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Q/27/3 Canteens - Itc. Troops

Opened Mar 15, 1945. Closed Oct. 27, 1945

Mar. Oct. 1945

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Subject:- Canteen Supplies for the Italian Army.

Joint Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(U. M. I. A.) RCM.

9/27/3

27 October, 1945.

To:-

50 B.L.U.

Reference Q/5/14 dated 22 October 45.

In view of the cessation of hostilities and the urgent need to conserve all food supplies, the issue of the Allied portion of the ration for canteen purposes was discontinued with effect from 1 October 45.

Final allotment was made for the month of September under this U.C. signal Q.509 of 7 September (not Q.509 as stated.).

The allocation was made to 2 District to include all ~~troops~~ taken over from 1 District.

R.A. Curtis

R.A. CURTIS Lt. Col.
for Major General,
U. M. I. A.

RAC/fea

Copy to:
2 District
51 B.L.U.
52 B.L.U.
53 B.L.U.
56 B.L.U.

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TRANSLATION

From: A.OI.W.

Ref: 08540/B.S.

To: A.A.I.A.

Date: 6/10/45

Subject: Mobile canteen N.1

In reply to letter 6/27/45 dated 24/8/45

Ref a/m letter, we inform you that the mobile canteen N.1, which remained with the 210 Division until the date of disbandment, has now been assigned to Bologna Mil.Ter.Com., which for the time being, will use it with the 6th Brigade M., stationed at Modena.-

R. FERRERA *mod*

(sgt) G. FERRERA

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RA/er  8/27/35 *Gandolfo* 8 OTT. 1945
Ministero della Guerra # LAND FORCES SUB COM=
Ufficio Benessere del Soldato MISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
alle Armi, ROMA
D. 1. 08540 B.S. Allegato 24.8.c.a.
Oggetto: Cantina mobile n°1 1° Q. / 27/3

Con riferimento al sopracitato foglio
si comunica che la cantina mobile n°1, che
era rimasta presso la 210^a Divisione fino al-
la data di scioglimento, è stata ora assegna-
ta al Comando Militare Territoriale di Bolo-
gna che, per ora, la impiegherà presso il VI^o
Comando di Brigata dislocata a Modena.-

IL COLONNELLO
(Arturo Ferrara)

TRANSMISSION

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Date

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

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Land Forces S/C
(3)
6 September 1945

AG 400/005 GDB-0 37/3

SUBJECT: Supplies -- Welfare for Italian Armed Forces

TO: Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
APO 394
FOR: Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA) ←

Letter this headquarters, file and subject as above, dated 12 March 1945 and amendment thereto, dated 7 April 1945, are rescinded.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:



R. H. FRESE
Major, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

DISTRIBUTION:

- 3 - Addressee
- 1 - Fifth Army
- 1 - Fifth Army (Br Incr)
- 1 - 8th Army
- 1 - No. 1 District
- 1 - No. 2 District
- 1 - No. 3 District
- 1 - G-1 (A)
- 1 - G-1 (B)
- 1 - G-4 (A)
- 1 - G-4 (B)
- 1 - CM
- 1 - S&T
- 1 - FA (Br)
- 1 - Q Maint
- 2 - AG Records

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WELFARE

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Subject: Mobile Canteens

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)
Rome

Q/27/3

24 August 1945

To : Minister for War

Reference your 06862/B.S. of 16 August 1945

1. The two canteen trucks referred to are not carried on the Fifth Army property accounts. Major Van Kirk, MMIA LO, Fifth Army, will see that the Fifth Army does not take up the trucks.
2. The transfer of one truck to Bolzano is approved. One truck is to remain with 210 Division until 210 Division is disbanded and will then be available for reassignment. Advise us where the truck will be assigned.

CPK/lak

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

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INTER-OFFICE MEMO

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
M.M.I.A. ROHE

File:

24 August 1945

To ; Col. Kerr

Major Van Kirk not in. Talked to Sgt. DeMarco. Advised Sgt. DeMarco that the two K-60 trucks being used by Headquarters 210th Division for canteen trucks are the property of 2691 MMIA Co. and not the property of Fifth Army. Trucks will not be turned in to any agency until informed by this Headquarters.

66- Advised the Sgt. to ask Major Van Kirk to get a copy of letter 06862/B.S of 16 Aug. 45 from Hq 210th Div. Also to talk with Fifth Army Ordnance and explain to them the status of the trucks. To approve the transfer of one canteen truck to Military Headquarters Bolzano.

James T. Rose
JAMES T. ROSE, Lt. Col.
M. M. I. A.

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Ref : 06862/B.S.
Dtd : 16 Aug 45

Ref : 06862/B.S.
Dtd : 16 Aug 45

TO MONIA

Dtd : 16 Aug 45

Subject : Mobile Canteens for Soldiers' Welfare.

In a communication between H.Q. 210 Div and SMRE ~~sent~~ ^{concerning} the disbanding of the said Division, now in progress, I find indications that the American H.Q. wishes to withdraw the two Mobile Canteens which this ~~Office~~ Department sent to the H.Q. of that Division last June, because the Canteens are regarded in the same class as the rest of the material issued for the use of the Division.

I wish to point out the necessity of observing : that the Canteens were issued to this Department for Welfare Services and it is the task of this Department to allot them to various Units according to their needs. If therefore the units should be disbanded (as is the case with the 210 Division) and there should be no further need for aid from this Department, the Canteens must be returned to this Department ~~and~~ which will then be able to re-allot them to other units who have need of them.

It is therefore necessary:

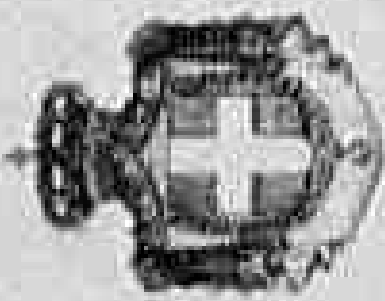
a) To order that the two Canteens must not be returned with other materials of the 210 Division to the Allied H.Q., but must remain at the disposal of this ^{Department} ~~Office~~, to whom they were originally issued;

[illegible]

b) That the following instructions should be adopted towards

see 68 235Feb7

TA/gy.



Ministero della Guerra
Ufficio Benessere del Soldato
alle Armi

Divisione 1881
Int. 1881

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P. 1881

Translato PL
18 AGO 1945
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
AC. (M.M.I.A.)

ROME

Proposta al Capo del
Dist.

Oggetto cantine mobili del servizio del benessere del soldato
alle armi.-

In una relazione del Comando 210^a Divisione allo S.M.R.E. circa le operazioni in corso per lo scioglimento di detta Grande Unità trovo un accenno al ritiro da parte del comando Americano delle due cantine mobili che questo Ufficio ha inviato, nel giugno scorso, a quel Comando di Divisione, perché considerate alla stessa stregua del rimanente materiale già concesso in uso alla Divisione.

Ritengo che sia necessario distinguere: le cantine furono assegnate a questo Ufficio per il servizio del benessere e spetta a questo Ufficio impiegare a favore delle varie Unità a seconda delle esigenze. Se pertanto una di queste Unità (ed è il caso della 210^a Divisione) si scioglie e non ha più bisogno del concorso di questo Ufficio, i mezzi concessi si debbono intendere rimessi a disposizione di questo Ufficio medesimo che potrà impiegarli a favore di altri Enti che ne abbisognino.

In conseguenza occorre:

- ottenere che le due cantine non siano restituite con i materiali della 210^a al Comando Alleato, ma rimangano a disposizione di questo Ufficio, al quale furono originariamente concesse;
- destinare diversamente i due automezzi e il relativo personale e precisamente:

lasciare in via transitoria e sino al termine delle operazioni di scioglimento una sola cantina (e relativo personale) alla 210^a Divisione;

trasferire l'altra cantina a disposizione del Comando Militare Territoriale di Bolzano che per la sua dislocazione in zona particolarmente delicata e sensibile, ha bisogno di es-

Date 18/8

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Se codesto Ufficio, come spero, condivide le mie osservazioni e proposte, gradirei che svolgesse azione in senso favorevole.

IL GENERALE DI BRIGATA
(G.C. Tanassia)

C. Tanassia

Date 11/39 18/8 125 18/8

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SIGNAL MESSAGE

DATE TIME

13 1745

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FROM NKIA
TO NKIA LO MILAN
INFO DISTRO

Q 525

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UNCLASSIFIED

YOUR/68 OF 9 ARE NOT TO DISTRO (.) CAPTION RATINGS FROM SAME
SOURCE AS NORMAL RATINGS (.) ALLOCATION AGREED PROVIDED DISTRO
CONFIRMANCE OBTAINED

PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATED

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Subject: Clothing - Italian Red Cross.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) HOME.
✓27/3

13 Aug 45

50 BLU

Copy: MGIA LO 1 District

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1. Ref your ✓7/10 dated 6 Aug 45.
 2. No authority exists for issue of Italian Military clothing to Red Cross personnel other than those held within the U.S. of an authorized unit and shown on the order of Battle. The issue of Br stocks from Br Ord is a District decision.
 3. Certain releases of clothing etc, incl KD, are made by AFHQ direct to the Italian Red Cross who make their own distribution arrangements.

F.J. MCALPIN Col.
D.Q.M.C.
M.M.I.A.

FJM/hh

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COPY SIGNAL

Q/27/3

FROM : LO MILAN

DATE/TIME
9 1700B

TO : MSIA

REF NO Q/68

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— Q/1/35

REF YOUR Q498 OF 5 AUGUST (.) AS **RATIONS** NOW EX ITALIAN DIDS
PRESUME CANTEN RATIONS SAME SOURCE ALSO (.) THEREFORE RESPONSIBILITY
THIS OFFICE NOT DISTWO (.) PLEASE CONFIRM(.) AS CANTEN RATIONS FOR
ALL CATEGORIES PROPOSE DISTRIBUTE PROPORTIONATELY ONE CMA TWO CMA
FOUR TO COMILITERS CMA 23I DIV CMA GRUPPI IN ACCORDANCE STRENGTH (.)
REQUEST APPROVAL

"Q" Distribution ✓

Action Copy Q/27/3 —

Copy Q/I

Copy Fleet

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ARMY FORM 2146 (Large)

Call 1-800-555-1234

Priority

Transmission Instructions

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

PKB via AR

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.

FROM

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Original

LASTA LO MILAN

For Action.

DATA ROWS

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(W) For Information (INFO)

Message instructions.	GR
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GR

Originator's No.

Q/68 (') Unclassified (') Ref your Q 498 of 5 Aug (') As ratings --

now ex Italian DIDs presume canteen rations same source also (')

Therefore responsibility this office NOT DISTNO (') Please confirm

(.) As Canteen rations for ALL categories propose distribute

proportionately ONE cma TWO cma FOUR to COLLILTERS cma 231 Div cma

GRUPPI in accordance strength (') Request approval

Q. D. L.
Action Copy 9/27/33
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No. 785020

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P. D. M.
Admin Copy 9/27/3
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This message may be sent
 AS WRITTEN by any means
 except

WIRELESS.
[Signature]

Signed.

If liable to be intercepted or to fall
 into enemy hands this message must
 be sent IN CIPHER

Signed.

Originator's Instructions.
 Degree of Priority.

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Time Cleared		

SUBJECT: Clothing - Red Cross Personnel - HQ 50 BRIT LIAISON UNIT
ITALIAN.

HQ MMIA
rptd: MMIA LO 1 District

Q/7/10

6 Aug 45

1. Ref MMIA LO 1 District signal Q4 dated 22 Jul.

Herewith details of the 100 efforts and men for whom 100 sets of KD which was requested by ITALIAN Red Cross at VERONA.

2. The personnel are employed at the Veh Pk VERONA. They are equipped with ambis and are used for evacuating sick personnel. The following units are serviced by them :-

i) Pers Dep at the Demobilization Centre VERONA.

ii) Main Stores Dep VERONA.

iii) Dispersal Camp - Internees - ex PW (2 in VERONA, 1 in PESCARINA).

iv) Mil Hosp and Civ Hosp for the evacuation of Mil pers or ex PW (approx 60 per day). 1 in S. BONIFACE, various ones at MERANO and others bearing the responsibility of the ITALIAN Red Cross. (War Ministry Circular 1/565/SAN of 7 Feb 45).

3. The personnel involved were called up for duty with the ITALIAN Red Cross and are in fact ITALIAN Mil pers.

4. It is submitted by the ITALIAN Red Cross at VERONA that in view of the fact that IBC personnel in ROBE and elsewhere are supplied with clothing, that similar authority can be given for issue of clothing to them.

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JRM/SYB

MAJ
DJA and QMG

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DAA and QMG

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IMPORTANT.

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FROM : MAIN B.T.A. 041150B
TO : LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.

AG/143. CONFIDENTIAL.

FOR GENERAL BROWNING FROM STAYNER. REF YOUR LETTER DO/2 OF 20 JUL 45
TO C IN C. APPRECIATE THIS MATTER HAS NOW PASSED FROM BEA CONTROL BUT
WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL IF OFFICIAL INSTRUCTION MIGHT BE SENT TO XIII
CORPS AND 228 ITALIAN DIV FOR WINDING UP OF WVS. AT PRESENT DUCHESSE
VISCOTTI HAS NO INFO REGARDING FUTURE TERMS OF SERVICE ETC AND CONTRACTS
ARE THEORETICALLY NULL AND VOID AS EIGHT ARMY NO LONGER EXISTS

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O ← [Signature]
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SUBJECT:- Italian Armed Forces Canteen

3 District
BASEBALL 15/Dial 10752
712/1 Q

2 Aug 45

227 Italian Div

Q 54 Area

Q 56 Area

Army Sub Commission (MICA)

MICA LO

MICA LO 54 Area

Italian LO

Q/27/3

1. The following supplies have been allotted for use in canteens for the month of Aug for Italian Armed Forces:-

Allied Supplied Items

Flour	9672 lbs
P. Meat & Fish	5038 "
Sugar	3627 "
Coffee	2418 "

Italian Supplied Items

Olive Oil	3224 pints
Salt	151 lbs

Proportions will be as follows:-

(a) NAPLES	54 %
(b) BARI	33 % (proportion to be sub-allotted as necessary for Mobile Canteens)
(c) RAVISCANINA	13 %

3. Supplies will be drawn from Italian Depots and under no circumstances will the quantities given in para 1 be exceeded.

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4. Authy for issues AREA signed Q-482 of 31 Jul 45.

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G. M. Bradford

(G. M. BRADFORD) J/Comd
 for Col
 DA & QMG

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9/5-7/3 (59)

COPY DROPPING SIGNAL

FROM M.M.I.A. I.C. 1 DISTRICT

DATE/TIME
221100H

TO 50 HLT

INFO M.M.I.A.

REF Q.A.

RESTRICTED

NOTE Q.151 NO INTERVIEW OF SOUTHERN ITALIAN
RED CROSS FROM ARMY STOCKS(.) ISSUE TO RED
CROSS IN HOME NOT KNOWN(.) FORWARD TO
M.M.I.A. DETAILS OF THESE 100 DEVS AND MMS

Action Copy:- 9/21/3
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LEOT V MBZ NR 4332
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FROM MMIA LO 1 DIST 221100B
TO 50 BLU
INFO MMIA (ROME)
BT

RESTE . Q 4 . YOUR Q 151 . NO INTENTION OF EQUIPPING ITALIAN
RED CROSS FROM ARMY STOCKS . ISSUE TO RED CROSS IN ROME NOT
KNOWN . FORWARD TO MMIA DETAILS OF THESE 150 OFFERS AND MEN
BT 14 1240B

SENT RPT B-K

REC'D 4332 M-5-1955 BBB

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Subject: Canteen Supplies - Italian Military

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

WEL/G

19 Jul 45.

MMIA LO 54 Area

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WEL/G

Reference your letter ST/37 of 14 Jul 45.

1. Every effort has been and is being made by the Ministry of War, Ufficio Benessere, to obtain supplies of the articles detailed in the enclosure to your letter. The main difficulties are transport, and the necessity of supplying articles within the reach of the Italian soldier.
2. However, the matter has been brought to the attention of the Ufficio Benessere, at the Ministry of War, who will take whatever steps are possible.

Collo
S/Capt
Welfare, MMIA.

Copy to: "Q" MMIA

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Subject:- Welfare Supplies.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. H. I. A.)
2/27/3
13 July 1945.

To:-

M.H.I.A. L.O.
1 District

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Reference your L.O. dated 10 July 45, requesting that margarine be substituted for olive oil.

The basic difficulty lies in the fact that no margarine is handed over to the Italian Army from either U.S. or British sources, as margarine is not one of the items on the Combined Chiefs' of Staff scale.

P. P. Padell
P.P. PADSELL J/Comd.
for Col. D.C.M.G.
M. H. I. A.

Copy to:- M.H.I.A. L.O. Rear S Army
S.T. M.H.I.A.
Welfare M.H.I.A.

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Subject: Canteens - Italian Armed Forces.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME
9/27/5

11 July 1945

To: HQ 3 District.

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Reference your 712/10 of 24 Jun 45.

1. It is regretted that your letter was not answered more promptly. Owing to sickness etc the conference arranged with Lt Col LERCH did not materialize.
2. Payment of the rations. The canteen rations are provided jointly from Br and US sources and are charged to the Italian Government when they go into the Italian Bulk Depots from B3D or QM Dumps. There is no further payment interest as far as Allied interests are concerned. The resale in the canteens to the individual troops is an Italian affair.
3. Ministry of War instructions have been issued and canteens are operating excellently in the remaining Armies and Districts.
4. The release of canteen rations for all Armed Forces in 3 District territory is made available in the one allotment in the same way as it is to other Districts and Armies. Your decisions on the use of this food are binding and your decisions are final as to where the food is to be used and whether 227 Div or Territorial HQ's etc are to operate the canteen.

FJH/le

F. J. Noakes
F. J. NOAKES, Col.
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: MMIA LO, 3 District.
Q.1 MMIA

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Subject: - Italian Armed Forces Contingent.

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3 District
Baseball 15/Dial 10752
712/1 Q

4 Jul 45

Land Forces Sub Commission AG (LFA)

Italian 10
Italian 10

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May a reply now please be given to this HQ 712/1 Q dated 21 Jan 45.

C. F. Mason

(C. F. MASON) Maj
For Maj Gen
Colonel

QFM/kr

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Q/27/3 (54)

MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MMIA

Date - Time
30 1030 B

TO : DISTHREE

INFO: MMIA LO NO. 3 DISTRICT

Q-401

CONFIDENTIAL

IN COMPLIANCE WITH LETTER AFHQ AG 400/005 GDB-O DATED 12 MARCH
SUBJECT SUPPLIES - WELFARE FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES, THE FOLLOWING
COMMODITIES ARE ALLOCATED FOR USE IN CANTERNS AND CLUBS IN YOUR
TERRITORY FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 1945 FOR THE ITALIAN ARMED FORCES (.)
ALLIED SUPPLIED ITEMS: FLOUR 3,705, LBS, PRESERVED MEAT AND FISH
4,534 LBS, SUGAR 3,264 LBS, COFFEE 2,176 LBS (.) ITALIAN SUPPLIED
ITEMS OLIVE OIL 2,902 PINTS, SALT 136 LBS (.) VOUCHER COVERING
ISSUE OF SUPPLIES TO BE COMPILED BY ISSUING DEPOT SHOWING ITEM,
QUANTITY, SIGNATURE OF RECEIVING ITALIAN OFFICER, COUNTER SIGNATURE
OF ISSUING AGENCY, AUTHORITY FOR ISSUE: QUOTE THIS TELEGRAM AS YOUR
AUTHORITY FOR ISSUE (.) VOUCHER TO BE FORWARDED TO MMIA FOR
ACCOUNTING PURPOSES (.) REQUEST YOU INSURE THAT THE QUANTITIES LISTED
ABOVE ARE NOT EXCEEDED FOR THIS PERIOD

INTERNAL

BT SECTION
WELFARE
'A' BRANCH

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

EXTERNAL

MINISTRY OF WAR

AUTHENTICATION

P. P. Zayazapt
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9/24/3

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MMIA
TO : CG FIVE ARMY
INFO: FIVE ARMY (FOR MMIA LO)
Q-400

Date - Time
30 1030 B

CONFIDENTIAL

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ALLIED SUPPLIED ITEMS: FLOUR 5,022 LBS, PRESERVED MEAT AND FISH
2,616 LBS, SUGAR 1,883 LBS, COFFEE 1,256 LBS (.) ITALIAN SUPPLIED
ITEMS: OLIVE OIL 1,674 PINTS, SALT 78 LBS (.) VOUCHERS COVERING
ISSUE OF SUPPLIES TO BE COMPILED BY ISSUING DEPOT SHOWING ITEM,
QUANTITY, SIGNATURE OF RECEIVING ITALIAN OFFICER, COUNTER SIGNATURE
OF ISSUING AGENCY, AUTHORITY FOR ISSUE: QUOTE THIS TELEGRAM AS YOUR
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Date - Time
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FROM: AMIA
TO : R.T.G. I.O.F. ORGANO
INFO: F BLU

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INCOMPLIANCE WITH LETTER ASHQ AG 400/005 002-0 DATED 12 MARCH
SUBJECT SUPPLIES - WELFARE FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES, THE FOLLOWING
COMMODITIES ARE ALLOCATED FOR USE IN CANTERNS AND CLINES IN YOUR
TERRITORY FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 1945 FOR THE ITALIAN ARMED FORCES (.)
ALLIED SUPPLIED ITEMS: FLOUR 1,339 LBS, PRESERVED MEAT AND FISH
697 LBS, SUGAR 502 LBS, COFFEE 335 LBS (.) ITALIAN SUPPLIED ITEMS:
OLIVE OIL 446 PINTS, SALT 21 LBS (.) VOUCHER COVERING ISSUE OF
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J.P. Zayaz-Capt.

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SUBJECT:- Italian Armed Forces Canteens

Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MMIA)

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21 Jun 45

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Ref copy of 227 Div HQ letter N) C4/1315/corm dated 14 Jun 45, attached.

1. Paras 1 and 2. The instructions given in the letter under reference, copies repeated to you, are quite definite and the misinterpretation by 227 Div is not understood.

2. Para 4. This raises precisely the same question brought out in this HQ letter 712/1Q of 5 May 45, wherein it was pointed out that the interest of this HQ was limited to BR-ITIS.

It appears quite clear from AFHQ letter ref AG 400/005 GDS-O of 12 Mar 45, that the action for forming these canteens rested with your HQ.

3. Para 3. Questions have also been raised whether these rations are issued on repayment. Will you confirm that the instruction referred to in your letter Q/27/3 of 2 May 45, has in fact been issued by the Ministry of War.

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To be subject of conference
at 3 Dist on 22 June 45
23 Jun.

(R.B. LEECH) Lt Col
for Maj Gen
Comd

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23 Jun 45

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227 DIVISION HQ
General Staff - Commissariat Off.

N) 04/1315/comm.

P.M. 126 - 14 Jun 45

Subject: Italian Armed Forces Canteens.

HQ 3 DISTRICT

1. The wording of your folios 712/1 Q dated 16 and 26 May 45 had been interpreted by this HQ in the sense that the allotment of supplies for use in canteens was meant for the units under the adm cmd of 227 Div. Consequently, excepting the proportions allotted to BRDs, the supplies were distributed to the various units located in Campania and Apulia, with instructions for the formation and operation of the canteens and the utilization of the supplies.
2. Later it was made clear by I LO, Lt Col ZIZZO that these supplies had been allotted for use in two canteens only, to be established in NAPLES and BARI for the use of any Italian Armed Forces including R Navy and R Air Force, either in or in transit through, the said towns. Consequently, the order to collect supplies was immediately withdrawn (excepting 803 and 804 BRDs). As, for various reasons, none of the subordinate units had been able to draw any supply, the whole allotment is still available for such use as your HQ has meant them.
3. The formation and operation of canteen both in NAPLES and BARI, however, is beyond the authority of this HQ which has neither premises, personnel, nor means available to this end. On the other hand this HQ cannot meddle with matters which are under control specific and exclusive of the Military Territorial HQs NAPLES and BARI. The matter has therefore been referred to those HQs, which are carrying it out as follows:-

- NAPLES: by making use of a temporary canteen until the existing "Soldiers House" is ready;

- BARI : by allotting the supplies to the existing "Soldiers House" which is well equipped as a canteen and as a club and is already fully working.

4. This HQ, cannot conceal its dissatisfaction in noticing that this way some 4000 men only (1000 in NAPLES, 3000 in BARI) out of the 25000 that are actually working under 3 District may enjoy the welfare provisions instituted by MMIA. All others, and among them the highly crowded Camps "ITALIA" at CANCELLO and "LA PICCIOLA" at PONTECARNANO, which are living and working in the conditions uncomfortable and painful well known to you, are still deprived of every efficient assistance. And this dissatisfaction is still deeper because this HQ, thinking to be the only formation interested in the matter (your letter).

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5. May MMIA be contacted with a view to obtaining that the matter be investigated again with a mind more favourable to these units operating under 3 District.

ITALIAN LOO 3 DISTRICT HQ

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18 June 45.

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MMIA LO

(Sgd) M.A. ZIZZO Lt Col
Chief ITALIAN LO

SUBJECT: Italian Army Welfare
- Mobile Canteens

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME,
A.245.

20 June '45.

To : HQ Eighth Army
HQ 1 District
HQ 3 District

Copies to: 8 Army for MMIA L.O.
1 Dist. " " "
3 Dist. " " " (Your 3DLO/36 of 17 June refers)
Ministry of War.

1. A further three mobile canteens have been completed in Rome for service with Italian troops: one (1) will be sent to HQ 228 Div. one (1) to HQ 209 Div. and one (1) to 227 Div for service in the Bari area. They are to be attached to these formations for administrative purposes, but are intended to serve all categories of Italian troops in the areas in which they will be based.

2. In addition to the drivers, each canteen has a staff of three lady volunteers, who are members of the Corpo Assistenza Femminile (C.A.F.). They will wear the uniform of the Corpo, which is khaki, with a green, white and red flash on the arm.

3. These canteens are independant of the authorized Static canteens, but the supplies for them will also form a part of the allocation made for each month by this HQ from the total Canteen Ration Allocation. Routing will be the responsibility of the Welfare Officers of the Adm.Divs., under the supervision of the appropriate Allied HQs.

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Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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SUBJECT : Italian Army Welfare -
 - Mobile Canteens

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Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
A245.

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To : C.G. 5 Army.
 C.G. Penbase.

Copies to : 5 Army for MMIA LO.
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 Ministry of War.

1. Three mobile canteens have now been completed in Rome and despatched for Service with Italian troops; two (2) have been ordered to report to HQ 210 Div. and one (1) to HQ 212 Command. They are to be attached to these HQs for administrative purposes, and are intended to serve all categories of Italian troops in the areas in which they will be based.
2. In addition to the drivers, each canteen has a staff of three lady volunteers, who are members of the Corpo Assistenza Femminile (C.A.F.). They will wear the uniform of the Corpo, which is grey - green, with a green, white and red flash on the arm.
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Major General,
M. M. I. A.

SUBJECT : Canteens.

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Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) RCME.
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29 May '45.

To : Ministry of War
Ufficio Benessere del Soldato.

Reference 03803/BS of 14 May '45.

1. Certain amendments to the rules for the administration and functioning of canteens, submitted by you as appendices to the above quoted letter, are necessary and are detailed here.

2. (A) Rules for the Functioning of Co-operative Canteens.
(attached to Circ. 1209 of 16 Sep '26.)

Para 3. Delete present para and substitute.

" Canteens will be established and operate only in such centres as are authorised by the appropriate Allied Military Authority".

Para 5. Delete present para and substitute.

" (a) Certain food articles of Allied and Italian Military supply will be allocated monthly to Allied Army and District commands who will suballocate to the various authorised canteens.

These supplies will be drawn through the normal military supply depots. ST/8 Forms marked "CANTEEN" and quoting the Allied authority for the issue will be used.

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- (b) Other food articles of local supply may be purchased in cash from the market. It would be useful to make agreement with contractors of the Military Admin. so that food articles may be purchased by the co-operative canteens at the rates laid down in contracts made with the Military Admin.

- (B) Rule for the Management of Cooperative Canteen.
(Circ. No. 13782 of 6 Dec '38.)

Para 4. Insert new Sub Para 4(a) -

- 4(a) Allied or Italian Military supplied articles of food will be drawn as laid down in Para 5 of the "Rules for the functioning of Canteens".

(2)

Para 4(a) continued.

Amounts allocated to canteens will be drawn during the month for which the allocation is made. Undrawn portions of the allocation will be cancelled and may not be drawn on the following month.

(b) Present para 4 with following amendment:-
Delete lines 1, 2 and 3 and substitute:-

" Additional items of food may be purchased in cash from the market".

[Signature]
S/Lieut.,
Welfare,
M.M.I.A.

Internal : "Q"

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[Signature]*

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MESSAGE FORM

Q/R 7/3 (44)

FROM: MMIA

Date - Time
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TO : HQ PBS

INFO: PENGOOTH, PENGOOTH (FOR MMIA LO)

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IN COMPLIANCE WITH LETTER AFHQ AG 400/005 GDS-6 DATED 12 MARCH
 SUBJECT SUPPLIES - WELFARE FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES, THE FOLLOWING
 COMMODITIES ARE ALLOCATED FOR USE IN CANTEENS AND CLUBS IN YOUR
 TERRITORY FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 1945 FOR THE ITALIAN ARMED FORCES (.)
 ALLIED SUPPLIED ITEMS: FLOUR 5,832 LBS, PRESERVED MEAT AND FISH
 3,038 LBS, SUGAR 2,187 LBS COFFEE 1,458 LBS (.) ITALIAN SUPPLIED
 ITEMS: OLIVE OIL 1,944 PINTS, SALT 91 LBS (.) VOUCHER COVERING ISSUE
 OF SUPPLIES TO BE COMPILED BY ISSUING DEPOT SHOWING ITEM, QUANTITY,
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FROM: MMIA

TO : DISTHREE

INFO MMIA LO NO. 3 DISTRICT

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IN COMPLIANCE WITH LETTER AFHQ AG 400/005 GDB-O DATED 12 MARCH
SUBJECT SUPPLIES - WELFARE FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES, THE FOLLOWING
COMMODITIES ARE ALLOCATED FOR USE IN CANTERNS AND CLUBS IN YOUR
TERRITORY FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 1945 FOR THE ITALIAN ARMED FORCES (.)
ALLIED SUPPLIED ITEMS: FLOUR 7,452 LBS, PRESERVED MEAT AND FISH
3,881 LBS, ~~MEAT~~ SUGAR 2,795 LBS, COFFEE 1,863 LBS (.) ITALIAN
SUPPLIED ITEMS OLIVE OIL 2,484 PINTS, SALT 116 LBS (.) VOUCHER
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FROM: MMIA

TO : DISTONE

INFO: MMIA LO NO. 1 DISTRICT

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IN COMPLIANCE WITH LETTER AFHQ AG 400/005 GDB-0 DATED 12 MARCH
SUBJECT SUPPLIES - WELFARE FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES, THE FOLLOWING
COMMODITIES ARE ALLOCATED FOR USE IN CANTERNS AND DINES IN YOUR
TERRITORY FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 1945 FOR THE ITALIAN ARMED FORCES (.)
ALLIED SUPPLIED ITEMS: FLOUR 6,480 LBS, PRESERVED MEAT AND FLK
3,375 LBS, SUGAR 2,430 LBS, COFFEE 1,620 LBS (.) ITALIAN SUPPLIED
ITEMS: OLIVE OIL 2,160 PINTS, SALT 101 LBS (.) VOUCHER COVERING
ISSUE OF SUPPLIES TO BE COMPILED BY ISSUING VOUCHER SHOWING ITEM,
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FROM: MMIA

Date - Time
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TO : CG FIVE ARMY, BR INCR FIVE ARMY (for MMIA LG)

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REF MMIA LG 510/55 OF 22 MAY (.) FOLLOWING ALLOCATION OF CANTEN
RATIONS FOR FOLGORE AND FRULI FOR REMAINDER OF MAY (.) ALLIED
ITEMS: FLOUR 1,860 LBS CMA PRESERVED MEAT AND FISH 968 LBS CMA
SUGAR 697 LBS CMA COFFEE 465 LBS (.) TO BE DRAWN FROM ALLIED
STOCKS AND TO BE REPLACED FROM ITALIAN STOCKS: OLIVE OIL
620 PINTS CMA SALT 29 LBS (.) IN COMPLIANCE WITH LETTER AFHQ
AG 400/005 GDB-O OF 12 MAR (.) ACCOUNTING AS IN OUR Q-220 OF
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Copy to: War Ministry

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TO : MMIA, 50 BLU, 53 BLU

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TRANSLATION

From : Ministry of War

To : M.A.I.A.

6/27/3

Ref: 03803/E.S.

Date: 14 May '45.

SUBJECT: Canteens.

Ref letter MLI/J/1 dated 15 Apr.

1. I thank you for having helped and obtained the assignment of food articles on repayment for Mobile Canteens and Canteens of the corps under command.
2. Instructions and rules on the administration functioning of Canteens were issued, even prior to the war, by the Comm/te Branches concerned and applied well to both peace time and war time requirements, as proved by experience, and, therefore, have been maintained.
3. The management of Mobile Canteens is a special type of management of ordinary canteens. There is no need to issue any special instructions since the general rules issued above can be followed without difficulties also by the Mobile Canteens.

I proposed to the General Directorate of Comm' and Admin Services, only one amendment. This amendment deals with the use of profit made and of which, a certain sum will be put at disposal of this office, and be either left at disposal of the canteen which made that profit, for its own improvement, or given to other canteens which, through no fault of their own, are in difficulties or have insufficient cash to pay bills etc.

1. I attach herewith copy of the fundamental instructions: Appendix B.S. (attached to circular N:1309 dated 16 Sept 1928 and circular N:1302 dated 6 Dec 1938)

From instruction contained in the circulars and bearing in mind the proposal made by me at para 3 above, the following measures can be given to the questions put forward in a letter page 4:-

- 1) Maximum price to charge:-
price of best plus 5 to 10 % at the discretion of the Corps Commander.

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I proposed to the General Directorate of Canteens and Dining Services, only one amendment. This amendment deals with the use of profit made and on which, a certain sum will be put at disposal of this office, and be either left at disposal of the canteen which made that profit, for its own improvement, or given to other canteens which, through no fault of their own, are in difficulties or have insufficient cash to pay bills etc.

I attach herewith copy of the fundamental instructions: appendix N.2 (attached to circular N:1909 dated 18 Sept 1938 and circular N 13992 dated 6 Dec 1938)

From instruction contained in the circulars and bearing in mind the proposal made by me at para 3 above, the following answers can be given to the questions put forward in a/c letter para 4:-

1) Maximum price to charge:-
price of cost plus 5 to 10 % at the discretion of the Corps Commander.

2) Responsibility of food buying:-
The Manager of the canteen is responsible directly to the Corps Commander who is responsible for same to the Senior Authorities (such procedure is also in consequence of the fact that: the Commandant of the Corps is responsible for the welfare of the canteen which is carried out on his behalf by other officer suitable for this service.

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(11) Profit made by Corps canteens and how the profit is used:-

- 25% for the gradual reimbursement of payment made in advance.
- 25% to be kept by the Commandant to increase and improve the Canteen.
- 10% to be kept by the Commandant to build up a reserve fund.
- 20% to be kept by the Commandant for payment of rewards granted to Military personnel (and their families) who are in need of help and deserve same for good conduct.
- 20% to be left at this office's disposal in order that it may be used, either for the corps or for other corps which require to be helped.

S/ C.C. TAVASSIA.

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S/ G.C. TANASSIA.

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: NMIA

Date - Time
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TO : DISTHREE

INFO: DISTHREE (FOR NMIA LO)

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REF YOUR 712/1Q OF 5 MAY (.) PLEASE SEE OUR 5/27/3 OF
5 MAY 45 TO NMIA LO

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SUBJECT:- Canteens for Italian Armed Forces

3 District
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Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MMIA)

MMIA LO

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Q/27/3
6/5
5 May 45

Ref your Q/27/3 of 2 May 45.

1. It is understood that the allotment of rations for May based on the experience of MFI, will be sufficient for approx 12,000 men judged by British standards of average use of canteens.
2. Thus the supply would cover canteens at the BRDs at TRANI and RAVISCANINA and it is considered more satisfactory to establish successful canteens at these Depots than to set up numerous canteens throughout the District in which case little benefit could be gained by any personnel.
3. It has to be borne in mind however that these 2 camps cover BRITIS only and you may consider that some benefit should be extended to ITI - ITS.
4. The question therefore needs consideration at your HQ and a directive issued by you to 227 Div. MMIA Liaison Officer, this HQ, letter 3 DIO/36 dated 2 May refers.
- 34 5. Regarding para 2 of your letter instructions will be passed to 227 Div as requested regarding the supplies allotted, when the instructions referred to in para 4 have been issued but this HQ cannot except responsibility either for the supervision of sub - allocation of supplies or for ensuring that the ration scale is not exceeded.

These rations will be issued from Italian Depots and therefore this responsibility must be accepted by MMIA as for normal ration issues.

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Ann B. Lee.

(R.B. LEECH) Lt Col
for Maj Gen
Comd

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SUBJECT: Welfare - Establishment of Canteens
-----LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. I. A.) R O M E
~~2/27/3~~ 27/3
5 May 1945 ✓
-----TO : MMIA 10 No. 3 District 34.

1. Reference your 3010/36 of 2 May 45.

2. Responsibility. 23

a. Our 2-203 of 20 Apr. 45 laid down the allocation of canteen supplies to 3 District for May. The responsibility for the location of canteens and the sub-allocation of supplies to these belongs to 3 District. Distribution is the responsibility of the assigned Italian Adm. Div. under the supervision of the District. The Ministry of War is merely issuing instructions as to the administrative details of the running of the canteens e.g. prices.

b. As supplies have been allotted to 3 District and NOT the Ministry of War 227 Div. will be informed of allocations by 3 District.

3. Location of Canteens.

a. The number of canteens permitted was limited by AFHQ instructions. Our 2/27/3 of 9 Apr. allowed two canteens to 3 District, but there is no reason why branches of these canteens should not be opened. 12.

b. The location is solely at the discretion of the District. Authority has already been given for canteens at NAPLES and TRANI with a branch of the NAPLES canteen at RAVISGANINA. If 3 District so desire a further branch of TRANI could be opened at BARI.

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4. It is the intention that all categories of the Italian Army should be served by the canteens, but the choice of location and of sub-allocation of supplies among canteens remains a 3 District responsibility.

R.T.M. Wankham May
R.T.M. WANKHAM, Major
for DA & QSU
M. M. I. A.

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Copy to: COMIA LG Bari
Welfare
'A' Branch

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SUBJECT: Foodstuffs for Italian Canteens

9/27/3
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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) ROME
Q/1/35-4
4 May 1945

TO : Direc. Gen. Commissariato
Ministry of War

1. Further to our Q/1/35-3 of 24 Apr. 45.
2. Attached find copies of signals giving allotments to Eighth Army, Fifth Army and PBS.

H. T. M. HARRHAM May
H. T. M. HARRHAM, Major
for Major General
M. M. I. A.

KTMW/r1
3 Encls. Signal Q-21 of 25 Apr.
Signals Q-220 and Q-221 of 27 Apr.
Copy to: Q/27/3
Welfare

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Subject:- Welfare - Est of Canteens.

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2 May 45.

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

Copy: MWIALO 54 Area.

Regarding the policy for the est of canteens in this Dist there are some points which are not clear and infm regarding them would be appreciated.

1. RESPONSIBILITY.

It is understood that the Italian War Ministry is responsible for the est and running of canteens as well as for the collection and proportionate distribution of the foodstuffs made available by MFA (your Q 203 of 20 Apr lays down allocation to 3 Dist canteens for month of May).

In this connexion it is pointed out that Maj PISCICELLI, welfare offr to 227 Div, has so far received no instrs and did not know, on 30 Apr, that any commodities had been released for consumption by tps in his area.

2. LOCN OF CANTEENS.

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In this connexion it is pointed out that Maj PISCICIELLI, welfare offr to 227 Div, has so far received no instrs and did not know, on 30 Apr, that any commodities had been released for consumption by tps in his area.

2. LOCN OF CANTEENS.

Your Q/27/3 of 9 Apr lays down that 3 Dist is allotted two canteens. The obvious place for these would be one each at 803 and 804 BRDs each of which have a floating pop of approx 6000 men.

This arrangement, however, means that, generally speaking, only BRITI service unit pers will enjoy the use of these canteens: whereas pers of USITI or ITITI category or members of the Italian Navy or Air Force will not.

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assigned to them*

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Whilst the choice of sites is in the hands of HQ 3 Dist they are bound to favour BRITI ERDs but this is hardly fair on other categories and Services.

It is suggested (in sp of MMIALO E. Italy Sig ~~A~~ 259 of 30 Apr to 3 Dist, copy to you) that the number of canteens for this Dist be not confined to two but that War Ministry be allowed to est as many as they consider expedient, bearing in mind the needs and locn of all classes of the Italian Armed Forces.

Distribution of the sups allotted, under their control, could be governed by the needs of the various canteens.

3. PROPOSAL.

As a tentative suggestion a canteen at each 803 and 804 ERDs (each using approx 20% of the sups allotted) and a canteen each at BARI and NAPLES (each using 30%) would seem reasonable.

No pers has been released for duty in running canteens so that the question of "ceilings" does not arise.

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Major,
MMIA IO,
3 District.

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Subject:- Canteens of Italian Armed Forces.

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

C/27/3

2 May 1945.

To:- H.Q. 3 District.

Reference your signal C.G. 2165 dated 24 Apr 45.

Authority has been given by A.F.H.Q. for you to operate two canteens in your District, one at TRANI and one at NAPLES, with a branch of the NAPLES' canteen located at RAVISCANINA.

Our signal C-203 of 20 Apr 45 gave an overall allocation of supplies for your District and details regarding the method of accounting for them. The sub-allocation of these supplies is to be carried out by 227 Adm. Div. as directed and supervised by you, in order to ensure that the ration scale is not exceeded.

The Ministry of War has been requested to issue a Directive to formations concerned on the administration of these canteens.

P.P. PARDRELL

P.P. PARDRELL J/Cmdr.
for Major General, M.E.I.A.

Copy:- M.E.I.A. L.O. 3 District.
M.E.I.A. L.O. Naples.
M.E.I.A. L.O. 52 Area;

Internal:- Welfare.

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6. The vehicles provided for mobile canteens are being converted in workshops. The ~~engineers~~ estimated that work will be completed during the first half of May.

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Subject:- Canteens.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
Q/27/3

ALL MMIA L.O.s.

/ May 45.

1. Attached for your information is a copy of this H.Q. letter Q/1/35-3 of 24 April to the Ministry of War.
2. The administration of canteens run within formation areas will be the responsibility of the Adm. Division concerned under the supervision of the Allied H.Q.
3. The Ministry of War will issue the necessary instructions on the method of accounting.
4. See also this H.Q. letter Q/27/3 of 9 Apr. a copy of which was sent to all MMIA L.O.s.

RAC/ab

R.A. Curties

R.A. CURTIES, Lt.Col.
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Subject:- Foodstuffs for Italian Canteens.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A. C.
(M.I.I.A.)
R O M E
Q/1/35-3

To: Direz. Gen. COMMISSARIATO
Ministry of War.

24 April 1945

1. Authority has been received for the issue of foodstuffs to be used in clubs and canteens for the Italian military. This authority will cover the operation of an over-all figure of 10,000 men per day.

2. The scale of supplies approved for issue is as follows:

a. To be furnished from Allied sources,

	Per 100 men
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	Per Day
Flour	12 lbs.
Fres. Meat & Fish	6 1/2 lbs.
Sugar	4 1/2 lbs.
Coffee	3 lbs.

b. To be furnished from Italian sources,

Olive Oil	4 pts.
Salt	3 ozs.

3. This authority applies to all categories of the Italian Army. Issue of canteen supplies will be made through same channels as normal rations. A release will be made by this headquarters to the Armies, Districts, and Base Section concerned as to the quantity of rations allotted for each month based on the proportion of troops in each Army, Base Section, and District, taking into consideration that priority is due to troops in forward areas.

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4. Canteen supplies will be furnished from the savings from the ration scale caused by Italian personnel on leave, not drawing rations. The canteens will be operated under the supervision of the Armies, Districts, and Base Section employing the Italian military. You will be advised as to the quantity allocated to each Army, District, or Base Section for a monthly period.

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5. The cost of the supplies furnished to the canteens and clubs will be charged against the Italian Government.

TOMMY T. ROSE, Lt. Col.
for Major General,
M.M.I....

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FROM MMIA LO 54 AREA 301830 B

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INFO HQ MMIA

MMIA LO 3 DISTRICT

MMIA LO 52 ARE

QX BT

AQ/259 . RESTRICTED . REF Q/27/3 OF 9 APR AND
ST/19 OF 13 APR . FIRST . AM EAGER PROCEED WITH CANTEN SCHEME
IN THIS AREA SECOND . WOULD PROPOSE THAT THIS AREA
BE GIVEN A MONTHLY ALLOTMENT OF STOCKS FOR USE IN CANTEENS AND
CLUBS WHICH I WILL ALLOCATE IN CONSULTATION WITH 9 TERR HQ SO AS
TO BE OF MOST BENEFIT TO ALL CATEGORIES ITALIAN TROOPS .

WOULD FURNISH MONTHLY REPORT

THIRD . IF THIS ~~IS~~ AGREED PLEASE ADVISE QUANTITY TYPES
STORES ALLOTTED FOR MAY

BT 301830 B

SENT 0245 (JT) B

CCH LAST GP 3 LINE

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020SUBJECT :- Supplies for Italian Armed Forces Cantons and Clubs

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HQ 61 Area

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20 Apr 45

1. This HQ letter of even ref dated 15 Apr 45 authorized a canton to operate in ANCONA for the Italian Armed Forces. Further cantons are now to open in JESI, ANCONA and ORVIETO for the benefit of Italian Forces stationed there.
2. As the supplies for Italian Armed Forces Cantons released under this HQ letter of even ref dated 23 Apr 45 are based on the number of Italian troops in 1 District a proportionate supply only will be available for each canton.
3. These supplies will be drawn in bulk by 209 Div and will be distributed to each of the four cantons named above in proportion to the number of troops stationed in the area served by the canton.
4. It is stressed that the quantities of supplies released in this HQ letter of even ref dated 23 Apr 45 are for the whole month of May and that no further release will be available till June.

CNS
HQ/ELM

Area Director
 DE A 209,
 HQ 1 District.

Copy to :- HQ 71 Sub Area
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 HQ AREA
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MESSAGE FORM

Date - Time
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FROM: MMIA

TO : EIGHTH ARMY

INFO: REAR EIGHTH ARMY (FOR MMIA LG)
Q-221

CONFIDENTIAL

IN COMPLIANCE WITH LETTER AFHQ AG 400/005 GDB-G DATED 12 MARCH
SUBJECT SUPPLIES - WELFARE FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES, THE FOLLOWING
COMMODITIES ARE ALLOCATED FOR USE IN CANTERNS AND CLUBS IN YOUR
TERRITORY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 1945 FOR THE ITALIAN ARMED FORCES (.)
TO BE DRAWN FROM ALLIED STOCKS: FLOUR 5,654 LBS, PRESERVED MEAT
AND FISH 2,945 LBS, SUGAR 2,120 LBS, COFFEE 1,414 LBS (.) TO BE
DRAWN FROM ALLIED STOCKS AND TO BE REPLACED FROM ITALIAN STOCKS:
OLIVE OIL 1,885 PINTS, SALT 68 LBS (.) VOUCHER COVERING ISSUE OF
SUPPLIES TO BE COMPILED BY ISSUING DEPOT SHOWING ITEM, QUANTITY,
SIGNATURE OF RECEIVING ITALIAN OFFICER, COUNTER SIGNATURE OF ISSUING
AGENCY, AUTHORITY FOR ISSUE; QUOTE THIS TELEGRAM AS YOUR AUTHORITY
FOR ISSUE (.) VOUCHER TO BE FORWARDED TO MMIA FOR ACCOUNTING
PURPOSES (.) REQUEST YOU INSURE THAT THE QUANTITIES LISTED ABOVE
ARE NOT EXCEEDED FOR THIS PERIOD.

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BY SECTION
'A' BRANCH
WELFARE

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MESSAGE FORM

Date - Time
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FROM: NMIA

TO : CG FIVE ARMY

INFO: FIVE ARMY (FOR NMIA 10)

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IN COMPLIANCE WITH LETTER AFRM NO 400/005 GDR-G DATED 12 MARCH
 SUBJECT SUPPLIES - WELFARE FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES, THE FOLLOWING
 COMMODITIES ARE ALLOCATED FOR USE IN CANTINE AND CLUBS IN YOUR
 TERRITORY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 1945 FOR THE ITALIAN ARMED FORCES (.)
 TO BE DRAWN FROM ALLIED STOCKS: FLOUR 5,357 LBS, PRESERVED MEAT
 AND FISH 2,790 LBS, SUGAR 2,009 LBS, COFFEE 1,339 LBS (.) TO BE
 DRAWN FROM ALLIED STOCKS AND TO BE REPLACED FROM ITALIAN STOCKS:
 OLIVE OIL 1,786 PINTS, SALT 84 LBS (.) FURTHER OVERSEAS ISSUE OF
 SUPPLIES TO BE COMPILED BY INSURING DEPOT SHOWING ITEM, QUANTITY,
 SIGNATURE OF RECEIVING ITALIAN OFFICER, COUNTER SIGNATURE OF
 ISSUING AGENCY, AUTHORITY FOR ISSUE : NOTE THIS TELEGRAM AS YOUR
 AUTHORITY FOR ISSUE (.) VOUCHER TO BE FORWARDED TO NMIA FOR
 ACCOUNTING PURPOSES (.) REQUEST YOU INSURE THAT THE QUANTITIES
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 BY SECTION
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LR/7 V MEDY NR 24286

FROM DISTHREE 241222B

TO MMIA

QZX BT

QG 2165 . RESTRICTED . REF YOUR Q 283 OF 11/ 20 APR .

UNDERSTAND INSTRUCTIONS BEING ISSUED BY ITALIAN WAR MINISTRY AND THERE-
FORE NO ACTION NECESSARY BY THIS HQ

BT 1240

SENT NR 286 EL AR TNS K

WA 22 APR

DECD NR 286 AT 24/2122 B AAA AB

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SUBJECT: Rations for Canteens -
Italian Armed Forces

British Increment (Q Branch)
HQ Fifth Army
CMT

Tele No: LIGHTNING REAR 129

285/1 Q

23 Apr 45

MEMIA ROME

Copy to: G-4 Rear
MEMIA LO

Ref this HQ letters 285/1 Q dated 20 Mar and 22 Apr and your
letters Q/27/3 dated 9 Apr and Q/1/35-2 dated 10 Apr.

1. It is requested that two canteens be allotted to cover the
LEGNANO COMBAT GP and BR-ITI Service Troops.
2. The canteen for BR-ITI Service Troops would be operated by
231 Italian Div to whom it is requested that the May issue
of rations be allotted.
3. It is requested that 500 rations daily be available for the
LEGNANO COMBAT GP canteen.

See Index 32
RA MILLARD
RA MILLARD, MAJ
for Brigadier
Deputy Chief of Staff (British)
Fifth Army

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FROM MJAG WHEGTEUR

TO MMIA

INFO LIAISON PENSOUTH

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RESTRICTED PD THIS ANSWERS MMIA LETTER QUEEN SLASH TWO SEVEN
SLASH THREE OF NINE APRIL ONE NINE FOUR FIVE PAREN PEBASE 4712

CITE DPLND PD PEBASE TO MMIA FOR ACTION TO LIAISON SECTION
PENSOUTH FOR INFO PAREN THE TWO ONE TWO COMMAND DESIRES TO
OPERATE THEIR CANTEREN AND WILL LOCATE IT IN LECHORN AREA

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Subject:- Rations for Canteens -
Italian Armed Forces

British Inurement (Q Branch)
HQ Fifth Army
CMF

Telo No: LIGHTNING REAR 129

285/1 Q

22 Apr 45

MMIA ROME

Copy to:- C-4 Rear
MMIA LO

Ref your letters Q/27/3 dated 9 Apr and Q/1/35-2 dated 10 Apr.

1. It is noted that this HQ letter 285/1 Q dated 20 Mar (with copy to MMIA LO) does not altogether agree with the basis on which you intend to apply the allocation of rations for canteens. This matter had, however, been the subject of attention for some time and in view of the fact that AFHQ letter AG 400/005 GDB-O dated 12 Mar had not been followed up with further instructions, action was taken as considered necessary.
2. Subsequent to the receipt of your recent letters many changes of command have taken place - including that of the FOLCORE GRUPPO - and therefore it is the intention to cancel this HQ letter 285/1 Q of 20 Mar.
3. At the same time, it is suggested that with the prospect of perhaps further changes in command taking place, the basis of calculations - such as using February figures to calculate May consumption - as quoted in para 4 of your Q/27/3 dated 9 Apr would lead to complications and unequitable allotments.
4. It is proposed therefore that instructions be given to 231 Italian Division to allot these rations as decided by that HQ with the reservation that 500 rations daily be allotted to any Combat Group under command this HQ.
5. On receipt of your agreement, necessary action will be taken.
6. Is any indication available as to when the mobile canteens will arrive?

RAM/J.

See File 32
RA Millard
RA MILLARD, Maj
for Brigadier
Deputy Chief of Staff (British)
Fifth Army

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LRKB V LAEE NR 28
FROM AFHQ 211945B

TO MM
GR 37 BT

F 63625 RESTRICTED

SIGNED SACHED (.) CITE FHGDQ

ADDITIONAL CANTEEN AT CESANO IS SUBJECT (.)

YOUR 2196 OF 19 APR 45 REFERS (.)

ONE (.) AGREE PROVIDED WITHIN PRESENT CANTEEN ~~T~~ RATION CEILING (.)

TWO (.) AGREED OM

BT

SENT NR 28

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: AMIA

Date - Time
20 8

TO : ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ **DISTHREE**

INFO: AMIA LO NO. 3 DISTRICT

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10/11 CONFIDENTIAL

IN COMPLIANCE WITH LETTER AMHQ AG 400/005 GDB-O DATED 12 MARCH
SUBJECT: SUPPLIES - RELIEF FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES, THE FOLLOWING
COMMODITIES ARE ALLOCATED FOR USE IN BARRERS AND BARRS IN YOUR
TERRITORY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 1945 FOR THE ITALIAN ARMED FORCES (.)
TO BE DRAWN FROM ALLIED STOCKS: FLOUR 7,738 LBS, PRESERVED MEAT
AND FISH 4,030 LBS, SUGAR 2,902 LBS, COFFEE 1,934 LBS (.) TO BE
DRAWN FROM ALLIED STOCKS AND TO BE REPLACED FROM ITALIAN STOCKS:
OLIVE OIL 2,579 PINTS, SALT 121 LBS (.) VOUCHER COVERING ISSUE
OF SUPPLIES TO BE COMPILED BY ISSUING REPOET SHOWING ITEM, QUANTITY,
SIGNATURE OF RECEIVING ITALIAN OFFICER, COUNTER SIGNATURE OF
ISSUING AGENCY, AUTHORITY FOR ISSUE: QUOTE THIS TELEGRAM AS YOUR
AUTHORITY FOR ISSUE (.) VOUCHER TO BE FORWARDED TO AMIA FOR
ACCOUNTING PURPOSES (.) REQUEST YOU INSURE THAT THE QUANTITIES
LISTED ABOVE ARE NOT EXCEEDED FOR THIS PERIOD

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REPAIR
"A" BRANCH

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MMIA

Date - Time
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TO : ~~MMIA~~ DISTONE

INFO: MMIA LG NO. 1 DISTRICT

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CONFIDENTIAL

IN COMPLIANCE WITH LETTER AFHQ AG 400/005 GDR-0 DATED 12 MARCH
SUBJECT SUPPLIES - WELFARE FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES, THE FOLLOWING
COMMODITIES ARE ALLOCATED FOR USE IN CANTERNS AND CLUBS IN YOUR
TERRITORY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 1945 FOR THE ITALIAN ARMED FORCES (.)
TO BE DRAWN FROM ALLIED STOCKS: FLOUR 4,166 LBS, PRESERVED MEAT
AND FISH 2,170 LBS, SUGAR 1,562 LBS, COFFEE 1,042 LBS (.) TO BE
DRAWN FROM ALLIED STOCKS AND TO BE REPLACED FROM ITALIAN STOCKS:
OLIVE OIL 1,388 PINTS, SALT 65 LBS (.) VOUCHER COVERING ISSUE OF
SUPPLIES TO BE COMPLETED BY ISSUING DETAIL SHOWING ITEM, QUANTITY,
SIGNATURE OF RECEIVING ITALIAN OFFICER, COUNTER SIGNATURE OF
ISSUING AGENCY, AUTHORITY FOR ISSUE: QUOTE THIS TELEGRAM AS YOUR
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'A' BRANCH

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

MESSAGE FORM

Date - Time
20 1650 B

FROM: MMIA
TO : R.T.C. I.C.F. GESSANO
INFO: F BLU
Q-201

CONFIDENTIAL

IN COMPLIANCE WITH LETTER AFHQ AG 400/005 GDB-0 DATED 12 MARCH
SUBJECT SUPPLIES - WELFARE FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES, THE FOLLOWING
COMMODITIES ARE ALLOCATED FOR USE IN CANTRENS AND CLUBS IN YOUR
TERRITORY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 1945 FOR THE ITALIAN ARMED FORCES (.)
TO BE DRAWN FROM ALLIED STOCKS: FLOUR 1,488 LBS, PRESERVED MEAT
AND FISH 775 LBS, SUGAR 558 LBS, AND COFFEE 372 LBS (.) TO BE DRAWN
FROM ALLIED STOCKS AND TO BE REPLACED FROM ITALIAN STOCKS:
OLIVE OIL 496 PINTS, SALT 23 LBS (.) VOUCHER COVERING ISSUE OF
SUPPLIES TO BE COMPILED BY ISSUING DEPOT SHOWING ITEM, QUANTITY,
SIGNATURE OF RECEIVING ITALIAN OFFICER, COUNTER SIGNATURE OF
ISSUING AGENCY, AUTHORITY FOR ISSUE: QUOTE THIS TELEGRAM AS YOUR
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Rose
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SUBJECT: Clubs and Canteens - Italian Armed Forces.

SECRET.

HQ No. 2 District, CMF.
A/362/4 (PS).

19 Apr 45.

MIA ✓

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Reference your 0/27/3 dated 11 April 1945.

1. This HQ is concerned mainly with the provision of canteens for Italian troops in NW ITALY. It is estimated that these should be distributed roughly as follows: -

MILAN and vicinity	5000
TURIN	1500
GENOA	1500
PIACENZA	1000

On the above assumption it is recommended that 2 canteens be allotted to MILAN and vicinity and one to each of the other 3 places, making 5 in all. This is considered a minimum requirement. In fact there will be additional demands for canteens in other places when the occupation is completed and the final whereabouts of Italian troops decided.

2. With regard to the present commitment of this HQ, it is recommended that a canteen be allotted to SIENA which caters for a number of Italian units in the vicinity. With regard to ROME, it is recommended that you should deal direct with RAAC.

As action of present.
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Colonel, DA & CMF.

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BRANCH AT RAVISCANINA (.) REQUEST AUTHORITY OPERATE ADDITIONAL CANTON AT
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FROM DISTWREE 160925E
TO MMIA
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QG2065 . RESTRICTED . REF YOUR Q/27/3 DATED 9 AND Q180
DATE 14 . REQUEST YOU AUTHORISE CANTEENS THIS DISTRICT AS
VILLOWS (A) RAVISCANINA (B) TRANI (C) NAPLES
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FROM: INDIA

TO (FOR ACTION): DIRECTOR

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REFERENCE 712 Q OF 12 APR (.) IS CANCELLED AT RAVISCANINA REQUIRED IN ADDITION
TO THE TWO MENTIONED PARA 8 BY *Q/27/3* OF 9 APR

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AUTHENTICATION

THAMH
Colonel

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SUBJECT :- Clubs and Canteens - Italian Armed Forces -
Control of Allied Provided Items of Rations

'F' BLU IRTC ICF
Ref AQ/9/1/311

13 Apr 45

LAND FORCES SUB COMD AC (ASIA)

Ref your Q/27/3 of 9 Apr 45.

1. Authorisation is requested for the issue of rations for use in the Canteens at RTC ICF in accordance with above quoted letter.
2. It is understood that these Canteen rations will be furnished out of the saving effected by NOT issuing rations to RTC ICF personnel on leave.
3. Average strength of RTC ICF during Feb 45 was :-
11,040
5% allowed on leave = 550.
4. May the issue to Canteens of items and quantities listed in your para 1 for a strength of 11,000 for May please be authorised.

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Q. H. J. J. J.
Lieut-Col RA

SUBJECT: Clubs and Canteens - Italian Armed Forces -
Control of Allied-Provided Items of Rations

HQ 01 Area

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13 Apr 45

1. A canteen for Italian Armed Forces has been authorized and will operate in ANCONA.
2. AFHQ letter AG 405/005 GDB-O of 12 Mar 45, authorizes the issue of the following items of rations for the canteen. These supplies become available due to Italian personnel on leave NOT drawing rations.

Scale per 100 men per day

- (a) From ration element provided from Brit or US sources

Flour	=	12 lbs
Fish or P/Meat	=	6 "
Sugar	=	4 "
Coffee	=	3 "

- (b) From ration element provided from Italian sources

Olive Oil	=	4 pts
Salt	=	5 oz

3. The allotment per month based on troops in 1 District will be advised to this HQ by MIA, when all concerned will be informed.
4. HQ 209 Div will be responsible for drawing these supplies, demands for which will be submitted on separate forms ST/8 clearly marked "Canteens", which will later be checked by MIA to ensure that quantities drawn are within authorized allotment.
5. Supplies for Italian Armed Forces Canteens will be authorized based on the leave rate of 5%. It is expected that the allotment for April will shortly be notified.

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Copy to:- 'A'
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 HQ MIA
 MIA LO (2)

WDA & AG,
 No. 1 District.

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SUBJECT:- Welfare - Italian Armed Forces

Land Forces Sub Commission (MMIA) ✓

227 Italian Div
MMIA LO
ILO

3 District
BASEBALL 14
712 9

12 Apr 45

Ref AFHQ letter AG 400/005 GDB - O of 12 Mar 45.

The GOC is anxious that all possible amenities are provided without delay at the new BRD Camp RAVISCANINA and it is requested, therefore, application is made by you for canteen supplies to be made available in accordance with the provisions of the above letter.

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Amos R. Leech
(R. P. LEECH) Lt Col
for Maj Gen - 88
Comd

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Subject: Clubs and Canteens - Italian Armed Forces.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME
Q/27/3

11 April 1945

To: HQ 2 District. 12. 11.

Reference AFHQ letter AG 400/005 GDB-C of 12 Mar 45 and att
NMIA letter Q/27/3 of 9 April.

1. Will you please consider the possible requirements for canteens as early as is practicable so that application can be made to AFHQ.
2. You may wish to consider this both in connection with ROME locality and other places for which you may wish to plan. It is not known if ROME for purposes such as this would be covered by you or by HQ 3 District. The latter have NAPLES and TARANTO where large numbers of Italian Armed Forces are located.

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F. J. NGARLES, Col.
D. A. & C. M. G. for May 1945
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: "A" NMIA.

See folio 20/1.

12.
Subject: Clubs and Canteens - Italian Armed Forces -
Control of Allied Provided Items of Rations.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME
2/27/3

April 45

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1. Under AG 400/005 GDB-0 of 12 Mar 45 authorization is made by APHQ for issue, under certain conditions, items of rations for use in canteens and clubs on the following scale:
The scale is for 100 men per day.

(a) From ration element provided by import.

Flour	=	12 lbs
Fish or P/Meat	=	6 1/4 lbs
Sugar	=	4 1/2 lbs
Coffee	=	3 lbs

(b) From ration element provided from Italian sources.

Olive Oil	=	4 pts.
Salt	=	3 ozs.

2. Canteen supplies will be furnished from the saving on the ration scale caused by Italian Personnel on leave not drawing rations. It will be the responsibility of the MIA to ensure that the supplies issued to clubs and canteens plus the rations issued to personnel present with their units do not exceed the total admissible for the ration strength of the Italian Armed Forces.

3. This authority covers the operation of 12 clubs or canteens (mobile or static) and applies to ALL categories of the ITALIAN Armed Forces. It is designated to cater for 10,000 men per day.

4. MIA will calculate the amounts available for each month. The number of rations issued during a month will be subtracted from the rations admissible according to the average posted strength during the month and provided this figure thus obtained does NOT exceed the authorized 5% leave rate it will be taken as the governing quantity. It is estimated that owing to the time taken to collect and work out the data the figures will be based on the previous month's figures.

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7. The quantity of rations calculated from the ST/82 will be held for replacement purposes against the US and B account in accordance with the posted strength of the categories national rationing responsibility.

8. In order to comply with para 3 of the AFHQ letter, will Areas, Districts or Base Section please signal if and where they wish to operate cantuens. The cantuens so far authorized are provisionally allotted

Fifth Army	-	4	2
Eighth Army	-	4	-
1 District	-	1	-
3 District	-	2	-
P.B.S.	-	1	-

9. The quantity of rations admissible for April will be advised immediately the signals requested in para 8 have been received.

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

DISTRIBUTION:

H.A.	Rear Eight Army
CG.	Fifth Army
CS.	Fifth Army for Dr Increment
HQ.	1 District
HQ.	2 District
HQ.	3 District
CG.	P.B.S.
All	MAIL EO's

INFORMATION:

AFHQ for G1 A
AFHQ for G1 B
AFHQ for G4 A
AFHQ for G4 B
CG. 15 Army Group

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3 District
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Major General
M.H.I.A.

DISTRIBUTION:

- Major General
- CG. Fifth Army
- CG. Fifth Army for B. Increment
- HQ. 1 District
- HQ. 2 District
- HQ. 3 District
- CG. P.B.S.
- All AMIA LO's

INFORMATION:

- AFHQ for G1 A
- AFHQ for G1 B
- AFHQ for G4 A
- AFHQ for G4 B
- CG. 15 Army Group

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

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AG 600/005 GDB-0

7 April 1945

SUBJECT: Supplies - Welfare for Italian Armed Forces

TO: President
Allied Commission
APO 394
(FOR: Land Forces Sub-Commission, MHA)

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Letter, this headquarters, file and subject as above, dated 12 March 1945, is amended by the addition of paragraph 8, as follows:

"8. Provision responsibility for rations issued to canteens and clubs will be established on the basis of the proportion of the actual strengths of the Italian Army which are the supply responsibility of the US and British Armies, respectively."

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

R. H. Freese
R. H. FRESE
Captain, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

copy to: Q.I. Welfare S.C.A.

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DISTRIBUTION:

- 3 - addressee
- 1 - CG 15th Army Gp
- 1 - CG 5th Army
- 1 - Fifth Army (Br Incr)
- 1 - Hq 8th Army Rear
- 1 - GOC No 1 Dist
- 1 - GOC No 2 Dist
- 1 - GOC No 3 Dist
- 1 - G-1 (A)
- 1 - G-1 (B)
- 1 - G-4 (A)
- 1 - G-4 (B)
- 1 - QM
- 1 - ST
- 1 - FA (Br)
- 1 - Q(Maint)
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
AFHQ 512

AG 400/005 GDE-C

12 March 1945

SUBJECT: Supplies - Welfare for Italian Armed Forces

TO: President
Allied Commission
AFHQ 394
FOR: Land Forces Sub-Commission (LHIA)

1. In connection with the efforts now being made to provide canteen and club facilities for the Italian Armed Forces, it has been decided to authorize the following in respect of supplies for these clubs and canteens.

2. Canteen supplies will be furnished from the saving on the ration scale caused by Italian personnel on leave not drawing rations. It will be the responsibility of the LHIA to insure that the supplies issued to clubs and canteens plus the rations issued to personnel present with their units do not exceed the total admissible for the ration strength of the Italian Armed Forces.

3. a. This authority will cover the operation of a maximum of twelve (12) clubs or canteens (mobile or static) and is designed to cater for an overall figure of 10,000 men per day. Will LHIA please report details of clubs and canteens it is proposed to operate.

b. When it is desired to open clubs or canteens in excess of the number covered by this authority, LHIA will submit their requests to this headquarters for the necessary approval.

4. The following is the scale of supplies approved for issue. The scale is for 100 men per day.

a. From ration element provided by import.

Flour	-	12 lbs
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Coffee	-	3 lbs

b. From ration element provided from Italian sources.

Olive Oil	-	4 pts
Salt	-	3 czs

5. This authority applies to all categories of the Italian Armed Forces.

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Subject: Welfare for Italian Soldiers.

M.M.I.A. L.O.,
British Increment,
Rear H.Q. Fifth Army,
C.M.F.

Phone No: Lightning Rear 350.

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Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.

Reference conversation NOAKES/NEWTON,
23rd. March.

Herewith, letter of "Q" British Increment,
for information.

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a.m. Newton Capt.
MMIA LO,
British Increment,
Fifth Army.

Sent by el & on 8 Apr 45!
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SUEC Di:- Welfare for Italian
Armed Forces

British Increment (Q Branch)
HQ Fifth Army
CMF

Tote No LIGHTNING REAR 129

20 Mar 45

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Rear 13 Corps
Rear 6 SA Arm Div
52 BLU
16 ACPE
Florence Comd
21 Beach Gp

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Copy to: D C/S (Brit)

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2. It is ruled that sups used for these canteens will be provided from the saving on the ration scale caused by Italian personnel on leave NOT drawing rations.
3. For this purpose it has been agreed by 'A' Branch this HQ and MILA that the number of personnel on leave at any one time shall be accepted as being 5%.
4. Based on the disposition of BR-ITIS units under comd, canteens will be located as follows to which rations as indicated will be allotted:-

(a) PRATO	-	130 rations daily
(b) VERNIO	-	130 "
(c) FLORENCE	-	120 "
(d) LECORNO GRUPPO	-	500 "
(e) 13 Corps	-	920 "
		<u>1800</u>

5. Responsibility for the org of these clubs will be as follows:-

(a) PRATO	-	21 Beach Gp
(b) VERNIO	-	21 Beach Gp
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(d) LECORNO GRUPPO	-	52 BLU
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(e) 13 Corps	-	13 Corps
6. The scale of issues for 100 men per day is as under:-
 - (a) From the ration element provided from Allied sources:-

Flour	12 lbs
Fish or Preserved Meat	64 lbs
Sugar	43 lbs
Coffee	3 lbs
 - (b) From the ration element provided from Italian sources:-

Olive Oil	4 pts
Salt	3 ounces
7. Issues for canteens will be made through channels as for normal rations, but will be shown separately on all demands and in'tents; the cost of sups will be a charge against the Italian Government.
8. It is the responsibility of MIA to ensure that sups issued to canteens, plus the rations issued to personnel present with their units, do NOT exceed the total admissible for the ration str of BR-ITIS under comd.

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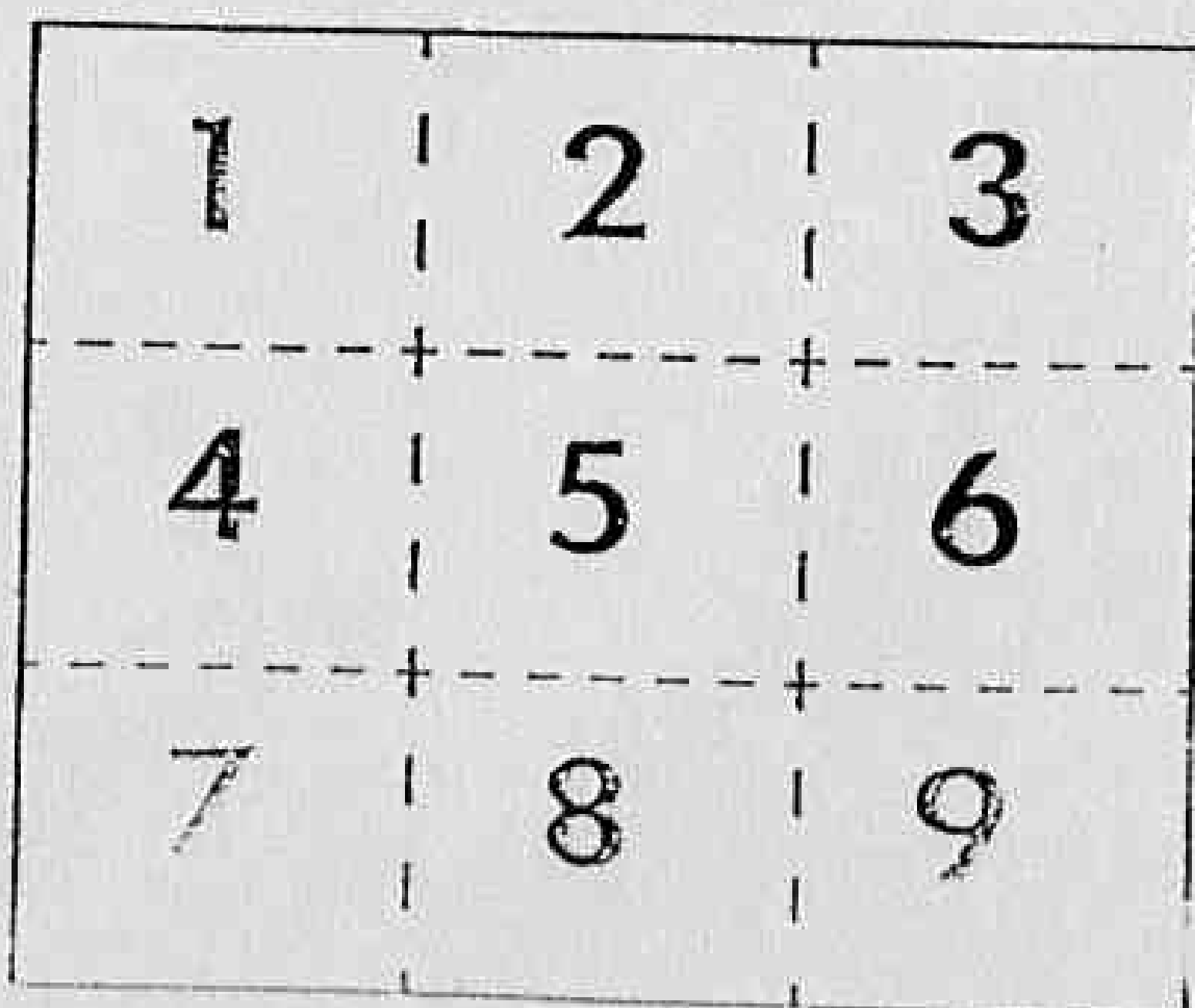
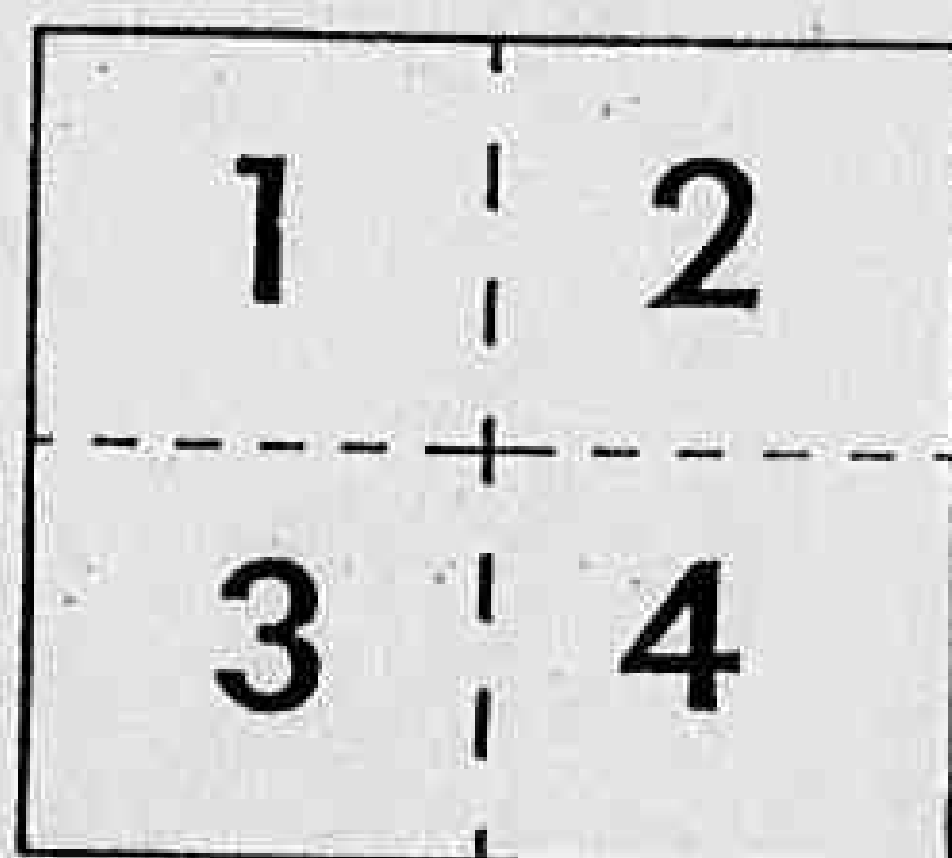
9. Detailed accounting procedure for issues to canteens will be notified separately by ST this HQ.
10. It is hoped that two mob canteens will arrive shortly, for which separate instrs will be issued; their arrival, however, will NOT permit an increased issue of rations and therefore will be based on static canteens about to be org.

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Revised by
R A MILLARD, MAJ
for Col
DA & QMG

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LEFT TO RIGHT, AND TOP TO BOTTOM.

SEE DIAGRAMS BELOW.



Canteen Ration Scale Comparison

Scale	Item	Total Strength of Army + CC. AF as of 22-2-45	Total Strength of Navy as of 27-3-45	Total Strength of Air Corps as of 15-3-45	Total Strength of Italian Armed Forces	3% of Total Strength on leave	lbs. saved on Ration Scale for Men on leave
15 oz.	Flour	342,258	65,006	27,369	434,633	13,000	12,187
3	Pres. Meat + Fish						2,438
1	Sugar						813
1/2	Coffee						407
1 1/2	Olive Oil						1,219
1/2	Salt.						407

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ale Compared to savings on Rations for military on Leave

lbs. Saved on Ration Scale for Men on Leave	Ration Scale for Canteens Per 100 men in lbs	Requirement for 10,000 men							
12,187	12	1,200							
2,438	6 1/4	625							
813	4 1/2	450							
407	3	300							
1,219	4 pts.	400 pts.							
407	3 pts.	19							

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 400/005 UDB-0

12 March 1945

SUBJECT: Supplies - Welfare for Italian Armed Forces

TO: President
Allied Commission
APO 394
FOR: Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA)

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Coffee - 3 lbs

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Salt - 3 ozs

5. This authority applies to all categories of the Italian Armed Forces.

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Ltr, AFHQ, AG 400/005 GDB-0
dtd 12 March 45 (cont'd)

6. Issue of canteen supplies will be made through same channels as normal rations. Such issues will be shown separately on demands.

7. The cost of supplies furnished to canteens and clubs will be a charge against the Italian Government. Accounting will be in accordance with letters, this headquarters, file as above, subject: "Supply of Italian Armed Forces (Army, Navy and Air)", dated 22 September 1944, as amended, and file AG 400/031 GDS-0, subject: "Supply Procedure and Accounting for Supplies and Equipment Issued by Allied Depots to Italian Armed Forces (Army, Navy and Air)", dated 6 October 1944.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

(Sgd) R. H. FRESE
Captain, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

DISTRIBUTION:

- 1 - 15th Army Group
- 1 - Fifth Army
- 1 - Fifth Army (Br Incr)
- 1 - Hq Eighth Army Rear
- 1 - No 1 District
- 1 - No 2 District
- 1 - No 3 District
- 1 - G-1 (A)
- 1 - G-1 (B)
- 1 - G-4 (A)
- 1 - QM
- 1 - ST
- 1 - FA (Br)
- 1 - Q(Maint)
- 1 - AG M & D
- 2 - AG Records

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SUBJECT: Italian Women's Voluntary
Mobile Canteen Service.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
WEL/J.
12 Mar '45.

Ministry of War
Ufficio di Benessere.

Copies to :- MMIA. LO. HQ Rear 8th Army. (your signal MM390
of 10 Mar. refers)
MMIA. LO. No. 1 Reparto Riparazione.

1. Reference Minutes of Conference on Italian Women's Voluntary Mobile Canteen Service - Para 2.
2. The three 3 ton vehicles to be lent from Br. sources are now available and these will be the vehicles to serve Italian troops in 8th Army area. (Para 6. of minutes refers).
3. Orders have been given for these vehicles to be drawn initially by No. 1 Reparto Riparazione (Via Guido Reni, Rome). They will be held on the charge of this unit during the time necessary to adapt them as mobile canteens.
4. With the necessary materials, which you provide, you will arrange for the work of conversion with No. 1. Reparto Riparazione.
5. When the work is completed and the canteens are ready for service you will notify this HQ.
6. Orders will then be given for the vehicles :-
 - (i) to proceed to the army area.
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S.T. MMIA.

Lt. Col.
A. D. A. M. S.
R. M. I. A.