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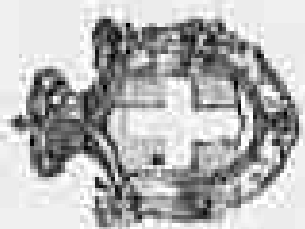
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6/126/30 Training Equipment

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URGENTISSIMO - A MANO

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO

UFFICIO OPERAZIONI E ADDESTRAMENTO

SEZIONE ADDESTRAMENTO

N. 3682/R/4 di prot. Add.

P.M. 3800, 27 novembre 1945.-

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

= R O M A =

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= tale forza sarà ordinata in 3 battaglioni - 12 compagnie - 48 plotoni - 192 squadre (ordinamento quaternario) ;

= ogni militare dovrà essere dotato dell'arma individuale (fucile), per l'addestramento primario, avanzato ;

= ogni squadra dovrà essere dotata di un moschetto automatico Thompson e di fucile mitragliatore Bren (per addestramento avanzato) ;

= ogni plotone dovrà essere dotato di 1 mortaio controcarro P.I. A.T. e di 1 mortaio da 2 pollici (per l'addestramento avanzato).

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3. = Il fabbisogno per la R. Accademia è stato calcolato tenendo presente:

= lo scopo esclusivamente didattico;

= l'organizzazione dell'Istituto in due corsi su una forza massima complessiva di 400 allievi;

= l'ordinamento di ciascun corso.

4. = Si riportano nel seguente specchio i risultati del calcolo:

A. = ARMAAMENTO CENTRI ADDESTRAMENTO RECLUTE

Fabbisogno armi	fucili	Moschetti automatici Thompson	Fucili mitragliatori Bren	Mortai con trocarro "PIAT"	Mortai da 2 pollici
- per 1 C.A.R.	3.636	192.	192.	48	48
- per 11 C.A.R.	40.000	2.112	2.112	528	528

B. = MATERIALE DIDATTICO R. ACCADEMIA

Materiali	esemplari occorrenti	Materiali	esemplari occorrenti
Bombe a mano tipo 36-67-69 (per ciascun tipo)	20	-Cann. da 6 libbre	2
Pistole da 0,38"	20	- " da 17 "	2
Fucili n. 3 e n. 4 (complessivamente)	20	- " da 25 "	2
		- " c.a. da 40 mm.	2
		- Telefoni tipo L-F-D.V (per ciascun tipo)	4

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Fucili n. 3 e n. 4 (complessivamente)	20	- " da 25 "	2
Moschetti automatici Thompson	20	- " c.a. da 40 mm.	2
Fucili mitragliatori Bren	10	-Telefoni tipo L-F-D.V (per ciascun tipo)	4
Mortai da 2"	10	-Centralini a 10 linee con chiamata universale S.B.U.C.	3
Mortai da 3"	4	-Stazioni radio n. 3673	
Mortai controcarro "PIAT"	4	n. 19 (per ciascun tipo)	3

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5.- I materiali di cui sopra costituiranno dotazione permanente di addestramento e del C.A.R. e della R. Accademia. Pertanto i militari che lasceranno il C.A.R. al termine del periodo d'istruzione saranno sempre trasferiti disarmati.-

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(G. Liuzzi)

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SUBJECT: Sports Equipment for Training RTC ICP.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
G/Trg/30
October 1945.

TO : G 3 Trg. CHQ.

Ref. G/Trg/4 of 22 Oct. 45.

1. The Sports Kit listed hereunder is urgently required at the RTC ICP.
2. It is hoped that at least some part of this list may be made available for purchase by the Italian Army.
3.

Football boots	220 pairs
Footballs, complete	25
Bladders, Reserve	25
Volley Balls	25
Basket Balls	25
Boxing Gloves	100 pairs
Discus	12
Javelins (competition)	12
Javelins Training	24

Major General
MMIA

*Welfare Officer M.M.I.A.
has written to
War Ministry ref above*

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SUBJECT: Welfare - Sports Kit.

1st BRITISH LIAISON & TRAINING UNIT
B.T.C., I.C.F.

Ref: AM/2/1/4/4

25 October 45.

To: Welfare Officer, M.M.I.A.

C. II Training M.M.I.A.

1. The following is an estimate of the amount of sports kit needed to bring recreational facilities in this Centre up to a proper standard:-

Football Boots	220 pairs
Football	14 + 100 reserve bladders.
Volley Balls	44
Basket Balls	14
Volley Ball Nets	10
Boxing Gloves	400 pairs.
Boxing Rings (portable)	1
Discus	24
Shot	24
Javelins (Comp)	24
Javelins (Training)	48

2. Can steps please be taken to procure these or any portions thereof from Welfare sources or B.T.C. purchase?

3. This estimate is based on the size and organization of the component units at this centre.

Elw Bradley Major
for Colonel 3670
Cmd. 1st British Liaison &
Training Unit RUC ICF.

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SUBJECT :- Training Equipment.

'P' BRITISH LIAISON AND TRAINING UNIT
R.T.C., I.C.F.

Ref : G/O.2/625.

8 October '45.

G (Training) CHQ CMT.

Land Forces Sub Comm
A.C. (MIA) RBR.

The following additional Training Stores are required by
this Centre.

Designation.	Number Required.
PIA's	45) Complete with
2-in Mortars	65) Accessories.

The reasons for this demand are as follows :-

1. In the month of November, in addition to normal training this Centre will be training 2,500 Officers and NCOs as Instructors for the proposed I.T.C.'s to be formed for the Italian Army.
2. The numbers at the Centre are at present nearly double those previously allowed for on the Establishment. This means that the Engineers, Artillery and Signals have to do basic training, previously carried out elsewhere.
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4. It is hoped that with the breaking up of many units and training Establishments these items may be made available.

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Major GSO II,
Trg & Inf Trg,
'P' British Liaison
Training Unit KTC

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Subject: Sports Equipment for Italian Army

LAND FORCES SUB COM AC (MILIA)

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13 Sep 45

TO : Land Forces, AFHQ

Reference: WAR/127/100/AFHQ, dated 8 Sep 45.

1. For para 2 is correct, in that we have been informed that in no circumstances will British Army welfare stocks be made available to the Italian Army.
2. Prices in MILAN are far too high for the Italian Army to compete on anything like an adequate scale.
3. It is not known how dollar or sterling credits could be made available for Italian purchases in either Britain or the United States.
4. Consequently it appears that the only practical way of getting sports equipment for the Italian Army is by impressing on British welfare at AFHQ that the equipment is needed for Training (Physical Training). Under these circumstances welfare might be prepared to release some at least of the necessary equipment.
5. This HQ has been instructed in such terms by welfare that it cannot not raise the matter.
6. It is therefore suggested that the matter be raised between HQ/welfare, AFHQ as a training need.

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5. This HQ has been instructed in such terms by welfare that it cannot now raise the matter.

6. It is therefore suggested that the matter be raised between HQ/welfare, AFHQ as a training need.

W. H. Dwyer *W. H. Dwyer*

Major 3008
M.H.A.

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G. Training.

1. It is true that there is a plentiful supply of sports equipment of various types in the Italian market. Footballs and boots are, unfortunately, rather difficult. The former may be purchased singly, and the latter are almost unobtainable.
 2. As an example, an undersized, poor quality football would cost L. 4000.
A pair of boots, if obtainable, would be L. 5000.
 3. I estimate from this that a reasonable allocation for the Italian army for the six winter months would cost at least L. 8,000,000, which is $\frac{2}{3}$ of the total Welfare Grant for all purposes 3667
- In these circumstances, no great improvement can be expected, unless Allied sources can be tapped.

10 Sep 45

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Welfare.

Agree with your remarks

I to JMT letter suggests purchasing the necessary equipment abroad - How far is this possible?

II Could not welfare money be made available for the manufacture of contract boots for the Army

III Could not footballs be manufactured outside black market sources

IV How much would it cost welfare to put 2 Teams in the field at the P.T. School? About 150,000 lire.

Can this be done?

V Please answer the JMT letter when you have investigated the problem thoroughly.

H.H.

SUBJECT : Sports Eqt for Italian Army.

D.M.T. A.F.H.Q. C.M.F. (5)

Tel : 16282

DMT/127/163/MT.2

8 Sep '45.

MEMO —

Copy to :- BE & Trg Unit RTC ICF c/o MEMO.

1. The Italian Army School of Physical Trg has now opened at GESAHO and the syllabus of trg may have to be curtailed owing to the acute shortage of sports eqpt.
2. It is understood that British Army Welfare Services are not permitted to allocate sports eqpt to the Italian Army.
3. It is suggested that the only possible solution to the problem is for the Italian War Office to purchase eqpt in America or Sweden if it cannot be obtained in Italy.
4. It is considered most important that the Italian Army should have supplies of sports eqpt. If this eqpt ca. not be made available not only will it be impossible to produce the best results on courses at the Italian Army PT School, but the plan for putting Physical and Recreational Trg throughout the Italian Army as a whole will be seriously prejudiced.
5. Many shops in MILAN have sports eqpt for sale and it is not known whether this possible source of supply has been investigated.
6. Will you please say whether anything can be done to improve the sports eqpt situation throughout the Italian Army.

Welfare

Passed to you for Action

Please advise Trg Unit that

this being + will be done
later.

1 Haldens Bay

S.M. SROGSMITH,
Brigadier,
D.M.T.

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MMIA - 'G' / 9
FILE: G/123/30
DATE: 23 APR 1945

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION,
A. C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
Q/23/7
22 April 1945

SUBJECT: Arms for 804 BRD

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Letter this headquarters, G/123/30 of 17 April 1945 is hereby cancelled.

2. You are authorized to release to 804 Base Reinforcement Depot the following arms and ammunition for training purposes:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>UNDER CONTROL OF</u>
Rucili Mod. 35 Cal. 7.35	1000	901 Artillery Direct.
Cartuccie a pall per armai 35 Cal. 7.35	100,000 Rds.	" "

3. Instruct Bari Territorial Command to notify MMIA L/O, 54 Area, when above are ready for issue. 804 Base Reinforcement Depot will arrange to draw on notification from MMIA L/O, 54 Area, of locations of depot where above have been prepared.

F. A. COLE, Major
For Major General
M. M. I. A.

JJW/ao

Copy to: "G" Training, MMIA
O.C. British Cadre (attached 804 BRD)
MMIA L/O, 54 Area
MMIA L/O, 3 District

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SUBJECT : Base Depot - TRANI.

Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(RMIA)

Q/TRE/30

17 APR 45

MINISTRY OF WAR

Copy to : DMT

1. It has been agreed that the Italian Base Depot TRANI should receive 1000 Italian type rifles for training.

2. It is understood that these can be obtained from BARI, and the necessary authority should be sent by you to IBD, TRANI, to enable the rifles to be drawn.

Jtl

McM

Major General
M.E.I.A.

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MMIA - 'G' TFG
FILE: G/785/32
DATE: 18/4

SUBJECT: Base Depot - ITALY.

DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY TRAINING
AFHQ CMT

Tel: 16872

DMT/86/MT1

14 Apr 45.

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HQ MMIA.

Copy to:- Italian Base Depot ITALY.

It was understood that each of the Italian Base Depots (L of C) were to receive 1000 Italian type rifles. These have not so far been received by the above depot. As rifle training is included in the syllabus for reinforcement training, it is hoped that these rifles may be issued in the near future.

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in lot
Brig.
D.M.T.

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Subject: Training Equipment

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
G/Trg/5

2 ^{Apr} 45.

DMT AFHQ

Ref your DMT/88/4/MTI of 27 March

1. Please see 'F' BLU's G/6/2/150 of 27 March, which covers additional requirements for the Centre as a whole.
2. Amendments to the WE of an Infantry Training Regiment and a new WE for No. 4 Holding Regiment are being prepared.

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Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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SUBJECT: Training Equipment. DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY TRAINING
AFHQ CMF

Tel: 11667

DMT/88/4/MT1

27 Mar 45.

HQ MMIA

Copy to:- G - 3 Org (F)

1. It is understood that the personnel removed to near MANZIANA from CESANO as a result of AFHQ message FX 20432 dated 16 Feb now constitute the Reception Regt of the RTC and that the equipment issued under authority of DMT/88/4/MT1 dated 2 Feb for the Reception Regt has been diverted and is being used for a second Infantry Training Regt.

2. Will you therefore submit without delay a list of controlled stores which you require in order that basic training may be carried out at the Reception Regt, and also your additional requirements for the second Infantry Training Regt now in being.

3. It is assumed that you are taking the necessary action to amend the WE of an Infantry Training Battalion and will also submit to this Directorate a proposed scale of training equipment based on the new organisation.

MMIA - 'G'
FILE: <i>Letter 3/1/45</i>
DATE: <i>29/3</i>

Letter drafted 3/1/45
all right
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Brig.
D.M.T.

SUBJECT: Additional Training Equipment.

SD
6/12/45
F' BLU. IRTC. ICF.
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MIA) ROME.

Ref: G/6/2/150

27 March 1945.

To: H.Q. ✓
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC (MIA).

Copy to: Director of Military Training,
A.F.H.Q.

1. Reference conversation Brigadier Shoemith/Lieut-Col. Mackay on the subject of additional training equipment required, in order to meet the increased ceiling at R.T.C. Cesano from 7,800 to 11,250, certain additional stores are required. These requirements are shown in Appendix 'A' hereto.
2. No attempt has been made to show this equipment under any specific sub-unit heading, but a careful analysis has been made of the requirements and it is felt that the additional stores called for will meet the case.
3. Although this training equipment is required specifically for :-
 - (a) All Arms of the Reception Regiment camp.
 - (b) Conversion of original No.1 Reception Regiment to Infantry Training Regiment.
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4. The reason for this is that both the Reception Regiment Camp and the Trained Reinforcement Camp will vary considerably, and while it is hoped the former will be decreased, the latter will tend to increase.

5. This Indent should be regarded as "Special" and is NOT blended with the normal fortnightly demand for training equipment.

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'G' B.T.U.



Ld. Mackay

Lieut-Col. R.A.

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APPENDIX 'A'

To: 'P' BLU 2/6/2/150
dated 27 March 1945.

INDEXT FOR ADDITIONAL TRAINING EQUIPMENT.

<u>Serial</u>	<u>Description.</u>	<u>No. required.</u>
1	L.M.G. Bren complete with magazines and spares.	85
2	T.M.C. complete with magazines and spares.	60
3	PIAT.	12
4	Pistol Signal	30
5	Compasses Prismatic.	45
6	2-in Mortars.	15
7	Binoculars No.2.	45
8	Telescopes Scout Regt.	5
9	Kits Tools Armourers.	2
10	Chests Tools Carpenters.	3
11	Instruments Drawing G.S.	2

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