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CLOTHING

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DETAILED PROCEDURE FOR ISSUING CLOTHING TO BRITISH UNITS.

Further to 3 District Adm Instruction No 21 dated

1. It is the responsibility of the Italian Commander of a BRITISH unit to indent for clothing, personal equipment, accommodation stores and tentage through the Italian Formation HQ to which the unit belongs.
2. Clothing from Allied stocks and certain items from Italian stocks are held by 227 (WEST) and 230 (EAST) divisional Sub Depots. Clothing and personal equipment will be issued from these sub depots in accordance with the scale laid down in AFHQ letter AG 400/105 D-O, Annex "B", dated 22 Sep 44 (see App I).
3. Indents for those articles not available at the divisional sub-depots will also be submitted to the div HQ concerned who will forward them for authority of release to Italian War Ministry and HQ MSHA.
4. All indents will be submitted on the correct pro-forma (specimen at App II) in quadruplicate giving full particulars as required thereon.
5. There is considerable shortage of clothing and personal equipment of all classes which makes it essential that all indents be most carefully screened by both the Italian unit commander and the British Liaison Officer or Cadre Commander.

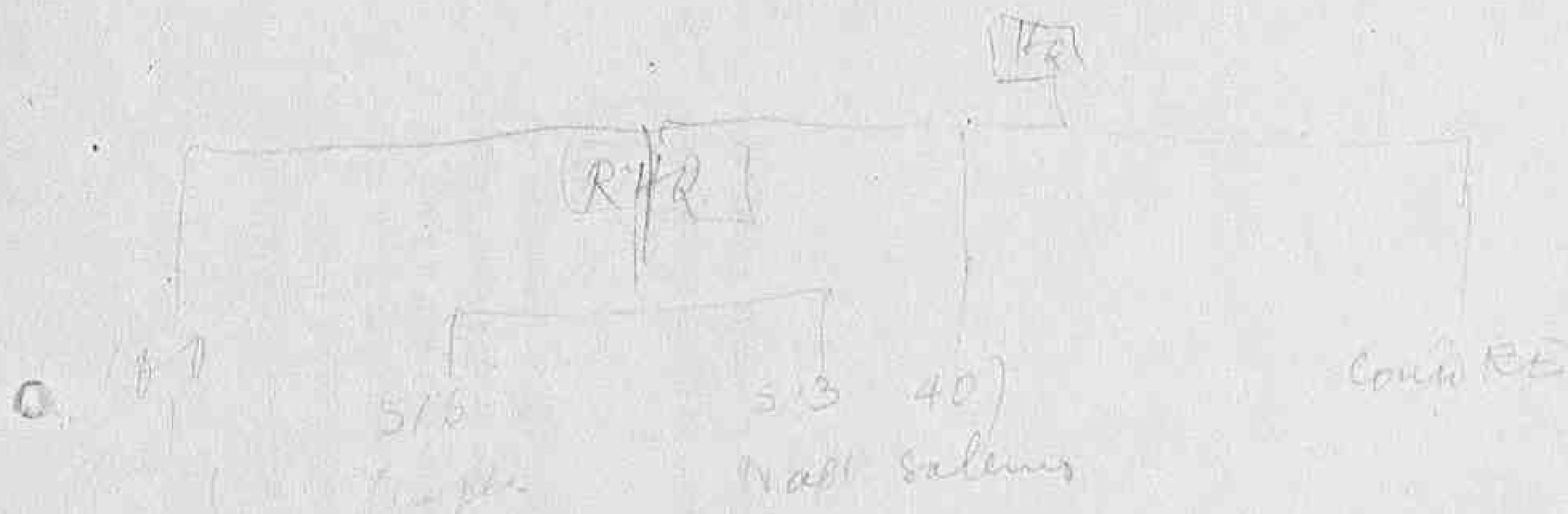
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5. There is considerable shortage of clothing and personal equipment of all classes which makes it essential that all indents be most carefully screened by both the Italian unit commander and the British Liaison Officer or Cadre Commander, both of whom will certify that no items of clothing or personal equipment are held or are being indented for in excess of the authorized scale. Indents will only be submitted for that number of men present with the unit at the date of submission.
6. Except in cases where permission is specifically granted, no stocks of reserve clothing or personal equipment will be held by units. Fresh indents will be submitted from time to time to cover new arrivals or items rendered U/S.

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7. Unserviceable clothing of any origin will be handed in to sub depots in exchange for fresh issues and will not be kept as a reserve. It is, however permissible for units to hold a few U/S outer garments with which to clothe personnel being demobilized who have no civilian clothes. These will be returned to the unit through CCR channels when finished with.
8. Indents on Italian fm HQs will be screened by the MMIALOs concerned who will authorize issue direct from the sub-depot.

8. Incidents on Italian from HQs will be screened by the NMIAIOs concerned who will authorize issue direct from the sub-depot.

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SUB: Amendment to Italian Ration Scale

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
AG/2-53
18 February 1945

TO : See distribution below:

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2. Effective 20 Feb. 45, increases previously authorized in the following listed cables and letter are hereby cancelled by this Appendix.

AFHQ Cable FY-52252 dated 13 Nov. 1944.
MMIA Letter AQ/2-12 dated 17 Nov. 1944.
AFHQ Cable FY-17132 dated 29 Jan. 1945.
MMIA Cable AQ-2787 dated 31 Jan. 1945.

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DISTRIBUTION :-

AFHQ (10)
CG MTUSA (5)
HQ 15 ARMY GROUP (10)
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HQ Rear Eight Army for 2 (5)
HQ Rear Five Army for 2 (5)
HQ No. 1 District for 2 (10)
HQ No. 2 District for 2 (5)
HQ No. 3 District for 2 (10)
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HQ Det 2nd 2 (10)

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TOTALI (2)
HQ AC (20)
Naval Sub Commission AC (5)
Air Forces Sub Commission AC (5)
ALL MMIA LO'S
50 BLU
51 BLU
52 BLU
53 BLU
56 BLU
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for Major GELANDI
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Tommy J. Rose
TOMMY J. ROSE, Lt. Col.
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M. M. I. A.

BY AUTH OF
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for Major General
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HQ PBS (20)
AC Sardinia (5)
CG Northern Base Section (5)
CG RAAC (5) (1 for AFHQ)
C.O. Adriatic Base Depot Group (5)

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TOTALI (2)
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Naval Sub Commission AC (5)
Air Forces Sub Commission AC (5)
ALL MMIA LO'S
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CESANO LINTS CENTER
for Major GELANDI
MMIA Q Maint.
MMIA ST
MMIA Medical
War Diary
Ministry of War (General PELLIGRA)
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See App. "F" MMIA Admin Instr N° 12

COMANDO CAMPO AFFLUENZA AFRAGOLAPROMEMORIA PER IL SIG. MAGGIORE THRUPP

data	n° mi lit.	Designazione	Giubb.	pantal.	scarpe	calze	camicie	mutande	maglie
194	51	Cesano di Roma	50	50	50	50	50	50	41
"	49	Campo aff. Arezzo	49	49	49	49	49	49	49
"	31	23° Nucleo genio in Napoli	31	31	31	31	31	31	2

*Recavio Truppa
bando 4/4*

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21 FEB Recd

FM IA NO HQ 3 Dist

Subject: - Discipline - Italian Army.

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Land Force Sub Comm. A.O.
(M.I.I.A.)
P O M I
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A.F.R.Q. for G1 A.
for G1 B.

11 Feb 45.

1. As a measure to reduce the number of cases of Italian Soldiers who deliberately dispose of their clothing, equipment, and necessities to the Black Market, the Ministry of War have laid down a list of prices which may be charged against Italian Military personnel, who, after due investigation and trial, are found guilty of this crime.
2. The object of the ITALIAN Government is to make the soldier understand that if he is convicted the amount he will eventually have to contribute from his pay will be such that there is no profit in entering into Black Market transactions.
3. This price list, which is reproduced as Appendix "A", was published in the Italian Military Journal (the equivalent of GEO) on 30 Dec/44.

CLAYTON P. KERR, Col.
for Major General,
M.I.I.A.

DISTRIBUTION:- AFHQ for G1 A.
G1 B.
G3 CBB
G4 A.
G4 B.
G5 (US)
HQ 15 Army Group for A.
HQ Rear 5 Army for G1.
HQ Br.Inc. 5 Army for A.
HQ Rear 8 Army for A.
HQ 1 District for A. (10)
HQ 2 District for A. (10)
HQ 3 District for A. (10)

HQ A.C. for G1 A.
Public Safety Sub Comm.
Air Force Sub Comm.
Navy Sub Comm.
ALL PIN's.
ALL WIA IO's.
CC Br Cadre Miragola
Base Rft A
Trg Detct.
Trani Base Rft
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G1 P.
G3 OEG
G4 A.
G4 B.
QM (HS)
HQ 15 Army Group for A.
HQ Rear 5 Army for G1.
HQ Br. Inc. 5 Army for A.
HQ Rear 8 Army for A.
HQ 1 District for (10)
HQ 2 District for A (10)
HQ 3 District for A (10)
HQ P. S. S. (5)

HQ A.C. for G1 A
Public Safety Sub Comm.
Air Force Sub Comm.

Navy Sub Comm.

ALL BIC's.

ALL BIC's LO's.

OC Fr Centre Afragola

Base Wft &

Trg Depot.

Treni Base Rft

& Trg Depot.

RTC ITC Cesano

SPA/ab

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Appendix "A"
to M.M.I.A. letter 30/6 of

16 Feb/45

Line			
5.350	Blouses B.D. Dyed	\$ 53.50	1, 13- 7-6
3.375	Trousers B.D. Dyed	33.75	8- 8-9
5.000	Boots	50.00	12-10-0
1.225	Pullovers	12.25	3- 1-3
1.060	Shirts cotton	10.60	2-13-0
275	Socks cotton	2.75	0-13-9
1.320	Drawers wool	13.20	3- 6-0
7.250	Makinaws	72.50	18- 2-6
5.000	Comforters cotton	50.00	12-10-0
700	Caps wool CCC	7.00	1-15-0
75	Belts web	.75	0- 2-9
2.040	Blouses HBT	20.40	5- 2-0
1.750	Trousers HBT	17.50	4- 7-6
3.550	Suits HBT 4 piece	35.50	8-17-6
2.385	Shirts wool Dyed	23.85	5-13-3
3.375	Trousers wool Dyed	33.75	8- 8-9
1.750	Trousers cotton	17.50	4- 7-6
200	Caps Garrison Dyed	2.00	0-10-0
5.350	Jackets Field Dyed	53.50	14- 7-6
1.025	Leggings Canvas	10.25	2-11-3
440	Drawers cotton	4.40	1- 2-0
400	Undershirts cotton	4.00	1- 0-0
1.225	Undershirts wool	12.25	3- 1-3
500	Socks wool Light	5.50	1- 7-6

Boots	3.375	33.75	8-8-9
Pullovers	5.000	50.00	12-10-0
Shirts cotton	1.225	12.25	3-1-3
Socks cotton	1.060	10.60	2-13-0
Drawers wool	275	2.75	0-13-9
Makinaws	1.320	13.20	3-6-0
Comforters cotton	7.250	72.50	18-12-6
Caps wool CCC	5.000	50.00	12-10-0
Belts web	700	7.00	1-15-0
Blouses HBT	75	.75	0-2-9
Trousers HBT	2.040	20.40	5-2-0
Suits HBT 1 piece	1.750	17.50	4-7-6
Shirts wool Dyed	3.950	39.50	8-17-6
Trousers wool Dyed	2.385	23.85	5-19-3
Trousers cotton	3.375	33.75	8-8-9
Cape Garrison Dyed	1.750	17.50	4-7-6
Jackets Field Dyed	200	2.00	0-10-0
Leggings Canvas	5.350	53.50	14-7-5
Drawers cotton	1.025	10.25	2-11-3
Undershirts cotton	440	4.40	1-2-0
Undershirts wool	400	4.00	1-0-0
Socks wool Light	1.225	12.25	3-1-3
Towels Bath	500	5.00	1-7-6
Towels Hand	600	6.00	1-10-0
Drawers wool	300	3.00	0-15-0
Coats, wool, Dyed	1.320	13.20	3-6-0
Overcoats, wool, Dyed.	5.350	53.50	14-9-7
	7.250	72.50	18-2-6

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To:- MMIA LO DISTONE

Info:- MMIA

MMIA LO 54 AREA

MMIA LO BR INCP 5 ARMY

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HC 210 (.) following a copy of MMIA TFW 3/03/66 of 15 addressed
me but intended you (.) QUOTE (.) prepare comforters for shipment as
follows 209 DIV QTY 2000 (.) 231 DIV QTY 3000 (.) 228 DIV QTY 2000 (.)
for NEWTON and CAREW-HUNT (.) signal calling forward instructions
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MEDY V LROF NR 898 ROUTINE

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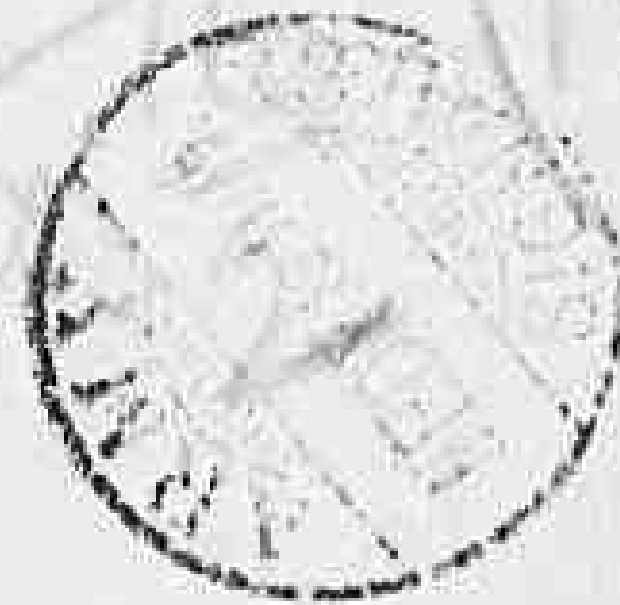
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FOR MMIA LO (.) / PREPARE CONFORMERS FOR SHIPMENT AS FOLLOWS 209 DIV

QTY 2000 (.) 231 DIV QTY 3000 (.) 228 DIV QTY 2000 (.) FOR NEWTON

AND CAREW- HUNT (.) ~~SIGNAL~~ SIGNAL CALLING FORWARD INSTRUCTIONS

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SUBJECT: Clothing for Troops in Hospitals.

LAND FORCES SUP COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
AG/15/1
8 February 1945.

TO : Ministry of War.

1. Reference your Div. V/E 8201/V of 2 Feb. 1945.
2. It is agreed that it is desirable to make some provision of clothing stocks to hospitals for the equipping, on a minimum scale, of patients due for discharge.
3. It is considered, however, that the amount of clothing required will vary slightly from hospital to hospital depending on location and function.
4. Appendix "A" lists the hospitals considered in need of such stocks, and the number of sets of clothing for which authority for issue is given. Figures are based on 8% of the bed strength, and issue may be made forthwith.
5. A set of clothing will consist of items shown in Appendix "A".
6. Clothing to ensure that outgoing patients are in possession of only of each essential item, may be issued at the discretion of the OC Hospital. No attempt will be made to complete individuals to the full clothing scale.
7. These stocks will not be replenished automatically but hospitals will indent in the normal manner to maintain them at the authorized level. Indents should state clearly that the items are required to maintain authorized stocks, quoting the reference of this letter, and should be submitted as at the 10th of each month.
8. Release authorizations for the initial issue, as shown in Appendix "A", follow.

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4. Appendix "A" lists the hospitals considered in need of such stocks, and the number of sets of clothing for which authority for issue is given. Figures are based on 5% of the bed strength, and issue may be made forthwith.

5. A set of clothing will consist of items shown in Appendix "B".

6. Clothing to ensure that outgoing patients are in possession of ONE only of each essential item, may be issued at the discretion of the O.C. hospital. No attempt will be made to complete individuals to the full clothing scale.

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CLAYTON E. KERR, Colonel
for Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission.

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Copy to: All AMIA LOS.
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APPENDIX "A" to letter
AG/15/1 dated 8/2/45.

AUTHORIZED STOCKS

Hospital	Location	Sets of clothing Authorized.
Osp. Mil. Prino. Virgilio	Rome	40
Osp. Mil. Balci	Rome	15
Osp. Mil. Corradini	Roma	30
Osp. Mil. Arpino	Arpino	25
Osp. Mil. Chieti	Chieti	15
Osp. Mil. Perugia	Perugia	25
Osp. Mil. Cagliari	Cagliari	15
Osp. Mil. Sassari	Sassari	3
Osp. Mil. Prino.	Napoli	40
Osp. Mil. Caserta	Maddaloni	40
Osp. Mil. Pagani	Pagani	30
Osp. Mil. Aversa	Aversa	15
Osp. Mil. Pozzuoli	Pozzuoli	5
Osp. Mil. "Belle Arti"	Napoli	40
Osp. Mil. SOM Prino. Piemonte	Napoli	15
Osp. Mil.	Catanzaro	15
Inferm. Pres.	Regg. Calabria	8
Osp. Mil. Prino.	Florence	25
Osp. Mil. Monte Oliveto	Florence	15
Osp. Mil. Villa Natalia	Florence	5
Osp. Mil. Lucca	Lucca	30
Osp. Mil. Riserva (Mil. Wine)	Livorno	20
Osp. Mil. C.R.I. Ardenza	Livorno	8
Osp. Mil. Ancona	Ancona	15
Osp. Mil. Prino.	Parl	30
Osp. Mil. Bellila	Parl	25
Osp. Mil. Del Prete	Parl	15
Osp. Mil. Bitonto	Bitonto	15
Osp. Mil.	Barletta	15
Osp. Mil.	Bisceglie	15
Osp. Mil.	Lecco	25
Osp. Mil.	Foggia	15
Osp. Mil. Palo del Colle	Palo del Colle	15
Convalescenza Mil.	Noci	15
Centro Ortopedico	Bari	15
Osp. Mil. Prino.	Palermo	30
	Messina	10

Osp. Mil.	Primo. Virgilio	Roma	40
Osp. Mil.	Baldi	Roma	15
Osp. Mil.	Corradini	Roma	30
Osp. Mil.	Arpino	Arpino	25
Osp. Mil.	Chieti	Chieti	15
Osp. Mil.	Perugia	Perugia	25
Osp. Mil.	Cagliari	Cagliari	15
Osp. Mil.	Sassari	Sassari	9
Osp. Mil.	Napoli	Napoli	40
Osp. Mil.	Madialoni	Madialoni	40
Osp. Mil.	Pagani	Pagani	30
Osp. Mil.	Aversa	Aversa	10
Osp. Mil.	Pozzuoli	Pozzuoli	5
Osp. Mil.	Manoli	Manoli	40
Osp. Mil.	Napoli	Napoli	15
Osp. Mil.	Catanzaro	Catanzaro	15
Osp. Mil.	Regg. Calabria	Regg. Calabria	8
Osp. Mil.	Florence	Florence	25
Osp. Mil.	Florence	Florence	10
Osp. Mil.	Florence	Florence	5
Osp. Mil.	Lucca	Lucca	30
Osp. Mil.	Livorno	Livorno	20
Osp. Mil.	Livorno	Livorno	8
Osp. Mil.	Ancona	Ancona	15
Osp. Mil.	Bari	Bari	30
Osp. Mil.	Bari	Bari	25
Osp. Mil.	Bari	Bari	15
Osp. Mil.	Bitonto	Bitonto	15
Osp. Mil.	Barletta	Barletta	15
Osp. Mil.	Bisceglia	Bisceglia	15
Osp. Mil.	Lecce	Lecce	25
Osp. Mil.	Poggia	Poggia	10
Osp. Mil.	Palo del Colle	Palo del Colle	15
Osp. Mil.	Noci	Noci	15
Osp. Mil.	Bari	Bari	10
Osp. Mil.	Palermo	Palermo	30
Osp. Mil.	Messina	Messina	10
Osp. Mil.	Primo. Virgilio		
Osp. Mil.	Baldi		
Osp. Mil.	Corradini		
Osp. Mil.	Arpino		
Osp. Mil.	Chieti		
Osp. Mil.	Perugia		
Osp. Mil.	Cagliari		
Osp. Mil.	Sassari		
Osp. Mil.	Primo.		
Osp. Mil.	Caserta		
Osp. Mil.	Pagani		
Osp. Mil.	Aversa		
Osp. Mil.	Pozzuoli		
Osp. Mil.	"Boile Anti"		
Osp. Mil.	SOM Primo. Piemonte		
Osp. Mil.			
Osp. Mil.	Primo.		
Osp. Mil.	Primo.		
Osp. Mil.	Monte Oliveto		
Osp. Mil.	Villa Natalia		
Osp. Mil.	Lucca		
Osp. Mil.	Riserva (Mil. Wing)		
Osp. Mil.	C.R.I. Ardenza		
Osp. Mil.	Ancona		
Osp. Mil.	Primo.		
Osp. Mil.	Barilla		
Osp. Mil.	Del Prete		
Osp. Mil.	Bitonto		
Osp. Mil.			
Osp. Mil.	"Trizio"		
Osp. Mil.	Palo del Colle		
Osp. Mil.	Convalescenza Mil.		
Osp. Mil.	Centro Ortopedico		
Osp. Mil.	Primo.		
Osp. Mil.	Messina		

APPENDIX "B" to letter
AG/15/1 dated 8/2/45.

SET OF CLOTHING

One of each of:-	Source
Blouse	Iti
Trousers	Iti
Shirt, Cotton	Iti
Belt, Web Waist	Allied or Iti
Drawers, Wool	Allied or Iti
Undershirt, Wool or Pullover	Allied or Iti
Towel	Iti
Cap, Field	Iti
Overcoat or Mackinaw	Iti
(if essential on account of weather)	
Boots	Allied
Socks	Allied or Iti
Anklets or leggings	Iti
Blankets - (if necessary for travel)	Iti
Mess Kit	Iti

Blouse	Itt
Trousers	Itt
Shirt, Cotton	Itt
Belt, Web Waist	Allied or Itt
Drawers, Wool	Allied or Itt
Undershirt, Wool or PULLOVER	Allied or Itt
Towel	Itt
Cap, Field	Itt
Overcoat or Mackinaw (if essential on account of weather)	Allied
Boots	Allied or Itt
Socks	Itt
Anklets or leggings	Itt
Slingkete - (if necessary for travel)	Itt
Mess Kit	Itt

Subject: Army for Italian Armed Forces.

Land Forces of Army. AD. (MIA).
17/1/49

DIST 1 District

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Land Forces of Army. AD. (MIA).

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52 Area.

Dir. Gen. Command.

Italian War Ministry. (Your 14703/1 dated 7 Jan 49 refers)

1. It has been represented by the Italian War Ministry that demands by 52 Area on the Allied-Italian Purchasing Comm. show (operating in the area) have been such that local Italian Army units cannot obtain sufficient straw.

2. It will be requested if demands can be reduced to secure an equitable distribution for all concerned.

Wms. Paulson
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DIST, Land Forces of Army. AD. (MIA).

10/ May HEPF Draft 147140 3 Dist

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Subject: BR-ITIS - Blankets.

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

8 Jan 1945

To: ALL MILA LOs.

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

2. BR-ITIS in Five and Eight Armies.

(a) Both service tps and Combat Gps may, when supplies are available, be equired 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 III-ITIS category to the scale of two blankets. Any available stock of BR-ITIS blankets or comforters will be kept in the Army Areas to assist in maintaining BR-ITIS Service tps above the scale of two.

(b) MILA LOs with Br. Increment Five and Eight Armies will report the quantity required to bring all Service BR-ITIS 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 MILA.

(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 equipping any man above that scale.

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 to two blankets.

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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-III category to the scale of two blankets. Any available stock of BR-III blankets or comforters will be kept in the Army Areas to assist in maintaining BR-III Service tps above the scale of two.

(b) MIA LOs with Br. Increment Five and Eight Armies will report the quantity required to bring all Service BR-III 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-III 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 MIA.

(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 equipping any man above that scale.

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 into Five or Eight Army Area.

5. Call-up reception centres.

(a) Call-up reception centres will be stocked with ITI-III 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-III or BR-III Arts Centre (eg Astroni or Orvieto) is more than 100 miles, GIB blanket will be taken by the men. This blanket will become part of the man's personal equipment and thus assist the Allied Arts Centre in equipping 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
FJB/13

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

Copy to:

AFHQ for Q/AE
AFHQ for C-4 (A)
HQ MTCUSA
HQ 15 Army Group
HQ First Army (Q Br Increment)
HQ Eighth Army (Q)
HQ P.B.S. to note para 5 (b)
HQ No. 1 District
HQ No. 2 District
HQ No. 3 District
"G" MIA
Q/AE MIA
OED MIA

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MEDY V. LROF NR 7142 (IMPORTANT) QVR4 T MAED QVR5 T NERM QVR6
FROM M.M.I.A. 081410 A 9 JAN 1945

TO REAR EIGHT ARMY - REAR FIVE ARMY BR. INC. - DISTONE
DISTHREE - 54 AREA - 52 AREA - P.B.S.

QV FREEDOM Q/AE

GR --- BT

AG 2530 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) FOR MMIA 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 MAINTENENCE BR- ITI SERVICE TPS ABOVE SCALE
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SCALE OF ISSUE IS TWO PRIOR TO ENTERING ARMY AREAS (.) FOUR (.) CALL UP
RECEPTION CENTRES (.) Q4// 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 (.) LETER ///
LETTER FOLLOWS (.)

BT

SENT NR7142 DNL 1940 (K)
RECD 7142 TB 1940 B5

CONFIDENTIAL (12)

Subject: BR-ITIS - Blankets.

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

8 Jan 1945

To: ALL NMIA LOs.

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

2. BR-ITIS in Five and Eight Armies.

(a) Both service tps and Combat Gps may, when supplies are available, be equipped 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-ITIS blankets or comforters will be kept in the Army Areas to assist in maintaining BR-ITIS Service tps above the scale of two.

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

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- (b) MOLA LOs with Br. Increment Five and Eight Armies will report the quantity required to bring all Service BR-ITM 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.

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8 Jan 44
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HQ No. 1 District
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"C" MELA
Q/AS MELA
ORG MELA

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

Relay HEPF through MTHA NO 3800

SUBJECT: Uniforms for ILL-THIS.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALSCOM (M. W. I. A.)
R O M E
AR/15
11 December 1944

TO : All Concerned.

1. ILL-THI 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 ALSCOM - All in Allied Uniforms.
- (ii) Guard Battalions - All in Allied Uniforms
- (iii) Hqtrs. of 66. Regiments - All in Allied Uniforms
- (iv) SM Units
 - (a) Censor Sections - All in Italian Uniforms
 - (b) Other than Censor Sections - All in Allied Uniforms

Category 6 (c)

(Note): -
Hq's of 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 ALSCOM - All in Allied Uniforms
- (ii) All other Units - All in Italian Uniforms

Category 6 (c)

- All in Italian Uniforms

c. Troops in Sicily.

Category 1

- All in Italian Uniforms

Category 5

- All in Italian Uniforms

(Note): -

in Sicily who are at present in Battle-

Category 1 - All in Italian Uniforms

Category 4 - All in Allied Uniforms

Category 5 -

- (1) Units working for ALCOM - All in Allied Uniforms.
 (ii) Guard Battalions - All in Allied Uniforms
 (iii) Hqtrs. of Cd. 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

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Category 1 - All in Italian Uniforms

Category 5 -

- (1) Service Unit working for ALCOM - All in Allied Uniforms
 (ii) All other Units - All in Italian Uniforms

Category 6 (c) - All in Italian Uniforms

c. Troops in Sicily.

Category 1 - All in Italian Uniforms

Category 5 - All in Italian Uniforms

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

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

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Distribution:

War Ministry	- 4
All MMIA LOS	- 2
ALCOM for G 1 (Br)	- 2
MMIA ORD	- 2
MMIA S/T	- 2
MMIA 3/T	- 2

SUBJECT: Uniforms of ITI-ITIS.

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

11 December 1944.

TO : All Concerned.

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- (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 3 (c)

(Notes):-
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)

c. Troops in Sicily.

Category 1 - All in Italian Uniforms

Category 5 - All in Italian Uniforms

(Notes):-

Those troops in Sicily who are at present in Battle-

- All in Allied Uniforms

Category 4

Category 5

- (1) Units working for ALCOM - All in Allied Uniforms
- (14) Guard Battalions - All in Allied Uniforms
- (11) Hqtrs. of Gd. Regiments - All in Allied Uniforms
- (14) SIM Units
- (a) Censor Sections - All in Italian Uniforms
- (b) Other than Censor Sections - All in Allied Uniforms

Category 6 (c)

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

b. Troops in Sardinia.

Category 1

- All in Italian Uniforms

Category 5

- (1) Services Unit working for ALCOM
- (14) All other Units

- All in Allied Uniforms
- All in Italian Uniforms
- All in Italian Uniforms

Category 6 (c)

c. Troops in Sicily.

Category 1

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Category 5

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MEDY V LROF NR 9178 (- ROUTINE -)

FROM H.M.I.A. 131206...A..

TO DISTHREE

QQX GR 27 (-BT-)

AQ2371 (-RESTRICTED-)

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

(-BT-)

SENT NR 9178 "SLW" 1403.A/13 (-B1-)(K)

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SUBJECT: - Blankets - BR-ITI Tps

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MMIA (10)
File 484/3

3 District
Ext 14
485 Q
13 Dec 44

Ref conversations Col KNIGHT, Lt Col GOODWIN, Maj BURUPP
and Conf at AFHQ on 11 Dec.

1. It was agreed by DA & MMIA that all BR-ITI Tps at present in possession of 3 (three) blankets, may now retain these, until orders to the contrary are issued.
2. Blankets in excess of 3 (three) will be handed in by 20 Dec 44 under arrangements 227 Div.

RBL/WTB

Alvin to Line to Col
Col
DA & JAG
(R.B. LEECH)

Major HEFF Shipley MMIA NO 3 Dist.

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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 AFMRS 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.

GAS/ag

Distribution:-

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

Subject : Clothing and equipment for Italian Personnel

To : 3 DISTRICT HQ

G MMIA LO
Q
LAF

227 DIVISION HQ
GENERAL STAFF - 1 SEC
02/2599/Comm.
2 Dec 44

(12)

With reference to clothing scale for Italian troops (letter 02/2596 attached) :-

The scale of 2 Italian Blankets (made as you know with substitutes of little heating value) or 1 Comforter, is absolutely NOT sufficient for the soldiers, especially that part of them which is sleeping under tents, as CANCELLO and LA PICCIOLA Camps.

I am therefore asking 3 District HQ to inform Higher Authorities of this situation, which will surely worsen the health of personnel and reduce efficiency and morale of units.

I am also proposing to bring the blankets-scale (at least untill March) up to :-

- 3 Italian Field Blankets or
- 2 Allied Wool Blankets or
- 1 Italian Field Blanket and 1 Comforter.

These I consider to be the lowest requirements necessary for avoiding influenza and pneumonia among the troops.

This new scale should be adopted for units to be formed or equipped, leaving to others the full scale they received.

Sgd. (SILVIO ROSSI) Div-Gen
GOC 227 Div.

Per Maggiore
[Signature]

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Subject : ³Items of
Clothing

227 DIVISION HQ
GENERAL STAFF - 1 SEC
02/2506/Comm.
1 Dec 44

To : ALL DEFENDING UNITS
WMIA LO 3 DISTRICT
I LO 3 DISTRICT

APPENDIX 1.

Basic clothing scale and individual equipment scale
for Italian Personnel

Blouse	1
Trousers	1
Shirt cotton	2
Belt web	1
Drawers wool	2
Undershirt wool <u>or</u>	2
Pullovers	1
Towels bath <u>or</u>	1
Towels Huck	1
Caps field	1
Overcoat <u>or</u>	1
Mackinaw	1
Boots(2 prs in winter if available)	1
Socks cotton <u>or</u>	3
Socks wool	3
Anklets or Leggings	1
Blankets <u>or</u>	2
Conforter	1
Pack carrier (when reqd)	1
Canteen (when reqd)	1
Mess kit (incl fork, spoon & cup)	1

COMANDO DELLA 227 DIVISIONE

URGENTISSIMO

S.M. - Sez. I^a

N° 02/2509/comm. di prot.

P.M. 185 11 2 dicembre 1944

OGGETTO: Vestiario equipaggiamento per i reparti italiani.

AL COMANDO 3° DISTRETTO - Intendenza - CASTELLAMARE
e, per conoscenza:

ALL'UFF. DI COLLEGAM. M.M.I.A. PRESSO 3° DISTRICT - CASTELLAMARE

Questo Comando ha ricevuto copia della scala-corredo fissata per i militari italiani e ne ha curata la diramazione ai dipendenti reparti per l'immediata applicazione, (v. F° 02/2506/comm. allegato).--

Ritengo però indispensabile fare presente che la dotazione di due coperte (quasi tutte sono del tipo "da campo" italiano, fabbricate, come noto, con materiali autarchici che riscaldano pochissimo) o di un "conforter" è assolutamente insufficiente per i militari in genere ed in particolare per quelli - e sono la maggior parte - che dormono sotto tenda ed in zone umide, quali, ad es., i campi di Cancellò e della Picciola.--

Richiedo pertanto in merito l'interessamento di codesto Comando presso gli organi competenti, allo scopo di rappresentare che l'adozione di tale dotazione porterà inevitabilmente ad un notevole peggioramento nelle condizioni sanitarie dei reparti, con conseguente diminuzione dell'attività lavorativa e della disponibilità di personale e sfavorevoli ripercussioni nel campo morale, che tanta importanza ha sul rendimento del militare.--

Propongo pertanto che sia esaminata la possibilità di portare, almeno sino a tutto marzo, la dotazione individuale di coperte a :

- 3 coperte da campo italiane

ovvero

- 2 coperte di lana di provenienza alleata

ovvero

- 1 coperta da campo italiana ed un "conforter",

che rappresenta il quantitativo minimo indispensabile per impedire, specie per le truppe attendate, il sorgere e propagarsi fra i militari di diffuse forme influenzali o polmonari.--

Comunque reputo necessario rappresentare l'opportunità che ai reparti non siano ritirate le coperte già in distribuzione e che la dotazione sopra proposta sia attuata per le truppe che devono essere equipaggiate ex novo.--

IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
(Silvio Rossi)

per la immediata applicazione, (v. n. 02/2506/comm. allegato).--

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IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
(Silvio Rossi)

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Subject: Equipment Loaned to Campo Affluenza Afragola

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

20 November 1944

To: Headquarters III District

1. On 25 October, 1944 the following materials were released to Camp Affluenza Afragola:

372 Blankets, Wool (P/W)	(from Allied Sources)
7528 Blankets, Wool	(from Italian Sources)
8000 Mattress Covers	(from Italian Sources)
17 Tents	(from Italian Sources)
2 tende Normalizzati	
10 " Modella Gratti	
1 " Baracchi Modello B Pastore	
3 " Recovero BR Modello B Pastore	
1 " Baracchi GJR 200 Caminati	

2. This equipment was released on a loan basis as camp property on charge to the Camp Commander, and subject to withdrawal at such time as deemed necessary by M.M.I.A., and to be returned to the depots from which drawn if the camp should pass from the control of SMRE and come under the control of an Allied formation.

3. It has been decided by M.M.I.A. that the materials listed in Par. 1, should remain at Afragola, for the time being, as camp property on charge to the Camp Commander on a loan basis, subject to withdrawal at such time as deemed necessary by M.M.I.A.

George D. Smith, Jr.
GEORGE D. SMITH, JR.
Major, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

Copy to:

M.M.I.A. Rome
M.M.I.A. L.O. III District ←
Comando Militare della Campagna Ufficio Servizi
Comando Genio della Campagna
Direzione di Commissariato, Campagna
Commanding Officer, Campo Affluenza Afragola

0 (12)
Subject : Clothing - Italian Army.

3DLO/12
18 Nov 44

Land Forces Sub Commission, AC,
(MMIA),
R O M E .

1. Labour, 94 Sub Area are arranging that any member of Italian pioneer units under their command losing through negligence items of clothing are to be charged for replacement items.
2. In view of the clause in the conditions of supply of clothing to the Italian Army forbidding the disposal of clothing by sale, I fancy this is not in order.
3. If in order it would be necessary for you to supply me with a price list upon which these payments could be based.
4. May I have your decision, please.

*Tell Faber of
result.*

[Signature]
Major,
MMIALO,
3 District.

SUBJECT: - CLOTHING ETC FOR BR-ITIS

RESTRICTED

3 District
Ext 113
385 Q

17 Nov 44

Q 52 Area (4)
54 Area (4)
56 Area (2) x
70 Sub Area (2) x
94 Sub Area (2) x
207 Sub Area (2) x
209 Sub Area (2) x

ROME Allied Area Command (Brit) (2)

3 District Eastern Det

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NOTE

x - with one copy of MEMA
Adm Instr No. 17

1. The draft Adm Instruction given at Appx "A" will shortly be published as an Appx to DROs.
2. Addressees will ensure that all BR-ITI units are aware of the correct procedure to be adopted w.e.f. 20 Nov 44.
3. Difficulties experienced in obtaining supplies will be reported to this HQ.

JN/WFS

Human Man
Col
Lt & QMG
(J. NUTTALL)

3 DIST 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) Those 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 Ministry of War as directed by MMIA.

4. DEMANDS

BR-ITI units will submit demands direct to the following Italian Pmn HQ:-

- | | | |
|---|---|---------------------|
| (a) Units in that part of CALABRIA,
CAMPANIA and LAZIO which is in
3 District | - | to HQ 227 Div |
| (b) Units in that part of APULIA,
LUCANIA and ABRUZZI which is
in 3 District | - | to HQ 230 Div |
| (c) Units in SICILY | - | to Mil HQ SICILY |
| (d) Units in SARDINIA | - | to Mil HQ SARDINIA. |

5. ISSUES

- (a) Issues will be made from Italian Sub Depots under arrangements of the Italian Pmn HQ concerned.
- (b) Detail issues will not be made to BR-ITI units from Italian Bulk Depots in BARI and NAPLES.

2. OBJECT

This instruction defines the procedure to be adopted for the supply of clothing, personal eqpt, food 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 Ministry of War as directed by MMIA.

4. DEMANDS

BR-ITI units will submit demands direct to the following Italian Pnn HQ:-

- | | | |
|---|---|--------------------|
| (a) Units in that part of CALABRIA, CAMPANIA and LAZIO which is in 3 District | - | to HQ 227 Div |
| (b) Units in that part of APULIA, LUCANIA and ABRUZZI which is in 3 District | - | to HQ 230 Div |
| (c) Units in SICILY | - | to MIL HQ SICILY |
| (d) Units in SARDINIA | - | to MIL HQ SARDINIA |

5. ISSUES

- (a) Issues will be made from Italian Sub Depots under arrangements of the Italian Pnn HQ concerned.
- (b) Detail issues will not be made to BR-ITI units from Italian Bulk Depots in BARI and NAPLES.

6. EFFECTIVE DATE

The above instructions are effective from 20 Nov 44.

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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

- Para. 17 reporting same stocks as
1000 hrs 17th for instructions
- 12 x 3 km (9000) reporting same
Hq. No. 3 District (3)

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 330 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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Continued on page 2.

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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-ITT 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
GEO A. SHIPLEY, Lt. Col.
for Major General
M. M. I. A.

GAS/ri

Internal Distribution

ORD

DA/QMG

Accounting Section

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DISTHREE

MEMIA

DISTHREE EAST 52 Area 54 Area MEMIA LO BARI

MEMIA LO NAPLES MEMIA IO

QG 3347 (.) RESTRICTED (.) Ref your Adm Instr No 17 of 9 Nov 44. (.) Request you
advise effective date for adoption of new procedure (.) meanwhile
Dr - ITI indents continue to be submitted to your LOs BARI and NAPLES

Princeton May

IMPORTANT

Get all 3 items 5
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MNH

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Q 3181 O Rest O Conference with Roake at
 the HQ refers O first O arrangements for
 demands & sup of clothing for BRs are still
 most unsatisfactory, O 227 Div have not
 recd firm instructions O second O you
 are requested to state (A) to whom requests
 should now be submitted (B) How a demand
 unit knows where & when to collect (C)
 what further action is required by this
 HQ to assist (D) what action has
 been taken to meet requests already
 submitted and what units have been
 supplied O third O under present
 circumstances it is impossible
 to give concise instructions to
 units and agency involved
 early

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- important -

SUBJECT: Supplementation of Adm. Instruction No. 17.

(12) Land Forces Sub Commission
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
S/AQ/5
9 November 1944

TO : MMIA LO Naples
MMIA LO Diathree
MMIA LO Bari

The following action is required to implement
Adm. Instruction No. 17.

1. MMIA LO Diathree (Major Thrupp)

The sub depot must be started as early as possible. Please find the building and get the Div staff organised to take in the stock from Naples and be prepared to deal with indents. All stock put into the 227 Div Sub Depot is issuable on your authorisation without further delay to BRIT units only. You are responsible for screening the indents in every way. We will give you as much warning as possible of what you are likely to get. Lt. Col. Goodwin will want to know when to tell his people to indent on your 227 Div Sub Depot. *but 20 Nov presumably*

2. MMIA LO Naples (Major Smith)

As soon as Thrupp can accept, you must be prepared to transfer some stock to his sub depot. We will tell you the amounts when we know the date of transfer.

3. MMIA LO Bari (Major Murcell)

230 Div HQ is being set up now to take over administration of BRITIS. They must run their own sub depot with the stock we will tell you to put in it. The sub depot is under your control just as 227 Div Sub Depot is under Major Thrupp (para 1). How soon can the sub depot operate?

4. Returns.

Q/AE are sending instructions on the reports of issues required from the sub depots and how the sub depots are to demand for replenishment.

F. J. Noakes
F.J. NOAKES, ~~Col.~~ Col.
~~Commanding Officer~~ & QMG
MMIA *DA*

FJN/r1

Copy to: Q/AE for action para 4.

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ARMY FORM C. 2136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Call

Srl.No.

Priority

Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM MMIALO DISTREE
(A)

Date-Time of Origin
111059 A

Office Date Stamp

For Action

MMIA

To

(W) For Information (INFO)

PBS for MMIALO

Message
Instrns

CR

Originator's No.

HC 101 (*) ref your AQ 2152 of 9 (*) 227 div have suitable sub
depot at CAVA DEI TIRRENTI ready now for reception clothing up
to approx 15000 complete sets

This message may be sent
AS WRITTEN by any Means

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Wireless

Signed

If liable to be inter-
cepted or to fall into
enemy hands this mess-
age must be sent IN
CIPHER.

Signed

Originator's
Instructions
Degree of Priority

Important

Time System Op.

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TO 930

Time
cleared

BT OK TRS

(12)

10 NOV 1944

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MEDY V LROF 4R 250 T LRNE QVR1

FROM MMIA 091050A

TO DISTHREE RPTD PBS

QGX CR -- BT

AQ-2169 (.) RESTRICTED (.) FOR MMIA LOC. (.) ADM INSTRUCTION IN POST SETT-
ING OF 227 DIV SUB DEPOT FOR CLOTHING ETC (.) HOW SOON CAN 227 DIV
HAVE SUITABLE BUILDING READY TO RECEIVE ALL BRITI STOCK FROM MAIN
NAPLES DEPOTS QUERY (.) ~~SMITH KAPPA~~ OF PLAN

BT

CCN: BRITI CCT

SENT MR 250 021545A JM BB K

2D MR 250 27K KKKK



How much stock
8-10 thousand
complete
sets

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C L O T H I N G S T A T E

Stock No	I T E M	NAPLES	BARI	TOTAL	27 OCT. RELEASED + NAPLES	B A R I TO NEAPLES
101 B	BLOUSES BD	==	11819	11819		
202 B	TROUSERS BD	==	9319	9319		
103 B	BOOTS	7000	29816	36816	3850	5000
105 A	SHIRTS COTTON	41768	20000	61768	3377	
106 A	SOCKS COTTON	54477	20000	74477		
107 A	DRAWERS WOOL		85000	85500		20000
108 A	MACKINAWS		75000	75000		10000
109 A	COMFORTERS		59500	59500		10000
110 A	CAPS WOOL	24596	20000	44596	1916	
111 A	BELTS WEB	25000		25000	1219	
104 A	SOCKS WOOL	100000		100000	4937	4000 BARI

CLOTHING STATE

M	NAPLES	BARI	TOTAL	27 OCT. RELEASED + NAPLES	B A R I TO NEAPLES
D	==	11819	11819		
BD	==	9319	9319		
	7000	29816	36816	3850	5000
TON	41768	20000	61768	3377	
TON	54477	20000	74477		
COL		85500	85500		20000
		75000	75000		10000
S		59500	59500		10000
	24596	20000	44596	1916	
	25000		25000	1219	
L	100000		100000	4937	400000 to BARI

CLOTHING STATE

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108 A	MACINAWA		75000	75000		10000
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L	100000		100000	4937	40000X to BARI

Maj. Thrupp
COBY

MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MMIA

Date: TIME OF ORIGIN

TO (FOR ACTION): MINISTRY OF WAR
54 AREA FOR MMIA LO
PBS FOR MMIA LO

23 1200 A

REF NO: AQ/2065

CONFIDENTIAL

ALL UNFILLED OR INCOMPLETED AUTHORIZATIONS GRANTED PRIOR TO 28 SEPTEMBER FOR ISSUE OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT TO ITALIAN UNITS OR FORMATIONS NOW CLASSIFIED AS BR/ITIS OR US/ITIS ARE CANCELLED (.) PAREN ROME AREA _____ PAREN (.) NO REPEAT NO FURTHER ISSUES WILL BE MADE AGAINST SUCH AUTHORIZATION AFTER 25 OCTOBER.

PRECEDENCE: IMPORTANT

ORIGINATOR'S AUTHENTICATION: GEO. A. SHIPLEY
Lt. Col.

DISTRIBUTION:

All MMIA LOs (BY mail)
ORD MMIA

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DEFENSIVE

25 / 52 A

Q (Sint) 1972

12X1A E Oni Lab 12X1A 10 (By hand)

Q 2377 (.) DEFENSIVE (.) 12X1A report serious deficiencies winter clothing for
12X1A especially Blouses Trousers Shirts Socks (.) Request you arrange
stocks in Italian depots to be made up by release from 200 of these garments
or alternatives for example pullovers (.) consider provision winter clothing
12X1A requires immediate attention

MESSAGE OUT

In lieu of 1st 2nd 3rd

Date - TCG
25 / 500 A

FROM: DISTREE

TO: Q 52 Area Q 54 Area Q 56 Area Q 54 Sub Area Q 60 Gr
Q 67 Grn

INFO: DIA DISTREE EAST DIA LO

Originators No Q2374 (.)

CONFIDENTIAL (.) Further stocks clothing and boots being made available
in NAPLES and BARI DIA depots for BR-ITIS (.) Instruct all concerned to
submit indents forthwith

If liable to be inter-
cepted, this message must
be sent in Cipher

Degree of Priority

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INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION
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Cloning

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Q(AE) AFTER

MIA Ord Lab (By hand) MIA LO

Q 2350 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) Your FYA-2438 signed SACM20 CITE PAGES of 22 and MIA A32050 of 22 refer (.) Suggestion in para second of MIA signal NOT in accordance with policy as laid down by you (.) Meanwhile needs of units cannot be met due to lack of balance between MIA depots and shortage of essential items (.) Urgently request MIA be instructed to implement existing instructions and meet demands on presentation of indent bearing ADOS/DADOS approval (.) further request urgent action be taken by MIA to ensure availability at depots MASE and WEST as of ^{possibilities} stocks remains MIA responsibility

9 2350 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) Your FAX 0433 signed SACRED CLEM FIVE of 22
and MIA AG2050 of 22 refer (.) suggestion in para second of
MIA signal NOT in accordance with policy as laid down by you
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balance between MIA deposits and shortage of essential items (.)
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stocks remains MIA responsibility

DISPATCH

DISPATCH NAME

DISPATCH NAME
and (by hand)

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Q 2395 (.) ANSWER (.) Following signal FIA-2395 of 22 received from AMB
signed SAUND GIBB WHAR aimed to HIA AMI info INFORMATION is
repeated paraphrased (.) QUOTE (.) Further to my P-3977 of 16 (.)
THE (.) From Brit and stocks to HIA for AMI THIS following being
made available immediately (.) DO NOT GET ONE THOUSAND GRADE THREE
battle dress qty ten thousand grade three (.) In addition from
Brit sources for repair and re issue by HIA to AMI THIS steady flow
of battle dress and boots and other garments (.) TWO (.) arriving
Dec and Jan from UK additional to the above given battle dress
100000 will be handed over to HIA for AMI THIS (.) THREE (.) For
AMI ref Q(AM) 3883 of 21 (.) In view of latest instructions from Combined
Chiefs of Staff to take over from HIA AMI for distribution of
equipment and clothing to AMI THIS cannot agree (.) Issuing of
Italian clothing stocks by Brit and undesirable (.) For Brit
clothing handed to HIA for AMI THIS Italian Ministry exists for
repair and drying (.) AMI and supply of all outgrowth of Italian
the ultimately bearing responsibility of Italian Government (.)
existing Italian Ministry must therefore be adapted to work
efficiently and be utilized to full extent (.) FROM (.) THIS
signed to be shown to Gen LAMIA and GENIA on arrival please (.)

Thanks

DISPATCH
Card (by Hand)

Q 2335 (.) ENEMY (.) Following signal 242433 of 22 received from AFM
signed SACRED CHIEF ENEMY added to MIA A.I into NUMBER 15
reported purchased (.) (MIA) further to 24 2429747 of 15 (.)
ONE (.) From Brit and stores to MIA for MIA following being
made available immediately (.) Borda city on the second grade three
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Ord (By hand) RECEIVED LO

Q 2329 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) AFTER signal FIA2438 of 22 signed SACRED CHIEF FROAR
refers (.) request you report by what date stocks of clothing and
boats will be available in HANES for BR-1213

James M. [unclear]

COPY

Subject:- Authorization for Release of Clothing Against British Allotment
in NAPLES Italian Depot.

LIAISON OFFICER
M.M.I.A.
NAPLES SECTOR
AQ/4/SR/1

19 Oct 44

TO:- HQ III District

Attention :- D.D.O.S.

1. Forwarded herewith for your information are copies of three authorisations for release of clothing to R -- III units under your command. The clothing is to be deducted from the British allotment in NAPLES Depot as set forth in MIA Letter AQ/15 dated 3 Oct 44.
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4. A more satisfactory arrangement would be for DISTURB to draw a bulk allotment of available stock from NAPLES Depot, and issue to units direct. The following is the quantity available by items NAPLES Depot this date :

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111 A	Belts, Web	25781	
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HOMER B. JONE
Major G.M.C.,
Executive Officer.

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	Total available	available 7/1/68	available Base	Released to date	
101 B - Blankets BO	11819	—	11819	—	—
102 B - Blankets BO	9319	—	9319	—	—
103 B Boats	36816	7000	29816	3738	3262
105 A Shirts Cotton	61768	41768	20000	3265	NONE
106 A Socks Cotton	74477	54477	20000	—	NONE
107 A Socks Wool	85500	—	82500	—	—
108 A Mechanisms	75000	—	25000	—	—
109 A Carpenters	59500	—	59500	—	—
110 A Caps Wool	44596	24596	20000	1616	3080 NONE
111 A Belts Wool	25000	25000	—	1219	23781
124 A Socks Wool	100000	100000	—	4313	70000

Subject: Italian Lin Sec - Winter clothing.

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3DLO/12
8 Oct 44

HQ 3 District.

Ref your 4061 X316 dated 2 Oct 44.

In accordance with AFHQ letter
AG 400/105 D-O dated 22 Sep 44 (copies held
by your HQ) the a/q subject is now a matter
for HQ 3 District.

[Handwritten signature]

Major,
MNIALO,
3 District.

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Subject:- Italian Line Sections - Winter Clothing.

MMIA LO 3 District

O.C. 11 L of C Signals.
O.C. 175 HQ It. Sig Coy.
DA & QMG 3 District.

3 ~~1~~ District
Tel Ext 39
4061 X316
2 Oct 44.

1. With the winter weather approaching some provision has to be made for winter clothing for Italian Line Secs which will be working out of doors under all weather conditions.
2. It is suggested that a release of gas capes from British sources would be suitable as waterproofs. Can this office be informed as to the availability of warm clothing - greatcoats, balaclavas, gloves, etc., from Italian sources.

W. J. Rocks
Colonel,
Chief Signal Officer.

ASC/SJC.

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Subject: Issue of clothing to CC.RR.

MMIA LC HQ 30 District
7-10

Military Mission
Italian Army,
R O M E
42/15.

To: MINISTER FOR WAR

Oct 44

Copy: Chief Commissioner ACC.
G4 AFHQ for Col. Libby.
DCAO HQ ASI.
Public Safety Sub Commission, ACC.
General Orlando, CC.RR.

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5. Additional items of Allied clothing will be issued to CC.RR when additional personnel is added.

6. The scale of issue of clothing to the CC.RR will not exceed the scale prescribed by AFHQ for all Italian troops (AFHQ letter 22 September 1944, AG 400/105 D-C).

7. No further bulk allotments of clothing will be made to CC.RR by MMIA or the War Ministry. CC.RR will conform to procedure prescribed for all units of the Italian Army, which is that the units requisition on War Ministry and War Ministry forwards to MMIA for release.

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8. CC.RR will be responsible for drawing clothing authorized for release in Appendix A from Italian depots as indicated, and for transportation, distribution and issue of the clothing.
9. CC.RR will be considered as a part of the Italian Army and will render such returns and reports to the War Ministry as are required by the War Ministry.

CPK/hh

Copy to: ALL MMIA LO's
Ord. MMIA.

Major General.
M. M. I. A.

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Appx 'A' to letter AQ/15/
of 3 Oct 44

a. Clothing Released to CC.RR

Item	Quantity	Origin	To be drawn from	
			Naples Depot	Bari Depot
Outer uniform repaired	10,000	Italian Uniform	As directed by War Ministry	
Overcoats, repaired	10,000	Italian Uniform	As directed by War Ministry	
Boots, repaired	15,000	Allied 103 A B	5000	10,000
Pullovers, new	25,000	Allied 104 B		25,000
Shirts, cotton	25,000	Allied 105 A	25,000	
Socks, cotton	90,000	Allied 106 A	90,000	
Drawers, wool	86,000	Allied 107 A	40,000	46,000
Comforters	83,000	Allied 109 A		23,000
Belts, waist	10,000	Allied 111 A	10,000	

b. The issue of an additional 20,000 comforters (Allied 109 A) is authorized providing the CC.RR turn in to the Italian Army Depot at the time of issue two blankets for each comforter issued.

c. 8000 mess tins and 20,000 cups are available in SARDINIA. MMIA will have these shipped to NAPLES for delivery to CC.RR.

Subject:- Clothing - Italian Army.

3DIO/12
29 Sep 44

ADL "D" Lab Tesse, 57 Area.

Lab Hq 3 District.
Hq 227 Div.

Re: conversation H THURP - LAMBERT - COME BLANCH today.

Some confusion exists in the issue of clothing of clothing to the personnel of the Italian units under your command.

It is understood that you are making arrangements for holding a certain quantity of clothing and equipment for direct issue to Italian units. Until this system becomes effective it is necessary to adjust the present system to conform to the procedure laid down.

It is evident that Hq 227 Div is somewhat out of the picture as to what is going on in the clothing line in their command. This is probably due to the practice of some units indenting for clothing through them, others direct to SMEE and others through "emergency" channels or by direct contact with SMIAIO.

It is now laid down that all clothing demands will be put through Hq 227 Div by their dependent units. Hq 227 Div will then vet all indents, and make up a consolidated indent which will be forwarded to SMEE as previously laid down.

You are therefore requested to ensure that all indents submitted by Italian units etc under your command are routed to SMEE through Hq 227 Div in their original form (i.e. not consolidated by you).

Copies of SMIA release authorizations to the Ministry of War are always sent to SMIA Naples Office. You will be informed when any that concern you are received so that, if delivery is urgently required, a rep from the unit concerned may report to the a/s office, obtain a release note and be informed of where the clothing may be collected. It would then be their responsibility to inform Hq 227 Div of the receipt of the clothing. In the normal way, however, the final release will come through Hq 227 Div.

Other units ect under command 227 Div are also being instructed to comply with these instructions.


Major,
SMIAIO,
3 District.

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COPY
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MMIA LO 3 District
MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MMIA
DATE--TIME OF ORIGIN
26 1640 A
TO (FOR ACTION): DISTWC for MMIA LO
PES for MMIA LO
AGC SARDINIA for SIMONS
AGC SICILY REGION for MMIA LO

REF No. AQ 1936 RESTRICTED

REFERENCE OUR AQ 1935 DATED 26 Sept (.) PAREN RCME AREA PAREN (.)

SUBJECT IS ITALIAN ARMY CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT (.) EQUIPMENT REFERRED TO
HEREIN INCLUDES ONLY ORGANIZATIONAL OR PERSONAL EQUIPMENT WHICH IS A COMMON
ISSUE TO EACH ORGANIZATION AND SOLDIER SUCH AS TEATS COMMA CANTEENS AND
MESS GEAR (.) INSTRUCTIONS COVERING SPECIAL ITEMS SUCH AS ARMS OR WEAPONS
OR ENGINEER EQUIPMENT WILL BE ISSUED LATER (.) ESSENTIAL TO DETERMINE
QUICKLY LOCATION AND QUANTITY OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT WHICH IS AVAILABLE
FOR IMMEDIATE ISSUE (.) FIRST (.) USING ALLIED PERSONNEL FOR ACTIVE
REPEAT ACTIVE SUPERVISION YOU WILL COMPLETE A PHYSICAL INVENTORY OF MAIN
ITALIAN DEPOTS BEFORE ONE OCTOBER AND FORWARD TO MMIA BY QUICKEST MEANS
A COMPLETE LIST OF ALL SUCH SERVICEABLE REPEAT SERVICEABLE CLOTHING AND
EQUIPMENT (.) SECOND (.) DO NOT INCLUDE UNSERVICEABLE OR SALVAGE ITEMS
ON ORIGINAL INVENTORY SUBMITTED (.) SUCH ITEMS WILL BE REPORTED AS AN
ADDITIONAL QUANTITY WHEN READY FOR ISSUE (.) THIRD (.) YOU ARE AUTHORIZED
TO MAKE EMERGENCY REPEAT EMERGENCY RELEASE OF THESE PROVEN ITEMS PRIOR TO
COMPLETION OF INVENTORY IN ORDER TO KEEP ITALIAN UNITS WORKING (.) INCLUDE
ITEMS RELEASED BY YOU IN THE INVENTORY SUBMITTED AND SEND COPIES OF RELEASE
FORMS WITH THE INVENTORY (.) AFTER COMPLETION OF INVENTORY RELEASES WILL
BE MADE ONLY REPEAT ONLY ON SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATION BY HQ MMIA (.) FOUR (.)
AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AFTER COMPLETION OF INVENTORY OF MAIN DEPOTS MAKE
COMPLETE INVENTORY OF ALL OTHER ITALIAN STORES AND DEPOTS IN YOUR SECTORS

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ACKNOWLEDGE

PRECEDENCE: IMMEDIATE

ORIGINATOR'S AUTHENTICATION: HQ A. SHIPLEY 915
Lt. Col.

Dist:-

All MMIA LGS including all above addresses.

Clothing - Italian Army.

3DIO/12
25 Sep 44

Comando 227^a Divisione,
Cava de'Tirreni.-----

Herewith copies of five clothing releases numbered serially 1 - 5. These have been passed to me by MMIA (Naples office) who point out that the clothing listed has not been drawn.

It is likely in the case of sheet No. 1 that the release note from SMRE has not yet reached the unit through Italian Army channels but as regards sheets Nos. 2 to 4, all dated July 15th, there must be some other reason for their not having yet been drawn.

1480 pairs of socks cotton have been drawn on release note No. 5 but the remainder of the articles released to that unit have not.

Since it is possible that the units concerned may, owing to the delay, have indented afresh for the same articles and already drawn them on another release note will you please carefully check with the units to ensure that there is no duplication and that if the articles of clothing have not yet been drawn that steps be taken to draw them immediately. ensure

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Please return the attached copy of release notes when the matter has been dealt with, informing me of your action.

W. J.

Major,
MMIAIO,
3 District.

Subject: Italian Indents.

To: Major Thrupp,
L.O. MIA,
H.O., No. 3 District.

A.D.L., 57 Area.
Ref: AME/O/49a
Date: 23 Sept 44.

Reference 3 District 3Dis/268/L dated 13 Sept 44.

Attached please find Copy of indent covering
requirements of 182 Italian Pioneer Lab. Coy.

Certificate is held at this H.Q. to the effect
that two copies of the a/m indent were sent today direct
to S.M.R.E., Rome.

PS/MAH.

(J.S. Pope Smith) Lt. Colonel.
'D' Team (Labour) 57 Area.

Copy sent to MAH today

Subject: Clothing - Italian Army.

3DLO/12
25 Sep 44

Military Mission Italian Army.

R O M E .----- (Attention Col Shipley).

Further to my sig HC 22 of 23 Sep and ref 3 District letter 485 Q of 22 Sep.

Herewith copy of the clothing indent submitted by 120 Gd Bn to HQ 227 Div, originally (as per date on indent) on 30 Jul 44, but owing to its having been wrongly compiled in the first place it was returned, corrected and finally despatched by 227 Div to SMRE on 28 Aug 44.

I am now informed that this bn will very shortly be incorporated into the Mantova Div whence it originally came and that it will be relieved by 5 Gd Bn which arrived from Sardinia today.

As Mantova Div is one of the new Combat Gps and, as such, will be equipped to a different scale of clothing and from Allied stocks, I suggest that the indent should be altered to the benefit of 5 Gd Bn who will doubtless be in a bad state as regards clothing. A ready-made release will mean that a proportion of the bn will be reclothed in a shorter space of time than would otherwise be possible.

RS
Major,
MMIALO,
3 District.

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ARMY FORM C.2136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

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Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) MAILALO DISTANCE 23/640 H

Office Date Stamp

For Action

To (W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instrns

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Originator's No.

HC 220 ref DISTANCE letter 425 of
dated 22 Sep 01 already submitted
to 227 Div 0 can you be taken care of
some of copies of what I submitted

This message may be sent
AS WRITTEN by any means
(except { Wireless

If liable to be inter-
cepted or to fall into
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age must be sent in
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[Signature]

Signed

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(102)
SUBJECT :- Clothing & Equipment Italian Army

Hq Army Sub Commission AGC

G. G. Gen
MHA LO -
Italian LO

3 District
Ext 113
185 2
22 Sep 44

1. It has been reported that supplies of new clothing and footwear are urgently required by 120 Italian Bn.
2. Demands have been made through Italian channels to 227 Div without success, and in view of the approach of winter you are requested to take necessary action to provide this equipment.
3. Please advise this HQ when supplies are expected to be available.

BT/acc

John A. C. C. C.
Col
DA & C
(R. BLANCH)

Callaway is obtaining copies
of the uniforms already sent
to 227 Div -
Div sent on about 28 Aug.

SUBJECT : Clothing & Equipment for Italian
Troops with Fifth Army. Telephone
conversation Lt. Col. Shipley and
Maj. Van Kirk (MMIA LO 5th Army)
on 20 September 1944.

Military Mission Italian Army
Rome
AQ 15/11
20 September 1944

To : MMIA LO 5th Army.

1. On 16 September 1944 Maj. Van Kirk forwarded to HQ MMIA copies of two lots of Italian indents, the originals of which had been submitted thru Italian channels over a period of time.
2. An examination of these copies of indents revealed certain irregularities including demands for some items in excess of authorized scales, demands for items from Allied sources without regard of their being available from Italian sources, and overlapping between indents placed by Units and by 210 Div. HQ. The entire lot indicated a general lack of screening and other appropriate action by HQ 210 Div.
3. A consolidated total of all items requisitioned was given by Lt. Col. Shipley to Maj. Van Kirk. He was instructed to review these totals with 210 Div. and prepare a consolidated list of the total items currently needed by Italian troops now working for 5th. Army, and submit same to HQ MMIA. Needs of both Italian items and Allied items are to be included.
4. It is understood that a bulk issue of 12,000 comforters, 12,000 pullovers, 24,000 Wool Drawers, and 12,000 Mackinaws will go forward to 210 Div. just as soon as the matter of setting up an advanced supply point under 210 Div. control has been agreed. It is also understood that the items requested by Maj. Van Kirk as current needs and authorized by our AQ/61/290 14 September, are ready to be moved forward on first available transportation. Allowances are to be made for both of these lots of supplies, when calculating additional needs.
5. When the consolidated list of additional needs, as provided in Par. 3 above is received, authority to issue will be given at once. At the same time the Ministry of War will be notified that all outstanding indents placed by Units under Fifth Army prior to 20 September 1944 including any items still due on partially filled indents are cancelled.

Geo. A. Shipley, Lt. Col.
for Lt. Col. AA & QMG
MMIA

GAS:ri
Copies to: Ministry of War
MMIA LO Naples, MMIA Ord.

Copy

SUBJECT: Forwarding of Indents for
Clothing and Equipment
for the Italian Troops

File 23

Military Mission Italian Army
Rome
AR 15/11
20 September 1944

(12)

Memo To : Major Van Kirk,
MMIA LO 5th Army,

1. In our telephone conversation on 20 September 1944, you advised that small indents from Italian Units working for the Fifth Army were being placed through Italian channels and copies furnished to HQ MMIA because you understood that such action is required by MMIA Administration Instructions and supplementary instructions, regardless of the fact that consolidated requisitions were also being placed from time to time by HQ 210 Div.
2. There are a substantial number of Italian Units, on what might be termed, "A Detached Status" and which of necessity must place their individual indents direct. On the other hand Italian Administrative Headquarters have been established for Italian Troops under Eighth Army, Fifth Army, and certain other Allied Formations. The 210 Div. is the Administrative HQ. for all Italian Troops under Fifth Army control. In all instances where such administrative Headquarters have been established, it is contemplated that such Headquarters will consolidate indents from Units and submit such consolidated indents to the Ministry of War. The advantages of this method are obvious, but the job cannot be done in part one way, and in part the other, without endless confusion and misunderstanding. The only disadvantages of consolidated requisitions appear to be that a certain amount of screening of indents from Units and work of consolidation is required on the part of 210 Div. A reasonable amount of directions and supervision is also needed from Fifth Army and from MMIA LO 5th Army.
3. The consolidation of indents from Units and the placing of consolidated indents by HQ 210 Div. is not in conflict with existing Administrative Instruction. It is desired that this method be employed for demanding all future requirements. Any emergency requirements, can, of course, still be handled by telephone or signal.
4. The above will govern in making demands for items from Italian sources as well as items from Allied Sources.

Geo. A. Shipley, Lt. Col. 988
for Lt. Col. AA & JMG
MMIA

GAS:PI
Copy to: MMIA LO Naples

one to home

SUBJECT: Boots - 550 Italian
Train Guard Coy:

(13)
H.Q. Movements,
REGGIO (CALABRIA).
MT/R/5.
13 Sep 44.

To: M.M.I.A. L.O.
H.Q. No. 3 District,
C.M.F.

For the attention of Major Thrupp.

Confirming telephone conversation of to-day.

Herewith copies of letter and indent made out by Capt. Macri
Commander of the 550 Italian Train Guard Coy. working under us.

A month ago the a/n Unit indented for replacements for 40 pairs
of boots but received no answer or boots. The Company Commander
states that now his company is in need of 100 pairs of boots and
that the time will soon be past when he will have sufficient boots
to issue out to men actually going out on duty - the procedure he
is now adopting.

From this unit's observations even those boots are in need of
repair.

In view of these facts would you please take the necessary action
to ensure that the footwear situation of the 550 Train Guard Coy.
is dealt with.

19/9
Shirley sending release to Naples office -
550 will collect receipts for
train boots -

Lieut., R.E.

JMC/jbc.

Copy to: 550^a Compagnia Autonoma Guardia Treni,
REGGIO CALABRIA.

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(N. 1891 (260-A) del Card.
 (R. 1941 - Anno XXI)

C O M A N D O

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NUOVI[illegible]

(1) Corpo. — (2) Compagnia. — (3) Nuovi, usati, speciali. — (4) Prima vestizione o rievocazione. — (5) Battaglione, gruppo, ecc.

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Reggio Calabria, li 13/9/1944

4 IL CAPITANO
COMANDANTE DEI COMPAGNI.
(Mario Macri).

Finto: Il Comandante del (5)

AVVERTENZE

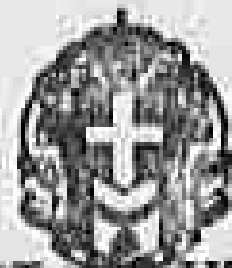
§ 1. — Si compileranno distinti buoni — per gli oggetti di corredo nuotò — per gli oggetti nuotò — per gli oggetti speciali di vestiario di proprietà del corpo — e secondo che si tratti di prima vestizione o di rinnovazione.

§ 2. — Dell'importo delle robe prelevato si stabilirà, nella relativa colonna, il totale per servizio al conteggio del prelevamento.

COPY

N. 2910 (208-bis) del Catal.
(R. 1941 - Anno XX)

MINU



550 COMPAGNIA AUTONOMA
GUARDIA TREN
C O M A N D O

Reggio Calabria, li 13/settembre/1944

COMANDO MILITARE DELLA CALABRIA
Direzione di Commissariato

POSTA MILITARE II4

Risposta al foglio del

Prot. N. 572

Allegati

Div.

Sez.

N.

OGGETTO Richiesta calzature.-

In data 15 agosto con foglio n.332 di prot. ho inviato all'Ufficio Presidio di Reggio Calabria una richiesta di n. 40 paia di scarpe motivandone le ragioni.

Alla distanza di un mese debbo fare noto che le calzature inefficienti non sono più di 40 ma 95 - tale il numero segnalato dai vari distaccamenti della Compagnia.

Alcuni militari non sono in condizioni di far servizio e dato che ciò non è possibile per l'esiguo numero degli uomini di ogni distaccamento, in relazione al servizio da disimpegnare si è ricorso ad un espediente poco simpatico - quello delle scarpe che cambiano giornalmente padrone. =

Dato che i militari fanno servizio con gli Alleati sono stati recentemente ispezionati e gli stessi hanno ordinato di compilare buoni di prelevamento dai Magazzini Militari Italiani di n. 100 (cento) paia di scarpe per gli uomini della 550 Compagnia G.T. =

IL CAPITANO
COMANDANTE LA COMPAGNIA
(Mario Macri)

Macri

Strongin as per report 25 Jul 44

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MMIA LO HQ 3 District

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Subject: U.S. Repairable Clothing

Army Sub Commission (MMIA)
HQ ACC
ROME
AQ/40
September 1944

To : All MMIA LOs
All Branches HQ MMIA

1. Extract from AFHQ Administrative Memorandum No. 36, dated 4 Sept 44 is quoted for the information and guidance of all concerned:

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I-----DISPOSAL OF UNIFORM CLOTHING UNSUITABLE FOR USE IN THE
BRITISH AND UNITED STATES ARMIES

AFHQ Administrative Memorandum Number 5, 1944, is rescinded.

In view of a recent change in policy announced by the Combined Chiefs of Staff which affects this subject, new and current instructions pertaining to the supply of Italian Military forces are being drafted and will be published at an early date. Pending publications of these instructions uniform clothing unsuitable for use in the British and United States Armies will be dealt with on a national basis, i.e., deliveries will no longer be made to the British Ordnance Depots in Naples or Bari by United States sources but will be delivered direct to Italian military repair installations designated by MMIA to receive such clothing, shoes, etc..

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Geo. A. Shipley
GEO. A. SHIPLEY, Lt. Col.,
for Lt Col AA&QMG.

GAS/ma

Handwritten: 12
CONFIDENTIAL

Subject: Italian Combat Force - Clothing and Personal Equipment.

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

7 Sep 44

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

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

FJN/hh

Handwritten: P.J. Noakes
P.J. NOAKES Lt.Col.
For Major General.
Army Sub Commission(MMIA)

DISTRIBUTION:

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

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

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

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

Subject: Italian Combat Force - Clothing and Personal Equipment.

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

Sep 44

MINISTRY OF WAR

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

hh.

Major General.
Army Sub Commission(MMIA)

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

SUBJECT - AFHQ Adm Instruction No. 36

RESTRICTED

56 Area (6)
57 Area (6)
94 Sub Area (4)
64 Garrison (4)

ST (2)
Ord (2)
MEXIA LO (1)

3 District
Ext 15
9 9
9 Sep 44

Copies, as above, of AFHQ Administrative Instruction No. 36
dated 4 Sep 44, are forwarded.

SF/sto

LuBradford
1 Col
DA & QMG *McDonald*

RESTRICTED

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM)
NUMBER 36)

4 September 1944

Disposal of Uniform Clothing Unsuitable for Use in The British and United States
Armies.I
Issue of Petroleum Products to Brazilian Forces.II

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II --- ISSUE OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS TO BRAZILIAN FORCES

1. Supplies of Petroleum Products to Brazilian units stationed at bases or in operational areas in this theater will be accountable on a formulae basis similar to that established for British and U.S. forces.

2. Consequently, issues to Brazilian Troops will not be the subject of separate shipping tickets or other methods of receipt, but releases will be made in a similar manner to that adopted for British and U.S. forces.

By command of General WILSON:

R. H. Christie
R. H. CHRISTIE,
Colonel, AGD/AG
Acting Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION:
"C"

SUBJECT : Clothing for 145 AA Bty.

HQ. NMIA
NAPLES SECTOR
Ref: 3D10/12

5 September 1944

TO : Capt. J.M. CRAIG
NMIA LO
c/o ACO, SICILY REGION HQ
PALERMO

Dear,

halcom

Amongst the file I handed to you before leaving
56 Area was one entitled "CLOTHING".

In this file is the copy of a letter I wrote to
Comd 73 AA Bty C.M.F. dealing with various subjects inclu-
ding the provision of clothing for the Italian personnel of
145 AA Bty. The letter was dated about 13 August 1944.

Will you be good enough to send me the file copy
soonest so that I can clear up a technical hitch that has
arisen at HQ on this subject.

Yours

Purley

SUBJECT:- Clothing - Italian Personnel

Ref: 100/2.

TO:- CRASC
25 Gen Tpt Coln

Could arrangements be made, please, for an issue of overalls, or other clothing in lieu, to Italian drivers and artificers of this Coy.

The scale of uniform for the Italian Army is one suit per man.

Personnel are required to do maintenance and repairs and, in consequence, the condition of the present uniforms is becoming very bad.

The number of suits of overalls required is as follows:-

Artificers	50
Drivers	350

CRP
5 Sep 42.
JAN/CP

B. N. Lambing
Major RASC
Cmdg British Cadre RASC
100. Coy (Italian Gen Tpt)

Copy to:- M.H.I.A., No. 3 District

Subject: Italian Military Personnel - unauthorized wearing of Uniform.

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

To: All MMIA LO's.

2 Sep 44

Copy of HQ AAI letter AAI/420.1/DCAO dated 23 Aug 44 on the a/m subject is forwarded for your information.

SPA/hh

F. J. NOAKES Lt. Col.
A.A. & Q.M.G.
Army Sub Commission(MMIA)

AAI/420.1/DCAO

Subject: Unauthorized Wearing of Italian Uniform by Italians.

H.Q., A.A.I.
23 August 1944.

1. The memorandum below in paragraph 3 has been sent to the Italian Minister of War. There is reason to believe that there still exist large numbers of Italian officers and soldiers who, though not officially a part of the Italian Army, continue to wear the uniform and to act as though they were in fact officers and soldiers. In some cases they may organize themselves into groups and attach themselves to allied units and perform some service in order to obtain the privileges normally accruing to bona fide Italian soldiers. Cases have been reported where funds have been advanced to Italian officers who were not known to the Italian War Ministry and not members of the Italian Army.

2. It is the responsibility of allied commanders of all grades to assure themselves that Italian officers and soldiers who may be with allied units are in fact bona fide members of the Italian Army. Any who may be found illegally wearing the uniform or in any way acting illegally as bona fide soldiers should immediately be reported to the nearest authorized Italian commander.

3. a. It is desired that all members of the active Italian Army as recognised by the Allies and carried on the rolls of the Italian Army be required to wear the proper uniform at all times, and be required

Copy of HQ AAI letter AAI/420.1/DCAO dated 23 Aug 44 on the
a/m subject is forwarded for your information.

SPA/hh

F. J. Noakes
F. J. NOAKES Lt. Col.
A. A. & Q. M. G.
Army Sub Commission (MFA)

AAI/420.1/DCAO

H. Q., A. A. I.
23 August 1944.

Subject: Unauthorised Wearing of Italian
Uniform by Italians.

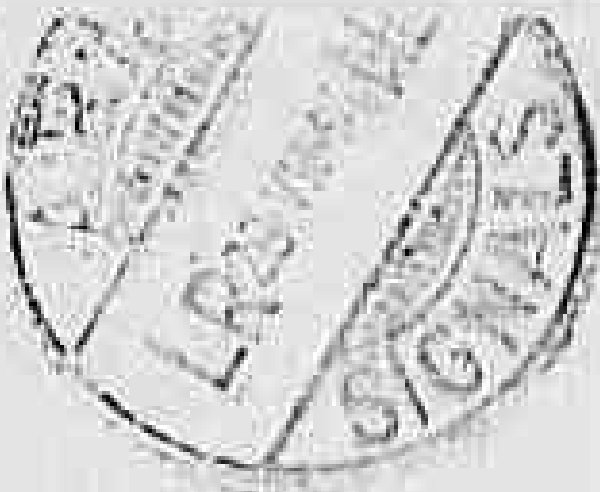
1. The memorandum below in paragraph 3 has been sent to the Italian Minister of War. There is reason to believe that there still exist large numbers of Italian officers and soldiers who, though not officially a part of the Italian Army, continue to wear the uniform and to act as though they were in fact officers and soldiers. In some cases they may organise themselves into groups and attach themselves to allied units and perform some service in order to obtain the privileges normally accruing to bona fide Italian soldiers. Cases have been reported where funds have been advanced to Italian officers who were not known to the Italian War Ministry and not members of the Italian Army.

2. It is the responsibility of allied commanders of all grades to assure themselves that Italian officers and soldiers who may be with allied units are in fact bona fide members of the Italian Army. Any who may be found illegally wearing the uniform or in any way acting illegally as bona fide soldiers should immediately be reported to the nearest authorised Italian commander.

3. a. It is desired that all members of the active Italian Army as recognised by the Allies and carried on the rolls of the Italian Army be required to wear the proper uniform at all times, and be required to carry the proper identification cards. This, of course, does not include security and special personnel who normally work in civilian clothing.

b. From reports received it is apparent that many people who are in fact civilians as far as the present army is concerned are wearing the uniform of the Italian Army. It should be made plain to all concerned that former officers and men of the Italian Army are not permitted to wear the uniform. This applies to all people who are not now carried on the rolls of the Active Army. Army identification cards should not be issued to such people.

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Subject: Issue of Clothing to I.W.T.Coys(Italian).

Army Sub Commission(MMIA)
H.Q., A.C.C.
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24 Aug 44

To: ALL LOs.

Subjoined is a copy of our letter of even reference dated 20 Aug 44 addsd HQ. A.A.I. for your information.

The Policy has been confirmed by HQ. A.A.I. under cover of their reply 3407/6/Q(AE) of 22 Aug.

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GEO.A.SHIPLEY Lt.Col.
For Lt.Col. A.A. & Q.M.G.
Army Sub Commission(MMIA)

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26 Aug 44

To: HQ. A.A.I. (Q(AE))

1. Demands for clothing are being received by this HQ from the inland Water Transport Coys whose personnel are sailors of the Italian Navy. According to previous instructions, the clothing of the Italian Navy is the responsibility of the Royal Navy.

2. Therefore, will you please confirm that no action is required from MMIA as regards clothing for the I.W.T. Coys.

REP/hh

(sgd) F.J.NOAKES Lt.Col. **897**
For Major General.
Army Sub Commission(MMIA)

SUBJECT:- Italian Army

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16 Aug 44

The attached copy of MMIA Adm Instr No 9, copy of which has been received at this HQ by the MMIA LO only, is forwarded to you for your future guidance on questions of equipment and supply of the Italian Army.

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Army Sub Commission (MIA)
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Army Sub Commission (MIA)

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No 2

SUPPLY OF ITALIAN ARMY

1. SOURCE OF SUPPLIES

Clothing and equipment for the Italian Army may be furnished from three sources -

- (a) From stocks of Italian origin
- (b) From stocks specifically provided from Allied Sources and placed in Italian Depots under MIA control
- (c) From Allied Army stocks
 - (i) From British stocks to Italian troops employed by British formations
 - (ii) From US stocks to Italian Troops employed by US formations.

2. BASIC PRINCIPLE

- (a) Italian Forces will be clothed and equipped from stocks of Italian origin to the maximum extent possible.
- (b) Stocks specifically provided from Allied sources and placed in Italian Depots under MIA control are issued to supplement Italian stocks. Issues are authorised by MIA to meet critical needs that cannot be met from available Italian stocks. The issue of certain items, like Battle dress, is confined to specific Italian units, or formations while the available supply of corresponding Italian items, are used to maintain the other Italian troops during the same period.
- (c) When Italian Units under command of, and working for Allied Forces require certain items of clothing or equipment to make them operational, such materials are in some instances provided from the Depot stocks of the Using Nation.

3. AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURE FOR ISSUE FROM STOCKS HELD IN ITALIAN DEPOTS

- (a) Stocks of Italian origin are controlled by Italian Ministry of War and issues are authorised by the Ministry of War under supervision of MIA.
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- (c) Demands and indents will be made by Italian Units on MIA through Italian channels for items required to meet critical needs.

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- (d) The Pro form indent adopted by the Italian Ministry of War will be employed for placing all normal demands. These Pro forms are available from Italian sources.
- (e) Demands or Indents from Italian units under command of Allied Formations will be screened by OC of Allied Formations concerned. To expedite authorisation and issue, one copy of each indent with information as to the Italian HQs to which the original was directed, should be forwarded to MIA or furnished the MIA IO.
- (f) In instances where critical needs are known to exist HQ MIA may authorise issues or direct that issues be made in advance of any demand through Italian channels. Such procedure is employed only when necessary to equip reinforcements not yet assigned to an Italian unit, to equip New Italian Units during periods of organization, to equip troops in training camps, to meet emergency operational demands, etc.

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It is not to be considered as the established instance procedure and will be avoided in every instance possible.

4. MOVEMENT AND DELIVERY

The movement of stocks from Italian Depots to Italian Units or points of issue is the responsibility of the Italian Army. It is the responsibility of the Italian Authorities to notify the Italian Unit as to the time and place of delivery and to report any items and the quantity of each which cannot be supplied. Inability to supply any items demanded will also be reported to HQ MMIA by the Italian Ministry of War. Whenever indicated, any items which cannot be supplied will be reported by MMIA to OC of the Using Formation and to HQ AAI.

5. PROOF OF NON-AVAILABILITY

Non-availability from Italian sources of certain items required for specific missions or operations is self evident, and the necessity of providing them from National stocks of the Using Formation is recognised in advance.

In all other instances a notice that requirements cannot be met from existing Italian stocks or Allied stocks under MMIA control should be secured from MMIA. The prescribed procedure for placing indents on SMRE through Italian channels will establish non-availability of any item in due course. In any instance where the information is needed in advance it should be requested from MMIA.

6. AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURE FOR ISSUE FROM NATIONAL DEPOT STOCKS

(a) Italian Units under command British Formations

After non-availability from Italian sources has been established the employing Formation certifies that fact to HQ AAI and requests authority to issue from British stocks. A supporting statement from MMIA as to non-availability is usually requested by AAI.

(b) Italian Units under command of US Formations

As directed by SOS NATOUSA in co-ordination with AFHQ and AAI.

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