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FROM (A) Originator: 51 BLO | Date-Time of Origin. 191535 | OFFICE DATE STAMP

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TO: MMIA

(W) For Information (INFO)

Originator's No.: TG 10/1

Message Instructions — CR —

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CREMONA Can you please ask them to despatch second(?) copy quickly

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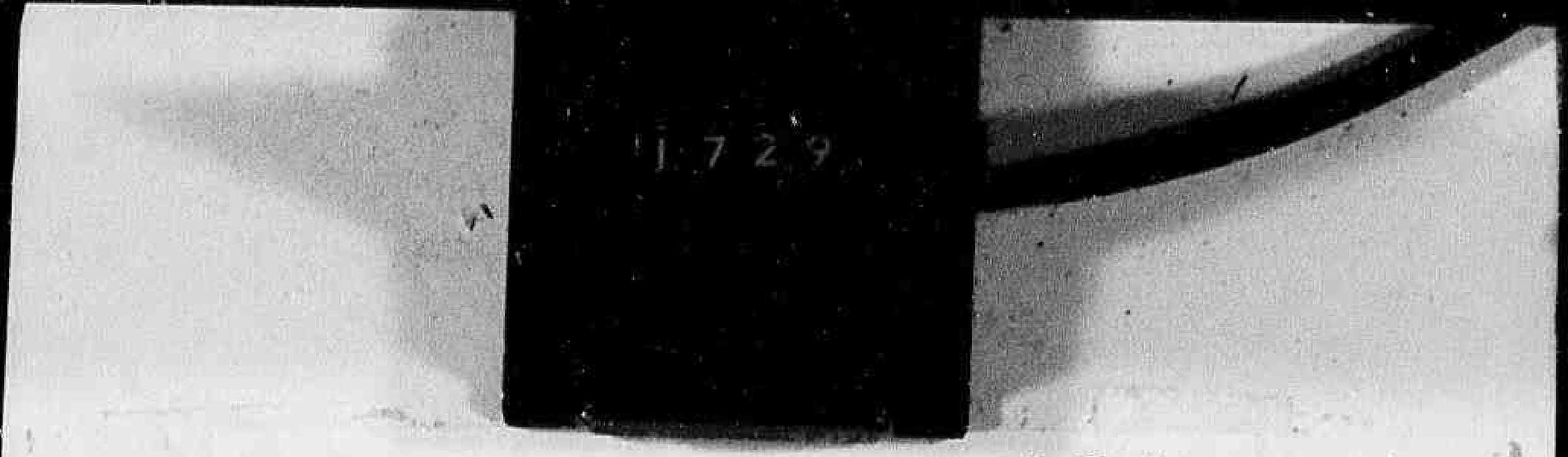

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Heavy 5000 Light 8000 Firearms 3750 Ledger 9100
Sewing Thread 1 kg.

TO : COMMISSARIATO via Mil. HQ P & L .

FROM : Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (M.M.L.A.).

DATE 17 NOV 44

Serial No. LF/109/220

AUTHORIZATION NOTICE.

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

TO 51 British Liaison Unit

Stationed at C.M.F.

STOCK NO.	STANDARD NOMENCLATURE.		AMOUNT
	Stellette Metalliche	paia	15,000
	Mostrine fiamme di artiglieria	"	[illegible],500
	" " del genio	"	900
	" " autieri	"	1,600
	" " carristi	"	300
	" " distrettuali	"	150
	" " sanita	"	350
	" " sussistenza	"	100
	Fregi per fanteria	N.	5,000
	" artiglieria	"	1,600
	" genio	"	900
	" autieri	"	1,600
	" carristi	"	300
	" sanita	"	350
	" sussistenza	"	100
	Gallone per distintivi di grado:		
	sergente maggiore	N	150
	sergente	"	250
	caporal maggiore	"	300
	caporale	"	400
	soldato scelto	"	300
	Filo grigioverde o nero	#	50,000
	Cordelline per comandanti di squadra		600

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

3. REMARKS

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NOMENCLATURE.		AMOUNT
Stellette Metalliche	paia	16,000
Mostrine fiamme di artiglieria	"	[illegible],600
" " del genio	"	[illegible]00
" " autieri	"	1,600
" " carristi	"	300
" " distrettuali	"	150
" " sanita	"	350
" " sussistenza	"	100
Fregi per fanteria	M.	5,000
" artiglieria	"	1,600
" genio	"	900
" autieri	"	1,500
" carristi	"	300
" sanita	"	350
" sussistenza	"	100
Gallone per distintivi di grado:		
sergente maggiore	M	150
sergente	"	250
caporal maggiore	"	300
caporale	M 3590	400
soldato scelto	"	300
Filo grigioverde o nero	"	50,000
Cordelline per comandanti di squadra		600

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3. REMARKS

Mark Huttar Lieut

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

DISTRIBUTION Capt. [illegible], LA SPEZIA.
M.M.L.A.

Lo 54 Area
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GMDS/1256/CV/11-44.

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CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Report on visit to CREMONA - FRIULI and LEGNANO Combat Groups 24 Jan 45 to 9 Feb 45, mileage - 1320 miles.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
C/0/20/c
11 February 45

TO : H.S.A.F.H.Q.

Copy to: D.D.L.S. HQ 1 District.

During the above-mentioned tour I reported to the following headquarters :-

61 Area	A.D.L.S.	Lt. Col. ROOKE
8th Army Rear	D.D.L.S.	Brig. TAYLOR
8th Army Rear	A.D.L.S.	Lt. Col. CHEVERS
5th Corps Rear	A.D.L.S.	Lt. Col. HEWITT
Canadian Corps Rear	D.D.L.S.	Col. [illegible]
Canadian Corps Rear	D.A.D.L.S.	Major [illegible]
HQ 1 District	D.D.L.S.	Brig. BREARTEST
HQ 1 District	A.D.L.S.	Lt. Col. RATTLES
HQ 1 District	D.A.D.L.S.	Major WALKER
55 Area	A.D.L.S.	Lt. Col. [illegible]
55 Area	D.A.D.L.S.	Major BAILEY
HQ 50 BLU		
HQ 51 BLU		
HQ 52 BLU		

I made contact with the FRIULI Combat Group in transit, on my arrival in ANCONA. 3594

Recovery and Workshop repairs were being undertaken by the following workshops :-

60% L of C W/S
10 Port W/S
62% L of C W/S

61 Area	A.D.L.N.	Lt. Col. [illegible]
8th Army Rear	D.D.L.N.	Brig. TAYLOR
8th Army Rear	A.D.L.N.	Lt. Col. [illegible]
5th Corps Rear	A.D.L.N.	Lt. Col. HENRY
Canadian Corps Rear	D.D.L.N.	Col. [illegible]
Canadian Corps Rear	D.A.D.L.N.	Major [illegible]
HQ 1 District	D.D.L.N.	Brig. BROADHURST
HQ 1 District	A.D.L.N.	Lt. Col. BARNES
HQ 1 District	D.A.D.L.N.	Major WALKER
55 Area	A.D.L.N.	Lt. Col. [illegible]
55 Area	D.A.D.L.N.	Major BAILEY
HQ 50 BLU		
HQ 51 BLU		
HQ 52 BLU		

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606 L of C W/S
10 Port W/S
624 L of C W/S

I found that no arrangements had been made to accomodate or feed Italian personnel of vehicles going into the workshops for repair. A.D.L.N. 61 Area has now arranged for any Italian personnel of the Combat Groups passing through his area in future to be accomodated and fed by the H.Q. COMANDO MILITARE - 4 Via Castel Fedardi - ANCONA.

The petrol filling point for the FRIULI Combat Group was located approximately 10 miles north of ANCONA at CASTEL FEDARDI. D.R's were found to be arriving in ANCONA with insufficient petrol to reach the official supply point.

I arranged with Capt WALTS 229 P.D. FALCONARA to allow D.R's only to fill up at any local petrol point in his area. This will apply to any Combat Group which may have to pass through this area in the near future.

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The C.V.P. of the FRENCH Combat Group is considered unsuitable and will have to be replaced. This officer lacks the drive and personality necessary to make the Infantry Regts maintenance minded. This matter is being taken up by the A.D.M.S. 50 BDU through his H.Q. requesting that a keener and younger officer with Technical experience be posted to this Combat Group as early as possible.

The D.A.D.'s of both 50 and 51 BDU's report a marked improvement with the Italian Workshop Services and Recovery personnel since the Combat Groups have moved into the forward area.

In order to assist the D.A.D.'s of 50 and 51 B.D.U's in the execution of their duties, Canadian Corps Rear have temporarily attached a Captain to the CANADIAN Workshop and 5 Corps Rear a Lieutenant to the FRENCH Workshop.

Although it is not necessary for these officers to be included on the W.E. it is essential for each D.A.D.A. with a D.D.A. to have extra assistance of this nature.

It is agreed by 5 Corps REAR - CANADIAN CORPS REAR and M.G.I District that the present British Training Increment W.E. for the Combat Groups should be amended, and the following W.E. is proposed for your approval:-

PERSONNEL			
A.A. Veh	W.O. II	1)	Divisional Workshops
A.A. Fd & A.A.	S/Sjt	1)	Tech. Engr Platoon and Internal organisation.
Veh. Mech.	Sjt	3	1 per two L.A.D's.
Armourer	Sjt	1	Workshops and Units.
Storeman	Sjt	1	Workshops and L.A.D's.
Instrument Mech.	Cpl	1	Workshops
Telecom. Mech.	Cpl	1	Workshops
Electrician	Cpl	1	Workshops
Clerk Tech.	Cpl	1	Staff Duties.
A.C.C. Cook	-	1	British Training Increment.
	TOTAL	12	
VEHICLES			
Truck 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.		1	
Car 5 cwt 4 x 4		1	
Motor Cycles		3	
	TOTAL	5	

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No provision has been made for a vehicle for the use of the CRE's in the Combat Groups. It is suggested that they each be provided with a car 5 cwt 4 x 4 as early as possible.

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PERSONNEL

A.A. Veh	W.O. II	1	) Divisional Workshops
A.A. Fd & A.A.	S/Sjt	1	) Mech. Engr Platoon and Internal organisation.
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No provision has been made for a Stores wagon on the W.E. of the Mechanical Engineers Platoon.

Will you please give this matter your earliest consideration.

The lorries 3 ton 6 x 4 issued to the CHECHEA and FRIULI M/S in lieu of Recovery Vehicles are being adapted with suitable jibs through Corps Channels and in the case of the CHECHEA M/S, 2 of these lorries are being fitted with SCAMMELL bodies.

The LECHAIN M/S has been issued with 2 SCAMMELL RECOVERY VEHICLES and in view of the FRIULI M/S being without a suitable heavy recovery vehicle - which is essential now they are in the forward area - it has been agreed both by AFHQ (telephone conversation Major BELLAMY - Capt EDWARDS 9th Feb 45) and HQ 1 District, for 1 of these 2 SCAMMELLS to be transferred to the FRIULI M/S in exchange for 1 lorry 3 ton 6 x 4. Arrangements are now being made for this exchange to be effected.

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The Spares situation is still very serious and although considerable help is being given by the D.D.M.E.'s - 8th Army - 5 Corps and Canadian Corps (REAR) from local resources, the position at the moment is very unhealthy.

The speeding up of the delivery of Spares, especially expendable items, would considerably ease the workshop troubles and a reduction in B.L.R. vehicles now being shown on returns would be improved.

The non-delivery of Spares is unfortunately causing the Italian personnel to lose interest in the maintenance of their vehicles and action by the Unit Commanders. The difficulty in obtaining Spares was explained to General SCATTINI - (FRIULI COMBAT GROUP) and he is doing all in his power to keep his officers and personnel interested.

General SCATTINI was also informed that vehicles in his division were continually arriving at the M/S in a dirty condition and deficient of M.T. items. He immediately had a meeting with the officers of the units concerned with the result that the 20 vehicles which arrived at the M/S on the following day were clean and complete in every way.

Considerable improvement was noticed in all the Workshops Services, especially with the Recovery Sections who are showing a good team spirit and interest in the maintenance of their vehicles.

All branches of the Workshops are showing a keenness to improve their technical knowledge, but unless the M.T. Spares situation can be improved and speeded up, it is going to be very difficult for the British Training Increments to keep the Italian personnel interested in their work.

H. J. N. Bowers Capt.
for [illegible], M.M.I.A.

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Distribution:
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Maj's HEAD of D.O.B.B.S.

Notes on Col. PIDSLEY's Visit to Gruppi's 9th, 10th, 11th Nov 44.

I. ORGANIZATION — ACTION

(a) All Groups want S.E.R.E. to relieve them of surplus officers and men at once, and issue disposal orders. — S.S.

(b) MORTEGRAMEN Bn (LUCHARI) consists of 500 (for C.C. R.A.) plus 600 odd men awaiting disposal by S.E.R.E. — G(SD)

(c) Use of vehicles and retention of surplus personnel by S.E.R.E. is delaying readiness and hampering training. — S.S.

(d) 6 Sig Instrs from LUCHARI at M CHERA, required back at once. — S.C.R. Sigs

(e) FOLGORE HAVE 150 SURPLUS OFFICERS AND S.E.R.E. is taking away officers they wish to keep. — S.S.

(f) FRIULI have surplus and unsuitable officers, who must be removed by S.E.R.E. — S.S.

(g) Copies of S.E. (BR edition) required by all HQs and LOs. — S.S.
(h) Replacement for Italian workshops officer required by CHERCHA. — S.S.

(i) Reinforcement Depot to be called "R.T.R. I.C.F." all to be informed. — S.E.

(j) Mrtn. 450 gone to FRIULI 7/8 NOV without any kit
70 gone to LUCHARI to 68 Regt.
800 to go to MANTOVA 119 Regt.

II TRAINING

(a) Training tents, equipment and stores to complete LUCHARI and FOLGORE urgently required. Pass to D.M.T. — S.S.

(b) Suggested MICHERA Signal Course to be 6 weeks instead of three. — S.3591.

(c) British ORs for admin training, driving, maintenance are required as for FRIULI and CREMONA. — S.S.

(d) Ord Clerks, S.C.W.S.s and Shore men required for FOLGORE, Transfer from FRIULI? — See 85321 dated 13/11 Maj HQ.D

(e) Arty Range Tables. 25 pdr part I, 200 required and 60 required for 40 mm AFHQ (MACMADISON) asked verbally to fly from LONDON at once.

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(f) FRIULI have surplus and unsuitable officers, who must be removed by S.W.N.C. S.S.

(g) Copies of W.E. (BR edition) required by all MLUs and LOs. S.S.
(h) Replacement for Italian workshops officer required by CREMONA. S.S.

(i) Reinforcement Depot to be called "R.T.D. I.C.F." all to be informed. S.S.

(j) Rfts. 450 gone to FIUME 7/8 NOV without any kit
70 gone to LECHANO to 68 Regt.
800 to go to MANTOVA 119 Regt.

II TRAINING

(a) Training teams, equipment and stores to complete LECHANO and FOLIGNO urgently required. Recs to D.M.T. S.S.

(b) Suggested MODENA Signal Course to be 6 weeks instead of three. S.S. 3591

(c) British ORs for admin training, driving, maintenance are required as for FRIULI and CREMONA. S.S.

(d) Ord Clerks, E.C.H.C.s and Shore men required for FOLIGNO, Transfer from FRIULI? see 55 321 dated 13/11 Maj HEAD

(e) Arty Range Tables. 25 per part, 200 required and 60 required for AD HQ AFHQ (BERNADELLI) asked verbally to fly from LONDON at once.

(f) "ETD. ICF". Plan of Basic and Special training for recruits to be considered at a conference with DMT etc. Col FIDDLER

III EQUIPMENT

(a) Shortage of 3" Mortars generally. S.S. to enquire numbers of 81 mortars and ammn available. S.S.

(b) Shortage of T.C.V.s. Take up with S.W.N.C. the possibility of using, numbers available, ammn etc of BIRETTAS. S.S.

(c) Future returns to be a copy of that ~~read~~ Read. by AFHQ and not a special one for MMIA. see 55 320 dated 13/11 Sec Maj HEAD

(d) FOLIGNO and LECHANO unable to train for lack of equipment or march for lack of boots, therefore they are doing nothing and deteriorating. A/A

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III (e) Med equipment - Expendable and non-expendable stores require definition (Surgeons coats, Mats, towels, etc) DAMS

(f) O.F.P. is being issued with 20 x 3 tonners instead of 10 x 6 tonners. This is unworkable as the 10 extra drivers are not available on H.E. urgent fuller (AFHQ) passed. Maj HEAD

(g) Denims or overalls - any allowance in HR Units see SS/29/11/2 dated 15/11 Maj HEAD

(h) Carriers universal - modification to take mortars. AFHQ authority? Maj HEAD

(i) Scales required of 2nd line ammn and Petrol from AFHQ. Maj HEAD

(j) Three district G.S. 126/5 of 29/10 (attd) Does A/Q agree with para 3. A/Q

(k) 10,000 blankets on loan from call-ups to be fetched by PRIMLI from BARI and handed over to RTD,ICF (TRANI) Neither FOGGIA nor LECHANO need ever. see SS 314 dated 13/11 Maj HEAD

IV ACCOMODATION

(a) 52 MLU (LECHANO) wish to move soonest to BRESCIANO area and have obtained PBS agreement. They are recying sites and will inform us of their recommendations. Suggest move in their own tpt in 3 turn rounds (9 days). G.S.SA/Q

(b) Roads and Bridges in LECHANO and FOGGIA areas require maintenance and repair. To be taken up again by S.C.R.E. with 3 District. S.C.R.E.

(c) RTD. I.C.F. is opening at TRANI on 15/11. AFHQ have ordered 3 Dist to provide tents, transport, blankets, clothing and personal equipt. So far 3 Dist have issued nothing. A/Q

V MISCELLANEOUS

(a) MLU (Distinguishing Signs) opinions as follows :-
1. PRIMLI - ordinary Div Sign (or 3)
2. CERIGNOLA. Div colours only (or 3)
3. LECHANO. A Shield with Div Sign.
4. Don't mind, but don't like Red, White, Green.
Therefore, No. 3 wins.

(b) Leave to SARDINIA for HQ of LECHANO. G.S.

(c) G.S. branch to be asked position re formation of 54 MLU. Required by 13 Nov. Also whether all GSO I appointments have as yet been approved. G.S.

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PRIOLO from PRIOLO and handed over to [illegible] (TRANI) neither POLICE nor LECHANO need them. see SS 3:4 dated 13/11 Maj HEAD

IV ACCOMODATION

(a) 52 MLU (LECHANO) wish to move nearest to BRASCIANO area and have obtained PBS agreement. They are receiving sites and will inform us of their recommendations. Suggest move in their own tpt in 3 turn rounds (9 days). S.S.HQ/G

(b) Roads and Bridges in LECHANO and PRIOLO areas require maintenance and repair. To be taken up again by S.C.R.E. with 3 District. S.C.R.E.

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(b) Leave to SARDINIA for 80 of LECHANO. S.S.

(c) A.F. branch to be asked position re formation of 52 MLU. Required by 13 Nov. Also whether all GSO I appointments have as yet been approved. S.S.

(d) Rations. Locally procured cheeses are being brought by lorry distances of 200-300 miles to save a few Italian Lire at the expense of allied petrol. A/G

(e) S.H.A.E. to improve supply of hats, stationery, stars and badges. S.S.

(f) Punishment for disposal of allied equipment, by replacement at cost price, is inadequate in view of prices attained in Black Market. A/G

(g) Translation of Manuals. 25 lbs. Infy trng part VIII. Distribution generally to be taken up by S.S.. S.S.

(h) Position re M.A.A.F.I. Stores. A/G

DISTRIBUTION

G.S.O. I)Please see and pass to respective
A/G)Services concerned.
Col. PINSENT
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MESSAGE FORM

From : MMIA

To (For action) : OZE

To (For info) : 50 BLU
52 BLU

Date - Time
13 1805 A

SS 321

Security Classification Restricted

Request that storemen on loan to 50 BLU be transferred to 52 BLU on completion of re-equipment FRIULI Group (.) For 50 BLU (.) These men must not repeat not move with group

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Precedence Routine

Authenticating Officer

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MESSAGE FORM

13 1805

FROM : MHA

TO : 50,51, 52, 53, 54, 55 BLUE

SS 320

RESTRICTED

Equipment return no longer required by this HQ (.) In lieu send copy of returns rendered to AFHQ

PRECEDENCE Routine

AUTHENTICATED

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FROM MMIA

TO 50 ELU 13 1125 A

RPTD 52 ELU FOR GMLARDI

SG 314 Security Classification Restricted

Approximately 10000 blankets are available at BARI for Italian Reinforcement training depot (.) FRIULI Group will send transport to collect (.) Gelardi will be responsible for receipt and safeguarding of these attractive stores, and should not draw more than he can handle or requires (.) Arrange details mutually

PRECEDENCE Important

AUTHENTICATED

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SUBJECT: Clothing for Gruppi di Combattimento

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. S/G/29/13/2
15 Nov 44

TO : AFHQ for G(AE)

1. In view of the fact that personnal of Italian Combat Groups are scaled to one suit of Battle Dress per man, may an amendment to the clothing scale be published. It is requested that one suit of Denims and/or overalls be included, at any rate for MT personnel, fitters etc, and any soldiers employed on work of a dirty nature.

Major General
M. M. I. A.

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Subject :- Handkerchieves for Italian Tps

To :-
MMIA

51 British Liaison Unit

Dittos @ 10

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Q Rear 1 Cdn Corps
Q Rear 8 Army

1 It appears that in the former Italian Army handkerchieves were issued on the scale of two per man.

2 Cremona Gruppo being deficient of 3960 approached the Ministry of War with a request for the supply of this number.

3 The Ministry of War in their letter 5971 dated 13 Jan stated that they could NOT deal with this demand in view of the fact that you had instructed that it should be submitted by the Gruppo through the BLU to the next higher fmn.

4 Since handkerchieves are NOT issued to British Army personnel this case would appear to fall into the category of purely Italian Adm and therefore NOT submissable through normal channels of comn.

5 It would seem that the Ministry of War may have misinformed the Gruppo and since it is desired to give a definite ruling as to the method of procuring the handkerchieves will you please define the policy.

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C/L 8/05/20
19 Jde to all
Lips +etc's info

Major
DAA & QMG

Field
4 Feb 45
RWH/RGT

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 553

AFHQ/8350/A/Q(AE)

15 Feb. 45

Subject: Cancellation "A" Vehicle Reference

CMD (B).

It is requested that the balance outstanding of the following release be cancelled:-

AFHQ/8225 of 17 Dec. 44 ex 12 VP for 3 and 4 It Combat Groups

Carriers Universal	Qty	35
" Tracked Towing	"	20

MG/LN.

B. PORTER, Capt.,
for Brigadier, Q(AE).

Copy to: 1 District.
52 MLU (your signal AQ/1 of 11 Feb. 45 refers)
G-3 Org.
3 District.
MMIA
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S/E
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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MMIA

DATE TIME OF ORIGIN
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TO (FOR ACTION): AFHQ

TO (FOR INFO): 53 BLU
56 BLU
BLU RTC ICF

REF NO: AQ2773 07 SECRET

FOR Q MAINT (.) YOUR AFHQ/2554/Q(MAINT) DATED 27 SEP 44 (.) REQUEST YOUR INSTRS BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE (.) ONE (.) FOURTH AND FIFTH GRUPPI (.) FOURTH GRUPPO ALREADY FORMED AND FORWARD (.) FIFTH GRUPPO IN PROCESS OF FORMING (.) TWO (.) CESANO REINFORCEMENT CENTER FOR GRUPPI TO ENABLE RFTS TO ARRIVE EQUIPPED AT UNITS

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATED Proudfoot

INTERNAL DIST:

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Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME
SD/148

15 Feb 45.

Subject: Motion Picture Unit with Combat Group Fruili.

60 BLU

1. It has been reported that the Motion Picture Unit attached to Fruili is badly clothed and equipped.

2. Authority for these film units to be attached to and administered for all purposes by Combat Groups was given in October last.

3. They are therefore entitled to the same scales of clothing and equipment as other members of the Group.

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

AJH/wk

Copy to Ministry of War (your letter 7060 of 9 Feb refers)

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Fld Servs

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VOUCHER FOR STORES

DEMAND NO. /1000/20/5 | DATE OF DEMAND 30-1-43 | NATURE OF DEMAND N | SOURCE OF DEMAND N

VOUCHER TO: ORDNANCE SEC MUTA. H [illegible] A.C. ROME ✓

ISSUED BY THE O.O.O. 3 S/D. 557 B.O.D.

CONSIGN TO: A.D.O.S. DUMP R.A.F.C.

TYPE OF VOUCHER: ISSUE

DATE OF VOUCHER: 5-2-45

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Y-1-29

SELECTED BY | INITIALS

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MAKE / DESIGNATION	SECTION: W-2	PART NUMBER	QUANTITIES REQUIRED	ISSUED	TO FOLLOW	RATE	AMOUNT
CELLS DRY UNIT TORCH		ME/W2/0	2000	NIL	2000		
TAPE INSULATING ½"	LBS	WB.0968	60	NIL	60		

H.Q. AAI. 3407/Q (AE) OF 12/4/44

G.M. No 6 Copy to S.I.E.

Supply Requirements

Northern enforcement

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* Stores issued on Exchange or Expense Voucher will not be brought to charge.
D The Mark is the PACKAGE VOUCHER NO. followed by the consignment serial number of the package concerned.

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DIVISION TO

A.D.O.S. OLMP
R.A.F.C.

Y-1-25

VIA. H.Q. A.C. ROME ✓

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

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	ME/W2/2	2000	IV/7	2000				
LBS	WB.0968	60	IV/7	60				

Supply Department

Nothing withheld

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(AE) OF 12/4/44

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Group of items	RECEIPT VOUCHER NO.	DATE	SIGNATURE FOR STORES	SIGN AND RETURN PINK COPY.
Consignment serial number of the package otherwise				

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MMIA

DATE TIME OF ORIGIN

07/1730 A

TO (FOR ACTION): 51 BLU

TO (FOR INFO): MAIN 8 ARMY
REAR 1 CDN CORPS
50 BLU

Q/1051

REF NO: Q/08/44

RESTRICTED

REFERENCE YOUR SIGNALS G4 OF 31 JAN AND 6 FEB (.) WAR MINISTRY HAVE BEEN AGAIN HASTENED (.) UFFICIO SERVIZI IS TRYING TO SOLVE BUT METAL HAS BEEN MAIN DIFFICULTY (.) AS SOON AS STOCKS BECOME AVAILABLE YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED

PRECEDENCE Immediate 3580

AUTHENTICATED

5/4 (2)

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D/897 N15/07

LROF V LRAR NR 7698
T QVR1 LRKB

FROM 51 BLU Ø61615 A
TO MMIA
INFO MAIN 8 ARMY - REAR 1 CDN CORPS - REAR 8 ARMY - 5Ø BLU
QQX GR 17 BT

G4 (.) RESTRICTED (.)
REF MY SIGNAL G4 OF 31 JAN IDENTITY DISCS A// ITALIAN TPS (.) REQUEST EARLY REPLY BE GIVEN
BT
SENT NR 7698 ARB AT Ø115
RD ØØ115 CACC AR

HEADQUARTERS 7890

A. C. Q105 3/17

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G 2 (L) Please speak Hegt 49

LRKB V LRAR NR 5446 IMPORTANT QVR 1

FROM ;51 BLU 311230A

TO MIIA

INFO MAIN 8 ARMY REAR 1 CDN CORPS

REAR 8 ARMY 50 BLU

QQX GR 77 BT

G -4 RESTRICTED.

IDENTITY DOCS ITALIAN TPS.

AS VERBALLY REPORTED TO COL PIDSLEY

ON RECENT VISIT IDENTITY DOCS PROVIDED BY

SMRE COMPARE WITH BRITISH OF B 103 AND ARE USELESS

FOR CARRYING ON MAN . TPS ARE STILL NOT RPT NOT IN POSSESSION

OF ANY MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION .

THEREFORE WOUNDED AND DEAD OFTEN DIFFICULT TO I[redacted]IDENTIFY .

AS THIS MATTER FIRST [redacted]RAISED WITH YOU NOV LAST, AND

FREQUENT INTERVALS SINCE REQUEST ACTION TO

PROVIDE IDENTITY DISCS FROM ITALIAN OR ALLIED SOURCES

BF

SENT SF

VRCD 311703A HRA AR K

Nov 7/21

DADOS 1/2

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: ETA

TIME OF ORIGIN

29 [illegible] A

TO: SO,S1,S2,S3 & S6 SLU

REF NO: SOS/7

RESTRICTED

AMENDMENT NO. 3 DATED 16 JAN 45 TO NORMAL EQUIPMENT LIST FOR ITI COMBAT GROUP INCLUDES GLOVES KNITTED DRAB PRS QTY 1 (.) PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR INDENTS FORTHWITH THROUGH NORMAL CHANNELS.

REFERENCE 3577

AUTHENTICATED

INTERNAL DIST:

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Spec Sec

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LROF V LRAR NR 5486
FROM MMAI LO 6 ARMY 311120A
MX
TO MMIA ROME
BT
MM/319. RESTRICTED. YOUR QOS/5 OF 29 JAN.
NO RPT NO SUCH REQUEST ORIGINATED BY ANYONE THIS END.

GREEN CERTAINLY NOT RPT NOT WANTED
BT 1630
SENT SF
RECD 5486 311732A JN B3

DADOS 1/2

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SIGNAL

DATE TIME

FROM: MMIA

29/0355 A

TO (FOR ACTION): REAR EIGHT ARMY

GOG/5

RESTRICTED CONFIDENTIAL

FOR MMIA LO (.) WAR MINISTRY HAVE ISSUED FOR 327 GUARD RPT GREEN GREATCOATS FOR 87 AND 88 INFANTRY BDES OF FRIULI (.) DOES ARMY WISH THIS TO BE DONE QUERY (.) CONSIDER PROBABLE BRITISH GREATCOATS ALREADY ISSUED

PRECEDENCE IMMEDIATE

AUTHENTICATION

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c/o 8 Army
Signal MM319
d. 31 Jan 45

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Subject: Collection of Supa.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) R O M E
AQ/14/2

29 Jan 1945.

To: 50 B.L.U.

Reference your ST/5/10 dated 19 Jan 45.

1. It is agreed that in order to obviate a waste in vehicle mileage, the various types of supa quoted by you should in future be moved by rail.

2. As regards the items specified in your letter Serials 3, 5 and 6 - the Ministry of War state they are in the process of being assembled and will be forwarded as soon as they are ready. Serial 1 - it is suggested either that

(a) you collect them from the Delegation "T" at Florence, where it is understood they are available, or

(b) ST can arrange for them to be handed over to 14 CRASC, when they become available in Naples, for dispatching forward with normal maintenance.

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Please say which course you wish to take. It is pointed out that at present the free cigarette issue is only just being met. Serial 2 - arrangements are being made for the Cognac to be handed over to 14 CRASC at Naples for forwarding.

P. P. Padell

PPP/lc

P. P. FADDELL, J/Comd.
for Colonel, D.A.&Q.G.,
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: OS M.M.I.A.)
ST M.M.I.A.) with copy of 50 BLU letter.
SS M.M.I.A.)

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COPY

SUBJECT: Collec'on of Sup lies

50 Brit Liaison Unit
32/5/10
19 Jan 45

HQ MMIA

The FRIULI ICG makes periodical collection of various supplies from depots in the SOUTH of ITALY: those are as follows:-

Place of Collection	Name of Depot	Commodities Collected
1. NAPLES	Depot of Special Rations	Cigarettes
2. "	"	Cognac
3. "	Direction of Q Stores	Items of eqpt
4. "	Military Hospital	MED Supplies
5. LECCE	Laboratory of Cloth & Eqpt	Items of eqpt
6. TRANI	9th Regt Engrs	Badges etc
7. BARI	Direction of Q Stores	Tobacco

It is considered essential that arrangements for the collection of these and similar requirements should in future be made by RAIL in order to save an obvious and increased waste of vehicle mileage.

Could it be arranged for all such future requirements from, say, any area SOUTH of ROME, those requirements could be notified ~~EX~~ to you by this office and that you could then either arrange for their carriage forward by road transport if available or could bid for the necessary rail tonnage to the nearest available railhead.

With regard to the present requirements you have kindly agreed to send forward by road 30,000 Medical packages from the Military Hospital at NAPLES: the other items now required are:-

Serial 1.	10.25 quintals Cigarettes MILIT	authority - letter 2388 of 21 Dec from Delegation "T" SMRE FLORENCE. 357
Serial 2.	1,140 litres Cognac	authority of Ministry of War is required
Serial 3.	700 collar badges for GRENADIERS 500 Flames for DRIVERS 500 Cap Badges for DRIVERS	authority Ministry of War despatch 24656/V of 22 Dec
Serial 5. (a)	10,000 Identity Discs	(a) authority Ministry of War despatch 234/V of 30 Nov.
(b)	700 (pairs) FRIULI Div signs	(b) authority letter 3795 of 21 Nov from Eqpt Stores at LECCE.
Serial 6.	500 Badges for Forage Caps for Engrs	authority Ministry of War despatch 23793/V of 6 Dec
Serial 7.	Cigarettes NAZIONALI or MACEDONIA	up to 20 quintali according to authroity not yet obtained from Ministry of War.

Can you assist in the collection of Serials 1, 3, 5, and 6.

Sgd. ?????????
Maj.
~~ARAK~~ DADST

C&F
GAB/SYB

Copy to: UFFICIO COMMISSARIO

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Subject: Special Equipment List - Italian Combat Gps.

Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C.(C.M.I.A.)
ROME;
S/G/29/13/3 — file

29 January 1945

Q (AE),
A.F.H.Q.

Reference your ESD/81/3 dated 24 January 1945.

Recommendations contained therein are approved by this H.Q.

Major,
for Major Gen.
Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

14 January 1945

FILE NO : ESD/81/3

SUBJECT : Special Equipment List - Italian Combat Gps.

MEMO TO : MMIA Land Forces Sub Com AC.

1. It has been recommended to this HQ that the items listed in Appendix 'A' be added to the Special Eqpt List for HQ Inf Regt and Inf Bn in the Italian Combat Gps. It is stated that the telescopes are considered essential for newly formed Int Secs and Snipers Secs.

2. It is requested that your comments and recommendations on the proposed additions to the Special Eqpt List be forwarded to this HQ.

By Command of Field Marshal ALEXANDER :

JOHN HARDING,
Lieutenant General,
Chief of Staff.

JWGA/her

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SPECIAL EQUIPMENT LISTS.

Catalogue Number	Designation	Infantry Regt for an Italian Combat Group					
		Regt HQ Staff	3" Mortar Coy HQ	3" Mortar Coy	6 Pr Gun Coy	TOTAL INF REGT	Bn Hq
SECTION V 2							
VC 1440	Protractors semi Circ Celluloid 6"	4	1	3	-	8	4
VC 1380	Protractors Rectangular 6" Ivorine A Mk IV	6	1	3	6	16	5
SECTION V 6							
OS 717 GA OS 720 GA OS 719 GA	Telescopes Signalling MkVI or) IV++ or) IV)	-	-	-	-	-	-

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SPECIAL EQUIPMENT LISTS.

	Infantry Regt for an Italian Combat Group					Infantry Bn				
	Regt HQ Staff	3" HQ Mortar Coy		6 Pr Gun Coy	TOTAL INF REGT	Bn Hq	HQ Coy	Support Coy	3 Rifle Coys each	TOTAL INF BN
	4	1	3	-	8	4	2	4	5	25
ar 6"	6	1	3	6	16	5	-	2	4	19
MkVI or) IV++ or) IV)	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	2	10

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Subject:- Vehicles - 52 B.A.U.
C.O.A.
28 Vehicle Coy., R.A.O.C., C.M.F.

Ref:- 15PA/29/41.

Copy to:- H.Q., 5 District.
O.C., No. 4 Vehicle Group.
H.Q.I.A.

May Heat
Sheet
22/11

1. Further to my 15PA/29/17 dated 8/1/45, and 15PA/29/32 dated 16/1/45, on above subject.

2. Herewith further reports for your information and necessary action please.

3. Carrier Universal No.1 W.D.No. 97781. Mileage 1401.

Driving axle was completely stripped out, the only part remaining being the casing, which was the back of another Carrier. Tracks are deficient, and the whole suspension heavily cannabalised. Two complete bogie units are deficient, and the others are insecure. Impossible to inspect the drivers compartment owing to the back plate and other components being inside. Engine block only remains. Electrical system heavily cannabalised.

4. Carrier Lloyd Towing. W.D.No.44[illegible]767. Mileage 269.

Driving axle completely stripped out, casing only remaining. Tracks deficient. Engine and electrical system heavily cannabalised.

5. Bedford 3ton 4x2 G.S. W.D.No.4077[illegible]. Mileage 7909.
Austin 30cwt 4x2 Amb. W.D.No.[illegible]. Mileage 9261.
Dodge 3ton 4x2 G.S. W.D.No.[illegible]. Mileage 16078.
Dodge 3ton 4x2 G.S. Chas.No.[illegible]. Mileage [illegible].

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Each of the above vehicles have the radiator and cowling badly damaged. This is undoubtedly due to the fact that no care has been taken over towing these vehicles. None of these vehicles have a door handle, and the engine and electrical systems are very heavily cannabalised. No effort has been made to remove the components by the correct method, consequently, other parts of the vehicles are badly damaged.

6. Bedford 3ton 4x4 Troop Carrier. W.D.No.560[illegible].

This vehicle has all the leather stripped completely out. The vehicle has apparently

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are deficient, and the whole suspension heavily cannabalised. Tracks complete bogie units are deficient, and the others are insecure. Impossible to inspect the drivers compartment owing to the back plate and other components being inside. Engine block only remains. Electrical system heavily cannabalised.

4. Carrier Lloyd Towing. A.D.No.[illegible]. Mileage 269.

Driving axle completely stripped out, casing only remaining. Tracks deficient. Engine and electrical system heavily cannabalised.

5. Bedford 3ton 4x4 G.S. A.D.No.[illegible]. Mileage 7909.
Austin 30cwt 4x4 Amb. A.D.No.[illegible]. Mileage 9261.
Dodge 3ton 4x4 G.S. A.D.No.[illegible]. Mileage 10078.
Dodge 3ton 4x4 G.S. Chas.No.[illegible]. Mileage [illegible]

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6. Bedford 3ton 4x4 Troop Carrier. A.D.No.560333.

This vehicle has all the leather stripped completely out. The vehicle has apparently been used for the haulage of rubble and ballast. The body is in a u/s condition, and the rear cross member of the chassis has been pulled right away from the side members, this being caused by bad anchorage for towing purposes. Though the speedo reading is only 8000 miles, the vehicle has had to be made Class VI owing to its useless condition.

7. Austin 30cwt 4x4 Ambulance. A.D.Nos.1209768 & 1209756.

All the leather and rubber fittings in these ambulances has been completely stripped out, also the portable fittings inside the body.

Field.
21 Jan.'43.
Dst/M..

[signature] Capt., RAOC.,
O.C., 15 A.F.U.,
56 Vehicle Dep., RAOC., BAF.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Q (AE) BRANCH

VEHICLE RELEASE NOTE

Ref. VR/ 2062

Date 20 Jan. 45

Dvd Hqrs Mond (absent on duty @ 21 JAN 45)

To :

No. 3 District for 317 Sec. Carabiniers Prov. (Through 53 RLY)

Release of the undermentioned vehicles is authorised.

Quantity	Serial	Description of Vehicles	
14	6003/10	M/Cycles Solo 500cc. Class I	9 Veh Pk, Caputa.

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Supply Department
H.A. Division

Remarks :

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RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS

1. On receipt of this release authority, the unit or formation will await release instructions from Ord (Br).

2. AFHQ Q (AE) release and Ord (Br) release will both be handed to the Vehicle Park at the time of collection. The Vehicle Company have been instructed that release will not be made unless both copies of release voucher are presented.

D H McToon
Brigadier,
Q (AE) Coff.

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Ord (Br)
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53 RLY
317 Sec

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Q (AE) BRANCH

VEHICLE RELEASE NOTE

Ref. VR/ 1064

Date 10 Jan. 45

To :

No. 5 District for 182 & 183 Tech Maint Secs.
(Through 53 B.L.U.)

Release of the undermentioned vehicles is authorised.

Quantity	Description of Vehicles		
	Serial		
2	6003/10	M/Cycles Solo. 500cc.	Class I — 9 Veh Pk, Cagua.
2	6010/10	Cars 2-str 4x2 Lt. Utility	Class I — 6 Veh Cp, Bark.
2	6200/00	Lorries 3-ton 4x2 GS	Class I — 9 Veh Pk, Cagua.
2	6520/00	Lorries 6-ton 4x2 GS.	Class I — 9 Veh Pk, Cagua.

Remarks :

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RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS

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D H Loon
Brigadier, Asst.
Q (AE)

DISTRIBUTION :

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Q (AE) BRANCH

VEHICLE RELEASE NOTE

Ref. VR/ 1060

Date 20 Jan 45

To : **No.3 District for 131 & 34 Fd Surgical Units (Through 53 MLU)**

Release of the undermentioned vehicles is authorised.

Quantity	Serial	Description of Vehicles
2		Cars 2-str 4x2 1/4 Utility Class I 6 Veh Gp, RAUX

Remarks :

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RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS

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2. AFHQ Q (AE) release and Ord (Br) release will both be handed to the Vehicle Park at the time of collection. The Vehicle Company have been instructed that release will not be made unless both copies of release vouchers are presented.

D H Loon
Brigadier,
Q (AE) Capt.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Q (AE) BRANCH

VEHICLE RELEASE NOTE

Ref. VR/ 1061

Date 2o Jan 45

To : No.3 District for 114 Mob Dental Unit (Through 53 MAU)

Release of the undermentioned vehicles is authorised.

Quantity	Serial	Description of Vehicles	
1	6200/00	Lorry 3-ton 4x2 GS Class I	9 Veh Pk, CAIRO.

(In lieu 4x2 Fitted Penthouse)

Remarks :

25/-

RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS

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2. AFHQ Q (AE) release and Ord (Br) release will both be handed to the Vehicle Park at the time of collection. The Vehicle Company have been instructed that release will not be made unless both copies of release voucher are presented.

D H Loon
Brigadier,
Q (AE)

DISTRIBUTION :

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Q (AF) BRANCH

VEHICLE RELEASE NOTE

Ref. VR/ 1059

Date 20 JAN 45

To : **No.3 District for No.1 Field Bakery (Through 53 MAU)**

Release of the undermentioned vehicles is authorised.

Quantity	Serial	Description of Vehicles		
1	6003/00	MC Solo 350 cc Class I	9 Veh Pk,	CAPUA.
1	6050/00	Truck 15-cwt 4x2 GS Class I	"	"
1	6200/00	Truck 15-cwt Water 4x2 Class I	"	"

Remarks :

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RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS

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2. AFHQ Q (AE) release and Ord (Br) release will both be handed to the Vehicle Park at the time of collection. The Vehicle Company have been instructed that release will not be made unless both copies of release voucher are presented.

D H Loon
Brigadier, Capt.
Q (AE)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Q (AE) BRANCH

VEHICLE RELEASE NOTE

Ref. VR/ 1058

Date 10Jan. 45

To : No. 3 District for 576, 866, 964 Fld Hospital.
(Through 53 B.A.U.)

Release of the undermentioned vehicles is authorised.

Quantity	Serial	Description of Vehicles		
3	6050/00	Trucks 15-cwt 4x2 GS	Class I	9 Veh Park
3	6200/00	Lorries 3-ton 4x2 GS	Class I	9 Veh Park

Remarks :

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RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS

1. On receipt of this release authority, the unit or formation will await release instructions from Ord (Br).

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D H Loon Capt.
Brigadier,
Q (AE)

DISTRIBUTION :

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Q (AE) BRANCH

VEHICLE RELEASE NOTE

Ref. VR/ 1063

Date 20 Jan. 45

To : **No. 3 District for 318 Sec. Carabiniere Prov.**
(Through 53 B.L.U.)

Release of the undermentioned vehicles is authorised.

Quantity	Serial	Description of Vehicles	
14	6003/10	M/Cycles Solo 350 cc. Class I.	9 Veh Pk, Capua.
1	6010/10	Car 2-str 4x2 Lt. Utility Class I	6 Veh Cp, Perl.
3	6050/00	Trucks 15-cwt 4x2 GS Class I	9 Veh Pk, Capua.
1	6200/00	Lorry 3-ton 4x2 GS. Class I	9 Veh Pk, Capua.

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Remarks :

RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS

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2. AFHQ Q (AE) release and Ord (Br) release will both be handed to the Vehicle Park at the time of collection. The Vehicle Company have been instructed that release will not be made unless both copies of release vouchers are presented.

D H Cowan
Brigadier, Capt.
Q (AE)

DISTRIBUTION :

Ord (Br)
File
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(ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Q (AE) BRANCH

VEHICLE RELEASE NOTE

Ref. VR/1052

Date 20 Jan. 45

Ord (Mun Hqrs) (absent on duty @ 21 Jan 45)

To : **No. 3 District for 318 Fld. Bakery (Through 53 B.L.U.)**

Release of the undermentioned vehicles is authorised.

Quantity	Serial	Description of Vehicles			
1	6003/00	M/Cycle Solo 350cc.	Class I	9 Veh Pk.	Coy.
1	6050/00	Truck 15-cwt 4x2 GS	Class I	"	"
1	6090/00	Truck 15-cwt 4x2 Water	Class I	"	"

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n/l.

Vehs in Supply Column
at Arce

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Remarks :

RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS

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D Hilton Capt.
Brigadier,
Q (AE)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Q (AF) BRANCH

(Full Unit)

VEHICLE RELEASE NOTE

Ref. VR/ 1051

Date 20 Jan. 45

To : **No. 3 District for No. 3 Field Park Coy. (Through 53 B.L.U.)**

Release of the undermentioned vehicles is authorised.

Quantity	Serial	Description of Vehicles		
12	6003/00	M/Cycles Solo 350cc.	Class I	9 Veh Pk, Caput.
3	6025/00	Cars 5-cwt 4x4	Class I	9 Veh Pk, Caput.
5	6050/00	Trucks 15-cwt 4x2 GS	Class I	" "
1	6067/00	Trucks 15-cwt 4x2 K.Lt.	Class I	" "
6	6201/00	Lorries 3-ton 4x4 GS	Class I	" "
14	6200/00	Lorries 3-ton 4x2 GS (For Dailey Bridging)	Class I	" "
1	6430/00	Lorry 3-ton 4x4 W/Winch	Class I	" "
1	6363/00	Lorry 3-ton 24 Hf. RE.	Class I	" "
1	6768/00	Trailer 15-cwt Water	Class ID	6 Veh Gp, Pari

Remarks :

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RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS

1. On receipt of this release authority, the unit or formation will await release instructions from Ord (Br).

2. AFHQ Q (AF) release and Ord (Br) release will both be handed to the Vehicle Park at the time of collection. The Vehicle Company have been instructed that release will not be made unless both copies of release voucher are presented.

D H Loon Capt.
Brigadier,
Q (AF)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Q (AE) BRANCH

VEHICLE RELEASE NOTE

Ref. VR/1054

Date 20 Jan. 45

To : No. 3 District for 319 Field Bakery (Through 53 RLU)

Release of the undermentioned vehicles is authorised.

Quantity	Serial	Description of Vehicles		
1	6003/00	M/Cycle Solo 350cc.	Class I	9 Veh Pk, Caserta.
1	6050/00	Truck 15-cwt 4x2 GS	Class I	" "
1	6090/00	Truck 15-cwt 4x2 Water	Class I	" "

Remarks :

RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS

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1. On receipt of this release authority, the unit or formation will await release instructions from Ord (Br).

2. AFHQ Q (AE) release and Ord (Br) release will both be handed to the Vehicle Park at the time of collection. The Vehicle Company have been instructed that release will not be made unless both copies of release vouchers are presented.

D.H. Loon. Capt.
Brigadier,
Q (AE)

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LIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Q (AE) BRANCH

VEHICLE RELEASE NOTE

Ref. VR/ 1057

Date 20 Jan. 45

To :

No. 3 District for 520 Fld Hospital (Through 53 B.L.U.)

Release of the undermentioned vehicles is authorised.

Quantity	Serial	Description of Vehicles		
1	6950/00	Truck 15-cwt 4x2 GS	Class I	9 Veh Pk. Capua
1	6200/00	Lorry 3-ton 4x2 GS	Class I	9 Veh Pk. Capua

Remarks :

RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS

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Q (AE)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Q (AE) BRANCH

VEHICLE RELEASE NOTE

Ref. VR/ 1055

Date 20 Jan. 45

To :

No. 3 District for 331 Fld Hospital (Through 53 BLR)

Release of the undermentioned vehicles is authorised.

Quantity	Serial	Description of Vehicles		
1	6054/00	Truck 15-cwt 4x2 GS	Class I	9 Veh Pk, Cayuu.
1	6203/00	Lorry 3-ton 6x2 GS	Class I	9 Veh Pk, Cayuu.

Remarks :

RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS

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Brigadier,
Q (AE)

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SUBJECT: Issue of Ammunition to Gruppis

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.G. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
AG/2/15-20
19 January 1945

TO : 50 BLU
51 BLU
52 BLU
53 BLU
56 BLU

1. The Italian Government is to be charged the rates shown in V.A.C.S. for British Ammunition supplied to Gruppis.

2. To properly charge the Italian Government it is necessary to have each voucher signed by an Italian receiving officer in addition to the signature of the British issuing officer.

3. Before forwarding vouchers to this headquarters, insure that the necessary signatures are obtained.

TOMMY T. ROSS, Lt. Col.
for Major General
M. M. I. A.

FRC/rl

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RESTRICTED

SUBJECT: DOS Circulars

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. 5/G/29/15/2
19 Jan 45

TO : 50, 51, 52, 53, 58 M.Us

Herewith, for information, copies and Amendments of the under mentioned DOS Circulars:-

Amendment No. 1 to DOS Circular No. 179

Amendment No. 1 to DOS Circular No. 161

DOS Circular No. 181

I a Jones
w/ supra
Major General
M. M. I. A.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
CHIEFS OF STAFF (RESTRICTED)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

TO

FAN CIRCULAR NO. 172

Line 1, Subject -

Delete - "CONTROLLED"

Substitute - "RESERVED"

(DOS/2330(CFS 2))

9 January '45

(A.I.RITZOS, Brigadier, DDOS)
for Maj-Gen
D.O.S.

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Plus DST AFHQ
CMMT AFHQ

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
ORDNANCE (BRITISH)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

TO

DOS CIRCULAR NO. 161.

Para 4 (i).

Delete Sub-paras (a) and (b).

Insert D/S AFHQ (Plans Branch).

Para 4 (iii).

Delete First sentence, i.e. "On receipt of..... relating thereto".

Para 4.

Delete Sub-Para (iv).

(A.I.NIXON, Brigadier, DOS)
for Maj-Gen,
D.O.S.

(DOS/7583/PLANS).

12 Jan 45.

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DISTRIBUTION:- LIST 'A'.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
ORDNANCE (BRITISH)

DOS CIRCULAR NO. 191

SUBJECT: MARKING OF CONSIGNMENTS EX U.K.

1. The following instructions on the marking of consignments ex U.K. are now effective:-

2. MAINTENANCE ISSUES: MT ONLY

(a) The following markings will appear on the TOP of cases:-

(i) Vocabulary Section
(ii) Designation of item
(iii) Part number of item
(iv) Quantity of item in case.

No other markings will appear on the TOP of cases (except that portion of any corner markings which may be applicable)

(b) The following markings will be made on the FRONT of cases:-

(i) Ordnance green disc
(ii) Sub depot colour bar
(iii) Make of vehicle
(iv) Type of vehicle
(v) Designation of item
(vi) Part number of item
(vii) Class of scale
(viii) Package Number including number of packages in job.

NOTE: (i) Vocabulary Section will only be used for MT Miscellaneous Sections.

(ii) Link Number will not appear on this side of case.

(iii) Make of vehicle and type of vehicle will not consist of more than two lines

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(c) The following markings will be made on the BACK, that is the "movement" side, of cases:-

(i) Ordnance green disc
(ii) Sub depot colour bar
(iii) Port of discharge (when ordered only)
(iv) Weight
(v) FSC or SSI Number
(vi) Link Number

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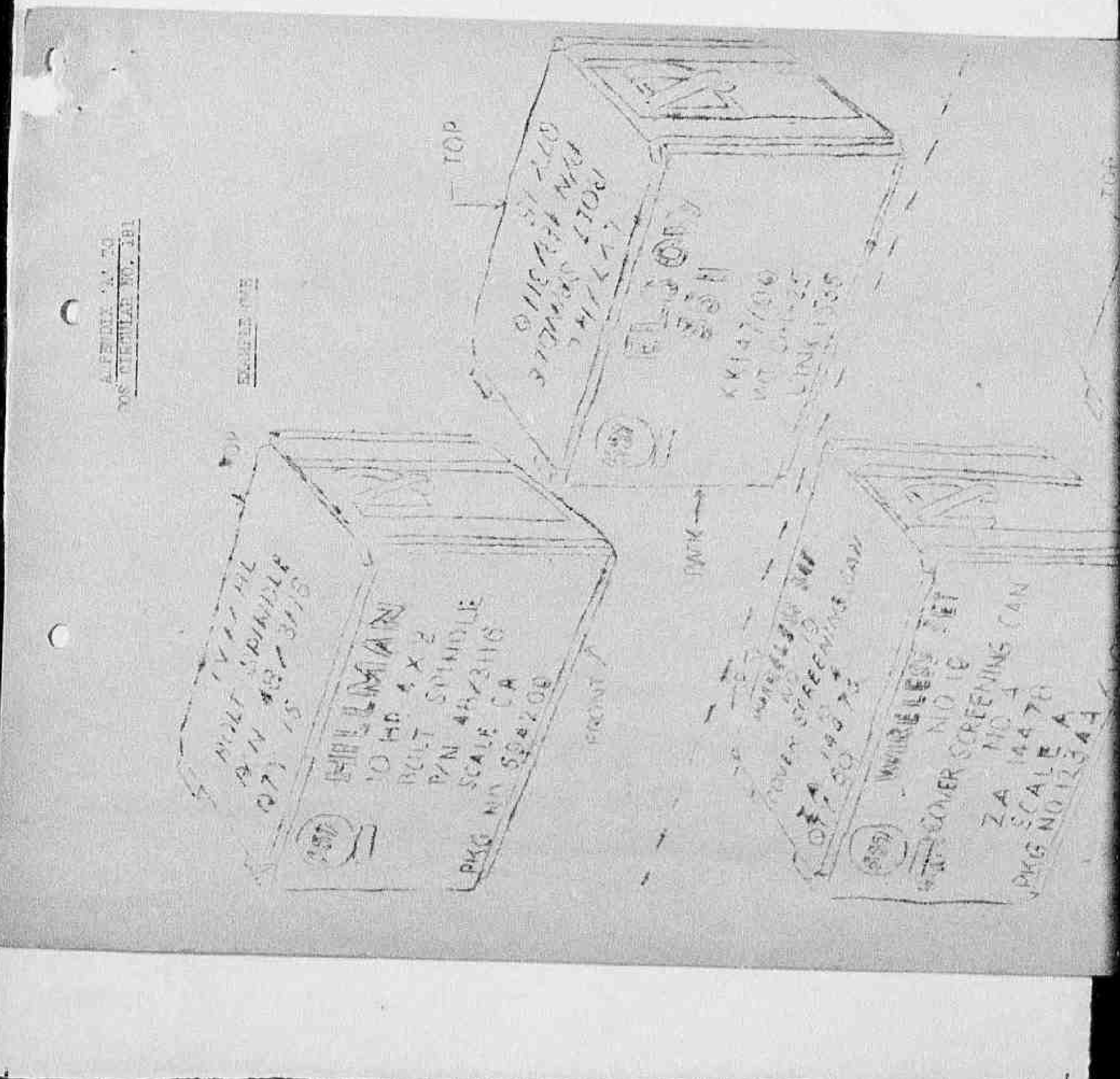

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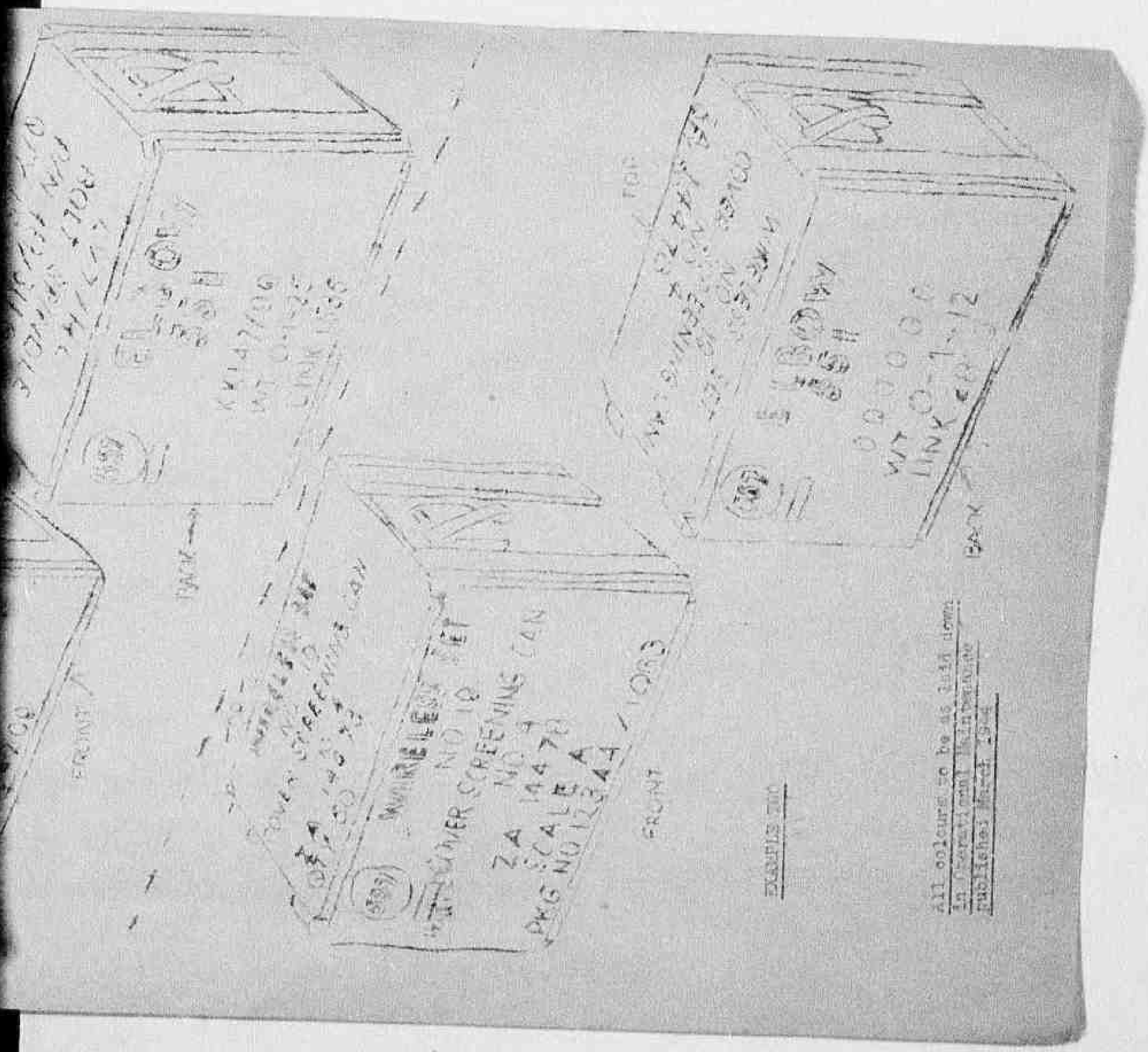

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ORDNANCE (BRITISH)

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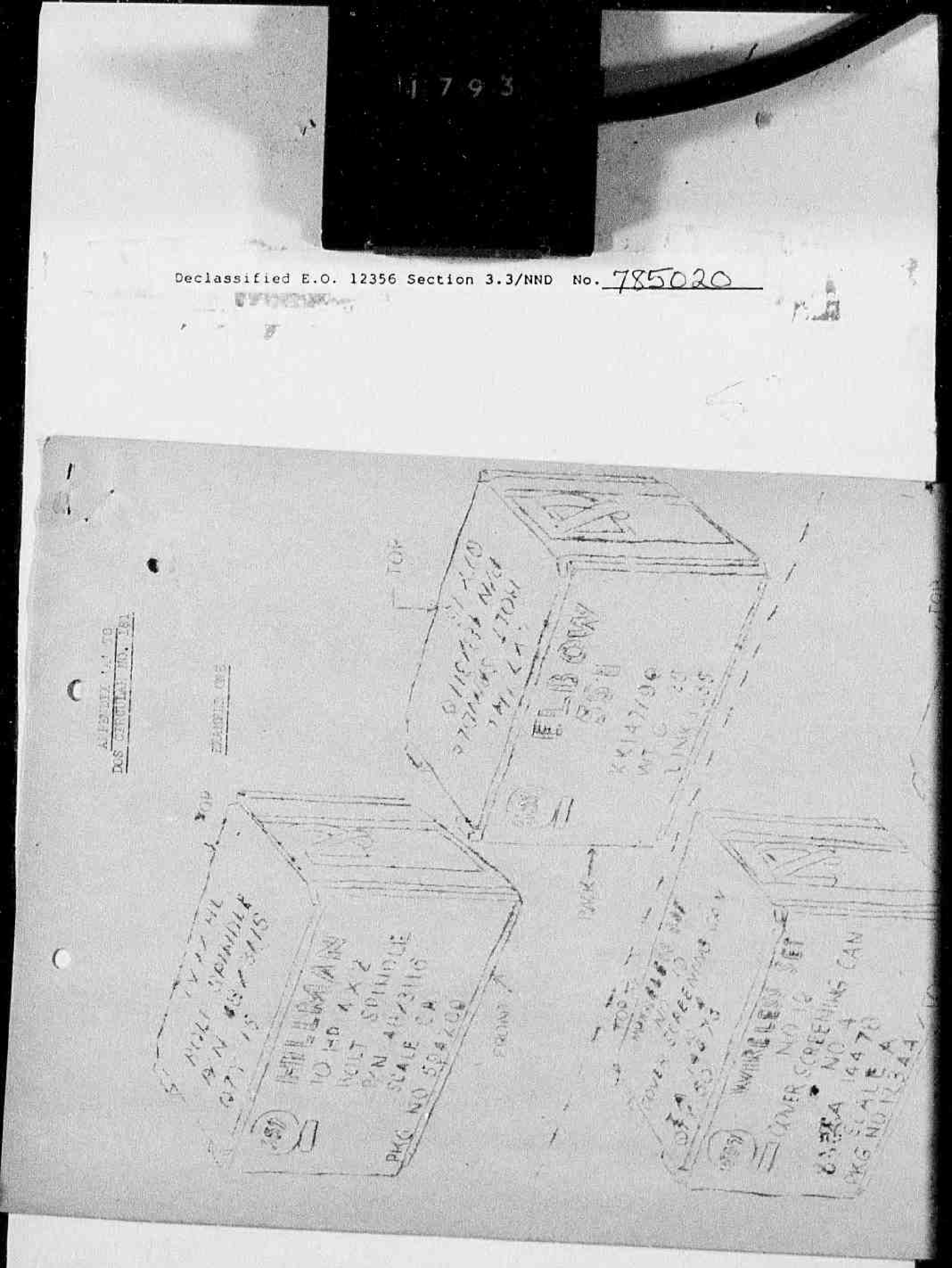

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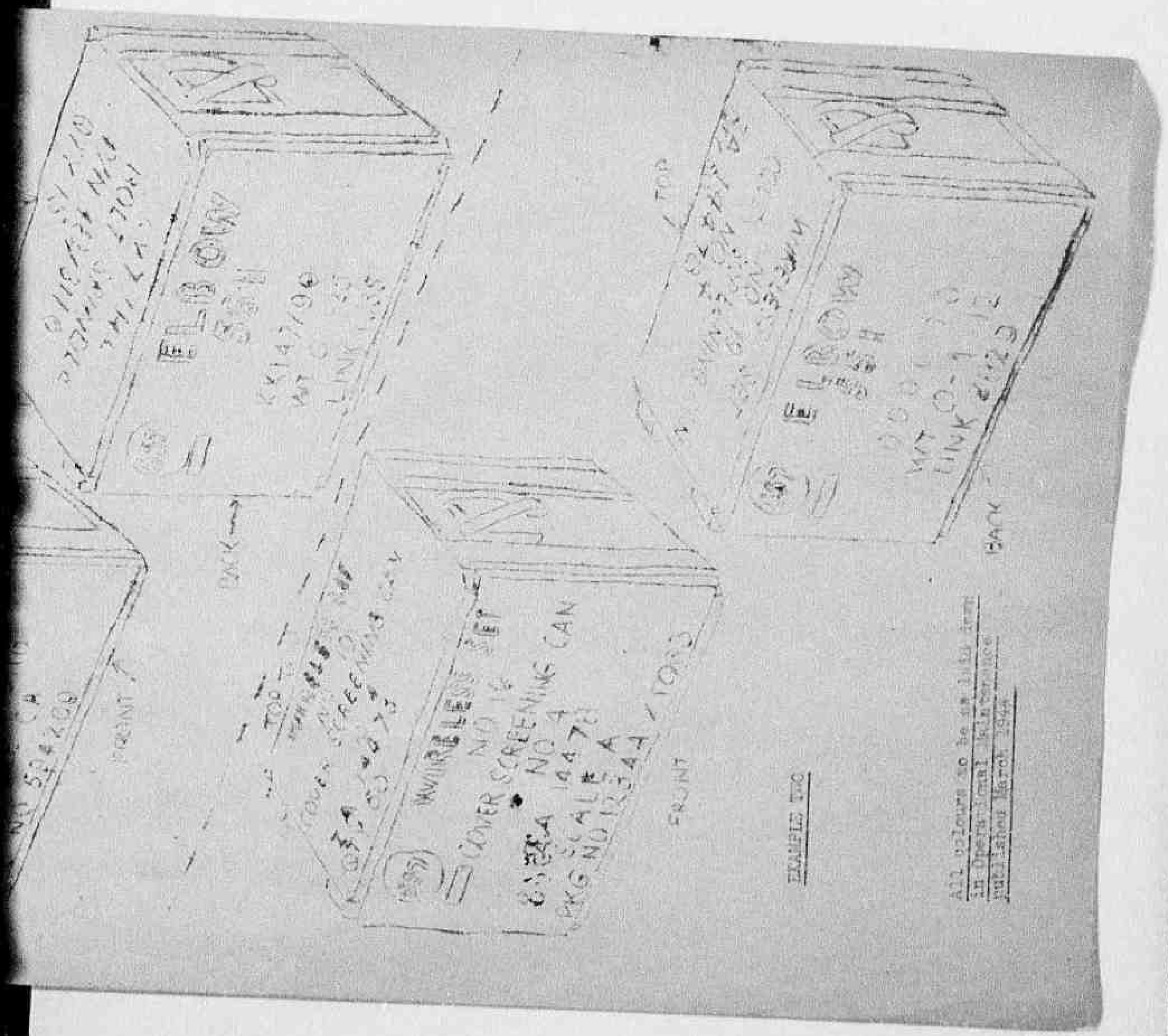

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Subject: Issue Vouchers.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A. C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME
ORD 16

16th Jan 46.

MMIA LO NAPLES

1. Reference your Issue Voucher serial No. 8/18. Authority for issue is quoted as AQ/B/144, but it is noted that a second issue of 3500 shirts cotton has been made. This is presumably against release AQ/B/145.

2. Would you please confirm.

3. In future, when issues are made against outstanding releases, this HQ release number should invariably be shown. In the event of issue being made against more than one release, all release numbers should be quoted on Issue Voucher.

A. J. MEAD, Major.
for Col, DA & QMG,
M. M. I. A.

AJH/wk

Copy to MMIA LO BARI for reference

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Subject: Issue of Vouchers.

To MMIA. L.O. Kafue.

Reference your Issue Vouchers release no. 8/16. Authority for issue is quoted as AQ/B/1414. But it is noted that a second issue of 3500 blanks below has been made. This is presumably against release AQ/B/1415.

Would you please confirm.

In future, when issues are made against outstanding releases, the HQ release no. should invariably be shown. In the event of issues being made against more than one release, all release nos. should be quoted on Issue Vouchers.

Copy to MMIA L.O. Kasai for information.

Issue Voucher

Buono di Consegna

Serial No.
N. Progressive 8/16

Date
Data ~~XXXXXX~~ 14/1/45

1. Depot
Deposito 8 (Frattamaggiore)

2. Issued to:
Consegnatario Br Incr Fifth Army 231 Div (Br-Iti) (Cat3)

3. Authorization for issue
Autorizzazione AQ/B/144

a. Release Order No.
N. dell'Ordine di consegna _____ Date
Data 28/12/44

b. As Ordered by
Su Ordine del H. Chesterfield Sgt (Name -- Cognome) who is
the MMIA representative at this depot.
Rappresentante dell' MMIA presso questo Deposito.

4.	Stock No. N. della voce	Description Articolo	Amount Numero
1.	105 A	Shirts Ctn (Camicie di Cotone)	2000
2.	~~127~~ A/107	Drawers Wool (Mutande di lana)	1000
3.	111 A	Belts Web (Cinghie di tessuto)	2000
4.	108 A	Mackinaws (Giubboni di panno)	1000
5.	106 A	Socks Ctn (Calze di cotone) prs	5000
6.	~~124~~ A	Socks Wool (Calze di lana) "	5000
7.	123 A	Undershirts Wool (Maglie di lana)	~~2500~~ 1750
8.	~~129 B~~	" " " " " "	~~5000~~
9.	105 B	Shirts Ctn (Camicie di cotone)	~~5000~~ 3500
10.		Nothing follows	
11.	Si approva la correzione in rosso		
12.			

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2.	~~127 A~~ 117	Drawers Wool (Mutande di lana)	1000
3.	111 A	Belts Web (Cinghie di tessuto)	2000
4.	108 A	Mackinaws (Giubboni di panno)	1000
5.	106 A	Socks Ctn (Calze di cotone) prs	5000
6.	124 A	Socks Wool (Calze di lana) "	5000
7.	123 A	Undershirts Wool (Maglie di lana)	~~2500~~ 3500
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14.			

5. Signature of Depot Official
Firma del Consegnatario
del Magazzino
Rene Nicoli
Rank-Grado 1st Lt.

Receiving Officer
Uff. Ricevente
Name
Cognome [illegible]
Rank-Grado [illegible]
Unit-Ente [illegible]

Pro-Forme MMIA/ORD/5

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TO: MINISTRY OF WAR (-)

FROM: MMIA

DATE 28 DEC 44

SERIAL NO AQ/ B/144

2 JAN 1945

AUTHORIZATION NOTICE

1. Reference ~~XXXX~~ Our MMIA Letter AQ/15/11 dated 28 Dec 44

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

TO B r Inor Fifth Army for 231 Div (Br-Iti)(cat 3)

Stationed at

Employed by Fifth Army

STOCK NO.	STANDARD NOMENCLATURE	AMOUNT
105-A	SHIRTS, COTTON	2000
127-A	DRAWERS, WOOL	1000
111-A	BELTS, WEB	2000
108-A	MACKINAWS	1000
106-A	SOCKS, MAN COTTON	5000 prs
124-A	SOCKS, WOOL	5000 prs
125-A	UNDERSHIRTS, WOOL	5000

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105-A	SHIRTS, COTTON	2000
127-A	DRAWERS, WOOL	1000
111-A	BELTS, WEB	2000
108-A	MACKINAWS	1000
106-A	SOCKS, ~~MEN~~ COTTON	5000 prs
124-A	SOCKS, WOOL	5000 prs
123-A	UNDERSHIRTS, WOOL	5000

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3. Purpose of issue: To equip Italian tps employed by Br Incr Fifth Army

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

5. REMARKS: All items to be dispatched under guard

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For Major General
Military Mission Italian Army

A. C. - Nov. 1944

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

SUBJECT:- Vehicles - Italian Combat Groups.

Tel. No. Freedom 518

AFHQ/6442/9(AE)

16 Jan 45.

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M.M.I.A.

Reference conversation Co. Pidsley - Lt.Col.Sloan.

1. By 18 Jan the equipment of the Legnano and Folgore Gruppi should reach the following stage.

2. VEHICLES.

All available should have been collected - weather conditions have made drawings from the Parks difficult but all will be issued by Jan 18. This will leave the Groups with their final deficiencies which are common to all units in the British Order of Battle and cannot be met.

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Motor Cycles	183
Cars	56
Ambulances	-
Trucks 15 cwt GS	-
Trucks Special 15 cwt	14
Trucks Water 15 cwt	-
Lorries 3 ton GS	-
Lorries Special Heavy	6
Trailers	-
Trailers Water	-
Tractors	6
Carriers	-
Recce Vehicles	35

3. Before the end of January we hope to issue the 183 Motor Cycles and 35 Recce Vehicles to each Group.

4. CLOTHING and NECESSARIES.

Depots have been instructed to issue all availble stores by 18 Jan. Ground Sheets and Mugs drinking will not be available - stocks of each are nil-but the DADOS of both Groups should take energetic measures to draw all other remaining demands.

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

JJS/ES

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ARMY FORM O 9156 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Call | Srl. No. | Priority | Transmission Instructions: INTERCEPT | Register No. 368 36/17

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FROM (A) Originator: ~~[illegible]~~ (Deciphered by 53 BLU)

Date-Time of Origin: 171215

— Office Days Stamp — Released to 53 BLU by

For Action

TO: DADOS 53 BLU (MMIA please pass)

(W) For Information (INFO)

Originator's No.

— Message Instructions — | — OR —

(R) DDOS DISTHREE Signal OS? 1410/6 Dated 11th Dec 45 © Collecting Greatcoats to Quarter-master from clothing factory

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This Message may be sent by any means: Except / Wireless

If liable to be intercepted or to fall into enemy hands this message must be sent by [illegible]

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Signed R Dyer

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FROM DMT 56 AREA 171800A

TO MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY

INFO 53 BRIT LIAISON UNIT - 10 TRG TEAM RA (ITALIAN FORCES)

RFT TRG CENTRE TIALIAN COMBAT FORCE - 56 BRIT LIAISON UNIT

QQX GP --- BT

DMT/906 RESTRICTED (.) YOUR SS547 OF 15 (.) RTC ICF UNABLE TO ACCEPT DELIVERY OF ARTY TRG EQPT AT THE MOMENT (.) ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR GUNS TO BE HANDED OVER TO 56 BLUE FOR STORAGE (.) TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS FOR MOVE OF GUNS TO BRACCIANO WILL BE MADE WHEN RTC ICF IN POSITION TO ACCEPT DELIVERY

BT

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SENT NR 1203 2150 LOCKE BD

RECD NR 1203 2150 DML KK

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FROM :- DNT 56 AREA 171300A

TO :- MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY

INFO :- 56 BRIT LIAISON UNIT - 10 TRC (TEAM BA(ITALIAN FORCES) -
RET TRC CENTRE ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE- 56 BRIT LIAISON UNIT

BT

DNT/996

RESTRICTED(.) YOUR SS 547 OF 13(.) BTE ICF UNABLE TO ACCEPT DELIVERY OF
ANY TRC EQPT AT THE MOMENT(.) ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR GUNS TO BE HANDED
OVER TO 56 BLM FOR STORAGE(.) TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS FOR MOVE OF GUNS
TO BRACCIANO WILL BE MADE WHEN HTC ICF IMPOSITION TO ACCEPT DELIVERY
BT 2115

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SENT NR236 1211 RNK B

RD 1211 CACC "ED " 1"

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ARMY FORM O 2136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 365 19/17

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Date-Time of Origin: 161905

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For Action

TO: MMIA

(W) For Information (INFO)

AFHQ 15AGp DISTHREE

Originator's No.: A/Q-Q 13-23

Further to this HQ signal AQ/Q 12-21 of 16 Jan ○ 230 and 232 FD Hospitals both detached of all stations ○ MMIA signal 55563 of 17 Jan 1945 ○ Disthree letter 830 Q of 13 Jan also refers

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THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS (EXCEPT) WIRELESS	IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER	ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY	Time	System	Op.
Signature	Signature	CIR 19/1	THI or TOR 162115A		
			Time cleared		

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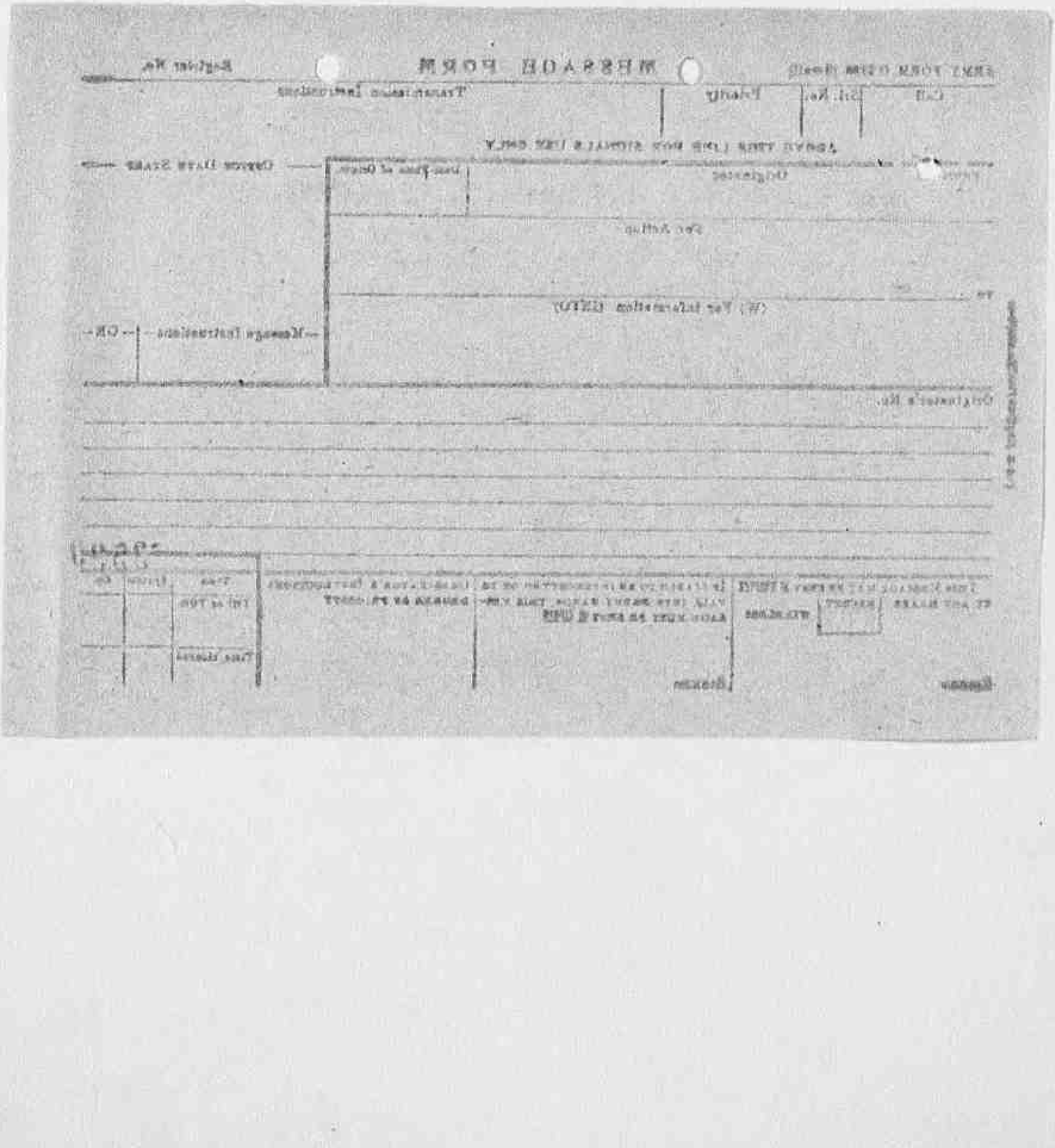

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29/13/3 S/Sec

Subject:- [Amendments to Special Equipment Lists.]

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

AFHQ/65 OB/5/119/3(AE)

10 Jan '45

To ....M.M.I.A....
....C.M.F....

Below is Amendment No. 2 to S.E.L. No. 119/1, published Sept., 1944, for Headquarters, Italian Combat Group.

Sheet 2.

SECTION V.2.

Amend quantities of the following to read as now shewn :-

	Boards -	
OB 292 GA VC 7708	Map, C.S., Mk. 1 Panels, matt., surface	5 15
Amend :-		
VC 5630	Compasses, prismatic, liquid, Mk. 111	14
To read :-		
	Compasses, prismatic -	
VC 0710 5630 0700 0702	Liquid - Mk. 11 (or) Mk. 111 (or) Mk. V111 (or) Mk. 1X	5
Amend :-		
VC 2512	Watches, G.S., Mk. 11	5
To read :-		
	Watches, G.S. -	
VC 2512 2510	Mk. 11 (or) Mk. 1 (or)	

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SECTION V.2.

Amend quantities of the following to read as now shewn :-

	Boards -	
09 208 GA VC 7708	Map, C.S., Mk. 1 Panels, matt., surface	10

Amend :-

VC 5630	Compasses, prismatic, liquid, Mk. III	14

To read :-

	Compasses, prismatic -	
VC 0710 5630 0700 0702	Liquid - Mk. II (or) Mk. III (or) Mk. VIII (or) Mk. IX	5

Amend :-

VC 2512	Watches, C.S., Mk. II	5

To read :-

	Watches, G.S. -	
VC 2512 2510 7392 7471	Mk. II (or) Mk. I (or) T.P. (or) W.T., T.P.	2

SECTION V.6.

Amend

OS 308 GA	Binoculars, prismatic, No. 2, Mk. II	14

To Read :-

	Binoculars, prismatic, No. 2 -	
OS 308 GA OS 307 GA	Mk. II (or) Mk. I	7

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REFERENCE YOUR Q12-12 DATED 2 (.) PLEASE STATE IF 230 AND 232 FIELD HOSPITALS ARE STILL DEFICIENT HOSPITAL TENTAGE

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REFERENCE YOUR GS 629 DATED 14 (.) AMENDMENT DELETING WORDS (.) QUOTE (.) FROM ITALIAN SOURCES (.) UNQUOTE (.) IS IN COURSE OF PREPARATION (.) VEHICLES WILL THEN COME FROM BRITISH SOURCES

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53 REU : British Training Units (MMIA LO
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SUBJECT IS ARTILLERY TRAINING EQUIPMENT NOW WITH FOLGORE (*) UNDERSTAND YOU WISH THIS TO BE HANDED OVER TO MTC ICF (*) ARE YOU ABLE TO ARRANGE TRANSPORT TO BRACCIANO AND WHEN QUERY

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CIPHER SECRET MESSAGE FORM

ARMY FORM O 9156 (Small) Register No. 52/67

Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
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ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) Originator: 53 BLU — Date-Time of Orig'n: 122145A — OFFICE DATE STAMP

For Action: M M I A

TO: (W) For information (INFO)

Message Instructions — OK — 13 Jan

Originator's No. FOB 12-10 D

Please inspect 316 Bn section (ITALIAN) Tk Pltn at Q1098 store from the HQ at latest 18 Jan 0 One 3-ton lorry load

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS	EXCEPT	WIRELESS

IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY

Time	System	Op.
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Time cleared	3533	

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

29/20/1

12 GEN 1945

10 Jan 45.

FILE NO : 758/ORG-3.

SUBJECT : W.E. NA/574/1.
Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission

TO : (M.M.I.A.)

8/Sec
12 GEN 1945

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Your SS521 of 5 Jan 45.

An amdt will be published w.e.f. 6 Jan 45. Addn to Mins of WEC 162/151OA refer.

By Command of Field Marshal ALEXANDER :

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JOHN HARDING,
Lieutenant General,
Chief of Staff.

TJF/vj.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-3 DIVISION.

9 Jan, 45.

FILE NO : ESD/81/3

SUBJECT : Special Eqpt List for ITALIAN Combat Groups.

MEMO TO : G (AR)

We spoke COKNFORD - ASHBY.

It is requested that additions be made to the Special Eqpt Lists for the ITALIAN Combat Groups as detailed in Appendix "A".

DANIEL NOCE,
Major General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3.

JWGA/fek.

Copy to:-

H.Q. 15 Army Group - Your 1705/27/G(SD2) dated 26 Dec 44 refers.
M.M.I.A.
H.Q. No. 1 District - Your 1546/2/G(SD) dated 22 Dec 44 refers.

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

Catalogue Number	Designation	Cmd & ADC	Ops & Int Sec	Services Sec
	SECTION V2.			
	Boards -			
VC1064	Drawing, Atlas	-	3	-
OS20208A	Map OS Mk I	1	6	1
VC7708	Panels, matt. surface	2	12	2
	Compasses, prismatic, liquid -			
5630	Mk III (or)	-	3	1
0710	Mk II (or)			
0702	Mk IX (or)			
0700	Mk VIII			
	Watches OS -			
2512	Mk II (or)	-	2	-
2510	Mk I (or)			
7392	TP (or)			
7471	W/T TP			
	N.I.V.			
	Boards map -			
	4-ft x 3-ft	-	3	1
5173	Folding 6-ft x 4-ft	-	2	-
	SECTION V6.			
	Binoculars, prismatic, No. 2. -			
0830824	Mk II (or)	1	6	-
0830704	Mk I			

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APPENDIX "A" TO [illegible]/61/3
dated January, 1945.

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	-	2	-	-	3
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3000 SETS REMAINED TO MAKE UP TO 5000 SETS FD FURTHER DEMANDS

AND REASONS BEING CHANNELLED THROUGH MMIA BY ARRANGEMENT DADOS

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OFD (Br) OFD (BRITISH)

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Subject:- D.O.S. Circulars.

Land Forces Sub-Area, H.Q.
(H.K.I.A.).
2/2/29/13/3.
11 June, 45.

To:- 50 M.U.
51 M.U.
52 M.U.
53 M.U.
56 M.U.

The u/m D.O.S. Circulars are forwarded for information.

Lamps Hand Electric WB 1501
and Batteries WB 1502. No. 180.

Amendment No.7 to D.O.S.
Circular No. 142.

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Major General.
H.K.I.A.

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RESTRICTED

Subject :- Special Equipment Lists.

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

S/G/29/13/3.
10 Jan., 45.

To :- Q AE (AMIQ).

Reference telephone conversation, Major COMFORD - Major HEAD speaking and reference S.E.L. No. 185/1.

May an amendment be published deleting the words "from Italian sources" against lorries 3 ton 4 X 2 type.

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

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Subject :- Special Equipment Lists - Amendments.

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

S/G/20/13/3.
10 Jan., 45.

To :- 50 BLU.
51 BLU.
52 BLU.
53 BLU.
56 BLU.

Attached is amendment No. 1 to S.E.L. No. 119/1, published Sept., 44, for Headquarters, Italian Combat Group.

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Major General.
M.M.I.A.(S.)

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Subject :- D.C.E. Circulars.

Land Forces Sub-Com. A.G.
(M.E.I.A.)

S/G/29/13/3.
10 Jan., 45.

To :- 50 BLU.
51 BLU.
52 BLU.
53 BLU.
56 BLU.

Attached are the w/m D.C.E. Circulars, for information.

Machinery and Engineer Stores Provision - Recording of Potential Liabilities.	No. 179
	No. 178

Amendment No. 5 to D.C. Circular No. 142
Amendment No. 6 to D.C. Circular No. 142

Major General
M.E.I.A.

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Subject :- Protective clothing for Motor Cyclists - Italian Combat Groups.

Land Forces Sub-Sec. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

S/G/23/23/3.
10 Jan., 45.

To:- 50 BLU.
51 BLU.
52 BLU.
53 BLU.
54 BLG.

Copy of AFHQ's letter AFHQ/3193/3(AG) dated 7th January, 45. is forwarded for information.

Major General.
M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT: Protective Clothing for Motor Cyclists - Italian Combat Groups.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 427.

AFHQ/9193/Q(AE).

7 Jan 45.

M.M.I.A.

1. A suggestion has been received from H.Q. No. 1 District in respect of 1st Italian Combat Group as follows :-

"The Normal Equipment List for HQ 1st Italian Combat Group includes no protective clothing for motor cyclists, other than coats, rubber proofed, motor cyclists. As a result of this the leg gets no protection below the knee and it is suggested that leggings rubber proffed, motor cyclists, should be issued in addition."

2. The normal equipment list for Italian Combat Groups, Table 17, does in fact provide for coats, rubber proofed, motor cyclists on the scale of one per motor cyclist, but subject to note (a) which reads ;

"Until stocks are used up Jackets, rubber proofed. No. 2 (Sizes 1-12 or special) - cat nos. CHO 631-93 - and leggings. rubber proofed No. 3A khaki (sizes 1 - 4) - cat nos. CHO 711-4 may be issued in lieu."

3. The coat, rubber proofed, motor cyclists has superseded jackets and leggings rubber proofed. This has been designed expressly to suit motor cyclists requirements, and when worn with boots, despatch rider cat.CDO631-0355 affords adequate protection.

4. Boots, despatch rider, do not appear on the NEL for Italian Combat Groups, and it is appreciated that the coat, rubber proofed is, in itself, not sufficient protection. Arrangements are, therefore, being made to include boots, despatch rider, on the Normal Equipments Lists for Italian Combat Groups.

5. Until such time as provision action becomes effective in respect of boots, despatch rider, it is considered that arrangements could be made for jackets and leggings rubber proofed to be issued in lieu of Coats rubber proofed (see note (a) quoted in para. 2 above) subject to availability of stocks. It is thought that there should be no difficulty in obtaining these, since they are now obsolescent. 3523

6. The amendment tothe N.E.L. will be issued in due course.

R.N. BRADLEY, Major.

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3. The coat, rubber proofed, motor cyclists has superseded jackets and leggings rubber proofed. This has been designed expressly to suit motor cyclists requirements, and when worn with boots, despatch rider cat.CDO231-0355 affords adequate protection.

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BSAC/WFH

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

Copy to : HQ 1 District - your 1n/2712/Q dated 27 Dec 44 refers.
Ord (Br)

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SUBJECT: Protective Clothing for Motor Cyclists - Italian Combat Groups

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 427.

AFHQ/9195/Q(AE).

7 Jan 45.

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M.M.I.A.

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3. The coat, rubber proofed, motor cyclists has superseded jackets and leggings rubber proofed. This has been designed expressly to suit motor cyclists requirements, and when worn with boots, despatch rider cat. CDO231-0355 affords adequate protection.

4. Boots, despatch rider, do not appear on the NEL for Italian Combat Groups, and it is appreciated that the coat, rubber proofed is, in itself, not sufficient protection. Arrangements are, therefore, being made to include boots, despatch rider, on the Normal Equipment Lists for Italian Combat Groups.

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6. The amendment to the N.E.L. will be issued in due course.

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"Until stocks are used up Jackets, rubber proofed, No. 2 (Sizes 1-12 or Special) - cat nos. CDC 681-95 - and leggings, rubber proofed No. 3A khaki (sizes 1 - 4) - cat nos. CDC 711-4 may be issued in lieu".

3. The coat, rubber proofed, motor cyclists has superseded jackets and leggings rubber proofed. This has been designed expressly to suit motor cyclists requirements, and when worn with boots, despatch rider cat. CDC251-0355 affords adequate protection.

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6. The amendment to the N.E.L. will be issued in due course.

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

BSAC/WFH

Copy to: HQ 1 District - your 1D/2712/Q dated 27 Dec 44 refers.
Ord(Br)

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SUBJECT: Protective Clothing for Italian Combat Groups

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.
TEL. NO. FRENDOM 427.
AFHQ/9193/9(AB).
7 Jan 45.

M.M.I.A.

Reference your S/G/29/13/3 dated 28 Dec 44.

(a) Legnaro - Deficiency - Groundsheets - 9000

It is not possible to make up deficiencies of groundsheets at the present time, as stocks are limited. Groundsheets or capes, anti-gas, in lieu will be issued as soon as the supply position permits.

(b) Mantova - Deficiency - Groundsheets - 9300, Jerseys Pullover 9,300.

Authority has not yet been granted for the Mantova Combat Group to be issued with G.1098 equipment. It is, therefore, considered preferable to make up deficiencies in other Combat Groups first.

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

BSAC/WEH

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FROM DUSTHREE 071240A

TO 52 B L U 53 B L U

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RD NR 252 1711 HTH BB

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Subject: Issue of Ammo to SEPTET - Accounting.

H.Q.,
[illegible]

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8/Dec

1. Reference your signal GS 520 dated 5th Jan.'45.

2. Copy of our letter Ord 4/4509/Ex dated 9th Nov.'44 is forwarded as requested.

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14 Jan 45.
Major,
for Lt. Col.,
A.D.O.S.

In the field.
GS/Ex

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SECRET

Subject: Issue of Ammn to CRUFTI's - Accounting.

H.Q. ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Ref:- G(AI)/4609/23

Tel:- FIELDCT 330

9th Nov. '44

D.D.O.S., Rear HQ., 8th Army.
C.O., 5th Army, for Brit. Trn., for Cmd.
D.D.O.S., 1 District
C.O.O., 21 A.A.D.
C.O.O., 25 A.A.D.

Copy to: Q., A.A.I.
War Diary (3)

1. Consequent upon the rearmament of Italian troops with British weapons, the issue of British ammunition to such formations and units is authorised upon a repayment basis.

2. Depots will prepare vouchers in triplicate for each issue made.

3. The following details will be shown on the vouchers:-

(a) Date of Issue.
(b) Authority for Issue.
(c) Issuing Depot.
(d) Unit to whom issued.
(e) Natures and number of rounds of each nature issued.
(f) Price of each nature. (Information may be obtained from this HQ in case of doubt.)
(g) Total price of complete issue.
(h) Signature of receiving Italian officer with name printed or typed.
(i) Counter signature of issuing Depot officer.

4. Distribution of vouchers.

First copy to H.Q., M.M.I.A.
Second copy to be retained by Issuing Depot.
Third copy to be given to receiving unit.

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E.T.O. JONES, Lt. Col.,
for Brigadier,
D.D.O.S.

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Subject:- Amendments to Special Equipment Lists.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

AFHQ/6508/5/119/Q(AE)

5 Jan '45

To .....M.M.I.A.....
C.M.F.
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Below is Amendment No. 1 to S.E.L. No. 119/1, published Sept. '44 for Headquarters, Italian Combat Group.

Sheet 2.

after Section K.E., insert the following :-

SECTION V.2.

	Boards -	
VC 1064	Drawing, Atlas	3
OS 2023A	Map, G.S., Mk. 1	14
VC 7708	Panels, matt., surface	28
5630	Compasses, prismatic, liquid, Mk. III	14
2512	Watches, G.S., Mk. II	5
	N.I.V.	
	Boards, map -	
	4-ft x 3-ft	5
5173	Folding, 6-ft x 4-ft	3
	SECTION V.6.	
OS 3086A	Binoculars, prismatic, No. 2, Mk. II	14

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20/13/2

S/Sec 56 Bde. 10/2. 5 Jan.49.

Subj. No:- 40 mm Bofors Guns.

HQ. (R.A.)

Copies to:- DAT.
56Lt.A.
R.A. Training Team (Italian Forces.)
G(AGS). 56 Bde.

1. Italian personnel of [illegible] Bofors Bty. who have attended courses at R.A. Trg. Team [illegible] have been instructed on the Stiffkey Stick sights.

2. It is generally recognised that Italian layers can reach proficiency with this form of sight within a reasonably short time; whereas they are unlikely to become effective layers with Middle East sights for many months.

3. It is requested that releases of 40 mm Bofors Equipment to Italian Groups may include Stiffkey Stick sights.

4. Six Training Bofors guns handed over by [illegible] to [illegible] Gruppo on 13. Dec.44. included two sets of Middle East sights and one set of obsolete Bo sights. The other three guns lacked sights.

In the Field.
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AFHQ Q(AE)

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REFERENCE 53 BLU SIGNAL A/2-Q12-14 DATED 4 JAN AND WE HA/574/1 (.) ESTABLISHMENT SHOULD BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS DELETE LORRY 3 TON 4 X 2 DISINFESTOR TYPE QTY 1 (FROM ITALIAN RESOURCES) (.) INSERT DISINFESTOR QTY 1 (FROM ITALIAN RESOURCES (.) LORRY 3 TON 4 X 2 WHICH WAS ALLOWED FOR THIS DISINFESTOR NOT REPEAT NOT CONSIDERED NECESSARY (.) BRITISH 200 BED HOSPITAL HAS ONE 3 TON LORRY ONLY (.) THIS IS ALREADY ALLOWED FOR ON ITALIAN WE (.) MAY NECESSARY AMENDMENT BE PUBLISHED

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ROUTING

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PLEASE FORWARD COPY YOUR LETTER ORD4/4609/23 OF NOV 44

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Important

S/G/29/13/3

Gen Staff Major

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

Subject: Auxiliary Units.

53 B.I.U.
Ref. Q12 - 12
2 Jan 45

To :- Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.(MMJA)
G
3T
Ord

1. Ref your SS514 of 31 Dec 44.

2. Reports on the state of equipping of the under mentioned units are attached as appendices hereto :-

230 Fd Hospital	Appx 'A'
232 Fd Hospital	" 'B'
1 Fl 1 Ambulance Car Coy	" 'C'

Lt.Col.
G.S.

WKH noted. 5/1/45.

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Suggest a Folgore between them should 8 Parachute Battalions complete. Of these are given to 230 & 232 + existing Malta Hospitals it will provide accommodation for at least 300 patients ~~most~~ out of the total combined requirement of 400. Sandy 3 Dustin 1 can produce 6 Surgical Hospital Units (3 to each).

Appx '. to 53 BLU letter
Ref. Q12 - 12 of 2 Jan 45.

230 Fd Hospital.

1. Information that 230 Fd Hospital was an auxiliary unit attached to Combat Group FOLGORE for equipping through this HQ was received from the Combat Group on 18 Dec and confirmation received from your HQ on 20 Dec.

2. As this Hospital Unit had previously been attached to Combat Group LEMNANO information had to be obtained from that Group as to what proportion of the G.1098 scale of equipment had been received, what proportion was awaiting collection and what further indents had to be submitted.

3. On 31 Dec it was learned that a very considerable proportion of the G.1098 scale of equipment to which this auxiliary unit is entitled had yet to be indented for. Indents were prepared immediately and on 1 Jan DADOS this HQ personally took these indents to Ord HQ 3 District. A copy of your HQ signal was given to Ord 3 District and the need for swift action on this matter was stressed.

4. The present position re G.1098 scale of equipment for this Hospital is as follows :-

(a) Clothing - Complete with the exception of the following deficiencies :- Belts web, carriers water bottle, greatcoats, 1 pr of boots, (1 pr only per man has been issued to this unit,) 1 Blanket (1 Br blanket only per man has been issued,), Braces.

(b) Other G.1098 Stores - Indents submitted 1 Jan 45 to Ord 3 District, No tents or beds held by this Hospital at present. No arms or Q controlled stores released to this unit.

(c) Tpt. (i) W.E. scale, - 1 Truck 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS
1 Lorry 3 ton 4 x 2 GS
1 Lorry 3 ton 4 x 2 GS Disinfector (Disinfector to be provided by Italian army)

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(ii) Tpt released - AFHQ Q(AE) Release Note VR/812 of 23 Dec and [illegible] Release Note A 2025 of 26 Dec released to this Hospital unit - 1 Truck 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS Cl.I
1 Lorry 3 ton 4 x 4 GS Cl.I

Personnel from this HQ liaised with the Vehicle Park from which this tpt was to be collected. As a result of this the Vehicle Park state that this tpt cannot be issued till between 18 - 23 Jan. This position is unsatisfactory and this point is being raised with AFHQ Q(AE) and 3 District. 3 Jan.

(iii) Tpt held by 230 Fd Hospital -

1 - 3 ton lorry BEDFORD WD No.L 4378676
1 - 15 cwt truck DODGE WD No.Z 4794987

These vehicles can be classed as Cl.I D at best.

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5. The personnel position is as follows :-

Officers ORs

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These vehicles can be classed as Cl.I D at best.

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5. The personnel position is as follows :-

	Officers	ORs
W.E.	7	58
Posted strength	7	57
Strength present with unit	7	54
Personnel on leave		3

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Appx 'B' to 53 BLU letter
Ref. Q12 - 12 of 2 Jan 45.

232 Fd Hospital.

1. The present position re G.1098 scale of equipment for this Hospital is as follows :-

(a) Clothing - Complete, with the exception of the following deficiencies :-

Belts web, Carriers water bottle, Greatcoats, 1 pr of Boots,(1 pr only per man has been issued to this unit), 1 Blanket (1 Br blanket only per man has been issued to this unit), Braces.

(b) Other G.1098 Stores.- 200 beds and 200 mattresses issued. Approximately 50% of other stores issued. No Q controlled stores released to this unit, incl tents and arms.

(c) Tpt (i) W.E. scale - 1 Truck 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS
1 Lorry 3 ton 4 x 2 GS
1 Lorry 3 ton 4 x 2 GS Disinfector (Disinfector to be provided by Italian army).

(ii) Tpt released - 1 Truck 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS Cl.I
1 Lorry 3 ton 4 x 2 GS Cl.I

AFHQ Q(AE) Release Note VR/850 of 28 Dec refers. 3 District release for this tpt awaited.

(iii) Tpt held - 1 Truck 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS
1 Lorry 3 ton 4 x 2 GS

Released under AFHQ Q(AE) Release Note VA/388 and 3 District Release Notes A 1364-5 of 4 Nov 44.

2. The personnel position is as follows :-

	Officers.	ORs.
W.E.	7	58
Posted strength	7	63
Strength present with unit	7	59
Personnel in hospital	-	3
AWOL	-	1

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3. The question of the second release of tpt to this hospital unit is being investigated by this HQ with AFHQ. Every effort is being made to obtain the items of clothing and equipment that are outstanding - in nearly all cases they are items which are outstanding for the whole Combat Group.

Appx 'C' to 53 BLU letter
Ref. Q12 - 12 of 2 Jan 45.

1 Fl 1 Ambulance Car Coy.

1. The present position re G.1098 scale of equipment for this ~~Coy~~ Fl is as follows :-

(a) Clothing - Complete, with the exception of the following deficiencies :- Belts web, Carriers water bottle, Greatcoats, 1 pr of Boots,(1 pr only per man has been issued to this unit), 1 Blanket, (1 Br blanket only per man has been issued to this unit), Braces.

(b) Other G.1098 Stores - Approximately 50% of these stores have been collected and issued. No release has yet been received for Q controlled stores.

(c) Tpt (i) No release of tpt has been received from AFHQ Q(AE) in respect of this unit.

(ii) W.E. scale - 6 M/cs
1 Car 2 str 4 x 2
25 Motor Ambulances 4 str

(iii) Tpt held by unit

	Whether in sufficiently good condition to count against G.1098 scale.
3 M/cs	Yes
13 Motor Ambulances 4 str	Yes
7 Motor Ambulances 4 str	No
1 Lorry 3 ton)	Not authorised on W.E.
1 Truck 15 cwt W/T)	W/T vehicle alone able to count
1 Truck 15 cwt GS)	as Cl.I or Cl.ID vehicle

(iv) In addition BLR certificates are held for tpt formerly belonging to this unit as under :-

3 M/cs
1 Truck 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS
11 Motor Ambulances 4 str K2

(v) The question re the return of tpt for this unit is being investigated with AFHQ Q(AE) immediately.

2. The personnel position of the HQ 1 Motor Amb Coy and 1 Fl is as follows :- 3510

	Officers	ORs
+ W.E.	4	69
Posted Strength	4	65
Strength present with unit	4	65

+ No copy of W.E. is held for this unit. Copy is requested.

3. Every effort is being made to obtain the deficiencies of clothing and equipment in respect of this unit. In the main the clothing deficiencies are deficiencies for the whole Combat Group.

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20/13/7.

Subject :- Special Equipment Lists for Italian Combat Groups

To :-
Rear 10 Corps

51 British Liaison Unit

G 7/4

M M I A

Certain items essential to operational efficiency have been omitted from the above lists.

(1) Div HQ have no Binoculars, Compasses, Map Boards or Protractors

(2) Infantry Regts have no Protractors or Telescopes

(3) 50 BLU have compiled a list for certain equipment required in Div HQ, and this is attached as Appendix A.

(4) 51 BLU attach Appendix B

(a) Protractors are essential for Div HQ, Infantry Regimental HQ and Infantry Bns
(b) Telescopes are part of the Snipers' equipment and it is felt that some of these should be available for the newly formed Intelligence Sections, and Snipers' Sections.

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The provision of a certain number of Binoculars, Compasses, Map Boards and Protractors at an early date is a matter of urgency.

Field
1 Jan 45
IM/MIT

Major, G II
for Lt Col G S

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CATALOG Number	Designation	Coast & ADC	Ops & Int Sec	Services Sec	Communications office	Radio office
	SECTION V 2					
	Boards -					
VC 1064	Drawing, Atlas	-	3	-	-	-
0320234	Map GS MK I	2	6	2	2	2
VC7708	Panels, mast. surface	4	12	4	4	4
	Compasses, prismatic, liquid -					
5630	Mk III (or)	2	6	2	2	2
0710	Mk II (or)					
0702	Mk IX (or)					
0700	Mk VIII					
	Watches GS					
2512	Mk II (or)	-	2	1	1	1
2510	Mk I (or)					
7592	[illegible] (or)					
7471	W/T TP					
	H.I.V.					
	Boards, map -					
	4-ft x 3-ft	-	3	1	-	-
5173	Folding, 6-ft x 4-ft	-	2	1	1	-
	SECTION V 6					
	Binoculars, prismatic, No 2.-					
0330GA	Mk II (or)	2	6	2	2	2
0330ZGA	Mk I					

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APPENDIX "A"

	Coord & ADC	Cyp & Int Sec	Service Sec	Commanding Office	Medical Officer	Total
	-	3	-	-	-	3
	2	6	2	2	2	14
surface	4	12	4	4	4	28
d -						
	2	6	2	2	2	14
	-	2	1	1	1	5
ft	-	3	1	-	1	5
	-	2	1	-	-	3
	2	6	2	2	2	14

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SPECIAL EQUIPMENT LIST

Catalogue Number	Designation	Headquarters Italian Combat Group: Total	Infantry Regiment for an Italian Combat Group: Rifle	LMG	8" Mortar	Gun	6 pr Anti Tk	Total	
				Staff	Coy	Coy	Coy	Rifle	
Section V. 2.									
VC 1040	Protractors semi circ Celluloid 6"	8	4	1	3	-	8	16	
VC 1380	Protractors Rectangular 6" Marks IX IV	6	6	1	3	6	16	32	
Section V 6									
GS 717 GA GS 720 GA GS 719 GA	Telescopes Signalling Mk VI or IV ++ or IV	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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APPX 'X' 'B'

SPECIAL EQUIPMENT LISTS

Headquarters Italian Combat Group	Infantry Regiment for an Italian Combat Group					Infantry Bn					
Total	Regt HQ Staff	Regt HQ Coys	8" Mortar	6 pr/Recl Gun	Total Inf Regt	Bn HQ	Rifle Coy	Sp Coy (Mor)	Sp Coy (Gun)	3 Rifle Coys	Total Inf Bn
	8		4	1	3	-	8	4	2	4	5	25
6"	6		6	1	3	6	16	5	-	2	4	19
VI Corps XV " Corps XIV Corps	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	2	10

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ARMY FORM C 2138 (Small) MESSAGE FORM

Call	Sel. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions	Register No.
			Captain Secret	24/64

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) Originator: 53 BLU — Date Time of Origin: 041145 — OFFICE DATE STAMP (16)

For Action: FLM1A

TO

(W) For Information (INFO): AFHQ (Q(AE)) ORD

Originator's No.: A/G-Q 12-14

Message Instructions — GR

Authorized scale of allowance for field hospitals (auxiliary units) includes 1 3-ton 4x2 G.S. disinfector to be supplied from ITALIAN sources. Your medical rep states vehicle to be supplied from BRITISH source disinfector from ITALIAN. He further advised by them. Please clarify. Latest amendment that effect published. AFHQ Q(AE) states No amendment received

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS [EXCEPT] WIRELESS

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IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY: IMPORTANT

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Time cleared		

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LAND FORCES Lieutenant 29/11/3 W99/4 C/6533 41/04

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TO DISTREE
IMMO: MMIA: 52 BLU: 53 BLU: HQ 38 VEH COY: 408 RVP ROME: 15 RVP NAPLES:
GR94 BT
RESTRICTED OUR AFHQ/8118/1/0(AF) OF 30 NOV 44 (.) FX79153 SIGNED
SACMED CITE FHQAE (.) FIRST (.) 52 AND 53 BLUS WILL RETURN ALL SURPLUS
LOW CATEGORY VEHICLES TO RVPS FORTHWITH (.) 52 BLU TO 408 RVP (.) 53
BLU TO 15 RVP (.) ON RECEIPT THESE VEHICLES RVPS WILL EARMARK PENDING
FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS (.) BLUS WILL SUBMIT THIS HEADQUARTERS RETURNS
FORTHWITH SHOWING VEHICLES STILL TO BE HANDED IN AND VEHICLES ALREADY
HANDED IN (.) SECOND (.) FOR MMIA (.) VEHICLES RETURNED WILL BE 3502
REISSUED UNDER INSTRUCTIONS THIS HEADQUARTERS TO FIFTH ITALIAN COMBAT
GROUP FOR MAINTENANCE
BT
SENT NR29 04/2042A MFB BB K
RCD NR29 04/2042A HRA B

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SUBJECT: D.C.S. Circulars.

RESTRICT D.

Land Forces Sub Com, M.C.
(M.E.I.A.)
S/C/29/13/2
2 Jan 45.

To: 50 51 52 53 56 P.I.Wks.

Herewith for information copies of the under-mentioned Circulars:-

No 81 - Officers with experience of RAMA.
No 176 - Responsibilities of ADOS.
No 177 - Reserved Stores.

Major General.
M.E.I.A.

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Subject :- Special Equipment Lists - Italian Combat Groups.

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

S/O/29/13/3.
2 Jan 45.

To :- A.F.H.Q. (Q(AE)).

Reference conversation (Major CORNFORD - Major HEAD speaking) the attached correspondence is returned with this H.Q's recommendations.

Major General.
M.M.I.A.

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Subject :- Load Carrying Vehs

To :-
HQ MMLA ✓

51 British Liaison Unit

Q 2

Q 10 Corps
Med 10 Corps
G (SD) Eighth Army

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Ref your S/G/29/13/2 dated 2 Dec.

1 It is not only vehs issued to med units that are lacking canopies, but to most other units in the Gruppo and in several cases the stores that are to be carried are likely to suffer damage from exposure quite as much as med stores.

2 It is desired to point out that this fact has always been appreciated by this unit and has unfailingly been brought to the notice of every higher fmn under which the Gruppo has served, the last of whom was G (SD) Eighth Army. I also drew attention to the fact in my weekly progress report No. 7 dated 17 Nov - with particular reference to the wksps.

3 With reference to the last paragraph of your letter it is difficult to know what action, apart from that mentioned above, might have been taken to make good these deficiencies. You will appreciate that canopies are not carried by Ord for issue except as part of veh eqpt. Also, it is not often that a veh BLR is returned to a RVP complete with a canopy. A visit, before leaving the Naples area to a nearby RVP confirmed this opinion.

4 In my Progress Report No. 7 I also drew attention to the shortage of tools issued with vehs. This shortage is reflected in the present maintenance of tpt.

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29 Dec 44
RWH/RCP

Lt Col
General Staff

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REPORT OF CANOPIES, WATERPROOF, DEFICIENT. APPENDIX "A".

TYPE OF VEH.	CANOPIES REQUIRED.	EMPLOYMENT OF VEH.	REMARKS.
54 Sezione Sanita			
Ford V 8.	1	Transport of sanitary and medical stores.	(x) denotes without canopy frame.
Bedford 3 ton.	6 x	ditto	
Dodge 3 ton	1	ditto	
Austin 3 ton.	3		
84 Ospedale da Campo.			
Bedford 3 ton.	4 x	Transport of medical supplies.	
333 Ospedale da Campo.			
Bedford 3 ton.	4 x	ditto.	
44 Reparto Trasporti.			
Dodge 3 ton.	3	Transport of rations	
Bedford 3 ton	2	ditto.	
Dodge 3 ton.	3	G.S.	Two only without canopy frames.
Bedford 3 ton.	17 x	G.S.	
Bedford 15cwt.	1	G.S.	
Gruppo HQ			
Bedford 3 ton.	1	Transport of rations and medical supplies.	
Bedford 15cwt.	1 x	G.S.	No cab canopy.
21 Inf Regt.			
Dodge 15cwt	4 x	Transport of W/T equipment and medical supplies.	
Bedford 15cwt	3	ditto.	
Bedford 3 ton	8	G.S.	
Bedford 15cwt	28	G.S.	
Ford 15cwt.	14	G.S.	Six without canopy frames.
Ford 3 ton.	2	G.S.	
Dodge 3 ton	2 x	G.S.	
Dodge 15cwt.	6	G.S.	
94 Sec CC.RR.			
Bedford 3 ton.	1	Transport of rations and medical supplies.	
Bedford 15cwt.	2 x	G.S.	
7 Artillery Regt.			
Bedford 15cwt.	3 x	Transport of W/T equipment.	
Bedford 15cwt.	7 x	" " rations.	
Dodge 3 ton.	2 x	" " medical supplies.	
Bedford 3 ton.	5 x	ditto.	
Bedford 3 ton.	10 x	" of rations.	
Jeep	1	G.S.	
Bedford 3 ton.	17 x	G.S.	
Dodge 3 ton.	1 x	G.S.	
Bedford 15cwt.	10 x	G.S.	
Ford 15cwt.	2 x	G.S.	
Bedford [redacted]GTV	7		Six without canopy frames.
Engineer Bn			
Bedford 3 ton.	3 x	Transport of W/T equipment.	
Ford 3 ton.	2 x	Transport of rations and W/T eqpt.	
Bedford 15cwt.	7 x	Signals truck.	

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		Medical supplies.	
Bedford 15cwt.	1 x	G.S.	No cab canopy.
21 Inf Regt.			
Dodge 15cwt	4 x	Transport of W/T equipment and medical supplies.	
Bedford 15cwt	3	ditto.	
Bedford 3 ton	8	G.S.	
Bedford 15cwt	28	G.S.	
Ford 15cwt.	14	G.S.	Six without canopy frames.
Ford 3 ton.	2	G.S.	
Dodge 3 ton	2 x	G.S.	
Dodge 15cwt.	6	G.S.	
94 Sec CC.RR.			
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Bedford 15cwt.	2 x	G.S.	
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Bedford 15cwt.	7 x	" " rations.	
Dodge 3 ton.	2 x	" " medical supplies.	
Bedford 3 ton.	5 x	ditto.	
Bedford 3 ton.	10 x	" of rations.	
Jeep	1	G.S.	
Bedford 3 ton.	17 x	G.S.	
Dodge 3 ton.	1 x	G.S.	
Bedford 15cwt.	10 x	G.S.	
Ford 15cwt.	2 x	G.S.	
Bedford XXXXXXXXGTV	7		Six without canopy frames.
Engineer Bn			
Bedford 3 ton.	3 x	Transport of W/T equipment.	
Ford 3 ton.	2 x	Transport of rations and W/T eqpt.	
Bedford 15cwt.	7 x	Signals truck.	
Dodge 15cwt	2 x	" "	
Bedford 15cwt FFW			Without cab cover.
Morris 15cwt FFW			ditto.
Ford 3 ton	4 x	Transport of technical Stores	
Chevrolet 3 ton	1 x	ditto.	
Bedford 3 ton	1 x	ditto	
Karrier Winch.	3 x		
Bedford 3 ton	x		
Morris 15cwt	2 x	Air compressor.	
Bedford 15cwt		G.S.	Without cab cover.
Jeep	1 x	G.S.	

To Sheet 2.

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Sheet 2.

TYPE OF VEH.	CANOPIES REQUIRED.	EMPLOYMENT OF VEHICLE.	REMARKS.
G.F.P.			
Dodge 3 ton.	2 x	G.S.	
Chevrolet 3 ton.	1	Office truck.	
Jeep.	1 x	G.S.	
Workshops.			
Ford 3 ton.	11	G.S.	Nine have no canopy frame.
Bedford 15cwt	12	G.S.	ditto.
22 Infantry Regt.			
Dodge 15cwt	3	G.S.	
Ford 15cwt	15	G.S.	
Bedford 15cwt.	42	G.S.	
Dodge 3 ton.	16	G.S.	
Ford 3 ton	4	G.S.	
Bedford 3 ton.	18	G.S.	
Jeep	1	G.S.	
739 Sec CC.RR.			
Bedford 15 cwt.	3	G.S.	

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FROM DISTREE

TO 56 BLU

INFO MAIA AFHQ Q(AE) (ref your 6442/QAE of 28)

QQ 2353

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MAIA SD 1971 of 20 NOT to all refs (.) agreed AFHQ 56 BLU will be responsible for providing necessary equipment for 152 and 162 Fd Engr Coys (.) indents to be forwarded in normal manner

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3 District. 56 BLU. 53 BLU.

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CONFIDENTIAL

Progress in formation and equipping following Italian Medical Units is too slow (.) 230 and 232 Field Hospitals and No.1 Platoon MAC attached FOLGORE Group (.) 429 and 519 Field Hospitals attached MANTOVA Group (.) These units should have priority over units of groups as they are required to move forward on or after 8 January (.) BLOS to take action at once and report equipment position particularly beds tents and vehicles by 5 January

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IMMEDIATE

W. P. Darby Colonel.

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M 2720 RESTRICTED

REF YOUR 8636 OF 30 OCT TO ALL (.) FIRST (.) ITALIAN HOSPITAL TRAIN (.) FOUR TO 519 FIELD HOSPITAL AT SAN GIORGIO (.) FOUR TO 429 FIELD HOSPITAL AT [illegible] MAP REF E 66.6 (.) [illegible] (.) NO FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED BY YOU [illegible]

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.
ORDNANCE (BRITISH).

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REF: DOS. 1411 (ORD.1).

TEL: FREEDOM 991.

2 DECEMBER 1944.

SUBJECT - PROTECTIVE CLOTHING FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUPS AND BRITIS.

TO: H.Q., M.M.I.A. 411

WITH REFERENCE TO Q (AE) LETTER OF DECEMBER 16TH UNDER REFERENCE AFHQ/9193/Q(AE).

ISSUES OF THE ITEMS AT PARA 2 (B) AND 3A (1) IS NOW IN COURSE OF PREPARATION AND YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO GIVE CONSIGNMENT INSTRUCTIONS TO O.O., 2 SUB DEPOT, 557 B.O.D., AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER THAT THE CONSIGNMENT IS NOT HELD UP IN OUR DEPOT.

(J.R. PARSONS) MAJOR.
D.A.D.O.S.
FOR MAJ-GEN.
D.O.S., A.F.H.Q.

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(Folio 427 also refers)

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Subject :- Protective Clothing for Italian Combat Groups.

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

S/G/29/13/3.
28 Dec., 44.

To :- A.F.H.Q. G 4 (British).

Reference your AFHQ/9193/Q(AD) dated 16 December, the following figures have been received from R.L.O.'s at the Combat Groups.

	Deficiencies.		
	Groundsheets.	Jerseys Pullover.	Blouses Denim and Slacks K.D.
FRIULI	NIL	NIL	Indent submitted but not yet received.
CREMONA	NIL	NIL	Indent submitted but not yet received.
LEGNANO	9,000	NIL	Indent submitted but not yet received.
FOLGORE	NIL	NIL	Indent submitted but not yet received.
MANTOVA	9,300	9,300	Indent submitted but not yet received.

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

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INTER OFFICE INSTRUCTION

FILE: AG/2/15-a
SUBJECT: Shipping Tickets, Vouchers, - Numbering of

26 December 1944

TO : All Concerned.

1. Effective 1 January 1945 all Shipping Tickets and Vouchers to be presented to the Italian Government as a charge or as credit will be serially numbered beginning with one (1).

2. Tickets will be numbered as follows:

Ordnance	#1
Medical	#1
Subsistence	#1
Miscellaneous	#1

3. All tickets will contain the date, place of issue and authority for issue.

4. Ordnance and Medical will keep a check of their own numbers and ST Section will number Subsistence vouchers. The Accounting Section will number Miscellaneous vouchers.

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

FWC/r1
Copy to: Ord.
Med.
ST
Labor
Spec. Sec.
Signals
M.P.
G
AG

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RESTRICTED

Subject :- DOS Circulars.

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

S/G/29/13/3.
26 Dec., 44.

To :- 50, 51, 52, 53, 56 BLUs.

Herewith, for information, copies of the u/m circulars.

3482

No. 80 Appreciations.
No. 174 Boots Surgical and Shoes.
No. 175 Signal Equipment - Holdings of accessories in Workshops.

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Major General.
M.M.I.A.

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RESTRICTED

Subject :- Special Equipment Lists.

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

S/G/29/13/3
Dec., 44.

To :- 52 BLU.

Ref your ORD/12/85 dated 21st. Dec. 44. 3492

Herewith, as requested, four copies Special Equipment Lists for an Italian Combat Group.

Major General.
M.M.I.A.

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ARMY FORM C 2136 (Small) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No. 9/25

Call | Srl. No. | Priority | Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) Originator 56 BLU | Date Time of Origin 241800 | Office Date Stamp 624

For Action

TO MMIA 3/3

(W) For Information (INFO)

8/Sec.

Message Instructions 26/12 | GR

Originator's No. 913

RESTRICTED

Deficiencies ground shots 9300 and jersey pullovers 9300 ① Drawings indented for but not drawn 3491

This Message May Be Sent As Written By Any Means (Except) Wireless

Signed

If Liable To Be Intercepted Or To Fall Into Enemy Hands, This Message Must Be Sent In Cipher

Signed

Originator's Instructions Degree Of Priority

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Time cleared		

PSS/E.D.D. 100,000 3-44 (10)

Subject:- Training Equipment.

4424

29/13/3

56 B.L.U.
S.C.
21 Dec 44.

T.

Reference visit of Major Chadwick-Healy on 10 Dec 44.
Scales of trg equipment released by Q (AE) are :-

Detail. (a)	No. to be released subject to availability. (b)	No. actually released. (c)	No. Drawn. as at 17 Dec (d)	Remarks.
Motor Cycles	30	-	-	
Cars 2 str 4 x 2	6	-	-	
Trucks 15cwt 4 x 2	8	3	3	
Trucks 15 cwt FTW	3	-	-	
Trucks 15 cwt WT House	3	-	-	
Lorries 3 ton GS 4 x 2	8	6	6	
Lorries 7½ ton Lt Rec	2	-	-	
Tractors A/T	2	-	-	
Tractors FA	4	-	-	
Tractors LAA	3	-	-	
Carriers universal	12	-	-	
Carriers Lloyd	12	-	-	
Carriers Mortar	6	-	-	
Pistols Signal	24	24	-	3491
Rifles	4570	4570	70	
TSMGs	2512	2512	2512	
LMG Bren	72	72	12	
PsIAT	30	30	6	
Mortars 2in	15	10	10	
Mortars 3in	6	3	3	
Ordnance 6pr	15	15	-	
17pr	4	4	-	Being collected 18 Dec together with all guns on following days.
25pr	8	8	-	
40mm	6	6	-	
Binoculars No.2	50	25	25	
Directors No.7	3	8	8	
Compasses Prismatic	18	10	10	
Watches GS	25	25	25	
Mine detectors American	12	10	10	
Boards Artillery	6	-	-	

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Cars 2 str 4 x 2	6	-	-	
Trucks 15cwt 4 x 2	8	3	3	
Trucks 15 cwt FTW	3	-	-	
Trucks 15 cwt WT House	3	-	-	
Lorries 3 ton GS 4 x 2	8	6	6	
Lorries 7½ ton Lt Rec	2	-	-	
Tractors A/T	2	-	-	
Tractors FA	4	-	-	
Tractors LAA	3	-	-	
Carriers universal	12	-	-	
Carriers Lloyd	12	-	-	
Carriers Mortar	6	-	-	
Pistols Signal	24	24	-	3497
Rifles	4570	4570	70	
TSMGs	2512	2512	2512	
LMG Bren	72	72	12	
PaIAT	30	30	6	
Mortars 2in	15	10	10	
Mortars 3in	6	3	3	
Ordnance 6pr	15	15	-	Being collected 18 Dec together with all guns on following days.
17pr	4	4	-	
25pr	8	8	-	
40mm	6	6	-	
Binoculars No.2	50	25	25	
Directors No.7	3	8	8	
Compasses Prismatic	18	10	10	
Watches GS	25	25	25	
Mine detectors American	12	10	10	
Boards Artillery	6	-	-	

In The Field.
MH
Copy to:- MMIA.

A.D. Jordan Major
for Lt Col,
GS.

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LRKB V LRAR 7632
FROM 51 BLU 2(100A
TO HQ MMIA
GR 24 BT

Q7/4 RESTRICTED (.) YOUR SS492 OF 27 (.)
ONE (.) NO DEFS GROUND SHEETS AND PULLOVERS (.)
TWO (.) INDENTS SUBMITTED BLOUSES DENIM AND SLACKS
HD NOT YET DRAWN
SENT 1629 DGH VA
TMKS
RECD 1629A J O E "...-AR-..." (TKU2)

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ARMY FORM C 2136 (Small) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No. 23/24

Call	Srl No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions

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FROM (A) Originator: 53 BLU — Date-Time of Origin: 231645A — Office Date Stamp

S/Sec 24/2

For Action: MMLA

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions — CR

Originator's No.

AQ-Q21-620 Ref items SS 492 & 22nd Dec 62 Deficiencies & ground chute persons 3488 Pullovers nil O 18 Lowers Denim 3200 and slacks KD (grade) III 3200 indented for but NOT yet NOT yet drawn.

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS (EXCEPT / WIRELESS)	IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER	ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS—ORDER OF PRIORITY	Time	System	Op
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Signed	Signed		Time cleared		

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LRKE V LRAR 7359 .
QQX GR 23
FROM 50 FLU 231909
TO MMIA
Q954S. RESTRICTED . REF YOUR SS492 UNDATED . NO DEFICIENCIES GROUND SHEETS OR JERSEY PULLOVERS. OVERALLS INDENTED FOR ON 557 BOD BUT NOT YET RECEIVED .
BT
SENT HUGHES AR
CON INDENTED FOR ON
LAST LINE
RECD AAA AT 23/2130 A B2

8/Sec N108/23 73/23

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ARMY FORM C1546 (Small) **MESSAGE FORM**

Call	Sel. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions	Register No.
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29/12/42

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) Originator: D A D.O.S. 52 B.L.U. | Date-Time of Origin: 22 1610A | Office Date Stamp

For Action

TO M M I A. 416.

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions | GR

1632 GHQP/44

Originator's No.

OS/13. RESTRICTED Ò REFERENCE YOUR SSU92 OF 22ND DEC. O GROUNDSHEETS DEFICIENT 90000 JERSEYS PULLOVER DEFICIENT NIL O INDENT SUBMITTED FOR BLOUSES DENIM AND SLACKS K.D. BUT NOT YET DRAWN O

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS {EXCEPT Incl WIRELESS}	IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER	ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY	Time	System	Op.
SIGNED: H Hitchcock Major	SIGNED:	IMPORTANT	THI or TOR 3480		
			Time cleared		

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Subject: Special equipment lists.

29/13/2. J 18

52 British Liaison Unit,
G.H.Q.
ORD/12/82.
21 Dec. '44.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.F.C.
(L.F.S.C.A.F.C.),
G.H.Q.

1. Will you please forward to this office, four complete sets of Special Equipment Lists for an Italian Combat Group.

2. These are required for use by B.C.R.Cs. of this B.L.U. 3480

R.W.Gordon Major.
(R.W. GORDON)
D.A.D.O.S. 52 B.L.U.

/lmb.

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SUBJECT : Equipment - Tac Distribution

20/12/44.

50 Brit Liaison Unit

Chief of Staff

G/5/17

20 Dec 44

1. In all establishments and organisations of mil type, there are often anomalies in the distribution of equipment and particularly of vehs. It is the Brit practice in such cases for the Div, Regt, Bn Comds to redistribute equipment within their own/units according to tac and other requirements. This does NOT imply that a large scale redistribution of equipment is necessary, but the following points will show what is intended.

a) Because of shortage of certain types of vhl, the assault sqn sec of the bns have no vhl on est. The Ord Fd Pk, on the other hand has three cars 5 cwt 4x4 on est: this type of veh is quite unnecessary for a unit which never goes near the firing line and seldom leaves the vicinity of a metalled rd. The car 5 cwt 4x4 is, at the same time, the ideal veh for the assault sqn sec. There are probably numerous other similar examples in the Gp. It is for consideration that you should exercise this distribution of equipment with a view to internal redistribution within the Gp. Similarly, Regt, Bn and independent sub-unit comds should have the power to make internal adjustments within their own Tns and units. This is most important because it is the head of the unit who knows best what his own requirements are.

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b) The Gp has 175 compasses prismatic and 121 compasses magnetic in lieu of prismatic. The former is the much better equipment. It is obvious therefore that all Inf pl, coy, bn comds, all Arty bty and bty comds, all engr fd coy offrs should have the compass prismatic and other offrs who may be entitled to a compass, but who have really much less use for it, should be given the magnetic type. For instance, SO and regt staffs less possibly the comds and IOs, have little or no use for a compass. Similarly, RMO units, S&T, Wimps, etc etc, have little use for compasses, and where they are entitled to them they should be given the less efficient type. This should clearly be a rule in all matters of equipment th oughout the Gp and may be summarised by saying that the issue in quality and number, of all equipments, should be based not on rank or status of Tns or Hqs, but on real necessity.

c) There is at present a deficiency of 7x binoculars No 2 within the Gp. This deficiency should be borne entirely by units other than Inf, Arty and engrs all of whom should have full essential establishment. It should be remembered that even in the Inf bn, Hqs, Adj Offrs, FO Offrs etc have very little

is quite unnecessary for a unit which never goes near the firing line and seldom leaves the vicinity of a metalled rd. The car 5 cwt 4x4 is, at the same time, the ideal veh for the assault pln also. There are probably numerous other similar examples in the Gp. It is for consideration that you should examine this distribution of equipment with a view to internal redistribution within the Gp. Similarly, Regt, Bn and independent sub-unit cmds should have the power to make internal adjustments within their own fmns and units. This is most important because it is the cmd of the unit who knows best what his own requirements are.

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c) There is at present a deficiency of 7% binoculars No 2 within the Gp. This deficiency should be borne entirely by units other than Inf, Arty and engrs all of whom should have full essential entitlement. It should be remembered that even in the Inf bn, Fd, Adv Offrs, Tp Offrs etc have very little claim on binoculars and for that matter compasses prismatic.

2. Would you please forward your comments on this and also notify this office of any adjustments the Gp Cmd proposes to make.

Yours

H.M. Hall Harper

Lt Col
GS

GS
HMH/ats

Copy to : HQ [illegible]
G II(Org)
Maj AIH
Maj HPRH

Trg Offrs who see the org as first hand are in a position to advise on detailed adjustments.

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MESSAGE FORM

29/13/2.

From : MAIA

To : 50 BLU
51 BLU
52 BLU
53 BLU
56 BLU

Date - Time

22 1055 A

MS 492 RESTRICTED

Signal immediately deficiencies ground sheets and jerseys pullover (.)
Have you drawn blouses denim and slacks KD vide this H.Q. letter
S/Q/29/13/2 dated 11th Dec and AFHQ/9193/Q(AE) dated 6th

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Precedence IMPORTANT

Authenticating Officer

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J18

26/3/2 1600 A

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MMIA

52 B.L.U.

PENSOUTH

AQ 2446

RESTRICTED

FOR MMIA LO (.) IN REPLY TO YOUR Q7/2 OF 20 (.) TO
AVOID DELAY IN BLANKETS REACHING YOU RECOMMEND YOU
COLLECT FROM NAPLES IN YOUR OWN M.T. (.) MOVEMENT BY RAIL
NOT POSSIBLE BEFORE 10 JAN

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21/12

SPEC SEC

444

TO: MINISTRY OF WAR (2)

DATE 21 Dec 44

FROM: MMIA

SERIAL NO. AQ/ 82/3/56

21/13/3

AUTHORIZATION NOTICE

1. Reference your XXX E of W ltr. 2468/3/7 of 19.12.44 with Indent attached.

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

TO Dep. Addestramento Complementi per Grupp.i di Combattimento

Stationed at Cesano (BR-LIES) (Cat. 2)

Employed by

STOCK NO.	STANDARD NOMENCLATURE	AMOUNT
	Capa	1830

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STOCK NO.	STANDARD NOMENCLATURE	AMOUNT
	Caps	1330

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3. Purpose of issue .....

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

5. REMARKS .....

DISTRIBUTION:

MMIA LO ..... Naples (2)
MMIA ORD
FILE

Spec. Sec. ——

P/o Forma MMIA/ORD/3

For Major General
Military Mission Italian Army

A. G. - Nov. 1944

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[redacted]

Subject :- [redacted]

Air Forces (N.E.-Dist. A.C.
(N.E.A.F.-A)

A/S/20/1/3/3
2) Secy. Adm.

To :- SO ZED
S1 ZED
S2 ZED
S3 ZED
S5 ZED

Further to our A/S/39/1/1/2 of 12th Dec.
Herewith for Circulation No. 175 for information.

Major General,
N.E.A.F.

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File 42

MESSAGE FORM

From :- MMIA 13/3 Date - Time 1/1/45

To :- 51 BLU &c 21 A

SS 489 Restricted

Ref your Q 7/4 (.) Saws,petrol driven, are to be issued in lieu of Saws Pneumatic (.) Unnecessary to amend S.E.L. since alteration may be temporary only and AFHQ letter constituten general amendment

Precedence Important

Authenticating Officer

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SUBJECT: Protective Clothing for Italian Combat Groups and BRITIS

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.
TEL. NO. FREEDOM 427.
AFHQ/9193/Q(AE).
16 Dec 44.

H.Q., M.M.I.A.

Para 2 reads

"2. ITALIAN COMBAT GROUPS

(a) Additional Issues Already Made.

(i) Blouses, denim .....Qty 2,700
Slacks, K.D., Grade III..... " 2,700

The above were released for issue to M.T. Personnel, Fitters, etc.,

(ii) Blouses, denim.....Qty 500
Slacks, K.D., Grade III..... " 500

These were issued as a small pool for personnel other than those detailed above, employed on work of a dirty nature. Figures were supplied in your S/G/29/13/3 dated 25th November, 1944. 3478

(b) Proposed Releases

(i) Jersey, pullovers.....Qty 70,000
(ii) Slacks, K.D., Grade III..... " 70,000
(iii) Caps, Comforter..... .... " 70,000

Stocks of the above items have arrived at 557 B.O.D., NAPLES, and total quantities as stated above will be issued as soon as possible, with the exception of jerseys, pullover, of which only 23,000 are available for issue. An endeavour will be made to issue the balance as soon as stocks become available.

It is regretted that gloves, woolen, cannot be included in this scheme, as stocks are insufficient to meed normal commitments.

In connection with sheets, ground, will you please notify total deficiencies for Italian Combat Groups. Every effort will then be made to complete to scale with either sheets, ground or Capes, anti-gas. "

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

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
ORDNANCE (BRITISH)

Subject: DOS Circulars.

Ref: DOS/24
Tel: FREEDOM 612
Date: 18 Dec '44.

To: DADOS
54 BLU

Reference DDOS 3 District letter reference OS/113 dated 7 Dec '44.

Herewith complete set of DOS Circulars, as requested.

P. Craske.

(P.CRASKE, J.Comd. PA/DOS)
for Maj-Gen
D.O.S.

Copy to: DDOS 3 District - reference your above quoted.
DADOS MQ MMIA - Your S/G/29/13/2 of 15 Dec refers.

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SUBJECT: Clothing - Italian Combat Groups.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. S/C/29/13/2
20 Dec 44

TO : 51 BLU

Copy to: 10 CORPS

Reference your Q 10/1 dated 14 Dec.

1. There are many reasons which make it impossible to issue clothing to Italians, Officers or other ranks, on repayment.

2. Representations on behalf of Italian Officers have been made in the past and have been met with a firm NO.

3. It is felt that there is nothing new which justifies further application.

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Major General
M. M. I. A.

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Q
10 Corps

Subject :- Clothing - ITALIAN COMBAT GPS

To :-
HQ MMIA

51 British Liaison Unit

Q 10/1

1 The Comd CREMONA GRUPPO has raised the subject of a second Battle Dress for ITALIAN offrs.

2 He considers the provision of this desirable for the following reasons

(a) Many offrs are not in possession of an ITALIAN uniform in reasonable condition

(b) It is difficult for offrs to keep themselves smartly turned out, with only one uniform

3 The General does NOT ask for the provision of a second Battle Dress for offrs out of Public Funds but requests that they may be allowed to purchase from Allied Stocks.

4 I have considered this matter carefully before submitting to you and am of the opinion that it is desirable for offrs of this GRUPPO to be given the chance to keep up their present very reasonable standard of turnout. I therefore [redacted] recommend this case for your consideration.

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Field
14 Dec 44
RWM/RGT

B.W. Mellanby
Lt Col
General Staff

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RESTRICTED

SUBJECT: Issue Vouchers

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. S/G/29/13/2
19 Dec 44

TO : O.C. 6 A.O.D.

We have received your issue voucher 10/114 dated 30/11/1944 relating to 250 Saddles Harness. These are vouchered to Land Forces Sub Commission MMIA ADC CMF.

Since this HQ has no knowledge of any demand for these saddles, it would be appreciated if you could quote us who demanded and the number of such demand.

Authority for release is given as Ord/2/31 of 23 Nov 1944.

Major General
M. M. I. A.

File Note Voucher 10/114 returned
to AQ with copy of 13/2.

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RESTRICTED

SUBJECT: IVC Circulars.

LAND FORCES SWPA-COM. A.C.
(U.S.A.I.A.)
6/G/20/3/2
19 December 44

TO : 50 MAF
51 "
52 "
53 "
54 "
55 "

Further to our 6/G/20/3/2 of 12 Dec 44.

Herewith additional circulars, Corps Instructions and Amendments for information.

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For General
U.S.A.

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ARMY FORM C 2136 (Small) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No. 34/19

Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
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ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) Originator: 51 BLU — Date-Time of Origin: 181555 — Office Date Stamp: 605

For Action

TO: MMIA — 8/Sec

(W) For information (INFO)

Staff Officer RE — 19/-

Message Instructions — GR

Originator's No. Q7/4

Ref SEL for fold Coys in GRUPPO O Information (:) contained in AFHQ DOS/2212/ORD 2 of 8 indicates saws pneumatic 24 in (Section WI catalogue number WA 8380) issued to airborne units only under instructions War Office O Request SEL amended accordingly

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY

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TMI or TOR 181615		
Time cleared		

Signed

Signed

P.S.S./S/D30/100M-10-44

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CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Amendments to Special Equipment Lists for an Italian Combat Group.

Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
S/C/29/13/2
18 December 1944

TO : Ministry of War attn [illegible]
50, 51, 52, 53, 56, 55 BLUS

Herewith 2 copies of amendment to No 2 to Special Equipment List No 122/2 for Field Coy LCC for an Italian Combat Group.

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Major General
M.M.I.A.

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COPY

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CJ IE FHYCE . A/VR/8225 EX 12 VP

TO : LISTHREE 171405A

INFO: MAIN 15 ARMY GP
52 BLU
53 BLU
MMIA
38 VEH COY
4 GP 38 VEH COY

FX 70041 SECRET

RELEASED TO YOU FOR 3 AND 4 ITALIAN COMBAT GROUPS (.)
CARRIERS UNIVERSAL QTY 70 AND CARRIERS TRACKED TOWING
QTY 40 (.) KIT COMPLETE (.) FOR COLLECTION FROM PORTICI.

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WB

MMIA DIST.: S/Sec (2)
G (2)
ST (1)
FLOAT (1)

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SECRET

C/4512

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

3Lt/17

MSG Center No : NB-17
Classification : S
Precedence : —
From : AFHQ
To : ~~AFHQ~~ MMIA

Date | Time Rec'd : 171829A
Date | Time Sent : 171405A
Reference N.R. : FX-70041
Cite : FHYCE

RELEASED TO YOU FOR THREE AND FOUR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUPS P[FOX XRAY

SEVEN ZERO ZERO FOUR ON ACTION TO DISTHREE ~~RPT DISTHREE~~ INFORMATI

TO ~~MAINMMIA~~ MAIN FIFTEENTH ARMY GP ~~RPT GP~~ CLN FIVE TWO BLU ~~RPT BLU~~

CLN FIVE THREE BLU ~~RPT BLU~~ CLN MMIA ~~RPT MMIA~~ CLN THREE EIGHT VEH COY

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SUBJECT: D.O.S. Circulars

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. S/G/29/13/2
15 Dec 44

TO : AFHQ (Org Br.)

Copy to: D.D.O.S. 3 District
O.C. 55 HLU

Ref your DOS/24 dated 11 Dec 44.

The sets of D.O.S. Circulars forwarded with your DOS/24 of 20 Nov 44 were distributed to all HLUs on 12 Dec 44 under cover of our S/G/29/13/2.

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Major General
M. M. I. A.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
ORDNANCE (BRITISH)

Subject: DOS Circulars.

Ref: DOS/24
Tel: FREEDOM 812
Date: 11 Dec '44.

To: DADOS
HQ MMIA

Further to your S/G/29/13/2 dated 4 Nov '44.

Will you please supply DADOS 54 BLU with one complete set of DOS Circulars. Seven sets were sent to you for distribution to the BLUs under cover of DOS/24 of 20 Nov '44.

P. Craske

(P. CRASKE, J.Comd. PA/DOS)
for Maj-Gen
D.O.S.

Copy to: DDOS 3 District - ref your OS/113 of 7 Dec '44.

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SUBJECT: Amendment No 1 to Normal Equipment List for Italian Combat Group.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
8/G/29/13/2V
DEC 44

TO : CRD
56 MLU.

Reference your Crd/5 dated 13 Dec 44.

Attached hereto is copy of Amendment No 1 to Normal Equipment List as requested.

Major General
M.M.I.A.

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Land Force

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FROM ORD SG ELU

TO HM1A

ORDS(.) R E S T R I C T E D (.) AMENDMENT NO 1 TO NORMAL EQUIPMENT LIST FOR AN I T A L I A N COMBAT GROUP URGENTLY REQUIRED

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RD NR (537) " D LON " (1700) (B)

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
"M.E.I.A." A.C.C.
C.M.F.

RSA/S/1141

V.I. (XIV)
C.M.F.

Telescopes Sighting Italian	8	8	—
" Garrison Italian	1	1	—
" " Tripod	1	1	—
Section V.C XIV (CMF)			
Range Finder Italian Soretti P & S with Case	1	1	—
Stands Instrument Italian with Rotating Head. (Also leather bars).	1	1	—

"ALL ITEMS CHECKED AS DENTAL"

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M.(W.) A.C.D. ADMIRALTY

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V.1. (FLY)
G.R.d.

MSA/5/1141

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tti N & S with Cross
with Rotating Head.

MA/S 78/1-6/4
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SUBJECT: H.Q.S. Circulars

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. S/G/29/18/2
12 Dec 44

TO : H.A.P.O.S.
50, 51, 52, 53, 56, 5 Mls

Herewith, for information, copies of the u/m Circulars and Amendments:

No. 82 Amendment No. 1

No. 170 "B" Vehicles operated by Royal Navy.

Major General
M. M. I. A.

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No copies for file.
Remaining copies (2) give to Lt. Head.

Lt. 13/12.

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SUBJECT: Special Equipment Lists

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(M.M.I.A.)
File No. S/G/89/15/2
17 Dec 44

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR and extra COPIES
89, 51, 58, 63, 96, 99 AIUs

Herewith copies of the following Special Equipment Lists for information.

SEL 104/1 Motor Ambulance Convoy VI/719/1

Major General
M. M. I. A.

3464

8/Sec.
1212

Subject:- Special Equipment Lists.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

AFHQ/5506/0(AD)

Date ....10/12/44....

To ...M.M.I.A.....
.....C.M.F.....

Herewith 26... copies of each of the following Special Equipment Lists for your information.

S.E.E. No.	Unit	W.E.
....184/1.....	....Motor Ambulance Convoy.....	....V1/719/4....
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D.F. LOVELL, Capt.,
for Intendant, A(AD).

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S.E.I. No.	Unit	M.E.
194/1	Motor Ambulance Convoy	VI/719/1.

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D.D. LOWELL, Capt.,
for Brigadier, D(AR).

Instructions issued.

1/6 20/3/2.

Lines of War and other Stores.
No 1 12 13 66 65 S.I.

8 copies.

Herewith copies of the following Special Equipment Lists for issue

SEIs 194/1 Motor Ambulance Convoy. VI/719/1

Mot. Gen.

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SUBJECT: Equipment for Italian Groups

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.E.I.A.)
File No. S/3/29/13/8
11 Dec 44

TO : SO, S1, S2, S3, S4, S5 M.E.I.A.

Attached copy of AFHQ letter AFHQ/9133/1(AE) of 7 December is forwarded for information and/or action.

Major General
M. E. I. A.

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SUBJECT: Equipment for Italian Groups

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Tel. No. Freedom 427

AFHQ/9193/Q(AR)

7 Dec 44

H.Q.,
M.M.I.A.

Reference your S/G/29/13 dated 29 Nov 44.

1. The addition of Haversacks, MK patt. 37 is being made to the Normal Equipment List for Italian Combat Groups. This is now in the course of publication.

2. Please instruct D.A.D.O.S. B.L.Os to indent on Ordnance in the normal way.

3. With regard to your para 2 the whole question of additional clothing for Italian Combat Groups is being investigated and a decision will be communicated to you as soon as possible.

(Sgd) S. S. A. Clarke,
/T/ S. S. A. CLARKE, J. Comd.
for Major General G-4(Br)

BSAG/JB

Copy to: Q(AE) Staff.

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Subject: Amendment to Special Equipment List - Italian Combat Group

LAND FORCES MEDITERRANEAN,A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. G/3/29/13/2
11 Dec 44

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR and ctm CMSN
BG, BJ, BS, BE, BG, BH Bldg

Herewith copies of the following Special Equipment Lists for your information:-

SEL 185/1	Italian Field Surgical Unit	MA/S75/1
SEL 186/1	Italian Field Hospital	MA/S76/1

for General
M. M. I. A.

3457

Subject:- Special Equipment Lists.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

AFHQ/6508/0(AE)

To ..M.M.I.A.....
.....C.M.F.....

Date .....8/12/44....

Herewith .25. copies of each of the following Special Equipment Lists for your information.

S.E.L. No.	Unit.	W.E.
....185/1.....	..Italian Field Surgical Unit	NA 575/1
....186/1.....	Italian Field Hospital	NA 574/1
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D.J. LONDIAN, Capt.,
for Brigadier, [illegible]

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SUBJECT: Amendments to Normal Equipment List - Italian Combat Group

LAND FORCES GEN-SOM. A.G.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. G/3/89/13/M
Log 44

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR and also ZONE
SO, EI, SS, SE, SG, MF-MIM

Herewith copies of Amendment No. 7 to the Normal Equipment List for an Italian Combat Group.

Major General
M. M. I. A.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

AFHQ/6508/2/9(AE).

Date .....7/12/44.....

Subject:- Amendments to Normal Equipment List for An Italian Combat Group.

To .....MMIA.....

.....C.M.F.....

Herewith 25... copies of Amendment No. .7..... to the Normal Equipment List for An Italian Combat Group.

D.F. LOUSMAN, Capt.,
for Brigadier, Q(AF).

Subject: Items of Italian Accommodation Stores and Equipment for BR-ITIS.

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

/0 Dec 44.

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

a. Items so allotted will include:-

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

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

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

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

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

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

WAS/wk

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Palliasses
Shelter Tents (including pins and poles)

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F. J. Noakes

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

GAS/wk

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All MMIA LOs
CMD (2)
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

ORDNANCE (BRIT)

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Release No. DOS/ A/M/8207 *Date* 8 December. 1944.

To 38 VEHICLE COY. C.M.F.

The undermentioned vehicles will be issued from 12 Vehicle Park. 4 VEHICLE GRP.

to H.Q. 3 District for 3 and 4 Italian Combat Groups.

Qty	DESIGNATION	Serial No.	REMARKS
70	Carriers Universal		Kits Nos 1, II and III (Initial issue) for collection by units.
40	Carriers Trooked Towing		

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Distribution:
Q (AE) A.F.H.Q.
Formation District as above [2]
Vehicle Coy. 38
Vehicle Park. 12 4 Veh Grp.
MTA.

A. HOBBS, Major, D.D.O.S. "A" Vehicles for

MAJ. GEN.
D.O.S.
A.F.H.Q.

P&S A 3528 3M 11-44

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SPECIAL EQUIPMENT LISTS - AMENDMENTS

54 BLU
ORD 3
5 Dec 44

E.L.S.

MALA

May this office please be furnished with

Amendment No 3 to Special Equipment List No 136/1
for an Infantry Bn, Italian Combat Gp.

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Major
D.A.D.O.S., 54 BLU
T.W.MORGAN

TO: MINISTRY OF WAR (2)

FROM: MMIA

DATE 10 Nov 1944

SERIAL NO. AQ 6[illegible]8

AUTHORIZATION NOTICE

1. Reference your letter 6260/C dated 7 Dec 44 ITALIAN XXXX

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

TO 429 Camp Hospital (BR-ITIS) (Cat. 2)

Stationed at

Employed by Gruppi

STOCK NO.	STANDARD NOMENCLATURE	AMOUNT
	Beds	150
	Mattresses	150
	Sheets, bed	450
	Pillow Cases	200
	Pillows	150

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Beds	150
Mattresses	150
Sheets, bed	450
Pillow Cases	200
Pillows	150

3. Purpose of issue to equip Fd. Hospitals with Gruppi

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

5. REMARKS

DISTRIBUTION

MMIA LO Naples (2)
MMIA ORD
FILE

D.A.D.R.S.
Spec. Sec. ——

For Major General
Military Mission Italian Army

Pro Forma MMIA/ORD/2

A. C. - Nov. 1944

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TO: MINISTRY OF WAR (2)

FROM: MMIA

DATE 10 Dec. 44

SERIAL NO AQ 60/8/38

AUTHORIZATION NOTICE

1. Reference your letter 8260/ G dated 7 Dec 44

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

TO 519 Camp Hospital (SR-ITIS)(Cat. 2)

Stationed at:

Employed by Gruppi

STOCK NO.	STANDARD NOMENCLATURE	AMOUNT
	Beds	150
	Mattresses	150
	Sheets, bed	450
	Pillow Cases	200
	Pillows	150

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Beds	150
Mattresses	150
Sheets, bed	450
Pillow Cases	200
Pillows	150

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3. Purpose of issue to equip Fd. Hospitals with Gruppi

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

5. REMARKS

DISTRIBUTION:

MMIA LO (2)
MMIA ORD Naples 1
FILE

D.A.D.M.S.
Spec. Sec.

For Major General
Military Mission Italian Army

Pro Forma MMIA ORD 2

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TO: MINISTRY OF WAR (2)

FROM: MMIA

DATE 10 Dec. 44

SERIAL NO. AQ/ 602/40

AUTHORIZATION NOTICE

1. Reference your letter 6280/C dated 7 Dec 44
2. Authority is granted to issue the u/n items from ALLIED SOURCES.

TO 470 Camp Hospital (XX-ITIs) (Cat. 2)

Stationed at

Employed by Gruppi

STOCK NO.	STANDARD NOMENCLATURE	AMOUNT
	Beds	150
	Mattresses	150
	Sheets, bed	450
	Pillow Cases	200
	Pillows	150

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Beds	150
Mattresses	150
Sheets, bed	450
Pillow Cases	200
Pillows	150

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3. Purpose of issue to equip Fd. Hospitals with Group I

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

5. REMARKS

DISTRIBUTION:

MMIA LO (2)
MMIA ORD Naples 1
FILE

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Spec. Sec.

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For Major General
Military Mission Italian Army

A. C. - Nov. 1941

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TO: MINISTRY OF WAR (2)

FROM: MMIA

DATE 10 Dec. 44

SERIAL NO. AQ 60/2/41

AUTHORIZATION NOTICE

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1. Reference your letter 6260/C dated 7 Dec 44

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

TO 866 Camp Hospital (MR-ITIS) (Cat. 2)

Stationed at

Employed by Gruppi

STOCK NO.	STANDARD NOMENCLATURE	AMOUNT
	Beds	150
	Mattresses	150
	Sheets, bed	450
	Pillow Cases	300
	Pillows	150

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Beds	150
Mattresses	150
Sheets, bed	450
Pillow Cases	200
Pillows	150

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3. Purpose of issue to equip Fd. Hospital with Gruppl

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

5. REMARKS

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MMIA ORD Naples 1[2]
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Spec. Sec.

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Military Mission Italian Army

Pro Forma MMIA ORD 2

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TO: MINISTRY OF WAR (2)

FROM: MMIA

DATE 10 Dec. 44

SERIAL NO AQ 60/3/42

AUTHORIZATION NOTICE

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1. Reference your letter 6260/C dated 7 Dec. 44
DATED

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

TO 522 Camp Hospital (US-ITIS) (Cat. 2)

Stationed at

Employed by Gruppi

STOCK NO.	STANDARD NOMENCLATURE	AMOUNT
	Beds	150
	Mattresses	150
	Sheets, bed	450
	Pillow Cases	200
	Pillows	150

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Beds	150
Mattresses	150
Sheets, bed	450
Pillow Cases	200
Pillows	150

3. Purpose of issue to equip Fd. Hospital with Gruppi

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

5. REMARKS

DISTRIBUTION:

MMIA LO
MMIA ORD
FILE

Naples (2)1

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For Major General
Military Mission Italian Army

A. C. - Nov. 1944

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TO: MINISTRY OF WAR (2)

FROM: MMIA

DATE 10 Dec. 44

SERIAL NO. AQ 80/2/43

AUTHORIZATION NOTICE

1. Reference your letter 6860/C dated 7 Dec. 44

2. Authority is granted to issue the u/m items from ~~ALLIED~~ ITALIAN SOURCES.

TO 576 Camp Hospital (EM-ITIS) (Cat. 2)

Stationed at

Employed by Gruppi

STOCK NO.	STANDARD NOMENCLATURE	AMOUNT
	Beds	150
	Mattresses	150
	Sheets, bed	450
	Pillow Cases	200
	Pillows	150

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STOCK NO.	STANDARD NOMENCLATURE	AMOUNT
	Beds	150
	Mattresses	150
	Sheets, bed	450
	Pillow Cases	200
	Pillows	150

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3. Purpose of issue to equip Fd. Hospital with Group 1

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

5. REMARKS

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MMIA ORD Naples 1(2)
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Military Mission Italian Army

A. C. - Nov. 1944

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TO: MINISTRY OF WAR (2)

FROM: MMIA

DATE 10 Dec. 44

SERIAL NO. AQ 80/2/44

AUTHORIZATION NOTICE

1. Reference your letter 6260/C dated 7 Dec. 44

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

TO 229 Camp Hospital (BR-ITIS) (Cat. 2)

Stationed at

Employed by Gruppi

STOCK NO.	STANDARD NOMENCLATURE	AMOUNT
	Beds	150
	Mattresses	150
	Sheets, bed	450
	Pillow Cases	300
	Pillows	150

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STOCK NO.	STANDARD NOMENCLATURE	AMOUNT
	Beds	150
	Mattresses	150
	Sheets, bed	450
	Pillow Cases	200
	Pillows	150

3. Purpose of issue to equip 72 Hospital with Gruppi

4. In compliance with para. 3 MMIA Adm Inst. No. 1, items will be withdrawn in exchange for items issued.

5. REMARKS

DISTRIBUTION:

MMIA LO
MMIA ORD Naples 1(2)
FILE
D.A.D.M.S.
Spec. Sec.

Pro Forma MMIA ORD/2

For Major General
Military Mission Italian Army

A. C. - Nov. 1944

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TO: MINISTRY OF WAR (2)

FROM: MMIA

DATE 10 Dec. 44

SERIAL NO. AQ 60/B/45

AUTHORIZATION NOTICE

1. Reference your letter 6280/C dated 7 Dec. 44 ITALIAN

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

TO 964 Camp Hospital (ER-ITIS) (Cat. P)

Stationed at

Employed by Gruppl

STOCK NO.	STANDARD NOMENCLATURE	AMOUNT
	Beds	150
	Mattresses	150
	Sheets, bed	450
	Pillow Cases	200
	Pillows	150

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Beds	150
Mattresses	150
Sheets, bed	450
Pillow Cases	200
Pillows	150

3. Purpose of issue to equip Fd Hospital with Gruppi

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

5. REMARKS

DISTRIBUTION:

MMIA LO
MMIA ORD Naples (2)
FILE
D.A.D.M.S.
Spec. Sec. ——

Pro Forma MMIA ORD/2

For Major General
Military Mission Italian Army

A. C. - Nov. 1944

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TO: MINISTRY OF WAR (2)

DATE 10 Dec.

FROM: MMIA

SERIAL NO. AQ 80/8/46

AUTHORIZATION NOTICE

1. Reference your letter 6260/S dated 7 Dec. 44

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

TO 520 Camp Hospital (RN-ITIS) (Cat. E)

Stationed at

Employed by Gruppi

STOCK NO.	STANDARD NOMENCLATURE	AMOUNT
	Beds	150
	Mattresses	150
	Sheets, bed	450
	Pillow Cases	200
	Pillows	150

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STOCK NO.	STANDARD NOMENCLATURE	AMOUNT
	Beds	150
	Mattresses	150
	Sheets, bed	450
	Pillow Cases	200
	Pillows	150

3. Purpose of issue: to equip Fd Hospital with Gruppi

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

5. REMARKS:

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For Major General
Military Mission Italian Army

A. C. - Nov. 1944

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TO: MINISTRY OF WAR (2)

FROM: MMIA

DATE 10 Dec. 1944

SERIAL NO AQ 60/B/37

AUTHORIZATION NOTICE

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1. Reference your letter 6260/C dated 7 Dec. 44

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

TO 232 Camp Hospital (BR-ITIS) (Cat. 2)

Stationed at

Employed by Gruppi

STOCK NO.	STANDARD NOMENCLATURE	AMOUNT
	Beds	150
	Mattresses	150
	Sheets, bed	450
	Pillow Cases	200
	Pillows	150

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Beds	150
Mattresses	150
Sheets, bed	450
Pillow Cases	200
Pillows	150

3. Purpose of issue to equip Fd. Hospitals with Gruppi.

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

5. REMARKS

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TO: MINISTRY OF WAR (2)

DATE 10 Dec. 1944

FROM: MMIA

SERIAL NO. AQ [illegible]

AUTHORIZATION NOTICE

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1. Reference your letter 6260/C dated 7 Dec 44

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

TO 230 Camp Hospital (DR-ITIS)(Cat. 2)

Stationed at

Employed by Gruppi

STOCK NO.	STANDARD NOMENCLATURE	AMOUNT
	Beds	150
	Mattresses	150
	Sheets, bed	450
	Pillow Cases	200
	Pillows	150

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STOCK NO.	STANDARD NOMENCLATURE	AMOUNT
	Beds	150
	Mattresses	150
	Sheets, bed	450
	Pillow Cases	200
	Pillows	150

3. Purpose of issue: to equip Fd. Hospitals with Group I

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

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TO: MINISTRY OF WAR (2)

FROM: MMIA

DATE 10 Dec 44

SERIAL NO. AQ 389

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AUTHORIZATION NOTICE

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1. Reference your letter 6260/3 dated 7 Dec. 44

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

TO 331 Camp Hospital XXXXX (2E-1TIN) (Cat. 2)

Stationed at

Employed by Gruppi

STOCK NO.	STANDARD NOMENCLATURE	AMOUNT
	Beds	150
	Mattresses	150
	Sheets, Bed	450
	Pillow Cases	200
	Pillows	150

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Beds	150
Mattresses	150
Sheets, Bed	450
Pillow Cases	200
Pillows	150

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3. Purpose of issue to equip Fd Hospital with Gruppi

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

5. REMARKS

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SUBJECT: Ordnance - Clothing

Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) 3/G/28/13/2
December 11

TO : 50, 51, 52, 53, 55, 56 M.U.s.

Attached AFHQ letter AFHQ/5193/Q(AS) dated 6 Dec 44 is forwarded for information and action if necessary.

Major General
M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT: General - Clothing

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.
TEL. NO. FREEDOM 427.
AFHQ/9193/G(AF).
6 Dec 44.

M.G.
M.M.I.A.

References your G/G/29/13/3 dated 25 Nov 44.

1. Arrangements have been made with Ordnance for the following to be issued to M.T. Personnel, Fitters, etc., of Italian Combat Groups.

(a)	Blouses, denim	Qty	2,700
	Slacks, K.D. Grade III	"	2,700
(b)	Coal for those employed on work of a dirty nature :		
	Blouses, denim	Qty	500
	Slacks, K.D. Grade III	"	500

2. Please instruct M.G. to indent on Ordnance in the usual manner.

(Sgd)
B.G.A. CLARK, J. Cond.,
for Major General G-4 (Sr.)

BRAC/WFH

Copy to Ord (Sr) - conversation (Major Parsons - J. Cond. Clarke) of todays date refers.

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SUBJECT: Equipment of Legnano and Folgore Groups.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM., A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
S/G/29/13/2
December 44

TO : 52, 53, HQs.

Attached is AFHQ letter AFHQ/6442/Q(AR) dated 5 Dec 44, which is forwarded for information and action if necessary.

Major General
M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT: Equipment of Legnano and Folgore Groups.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Tele No. Freedom 518

AFHQ/6442/Q(AE)

5 Dec 44

M.M.I.A.

The following is the phased programme suggested for re-equipment of Legnano and Folgore Gruppi.

1. Vehicles

	'A' Vehs.	'B' Vehicles
By 1 Dec		Maintenance Scale
8 Dec	25%	33⅓%
15 Dec	50%	60%
22 Dec	75%	80%
29 Dec	100%	100%

2. Controlled Stores

Arty Eqpts, Small Arms and other Staff Controlled Stores have all been released to 3 District to full extent of availability. They should be drawn as required **after** liaison with the Staff and D.D.C.S. 3 District.

3. Uncontrolled Stores

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Up to 15 Dec 44 both Gruppi will be issued with all possible stores concurrently with other priorities as laid down by the General Staff. From 15 - 30 Dec 44 both Gruppi will receive top priority for equipment.

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

JJS/MR

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SUBJECT: Equipment for Italian Groups. ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Tel. No. Freedom 427

AFHQ/9193/9(AE).

1 Dec. 44.

H.Q.,
M.M.I.A.

Reference your S/G/29/13 dated 28 Nov.44.

1. The addition of Haversacks, WE patt.37 is being made to the Normal Equipment List for Italian Combat Groups. This is now in the course of publication.

2. Please instruct D.A.D.O.S. B.L.Us to indent on Ordnance in the normal way.

3. With regard to your para.2 the whole question of additional clothing for Italian combat Groups is being investigated and a decision will be communicated to you as soon as possible.

J. M. Clarke

B.S. ~~A. Brooks~~, J.Comd.,
for Major General G-4.(Br).

BSAC/JB
Copy to: G(AG) Secta.

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C O P Y

FROM: MMIA

TO : H2 52 AREA 081740A

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For MMIA LO (.) Your Q 74 of 7 Dec (.) ST ANDREWs stock of blankets will not repeat not be used to equip men going to TRANI (.) TEANO is now able to take your four seven three so please move them (.) No additional personnel to TEANO after above for the present (.) Your TLC nineteen of thirty Nov (.) You will be in order to instruct ITI Comp Comd to tell people who went on leave then PIEDIMONTE to report to TEANO instead (.) For MMIA LO TEANO (.) This means three seven four bodies will report TEANO from leave between seventeen and thirty one Dec

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

Distribution: M/W
52 SLU for MMIA LO
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Subject:- Training Equipment.

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54 BLD.
G 5.
5 Dec.44.

To:- H.Q. MANTOVA Div. DADOS. 54 BLD.

Copy:- H.Q. MMIA. DMT.

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1. The following suggested distribution of Training Equipment will be taken only as a general guide, and may be subject to amendments from time to time.

Training Equipment Authorised.

Number authorised.	Equipment.	78	114 Arty	Gen S &	BRD	GC & RM	Inf School
8	25 Pdr Complete			8			
6	40 MM "						
4	17 Pdr "			6			
18	6 Pdr "			4			
24	PIAT	7	8				
60	LMG Bren	8	8	1	3	1	3
3	Directors Arty) No.7.)	20	20	3	6	2	1	1	8
10	Compasses) Prismatic)			3					
20	Binoculars No.8.			6	2				2
25	Watches			18					7
24	Pistols Signal	Not to be issued yet.							
10	Mine Detectors) American)	11 11							9
10	2" Mortar	Not to be issued till SCRE can establish a school.							
8	3" Mortar								10
8500	"SMG)								7
4500	Rifles)	As directed by Capo di S. .							48
									60

2. These items of equipment are part of the Gruppo's War Equipment (S.1028) and must be maintained scrupulously from the beginning.

3. The method of issue will be in bulk from DADOS 54 BLD to Deposito Mobile MANTOVA Group who will keep careful records of distribution.

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8	25 Pdr Complete			8							
6	40 MM "			6							
4	17 Pdr "			4							
15	6 Pdr "	7	8								
24	PIAT	8	8	1	5	1					3
60	LMG Bren	90	90	5	6	2	1	1			8
3	Directors Arty) No.7.)			3							
10	Compasses) Prismatic)			6	2						8
27	Binoculars No.2.			16							7
25	Watches	Not to be issued yet.									
24	Pistols Signal	11	11								2
10	Mine Detectors) American)	Not to be issued till SCRE can establish a school.									
10	2" Mortar										10
3	3" Mortar										3
9600	TSMG)	As directed by Capo di S. .									48
4500	Rifles)										60

2. These items of equipment are part of the Gruppo's War Equipment (S.1098) and must be maintained scrupulously from the beginning.

3. The method of issue will be in bulk from DADOS 54 BLU to Deposito Mobile CARTOVA Group who will keep careful records of distribution.

4. Except for pistols, which are not yet in issue, the Rifles and TSMGs appear to be the full War Scale of personal weapons for the whole Group.
It is NOT desired to issue to REPO and Sms a greater number of these personal weapons than the number of men at present on their strength.

5. The balance of Rifles and TSMGs will be stored in bulk by DADOS 54 BLU until he is satisfied that the Deposito Mobile can store them under dry conditions.

6. DADOS 54 BLU will insure a supply of oil and rag for maintenance.

7. It is assumed that this list of authorised Equipment is in addition to the 70 Rifles, 12 TSMGs, 12 Brens, 6 Piats already issued to the Inf Wpn Trg School.

E.R. Chadwyck Healey, Major for Lt-Col.
GS.54 BLU.

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Reference your AFHQ /6508/2/Q(AE) dated 1 (.) Amendment considered necessary since platoons of 64 men each work independently.

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SUBJECT: Gruppi - Clothing 526.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.
TEL. NO. FREEDOM 427.
AFHQ/9193/Q(AG).
6 Dec 44.

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H.Q.
M.M.I.A.

Reference your 3/G/25/13/3 dated 25 Nov 44.

1. Arrangements have been made with Ordnance for the following to be issued to M.T.Personnel, Fitters, etc., of Italian Combat Groups.

(a) Blouses, denim Qty 2,700

Slacks, K.D. Grade III " 2,700

(b) Pool for those employed on work of a dirty nature :

Blouses, denim Qty 500

Slacks, K.D. Grade III " 500

2. Please instruct HQUs to indent on Ordnance in the usual manner.

For Major General G-4 (Br.)
J.S.A. CLARKE, J. Comd.,

EGAC/WFH

Copy to: Ord (Br) - conversation (Major Parsons - J. Comd. Clarke) of to-days date refers.

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Subject:- Blankets - FRIULI Combat Gp.

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY
Tel:- FILPOT 201
3600/1/Q(AB)
6 Dec 44.

50 B.L.U.

Copy to:- 1 District.
MMIA
G (Trg)
3666/Q(AB)

8/12

Ref para 36 of Minutes of Conference held at this Hq on 29 Nov and forwarded under reference 2004/40/G(Trg) dated 1 Dec 44.

1. Everything possible has been done by this Hq to obtain an increased scale of blankets for the Gruppi. The present position may be summarised as follows :-

(a) The official scale for ER-ITIS, as you are aware, is two per man.

(b) AFHQ have stated that this scale cannot be increased from British stocks, as owing to a world wool shortage, there are already inadequate supplies for British troops.

(c) MMIA are obtaining a consignment of Italian blankets from Sardinia, and it has been arranged that a quantity of these will be issued to FRIULI to provide a third blanket per man.

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2. MMIA will advise you as soon as the blankets ex Sardinia become available.

Major General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

DAG.

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SUBJECT: Italian Combat Groups.

FROM: ALLIED FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M E T A)
SD/18
DTG 11

TO: Ministry of War.

The Italian Combat Groups (POLISH and BRITISH) will not be equipped with Beretta Automatic Rifles but they will be equipped with British weapons in accordance with the policy agreed in respect of these Groups.

Capt Pinkley
Major
for Major General
A.M.I.A.

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TEXT : Special requirement (action) to AP 0.1899 - 1900. 20/13/3. 319

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Q(AS) AFHQ.

Copy to :- Land Forces sub Commission AC (LFSA).
(Your A/F/29/13/3 of 26 Nov refers).

Reference your G3G/5/2(AS) number 336 dated 25 Oct 44 which has been forwarded to this Directorate by Land Forces sub Commission AC (LFSA).

A NIL report is rendered in respect of pending items to Italian Cadre Groups.

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F. Brig.,
D.M.T.

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FROM DDOS L OF C CMF 07 NT

TO HQ MMIA

INFO DOS AFHQ OC C CLOTHING AND REP FACTORY OO RSD 557 BOD

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LC735 . RESTRICTED . FOR HEAD . SUBJECT GRADE III CLOTING .
FOLLOWING REPAIRED GARMENTS AWAITING YOUR URGENT COLLECTION FROM
C CLOTING AND REPAIR FACTORY NAPLES . BLOUSES BD 30000 TROUSERS
BD 50000 GREATCOATXXXX GREATCOASTS 9000 TROUSERS OD 46450
JACKETS OD 730 TROUSERS KD 1820 JACETS FIELD 2165 TROUSERS DENIM
1000 BLOUSES DENIM 1000 . ALSO 15000 BTXXX BOOTS FRO RSD 557 BOD .
EARLY COLLECTION IMPERATIVE . WEEKLY ARISINGS GARMENTS APPROX
10000 BOOTS 5000 NECESSARY YOU ARRANGE REGULAR COLLECTION

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SUBJECT: D.O.S. Circulars.

Local Forces Echelon, A.C.
(H.Q.J.A.)
A/G/29/3/2
Dec 44

TO : DADs OS all H.Q's.

1. Herewith Sets of D.O.S. Circulars.

2. In some cases these sets are not complete because of the difficulty in securing enough copies for this distribution. For the greater part, however, those circulars stating have been cancelled.

3. It is thought they may be useful in keeping you up to date with ordnance directives.

4. Further Circulars will be sent you as published.

Major General
H.Q.J.A.

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Ack make.

Copies (6 cks) sent and
B Hds.
Maj Head has one Ref.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
CHIEFTAIN (BRITISH)

Subject: DOS Circulars.

Ref: DOS/24
Tel: FREEDOM 495
Date: 20 Nov '44.

To: DADOS
HQ MTOTA

Reference your S/G/29/13/2 dated 4 Nov '44.

Herewith complete set of DOS Circulars, with amendments, as requested.

(A.I.WILSON, Brigadier, DDOS)
for Maj-Gen
D.O.S.

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Subject :- Equipment of Legnano and Folgore Gruppi.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Tele No. Freedom 518

AFHQ/6442/3(AG)

5 Dec 44

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M.M.I.A.

The following is the phased programme suggested for re-equipment of Legnano and Folgore Gruppi.

1. Vehicles

	'A' Vehs.	'B' Vehicles
By 1 Dec		Maintenance Scale
8 Dec	25%	33⅓%
15 Dec	50%	60%
22 Dec	75%	80%
29 Dec	100%	100%

2. Controlled Stores

Arty Eqpts, Small Arms and other Staff Controlled Stores have all been released to 3 District to full extent of availability. They should be drawn as required after liaison with the Staff and D.D.G.S. 3 District. 3/24

3. Uncontrolled Stores

Up to 15 Dec 44 both Gruppi will be issued with all possible stores concurrently with other priorities as laid down by the General Staff. From 15 - 30 Dec 44 both Gruppi will receive top priority for equipment.

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

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SUBJECT : Training Scales of Equipment.

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DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY TRAINING
AFHQ CMF

Tel : [illegible]

DMT/[illegible]/44/[illegible]

5 Dec 44.

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52 ITAL GRP.
53 ITAL GRP.

Copy to :- 54 ITAL c/o [illegible] C.M.T.C.
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1. Will you please forward to this Directorate as soon as ever possible a complete and up to date list of all training scales of equipment including vehicles, now held. This information is required to check records held by this Directorate and so that arrangements can be made to replace outstanding deficiencies.

2. Information has now been received from (AG) AFHQ that Releases are now being authorised for entitlement scales of all (AG) Controlled stores to LEGNANO and FOLGORE Italian Combat Groups. Collection instructions will be issued by HQ 3 District.

3. The undermentioned items of equipment have already been released to HQ 3 District for each Combat Group :-

Rifles No.4	330
Bren LMG	440
[illegible]'s	43

4. Training scales already held, of these items only viz

Rifles No.4	4500
Bren LMG	96
[illegible]'s	2500

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will now be taken on charge as part of G.1098 and retained against entitlement.

5. All other items of Training Scales of Equipment will be handed over to No.5 (MANTOVA) Italian Combat Group by both LEGNANO and FOLGORE Combat Groups immediately after the G.1098 equipment has been drawn. Detailed lists of this equipment will be forwarded in due course together with disposal dates.

[signature] Major.
F.[illegible] Brig.,
D.M.T.

[initials] 7/12

DT/[illegible]

BU/ps

Tit 5/6/29/13

MINISTERO DELLA GVERRA

3. Sec

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Prot. 7-30k329/C.A. *Allegati*

Risposta al f.to del

Roma, 15 novembre 1944

Div. Sez. 7ª

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OGGETTO: versamento materiali esuberanti.

Retromissione materiale

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

A seguito e precisazione di informazioni verbali, comunico che il comando militare della Campania non ha mai rifiutato di accettare i materiali italiani esuberanti del gruppo di combattimento "Friuli".

I versamenti hanno subito solamente alcune temporanee interruzioni per:

- indisponibilità di locali, per i materiali di artiglieria;
- scoppio della polveriera di Carditello, per il munizionamento.

Il giorno 24 ottobre u.s. i versamenti stessi sono stati regolarmente ripresi.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO ALLA GUERRA
(generale G.B.Oxilia)

G. Oxilia

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(generale G.B.Oxilia)

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SUBJECT: Special Equipment Lists

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.E.I.A.)
File No. S/S/SE/12/E
Dec 44

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR and AIR ARMS
GG, EI, EE, IE, EA, GS Mils

Herewith 2 copies of each of the following Special Equipment Lists for your information:--

S.E.L. No.	Unit	E.E.
178/1	An Italian Transit Camp	MA/S69/1
179/1	An Italian Hob. X-Ray Unit	MA/S76/1

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Major General
M. E. I. A.

3/2

Subject:- Special Equipment Lists.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

AFHQ/S508/0(AM)

To ...M.M.I.A.....
.....C.M.F.....

Date .....3/12/44.....

Herewith 25.. copies of each of the following Special Equipment Lists for your information.

S.E.L. No.	Unit	W.E.
...178/1.....	..An Station Transit Camp...	NA/598/1.
...179/1.....	An Station Mob X Ray Unit	NA/516/1.
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D.P. LONDON, Capt.,
for Brigadier, D(AE).

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Memo covering lists prepared for your signature if

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S.E.L. No.	Unit	W.D.
178/1	An Station Transit Camp.	NA/598/1
179/1	An Station Mob X Ray Unit	NA/576/1.

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D.F. LOUDEN, Capt.,
for Brigadier, D.A.D.,

Memo concerning below
prepared for Jan Signature
file.

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SUBJECT: Special Equipment List - Field Coy., Engineers Btn.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

TEL.NO. FREEDOM 971

AFHQ/6508/2/Q(AB)

1 Dec.44.

HQ., M.M.I.A.
C.M.F.

Reference Signal Q7/4 of 24 Nov from 51 B.L.U. to you.

1. Will you please state if you recommend the increased scale of cookers for a Field Coy., Engineer Btn.

2. An Amendment to the relevant S.E.E. will be made if necessary, on receipt of your reply.

D.F.LONGHAM, Capt.
for Major General G-4 (Mr).

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SUBJECT: Special Equipment Lists

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. S/0/29/13/2
4 Dec 44

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR and attn MCRE
50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55 MLOs

Attached are 2 copies of Special Equipment List No. 174/1 for a Mobile Laundry and Bath Unit (Italian Army) on M/618/1.

Major General
M. M. I. A.

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

To: N.M.I.A.
C.M.F.

From Q(AE),
A.P.O. No.

A/Tech/6508/5/174 Q(AE). 248

2/12/74

S/Sec 20/2/74

Attached herewith 25 copies of Special Equipment List No. 174/1
for a Mob Laundry & Bath Unit (Station Army) dtn No. 614/1
for your information.

D.F. LONGMAN, Capt,
for Brigadier, Q(AE).

Subject: Equipment.

53 B.L.U.

To :- Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA)

Ref. Q1 - 53

28 Nov.44.

52 British Liaison Unit (for attention Major Gelardi)
MMIA LO
Ord

1. Ref your HQ signal SS 391 of 25 Nov. concerning 10,000 Italian blankets for RTD.

2. It is considered that the whole question of these Italian blankets should be clearly set out and for this purpose certain correspondence which has passed between the two HQs is repeated.

3. (a) The following signal was received from your HQ on 7 Nov :-

"From MMIA 061775A

To 53 BLU

SS276. Restricted. Ref conversation Capt Philip - Col.Pidsley. 10000 blankets made available to you ex Bari are Italian blankets on loan. When you obtain from 3 District your entitlement of British blankets you will either withdraw the Italian ones and transfer them to Rft Depot on loan or you will underissue a corresponding number of British blankets and give those to Rft Depot. Rft Depot will similarly hold on loan until regular issue is made".

(b) Capt Philip was not aware at the time of the conversation referred to in sub para (a) above of the arrangements made by this HQ to collect Br blankets for this Combat Gp.

(c) On Col Pidsley's visit to this HQ on 8 Nov the question of these blankets was raised. Col Pidsley was informed that this HQ had every hope of collecting 10,000 Br blankets during the period 9 - 12 Nov and that on these arriving the 10,000 Italian blankets would be released back to MMIA by this HQ. It was further arranged that as these Br blankets arrived in this area this HQ would inform your HQ of the number of blankets released, reference being made to the conversation between Col Pidsley and the staff of this HQ. It was appreciated at the time that whether the Italian blankets remained released to this HQ or released back to your HQ the blankets would be in depots at Bari.

(d) In fulfilment of the agreement reached as by sub para (c) above, the following signals were sent by this HQ :-

(i) "From 53 British Liaison Unit 121430 A
To HQ MMIA
Inf. LO MMIA Combat Group FOLGORE - Ord

Q1-20. Ref your SS276 of 6 Oct. 4000 Italian blankets now released back to you. Balance will be released when additional British blankets are collected. No Italian blankets have been collected from BARI. Conversation Col Pidsley - Major Gibb refers."

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To HQ MMIA
Inf. LO MMIA Combat Group FOLGORE - Ord

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(ii) "From 53 British Liaison Unit 141535B
To HQ MMIA
Inf. LO MMIA Combat Group FOLGORE - Ord

Q1-29. Ref this HQ signal Q1-20 of 12 Nov. Balance of 6000 Italian blankets released back to you. No Italian blankets collected from BARI by this HQ."

(e) On 17 Nov 44 the following signal was received from your HQ :-

...../"From

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"From MMIA 161105A
To 53 BLU

SS342 Restricted. Reference your Q1-20 DA G 12. 4000 blankets should be handed over to Gelardi for Italian R.T.D. Arrange collection mutually."

(f) On 16 Nov the following signal was sent from this HQ to MMIA LO Legnano Combat Group.

"From 53 British Liaison Unit 180935 B
To MMIA LO Legnano Combat Gp

AQ/1/32. Ref SS342 of 16 from MMIA. Combat Gp FOLGORE cannot provide tpt to collect blankets from BARI."

(g) On 18 Nov the following signal was received from your HQ

"From MMIA 171230A
To 53 BLU
Inf 52 BLU for Gelardi and 50 BLU

SS347 Restricted. Reference your Q1-29 dated 14. Arrange delivery of blankets to Gelardi for R.T.D. Folgore transport must be used. For 50 BLU. No longer necessary to send transport to BARI. Our SS343 refers."

(h) On 19 Nov the following signal was despatched from this HQ

"From 53 British Liaison Unit 191745 A
To 52 BLU (for attention Major Gelardi)
Inf MMIA

Q1-33. Ref MMIA SS347 of 17 Nov. Tpt available immediately to collect 4000 blankets. This HQ awaiting your arrangements re location of Depot from which they are to be collected, delivery point and to whom they have to be handed in bulk."

The figure of 4000 Italian blankets was stated as being the figure given in your signal repeated in sub para (e) above.

(i) On 22 Nov the following signal was received

3215

"From MMIA LO Legnano Gruppo 211215 A
To 53 BLU
Inf HQ MMIA Rome

AQ 273 Restricted. Understand 10000 blankets ex FOLGORE released by MMIA to RTD ICF. Please arrange delivery to TEANO N 0694. Your Q1/20 of 12 Q1-22 of 14 and Q1-33 of 19 inter alia refer.
Please advise ETA."

(j) On 23 Nov the following signal was despatched from this HQ

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Inf 52 BLU for Gelardi and 50 BLU

SS347 Restricted. Reference your Q1-29 dated 14. Arrange delivery of blankets to Gelardi for R.T.D. Folgore transport must be used. For 50 BLU. No longer necessary to send transport to BARI. Our SS343 refers."

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To 53 BLU
Inf HQ MMIA Rome

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Please advise ETA."

(j) On 23 Nov the following signal was despatched from this HQ

"From 53 British Liaison Unit 231500 A
To 52 British Liaison Unit (for attention MMIA LO)
Inf HQ MMIA

AQ/Q1-44. 10000 Italian blankets being collected for RTD ICF from BARI. ETA convoy at TEANO a.m. 27 Nov."

4. On 24 Nov 11 3 ton lorries were despatched to Bari and the NCO i/c ordered to report to your LO Major Murcell. The NCO reported on the morning of 25th and was delayed till that afternoon when he was informed that there was some mistake and that there were no Italian blankets for issue. It is understood that before the NCO was given this information your LO communicated with your HQ.

...../5. On

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5. On 25 Nov the following signal was received from your HQ

"From MMIA 251230A
To 53 BLU
Inf 52 BLU for Major Gelardi

SS391. Restricted. Your signal AQ/Q1-33 dated 19th NOT rpt NOT understood. Your signal Q1-20 dated 12 and Q1-29 dated 14 released total 10000 blankets back to us. Intention was to hand these over to GELARDI for R.T.D. Do you now mean that 10000 blankets are NOT available from FOLGORE. If so what was object of your 2 signals under ref. If available for release back to us why send tpt to BARI as reported by MMIA LO."

6. From your signal repeated in para 5 above it might be construed that the staff of this HQ had not acted with reasonable foresight in the matter. If this view was held, it is hoped that the above repetition of the correspondence between the two HQs will dispel that construction.

7. This HQ awaits any instruction your HQ may give re the collection of these blankets.

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C. H. L. Wrotham.

Lt.Col.
G.S.

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MMIA

AFHQ

SS 429 RESTRICTED

Refer your F60488 (.) SEL s and NEL s for E ELU should be sent 54 ELU c/o CENTRAC CMF (.) F ELU to this HQ

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IMPORTANT

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SUBJECT: Load-carrying vehicles

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. S/C/29/13/2
2 Dec 44

TO : 50, 51 BLU

It has been reported that load-carrying vehicles issued to Medical units are lacking canopies.

This is detrimental to medical equipment and supplies.

Would you please state what action has been taken to provide suitable covering for medical vehicles and report to this HQ types and makes of medical vehicles lacking canopies.

Major General
M. M. I. A.

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M.& T. A. Inter-Office Communication

To: Special Section DADOS

From: Medical

Subject:- Load Carrying Vehicles

8/12/2001

30 Nov 44.

Many load carrying vehicles issued to the medical units of Friuli and Cremona Groups are deficient of canopies. This is detrimental to medical equipment and supplies.

Request action be taken to make good deficiencies of canopies.

W.L. Heggie
Major,
D.A.D.M.S.

To medical

how are these numbers typed

invoiced

3.11

30/11

Sorry! (1) Vehicle are 3 tonners. —
(2) Approx. hundred for Medical. Friuli 10.
" " " " Cremona 8.

Return to DADOS. Special Section. W Heggie 1/12/44

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SUBJECT: Amendments to Special Equipment Lists

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.G.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. S/G/29/13/3
2 Dec 44

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR and attn SMRE
50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55 BLUe

Herewith copies of Amendments to:-

SEL No. 121/1 - Amdt No. 3

SEL No. 122/2 - Amdt No. 1

SEL No. 162/1 - Amdt No. 1

for an Italian Combat Group.

Major General
M. M. I. A.

1969

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Amendment No. 3 to S.E.L. No. 121/1 (Sept '44)
for A Signals Company, Engineers Bn, for an Italian
Combat Group.

Sheet 11.

After Section Z.2. N.I.V.

Insert :-

Section C.C.

Knives, clasp	-	200

A.F.H.Q. 27th Nov '44.

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Amendment No. 1 to S.E.L. No. 122/2,
(Oct '44) for A Field Company, for an Italian
Combat Group.

Sheet 9.

After Section W.1. M.I.V.

Insert :-

Section C.C.

Knives, clasp - 150

A.F.H.Q. 27th Nov '44.

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

Amendment No. 1 to S.B.L. No. 162/1, (Nov '44)
for Italian Field Park Coy.

Sheet 14. Section C.C.

Insert in order :-

Knives, clasp	-	90

A.F.H.Q.

27th Nov '44.
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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

Amendment No. 3 to S.E.L. No. 121/1 (Sept '44)
for A Signals Company, Engineers Bn, for an Italian
Combat Group.

Sheet 11.

After Section Z.2. N.I.V.

Insert :-

Section O.C.

Knives, clasp - 200

3 ,, 4:

27th Nov '44.

A.F.H.Q.

1973

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

Amendment No. 1 to S.R.L. No. 122/2,
(Oct '44) for A Field Company, for an Italian
Combat Group.

Sheet 9.

After Section W.1. N.I.V.

Insert :-

Section C.C.

Knives, clasp - 150

A.F.H.Q. 27th Nov '44.

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Amendment No. 1 to S.E.L. No. 162/1, (Nov '44)
for Italian Field Park Coy.

Sheet 14. Section C.C.

Insert in order :-

Knives, clasp	-	90

A.F.H.Q.

27th Nov '44.

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29/13 8/Sec 363 30/11

Subject:- Amendments to Special Equipment Lists for An Italian Combat Group.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

AFHQ/6508/2/Q(AE)

Date 28 Nov 44

To M.M.I.A.

C.M.F.

Herewith 25 copies of Amendment No. 3 to Special Equipment List No. 121/1 for A Signals Bn for An Italian Combat Group.

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Amdt 1 to SEL 162/1
" 1 " SEL 122/2.

D.E. LEHMAN, Capt.,
for Brigadier, Q(AE).

Insert Amendments.
Memo re covering letter
prepared for Jane Rightsell
Files 4 B/12.

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Translation.

Ref no 23413/U
Date 30 of Nov 44

From. M of W
to MMIA copy.

Issue of Identity Discs.

We authorise this Directorate to issue as soon as it is possible. the following amounts of Identity Discs as shown under.

FRIULI. 10.000 — FOLGORE 9500 — LEGNANO 10.000 —
CREMONA 8000 — PICENO 2600 — 210 mf div. 2250 Sikhs

Total 62.600.

This Directorate will inform the Commando of the Day they are to withdraw of said identity discs

PELLIGRA.

R Mansfield.

Espresso

Roma, 30 Dicembre 43 Mod 602

29/13/3

Ministero della Guerra
DIREZIONE GENERALE
DEI SERVIZI DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

Alla Direzione di Comm/to del
Comando Mil. Puglia e Lucania
= BARI =

Divisione V.E. Sez.
Prot. N.° 23413/V Allegati

Risposta al Foglio del 6/Dic.
Div. Sez. N.°

OGGETTO Assegnazione di materiali di provenienza italiana: piastrini di riconoscimento con cartoncino.-

Assegnazione Identification tags of Italian origin

e, per conoscenza:

Alla Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.(M.M.I.A.) = ROMA =
Allo S.M.R.E.=Uff.Serv.Sez.Comm/to = P.M. 151 =
Al Comando Gruppo Combattimento "Friuli" = P.M. 79 =
Al Comando Gruppo Combattimento "Folgore" = P.M. 146 =
Al Comando Gruppo Combattimento "Legnano" = P.M. 155=
Al Comando Gruppo Combattimento "Cremona" = P.M. 64 =
Al Comando Gruppo Combattimento "Piceno" = P.M. 92 =
Al Comando 210^ Divisione Fanteria = P.M. 179?=

Si autorizza codesta Direzione a cedere, al più presto possibile, alle seguenti Unità il quantitativo di piastrini di riconoscimento per ciascuno segnato:

-Gruppo Combattimento "Friuli" n. 10.000
- " " "Folgore" " 9.500
- " " "Legnano " 10.000
- " " "Cremona" " 8.000
- " " "Piceno" " 2.600
-210^ Divisione Fanteria " 22.500

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OGGETTO Assegnazione di piastrine di riconoscimento con cartoncino.-

Assignment of Identification Tags and Materials

e, per conoscenza:

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.(M.M.I.A.) = ROMA =
ALLO S.M.E.=UFF.SERV.SEZ.COMM/TO = P.M. 151 =
AL COMANDO GRUPPO COMBATTIMENTO "FRIULI" = P.M. 79 =
AL COMANDO GRUPPO COMBATTIMENTO "FOLGORE" = P.M. 146 =
AL COMANDO GRUPPO COMBATTIMENTO "LEGNANO" = P.M. 155=
AL COMANDO GRUPPO COMBATTIMENTO "CREMONA" = P.M. 64 =
AL COMANDO GRUPPO COMBATTIMENTO "PICENO" = P.M. 92 =
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- " " "Folgore"	"	9.500
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- " " "Cremona"	"	8.000
- " " "Piceno"	"	2.600
-210^ Divisione Fanteria	"	22.500
		62.600

Codesta Direzione è pregata di comunicare ai Comandi interessati il giorno in cui potranno disporre il prelevamento dei medaglioncini in parola.-

p. IL MINISTRO

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Translation

From C in C 21 Army Gp
To AMIR copy

Ref No 23414/G
Date 30 Nov. 44

Assignment of Para Cap Badges.

We authorise this Directorate to issue to 'FALCORE' Combat Group 2000 Para Cap Badges. Accordingly send instruction to interested units for the withdrawal of material.

R Adamson

TELEGRAM

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ESPRESSO

30/22

Ministero della Guerra

DIREZIONE GENERALE
DEI SERVIZI DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

Numero V.E. Tav.
Pos. 1ª 23414/V Allegati

ALLA DIREZ.COMM/TO DEL COMANDO MIL.PUGLIA E LUCANIA = BARI =

Risposta al foglio del
Div. Sez. 1ª

OGGETTO Assegnazione di fregi per;berretti dei paracadutisti.-

e, per conoscenza:

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.(M.M.I.A.) = ROMA =
ALLO S.M.R.E.=UFF.SERV.SEZ.COMM/TO = P.M. 151 =
AL GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "FOLGORE" = P.M.146 =

Si autorizza codesta Direzione a cedere al Gruppo di Combattimento "Folgore" n. 2.000 fregi per berretti dei paracadutisti.

Accordi diretti fra gli enti interessati per il ritiro dei materiali.-

p. IL MINISTRO

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1981

1 Immediate
Confidential SHAPE
To NMSA

29/0/2 Ref. SHAPE/3/10213/GAT
Date 29th Dec. 1962

Subject Clothing grants of the Pierre Combat Group which are to be placed temporarily at the disposal of the Canadian Command.

Ref. verbal agreement made at the meeting on the 27th inst.

The enclosed copy of letter 3/10270/5 dated 28th inst. lists which the Standing Group of War area requested to award 3,000 sets of clothing, (caps, jackets, trousers, parkas, gloves, overcoats) required by the Belgian Contingent in precision to the Canadian contingent which will be sent at the disposal of the Canadian Command.

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It will be granted free of charge to the latter subject to the same conditions as per other articles (clothes and boots) as per agreement.

Copy to SACEUR.

Copy to Can. Delegation

No objection
Belgian Delegation

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STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

UFFICIO SERVIZI

Sezione Commissariato

N. 3/10313/ di prot. Serv. P. M. 151, li 30 novembre 1944

Risposta al foglio N. del Allegati

OGGETTO: Vestizione reparti del Gruppo di Combattimento "Piceno" da mettere a disposizione temporanea dell'Arma dei CC.RR.-

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

e, per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA - Gabinetto - Uff. C.A.
Posta Militare 151

AL COMANDO MILITARE PUGLIA E LUCANIA
B A R I

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Riferimento accordi verbali presi nella riunione del 28 corrente.

Si trasmette copia del foglio n.3/10289/Serv. del 28 c.m. col quale è stato interessato il Ministero della Guerra per far affluire 3.000 serie di oggetti di vestiario (berretti, giubbe, pantaloni e pastrani di panno g.v.) occorrenti ai militari in oggetto nelle località ove questi saranno avviati a disposizione dell'Arma dei CC.RR..

Per gli altri oggetti (biancheria e scarpe) dovrà essere provveduto, come d'accordo, a cura di cotesta M.M.I.A..-

IL GENERALE ADDETTO

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500 Chiefs Conservation Legion

Plans shall be provided that the
units to enlist the services of clothing and
textiles will be ready to operate on the
opening of December 1 in order to
join Chief Conservation Legion.

Syd Lewis - Chief

Yol M.

RO/gi

COPIA

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
Ufficio Servizi - Sezione Commissariato

N° 3/10289/Serv. di prot. P.M.151, li 28 novembre 1944.

OGGETTO : Vestiario per reparti della "Piceno" a disposizione temporanea dell'Arma dei CC.RR.-

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
-Direz.Gen.Serv.Commiss.Mil.- Div.Vestiario - P.M. 151
e, per conoscenza:
AL COMANDO GENERALE DELL'ARMA CC.RR. ROMA
AL COMANDO GRUPPO COMBATTIMENTO "PICENO" P.M. 92

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- seguito comunicazione di questa mattina -

La M.M.I.A. ha disposto che, traendoli dal Gruppo di Combattimento "Piceno", devono essere costituiti d'urgenza sei reparti di formazione ciascuno della forza di 20 ufficiali e 480 tra sottufficiali e truppa da mettere a disposizione temporanea dell'Arma dei CC.RR.- Ha disposto altresì che la vestizione di essi sia fatta all'arrivo a destinazione ove, a cura della stessa M.M.I.A., saranno distribuiti biancheria e scarpe.

Per i rimanenti oggetti di vestiario si prega codesto Ministero di voler disporre, con tutta urgenza, che le 3000 serie occorrenti (berretti, giubbe, pantaloni tipo paracadutisti e pastrani) siano prelevate dalle 5000 fatte accantonare col telegramma 22055 del 5 corr. e spedite come segue ed a mezzo autocarro scortato alle sottoelencate Legioni CC.RR. :

Legione CC.RR.	Roma	1000
" "	Napoli	500
" "	Catanzaro	500
" "	Bari	500
" "	Chieti	500.

Si prega di tenere presente che i reparti cui gli oggetti sono

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e, per conoscenza: ...Dev.Vestiario - P.M. 151

AL COMANDO GENERALE DELL'ARMA CC.RR. — ROMA

AL COMANDO GRUPPO COMBATTIMENTO "PICENO" — P.M. 92

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Si prega di tenere presente che i reparti cui gli oggetti sono destinati saranno pronti a muovere per raggiungere le Legioni CC.RR. dal mattino del 2 dicembre p.v.-

P. C. C.
IL MAGGIORE COMMISSARIO CAPO SEZIONE
- Pasquale Rossi -

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
F/to: A. Santi

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LROF V LAEE NR 88

QVR 1

FROM AFHQ LAEE 301740Z

TO MMIA

INFO DADOS 53 BLU

GR 41 BT

RESTRICTED

REF YOUR SS 426 OF 27 NOV (.) FX 60611 SIGNED SACMED

CITE FHQAE (.) SELS FOR MAC AND FSU NOT YET AVAILABLE

(.) S AND T AND MEDICAL HASTENED (.) [redacted] ESTIMATE MAC

PUBLICATION AVAILABLE 2 DEC AND FSU 6 DEC

BT 301740Z

SENT NR SS 1645Z LS E K

RD NR SS " D LON " (1645)

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Thank the agency

Dear

the answer is: YES for MHC

Publishing MAC SELL in 2 Dec

and should receive them about

a week later.

Linda

4-30-87

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

AFHQ/6508/2/Q(AE)

28 Nov '44

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Subject:- Special Equipment Lists
- Knives Clasp

Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C.,
M.M.I.A.,
C.M.F.

Reference your S/G/29/13/2 of 3 Nov '44.

1. Amendments have been made to Special Equipment Lists to include Knives, clasp in the following quantities :-

(a) S.E.L. 122/2 A Field Coy - Qty 150
(b) S.E.L. 121/1 Signals Coy - Qty 200
(c) S.E.L. 162/1 Field Park Coy Qty 90

2. Copies of the official amendments will be forwarded in the course of a few days.

DFL/HW

D.F. LONGHAM, Capt.,
for Major-General, G-4, (Br).

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LRKE V LAEE NR 26
FROM LAEE 301412A
TO [illegible]MILA
GR13 BT

RESTRICTED. FS3433
SIGNAL DISPOSAL INSTRUCTION FOR SEL'S AND NEL'S FOR 'E' AND 'F' SLU'S
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Land Forces
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TO: MINISTRY OF WAR (2)

DATE 30 Nov 1944

FROM: MMIA

SERIAL NO. AQ80/a/33

24/13/3

AUTHORIZATION NOTICE

1. Reference your 23231/V dated 27 Nov 44

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

TO FRIULI Group ITALIAN XXXXX (2R-ITI6) (Cat. 2)

Stationed at

Employed by British

STOCK NO.	STANDARD NOMENCLATURE	AMOUNT
	BADGER, CAP Engineers for the use of	800

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STOCK NO.	STANDARD NOMENCLATURE	AMOUNT
	BADGES, CAP Engineers for the use of	500

3. Purpose of issue self explanatory

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

5. REMARKS

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MMIA ORD Naples
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Pro Forma MMIA ORD 2

For Major Ger
Military Mis

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Subject: Tentage for Italian Field Hospitals of Combat Mail"

28/B/3. 35a

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Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MMIA)
ROME
M/4/2398
30 Nov 44

D.M.S., A.F.H.Q.

Copy to: DMS AAI
[illegible] 3 District
52 B.L.U.
53 B.L.U.
Gen. Sect. (2)
AG

1. Your letter M.4771 of 9 Nov 44 (not to all) stated that the transfer from North Africa to Italy of captured Italian hospital tentage would not now be made. As a result, it is no longer possible to equip all twelve Field Hospitals with tentage for 200 patients from Italian resources.

2. At present, all Italian Field Hospitals assigned to the Combat Mail possess tentage for 70 patients (i.e. the original Italian W.E. scale). As each of these units is now being expanded to 200 beds, extra tentage is required for 130 patients (a total of 1560). From existing Italian resources it is only possible to complete two Field Hospitals, (Nos. 519 and 429) to the required scale, and tentage for 1300 beds is required from British sources.

3. A further two Field Hospitals, Nos. 230 and 232, require to be completed immediately in order to provide four Field Hospitals for service in rear of Friuli and Cremona Groups.

4. In the Legnano and Folgore Groups there are 8 British pattern hospital tents which were issued to these units when previously in the line. These are now surplus to divisional medical requirements but are being used as lecture tents by all Branches. The Divisions are most anxious to retain these tents in their present use. Accommodation difficulties appear to justify this request.

5. In order that the Field Hospitals No. 230 (at Piedemonte d'Alife, att. Legnano Group - 52 BLU) and No. 232 (at Telesa, att. Folgore Gp. - 53 BLU) may be completed as soon as possible, your decision is requested whether:-

(a) Hospital tents in non-medical use with Legnano and Folgore are transferred to Nos. 230 and 232 Field Hospitals (4 to each).

or (b) An issue is made direct from British sources under authority of W.E. No. 18/374/1 and Special Equipment List (now being published).

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1. Your letter M.4771 of 9 Nov 44 (not to all) stated that the transfer from North Africa to Italy of captured Italian hospital tentage would not now be made. As a result, it is no longer possible to equip all twelve Field Hospitals with tentage for 200 patients from Italian resources.

2. At present, all Italian Field Hospitals assigned to the Combat Tail possess tentage for 70 patients (i.e. the original Italian W.E. scale). As each of these units is now being expanded to 200 beds, extra tentage is required for 130 patients (a total of 1560). From existing Italian resources it is only possible to complete two Field Hospitals,(Nos. 319 and 429) to the required scale, and tentage for 1300 beds is required from British sources.

3. A further two Field Hospitals, Nos. 230 and 232, require to be completed immediately in order to provide four Field Hospitals for service in rear of Friuli and Cremona Groups.

4. In the Legnano and Folgore Groups there are 8 British pattern hospital tents which were issued to these units when previously in the line. These are now surplus to divisional medical requirements but are being used as lecture tents by all Branches. The Divisions are most anxious to retain these tents in their present use. Accommodation difficulties appear to justify this request.

5. In order that the Field Hospitals No. 230 (at Piedmonte d'Alife, att. Legnano Group - 52 MLU) and No. 232 (at Telesa, att. Folgore Gp. - 53 MLU) may be completed as soon as possible, your decision is requested whether:-

(a) Hospital tents in non-medical use with Legnano and Folgore are transferred to Nos. 230 and 232 Field Hospitals (4 to each).

or (b) An issue is made direct from British sources under authority of W.E. No. WA/574/1 and Special Equipment List (now being published).

The latter alternative is recommended to avoid interruption of training programmes.

6. Attention is drawn to the similar requirements of the eight Field Hospitals forming the remainder of the Tail units but is not an urgent matter. 3389

W.C. Heggie
Major,
D.A.D.M.S.
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MMIA)

/RSC

Copy to: Ministry of War, Direzione Gen di Sanita Mil. - for information

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CIPHER SECT

FROM 51 BLU
TO MMIA

RESTRICTED

Q 7/20

20/13/3

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Name SS 416 dated 28

29/11

Quite regrets submit indents for controlled stores even with covering letter as they are simply returned by depot with proforma ordering submit to AFHQ through correct channels. Special AFHQ release notes for controlled stores and No indenting. This is an amendment to quantities affecting all combat groups and considered it(?) should be properly arranged. For this group to take up without passing through you as a departure from present procedure cookies in may shat supply and this div have not yet received original quantity in full

IMPORTANT

Spoke major [illegible]
Re release position
[illegible] not available

30/11

THI 29/1245

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SUBJECT: Amendments to Special Equipment Lists

Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C.
(C.C.I.A.)
S/C/29/13/3
29 Nov 44

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR and attn. SITE
50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55 M.Gs

Herewith amendment No. 2 to Special equipment List No. 122/1 for a Field Company Engineer Bn for an Italian Combat Group.

Major General
M.M.I.A.

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Amendment No. 2 to Special Equipment List No.122/1, (Oct '44)
for A Field Company, Engineer Battalion, for Italian
Canbet Group.

Delete S.E.L. No. 122/1 and substitute S.E.L. No.122/2.

A.F.H.Q., Q(AE).

27 Nov. 44.

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SUBJECT: Modification of Carriers Mortar.

Land Forces Branch, A.C.
(A.A.I.A.)
5/8/29/33/3
29 Nov 44

TO : 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55 B.U's

Attached is AFHQ's letter, AFHQ/8312/4(AE), of 25 Nov 44, forwarded for information and/or action.

Major General
A.A.I.A.

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SUBJECT :- Modification of Carriers Mortar

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

TEL. No. FREEDOM 124

AFHQ/8312/9(AE)

25 Nov 44

H.Q., M.M.I.A.

Owing to Carriers Mortar being in short supply in this theatre, it has proved necessary to issue Carriers Universal in lieu, to Italian Combat Groups.

It is regretted that this will cause a certain amount of inconvenience, particularly in view of the fact that R.E.M.E. are unable to undertake any work in connection with the modification of Carriers Universal to Carriers Mortar.

Will you please inform the H.Q's of the B.L.U's concerned that it will be impossible for R.E.M.E. to carry out the work referred to above.

J. A. ORR-EWING, Capt.
for Major General, G-4(Br).

JAOR/EHH

Copy to :- G-3
Ord(Br)
R.E.M.E.

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8/Sec 29/4 Ja/13/3.

Subject:- Amendments to Special Equipment Lists for An Italian Combat Group.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

AFHQ/G508/2/Q(AF)

Date ...22/a/44.....

To .....M.M.I.A.....

.....C.M.F.....

Herewith .....25..... copies of Amendment No. .....2..... to Special Equipment List No. .....122/1..... for .....Field Coy Engr Bde..... for An Italian Combat Group.

1. Those previously received (other than distribution) for your Signature pl.

D.F. LONGMAN, Capt.,
for Brigadier, Q(AF).

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SUBJECT: Special Equipment Lists.

Land Forces Italy, A.F.
(U.K.T.A.)
A/C/29/23/3
29 Nov 44

: Ministry of War and for attn DDMS.
30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 M.W.T's.

Following special Equipment Lists is forwarded :-

"Technical Maintenance Section (Italian)"

in
AA/829/1(A1/30/1) - L.F.H.Q. No. 172/1
of November 44.

Major General
U.K.T.A.

see note:
Reply despatched to
heads of the above
addressees on 29/11

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ARMY FORM O 2196 (Small) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No. 2378

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FROM (A) Originator: 5th BLU — Date-Time of Origin: 29 0845Z

For Action

TO: MMIA

(W) For Information (INFO)

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— Message Instructions — | — CE —

Originator's No.

(Vers?) grateful if you could get one of your people into collect map of our med area no sign await confirmation at 1st Field Survey Depot ROME I will then collect them from you Dec 1st

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Subject: Equipment - Clothing

8/Sec. 53 B.i.H.
Ref. Q1 - 40
21 Nov 44

To:- H.Q.) District
Land Forces Sub Comd A.C.(MELA)
D Training Areas (Inf)
G2
Ord

1. It is considered that there is a need for the issue of one suit of denims to each man of the Combat Group POLSON - the total number required being 9,500 units.

2. At present all training is carried out by men wearing their only suit of battle dress. This battle dress is already Grade III and is unlikely to stand up to the hard wear and tear of training at this time of the year. The issue of this additional clothing is equally necessary to all arms and is essential if their present battle dress is to be used for any length of time

3. It is requested that 9,500 suits of denims be released to the Combat Gp as soon as possible and this HQ informed so that collection can be arranged.

E. H. Morris.

Lt.Col.

G.S.

2004

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29/13/3 file 3 A

MESSAGE FORM

From : MMIA

To : 51 MLU

Date - Time

28 1757 A

SS 416

RESTRICTED

Reference your Q7/20 dated 28 (.) Matter was discussed with Q(AE) AFHQ (.) Procedure is the same for British Engineers (.) Surely indent initiates action (.) Suggest you support demand with covering letter

Precedence IMPORTANT

Authenticating Officer

Maj

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Subject :- Equipment for Italian Combat Groups.

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

a/G/29/13
22 Nov., 44.

To :- AFHQ for G(AG).
copies to 50 BMJ
51 BMJ
52 BMJ
53 BMJ
54 BMJ
55 BMJ

1. Representations have been made that Haversacks W.E. should be added to the Normal Equipment List for Italian Combat Groups. These were originally omitted since it was thought that the pack would be sufficient. This has proved to be incorrect, and the addition of 1 haversack is therefore requested.

2. It is also considered that Gloves, woollen should be added to the clothing scale as these are an essential item for an Italian winter.

[signature]
Major General.
M.E.I.A.

12006

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SUBJECT: Aniven Clamp - Italian Combat Groups

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. S/S/29/13/S
17 Nov 44

TO : 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55 BLUs

Attached AFHQ letter AFHQ/9193/Q(AE) dated 16 Nov 44 is forwarded for information and action as necessary.

Major General
M. M. I. A.

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SUBJECT: Knives Clasp - Italian Combat Troops

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
SIG. SEC. FMBEAF 427
AFHQ/9193/Q(AE)
26 Nov 44

U.S. ETA

Reference your S/O/29/13/2 dated 3 Nov 44.

Knives clasp will be added to the Special Equipment Lists for Engineers & Signals personnel. It is pointed out, however, that this item is in very short supply, and issues cannot be made until stocks become available. Ordnance have been instructed to take the necessary provision action to cover this commitment.

(Sgd) R.S.A. Clarke
/t/ R.S.A. CLARKE, J. Cond.,
For Major General G-4 (Br)

RSAC/WPH

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ARMY FORM C 2136 (Small) MESSAGE FORM Register No. 345 33/28

Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
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ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) Originator: 51 BLH — Date-Time of Origin: 28/205 — OFFICE DATE STAMP 30/12/3

For Action: MMIA 336. S/Sec

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Decode 338 28/11

Message Instructions — OR —

Originator's No. Q7/20 RESTRICTED L/o W. SS 399 dated 26th Nov is. It realised by you that cookers number 1 portable are controlled stores and cannot be demanded but are issued only on special release by AFHQ. Q 7/30 would request confirmation that arrangements have been made for release with AFHQ

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS BROKEN OF PRIORITY IMPORTANT

Signed

Signed RA Capt

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AFHQ

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Reference your F 56900 dated 25 (.) Groundsheets are included in Table 1 normal Equipment Lists for Italian Combat Groups

TO: MINISTRY OF WAR (2)

FROM: MMIA

DATE...26.Nov.1944..... 343

SERIAL NO. AG/.....60/3/1

AUTHORIZATION NOTICE

1. Reference xxxxx. M.of.W. letter.22936/V. of.25.11.44. with Indent attach.

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

TO Gruppi di Combattimento "Legnano" "Cremona" (MR-ITIS)
Pisano" "Friuli" Folgore" 210 Div. Fanteria (Cat. 2)...

Stationed at.....

Employed by.....

STOCK NO.	STANDARD NOMENCLATURE	AMOUNT
	Identity Discs.	62,600

3. Purpose of issue.....
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4. In compliance with para 5 MMIA Adm Inst. No. 1, items will be

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Identity Discs. 62,600

30/13/3.

3. Purpose of issue.....

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

5. REMARKS.....

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For Major General
Military Mission
Italian Army

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Tele

20/13/3 3572.

MESSAGE FROM

FROM : MALTA TOO. 27 20035 A

TO : 37 BEACH GROUP FOR 50 RLU

32411 (.) CONFIDENTIAL(.) REPORT EARLIEST DEPARTURE OF BLANKETS BY GROUP AND AUXILIARY UNITS AGAINST SCALE OF STORES BRITISH OR ITALIAN PER MAN

PRECEDENCE IMMEDIATE

DEFERRAL

A/Q AUTHENTICATOR:

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MMIA

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Q(AE) AFHQ

SG 406 RESTRICTED

Ref DADOS 53 BLU signal 05/2 dated 23 (.) SKLs for MAO and F5U Italian Gruppi W/Es 6/719/1 and MA/575/1 respectively refer

IMPORTANT

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SUBJECT: Knives Clasp - Italian Combat Groups

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 427

AFHQ/9193/Q(AE).

Nov 44.

H.Q. M.M.I.A.

Reference your S/C/29/13/2 dated 3 Nov 44.

Knives clasp will be added to the Special Equipment Lists for Engineers & Signals personnel. It is pointed out, however, that this item is in very short supply, and issues cannot be made until stocks become available. Ordnance have been instructed to take the necessary provision action to cover this commitment.

B.S.A. CLARK, J.Comd.,
for Major-General G-4(Dr).

BSAC/WFH

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ARMY FORM C 2156 (Small) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No. 339

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ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) Originator: S1 BLU | Date-Time of Origin: N11 | OFFICE DATE STAMP

For Action

TO MMIA

(W) For Information (INFO)

50 52 53 54 BLUS.

Originator's No. Q 7/4 Haversacks WE are NOT included in normal equipment list consider these essential and presume they have been omitted in error may steps be taken to issue these early. Also advise Hqrs have NOT been issued these will be required especially by fighting tps

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To..... N.N.I.A. .....

..... C.M.F. .....

From Q(Air),

Ref. No. Q/6508/5/172/4(Air).

25 Nov '44

Attached herewith 85 copies of Special Equipment List No. 172/1.

for the Technical Maintenance Section on No. 8291/1 (21/3d/1)

for your information.

Maint dist 27/11

D.F. LOUGHMAN, Capt,
for Brigadier, Q(Air).

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TO: MINISTRY OF WAR (S) DATE 26 Nov 44

FROM: MMIA SERIAL NO. AG/...60/M/30.

AUTHORIZATION NOTICE

1. Reference your letter ~~letter~~ ~~of~~ ~~dated~~ 03827/V of 24.11.44 with Intent attach

2. Authority is granted to issue the u/m items from ITALIAN ~~ALLIED~~ SOURCES.

TO,...Gruppo di Combattimento "Folgore" (SM-ITI) (Cat. 3)

Stationed at...Campania

Employed by.....

STOCK NO.	STANDARD NOMENCLATURE	AMOUNT
	Cap Mafgca (Parachutists)	2000

20/3/3.

3. Purpose of issue.....

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4. In compliance with para 5 MMIA Adm Inst. No. 1, items will be

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Cap Badges (Parachutists) 2000

2a/3/3.

5. Purpose of issue.....

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

5. REMARKS.....

.....3/3/44

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For Major General
Military Mission
Italian Army

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MMIA

50, 51, 52, 53, 54 MLUs

SS 399

RESTRICTED

Cookers portable No 1 for ARTIERI Coy should be demanded on platoon basis (.) Unnecessary to amend SEL (.) For 51 MLU (.) Your Q7/4 dated 24 refers (.)

Important

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MMIA 56 A

56 ELU

2 SUB DEPOT 500 A.O.D.,
MMIA LO 54 AREA

Received

83 398

Transport sent by you to collect blankets returning with Greatcoats (.) Therefore now necessary to send twelve lorries and not repeat not 54 to collect balance of Greatcoats

Important

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SUBJECT: Equipment - Field Hospital.

Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
S/G/29/13/3
7/6 November 44

TO : 51 B.L.U.

1. A list of Italian Equipment demanded by CREMONA Group vide their 1263/Serv dated 14 November, and released by MMIA from Italian sources, is attached.

2. Balance of items demanded, viz

Towels	Qty 109
overcoats	Qty 2
Sheets, Hospital	Qty 10
Slippers, Hospital	Qty 8

should be demanded on ordnance through normal channels.

3. Napkins, Qty 66 are not a British Ordnance supply and are not available from Italian sources.

Major General
M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT: Special Equipment.

Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C.
(L.F.I.A.)
S/S/25/13/3
Box 44

TO : DDT, AFHQ.

Copy to: Q(AS) AFHQ.

1. The attached letter AFHQ 6506/2/Q(AE) dated 20th November is forwarded to you for action.

2. This HQ has no knowledge of any Special Equipment needed by a Training Increment to a B.L.T., but it is felt that you may like to make some recommendations.

Major
for Major General
L.F.I.A.

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C/1824

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LAEE V LAEE NR 2

FROM ~~LAEE~~ AEHQ 251838A

TO HMIA

GR 24 ET

RESTRICTED (.) FURTHER OUR FX 52212 13 NOV (.)

SIGNED SACMED CITE FHQAE F58022 (.) TROOPERS HAVE REPLIED RANGE TABLES AVAILABLE AND AIR FREIGHT APPLIED FOR

BT 251838A

SENT NR21 252035A IW BBB K

RECD NR 21 252035A J O E K

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FROF V LRLC SRL 9 QVR 1

FROM BABOS 53 BLU CMF 231500

TO LAND FORCES SUB CON AC (IMIA) CMF

INFO Q(AF) ATHQ CMF

QQY GR25

OS/2 RESTRICTED (.) PLEASE SEND TO ME IMMEDIATELY SEL'S AND WE'S THREE COPIES OF EACH FOR 1220 AMBULANCE CAR PL AND 131 SURGICAL SECTION VERY URGENT

BT 251030

SENT 1753 DGC B 1

NR 9 RD 1753 CAC (K)

5 6/25 9351 3923

9/Sec

26/11

Signal Q(AF) AFHQ
SEL's for MAC + FSU Italian Campaign
SEL's 6/11a/1 and NA/575/1 Temporaries
23/11a 6/11a/1 refer — Date 27/11

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ARMY FORM C 2178 (Small) MESSAGE FORM Register No. 3745

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For Action

TO MMIA LO 52 BLU

(W) For information (INFO)

HQ MMIA

Message Instructions — OR —

Originator's No. AQ/91-44 D 10,000 Italian blankets - being collected for RTD ICF from BARI DELTA convoy at TERMO a.m. 21 Nov

a.m. 25/11

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS (EXCEPT) WIRELESS

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IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY Important

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TO: MINISTRY OF WAR (2)

FROM: MMIA

DATE... 25 Nov 44 329

SERIAL NO. AQ/ 60/13/25

AUTHORIZATION NOTICE

1. Reference [redacted] letter [illegible] dated 14 Nov 44

2. Authority is granted to issue the u/m items from ALLIED (ITALIAN) SOURCES.

TO... Field Hospital with Streptomycin Supply (for Italian)

Stationed at.....

Employed by... British

STOCK NO.	STANDARD NOMENCLATURE	AMOUNT
	Cups	25
	Cups, Hospital	15
	Handkerchiefs	40
	Mattress	5
	Laundry Bags	5
	Pocket, Aluminum	41
	Spoons, Tea	2
	Spoon with tin Aluminum	1
	Colander, Aluminum	1
	Table	5
	Knives, Kitchen	2
	Spoons	40
	Forks	40
	Opener	1
	Funnel	1
	Ladle	2
	Pans, sauce aluminum	1
	Bowls aluminum	21
	Pots and Covers aluminum	2
	Plates aluminum	30
	Roasters coffee	2
	Containers, aluminum	2
	Pans petrol 17 litres	2

3. Purpose of issue..... to equip field hospital with essential items

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4. In compliance with para 4 MMIA Adm Inst. No. 1, items will be

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Cans	13
Cups, Hospital	16
Sandwarmers	20
Settees	3
Laundry Cans	5
Basins, Aluminum	41
Heaters, Steel	2
Buckets with lid Aluminum	1
Colander, Aluminum	1
Table	5
Mixer, Kitchen	2
Spoons	40
Forks	40
Grater	1
Pe mel	1
Ladle	2
Pins, sugar aluminum	1
Bowls aluminum	31
Pots no (8) aluminum	8
Plates aluminum	30
Fountain coffee	1
Kettleers, aluminum	2
Tins petrol 17 litre	2

3. Purpose of issue.....to equip field hospital with essential items.....

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4. In compliance with para 8 MMIA Adm Inst. No. 1, items will be withdrawn in exchange for items issued.

5. REMARKS.....

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DISTRIBUTION:
MMIA LO.....(2)
MMIA OPD
FILE
Apsa Soc. ✓

Pro Forma MMIA/OPD/2

For Major General
Military Mission
Italian Army

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MEIA

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AFHQ

HS 394

Forwarded

Reference AFHQ signal FX 56388 dated 22 copy to you (.)

Reply direct AFHQ copy to this H.Q.

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MMIA 25 A

63 MLU

52 MLU for Major GELARDI

SS 391

Your signal AC/Ql - 33 dated 19th not understood (.) Your signal Ql-20 dated 12 and Ql-29 dated 14 released total 10,000 blankets back to us (.) Intention was to hand these over to GELARDI for R.T.D. (.) Do you now mean that 10,000 blankets are not available from FOLGORE (:) If so what was object of your two signals under reference (.) If available for release back to us why send transport to BARI as reported by MMIA LO

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SUBJECT: Grupp1 - Clothing.

Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
S/G/29/13/3
25 Nov 44

TO : A.F.H.Q.

Reference your AFHQ/9193/Q(AE) dated 21st November.

The total numbers of MT personnel, Fitters, etc involved is 2114, while it is considered that a reasonable pool for personnel who would be employed on work of a duty nature would be 500.

Major General
M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT: Special Equipment Lists

LAND FORCES SUB-SEC. A.G.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. 2/5/28/13/3 √
21st Nov 44

TO : HIS MAJESTY and attn. ADVS
SO, SE, SS, SA, SB Units

Copy of M.M.L. No. 122/1 of October 44 - A Field Company, Engineer Bn, an Italian Combat Group - MA/5228/1 - is forwarded.

Major General
M. M. I. A.

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SUBJECT: Special Equipment Lists

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. S/G/29/13/3
25 Nov 44

TO : 51 BLU

Reference your RE 401 dated 23 November 44.

Herewith 4 copies of Special Equipment List No. 122/1 Oct 44, - Field Company, Engineer Battalion for Italian Combat Group NA/529/1.

It is regretted that copies of the September S.E.L. were forwarded to you.

Major General
M. M. I. A.

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SUBJECT: Special Equipment Lists

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. S/G/29/13/3 ✓
25 Nov 44

TO : O.C. 52 HLV

Reference your letter Ord/12/34 of 13 November.

As requested herewith Lists No's. 119/1 (HQ Combat Group) and 133/1 (Provost Section)

Major General
M. M. I. A.

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Subject :- Equipment.

To :- H.Q., 3 District.
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AHQ 9(AB)
Land Forces Sub Area A.G. (SALA)
Ord.

55 S.L.G.
Ref. 9I - 55
20 Nov. 44.

1. Recently a considerable quantity of clothing has been released to this Op for Combat Op POLARIS and on inspection, after collection has been effected, a considerable percentage has been found to be unserviceable.

2. The following are the facts in respect of three major items of clothing equipment. -

(a) Boots - 10,000 prs collected from RAD 557 and RAD and this Op inferred that they were rebuilt boots. These boots in practice turned out to be useless and any time that had been spent on their repair was wasted. There were numerous examples of boots with the soles repaired and no heels, boots with new soles and heels but with uppers split open from one side to the other, and boots with large tears on the side of the uppers. These 10,000 prs of boots have been returned to the issuing depot today.

(b) Blankets - 5,000 were collected from 21 Base Laundry Unit. To date 450 have been rejected as useless being in many cases badly torn and the balance being only 1/2 to 2/3 of the size of a normal issue blanket. From information received it is most likely that when inspections of these blankets have been carried out by units fully a further 2,500 blankets will be returned as unserviceable, being old, very thin and torn.

(c) Battle Dress - Of 10,000 suits collected, the following have been returned by units as being useless :-

Blouses	2,400
Trousers	3,600

Much of this clothing had not been washed, many garments were patched with various colour materials and the trousers were generally cut down to a ridiculous short length. Many would only fit men of stature below 5'.

3. Replacement for the above equipment has been demanded through service channels.

4. It is stressed that transport, which is extremely short in this Op, has been wasted in the collection of this clothing and more will be used in returning it. In addition, further work which should never have been necessary, has to be done by an already fully committed and very limited Ord staff.

L. H. Morke

Lt. Col.
G.S.

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Translation.

From :- Mantova Combat Group
To :- SMRE for information.

Ref :- 516/
Date :- 23/11/40.

Signal.

Comm. Comb Cst Calabria from whom we requested Wool blankets has informed that this is not available. Please inform Comdt Compania to arrange the issue of 8906 blankets for this Group to be distributed to dependant units Located in new area. This is urgently required owing to serious weather conditions and bad clothing of troops.

Capitanaggiore 'Mantova' Group.

Lgt Phoer

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e 35 dell'Istruzione sul collegamento Vol. II

N. 2927 del Catal. 1302

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Indice del collegamento.

++ OU ROMA DA CO>LNZA 263 82 23/11 1300

DAL COMANDO GRUPPO COMBATTIMENTO MANTOVA COMMI>>ARIATO PM 104

ET PER CONO>CENZA ALLO >.M.R.E. ROMA NR° 516/COMM COMILIT

CALABRIA CUI ERA >IATA RICHIE>TA TERZA COPERTA >EGNALA INDI>PONIBILITA

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Consegnato al messaggero *Ore di recapito* .....

alle ore .....

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(1) Telegramma, fonogramma, fototelegramma, fotofonogramma, marconigramma e fonomarconigramma.

Ritiro lenito da piegare

Ordinativo 952 del 16-5-1940-XVIII 07L000-30.0201
Antonio Cesaleni - Cartotecnica e Tipografia - Roma

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ARMY FORM O 2136 (Small) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No. 664

Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
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— Office Date Stamp —

FROM (A) Originator: 51 BLL

Date-Time of Origin: 241450A

For Action

TO: MMIA ayld Q(AE) AFHQ DADOS

(W) For Information (INFO)

Sec 1st Lt

— Message Instructions — | — OR —

Originator's No.

Q 7/11 Request scale cookers number 1 for ARTIGAS Gov. Engr Bn. As two per Coy. Co to type will always work independently would be required. To have four number 1 cookers for ARTIGAS Bn. Q then SEL to amended accordingly and issue 8 four cookers number 1 for Engr Bn. this GRUPO authorized

P.S.&L. Co., Inc. Mx 2136/24

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Signed Adcye.

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CITE FHQAE

FROM AFHQ SIGNED EACMED 221944

TO MMIA

INFO 50 BLU

FX 56388 RESTRICTED

Ref 50 BLU signal ET 387 dated 20 Nov 44 (.)

Request you confirm classified drivers can be provided for all vehicles

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AFEA/8118/4(AG) C/1691

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S/Sec.

24/11 CR 20 157

REFERENCE 50 BLU SIGNAL ST 387 DATED 20 NOV 44 (.) SIGNED SACHSE CITE FWAE(.)

REQUEST YOU CONFIRM CLASSIFIED DRIVERS CAN BE PROVIDED FOR ALL VEHICLES

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From AFHQ.

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C-3	1
D.S.T.	1

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J.R.LITTLE Major
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Subject :- Special Equipment Lists. 51 British Liason Unit.

To:
HQ MMIA

HE 401

Ref S/G/29/13/2 of 15 Nov 44.

1. Receipt of 4 copies of Special Equipment List for Fd Coy of Eng Bn are acknowledged.

2. It is noted that these are dated September 44 and are therefore obsolete.

3. May 4 copies dated October 44 please be sent?

Field.
23 Nov 44.
JFC/KS

J. T. Cobb
Capt.
30 HE.

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ARMY FORM C2156 (Modified)

MESSAGE FORM

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FROM (A) Originator: 33 Artillery Group Hqs — Date-Time of Origin: 171745 H — OFFICE DATE STAMP: S/Sec 23/4

For Action

TO: 33 Arty Gp for attention Major Jakeman

(W) For Information (INFO)

HQ NINTH ✓

Message Instructions — OR —

Originator's No.: AQ/Q1-33

C Ref NINTH [illegible] of 17th C Int consult one other Gp to collect 4000 blocks C Th HQ concerned your requirements to be met from which they are to be collected, delivery point and rates they are to be loaded in both.

Major Gen Maps

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Subject: Gruppi - Clothing.

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 427

AFHQ/9193/Q(AE)

Land Forces Sub Commission AC, (MMIA).

21 Nov. 44

Reference your S/G/29/13/2 dated 15 Nov. 44.

1. The scale of Battledress for British troops in this theatre is the same as that for the Gruppi - i.e. 1 suit per man.

2. The provision of demim suits or overalls cannot be considered for all personnel of the Combat Groups. If you will supply the information requested in para 3 below, consideration will be given to the provision of denims or overalls to MT Personnel and fitters, and a small pool to be held for troops employed on work of a dirty nature.

3. Will you please state:-

(a) The numbers of MT Personnel and fitters involved.

(b) What you consider a reasonable pool for those employed on work of a dirty nature.

B.S.A. CLARKE, J. Comd.,
for Major General, G-4 (B).

BSAC/DY.

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SUBJECT: Issue of Blankets to BR-ITIS.

LAND FORCES SUB-COMM.
A.C. (M.M.I.A.) R O M E
A2/15
22 November 1944

TO: All MMIA LO's.

29/13/3.

1. It must be realised by all concerned that blankets from Allied Sources are in extremely short supply, British blankets are not sufficient to issue to authorised scale for all British troops.

2. The supply of clothing and equipment to the six combat groups is entirely a British commitment.

3. A.F.H.Q. have arranged to borrow 20,000 Italian blankets (ex Sardinia), these will be repaid later from British stocks, insofar as the combat groups are concerned. These 20,000 blankets have been allotted by AAI in the following priority:-

A. Complete all BR-ITIS in operational zone to scale of 2 per man.

B. Issue of third blanket to Friuli and Cremona Groups.

C. Issue of third blanket to BR-ITIS operationally engaged with Armies.

These units are to be selected in conjunction with the Armies concerned according to availability.

4. The position is summarised as follows:-

(a) BR-ITIS in operational zone.

2 Italian blankets or 1 comforter cotton per man.

(b) Friuli and Cremona Groups.

2 British blankets plus one Italian blanket per man, the latter to be replaced by British blankets when available.

(c) BR-ITIS operationally engaged with armies.

2 Italian blankets or 1 comforter cotton per man, plus one Italian blanket ex 20,000 arriving from Sardinia, if available when priorities at para 3A

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(d) LEGNANO, FOLGORE, MANTOVA & PICENO GROUPS.

2 Italian blankets or 1 comforter cotton per man, to be replaced by 2 British blankets per man when available.

DSLG/le

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

Copy to: AFHQ for Q(AE)
Hq. AAI for Q(AE)
Hq. Rear 5 Army for Br Increment.
Hq. 1 District
Hq. 3 District
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Q(AE) M.I.A
SPEC SEC, M.I.A.

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ARMY FORM C 2156 (Small) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No 29/22 A1

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ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY — OFFICE DATE STAMP —

FROM (A) Originator: 50 BLU — Date-Time of Origin: 20/1900A

For Action: Q (A E A F H Q

(W) For Information (INFO): M M L A

Message Instructions: 23/11 — CR

S/Sec

TO

Originator's No: SP 287 O Ref F-53515 cite FHQAE dated 16th O

All 2 ton stake lorries are required by FRELI DIV

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Signed: [illegible]

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P.S.S./B.D.10/100M x 100/8-14

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NMIA 22 1806 A

50 BLU

SS 382

Received

Reference your QG 382 of 20 (.) Regret maximum inconvenience (*)

Refer our SS 347 dated 17 addressed 53 BLU copy to you

Important

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SUBJECT: Training Equipment for MANTOVA and PICENO Groups.

Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
S/G/29/13/2
42 Nov 44

TO : Ministry of War.

Copy to: 54 BLU
MMIA LO MANTOVA

1. Attached at Appendix 'A' is a list of training Stores released for the courses arranged by S.M.R.E. to be held at S. GIORGIO for MANTOVA and PICENO Infantry instructors. No mortars are at present available. Your 1519/A.18/Add refers.

2. At Appendix 'B' is a list of training stores for which release has been given, subject to availability, for training the main body of MANTOVA Group.

3. Stores issued according to Appendices 'A' and 'B' will count as part of the issue of the operation stores allotted to the MANTOVA Group.

4. Arrangements for drawing these stores will be made as required between the Commanders MANTOVA Group and 54 BLU.

Major General
M.M.I.A.

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Appendix 'A'
S/G/29/13/2

List of Training Stores :-

Rifle No. 4	Qty 70
Bren LMGs (c/w mags)	12
T34 Gs	12
Plats	6

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APPENDIX 'B'
S/G/29/13/2

A. Vehicles.

Motor Cycles	30
Cars 2 str 4 x 2	6
Trucks 15 cwt GS 4 x 2	8
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 FTW	3
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 wireless House	3
Lorries 3 ton GS 4 x 2	8
Lorries 7½ ton Lt Recovery	2
Tractors A/T	2
Tractors FA	4
Tractors LAA	3
Carriers Universal	12
Carriers Lloyd	12
Carriers Mortar	6

B. O(AE) Controlled Stores.

Rifles No. 4		4500
TSMG's		2500
LMG Bren		60
PIAT		24
6 pr	)	15
17 pr	) complete with associated	4
25 pr	) auxiliary stores accord-	8
40 mm	) ing to AE & S Scales.	6
Directors No. 7		3
Compasses Prismatic		18
Binoculars No. 2		50
Watches GS		25
Pistols Signal		24
Mine Detectors American		12
2 in. Mortar		15
3 in. Mortar		6

C. ORD BRANCH STORES.

Boards Artillery No. 3	6

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FROF V LRLC NG35 IMPORTANT QVR/2

FROM MMIA LO LEGNANO GRUPPO 211215

TO 53 BLU (BY HAND)

HQ MMIA ROME

GR 37 BT

REFERENCE AQ273. RESTRICTED . UNDERSTAND 10,000 BLANKETS EX KOLGORE RELEASED BY MMIA TO RTD ICF . [redacted] PLEASE ARRANGE DELIVERY TO TEANO N0694 . YOUR Q I/20 OF 12 Q1/22 OF 14 AND Q 1/33 ON 19 INTER ALIA REFERS . [redacted] PLEASE ADVISE ETA

BT 211435A

CAS JB 212142A BBB

RD NR (35) " D LON " 2140 K K

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Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
X511/3
21 Nov 44

Subject:- Signal Stores.

S.O.R.Sigs 50 HQ
" 51 "
" 52 "
" 53 "

Copy to: Ministry of War
(Attn Lt.Col.Iannarino)
Spec Sec.

29/13

Further to this HQ letter S/AQ/9 of 19 Nov.

The instructions regarding the disposal of excess Italian Signal Stores as laid down in S.E.R.E. letter I/4827/Serv of 8 Nov are being amended.

The disposal of excess signal stores will be as follows:

(i) When one Combat Group takes over a training area from another, then any surplus Italian signal stores should be handed over to the incoming Group.

Any of these which are not required by the incoming Group should be returned to Rome Genio Stores.

(ii) When a Group moves out of a training area and no further Group takes over the area the excess Italian signal stores will be returned to Rome Genio Stores.

Instructions to this effect are being issued by S.E.R.E. to Groups.

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

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FROM 50 BLU 200785

TO MAIA

QG 382

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Ref your SS 343 dated 16 (.) Vehicles sent BARI to collect blankets have returned without blankets as none available in depot (.) Maximum inconvenience has been caused.

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LRKB 155 O 309

FM QQY V LRSJ NR 20

FROM 50 BLU

TO MMIA

QQ382

REF YOUR SS343 DATED 16. VEHICLES SENT BARI TO COLLECT BLANKETS HAVE RETURNED WITHOUT BLANKETS AS NONE AVAILABLE IN DEPOT . MAXIMUM INCONVENIENCE HAS BEEN CAUSED

TRI 202100

RPTRS 20 50 AND QQY 382 343 16 202100

JEE

VA TKS

8/22 20 0735 29/13/2 S/Sec 22/11

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FROM 51 BLU

TO MMIA

INFO 50 52 53 54 BLUs

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2-1/12/208

G1098 of Arty Regt contains no stretchers (.) Consider these essential suggest scale of from 4 Battery 2 RHQ total 26.

ok

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LRKB 786 7/22

✓ HEDY V LRSJ NR [redacted] 4 QVR1

FROM 51 BLU

TO MHIA

INFO 50 52 53 54 BLU

QQX GR 21

Q7/8

G1098 OF ARTY REGT CONTAINS NO STRETCHERS .

CONSIDER THESE ESSENTIAL SUGGEST

SCALE OF FROM 4

BATTERY TWO RHQ TOTAL 26

TIII 161230

RPTNS 23 1 51 50-52 53 54 Q7/8 G1098 STRENTCHERS 4 BATTERY TWO RHQ TOTAL 26 161230

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MRIA

50 SIU

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Reference your GG 359 dated 16 not to 1 District (.) Take up question of light vehicle ~~our~~ deficiencies with AFHQ through 1 District after completion of move (.) Have spoken AFHQ

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306.

SUBJECT: Staff controlled stores

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. S/G/29/13/2
21 Nov 44

TO : 51 BLU for MMIA LO

Reference your CR/Gen/31 dated 18 November.

None of the items requested are included on the W.E. of this HQ and it is therefore not possible to issue; neither is the need of these immediately apparent.

Major General
M. M. I. A.

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Subject : Staff Controlled Stores.

CR/Gen/31
18 Nov 44.

29/13/2.
S/Sec

To : H.Q., M.M.I.A.
Rome.

From : I.C. Cremona Combat Group.

25/11

May a personal issue of the u/m articles be made to me please :-

Binoculars	1
Compass Prismatic	1
Watches G.S.	1

4/11

Major, R.Ir.Fus.,
M.M.I.A. I.C. 3333

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303

SUBJECT: Losses of Equipment

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. S/G/29/13/2
30 Nov 44

TO : 50 ELU

1. Reference your Q7 dated 16th November, your proposals are acceptable to this HQ.

2. The main difficulty is the difference between black market prices and vocab rates, and AFHQ have been asked for a directive covering charges to be made for losses of stores. This will be sent you as soon as received.

3. In the meantime, it will be satisfactory if you act as you propose.

Major General
M. M. I. A.

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SUBJECT: G1098 Equipment - Groundsheets

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. S/G/29/13/2
20 Nov 44

TO : 53 HLU for MMIA LO

1. Reference your G3 dated 15 November. It is agreed that it would be desirable for the Gruppi to have groundsheets as early as possible, not merely for the protection of clothing, but for bedding as well.

2. Unfortunately, groundsheets are in short supply, but it is suggested that DADOS submit demands for his requirements to 3 District as soon as possible.

Major General
M. M. I. A.

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SUBJECT. Combat Groups - Return of Surplus Italian Equipment.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
S/AQ/9
19 November 1944

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1. The instructions issued by S. M. R. E., to implement this H.Q. letter S/AQ/9 dated 5 Nov, are forwarded herewith.

2. The disposal instructions for Signals equipment, and for vehicles are both being amended. Separate instructions are being issued to the Ministry of War by Sigs and ST this H.Q., regarding their disposal.

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M. M. I. A.

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TRANSLATION
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REF:- 1/4627/Serv
Date:- 8 November '44

FR[illegible]- S.M.R.E.

TO :- HQ Campania, Naples
Combat Groups HQs

SUBJECT:- Handing over of Italian Stores in excess in Combat Groups.

1. Herewith copy of MMIA letter S/[illegible]/9 dated 5th inst. in respect of Italian Stores on charge to Combat Groups, for action.

2. Instructions regarding the handing over of stores to HQ Campania are hereby confirmed; first verbally and then with letter 1/4584/Serv. dated 28 October '44.

It is reconfirmed that Italian stores in excess must be returned as under;-

- Commissariato Stores
  To the Direz di Commissariato to Naples, which have arranged to receive the stores.

- Artillery Stores
  To Direz. Art. Rome:- Instruments of precision
  Small arms of Art. Regts.
  Hand Grenades and pistol ammunition.
  To Art. Detachment Gaeta - Art. and Inf. Ammunition.
  Small arms of Infantry & explosives.

- Genio
  All Signal stores to Rome Genio stores.
  All remaining stores to 10th Regt. Genio at S. Maria, Capua Vetere.

- Vehicles, Armoured trucks, Armoured cars etc.
  Those inefficient, to Vehicle Park Naples.
  Those efficient, to 8th center Repair and Recovery (Rome)

- Stores of remaining units
  To Campania Depots.

3. Stores will have to be handed over by HQs Groups concerned prior to their departure and on date shown on MMIA letter attached.

In case "Friuli" Group cannot complete the handing over of stores within the 13th Nov. to various Depots as detailed in para 2 above, authority is given to the Group to hand over stores to the nearest Depot depending from HQ Campania after agreement is taken with same

HQ Campania will then, and as soon as possible, send these stores to the various Depots to which "Friuli" Group had to hand over the stores.

4. MMIA instructions, ref. attached letter, will have to be carried out in respect of Vehicles, Tentage and Barrack stores.

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5. It is strictly forbidden that Combat Groups take with them stores not on scales or in excess, especially to avoid unnecessary and harmful loads.

6. In case of difficulties in carrying out the above, these should be mentioned from time to time to this office by HQ Companies.

7. HQ Companies will please forward a confirmation in respect of the above, as groups leave their actual concentration areas.

S/ General A. SANTI.