps which are at present in short supply at Naples will be provided from stocks scheduled to shortly arrive from Sardinia.

(d) Indents from BR-ITI Units working for or controlled by NO. 3 District will be placed on 227 Div. just as soon as above stocks are transferred. This practice will become effective not later than 20 November 1944.

2. (a) Stocks from those items allotted to BR-ITIS under provision of para. 5 AFHQ letter AG 400/105 D-O dated 22 September 1944 will be immediately transferred from Italian Depots Bari to Sub Depot of 230 Division as follows:

No.	101-B	Blouses B.D	4,000
"	102-B	Trousers B.D	4,000
"	103-AB	Boots	3,000
"	105-A	Shirts cotton	10,000

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No.	106-A	Socks cotton	20,000
"	107-A	Drawers Wool	4,750
"	108-A	Mackinaws	5,000
"	109-A	Comforters	5,000
"	110-A	Caps Wool	5,000
"	111-A	Belts Web	5,000
"	124-A	Socks Wool	10,000

(b) MMIA LO 54 Area will arrange with No. 3 District (East) and Hq. 230 Div. for collection of all items at Italian Depots Bari and movement to Sub Depot 230 Div.

(c) Indents from BR-ITI Units working for or controlled by No. 3 District (East) will be placed on 230 Div. just as soon as stocks are transferred. This practice will become effective not later than 20 November.

4. MMIA LO Naples and MMIA LO Bari will advise Hq. MMIA promptly when the above Transfers have been completed at Naples and Bari respectively.

GEO A. SHIPLEY, Lt. Col.
for Major General
M. M. I. A.

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Internal Distribution
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DA/QMG
Accounting Section

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Subject:- Clothing and Equipment for Italian Units.

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HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY
Tel:- FILFOT 321
3665/4(AG)
15 Nov 44.

1 District.

Copy to: MMIA.

With further reference to your letter 1D/2701/4 of 13 Oct.

1. The suggestions made in your para 3 have now been examined by AFHQ and MMIA, and the following comments are made :-

(a) Tentage.

No British tentage can be made available by AFHQ except at direct expense of British Army requirements. The tentage now urgently needed by British troops does not at present exist in Italy. MMIA state the Italian Army are repairing and making up tentage from old stocks and output is increasing, but the position will continue to be difficult, as they are having to replace Allied tentage now being used by Itis of all categories.

(b) Blankets.

British blankets are in very short supply, and a large proportion of British troops in 3 District still only have two per man. The need for increasing the scale for BR - ITIs has been represented to AFHQ. MMIA state that BR - ITIs have in many cases not yet got two per man, but that shipments are awaited from SACMLA which will go some way towards completing this. They cannot hold out any hope of increasing the scale at present. This matter is being pursued by this HQ.

(c) Dubbin, Grindery, Cobblers Tools.

Minimum requirements should be submitted by you to MMIA. If the Italian Government cannot supply, British Ordnance will give such aid as stocks permit.

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(d) Capes A/G.

Stocks of unserviceable Gas Capes are exhausted. Examination

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(d) Gerson A/G.

Stocks of unserviceable Gas Capes are exhausted. Examination is being made as to whether a supply of serviceable capes from A/G reserves could be made available to be held as a pool for allocation to certain units under your arrangements. The figure suggested is 25 of total BT - ITI strength.

Bush Shirt in lieu shirt cotton.

(e) Trousers KD.

AFHQ state that the present world supply situation in view of the cotton shortage is such that they cannot agree to this. There is now sufficient KD for all BT - ITIS at present employed.

2. Provision of the items listed in Appendix "A" to your letter was referred to in this HQ letter of above reference dated 20 Oct. Please report if supply of these items is not proceeding satisfactorily, so that the matter may be taken up with MLA.

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3. The policy laid down by the Combined Chiefs of Staff is that all classes of Italians shall ultimately be the full responsibility of the Italian Government. In pursuance of this policy and despite strong representations made by this HQ, AFHQ have ruled that the channel of demand for equipment for BR - ITIS will continue to be through ITLA, and that British Ordnance will not undertake this responsibility.

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Major General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

IMB.

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REQUISITION DIVISION

A. C. C. 13/11/44
(Date)

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	ECONOMIC SECTION	
	AGRICULTURE SUB-COMMISSION	
	COMMERCE " "	
	FINANCE " "	
	FOOD " "	
	INDUSTRY " "	
	LABOR " "	
	P.W. & U. " "	
✓	REQUISITION DIVISION	
	TRANSPORTATION SUB-COM.	
	SHIPPING SUB-COMMISSION	
	M.M.I.B.	✓
	CHIEF COMMISSIONER	
	CHIEF OF STAFF	
	DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF	
	CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION	
	ESTABLISHMENT SECTION	
For:	Appropriate action	
	Remarks/Recommendation	
	Investigation & Report	
	Information	
	Noting and Return	
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Remarks: The attached is a reply to your memo AQ/15 7 Oct 44.

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.ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
C-5 Section
APO 512

RVC/eb

Ref. C-57

20 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Clothing for Repatriated Italian Ex-Soldiers -
(Status of Reqn. MGS-119-M.)

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, APO 394
(Attn: Executive Director, Economic Section)

1. Reference your letter RD-400/142 of 16 Oct. 44.

2. Following is status of supply of items on requisition MGS-119-M.

(a) Items 1 - 18.

600 light industrial sewing machines were substituted for these items by CCAC. These are being shipped on the SOLMON JUNEAU in UGS 56. You accepted these machines as suitable substitutes in your RD-400/142 of 1 Aug. 44.

(b) Items 19 - 181 also 208 - 219.

Reference is made to the consolidated list showing status of requisitions which was prepared by Lt. Col. Levis and forwarded to you under cover of our R-20 dated 16 Oct. These items are there shown as "not now available".

(c) Items 182 - 207.

These are a UK responsibility. Reference is made to our letter C-57 of 16 Oct. to which we are awaiting a reply.

3. Every effort will be made to expedite fulfillment of this requisition.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, C-5:

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J. E. BUTTERWORTH
Colonel, Infantry
Procuring & Supply Division

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SPACES WITHIN RED LINES FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) MAIN AAI

DATE-TIME OF ORIGIN 131720A

TO (FOR ACTION) AFHQ

TO (FOR INFORMATION) MAIN ~~RAEAF~~ REAR EIGHTH ARMY FIFTH ARMY (BRIT INCREMENT)

Message Instructions | CR

(REF. No.) Q(AE) 7006

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AG 9/15

14/11

SUBJECT IS BLANKETS FOR GRUPPI.

CONSIDER SCALE OF TWO BLANKETS PER MAN LAID DOWN IN APP B TO YOUR AG 400/105 AP OF 22 SEPT WILL BE QUITE INADEQUATE FOR GRUPPI IN CONDITIONS IN WHICH THEY WILL HAVE TO OPERATE. IN VIEW IMMINENT MOVE FIRST GRUPPO REQUEST INCREASE EARLIEST TO FOUR PER MAN.

IF BRITISH BLANKETS NOT AVAILABLE MAY PRIORITY ALLOCATION BE MADE FROM BLANKETS EX SARDINIA YOUR FX 50952 OF 10 NOV REFERS. STRONGLY(?) RECOMMEND SCALE INCREASED TO FOUR PER MAN FOR ALL BRITIS OPERATING IN FORWARD AREAS WITH FIGHTING TROOPS.

Churchill wants it

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FROM: ATIC SIGNAL TELEG CITY PHOAE

TO: PHOOAKS

INFO: MIA

DATE TIME: 121200A 12 INC

TOP SEC: FX $1635

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SUP TAB 436. FOLLOWING REQUIRED

ITEM	QTY INITIAL INTERCEPT	QTY MONTHLY MAINT. FOR USE TO FEB INCL.
Italy: RADAR, SEARCHING, CURVED NO. 45 (66-M-696)	10,000	5,000
Italy: ANT. STEERING MACHINE CURVED NO.43 (66-A-68)	10,000	5,000
Italy: RADAR BEAM PATTERNS NO 21 (66-P-650)	200	100
Italy: Canada: RADAR RANGE & AZIMUTH FINDER NO 22 17527 (66-M-4458-11)	2,000	2,000
Italy: Canada: RADAR RANGING MACHINE FINDER NO 21 13527 (66-M-99-94)	2,000	2,000
Italy: RADAR HAND RANGING BOX WITH SHAPE SIZE 5	500	500
SIZE A	500	500
SIZE 5	4,000	4,000
SIZE 6	2,000	2,000

ORDERS TO EXISTING STOCKS: ITALIAN ARMY FOR ITALIAN WAR EFFORT AT DUKO.

ADDITIONAL MARKING 'P-P' IN RED LETTERS NOT LESS THAN 3 INCHES HIGH

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RAAC MESSAGE FORM

NR 5425 | [illegible] | QTH 2

SPACES WITHIN RED LINES FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (S) [illegible] | DATE TIME OF ORIGIN 121200A

TO (FOR ACTION) [illegible]

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TO (FOR INFORMATION) [illegible]

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(REF. No.) [illegible] | SECURITY CLASSIFICATION [illegible]

[illegible] FOLLOWING REQUIRED, READ A ITEM .B QTY INITIAL SHIPMENT,
C QTY MONTHLY MAINTENANCE [illegible] (FOLLOWING TO BE [illegible]
[illegible] NO 47 [illegible] B 10000 C [illegible]
A [illegible] MACHINE [illegible] NO,43 [illegible] B 10000 C 2000
A [illegible] PATCHING NO 21 [illegible] B 800 C 100 [illegible]
[illegible] B 5000 C 2000 A [illegible]
[illegible] B 2000 C 2000 [illegible]
[illegible] B 900 C 500 A ITEM 4 B 500 C 500
A ITEM 5 B 8000 C 4000 A ITEM 6 B 2000 C 2000 CONSIGN TO MILITARY
[illegible] ITALIAN ARMY (FOR ITALIAN WAR MINISTRY AT ROME), ADDITIONAL
MARKING "[illegible]" IN RED LETTERS NOT LESS THAN 3 INCHES HIGH

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SUBJECT: Clothing & Repair

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
AQ/13
11 November 1944.

TO: MMIA LO Sicily
c/o Hq. Sicily Region A.C.

1. Your weekly Log No. 26 for week ending 4 Nov. 44 contains several items which are of interest to Q(AR).

2. Par 1 b reports a conference with Representative A.C. Region re saddlery and leather under A.C. control at Messina. Please give us an additional report covering more of the details and especially figures on the quantities of saddlery and types of leather involved.

3. Par 1 d refers to dying of faded Battle Dress. This matter was also covered by our indorsement reply to your letter on same subject in which the release of dye to be used as suggested was disapproved.

4. Par 1 f gives some valuable and interesting information about repair of both boots and clothing.

(a) More information is needed regarding the quantity and condition of the clothing and shoes on hand for repair.
(i) What quantities of boots, blankets, uniforms, underwear, overcoats, etc. are on hand? If actual count cannot be taken give us approximate figures.
(ii) What in general is the condition of each lot and how large a percentage of each item are considered repairable.

(b) What repairing materials for clothing are at present on hand, and what can still be procured from local sources? Give us figures as to amounts of each item (either actual inventories or carefully considered estimates). How much clothing will the available materials repair and how long will it last at present rate of consumption? Also, what repairing materials, if any, are critically short at present?

(c) Will the present clothing repair operation produce sufficient garments to maintain the Force now scheduled to remain in Sicily? If more than sufficient what items could be made available for Troops on Mainland?

(d) What boot repairing materials and what quantity of each including leather, are at present on hand? What item other than leather, are still available from local sources and in what quantities?

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(e) You state that Director of Commissary is requesting 50 tons of leather from Ministry of War. That quantity of leather will repair more than 100,000 pairs of boots. At the rate of 30 pairs per day it would last for 3,333 days; a ten years supply!! Obviously no such request will be approved even though the output was doubled. The leather supply for our main boot repair program is critical and dependent largely upon local production from month to month. Any release to Sicily will be limited to actual requirements for repair of boots for troops remaing on that island.

5. Your inspection of Palermo Clothing Depot revealed a substantial stock of repairable blankets, clothing, and boots. Are there any other Clothing Depots in Sicily which may hold additional stocks available for repair? Will you please check the situation carefully and give us reports including inventories of all such stocks.

6. It will be recalled that some weeks ago Military Hq. Sicily requested that several car loads of repairable clothing and boots be shipped from the Mainland for repair in Sicily on the grounds that the supply of repairable salvage was all but exhausted. They said nothing about repairing materials at that time thereby indicating that all needed materials were on hand. Now they report large stocks of salvage and talk about shortages of leather and other materials. It is important to employ all Italian stocks and local resources to the maximum and complete information on the true facts and figures is most important. Will you please give the Hq. additional information as indicated above and include any additional data that would be pertinent.

GEO A. SHIPLEY, Lt. Col.
for Col. DA & QMG
M. M. I. A.

GAS/rl

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MESSAGE FORM

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FROM: MMIA

TO: HQ SICILY REGION AC

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REF NO: AQ/2185

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FOR MMIA LO (.) REF YOUR 46626 DATED 9 NOV (.) PLANS FOR PICENO DIV AND SPECIAL CCRR INDEFINATELY POSTPONED (.) NO ACTION REQUIRED

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