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38  
Please see to 37. Our conversation this morning refers.

It is suggested that the female members of the Corpo Assistente

known as "CAFONE" — !!!

B. D. Hughes

Director

26 Aug 45.

MM/A LO

39

See p. 37. The translation of which has been forwarded to 217 for his review.

I quite agree with your suggestion in respect of the French members of CAF, but only insofar as they are not... CAFONE!

22 June 45

Approved  
W. H. H.

48

4501 (for Mary Watson)

Ref you minutes given,

Please see to 46. I am getting 227 to...

26 June 45.

MMIA LO

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See 1-37. The translation of which has been forwarded to 217 Div for review.  
I quite agree with your suggestion in regard of the French members of CAF, but only insofar as they are not... CAFORE!  
22 June 45

48

4801 (for Mary Watson)

Ref you minutes survey,  
Please see to 46. I am getting 227 to change the matter up from then and.

2 July 45.

53

3225

MMIA LO

Ref your 'Epistles', on folio 52.

HQ 217 Div has been accordingly informed

9 July 45

Franklin  
for C 110.

B. Thompson  
a memo

B. Thompson  
a memo

1. 3D to run canteens for  
all categories a) Naples  
b) Bari  
for Navy + I.A.F. to. as  
at present. ~~fun~~ ~~me~~  
Doing -
2. OK 3D run branch  
canteens at a) 803  
b) 804.  
for BRIT only on 10%  
of allocation to Dist  
area.
3. allocation is for all class  
in Dist area ~~ing~~ <sup>USIT</sup> ~~3224~~ <sup>13</sup>

21.  
ADMG (1)

Please see fo. 14.

There is obviously a considerable amount of confusion of over the respective responsibilities of 3 Dist and War Ministry in the running of Samtsum.

Schach show us the reply I receive to the afo letter

W. Schach  
W. Schach

5 May 45.

"9"

25

Please see folio 24

copy taken 4/12  
W. Schach  
W. Schach

and was Ministry in the  
running of campaign.  
to show us the reply I  
receive to the a few letters

*[Signature]*  
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5 May 45.

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"Q"

Please see folio 24

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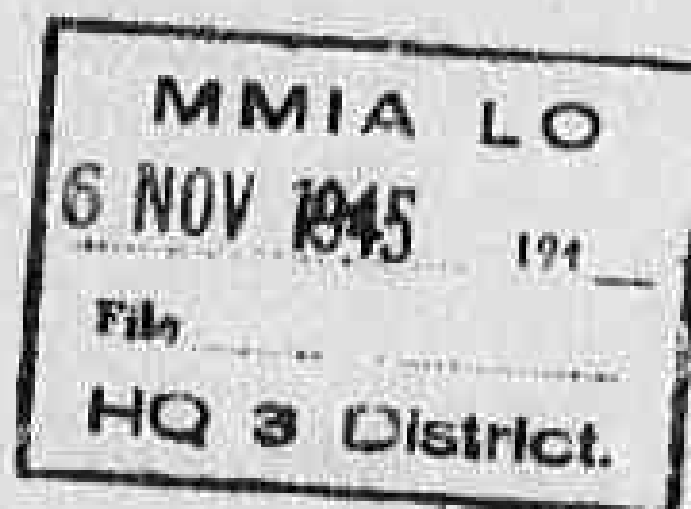
7 May 45

*[Signature]*  
MIA LO.

SUBJECT:- EPI Supplies for Italian  
Armed Forces

211 Sub Area

EPI  
MMIA LO  
ILO (230 Div)



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3 District  
BASEBALL 18  
286 Q

6 Nov 45

Ref your Q 204 of 1 Nov 45.

1. The Italian Ministry of War purchases razor blades for Italian troops and canteens.
2. No authority can be granted for the issue of razor blades from British sources to Italian troops.

CFM/mio

687

(C.F. MASON) Maj  
for Col  
DA & QMS

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L.O. 3 District 66  
 left O'Donnell

Subject: E.F.I. Supplies to Italian Forces.

|               |
|---------------|
| MMIA LO       |
| 27 OCT 1945   |
| File 36       |
| HQ 3 District |

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

2/2/3  
 10 October 1945

To:

C.H.O. C.M.F. for C.E.F.I.

File "Jolly"  
 NY

NY

Reference is made to your C.M.F. 5/17.15 dated 23 Sep 45.

Under reference C/2/3 dated 31 Jul, all concerned were notified by this H.Q. that the procedure then in use for the supply of E.F.I. goods to Italian soldiers, authorised under A150/2554/1 (Mint) dated 21 Mar 45 would come into effect from 1 Sep 45. No issues on credit should, therefore, have been permitted after that date.

It is, however, observed that in some cases vouchers are being received, and every endeavour will be made to clear these and to collect payment from the War Ministry.

You are, therefore, requested to issue instructions which will avoid a further issue of E.F.I. goods on credit to Italian Soldiers.

2. A.F.M.C. under their 2554/2 (Mint) dated 26 Aug 45, authorised the purchase of E.F.I. commodities by Italian soldiers belonging to one of the following categories:-

- (a) Combat Troops.
- (b) 38-TH Servicing Troops.
- (c) Personnel of the Italian Navy and Air Force who are a British feeding commitment.

3. The effective date of this decision was left to the discretion of District etc. Commanders, who subsequently issued their own instructions on the matter.

All such purchases should be on a cash basis, which, as you state, can be the only substitute for the procedure described above, whereby E.F.I. were responsible for collecting payment. This H.Q. has never agreed to accepting this responsibility for Categories 2 (b) and (c) above.

It is assumed the issue of E.F.I. goods to Combat troops will

Reference is made to your CMTL/5/17.15 dated 23 Sep 45.

Under reference 9/2/3 dated 31 July, all concerned were notified by this D.O. that the procedure then in use for the supply of E.P.I. goods to Italian soldiers, authorised under AFHQ/2574/2 (Mint) dated 24 Mar 45 would cease with effect from 1 Sep 45. No issues on credit should, therefore, have been permitted after that date.

It is, however, observed that in some cases vouchers are being received, and every endeavour will be made to clear these and to collect payment from the War Ministry.

You are, therefore, requested to issue instructions which will avoid a further issue of E.P.I. goods on credit to Italian Soldiers.

A.P.H.Q. under their 255/4/3 (Mint) dated 26 Aug 45, authorised the purchase of E.P.I. commodities by Italian soldiers belonging to one of the following categories:-

- (a) Combat Troops.
- (b) E.P.I. Service Troops.
- (c) Personnel of the Italian Navy and Air Force who are a British feeding comitant.

The effective date of this decision was left to the discretion of District etc. Commanders, who subsequently issued their own instructions in the matter.

All such purchases should be on a cash basis, which, as you state, can be the only substitute for the procedure described above, whereby E.P.I.A. were responsible for collecting payment. This D.O. has never agreed to accepting this responsibility for Categories 2 (b) and (c) above.

It is assumed the issue of E.P.I. goods to Combat troops will cease in the near future when those are absorbed into the III-III category. Meanwhile, they should continue on a cash basis only.

The procedure whereby indents of Italian units are entered by a British officer should be as directed by the District etc. **3221** turned.

It is therefore suggested that your instruction to Bulk Issue Stores should leave the details of this safeguard to be arranged by the local British Agent, D.O. who will be governed by the procedure laid down in each case by their District.

*[Signature]*  
 P.A. CHURCH Lt. Col.  
 for Major General.  
 H. W. I. A.

Distribution: See reversed.

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Copy to:-

50 B.L.U.

51 B.L.U.

52 B.L.U.

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54 B.L.U.

55 B.L.U.

56 B.L.U. R.F.C. I.O.F. Cusano

HQ for (aint)

2 District

3 District

R.A.A.C.

Ministry of War

Min. N.H.L. L.Gs.

Navy Sub Commission A.C.

Air Forces Sub Commission A.C.

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SUBJECT: - 71 Supplies for Italian Armed Forces.

3 District  
Bureau 12/12/52 19752  
226 Q

MMIA LO  
28 SEP 1945  
HQ 3 District

64 Area  
271  
271  
15 LO 236 (with copy of 236 of 5 Sept 45)  
FILE 712/4

27 Sep 45

*devo.*

1. Ref this DT 236 of 3 Sep 45. MMIA notes that the units in your area fall within the categories listed in part 2 of the letter under reference:

| Unit                 | Strength as at 26 Sep |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Sec to 12 Mar 45 1/4 | 000                   |
| Over to 12 Mar 45    | 9                     |
| 1000 Corp Post & Sec | 14                    |
| 1 VC Coy             | 21                    |
| 1000 Regt 1st        | 25                    |
| 14 Coy               | 148                   |
| 15 Coy               | 166                   |
| 16 Coy               | 104                   |
| 17 Coy               | 150                   |
| 18 Coy               | 129                   |
| 19 Coy               | 146                   |
| 20 Coy               | 89                    |

2. It is assumed that if you agree this list, you will make the necessary arrangements for the units concerned to depart from 27 Sep.

*Phen*

(S. J. 12001) Day  
For Del  
24. 10. 45

27/52

1. For this 2005 Q of 3 Sep 45, WFLA Air 20 that the w/a units in your Area fall within the category of listed in para 8 of the letter under reference: -

Unit

Strength as at 24 Sep

| Unit                    | Strength as at 24 Sep | Notes |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------|
| See to 12 Hour (10) 1/2 | 9                     | 000   |
| Then to 12 54 Area      | 14                    | 100   |
| 1000 Corp Post 20 See   | 21                    | 100   |
| 1 30 Coy                | 23                    | 100   |
| EXVALL Regt (10)        | 13                    | 100   |
| 14 Coy                  | 4                     | 100   |
| 14 Coy                  | 4                     | 100   |
| 33 Coy                  | 4                     | 100   |
| 34 Coy                  | 3                     | 100   |
| 36 Coy                  | 3                     | 100   |
| 43 Coy                  | 3                     | 100   |
| 315 Line 200            | 2                     | 000   |

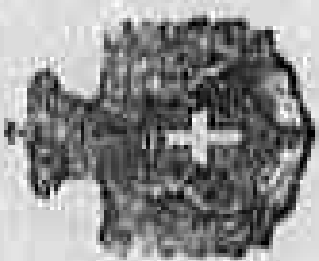
2. It is assumed that if you enter this list, you will mean the necessary arrangements for the Unit to be made to date (even 27 Sep)

*(Handwritten signature)*

(C. J. JAMES) Maj  
For Col  
DA 3-040

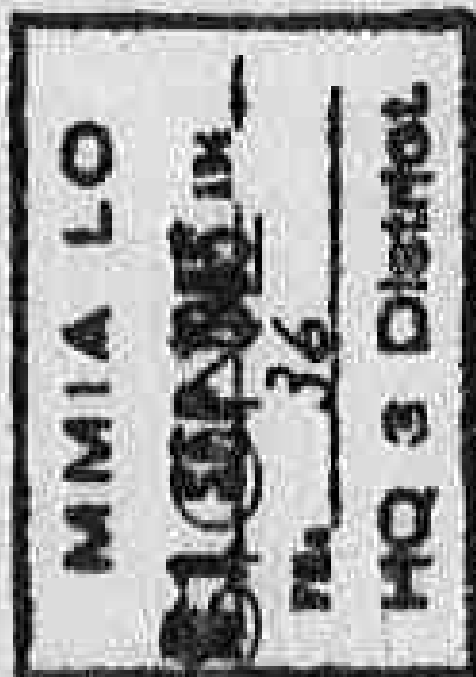
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COMANDO 230<sup>a</sup> DIVISIONE

DL/er UFFICIO di Commissariato



N. 479/Comm. di prol.

P.M. 112, 11 18 settembre 1945

Risposta al foglio del

N.

Alleg. N.

OGGETTO: Materiali assistenziale a pagamento.-

A/1<sup>a</sup> UFFICIO ITALIANO COLLEGAMENTO - 230<sup>a</sup> DIVISIONE -  
(I L O 230-Magg. Nigrone) - HQ. n° 3° District C M F  
(Rif. foglio n° H/12/ILO (230) del 13/9/1945)

e, per conoscenza:

~~MaJ. H O L T - M.N.I.A. L.O.- n° 3° District C M F~~

Si comunica a codesto Ufficio che in seguito a disposizioni dell'EFI Florence Command - foglio Q/204 datato 13 settembre, allegato in copia - questo Comando ha dovuto prelevare per tutti i reparti dipendenti, ad eccezione di quelli dislocati nell'area di Ancona, i materiali assistenziali a pagamento assegnati con il foglio n° 286/Q del 3rd District in data 5.9.1945.-

Il prelevamento è stato effettuato presso il Deposito Alleato 50 BIS di Firenze.-

Si è pertanto spiacenti di comunicare di non aver potuto effettuare il prelevamento secondo le modalità desiderate dal Comando del 3rd District. A ripartizione avvenuta sarà cura di questo Comando segnalare i quantitativi distribuiti tra i singoli reparti.-

Si chiede l'interessamento di codesto Ufficio perchè sia data ai reparti dislocati nell'area di Ancona la possibilità di acquistare i materiali assistenziali tramite il Comando di quell'area.-

d'ordine

OGGETTO: Materiali assistenziali a pagamento.-

A/1.1' UFFICIO ITALIANO COLLEGAMENTO - 230<sup>a</sup> DIVISIONE -  
(I L O 230-Magg. Nigrone) - Hq. n° 3° District C M F  
(Rif. foglio n° H/12/ILO (230) del 13/9/1945)

e, per conoscenza:

~~-----~~ Maj. H O L T - M.M.I.A. L.O.- n° 3° District CMP

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d'ordine  
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
-Ten.Col.Ugo Bianchi-

3219

*Ugo Bianchi*

Copia

Oggetto: Generi E F I per le forze armate italiane.-

A: E F I FLORENCE COMMAND (2.c.)

Q: 204

Riferimento lettera 3° District. 286 Q/ del 5 settembre 1945, inoltrata con f. 9 com. pari riferimento dell'8 settembre 1945.-

1 - E' stato disposto che la 230<sup>a</sup> Divisione Amministrativa Italiana preleverà in blocco per conto di tutti i reparti italiani che cadono sotto il disposto del par.2 della sopracitata lettera del 3° distr. e siano dislocati entro la giurisdizione territoriale del FLORENCE Command (211<sup>a</sup> Sub Area) e della 66<sup>a</sup> Brigata AA.-

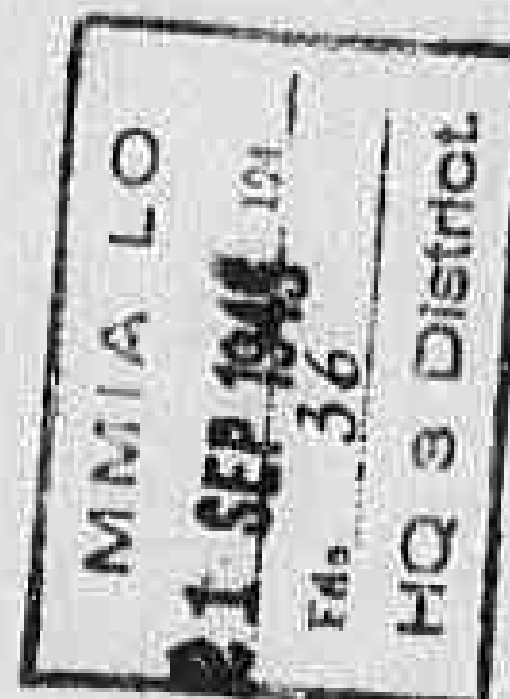
I prelevamenti verranno effettuati presso il 50 Bis FIRENZE, dato che la Div. Ital. ritirerà i generi per tutti i reparti interessati, non saranno fatte distribuzioni a singole unità o ai Br. Cadres per il loro personale italiano.-

2 - Questa lettera vale come autorizzazione a che un incaricato della 230<sup>a</sup> Divisione ritiri i generi stabiliti a pagamento secondo dati di forza convalidati dalla divisione.-

CMF

13 settembre 1945

firm. AA BIRCH  
capitano  
per Maggiore  
DAA e QMG  
FLORENCE Command



Copie a: 61<sup>a</sup> Area - con preghiera di comunicare se le disposizioni di cui sopra possono essere di qualche utilità per il prelevamento dei generi a favore dei reparti della 230<sup>a</sup> Div. nella vostra zona.-

66<sup>a</sup> Brigata Area

50 BIS

230<sup>a</sup> Div. (Ital)

Br Cadres 802 BRD Ital

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2 - Questa lettera vale come autorizzazione a che un incaricato della 230° Divisione ritiri i generi stabiliti a pagamento secondo dati di forza convalidati dalla divisione.-

CME

13 settembre 1945

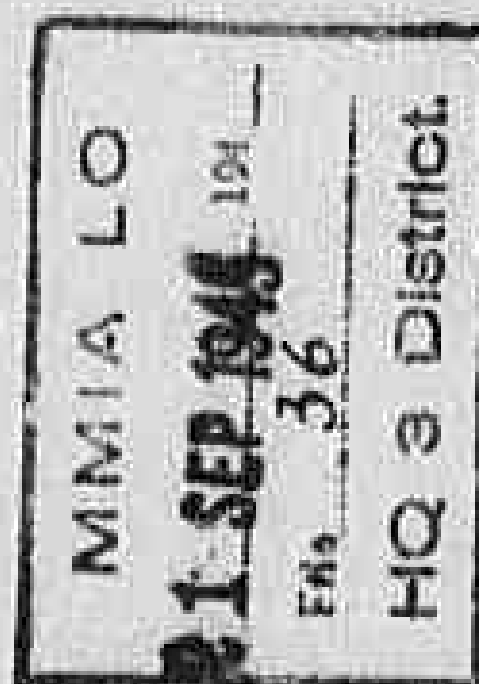
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DAA e QMG

FLORENCE Command



Copie a: 61° Area - con preghiera di comunicare se le disposizioni di cui sopra possono essere di qualche utilità per il prelevamento dei generi a favore dei reparti della 230° Div.nella vostra zona.-

66° Brigata Area

50 BIS

230° Div. (Ital)

Br Cadre 802 BRD Ital

Com.te RASC

Ufficiale collegamento M.M.I.A.

3218

2. c. c.

CAPO UFFICIO DI COMMISSARIATO

(Cap. Mario Speranza)

SUBJECT: MI Supplies - Bri-Iti Units

3 District  
BASTIA 15/Dial 10752  
286 Q

54 Area  
55 Area  
61 Area

CC Bri-Iti THE SICILY

Pro

MMI

MMIA LO

MMIA LO

17 Sep 45

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HQ 3 District

17 Sep 45

1. Authority is given as a special case for the issue on remanent from MI of the following items to Italian Police Units under British operational control.

2. The scale given is the maximum possible and issues will be restricted to Bri-Itis employed in public. This authority will not be quoted as a precedent for issue of toilet articles to other Bri-Iti.

3. The units effected by this ruling in this District are:-

| Unit                     | Strength   | Location | Area    |
|--------------------------|------------|----------|---------|
| No 1 It TC Coy           | 109        | ARCT     | 56 Area |
| No 2 It TC Coy           | 109        | FOGGIA   | 54 Area |
| No 3 It TC Coy           | 109        | SERVICIA | 61 Area |
| No 1 It Pro Coy C/P(P)   | 96         | NAPLES   | 56 Area |
| No 2 It Spec Coy C/P(VF) | 73         | SICILY   | BRSCY   |
|                          | <u>496</u> |          |         |

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|              |                  |
|--------------|------------------|
| Razor Blades | 4 per month      |
| Toothbrushes | 1 per 4 months   |
| Toilet Soap  | 2 bars per month |
| Foot Polish  | 1 tin per month  |

5. The above items are in addition to those authorised in this HQ letter 286 Q of 5 Sep 45.

6. This HQ letter 286 Q of 3 Jan 45 (NOT to all) is cancelled.

7. Authority AFHQ/255A/Q(Maint) of 13 Sep 45.

1. Authority is given as a special case for the issue on replacement from VII of the following items to Italian Police Units under British operational command.

2. The scale given is the maximum possible and issues will be restricted to British employed in public. This authority will not be quoted as a precedent for issue of toilet articles to other Brit-It.

3. The units affected by this ruling in this District are:-

| Unit                     | Strength   | Location   | Area    |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|---------|
| No 1 It TC Coy           | 109        | ARCE       | 56 Area |
| No 2 It TC Coy           | 109        | FOGGIA     | 54 Area |
| No 3 It TC Coy           | 109        | SENIGALLIA | 61 Area |
| No 1 It Pro Coy C.P(P)   | 96         | NAPLES     | 56 Area |
| No 2 It Spec Coy C.P(VF) | 73         | SICILY     | PISCE   |
|                          | <u>426</u> |            |         |

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|--------------|------------------|
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7. Authority AUTHQ/253A/4(Maint) of 13 Sep 45.

*C. Mason*

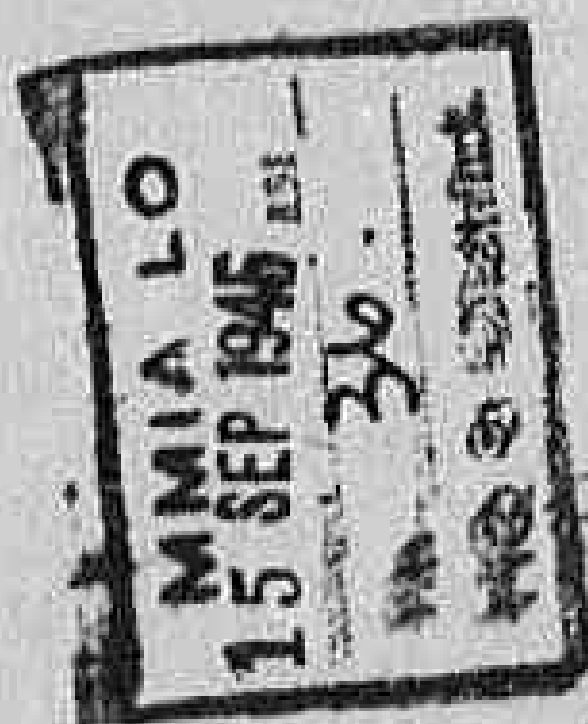
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(C.F. WASON) Maj  
for Col  
DA & CIG

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HQ MOVEMENTS

17 SEP 1945

SUBJECT: Welfare for Italian Armed Forces227 It. Div  
230 It. Div9 34 Area  
56 Area  
61 Area211 Sub-Area  
Army Sub-Commission  
MM LO  
It LO3 District  
LASEMIL 15/Dial 10732  
712/1/0

14 SEP 45

1. The following supplies have been allotted for use in Canteens for the month of Sep 45 for It. Armed Forces :-

Allied Supplied Items

|                       |       |     |
|-----------------------|-------|-----|
| Flour                 | 5,616 | lbs |
| Preserved Meat & Fish | 2,925 | "   |
| Sugar                 | 2,106 | "   |
| Coffee                | 1,331 | "   |

Italian Supplied Items

|           |       |       |
|-----------|-------|-------|
| Olive Oil | 1,672 | pints |
| Salt      | 38    | lbs   |

2. Proportions will be as follows: -

|              |      |                                                                     |
|--------------|------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| (a) Naples   | 30 % | + ( Proportion to be sub-allotted as necessary for Mobile Canteens) |
| (b) Bari     | 16 % |                                                                     |
| (c) Ravenna  | 10 % |                                                                     |
| (d) Florence | 30 % |                                                                     |
| (e) Ancona   | 14 % |                                                                     |

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

1. The following supplies have been allotted for use in Cantons for the month of Sep 45 for it. Armed Forces :-

Allied Supplied Items

|                |       |     |
|----------------|-------|-----|
| Flour          | 5,616 | lbs |
| Preserved Meat | 2,925 | "   |
| & Fish         | 2,406 | "   |
| Sugar          | 1,581 | "   |
| Coffee         |       |     |

Italian Supplied Items

|           |       |       |
|-----------|-------|-------|
| Olive Oil | 1,672 | pints |
| Salt      | 83    | lbs   |

2. Proportions will be as follows: -

|                  |      |                                                                   |
|------------------|------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| (a) Naples       | 30 % | + (Proportion to be sub-allotted as necessary for Mobile Cantons) |
| (b) Bari         | 16 % |                                                                   |
| (c) Ravio carina | 10 % |                                                                   |
| (d) Florence     | 30 % |                                                                   |
| (e) Ancona       | 14 % |                                                                   |

3. Supplies will be drawn from Italian Depots and under no circumstances will the quantities given in para 1 be exceeded.
4. No allocation will be made for Italian Cantons in the future.
5. Authority for issues MIA signal Q 594 & 3218.

(G.F. ASCH) 123  
for Col  
DA & QMG.

GE/VP

File 36 61.

Ufficio Italiano Collegamenti 230 Divisione - 110/230)  
HQ No 3 District CMF

Prot. n. H/12/110/230)

Oggetto: materiale antiaereo a pagamento

Al Comandante 230 Divisione - 30.

P.M. 112

c.p.c. Maj. HOLT MM/14 20 No 3 District

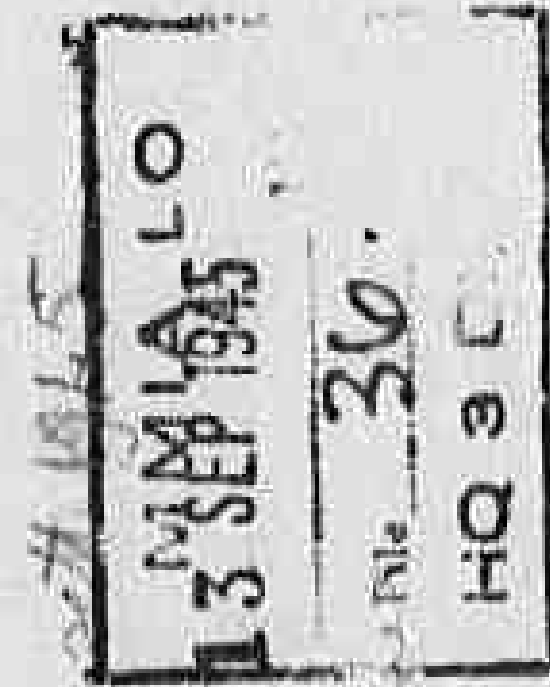
Ref. mio foglio H/11/110/230)

L'ufficiale di collegamento della MMIA (unif. Holt) prega dargli tenere un elenco

aggiornato dei reparti con la indicazione della forza effettiva presente (ufficiali e truppa) allo scopo di procedere all'assegnazione del materiale da cui al foglio in riferimento.

Per necessità amministrative del 3° District è necessario che pervenga tale elenco entro il 18 settembre e che in esso i reparti siano suddivisi secondo la loro collocazione in modo che ognuno di essi possa prelevare al più vicino dei Depositi elementi in calce.

L'Uff. di Colleg. MMIA mi ha commentato che il Distretto del Comandante 3° District ha ogni reparto per proprio conto.



112 foglio 64

L'Ufficiale di collegamento della MMHA (magg Holt) prega farli tenere un elenco aggiornato dei reparti con la indicazione della forza effettiva presente (ufficiali e truppa) allo scopo di procedere all'assegnamento del materiale di cui al foglio in riferimento. Per necessità amministrativa del 3° District è necessario che pervenga tale elenco entro il 13 settembre e che in esso i reparti siano suddivisi secondo la loro destinazione in modo che ognuno di essi possa pervenire al più vicino dei Depositi elementi in calce.

L'Uff. di Colleg. MMHA mi ha comunicato che è desiderio del comando 3° District che ogni reparto parli per proprio conto.

Prego che la risposta alla presente venga consegnata al magg. Holt che viene a Firenze per servizio

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L'Ufficiale di Collegamento  
magg Whitney

Elenco dei depositi (BIS) esistenti  
nel territorio della 230 Divisione:

|       |          |
|-------|----------|
| N. 13 | Idrigues |
| N. 27 | Ancena   |
| N. 43 | Civitama |
| N. 47 | Araya    |
| N. 50 | Finanza  |

Subject :- RFI Supplies for the  
ITALIAN Armed Forces

56 Area  
52 Area  
54 Area  
61 Area  
211 Sub Area  
65 AA Bde  
CC Brit Tps SICILY  
CC Brit Tps CORSICA/SARDINIA  
227 Italian Division  
230 Italian Division  
MMIA 40.  
RFI  
Italian LO

MMIA LO  
12 SEP 1945  
File 36  
HQ 3 District

3 District  
BASUBALL 15/Dial 10752  
(286 Q)

5 Sep 45

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*Do not use 65.*

1. It has been decided as from 7 Sep 45 to permit certain categories of the Italian Armed Forces to make limited purchases of RFI commodities.

2. These categories are :-

- (a) Combat troops
- (b) RFI-ITI service troops
- (c) that part of the Italian Navy and Air Forces which are a British feeding commitment

The scale of items which may be purchased is as follows :-

|                  |                                                                        |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Toothpaste       | 1 tube per officer or man per month                                    |
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| Hair preparation | 1 bottle per officer or man per month                                  |
| Health salts     |                                                                        |

Authority AFHQ/2554/Q (Maint) dated 26 Aug 45.

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Italian LO

1. It has been decided as from 7 Sep 45 to permit certain categories of the Italian Armed Forces to make limited purchases of EPI commodities.

2. These categories are :-

- (a) Combat troops
- (b) ERI-ITI service troops
- (c) that part of the Italian Navy and Air Forces which are a British feeding commitment

The scale of items which may be purchased is as

3. follows :-

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# COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI BARI (IX)

UFFICIO Benessere del Soldato

N. 7766 di prot. Ben.

Risposta al foglio del

Bari, li 27 luglio 1945

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OGGETTO: Spacci fissi di Bari.

SULL'UFFICIO COLLEGAMENTO

M.M.I.A. 3° DISTRICT

C.N.F.

Si fa riferimento al foglio di codesto Ufficio 3 DLO/36 del 12 luglio c.a. ed al foglio del Comando 227<sup>a</sup> Divisione n. 04/1534/comm. del 17 luglio u.s. circa la costituzione ed il funzionamento degli spacci fissi di Bari.

Di spacci fissi a Bari vi è soltanto quello che funziona presso la "Casa del Soldato" in via Cavour n. 27.

Attualmente detto spaccio fornisce a pagamento formaggio, salumi, pesce in scatola, frutta fresca e secca, vino, liquori ed altre bevande.

Vengono inoltre somministrati, coniezionati in vivande e bevande, i generi alimentari assegnati mensilmente da codesto Ufficio.

Oltre ai generi alimentari suddetti, vengono messi in vendita nello spaccio della "Casa del Soldato" oggetti d'uso personale, come sapone per barba, lamette per rasoio, spazzolini per denti, carta per lettera ed altro.

Si fa noto che prossimamente entreranno in funzione altri spacci fissi, e cioè quelli delle "Case del Soldato" di Lecce, Taranto e Trani, tutti dipendenti da questo Comando. Ciò si segnala a codesto Ufficio per il caso ritenga opportuno aumentare l'assegnazione di generi alimentari per lo spaccio di Bari, allo scopo di destinarne delle aliquote agli altri spacci suddetti.

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SULL'UFFICIO COLLEGAMENTO

M.M.I.A. 3° DISTRICT

C.M.R.

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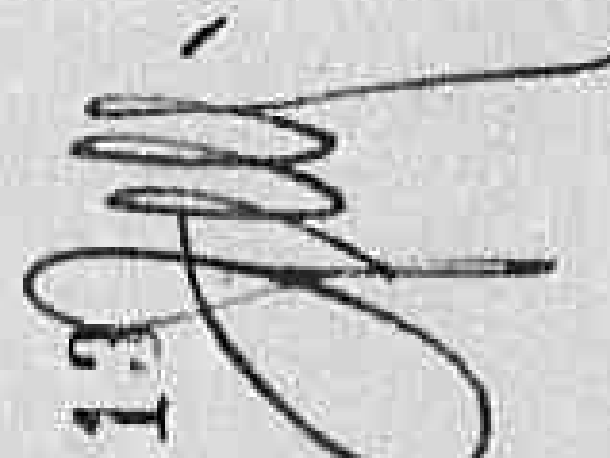
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d'ordine  
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
(Col.V. Petitti)

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COMANDO 227<sup>a</sup> DIVISIONE PANTERIA

- Vice Comando -

N° 00/2062/Serv. Di Prot.

O G G E T T O:

Bari, li 25. Luglio 1945.  
(Spaccio) - relazione funzionamento  
cantina mobile.-

ALL'UFFICIO COLLEGAMENTO M.M.I.A. 3° DISTRETTO C. M. F.

per conoscenza

ALL'UFFICIO SOIL. SCOTTOCOMMISSIONE FORZE  
TERRESTRI AC (M.M.I.A.) C/O 54<sup>a</sup> AREA

AL COMANDO DELLA 227<sup>a</sup> DIVISIONE PANTERIA

- Ufficio Commissariato -

(Rif. f. n. 04/1524/Comm. del 17/7/1945)

D A R I

P.M. 120

La cantina mobile n. 6 che il Ministero della Guerra ha assegnato a questo Comando, ha iniziato il suo funzionamento il 1° corrente mese.

RIFORNIMENTO

La cantina mobile è largamente provvista di generi alimentari confezionati (le cui materie prime sono state sufficientemente fornite dalla autorità Alleste), di vino e liquori acquistati al libero commercio; manca invece di molti articoli di facile consumo, tanto utili al soldato, indispensabili per mantenerne e migliorarne la forma dal punto di vista sia morale che civile. Detti articoli sono: Rasoi di sicurezza, lamette per detti, pettini, pasta dentifricia, sapone da barba e da toeletta, lucido per scarpe, spazzolini per denti ecc.. La mancanza di questi generi dalla cantina mobile è giustificata dal fatto che la piazza di Bari poco o niente offre per quantità, qualità e prezzo degli articoli.

Nel tentativo di superare questa difficoltà, questo Comando si è rivolto di già:

- 1°) - Alla Divisione Commissariato del Ministero della Guerra per la cessione a pagamento di piccoli quantitativi della merce su citata, giacenti, presso i magazzini della locale Direzione.

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AL COMANDO DELLA 227<sup>a</sup> DIVISIONE FANTERIA

- Ufficio Commissariato -

(Rif. f. n. 04/1524/Comm. del 17/7/1945)

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RIFORMULE

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- 2°) - All'Ufficio di Collegamento Sottocommissione F.T. AC (M.M. I.A.) 10 54° Area per l'eventuale acquisto di quanto sopra al NAAFI Britannico;
- 3°) - Al Ministero della Guerra Ufficio Benessere per l'acquisto dei generi su altre piazze che potrebbero eventualmente offrire prezzi e qualità più convenienti.

In attesa dell'esito delle richieste elencate, questo Comando continua le ricerche della merce nella piazza di Bari.

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CONSTITUZIONE

) Come da allegati.

FUNZIONAMENTO

Allegato n. 1 Ordini e disposizioni impartite ai reparti dipendenti  
(foglio n. 08/2003/Serv. del 15 luglio 1945).--  
Allegato n. 2 Itinerario di massima del 1° giro fra le truppe.  
Allegato n. 3 Itinerario di massima del 2° giro fra le truppe.  
Allegato n. 4 Ordine permanente n. 1 per la nomina della Commissione  
di vigilanza.

All'Ufficio Collegamento Sottocommissione F.T. M.M.I.A. 54° Area ed  
al Comando della 227ª Divisione non si inviano le copie dei fogli  
ad essi già pervenuti.--

IL VICE COMANDANTE  
ANTIERA (Col. f.g.s. *L. Lorito*)



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IL VICE COMANDANTE  
COL. F.G.S. *L. Lorito*



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ad essi già pervenuti.-

C O P I A

COMANDO DELLA 227<sup>a</sup> DIVISIONE FTR.  
- Vice Comando -

N° 03/2003/Serv. di prot.

Bari, 15 luglio 1945

O G G E T T O : Cantina Mobile N° 6.-

AL COMANDO 403° REGGIMENTO P.I.  
 AL COMANDO 404° REGGIMENTO P.I.  
 AL COMANDO REGGIMENTO GARIBOLDI  
 AL 172° COMANDO ITALIANO COLLEGAMENTO  
 AL COMANDO 923° REPARTO PORTUALE  
 AL COMANDO 921° REPARTO PORTUALE  
 AL COMANDO 514° BATTAGLIONE GUARDIE

e, per conoscenza:

AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE  
 Ufficio Benessere del Soldato  
 AL COMANDO 227<sup>a</sup> DIVISIONE PANTERIA  
 ALL'UFFICIO COLLEGAMENTO

Sottocommissione forze terrestri  
 A.C. (M.M.I.A.) C/o 54<sup>a</sup> Area  
 AL COMANDO PRESIDIO R.E.  
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 ALLA CAPO GRUPPO DELLA CANTINA MOBILE

- 1°) - Il Ministero della Guerra ha assegnato al Comando della 227<sup>a</sup> Divisione, per i reparti dislocati nelle Puglie, la Cantina Mobile N° 6. Detta Cantina (Spaccio), sarà fornita di generi vari in gran parte confezionati, per cederli a pagamento, a prezzi modici ed in certo qual modo rispondenti alle possibilità del soldato. Il suo equipaggio è costituito oltre che dei due autisti anche di 3 dame volontarie facenti parte del Corpo Assistenza Femminile (C.A.F.).
- 2°) - La Cantina Mobile, dovrà essenzialmente servire i reparti dislocati fuori dei maggiori centri abitati e non provvisti di proprio spaccio.
- 3°) - I reparti dipendenti che usufruiranno del servizio della Cantina Mobile sono raggruppati nelle seguenti zone:
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  - Zona b) : Reparti dislocati a Taranto, dintorni e lungo l'itinerario Taranto-Bari;
  - Zona c) : Reparti dislocati tra Bari e Treh;

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 MOLA DI BARI  
 TARANTO  
 BRINDISI  
 BARLETTA

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BRINDISI  
BARLETTAAL COMANDO 921° REPARTO PORTUALE  
AL COMANDO 514° BATTAGLIONE GUARDIE

e, per conoscenza:

AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE

Ufficio Benessere del Soldato

AL COMANDO 227° DIVISIONE FANTERIA

ALL'UFFICIO COLLEGAMENTO

Sottocommissione forze terrestri

A.C. (M.M.I.A.) C/o 54° Area

AL COMANDO PRESIDIO R.E.

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ALLA CAPO GRUPPO DELLA CANTINA MOBILE

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- Zona c) : Reparti dislocati tra Bari e Trani;
- Zona d) : Reparti dislocati tra Trani e Foggia.

Per ogni zona è prevista la permanenza dello spaccio di tre giorni. In tal modo, tenendo conto delle giornate occorrenti per il rifornimento, lo spaccio potrà ripassare da ogni reparto due volte al mese.

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4°) - Per ogni zona il servizio sarà regolato, col concetto di cui al precedente N° 2, dai seguenti comandanti;

- per la zona a) : Dal Com/te del 921° Reparto Portuale - Brindisi
- " " b) : " " 923° " "
- " " c) : " Capo Ufficio Servizi del V.C. 227° Divisione - Taranto
- " " d) : " Com/te del 514° Btg. Guardie - Barletta

I predetti Comandanti disporranno secondo le norme di seguito indicate per il vitto e l'alloggio di tutto l'equipaggio della Cantina Mobile, richiedendo all'Uopo, ove occorra, l'opera dei Comandanti di Presidio.

5°) - L'equipaggio sarà munito di bassa di passaggio in sussistenza ai Comandi per ogni zona indicata dal precedente N° 4. Nel caso i Comandanti di cui sopra, nel fissare l'itinerario della Cantina prevedano la permanenza di essa presso i Reparti, regoleranno il passaggio dei viveri in natura del Comando che lo ha assunto in forza (sussistenza) al Comando che deve vettavagliare l'equipaggio.

6°) - Per norma si comunica che le dame del C.A.F. sono assimilate, ai soli effetti morali, allo stato di Ufficiale ed hanno quindi diritto allo stesso trattamento degli Ufficiali per ciò che riguarda la mensa, alloggio ed il diritto di frequentare circoli, luoghi di ritrovo ed altri locali destinati agli ufficiali. Si precisa che l'alloggio, che in ogni zona dovrà essere provvisto direttamente dai Comandanti indicati al precedente N° 4, deve intendersi gratuito.

7°) - L'arrivo della Cantina Mobile presso ogni zona sarà tempestivamente preannunciato da questo Comando a mezzo fonogramma ai rispettivi Comandi di Zona e di Presidio.

Faccio affidamento all'interessamento dei Comandi e dei Sigg. Ufficiali tutti acchè le dame del C.A.F. siano agevolate nell'assolvimento del loro lodevole compito e trovino nel nostro austero ambiente quella cordialità ed ospitalità consone alle tradizioni militari.

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MAGGIORE CAPO UFFICIO  
ANTONIO GREUS -

IL VICE COMANDANTE  
(Col.f.g.s. L. Lorito)

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IL VICE COMANDANTE  
(Col.f.g.s. L. Lorito)

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MAGGIORE CAPO UFFICIO  
ANTONIO GRAUS -



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C O P I A

COMANDO 227° DIVISIONE FANTERIA

-Vice Comando-

Bari 15 Luglio, 1945

ITINERARIO "CANTINA MOBILE"

Giorno 16 Luglio

Partenza da Bari ed arrivo a Brindisi.  
Sosta a Brindisi.

(nella giornata del 16 la cantina mobile si porterà presso i minori reparti dislocati nei dintorni di Brindisi e precisamente:

- presso il Distaccamento Guardie del 524° Battaglione al Ponte di S.Vito;
- presso la compagnia ex prigionieri cooperatori la cui dislocazione sarà indicata dal Comando Presidi)

Giorno 17 Luglio

A disposizione del 921° Reparto Portuale che fisserà ora di sosta presso i singoli gruppi lavoratori.  
Il Comando del 921° Reparto Portuale prenderà accordi con il Comando Alleato perchè la cantina possa portarsi sul posto di lavoro dei militari.

Giorno 18 Luglio

Partenza da Brindisi.

Sosta presso presso i Reparti dislocati lungo l'itinerario Brindisi-Bari e precisamente:

- presso il 786° Reparto Salmerie-Monopoli;
- presso la 2° Cp. del 514° Battaglione Guardie Monopoli;
- presso il Detwih 1 E.S.B.D. (a due Km. sulla strada di Mola-venendo da Brindisi 2Km. dopo Mola)

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IL VICE COMANDANTE  
(Col.f.g.s.s.L.Iorito)

P. C. C.  
UFFICIALE ADDETTO  
(Magg. A. Graus.)

Giorno 17 Luglio

Brindisi e precisamente:  
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ne al Ponte di S.Vito;  
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cui dislocazione sarà indicata dal Comando Presidi)

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IL VICE COLANDANTE  
(Col.f.g.s.L.Lorito)

P. C. C.  
UFFICIALE ADDETTO  
(Mares. A. Graus.)



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COMANDO 227° DIVISIONE FANTERIA  
-Vice Comando-

Bari 21 Luglio 1945

ITINERARIO "CANTINA MOBILE"

Giorno 22 Luglio 45 Partenza da Bari ed arrivo a Brindisi-  
Soste a :  
1°)-Mola di Bari, presso il 172 Comando Ital. di Coll.  
(forza approssimativa n°13)  
2°)-Monopoli, presso il 260° Incram. per 786° Pack Tran-  
port Coy (forza approssimativa n°401)-presso la  
2° Cp. del 510 Battaglione Guardie (forza appros-  
simativa n°136)  
3°)-Brindisi, presso il 524° Battaglione Guardie (forza  
approssimativa n°806)-presso la 1° Cp. del 525°  
Battaglione Guardie (Forza approssimativa n°215)

Giorno 23 Luglio 45  
Partenza da Brindisi ed arrivo a Taranto-  
Sosta a Taranto a disposizione del Comandante del  
923° Reparto Portuale, il quale invierà la cantina  
presso i reparti della zona in base a quanto dis-  
posto con foglio n°08/2003/Serv. del 15 c.m., dan-  
do comunque la precedenza ai reparti del Battaglio-  
ne P.I. ex cooperatori.-

Giorno 24 Luglio 45  
Sosta a Taranto come il 23, a disposizione del Coman-  
dante il 923° Reparto Portuale.

Giorno 25 Luglio 45 Partenza da Taranto ed arrivo a Bari (mattino)

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IL VICE COMANDANTE  
(Col.f.g.s.s.L. Iorito)

port Coy (forza approssimativa n°40)-presso la  
2° Cp. del 510 Battaglione Guardie (forza approssimativa n°136)  
3°)-Brindisi, presso il 524° Battaglione Guardie (forza approssimativa n°806)-presso la 1° Cp. del 525° Battaglione Guardie (Forza approssimativa n°215)

Giorno 23 Luglio 45

Partenza da Brindisi ed arrivo a Taranto-  
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Giorno 24 Luglio 45

Sosta a Taranto come il 23, a disposizione del Coman-  
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Giorno 25 Luglio 45

Partenza da Taranto ed arrivo a Bari (mattino)

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IL VICE COMANDANTE  
(Col.f.g.s.I. Lorito)

P. C. C.  
UFFICIALE ADDETTO  
(Vice A. Graus)



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COMANDO DELLA 227<sup>a</sup> DIVISIONE FTR.

- Vice Comando -

Bari, lì 10 luglio 1945

ORDINE PERMANENTE N° 1

- 1) - In seguito ad assegnazione da parte del Ministero della Guerra con foglio N° 05414/BS in data 2 giugno 1945 a questo Vice Comando della Centina Mobile N° 6;
- 2) - Allo scopo di :

- a) Controllare la regolare tenuta dei libri contabili e convalidare le situazioni mensili;
- b) assistere all'inventario delle merci alla fine del mese;
- c) sottoporre al competente Ministero della Guerra quelle proposte ritenute necessarie per migliorare il funzionamento del servizio.

Nomino la seguente commissione di vigilanza :

|                        |                      |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| Maggiore Antonio Graus | Presidente           |
| " Pasquale Mirabella   | I° Membro            |
| Tenente Osvaldo Regina | II° Membro (gestore) |

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MAGGIORE CAPO UFFICIO  
Antonio Graus

IL VICE COMANDANTE  
(Col.f.g.s. L. Iorito)

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IL VICE COMANDANTE  
(Col.f.g.s. L. Lorito)

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MAGGIORE CAPO UFFICIO  
Antonio Graus -

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COMANDO DELLA 227 DIVISIONE  
Ufficio Commissariato

N° 04/1524/ceam. di pret. P.M. 126,11 17 luglio 1945  
OGGETTO: Spacci.

AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE NAPOLI  
- Ufficio Servizi -  
AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE BARI  
- Ufficio Servizi -  
AL VICE COMANDO 227 DIVISIONE BARI  
e, per conoscenza  
ALL'UFFICIO COLL. MILIA 3° DISTRICTION C.M. 2.  
(rif. fl. 3 DLO/36 del 12 corr.)

19 JUL 1945 194  
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M. 308.4

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co.

d'ordine  
 IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
 (Magg. Ugo Scotto Lavina)



MESSAGE FORM In Reply of AF 02156  
FROM DISPATCH 15 113 B

FOR ACTION

TO 32 AREA: 34 AREA: 56 AREA: 34 SUB AREA: CAMP 3 DIST.

FOR INFORMATION

MMIA LO  
4 JUL 1945 194  
File 36.  
HQ 3 District.

MOV NAPLES: MOV BARI: 227 ITALIAN DIV: 503 ITALIAN DIV: 1237

SD 59. (.) RESERVOIR (.) former ITALIAN cooperative welfare increments str each other  
1 OR 2 will move across by rail to 803 ITALIAN base rpt dep RAVENNA for emp  
as rite (.) vhs will be loaded in to HQ of attachment before move

This message may be sent  
as written by any means  
except WIRELESS

Degree of priority

Sgd . . . . .

Copy to: A: Q(AE): WELFARE: MMIA LO: ITALIAN LO:

3204

SUBJECT : La Picciola Camp - Salerno.

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

WEL/V.

12 July '45.

MMIA LO  
4 JUL 1945 194  
File 36  
HQ 3 District.

To : Ministry of War  
Ufficio Benessere del Soldato.

Reference 05672/B.S. of 12 July.

1. The augmentation of the water supply to the above named camp by the installation of a pump such as you describe is a project of which this HQ fully approves.

2. It is noted that the type of pump required is a normal issue to the Italian Army, and should therefore be readily obtainable from 227 Adm Div, to which formation it is suggested you apply.

3. Should any difficulty be experienced in obtaining the apparatus for any reason, please notify this HQ.

S/Capt.,  
Welfare,  
M.M.I.A.

Copy to : MMIA L.O. 3 District.

Internal: RE.Services.

3203

SUBJECT :- Welfare - Canteens

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3DLO/36  
Baseball 2

12 Jul 45

HQ 227 DIV

Copy to :- ILO3 DISTRICT

*File*

*folio 57*  
*ref.*  
*at*

You are requested to supply a report, as the date of receipt of this letter, regarding progress in the formation and running of the static canteen at NAPLES and the static and mobile canteens at BARI.

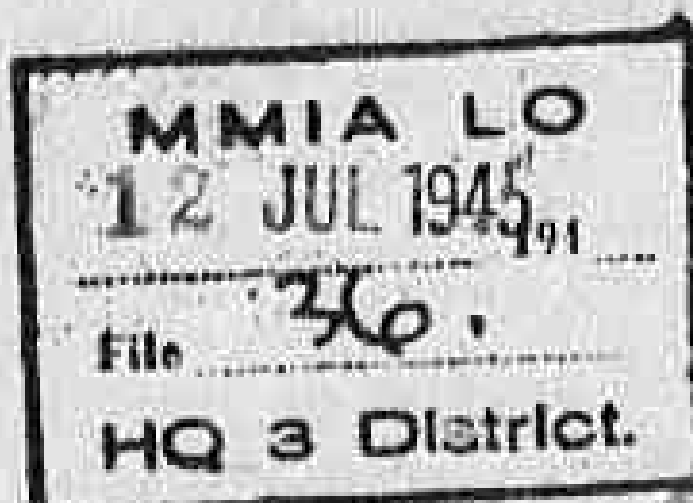
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Major  
MMIA LO  
3 DISTRICT

3202

*SW*

Subject: Canteens - Italian Armed Forces.



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

11 July 1945

To: HQ 3 District.

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 LEMCH 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 RSD or QM Depots. 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/la

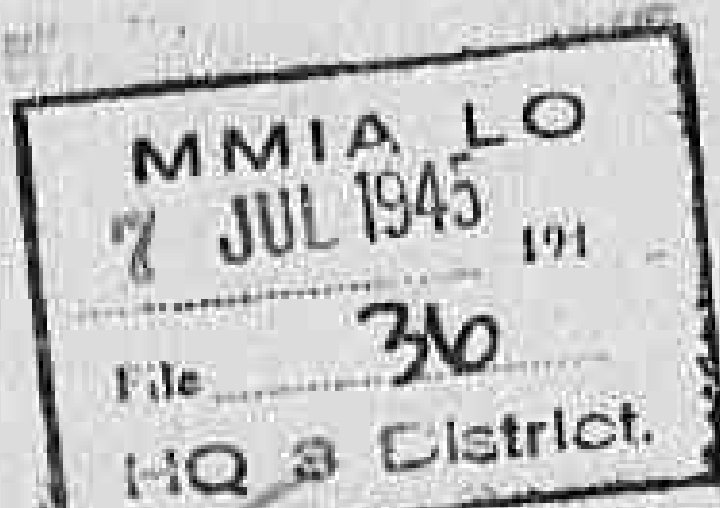
*F. J. Noakes*  
F. J. NOAKES, Col.  
for Major General,  
M. H. I. A.

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

3201

Subject : Mobile Canteens

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Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
( M.M.I.A. ) ROME.  
WEI/J.  
4 July '45.

To : MMIA L.O.  
3 District.

Seen @ 17/7

folio 45

Reference your 3DLO/36 of 30 June '45.

In view of the strictly limited number of vehicles available for use as Mobile Canteens, the early allocation of a second one to HQ 227 Div is not possible.

However, if and when more vehicles come into service, the application will be reconsidered.

by 16  
S/Capt.,  
Welfare,  
M.M.I.A.

Internal:- "A".

3269

Subject:- Italian Army Canteens - Ration Scale.

3 District  
Baseball 15/dial 10752  
712/1 Q

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| MMIA LO        |
| 6 JUL 1945 194 |
| File 36        |
| HQ 3 District. |

6 Jul 45

Italian LO

MMIA LO

Your letter 52/HO/20 of 26 Jun 45 was submitted to Land Forces Sub Commission AG and the following reply has been received:-

"We regret to inform you that the Italian Army Canteen Ration Scale cannot be amended at this time in line with your suggestions in your letter."

*Julius 49, 48 & 48A refer*

*C. F. Mason*

(C. F. MASON) Maj  
for Col  
DA & QMG

CFM/kr

3199

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Subject: Italian Armed Forces Contingent

MMIA LO  
3 JUL 1945  
File 3/2  
HQ 3 District.

3 District  
Despatch 15/2122 10752  
712/1 0

2 Jul 45

227 Italian Div

Q 54 Area  
Q 56 Area  
Army Sub Commission (100A)  
100A 10  
100A 10 54 Area  
100A 10

3/7

1. The following supplies have been allotted for use in cantonment for the month of July 45 for Italian Armed Forces:-

Allied Rationed Items

|                  |          |
|------------------|----------|
| Flour            | 8795 lbs |
| R. Meat and Fish | 253 "    |
| Rice             | 332 "    |
| Coffee           | 2175 "   |

Italian Rationed Items

|           |            |
|-----------|------------|
| Olive Oil | 2902 pints |
| Salt      | 136 lbs    |

2. Proportions will be as follows:-

- (a) RICE 52 %
- (b) RICE 13 % (proportion to be sub-allotted as necessary for Mobile Contingent)
- (c) RICE 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. Reply for issues 100A signal 1/401 of 30 June 45.

*Johnay*

*F. Mason*

(F. MASON) Maj  
for Col  
DA & G2

com/for

Subject: - Italian Armed Forces Canteens.

3 District  
Baseball 15/Dial 10752  
712/1 Q

4 Jul 45

Land Forces Sub Commission AG (MMIA)

MMIA LO  
Italian LO

*folio 51  
replies.*

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

*C. F. Mason*

(C. F. MASON) Maj  
for Maj Gen  
Comd

CFM/lw

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| MMIA LO        |
| 4 JUL 1945 194 |
| FM 36          |
| HQ 3 District. |

3197

Subject: Italian Army Canteens.

3 District  
Baseball 15/Dial 10752  
712/1 Q

2 July 45

MEMO

MEMO TO  
Italian LO

*att*  
The attached letter 52/DQ/20 dated 26 Jun 45 from Italian LO this HQ  
is forwarded for consideration.

*L. Bradford*  
(~~C. H. HUGHES~~) Maj  
for Maj Gen  
Cmd

CMO/10

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ITALIAN LO HQ 3 DISTRICT

COPY.

48A

52/IL0/20

26 June 45

Subject:- Italian Army Canteens.

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ITALIA LO

*folio 51  
replies*

1. With reference to the scale of supply allocated for use in canteens for the Italian Armed Forces, HQ 803 HED point out that coffee and sugar have been allotted in a ratio which does not allow to prepare a drink as sweet as desired.
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4. May the above proposals please be considered and forwarded, proposing too, if necessary, to reduce the allotment of coffee while increasing that of sugar.

OV/mn

(M.A. RIZZO) LT Col  
Chief Italian LO.

3195

47  
FROM: V. NAED NR 31254

CVH2

THOM: MOIN SA AREA 311420

TO: MMIA HOME

INFO: MMIA LO DISTRICT ENTRY  
227101V EASTERN DETACHMENT

QXK BT

SD/200 . SUBJECT IS MOBILE CANTENAS .

UNDERSTAND MOBILE CANTENAS ALLOCATED THIS

AREA UNDER YOUR A-245 DATED 20 JUNE 45 .

THIS NOT RPT NOT ADDRESSED OR RECEIVED YOUR OFFICE .

REQUEST COPY AND STA ~~CM~~ CANTENAS .

BT 311400

REPT

311401 2 311402 221

SD/200 A-245 20

SENT NR 212511Z MAY 45 K

THIS MESSAGE IS SENT TO PREVENT DUPLICATION

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MMIA LO

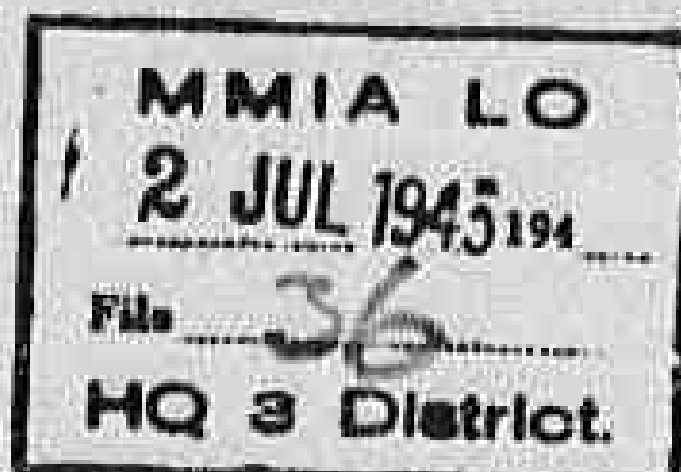
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FM: 36  
HQ 3 District.

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PK 2/7

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SUBJECT: Cinema Projector for 803 BRD.



Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
( M.M.I.A. ) ROME.  
WEL/B/2.  
30 June '45.

To : MMIA. L.O.  
3 District.

Copy to: OC. Brit Cadre 803 BRD.

Reference your 3DLO/36 of 27 June.

1. In view of the strictly limited number of cinematograph projectors available to the Italian Army, control, particularly of mobile instruments, will remain with the Ministry of War, Ufficio Benessere.

2. A mobile projector is, however shortly to be collected from Rome by 227 Div for use in their area, and it is understood that it will first be sent to 803 BRD, where it will remain one month.

*by flc*  
3/Capt.,  
Welfare,  
M.M.I.A.

3193

Subject:~ Mobile Canteens.

3DLO/36

Baseball 2  
30 Jun 45

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

Copy: HQ 227 Div. (Your 04/1415/comm of 26 Jun refers).  
I.L.O.

1. HQ 227 Div desire to place a request for the early allotment of one further mobile canteen.
2. This canteen would operate in the LAZIO and CAMPANIA regions (excl NAPLES) where there are at present stationed some 9000 men who would otherwise have no access to canteen facilities.
3. May the above request please be given your consideration.

Note spoke Holt-Mason-Thompson - 1/2  
referred to amalgamate July 15th for Trans (13%)  
and Bari (20%) for Sub Division for  
Bari Station to Bari Mobile  
when arrives as per. It has been  
same with reply at 4 when 503  
closed to Naples mobile units.

Major,  
MMIA LO,  
3 District.

3192

MEDY V LROF NR 219 PRIORITY QVR1/2

300297

FROM MMIA 301030B

TO DISTHREE

INFO MMIA LO NO 3 DIST

GR131BT

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| MMIA LO        |
| 30 JUN 1945    |
| FM 36          |
| HQ 3 District. |

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*folio 50 refer*

*30/6*

1-401 CONFIDENTIAL

IN COMPLIANCE WITH LETTR AFHQ AG 400/005 GDB-O DATED 12 MARCH  
SUBJECT SUPPLIES - WLFARE FOR ~~ITALIAN~~ ITALIAN ARMED FORCES, THE  
FOLLOWING COMMODITIES ARE ALLOCATED FOR USE IN CANTEENS AND CLUBS  
IN YOUR TERRITORY FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 1945 FOR THE ITALIAN ARMED  
FORCES (.) ALLIED SUPPLIED ITEMS : FLOUR 8,705 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~~ ACCOUNTING PURPOSES (.)  
REQUEST YOU INSURE THAT THE QUANTITIES LISTED ABOVE ARE NOT  
EXCEEDED FOR THIS PERIOD

301030B

*Massimo asked to go to the  
usual letter*

3191

SENT NR 219 301242B FS AR K

TKS

RD 213 214 AND 219 1240 JL B1

*gl*  
*1240*

Subject:- Canteen Rations - Italian Armed Forces.

3DLO/36

Baseball 2  
28 Jun 45

Land Forces Sub Comm., AC.  
( M.M.I.A.) R O M E.

Copy: 'Q' (no enclosures)

*52/140/20 of 26 June* The attached copy of I.L.O. 3 District  
letter ~~is~~ forwarded for any action you consider  
necessary.

*[Signature]*  
Major,  
MMIA LO,  
3 District.

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ITALIAN LO HQ 3 DISTRICT

52/ILO/20

42  
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26 June 45

Subject : Italian Army Canteens.

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*[Signature]*  
(M.A. ZIZZO) Lt Col 3189  
Chief ITALIAN LO

Subject:- Cinematograph Projector for 803 BRD. 41

3DLO/36

Baseball 2  
27 Jun 45.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC,  
6 MMIA ) ROME.

Copy: OC Brat Cadre 803 BRD.

*plus John 46 replies*

1. Authy has not yet been received by 803 BRD to collect the cinematograph projector which it is understood has been allotted to them by War Ministry. (This office sig EK 375 of 3 May refers).
2. May expediting action please be taken with War Ministry for a release?
3. It is considered that, though 803 BRD will soon be closing down, the projector could always be put to profitable welfare use in this area.

*H.S.*  
Major,  
MMIA LO,  
3 District.

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MMIA LO  
28 JUN 1945

COMANDO DELLA 227 DIVISIONE  
Ufficio Commissariato

N° 04/1415/comm. di prot. P.M. 126,11 26 giugno 1945  
O G G E T T O: Assistenza Esercito Italiano - Spacci mobili

ALL'UFFICIO DI COLLEGAMENTO MMIA 3° DISTRICT  
e, per conoscenza:  
ALL'UFFICIO ITALIANO DI COLLEGAMENTO 3° DISTRICT

Riferimento foglio A/245 in data 20  
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2.000 uomini) rimangono esclusi da qualsiasi  
si possibilità di rifornimento.

3. - Rinnovo perciò la preghiera di prospettare  
alla MMIA la necessità di assegnare alla  
Divisione almeno un altro spaccio mobile  
per il servizio in Campania.

IL GENERALE COMANDANTE  
(Silvio Rossi)

Wgm

MMIALO DISTHREE

23 1800<sub>3</sub>

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MMIA

EX 436 (.) ref your A220 of 16 and further my  
3DLO/36 of 17 (.) <sup>dvrs</sup> 2 ~~days~~ from 227 div report WARMIN  
morning 24

B. J. [Signature] 33

IMPORTANT

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MM TA LO 3001 38  
*per 27/6*

Subject: Italian Army - Welfare of Demobilised Soldiers.

LAND FORCES SUB-COMM A.C.,  
 (M.M.I.A.) R O ME  
 A 024

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| MMIA LO       |
| 22 JUN 1945   |
| 36            |
| HQ 3 District |

21 June, '45.

To : Ministry of War (Ufficio Benessere Dal Soldato)

1. In the interest of the Italian Army I feel it my duty to draw your attention to the lack of initiative and foresight on the part of your Welfare Service in the matter of the resettlement of demobilised soldiers into civilian life.
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4. It is considered that it is a responsibility of the Italian Army Welfare Service to look after the discharged soldier during the period immediately following his release in order to ensure that his return to civilian life is made as simple as possible; a section of the Italian Welfare Service should be devoted to looking after this side of Welfare.

5. It is further considered that any arrangements made should be made known through "LA PATRIA" in order that soldiers being discharged will know what arrangements have been made for their return to civilian life.

6. Close liaison will be necessary with other Ministries concerned if comprehensive and effective action is to be successful.

/over

7. Please advise me of your decision and progress in this matter.

*SP 13.1.1*  
*Good*  
for Major General,  
M.M.I.A.

Copy to: OC, 5I BUU. (refer your A3 dated 16 June, '45.)

ALL BEUs.

ALL L.Os.

Welfare, M.M.I.A.

ecc.

3184

38A  
Subject: Italian Armed Forces Canteens.

3DIO/36

Zasebell 2

21 Jun 45

'Q'

Copy: I.L.O.

36  
Reference your 712/1 Q dated 21 Jun 45.

1. Para 1. You appear to have been misinformed on this point. Major SPRAY and Major THURPP visited 803 BRD on 19 Jun where, in conference with OC Brit Cadre and his QM the canteen posn was discussed. It was stated by the QM that the canteen sups had already arrived and further that they had been made up into various confections and were already on sale.

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3. If ~~the~~ rations were supplied to 3 District for the exclusive use of 227 BRIT units the percentage allocated would necessarily be considerably smaller and would in fact amount to only about 17% of the ~~whole~~ <sup>whole</sup> now issued.

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*Rx*  
Major,  
MMIA IO,  
3 District.

SUBJECT: Italian Army Welfare  
- Mobile Canteens

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*10/2/6*

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 I.O.  
 1 Dist. " " "  
 3 Dist. " " " (Your 3DIO/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 independent of the ~~existing~~ <sup>existing</sup> 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.

*10/2/6*

1 Dist.

3 Dist. " " " "

Ministry of War.

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3. These canteens are independent 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.

S. P. Andrews here,

Major General,  
M. M. I. A.

Internal:- "Q". Welfare.

MMIA 150  
21 JUN 1964  
194  
File 36  
HQ 3 District.

SUBJECT:- Italian Armed Forces Canteen

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| MMIA LO        |
| 21 JUN 1945    |
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| File <u>36</u> |
| HQ 3 District. |

3 District  
BASEBALL 14  
712/1 Q

21 Jun 45  
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Ref 227 Div HQ letter N) 04/1315/comm dated 14 Jun 45, copy of translation to you.

1. Para 1. Contrary to the statement that issues have been made to BRDs, a rep of this HQ was informed on 19 Jun 45, at RAVISCANINA Camp, that in fact no supplies have been received.

Will you please investigate and report.

2. Para 4. This brings up the point referred to in this HQ letter to MMIA dated 5 May 45, wherein it was pointed out that the issues were intended to benefit all Italian tps, but that the interest of this HQ was limited to BR-ITIS.

3. A copy of the letter under reference is being forwarded to MMIA.

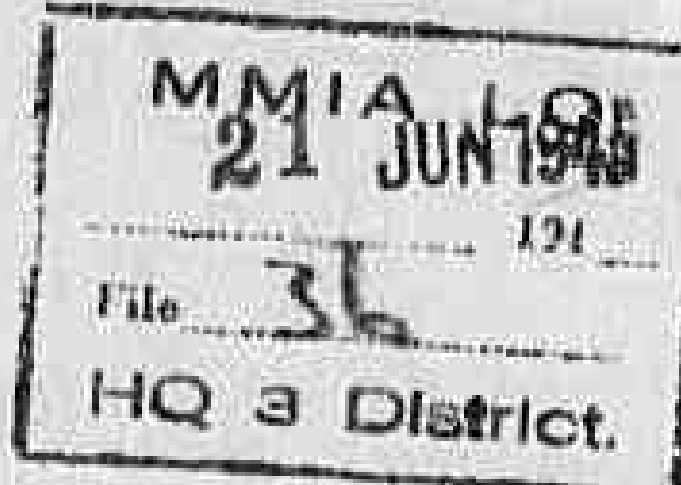
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also refer*

*Ann B. Tull*

(R.B. LEECH) Lt Col  
3131 Col  
QMG

RBL/RM

SUBJECT:- Italian Armed Forces Canteens



3 District  
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Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MMIA)

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21 Jun 46

Ref copy of 227 Div HQ letter N) 04/1515/comm dated 14 Jun 46, 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 46, 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 GDB-O of 12 Mar 46, that the action for forming these canteens rested with your HQ.

3. Para 5. 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 46, has in fact been issued by the Ministry of War.

RBL/EM

*Am Mue*  
(R.B. LERCH) Lt Col  
for Maj Gen  
Comd

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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

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| MMIA LO       |
| 19 JUN 1945   |
| FM. 36        |
| HQ 3 District |

1. The wording of your folios 712/1 Q dated 16 and 25 May 45 has 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 comd of 227 Division. Consequently, excepting the proportions allotted to BRDe, 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 BRDe). As, for various reasons, none of the subordinate units had been able to draw any supply, the whole allotment is still available for each use as per HQ has meant them.

3. The formation and operation of canteens both in NAPLES and BARI, however, is beyond the authority of this HQ which has neither premises, personnel, nor means available for 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 out it as follows:-

"Soldier's House" NAPLES, by making use of a temporary canteen under existing premises, is ready;

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

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- NAPLES: by making use of a temporary canteen under the existing "Soldier's House" is ready;

- BARI:- by allotting the supplies to the existing "Soldier's 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 PONTACAGNANO, 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~~ ~~unhappy~~ ~~unfortunate~~ HQ, thinking to be the only formation interested in the matter (your letters were addressed to this HQ only), had warned the subordinate units that, their welfare was going to be secured for by real deeds.

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.

P.T.O

ITALIAN LDO 3 DISTRICT HQ

52/IL0/13 a

18 June 45

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✓ MEDIA LO



*BB*  
(M.A. ZIZZO) Lt Col  
CHIEF ITALIAN LO

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Subject:- Canteens - Italian Armed Forces.

3DLO/36

Baseball 2

17 Jun 45

Land Forces Sub Comm, AC,  
( M.M.I.A.) R O M E.

Copy: 'Q'  
I.L.O.

*file 49  
Juls 61*

Ref your sig A 220 dated 16 June.

1. The required dvrs are being obtained by HQ 227 Div and you will be infm of their ETA at WAR MINISTRY.
2. Please state if the mob canteen mentioned is excl of the two canteens allotted to 3 District tps in your letter Q/27/3 dated 9 Apr. If so, is the canteen to be provisioned from the same monthly allocation of rations to 3 Dist used at present to supply the two existing static canteens at NAPLES and BARI ?

*Juls 3*

*[Signature]*

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Major,  
MMIA LO,  
3 District.

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0 HQ 3 Dist  
SUBJECT : Rest Hostel - Rome.

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| MMIA LO        |
| 2 - JUN 1945   |
| File <u>36</u> |
| HQ 3 District. |

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
( M.M.I.A. ) ROME.  
A243.

31 May '45.

To : Ministry of War.

Copies to : A.F.H.Q.  
All MMIA LO's. & All BLU's.

1. Now that the North of Italy is liberated, and Italian soldiers are able to go on leave to their own homes almost anywhere in the country, it is considered that the Casa di Soggiorno, Rome, is no longer required for the purpose for which it was originally opened. Rations from Allied Sources for this establishment will NOT therefore be allowed after 17 June 1945.
2. This HQ. however, is interested in the future of the Rest Hostel, and if it is intended that it should continue to function, using supplies from Italian Sources, the intention would be supported in any way possible.
3. Please state your proposals in this respect.

Internal : "Q"  
Welfare.

3177  
*W. P. ...*  
Major General,  
M. M. I. A.

Subject: Italian Armed Forces Contingent

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MMIA LO  
27 MAY 1945 194  
File 36  
HQ 3 District.

3 District  
Signal 14  
712/10  
26 May 45

227 Italian Division

3 SA Area  
56 Area  
Army Sub Commission (ASCA)  
ASCA 10  
ASCA 10 SA Area  
Italian 10

125 27/5

1. The following supplies have been allotted for use in cantonments for the month of June, for the Italian Armed Forces:-

Allied Supplies Items

|                |          |
|----------------|----------|
| Flour          | 7500 lbs |
| P. Meat & Fish | 3000 "   |
| Sugar          | 2700 "   |
| Coffee         | 1000 "   |

Italian Supplies Items

|            |            |
|------------|------------|
| Olives oil | 2500 pints |
| Salt       | 110 lbs    |

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2. Proportions will be allotted as for May (this is letter 712/10 of 16 May 45 paras 2 and 3 refer).

3. Authy for issues ASCA signal 0 290 of 20 May 45.

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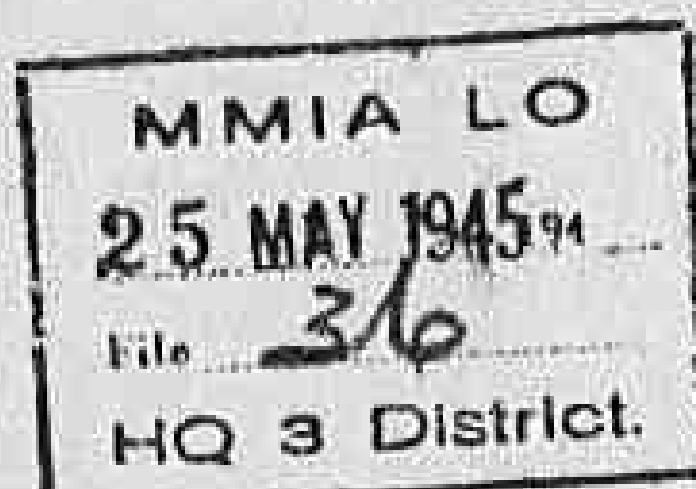
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*Human*

(J. H. H. H.) Maj  
for Col  
DA & GHI

JH/mo

FROM MMIA 231000B  
TO DI THREE  
INFO MMIA LO N.3 DISTRICT  
GR129 BT



Q-290. CONFIDENTIAL.

IN COMPLIANCE WITH LETTER AFHQ AG400/005GDB-O 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 7,452 LBS, PRESERVED MEAT AND FISH  
3,881 LBS, SUGAR 2,795 LBS, COFFEE 1,563 LBS (.) ITALIAN  
SUPPLIED ITEMS OLIVE OIL 2,484 PINTS, SALT 116 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 175  
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BB KKK

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Subject:- Bathing facilities - RAVISCANINA.

3DLO/36  
Baseball 2  
20 May 45.

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

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Ref your WEL/V dated 18 Apr.

The following report has been received  
through OC Brit Cadre 803 FRD from OC 15 Fd San Sec:-

"Ref your request for advice concerning  
bathing in the River Volturno near your  
Camp.

"I am definitely of the opinion that, as  
the towns up-stream have a recent history  
of typhoid epidemics, the river should  
not be used as an authorised swimming  
centre."

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Delay in answering your letter is regretted  
but is due to the posting away of the hygiene officer  
previously attached to the camp.

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Major,  
MMIA LO,  
3 District.

Subject - Bathing Facilities - RAVISCANINA

Ref. 5/19/JF

18 May 45.

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To,

MMIA LO 3 District 20

Ref your 3DLO/36 of 5 May - herewith copy of letter received from O.Q. 15 Field San Section:-

A "Ref your request for advice concerning bathing in the River Volturno near your Camp.

I am definitely of the opinion that, as the towns up stream have a recent history of typhoid epidemics, the river should not be used as an authorised swimming centre".

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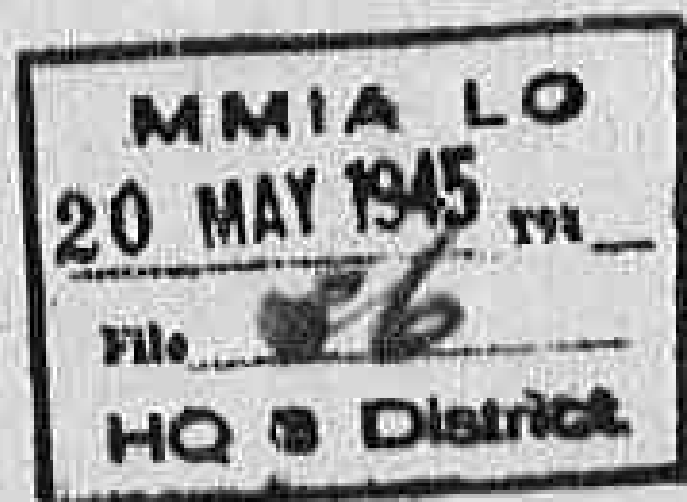
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*for Jlt. Anderson Capt.*

(R.E. GARNETT)

Major, RA

O.C. (Br Cadre) 803 Italian Base Hft Depot

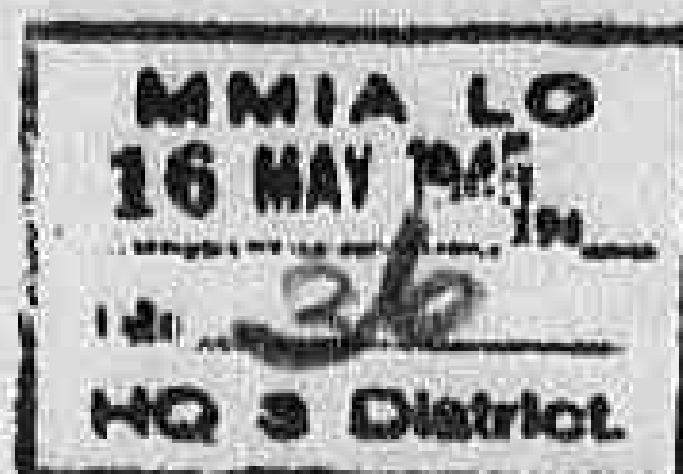


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SUBJECT :- Italian Armed Forces Canteens

227 Italian Division

Q 54 Area  
56 Area  
Army Sub Commission (MIA)  
MIA LO  
MIA LO 54 Area  
Italian LO



3 District  
BASEBALL 14  
712/1 Q  
16 May 45

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

|                |            |
|----------------|------------|
| Flour          | 7738 lbs   |
| P. Meat & Fish | 4030 "     |
| Sugar          | 2902 "     |
| Coffee         | 1934 "     |
| Olive Oil      | 2579 pints |
| Salt           | 121 lbs    |

2. Canteens will be established by you and proportions of the above supplies allotted as stated -

|        |   |            |     |
|--------|---|------------|-----|
| NAPLES | - | Proportion | 54% |
| RARI   | - | "          | 20% |

3. In addition the following proportion will be allotted to BRDs for unit canteens :-

|             |   |     |
|-------------|---|-----|
| RAVISCANINA | - | 13% |
| TRANI       | - | 13% |

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

5. Authy for the issue is MIA signal Q 203 dated 20 Apr 45.

6. It is understood that MIA have arranged for the Italian War Ministry to issue an instruction covering the operation of these canteens.

REL/mio

*Alm R. Lee*  
(R.B. LEECH) Lt Col  
for Col  
DA & QG

Subject - Bathing Facilities - RAVISCANINA

Ref 5/18/JF.

7 May 45

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To,

MMIA LO 3 District

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Ref your JDLIO/36 of 5 May - since we now have no Hygiene Officer of our own we are awaiting a visit from the Officer attached to 15 Field San Section to make the necessary test and will communicate with you again when we have his report.

Field

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| MMIA LO         |
| 10 MAY 1945 194 |
| Fr. <u>36</u>   |
| HQ 3 District.  |

*[Signature]*  
R.E. GARRETT  
Major, RA

O.C. (Br Cadre) 803 Italian Base Rft  
Depot

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MEDY V LROF NR 847 QIM

FROM MMIA 07 1145B

TO DISTHREE

INFO DISTHREE (FOR MMIA LO) ✓

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CONFIDENTIAL

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

5 MAY 45 TO MMIA LO

BT 07 1145B

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| MMIA LO          |
| 7 - MAI 1945 194 |
| File <u>36</u>   |
| HQ 3 District.   |

SUBJECT: Welfare - Establishment of Canteens  
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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION  
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E  
~~Q/1/35-5~~ 27/3  
5 May 1945  
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TO : MMIA LO No. 3 District ✓  
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1. Reference your 3DLO/36 of 2 May 45.

2. Responsibility. 9

a. Our Q-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.

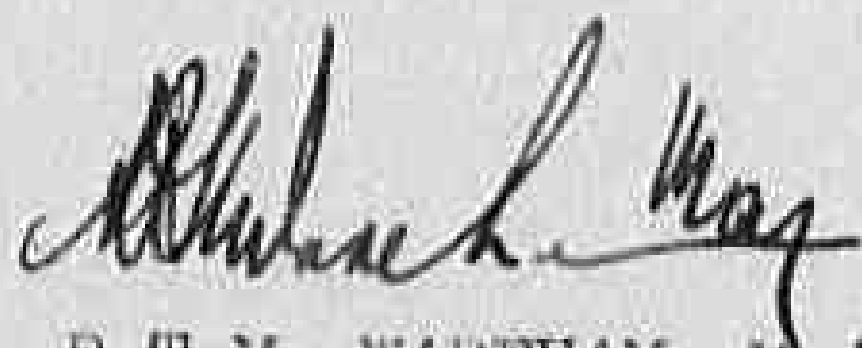
b. As supplies have been allotted to 3 District and NOT the Ministry of War 227 Div. will be informed of allocations by 3 District.

3. Location of Canteens. 3

a. The number of canteens permitted was limited by AFHQ instructions. Our Q/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.

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

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.

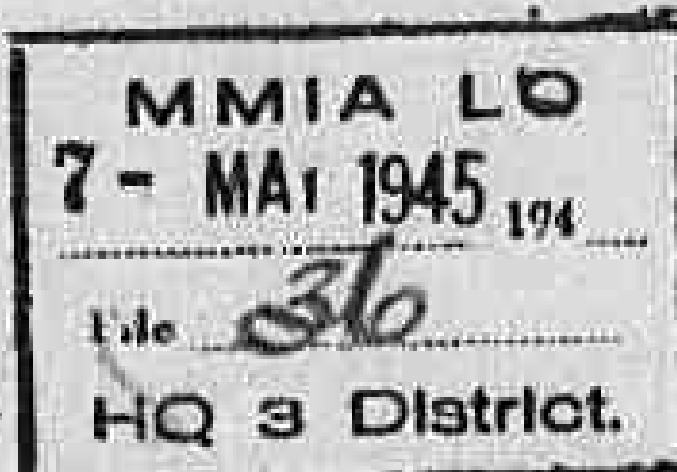


R.T.M. WAREHAM, Major  
for DA & QMG  
M. M. I. A.

RTMW/r1  
Copy to: MMIA LO Bari  
Welfare  
'A' Branch

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SUBJECT : Cinema Projector.



Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
( M.M.I.A.) ROME.  
WEL/E/2.  
4 May '45.

Ministry of War  
Ufficio Benessere.

Copy to;- MMIA LO No 3 District. (your signal EK375 of 3 May refers)

1. Reference conversation.
2. It is understood that Territorial HQ Naples is in possession of a cinema projector and that you will instruct your Welfare representative at HQ 227 Div., Major Piscicelli, to contact Territorial HQ to arrange a routing for the projector which will include 803 B.R.D. Raviscanina.
3. Please report what action is taken.

Lt. Col. 3167  
A.D.A.W.S.  
M.M.I.A.

SUBJECT:- Canteens for Italian Armed Forces

MMIA LO  
6 - MAY 1945 194  
File 36  
HQ 3 District.

3 District  
BATHURST 16  
712/1 Q

Land Forces Sub Commission 40 (MMIA)

MMIA LO

5 May 45

Ref your 0/27/3 of 2 May 45.

1. It is understood that the allotment of rations for May based on the experience of 1941, 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 HQs at TRANS and RAVISCAHNA 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 IRI - 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 DLS/36 dated 2 May refers.
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 accept 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.

*Handwritten signature*

(A. S. LUNGH) Lt Col  
for Maj Gen  
Quar

RHL/scr

*Handwritten note:*  
Wait to receive from MMIA the  
my 36 of 2 + then write to  
McCann - (phone 5 days)

Subject: - Bathing Facilities - RAVISCANINA.

OC Mr Cadre  
803 BRD.

3DLO/36

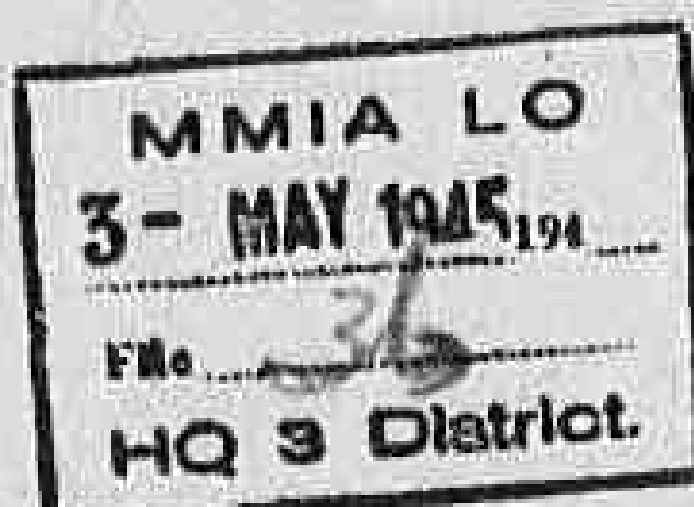
Baseball 2  
5 May 45.

May a reply be received to this office  
letter of even ref dated 20 Apr 45.

*[Signature]*  
Major,  
MIA LO,  
3 District.

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MMIA LO HQ 3 District



Subject:- Canteens.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
(M.H.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.

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

18A  
Subject: Foodstuffs for Italian Canteens.

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

24 April 1945

To: Direz. Gen. COMMISSARIATO  
Ministry of War.

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 |
|--|-------------|
|  | Per Day     |

|                   |         |
|-------------------|---------|
| Flour             | 12 lbs. |
| Pres. Meat & Fish | 6½ lbs. |
| Sugar             | 4½ lbs. |
| Coffee            | 3 lbs.  |

b. To be furnished from Italian sources,

|           |        |
|-----------|--------|
| Olive Oil | 4 pts. |
| Salt      | 3 cns. |

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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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a. To be furnished from Allied sources,

|                   |                |
|-------------------|----------------|
|                   | Per 100 men    |
|                   | <u>Per Day</u> |
| Flour             | 12 lbs.        |
| Fres. Meat & Fish | 6½ lbs.        |
| Sugar             | 4½ lbs.        |
| Coffee            | 3 lbs.         |

b. To be furnished from Italian sources,

|           |        |      |
|-----------|--------|------|
| Olive Oil | 4 pts. | 3163 |
| Salt      | 3 ozs. |      |

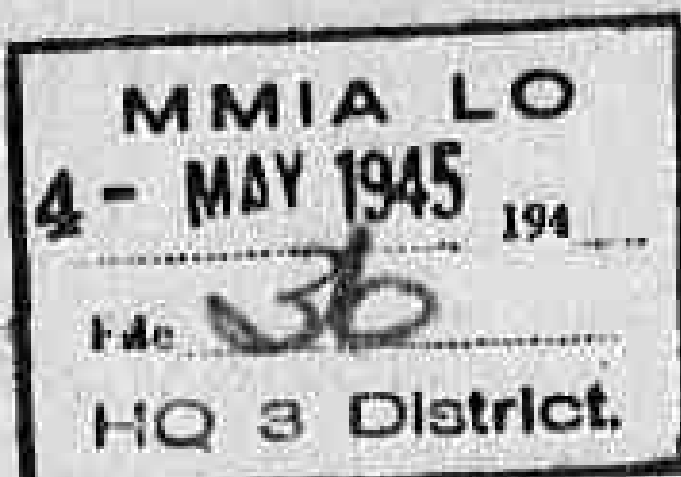
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4. Canteen supplies will be furnished from the savings from the ration scale caused by Italian personnel on leave, not drawing rations. The canteens will be operated under the supervision of the Armies, Districts, and Base Section employing the Italian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

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

ROBERT T. ROSE, Lt. Col.  
for Major General,  
M.H.I....

Subject:- Canteens for Italian Armed Forces.



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

2 May, 1945.

To:- H.Q. 3 District.

Reference your signal Q.C. 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 Q-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. Fardeell*  
P.P. FARDELL J/Cmdr.  
For Major General, MMIA.

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

Internal:- Welfare.

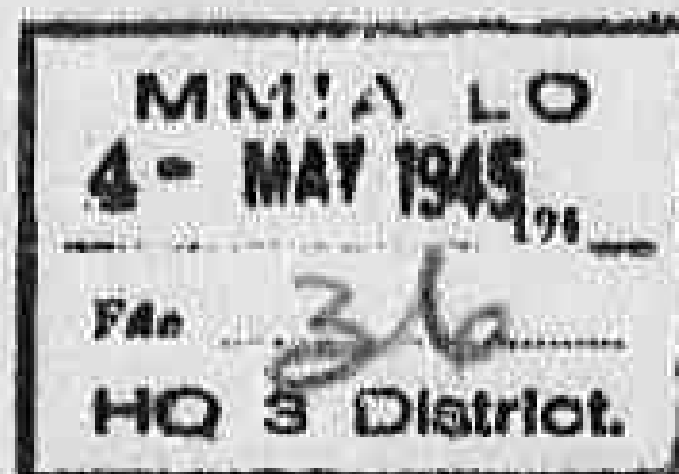
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SUBJECT:- Supplies for Italian Canteens

MEMIA LO 54 Area

Q 54 Area  
56 Area  
227 Italian Division  
MEMIA LO  
Italian LO



3 District  
BASEBALL 14  
712/1 Q

3 May 45

Ref your signal AQ/259 of 30 Apr 45.

1. The following supplies have been allotted for Welfare for Italian Armed Forces in this District for the month of May:-

|                      |            |
|----------------------|------------|
| Flour .....          | 7738 lbs   |
| P. Meat & Fish ..... | 4030 "     |
| Sugar .....          | 2902 "     |
| Coffee .....         | 1934 "     |
| Olive Oil .....      | 2579 pints |
| Salt .....           | 121 lbs    |

2. It is understood that these quantities will provide adequate canteen facilities for approx 12000 only for one month.

3. It is considered therefore that it would be more satisfactory to establish successful canteens at the Reinforcement Depots at TRANI and RAVISCANINA rather than dissipate the supplies amongst numerous unit canteens and clubs in which case little material benefit would accrue.

Both these Depots are more isolated than is generally the case with formed units and it is in these Depots that every effort must be made to improve the morale of the newly joined recruit.

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WRL/mic

*R. B. Leech*  
(R. B. LEECH) Lt Col  
for Col  
DA & QMG

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INITIALS DISCLOSED

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see folio 41  
folio 46  
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EX 175 (..) whitens 227 div unable procure file prefector  
for 803. BRT neither is financial grant sufficient to purchase (..)  
may pressure be brought on war ministry to obtain please

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Routine

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14 / Subject: Welfare - Eat of Canteens.

1010/36 -

Baseball 2  
2 May 45.

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

Copy: ITALIO 54 Area.

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This arrangement, however, means that, generally speaking, only MUII services unit pers will enjoy the use of these canteens: whereas pers of USIPI or ICIPI, category or members of the Italian Navy or Air Force will not.

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

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It is suggested (in ep of MMIALO E. Italy Sig ~~40~~ 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 eat as many as they consider expedient, bearing in mind the needs and loon of all classes of the Italian Armed Forces.

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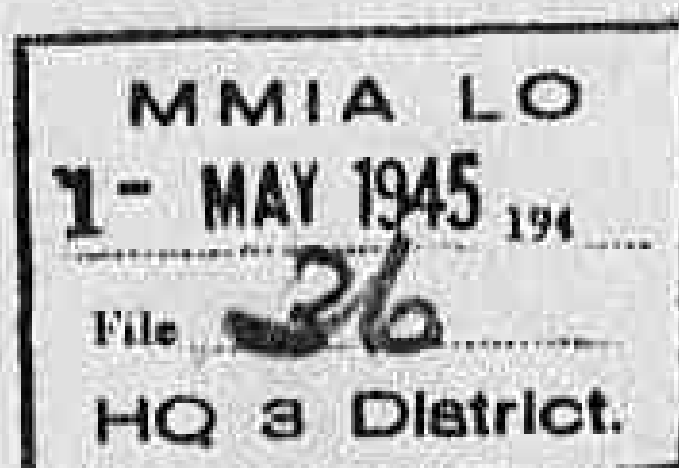
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Major,  
MIA IO,  
3 District.

MMIA LO

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FROM NMIA LO 54 AREA 301830B

TO 3 DISTRICT

INFO HQ MMIA

MMIA LO 3 DISTRICT

MMIA LO 52 AREA

QOX BT

AQ/259. RESTRICTED . REF C/27/3 OF 9 APR AND  
ST/19 OF 13 APR .

FIRST . AM EAGER PROCEED WITH CANTEEN 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~~ CONSULTATION WITH 9 TERM HQ  
SO AS TO BE OF MOST BENEFIT TO ALL CATEGORIES ITALIAN TROOPS .

WOULD FURNISH MONTHLY REPORT .

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

BT THI 1835

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*file 26*

*(12)*

MMIALO DISTHREE

30 /24, B.

54 AREA for MMIALO

EX 372 (.)

ref spoke HOLT - THRUPP today (.)

following commodities allocated by MMIA in their Q203 of

20 to DISTHREE for canteens and clubs for italian armed

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MMIA LO  
24 APR 1945  
File 346  
HQ 3 District.

DISTRICT

MMIA

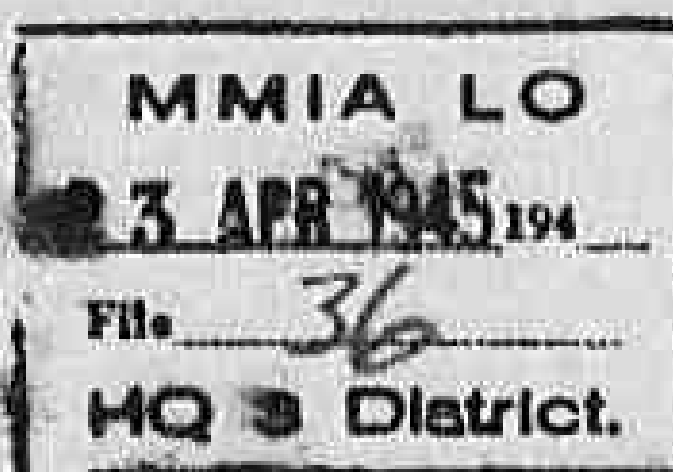
MMIA LO

CG 2165 (.) RECORDED (.) Ref your 203 of 20 Apr (.) understand instructions  
are being issued by Italian War Ministry and therefore no action necessary  
by this HQ

MMIA LO

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SUBJECT: Transit messes.



Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.  
AO24.  
20 Apr '45.

To : All MMIA. LOs.

1. Attached for your information is a copy of this HQ letter AO24. of 18 Apr. to the War Ministry.
2. The letter refers to a proposal from the War Ministry to set up transit messes, and the allocation to them of rations.
3. It is hoped that the Ministry of War will take steps to implement the suggestion made in paras 4 and 5.
4. Will you please give all the encouragement you can to such projects within formation areas.

*J.P. Michie Capt*  
Major General  
M. M. I. A.

Distribution

MMIA LO SARDINIA.  
" " SICILY.  
" " NAPLES.  
" " Rear Eighth Army.  
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" " 1 District.

MMIA LO 2 District.  
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" " 54 Area.  
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" " Trani Camp.  
" " 52 BLU. 3154  
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Internal :- "Q"  
S.T.  
Welfare.

SUBJECT: Transit Messes.

COPY

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
( M.M.I.A. ) HOME.  
A024.  
18 Apr '45.

To : Ministry of War.

1. Reference 02106/B.S. of 20 March.

2. While the object of your proposals is appreciated, it is regretted that under the present conditions it is not possible to give the required authorization: the difficulties of the accounting for rations as between units alone would make it impracticable.

3. Further, the present regulations for the issue of rations to soldiers in transit on duty cannot be changed, nor can any suggestion of payment for rations by men on duty be considered.

4. However, in order to alleviate the position, it is suggested that formation welfare representatives on behalf of their Commanders might organise in selected towns, with the aid of local inhabitants, buildings or other suitable accommodation wherein soldiers in transit could have facilities for rest and for cooking the food which they carry with them.

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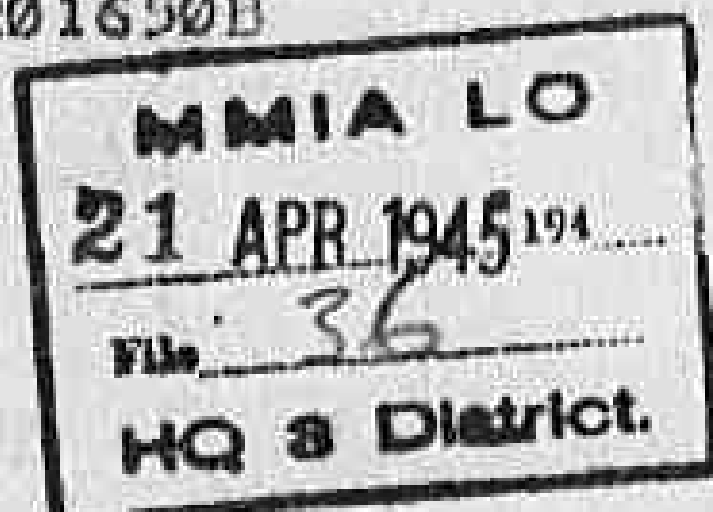
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TO DISTHREE

INFO DISTHREE FOR MMIA LO

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Q203 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) IN COMPLIANCE WITH LETTER AFHQ AG 400/005

GDB-9 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 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 (.)

VOCHER COVERING ISSUE OF SUPPLIES TO BE COMPILED BY ISSUING DEPOT

SHOWING ITEM (.) QUANTITY (.) SIGNATURE OF RECEIVING ITALIAN OFFICER ,

COUNTER SIGNATURE OF ISSUING AGENCY , AUTHY FOR ISSUE : QUOTE THIS

TELEGRAM AS YOUR AUTHY 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 (.)

BT

SENT NR (4413) (DML) (1750) (K) (AR) (E)

RECD NR 4413 1750 E VNY B

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- Inspected  
- repaid  
- Action by Admin  
- Action by 30?

SUBJECT:- Bathing Facilities - RAVISCANINA.

3DLO/36

Baseball 2

20 Apr 45

OC. Br Cadre  
803 B R D.

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refus*

*Julio 20  
refus*

It is desired to know, from a medical standpoint, whether facilities can be arranged in R. VOLTURNO for bathing during the summer.

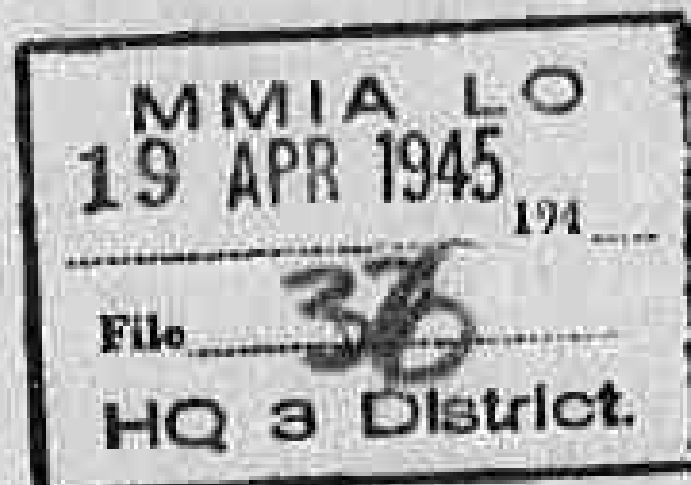
Will you please arrange for a report to be made by your hyg offr on this proposal and fwd to this office?

*Julio 26  
ans  
428 refus  
429 answers MMIA  
#25*

Major,  
MMIA IO,  
3 District.

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SUBJECT: Bathing Facilities - RAVISCANINA



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

TEL/V.  
18 Apr '45.

To : MMIA - I.O.  
3 District.

Reference TEL/V of 18 April, copy to you.

1. Para 5 of the report attached to the above letter refers to the possibility of bathing facilities being arranged in the Volturno River for Raviscanina B.R.D.

2. Please arrange for a report to be obtained, and forwarded to this HQ., on this proposal from the medical point of view.

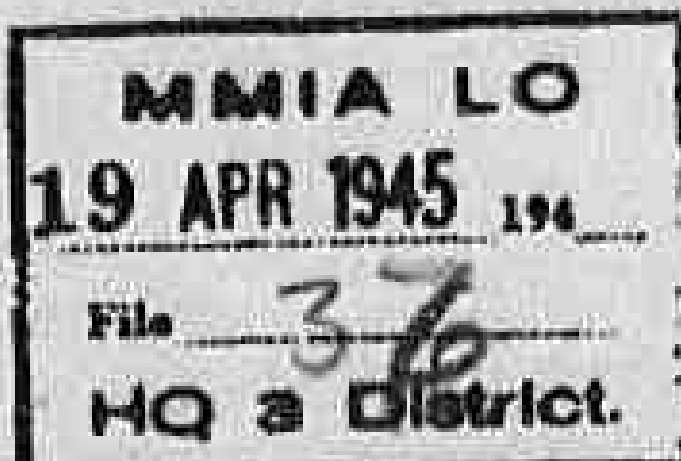
*Jolis 29 answers.*

*Loyle*  
Lt. Col.  
A.D.A.W.S.  
M.M.I.A.

Internal:- "A".  
ADMS.

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SUBJECT: RAVISCANINA B.R.D.



Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
( M.M.I.A.) ROME.  
WEL/V.  
18 Apr '45.

Ministry of War  
Ufficio Benessere del Soldato.

Copy to :- ADAMS. 3 District.  
MMIA. L.O. 3 District.

1. Attached is a copy of a report by a member of this HQ. following a visit to Raviscanina B.R.D.
2. It is forwarded in order that you may take action, and so that your representative at 227 Div. may receive your instructions as soon as possible.
3. Your attention is invited to the suggestions embodied in para.9. of the report, and you will appreciate that the execution of these should be a matter of the highest priority.

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

Internal:- "A" Branch.

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REPORT ON RAVISCANINA BRD.

1. General Survey

- (a) This camp was originally laid out by the South Africans, and is excellently situated. It is intended that it shall be fully tented; there are a considerable number of Nissen and Flambean Huts, but these will not be used for sleeping accommodation.
- (b) Water pipes are laid throughout the area, and there is an efficient pumping system. There are twenty hot showers, and a number of ordinary baths in addition.
- (c) A 12 KW. generator has been installed and will supply light to a portion of the camp.
- (d) The intention is to lay the camp in three well-defined battalion areas: a fourth area will be used at first as a field hospital. The ceiling will be 6,000 approx.

2. Towns and Villages

The nearest town is Capua, 20 (?) miles away. The local villages of Raviscanina and Vairano have no possibilities. Transport could probably be arranged to a very limited extent to Capua for recreational purposes, but it is not thought that it will be advisable in the early stages.

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4. Canteens, Rest Rooms, etc.

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In addition there is ample hutting for one Canteen one Rest and Reading room, and one Writing Room in each battalion area. As far as furnishing goes, much could be improvised; could requisitioning be considered?

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4. (b) Cinema/Theatre.

The large Romney hut (V. Supaa) will make an excellent cinema/theatre for about 500/600. A screen is already fitted and all that is wanted is the projector, and probably a generator. Although the hut will come within the limited lighting scheme of the camp, the voltage etc. may not be suitable. Forms are required, but can probably be made in the camp.

The construction of a stage here will be a simple matter: materials can be found in the camp. If required, a Nissen hut immediately adjacent can be fitted up as dressing robes.

Open Air Theatre.

There are several sites naturally suited to this purpose, and there are no difficulties at all.

(c) Sports Grounds.

There are two stretches of ground which are suitable. In the plans they are referred to as sports grounds, and what is mostly required is clearing work, the ground being very stoney. This is just a matter of labour and items such as goal posts can be fitted up from local materials.

5. Bathing and Swimming.

The camp is quite close to the Volturno River, and it is possible that, with the agreement of the Medical authorities, a bathing pool might be constructed there.

6. Welfare Stores.

A few old footballs are held - the exact number is indeterminate - and nothing else.

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8. Welfare Officer.

There is not a full time Welfare Officer, although an officer has been appointed to deal with the matter. It was urged that a trained Welfare Officer should be attached, if only during the early stages.

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9. Suggestions.

- (i) Welfare is an absolute necessity in this camp, not only because of its isolated situation, and because it is dealing with recruits, but because it is the successor of Afragola. It is strongly urged that a trained Welfare Officer, a really live one, be attached: this backed by G-1 3 District, O.C. British Cadre, and by the O.C. Movement, at present in the camp.
- (ii) The Welfare Officer of 227 Division should be instructed to take a very active interest in the camp: it is the largest single body of troops in his area, and yet everyone was surprised to learn of his existence.
- (iii) The officer appointed should commence work immediately as the following:-
  - (a) Canteens, Rest and Reading Rooms, Writing Rooms.
  - (b) Stage for theatre.
  - (c) Obtaining live shows from Naples and if possible, free, on the patriotic/advertisement basis.
  - (d) Cleaning up and fitting sports fields.
  - (e) Laying on newspapers.
- (iv) The Directorate of Welfare should make every effort to send this camp whatever is possible in the way of amenities, writing materials, games, sports gear etc. A cinema projector should be obtained at all costs: it is understood that 227 Division have one (there was not time to check) and if so, then this is the place for it.

10. Conclusion.

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The possibilities here are better than at Cegano as far as accommodation goes. It is a great chance for Italian Welfare to do something really good: the necessities exist, the opportunities exist, all that is wanted is a man with drive. He would be able to start level with the rest of the camp, and he would have the backing of his own Commanding Officer, of the British Cadre, and of 3 District.

MMIA LO  
16 APR 1945  
Pia 36  
HQ 3 District.

DEPTURE

MMIA

MMIA LO

CG 2065 (.) RESTRICTED (.) reference your Q/27/3 dated 9 and Q 180 dated .  
request you authorize canteens this District as follows (a) BAVICANINA  
(b) TRAH (c) HAPLES

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Subject:- Welfare - Italian Armed Forces

Land Forces Sub Commission (MMIA)

227 Italian Div  
MMIA 401  
HQ

MMIA LO  
12 APR 1945  
File 36  
HQ 3 District.

3 District  
PASSAGE 12  
712 2  
12 Apr 45

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Ref AFHQ letter AG 400/005 GPR - C of 12 Mar 45.

The GOC is anxious that all possible amenities are provided without delay at the new PWD Camp SAVIGNA 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.

RRS/mic

*Wm. B. Lee*  
(W. B. LEE) Lt Col  
for Maj Gen  
Comd

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

MMIA LO

11 APR 1945

HQ 3 District

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.

(M. M. I. A.) ROME

2/27/3

April 45

1. Under AG 400/CO5 GIB=0 of 12 Mar 45 authorization is made by AFHQ 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      | = | 5 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 MMIA 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.

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5. MMIA will advise Armies, Districts and Base Section of the quantities of rations allotted for each month based on the proportion of tps in each Army, Base Section and District and taking cognisance of the priority due to fwd tps owing to the conditions in fwd areas. (see paras 8 and 9).

6. Rations will be drawn on separate Forms ST/8 clearly marked "Canteens". Only canteen rations will be entered on this ST/8. MMIA will check all "Canteen" ST/8 to ensure that the quantities issued are within the AFHQ permissible quantity, any overdrawing being deducted from the next month allotment.

Sheet 2/.....

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7. The quantity of rations calculated from the ST/8s will be held for replacement purposes against the US and Br 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 canteens. The canteens so far authorized are provisionally allotted

|            |   |   |
|------------|---|---|
| Fifth Army | = | 4 |
| Eight 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]*  
Major General  
M.M.I.A.

DISTRIBUTION:

H. Rear Eight Army  
CG. Fifth Army  
CG. Fifth Army for Br Increment  
HQ. 1 District  
HQ. 2 District  
HQ. 3 District  
CG. P.B.S.  
All MIA LO's

INFORMATION:

AFHQ for G1 A  
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CG. 15 Army Group

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INTERNAL:

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MMIA LO  
3 APR 1945  
File 36  
HQ 3 District

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
APO 512

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AG 000.76/141 G.P.-O

27 March 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Army Newspaper

TO: Commanding Generals:  
15th Army Group, APO 777  
Fifth Army, APO 464 (For Br Inc for "A")  
Rome Area Allied Command, APO 794  
Headquarters, Eighth Army (Rear)  
General Officers Commanding:  
Number 1 District  
Number 2 District  
Number 3 District

1. Approval has been given for the publication of an official ITALIAN Army newspaper named "LA PATRIA". This is published on six days of the week and there is also a Sunday edition named "ITALIA".
2. These papers are distributed through ITALIAN Army channels to all soldiers of the ITALIAN Army on a scale of approximately one to seven.
3. Publication is supervised by MMIA.
4. Inquiries from Allied sources should be addressed to MMIA, and those from ITALIAN sources to the ITALIAN Ministry of War.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

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SUBJECT: Italian Army Newspaper.

MMIA LO  
18 MAR 1945<sub>194</sub>  
File 3  
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Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
( M.M.I.A. ) ROME.

A/27/2, Mar'45.

To all MMIA LO's and BLU's.

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  2. Numbers received by formations.
  3. Material.
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    - (b) Morale and human aspect
    - (c) Entertainment and Sport
  4. General Suggestions.
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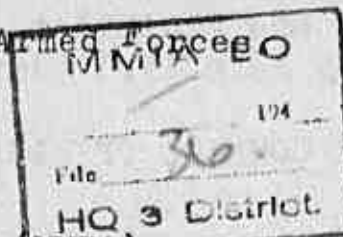
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APO 512

AG 400/005 GDB-O

12 March 1945

Subject: Supplies- Welfare for Italian Armed Forces

To: President  
Allied Commission  
APO 394  
For: Land Forces Sub Commission (MMIA)



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 MMIA 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 MMIA 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, MMIA 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. 3138  
Flour. 12 lbs  
Fish or P/ Meat 6-1/4 lbs  
Sugar 4- 1/4 lbs  
Coffee 3 lbs
  - b. From ration element provided from Italian sources.  
Olive oil 4 pts  
Salt 3 ozs
5. This authority applies to all categories of the Italian Armed Forces.

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6. Issue of canteens 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 HQ, file as above; "Subject: Supply of Italian Armed Forces (Army Navy and Air)" dated 22 Sep 44 as amended and file AG 400/031 GDS-O subject: "Supply procedure and Accounting for Supplies and Equipment Issued by Allied Depots to, Italian Armed Forces (Army Navy Air)" dated 6 Oct 44.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER.

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