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SUBJECT:- ISSUE OF RATIONS TO ITALIAN ARMED FORCES.

Army Sub Comm. AGO.
Main HQ (MELA)
MB/MIAC(ASCAS)
G/1.
23. Mar 44.

MAR MINDING.

1. The following Italian Military personnel are attached to British Units in No.2 District Area and are being rationed by British D.I.D's on the Combat ration scale.

(a) 65 D.I.D. BARLETTA. APACK. PERSONNEL RATIONED.

Italian Military Personnel attached to:-

97 R.A.O. Regt. Workshops.	30
223 Tk. Bde. Coy.	24
35 Port Security Sec.	8

110 D.I.D. FOGGIA.

Italian Military Personnel attached to:-

21/24 L.A.A. Regt. R.A.	60

D.I.D. APRICENA.

Italian Military Personnel attached to:-

121 Bde. Gen. Coy.(1 Tk. & Coy. Headquarters).	74
Sannicle, Gaurin Forest	96

2. As from the 31st March all issues now being made to Italian Units, including Italian Military personnel attached to British Units and Italian Naval personnel will cease.

3. All rations issued up to the 31st March to Italian combat will be replaced from Italian stocks.

4. The above does not apply to the additional 2 ozs P/Meat issued with the Basic scale to Italian troops engaged in heavy manual labour, where such additional P. Meat is at present being issued by D.I.D. to employing services.

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for Lt.Col,
AAG,
Army Sub Comm. AGO.

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SECRET. 361

SUBJECT:- Maintenance of Italian Armed Forces.

Army Sub Comm. ACC.
Main HQ (MAAF)
Lt[illegible] (LEMOS).
G2/1.
21 Mar 44.

Italian War Ministry.

Copy to:- HQ, No. 2 District. (Your ZT 1009/7 dated 14 Mar 44 refers)

1. For your information a Rear Area of 8th Army has been taken over by G Sub Area - boundaries of which are:-

Incl the VASTO (R9390) Lateral M to all excl CASTIGLIONE (R9765) - PESCOLANCIANO (R8804) - BORGIA del SANTO (R8317) - CASTIGLIONE (R4756) - thence NE CASTELLO (R4620)-CELDONE (R6125)- JESI (R6624) - all incl NI June R6723A - thence NE ANCONA (R6920) - R6914 - thence East along the bdy between the Provinces of CAMPOBASSO and BENEVENTO to the Northern bdy of 1st Sub Area at R6328 - thence along the Northern bdy of 1st Sub Area to the sea at R9570

- under the command of No.2 District.

2. Italian troops in this Area who were previously rationed by 8th Army, will now be rationed from Italian sources.

3. Please make the necessary arrangements as from the 25th March 1944 to undertake this commitment, and inform this Sub Commission of the number of troops in this Area.

for Lt.Col. Chapel.
Lieut.Col,
ADJT, Army Sub Comm. ACC.

HQ.

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6C Enl Encl

5C Encl Encl

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A. References attached

Could you please let me know what total station

Unit we in 60 Sat Area.

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for O.C.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

Div.Sussi.2e Sez.1^

N. 2424 /S di prot. P. M. 107, li 16 MARZO 1944

Risposta al foglio N. del Carte annesse

OGGETTO: Conserva di pomodoro.=
Fornitura prezzi

Al IA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO DELLA COM=
MISSIONE DI CONTROLLO = Comando LEQUILE
Principale (MMIA)

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Si prende atto di quanto comunicato con foglio SM/1 dell'11 marzo c.a. e si ringrazia.=

P. IL MINISTRO

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S E C R E T

RELAY NO .....R 272/12

CLASS.....SECRET

PREC.....PRIORITY

FROM.....FALCONFROMMARTIN

TO.....FATIMA FOR QUINSMITH

M/C NO.....13

REF NO.....WM 562.

FILED.....111831

RECD.....121024

J.R. LEE

REFERENCE FREEDOM 60304 DATED 051257. BALANCED RATIONS FROM USA FOR ITALIAN FORCES SARDINIA IS SUBJECT. 30 DAYS BALANCED SUPPLY FOR APPROXIMATELY 200,000 TROOPS HAS BEEN RECEIVED TO DATE . THIS LEVEL WAS REDUCED APPROXIMATELY 15 PERCENT BY REASON OF REIMBURSEMENT TO US FOR A C C STOCKS FOR ADVANCES THEREFROM PREVIOUSLY MADE TO RATION ITALIAN FORCES EMPLOYED IN ALLIED INTERESTS. ISSUE TO ALL ITALIAN FORCES SARDINIA FROM THESE SPECIAL IMPORTS WAS INITIATED FIRST MARCH. RATIONS SUFFICIENT TO 25 MARCH INCLUSIVE ON HAND. (TO FATIMA FOR QUINSMITH TO FREEDOM TO FLAMBO AND FLAMBO PLEASE PASS TO MMIA FROM MARTIN FOR SIMMONS AT FALCON CITE AGS Y 61)

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Info..... Sec Gen
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Army S C (Lecce)
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MESSAGE FORM

ARMY FORM G-26

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN
	OUT

Prec. & Classif. GR

Speed No. Office Code Name

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TO FLAMBO rptd S.T. MMIA

FROM MMIA

Originator's Number AQ 760 | Date | Time Filed by Number

Your Districts (*) instructions | Q 22770 and Repeat affecting | refers replacement to American | only for me interests | to British any | British depots similar

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Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

Time of Origin 141900A

Signature

Authentication (To be used for "Reply" or "Read" instructions)

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TO: Q [redacted]

FROM: [redacted]

Originator's Number: Q765

Date: 14

FIRST (.) War to your Q2637 of the Confirm repeat meat from

I am issuing instructions to Italian troops with correct (.) instructions issue of Ministry of based on substitution GEORD (.) to ALLIED 202 except canned

I am issuing orders and Q2770 for BRITISH have issued authorities to continue attacks (.)

I am issuing instructions to Italian troops of 13 Mar (.) Confirm available to continue

I am issuing orders and Q2770 for BRITISH have issued authorities attacks (.)

I am issue of 12 Mar word ALLIED that you ALLIED 114 d

FIRST (.) War to your Q2637 of the Confirm repeat meat from

Originator's Instructions: Degree of Priority: IMMEDIATE

Time of Origin: 2405

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Writer

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CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS — IN / OUT

TO FLAMBO rpt ST MYIA

FROM M M I A

for	QUEEN	ONE	(*)	your	25/1/01
dated	six	March	received	pm	12
March	(*)	noon	as	given	in
my	AQ732	dated	nine	War (*)	fuliy
appreciate	position	and	am	exerting	all
pressure	to	cause	[illegible]	change	over
on	24	rpt	24	MAR	

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Subject:- Maintenance of Italian Armed Forces.

Army Sub Comm. ACC.
Main HQ (MMIA)
L[illegible] (L[illegible])
SI/1
12 Mar 44.

War Ministry.

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Reference your 2/81/S dated 8th March 44.

1. It is noted that the Italian Supply Depots will be in a position to distribute rations to Italian Units as from the 25th March.

2. The Movement programme for distributing rations to your Main Supply Depots so as to hold a balance ration in them has been forwarded to Allied Movements Adv Adm Echelon, your 2/80/S of 8th March refers. We should like to receive a similar movement programme from you every week, through S.M.R.S. Ufficio Trasporti.

3. If there are any commodities which have not been received to make up the balance ration under the Operational and Basic scales by the 14th March, would you please inform MMIA of the items required.

Lt.Col.
ADST
Army Sub Comm. ACC 39

BC/[illegible]

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MIN. of WAR (Commissariate)
TO: (MMIA

TRANSLATION

Ref. 3481/S
& MAR. HQ

Subject: Supply of Foodstuff to Italian Forces

1.- With reference to reports received up to date re: quantity of foodstuff from Allied Stores existed in the ports of NAPLES, BARI & TARANTO and stores in the Army Depots we beg to inform you that the quantities and varieties are not enough to start the new system of victualling i.e. stopping withdrawals of the 10 days supplies from the B.P.'s.

2.- Because of the afm reason and the time required for the distribution (by Rail) of supplies to the various depots it will not be possible to give up withdrawals for the period 15- 24 March.

3.- The italian depots will be in a position to supply directly the rations on the 25 March on condition that meanwhile the missing items will be received and Dpt. requested to-day (separate letter) arranged.

4.- We consider the question of the discontinuation of supplying the italian Navy very serious. We would suggest a visit to the stores in order to ascertain that the stocks available are really enough to cover the 10 days issue: 15 to 24 March.

Gen. PELLIGRA

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE
DIVISIONE SUSSISTENZE

N. 2481/S di prot. P. M. 107, li 8 marzo 194

Risposta al foglio N. del Carte annesse

OGGETTO: vettovagliamento FF.AA. italiane.-

FEEDING OF ITALIAN ARMED FORCES

AlLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO DELLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO - COMANDO PRINCIPALE - (MMIA) LAQUILA

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1) Dalle comunicazioni ricevute sino a questo momento circa i quantitativi di derrate anglo-americane affluiti nei porti di Napoli, Bari e Taranto ed introdotti nei depositi del R.Esercito,non risultano essere ancora giunti viveri nei tipi e nelle quantità necessarie per consentire di passare senz'altro al nuovo sistema di vettovagliamento,senza cioè più nulla prelevare decadalmente dai T.P.C.-

2) L'importante circostanza di cui al n.1) e l'altra che occorre del tempo per effettuare,a mezzo di trasporti ferroviari,le necessarie perequazioni fra i vari depositi viveri fanno ritenere a questo Ministero che non sia possibile rinunziare al prelevamento decadale per il periodo 11 - 21 marzo.-

3) A parere di questo Ministero i depositi italiani potranno effettuare direttamente le distribuzioni il 21 marzo, sempre che giungano,nel frattempo i viveri ora deficienti (come pisellini,legumi,formaggio) e sempre che le Autorità Alleate concedano i trasporti che vengono richiesti oggi stesso con foglio a parte.-

4) Per quanto riguarda la sospensione dei rifornimenti alla R.Marina,questo Ministero ritiene che il provvedimento sia molto grave.- Piuttosto sarebbe consigliabile visitare i depositi della

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MESSAGE FORM.

From: MMIA

To: FREEDOM rpt Q FLAMBO HISTOMIA FALCON for SIMMONS CT MMIA

AQ 737 10

Refer 6213 of 9 Mar cite FMSUP (.) Confirm my AQ 732 of 8 Mar that changeover to ITI subsistence stocks can take place on Mainland rpt Mainland on twenty four rpt twenty four March provided movement from Ports to Depots is completed (.) It may also be necessary to draw from Allied stocks in certain commodities to make up to 30 days working margin laid down in AFHQ letter AG 400 -1 (ITA Y) OPS - AGS of 9 Jan (.) Exact situation in CORSICA and SICILY will be forwarded earliest

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Subject:- Tomato Sauce for Italian Armed Forces.

Army Sub Comm. ACC.
Main HQ (MAIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
ST/1
11 Mar 44.

War Ministry.

Reference your 1141/S dated 15th Jan 44.

1. Approval has been given for the release of 800 quintals of Tomato Paste for use of the Italian Armed Forces, each month.

2. It is available at the Cirio Works, Head Office NAPLES, to whom the necessary release authority has been sent.

3. Please arrange accordingly.

Lt.Col,
for ADST,
Army Sub Comm. ACC.

BC

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Food Sub-Commission
APO 394

7 March 1944

ADC/A3-4/Food
SUBJECT: Tomato Sauce for Italian Armed Forces

TO : Army Sub-Commission
Main H.Q. (ACC A)
Leguile, Lecce

1. Reference your G5/1 dated 29. Feb. 1944 approval is given to the release until further notice of 800 quintals of tomato Paste for use of the Italian Armed Forces.

2. Supplies of Paste are available at the Cirio Works, Head Office Naples. Release authority has been sent to Cirio Firm.

W.J. Reid
Lt. Col., AGD
Chief, Food Sub-Commission

Copy to: DCAO, AFHQ Adv. Administration Sch.
ACMB - ref. your G5/21 dated 22 Jan. 44

File G5/1
Food 10 Mar

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MESSAGE FORM

Date Time

From: M M I A

To : Q FLAMBO

rptd FATIMA for QUINSMITH DISTONE FALCON for SIMMONS FREEDOM ST MMIA

AQ 732 (*) refer FREEDOM 60304 dated 051257 (*) FIRST (*) can NOT rpt NOT undertake supply of ITALIAN Forces on Mainland from specially imported ITALIAN Army supplies until 24 rpt 24 Mar for following reasons (*) SECOND (*) Balanced rations do NOT rpt NOT exist in ITALIAN Main depots (*) this due to hopelessly unbalanced loading of ships which have discharged at various ports resulting in necessity for complete ~~xxx~~ resorting in port depots (*) this has now in part been done and demand for rail movement of 658 rpt 658 tons to various depots has been submitted in my Mov/20 of 9 Mar (*) until this movement is completed the scale of rations can NOT rpt NOT be issued (*) THIRD (*) Maintenance instruction promised in FLAMBO 25/Q1 of 23 Feb has NOT rpt NOT yet reached me (*) It is NOT rpt NOT known if 20 rpt 20 or 30 rpt 30 days working margin to be built up in depots as my AQ/8 of 26 Feb to FLAMBO has NOT rpt NOT been answered (*) Plan for provision of extra 2 rpt 2 ozs of canned meat has NOT rpt NOT been received (*) My Q653 of 26 Feb to FLAMBO refers (*) FOURTH (*) for DISTONE and FALCON for SIMMONS (*) Advise earliest number of days received of balanced rations from USA specially imported for ITALIAN FORCES incl Army Navy Airforce CC RR and Guardia Finanza (*) When can you change over to above rations in place of Allied rations query

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Reed 8 Mar.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INDUSTRY & COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
AFO 394

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Ref. ACC/5160/IC

6 March 1944

SUBJECT: Tomato Sauce

TO : Army Sub-Commission, A.C.C. Main H.Q. (M.M.I.A.) Lequile (Lecce)

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1. With reference to your communication of 29 February on the above subject, we have taken up the matter of release of tomato sauce to the Italian Armed Forces with our Food Sub-Commission who will be replying to you direct.

for W. P. EVANS
Colonel
Director, Industry & Commerce
Sub-Commission

Copy to:
Food Sub-Commission

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Subject:- Supplies for Italian Forces.

13 B.F.O. PMSO C.M.F. Ref. 13 F.A.

2 Mar. '44.

M.I.4.

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Copy to:- B.A.F.O. Taranto.

Ref. this office letter of even number dated 23 Feb 44.

30,000 lbs Macaroni and 32,440 lbs Flour (in lieu of balance of Macaroni) for issue to Italian Navy may be drawn from 28 BSD for period 24 Feb - 4 March '44.

FILE : ST/31
REQD : 5 MAR.

W. M. E. White
Lt.Col.
13 Base Provision [illegible] PMSO.

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Subject:- Additional [illegible]ions Issued to Italian Armed Forces.

FILE: ST/1.
REF: SHAEF.

to D.M.O. also C.M.F. ref. 185/1.

2 Mar. '44.

T.T.
A.A.I.A.

Copy to:- POSP. AFH. Adv. Adm. Sch. CMF.

Ref. your ST/1 of 26 Feb '44.

1. In view of your ST/1 of 27 Feb '44, it will not be possible to readjust the following:-

Onions	3,700 lbs
Salt	880 "
Fresh Fruit	3,637 "
Cooking Fat	300 "

2. It is presumed that the 1206 boxes matches is additional to the 181,802 boxes referred to in your letter ST/1 of 15 Feb '44. It is pointed out that the authorised issue is only approximately 2½,000 boxes per 10 day period.

W. M. S. White
Lt. Col.
10 Base Provision Officer, BASC.

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AG 400.3591 BPSUP (19 Feb 44) 1st Ind.
Headquarters, Peninsular Base Section, APO #782 24 FEB 1944

To: Commanding Officer, Army Sub Comm ACC, Rear HQ (MMIA) LECUILE (LECCE), AQ/2.

No rations have been issued from P.B.S., to units of Italian Navy.

For the Commanding General:

C. M. MADSEN.
1st Lt. A. G. D.
Ass't Adjutant General.

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SUBJECT: Over Issue of Rations to Italian Armed Forces. 41/2/22

Army Sub Comm ACC
Rear HQ (RAIA)
LE QUILLE (LEQUE).
AC/2.
14 Feb 44.

Commanding General, P.B.S.
DDST, AFHQ, Adv Adm Echelon.

Reference AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon letter No.2561 dated 14 Feb 44, addressed this Sub Commission, copy to you.

1 May a statement be forwarded, please, of rations issued to date to the Italian Navy in or about the vicinity of NAPLES.

for Brig.
Army Sub Comm ACC.

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Subject:- Food Supplies to Italian Armed Forces.

Army Sub Comm. ACC.
Main HQ (MMIA)
LECUILE (LECCE)
ST/1.
2nd March 44.

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Your Ministry.

Reference your letter 2152/S of 1st March 44.

1. The requests in paras 1 and 2 have already been complied with.

V. W. Evans Major
for Lt.COL,
ADST,
Army Sub Comm. ACC.

BC

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VE/re

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

N. 2152/S. di prot. Div.Sua.ze - Sez.2^ - P. M. 107, li 1° Marzo 1944

Risposta al foglio N. del Carte annesse

OGGETTO: derrate distribuite alle FF.AA. Italiane.-
Food Supplies for Italian Armed Forces.

Al LA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO DELLA A.C.C.
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A conferma di analoghi accordi verbali, resta stabilito che la detrazione dei viveri di cui al foglio di codesta Sottocommissione n.ST/1 del 24 febbraio c.a. sarà effettuata durante la decade 15 - 24 marzo, per metà a Bari e per metà a Brindisi.-

Si prega infine voler disporre che i D.I.D. Britannici si astengano dall'aderire a nuove eventuali richieste di viveri che venissero formulate da reparti italiani a sud della linea inferiore di schieramento della 5^ e 8^ Armata.-

Questo Ministero dal canto suo richiamerà gli enti dipendenti affinchè non effettuino prelevamenti di derrate presso i magazzini britannici se non autorizzati preventivamente da codesta Sottocommissione.-

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M E S S A G E F O R M

From : MMIA

To : Q DIGTO rptd Q FLAMBO 52 AREA.

Q 678 I

Reference I468/34 42 dated 23 Feb (.) In view arrival further stocks in addition to ship JAMES TURNER due discharge 3 Feb request information earliest 52 Area can evacuate all 28 BSD incl lookup shed

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MEGB V MEAV NR 1224 T QVR 3

FROM MJCS 281800A

TO FOTALI CMA FOWIT CMA RPTD MMIA LECCE

QQX GR 32 BT

REF TWO FOUR ONE THREE

REQUEST NUMBERS ITALIAN PERSONNEL ON RAT+ RATIONS PAREN TO

FOTALI CMA FOWIT CA++ CMA RPTD MMIA LECCE FROM FATIMA

SIGNED MACFAR

ANE PAREN MAY BE TLEGRAPHED

WEEKLY TO MMIA LECCE

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29½ # ST/1

REPTN 1224 QVR 3 32

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SUBJECT: Issue of Rations from Italian sources controlled by MMIA.

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Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main H[illegible] (MMIA)
LE ULLE (LECCE)
AQ/8
2-? Feb 44.

H.Q., P.B.S.

Copy to: S.T.

With reference to your AG 400 - 3591 PBGDS of 22 Feb.

The importance of maintaining the Italian Forces at the earliest moment from the special supplies now being imported is fully realised.

Unfortunately no initial quantity was shipped for building up a working stock. As soon as this "working margin" can be built up it will be possible to discontinue the present interim policy.

The target date is at present 15 Mar 44 and the change over to Italian supplies controlled by MMIA will take place on that date or as soon after as possible.

We will keep you fully informed as to progress and the actual date.

E. J. Wood
Brigadier.
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

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MESSAGE FORM

To : FATIMA for QUINSMITH

From : MMIA from DUCHESNE. Q 670 29/6

General ORLANDO visiting SALERNO by road tomorrow March first wishes to see Chief Commissioner about gift parcels for Italian prisoners of war in NORTH AFRICA (°) Chief has heard of project (°) Revised proposals stand at 170,000 (170,000) parcels containing one half the food originally proposed (°) Transport by Italian planes to North Africa thence distribution by Italian Liaison Mission now with AFHQ in conjunction with RED CROSS (°) Recommend acceptance (°) Further he wants to send two plane loads of boots and one plane load of newspapers and thereafter newspapers fortnightly (°) Will you arrange interview with Chief or Deputy Chief

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1. Subject: Arms to Italian Armed Forces.

Army Sub Comm ACC
Main H (Rome)
AFHQ (Caserta).
G-2.
24 Feb 44.

Industries & Commerce Sub Commission,
Local Resources Section, ACC.

Copy to: Food Sub Commission, ACC.
A. & G., Region III.

1. Attached is correspondence regarding release of Arms to Italian Armed Forces.

2. AFHQ Adv Sub Echelon had no objection to the release from civilian sources, vide letter G-2/ 1 dated 22 Jan 44, attached, provided ACC agreed.

3. ACC have been approached on this matter, but to date no reply has been received.

4. It will be appreciated if you will pursue this matter and inform this office, as soon as possible, of any quantities you can release to the Italian Armed Forces.

V. le Cam. Capt.
Lt.Col.
AG.
Army Sub Comm ACC.

Replied
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Copy.

Enclosure 1 to Army Sub Comm ACC letter 42/1 of 22 Feb 44.

Subject: Tomato Sauce for Italian Armed Forces.

Military Mission to
Italian Army.
42/1.
10 Jan 44.

AFHQ Adv Sub Com.
Copy to: No. 2 District.
Allied Control Commission.

1. Italian War Ministry have asked if certain stocks of Tomato Sauce, at present blocked by the Allies, can be released to them for issue to the Italian Forces.

2. They state that there are large stocks available amounting to about 10,000 quintals, and that only the needs of the civilian population is being met.

3. Tomato Sauce has always been part of the Italian Army ration scale for use in preparing Pasta the rations, and especially for "PASTA".

4. As the stocks of Tomato Sauce held in Italian Military Depots are being exhausted, so much so that issued to Italian troops will shortly have to be suspended, they ask if a monthly release of 800 quintals could be made, representing a daily ration of 10 grams per head per day.

5. Would you please inform HQ if this release can be made.

(sd) H.A.FISHER, Lt.Col.
for
Comd

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Enclosure 2 to Army Sub Comm AFHQ letter 32/1 of 22 Feb 44.

AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon
G-2.
32/1

22 Jun 44.

Allied Control Commission

Copy to: CMF.
G.4.
FT

Ref our letter 32/1 of 15 Jun 44 addressed this H , copy to you.

There is no objection from this H point of view to the release of 500 quintals tomato sauce monthly from civilian saurces stocks for the Italian Armed Forces.

Will you please advise us whether you are prepared to release from a civilian point of view and, if so, arrange for release of amounts required.

(sd) ???
Major, for
Major General,
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer.

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Subject:- Supplies issued to Italian Armed Forces.

Army Sub Comm. ACC.
Main HQ (MEIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
ST/1.
29 Feb 44.

War Ministry.

1. With reference to this office letter No. ST/1 dated 24th Feb 44, the following supplies will be deducted during the 10 daily period 15th to 24th March 1944 as shown below.

Commodity.	To be deducted from 22 BPO. BARI.	13 BPO. BRINDISI.	TOTAL.
Flour	29,450 lbs	29,427 lbs	58,877 lbs
F. Meat.	6,941 "	7,000 "	13,941 "
Herrings Tnl.	1,350 "	1,389 "	2,739 "
Cheese	909 "	850 "	1,759 "
Dried Veg.	4,150 "	4,241 "	8,391 "
Onions	3,709 "	3,700 "	7,409 "
Coffee	800 "	780 "	1,580 "
Sugar	1,446 "	1,450 "	2,896 "
Pepper	36 "	31 "	67 "
Salt	382 "	380 "	762 "
Fresh Fruit	3,600 "	3,587 "	7,187 "
Cooking Fat	321 "	300 "	621 "
Cigarettes	220,000 pcs.	114,580 pcs.	334,580 pcs.
Tobacco	38 lbs	30 lbs.	68 lbs.
Matches.	-	4,906 bxs	4,906 bxs.

L. H. Evans Major
Lt.Col,
for. ADST,
Army Sub Comm. ACC.

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Subject: Additional Rations issued to Italian Armed Forces.

Army Sub Comm ACC
Main HQ (AMMIA)
LECUILE (LECCE).
ST/1.
29 Feb 44.

DDST, AFHQ, Adv Adm Echelon.

Copy to: 13 BPO.
22 BPO.

Reference this office letter ST/1 of 24 Feb addressed to Italian War Ministry, copy of which was forwarded to you under cover of our ST/1 of same date, regarding deductions of rations issued to the Italian Armed Forces in 2 District Area during the month of January 1944.

1. Italian War Ministry have requested deductions be made as follows during 10 daily period 15th to 24th March 1944.

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Matches	=	4,906 bxs	4,906 bxs

2. May this be arranged, please.

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for Lt.Col,
ADST,
Army Sub Comm ACC.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

N. 2157 /S di prot. Div.Suss.ze P. M. 107, li 26 febbraio 1944

Risposta al foglio N. *del* *Carte annesse*

OGGETTO: conserva di pomodoro.-
TOMATO PASTE

Al LA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO DELLA A.C.C. (MMIA)
^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^ L E Q U I L E

Con dispaccio n.1141/S. del 15 gennaio u.s.,questo Ministero ebbe a interessare codesta Sottocommissione perchè fosse concesso uno sblocco mensile di 800 quintali di conserva di pomodoro.-

Essendo attualmente esaurita qualsiasi scorta di tale derrata,è stato necessario sospendere la distribuzione alla truppa.-

Dalle segnalazioni pervenute,tale soppressione ha provocato malcontento fra la truppa,in quanto la conserva di pomodoro viene,per antica consuetudine alimentare,impiegata nella confezione dei ranci e specie in quello di pasta asciutta che,se preparato senza tale ingrediente,non è gradito.-

Si sarà grati a codesta Sottocommissione per un sollecito interessamento presso i Comandi Alleati affinchè essi concedano lo sblocco richiesto onde possa procedersi all'acquisto mensile di quintali 800 di conserva di pomodoro per i bisogni dell'Esercito.-

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Subject:- Over Issue of Rations to Italian Navy.

Army Sub Comm. ACC.
Main Hq (MAIA)
LIAISON (LIAISON)
SE/1.
28 Feb 44.

AFHQ. Adv Adm Echelon.

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Reference your AM12/SE dated 24th Feb 44.

1. According to the Italian War Ministry figures submitted to MAIA there has never been an over issue of rations to the Italian Navy.

2. There has however been an error in the breakdown of rations at the 3 Ports (NAPLES, BARI, BRINDISI) and this occured for the period 4th - 13th Feb 44.

Daily figures submitted to AFHQ for the 3 Ports for this period were:-

	Combat Scale.	Basic Scale.	
Naples	147	7,830	
BRINDISI	24,196	28,053	
Bari	153	621	
TOTAL	24,496	36,504	= 61,000

The breakdown of these figures should have been:-

NAPLES	147	7,130	
BRINDISI	24,196	28,753	
BARI	153	621	
TOTAL	24,496	36,504	= 61,000

3. The actual Total Navy figure submitted by the Italian War Ministry for this period was 62,204 and was reduced by MAIA to 61,000 in accordance with 19831 dated 15th Jan, our SE/3 dated 25th Jan 44 refers.

4. With reference to para 2 of your letter the Italian Naval figures have not so far been certified by an Officer of the Royal Navy.

NOTAMI has been approached by MAIA and asked to submit the Italian Navy figures for each 10 day period, but they state that their information would be obtained

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4. With reference to para 2 of your letter the Italian Naval figures have not so far been certified by an Officer of the Royal Navy.

FOTAIT has been approached by MMIA and asked to submit the Italian Navy figures for each 10 day period, but they state that their information would be obtained through the same channels as that of MMIA i.e., from the Marina Regia through the Italian War Ministry.

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5. All future Italian Naval ration strengths will be forwarded to MMIA from FOTAIT and FOMIT and checked with the Italian War Ministry before demands are forwarded to AFHQ.

Lt.Col,
AMGOT,
Army Sub Comm. MMC.

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ST 217

Subject:- Over Issue of Rations to the Italian Armed Forces

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Rear HQ (MBIA)
BENGUILLE (ESSEX).

AFHQ Adv.Admin.Sch.,
C.M.F.
Tel.Ext: 162
4012/ST
24 Feb 44.

MILITARY MISSION.
Date 27 Feb 44
TO
ITALIAN ARMY

(185 of ST(1))

Reference AQ/2 of the 19 Feb 44.

1. The following supplies have been issued to the Italian Navy in the NAPLES Area by 14 R.P.C.

Period	Combat Scale	Basic Scale
15 - 24 Jan 44	-	80,260 Rations
25 Jan - 3 Feb 44	-	78,260 "
4 - 13 Feb 44	- 1470	78,300 "
14 - 23 Feb 44	1,470	65,420 "

2. In connection with issues to the Italian Navy, it is desired to point out that the demand submitted in respect of the period 24 Feb 44 - 4 March 44 (3Q/3 of 15 Feb refers) was not certified by an officer of the Royal Navy in accordance with this HQ letter 25 Q.1 of 14 Feb.

3. May this authority please be obtained and will you please arrange for future demands to be countersigned as is laid down in the instruction, to which reference is made.

Lieut-Colonel
for Brigadier,
D.A.A.G.

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TRANSLATION FAL

MILITARY INTENDENZA OF SARDINIA
Office of Chief of Staff

No. 4744/ SM

APO 50, 18 February 1944

Subject: Exchange of merchandise with the Continent

Memo for Col. Simmons
Representative of the Allied Commission for Sardinia, KIMAS.

1: In few days fat cannot be any longer distributed to the dispersed troops in Sardinia (now only 5 grams of olive oil per person is being distributed)
2: In order to solve this grave problem, this Intendenza has proposed to the Direction General of the Quartermaster of the Ministry of War, the transfer of 10000 quintali of cheese, (type pecorino romano) of which Sardinia has always exported, in exchange for oil and other merchandise and shortages of which the Island is deficient, particularly extract of tannin and wine.
3: The agreement has been reached on these basis: furnishing of 10000 quintals of Cheese in exchange for:
Oil: 4000 quintals -6months supply (a 10 grams ration daily) for the troops on the Island
Extract of tannin: 500 quintals if solid, 600 quintals if liquid(6 months supply for the Islands' tanneries.
Wine: As much as possible, considering that the troops in Sardinia, with new ration will consume about 35000 ettolitri of wine per month.
4: The cheese must be sent to the following ports, and the percentage to each one as indicated:

MOLA DI BARI -	5/10
NAPLES	2/10
CATANZARO MARINA	3/10

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THE INTENDENTE
Lt. Col. Assistent Chief of Staff
Mario Capello (typed)
Capello (signed)

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SUBJECT:- Local Supplies for Italian Navy.

Army 3rd Comm ACC
Main HQ (MMLA)
LEGUILE (AMGOT).
G1/1.
27 Feb 44.

AFHQ, Adv Adm Echelon.

Copy to:- FOREAL (Your TA/1030/15 of 10 Feb, refers)
MMLT.
1) ESO (Your 13/1 of 21 Feb refers)
1) ESO
22 SPO
Italian War Ministry (Your 2061/3 of 25 Feb, refers)

Reference your AFHQ/371 dated 27 Jan 44.

1. Italian War Ministry report that they can undertake the local purchase of Fresh Fruit, Fresh Vegetables, Onions, Salt, Olive Oil and Wine for Italian Navy under the operational Scale "A" and the non-operational Scale "B" as from the 5 March 1944.

Lt.Col,
AMGOT,
Army Sub Comm ACC

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Subject:- Supplies for Italian Armed Forces.

1 G.P.O. BASC C.M.F.
Ref. 186/1.

21 Feb. '44.

M.I.A.

DOST
Copy to: AFHQ Adv Adm Sch CMF.

Ref. AFHQ Adv Adm Sch. letter No.4012/ST1 of 27 Jan '44 and this office signal to you No.326 of 1 Feb '44.

Will you now please state the date on which the Italian War Ministry will assume responsibility for supply local resources items for Italian Navy drawing Combat Scale of rations.

Please confirm that the following commodities will be provided.

Veg. Fresh	Salt
Fruit Fresh	Olive Oil
Onions	Wine

MILITARY MISSION.
Date 26/2/44
to
ITALIAN ARMY.

W. M. E. White
Lt.Col.
13 Base Provision Officer, BASC.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

N. 2081/S di prot. Div.Sussze — P. M. 107, li 26 febbraio 1944

Risposta al foglio N. del — Carte annesse

OGGETTO: Rifornimenti per la R.MARINA.-
FOOD SUPPLY FOR THE NAVY (ITALIA)

Al LA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO DELLA A.C.C. (MMIA)
L E Q U I L E

Riferimento al foglio n.ST/1 in data 12 corr.

Si comunica che il rifornimento della verdura fresca, della frutta fresca, dell'olio, del vino e del sale da parte dei depositi Alleati alla R.Marina, può essere so_ spesa anche subito, sia per i reparti vettovagliati con la razione tipo " A " (operativa) che con quella tipo " B ".-

P. IL MINISTRO
Pelligra

MILITARY
Date 27 Feb 44
ITALIAN ARMY

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Re: n. ST/1 dated 12th inst.
Please note that the issue of fresh veg., fresh fruit, oil, wine and salt by Allied depots to the Italian Navy

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p. IL MINISTRO

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Ref. n. ST/1 dated 12th inst.

Please note that the issue of fresh vegs., fresh fruit, oil, wine and salt by Allied depots to the Italian Navy may be suspended forthwith, drafts for units vessed with "A" Rations and for those vessed with "B" Rations.

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MILITARY
Date 27 Feb 46
ITALIAN ARMY

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TO: FLAMBO rptd S.T.

FROM: M.M.I.A. Originator's Number Q 653 Date 26

Refer	25/QI	dated	23	Feb	44
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for	ITALIAN	Forces	have	been	demanded
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rations	unquote	on	United	States	(.)
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set	up	on	scale	of	two

This Message may be sent in CLEAR by the Signal Officer

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Request	immediate	information	on	what	scale
Freedom	FHSUP	has	demanded	this	extra
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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

N. 2130 /S di prot. Div.Suss. P. M. 107, li 24 Febbraio

Risposta al foglio N. del Carte annesse

OGGETTO: Vettovagliamento carabinieri.-

SUBJECT Vettovagliamento CARABINIERI

Al LA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO DELL'A.S.

L E - A U I L E

I Carabinieri Reali, al pari delle truppe del R.Esercito, si vettovagliano presso i Magazzini dell'ex Viveri rilasciando ad essi regolari buoni di prelevamento.-

In dipendenza di quanto sopra, è stato fatto divieto alle convivenze dei Carabinieri di effettuare acquisti dal commercio dei viveri costituenti la parte fondamentale della razione; di ciò è stata data notizia al Commissariato Generale dell'Alimentazione perché non accolga ad alcuna richiesta di derrate che potesse essere avanzata da parte delle dette convivenze dei Reali Carabinieri.-

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F. IL MINISTRO

MILITARY MISSION.
Date 4 Feb 44
to
ITALIAN ARMY.

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Subject:- Return of [illegible].

Army Sub Comm. MAG.
Main HQ (MAA)
[illegible] (IMCOS)
G2/1.
26 Feb 44.

War Ministry.

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Reference your 2031/S dated 24th Feb and Commissariato Generale Dell Alimentazione letter 270/2 dated 10th Feb.

This is a matter of internal arrangements between the Italian Army and Navy, and it is regretted that no decision can be given by MAA.

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[signature] Lt.Col.
AMGOT.
Army Sub Comm. MAG.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

N. 2031/S di prot. Div.Sussze P. M. 107, li 24 febbraio 1944

Risposta al foglio N. del Carte annesse

OGGETTO: Restituzione farina FF.AA. italiane

SUBJECT - Restitution of Flour to Italian FF.AA.

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO DELLA A.C.C. (EMIA)

L E C C E

Si fa riferimento al foglio 270/2 del Commissariato Generale dell'Alimentazione in data 10 corrente.-

Poichè le FF.AA.italiane ricevono direttamente quanto loro occorre per l'alimentazione della truppe, si ritiene che il Ministero della Marina possa rinunziare alla restituzione dei quintali 1.800 di farina a suo tempo ceduti alla Sezione Provinciale dell'Alimentazione di Taranto per i bisogni di quella popolazione civile.-

p. IL MINISTRO

Pellizza.

Si fa riferimento al foglio 270/2 del Commissariato Generale dell'Alimentazione in data 10 corrente.-

Poichè le FF.AA.italiane ricevono direttamente quanto loro occorre per l'alimentazione della truppa, si ritiene che il Ministero della Marina possa rinunziare alla restituzione dei quintali 1.200 di farina a suo tempo ceduti alla Sezione Provinciale dell'Alimentazione di Taranto per i bisogni di quella popolazione civile.-

p.IL MINISTRO

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With ref. to letter 270/2 of 10 inst. from the Commissariato Generale dell'Alimentazione.
The Italian forces receiving their requirements for the feeding of men, directly, we think that the Naval Ministry should not claim the return of 1200 tons of flour given to the Wellbeing Provincial Section - TARANTO for the need of the civilian population.

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Return of flour issued to the Italian Forces

1.- We issued for the period previous to the 15th of December, the Italian Forces with flour for baking bread and macaronies, with the idea that these quantities would have been returned by the British supply depots. This was confirmed by Lt.Col. MONFORT of the A.C.C. BRINDISI.

2.- As the Naval Ministry is now insisting to have back the 1801 tons of flour given to the Provincial Section of TARANTO for the civilian population, and which is required for the manufacture of macaronies, I will like you to let me know how and when the flour will be returned, In order to allow me giving back to the Navy the quantity represented.

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SECRETO

GENERALE DUCHESSA

Presso S.M.R.E.

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Ministero dell'Industria - Commercio e Lavoro
COMMISSARIATO GENERALE DELL'ALIMENTAZIONE
Ufficio 2°

nº 270 /2 di prot. P.M.186, li 10 febbraio 1944
(Rif.f.318 d.l 14-1-1944)

OGGETTO: Restituzione farina fornita alle FF.AA.Italiane. =
Return of flour issued to It. forces

AL SIG. GEN. DUCCHENE DELLA COMMISSIONE MILITARE INGLESE presso P. M. 107
- Ministero della Guerra -
e, per conoscenza:
AL MINISTERO DELLA MARINA
-Direz.Gen.di Commissariato Militare Marittimo- TARANTO

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
-Direz.Gen.dei Servizi di Commissariato Militare- F.M.107

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1.= Questo Commissariato Generale ha, per il periodo precedente al 15 dicembre u.s. provveduto alla distribuzione alle FF.AA.Italiane della farina per panificazione e pastificazione, con l'intesa che da parte dell'Intendenza Inglese si sarebbe dovuto provvedere alla restituzione dei quantitativi forniti.

In tal senso vennero date ripetute assicurazioni dal T.Col. Monfort del Q.G. della Commissione Alleata di Controllo di Brindisi.

2.= Poichè il Ministero della Marina insiste ora per ottenere la restituzione di q.li 1800 (milleottocento) di farina a suo tempo ceduti alla Sezione provinciale dell'alimentazione di Taranto per le necessità di quella popolazione civile, asserendo di averne bisogno per la fabbricazione della pasta, prego farmi conoscere come

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IL COMMISSARIO GENERALE
(Romeo Marcello Zoppi)

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SUBJECT: Supplies for Italian Armed Forces.

Army Sub Comm AMG
Main HQ (AFHQ)
APO [illegible] (A&NSAB).
CA/1.
26 Feb 44.

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War Ministry.

1. Notification has been received from 17 BPO BRINDISI, that the following supplies may be drawn as shewn below, for 10 daily period 24th Feb to 4 March 44:

Italian Navy		
Flour	501,130 lbs	Satellite RSD No.2 Berth.
Meat	29,125 "	
Cheese Td	3,902 "	
Veg Dehyd	33,951 "	
Sardines	9,700 "	
Biscc S	18,341 "	
Veg Tnd	23,415 "	
Beans Cnd	23,415 "	23 B.S.D.
Onions	21,[illegible] "	
Coffee	15,975 "	
Sugar	24,750 "	
Pepper	170 "	
Oil 'V'	2,241 "	
Salt	7,805 "	
Fresh Fruit	62,440 "	
Cooking Fat	15,610 "	
Italian Army		
Flour	487,500 lbs	Satellite RSD No.2 Berth.
Meat	81,250 "	
Sardines	11,605 "	
Veg Dhyd	40,625 "	
Biscc S	40,625 "	43 B.S.D.
Coffee	20,312 "	
Sugar	20,312 "	
Pepper	203 "	

2. No Flour has been allotted in lieu of Macaroni as supplies of the latter are expected this week, and you will be informed when you may collect.

Lt.Col.
D.D. [illegible] Comm AMG

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Subject:- Supplies for Italian Forces.

18 P.O. RASC C.M.F.
Ref. 186/1.

23 Feb. '44.

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H.M.I.A. Leguile.

Copy to:- B.A.O. TARANTO.

Allocation of supplies for Italian Forces for period 24th. Feb - 4 Mar. '44 are as follows:-

Italian Navy.

Flour	501,130	lbs	Satellite BSD No.2 Berth.
P. Meat	99,123	"	
Cheese Td.	3,902	"	
Veg. Deh.	33,931	"	
Sardines	9,700	"	
Biscs. S.	18,341	"	
Veg. Td.	23,415	"	
Beans Cd.	23,415	"	28 B.C.D.
Onions	31,220	"	
Coffee	15,275	"	
Sugar	24,730	"	
Pepper	170	"	
Cigs. 'Y'	8,341	"	
Salt	7,305	"	
Fresh Fruit	62,440	"	
Cooking Fat	15,610	"	

Italian Army.

Flour	487,800	lbs	Satellite BSD No.2 Berth.
P. Meat	81,250	"	
Sardines	11,605	"	
Veg. Deh.	40,625	"	
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Salt	7,805	"	)
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Italian Army.

Flour	427,500	lbs	Satellite BSD No.2 Berth.
P. Meat	21,250	"	)
Sardines	11,605	"	)
Veg. Deh.	40,625	"	) 43 B.S.D.
Biscs. S.	40,625	"	)
Coffee	20,312	"	)
Sugar	20,312	"	)
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W.M.E. White
Lt.Col.
13 Base Provision Officer, RASC.

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MILITARY MISSION.
Date 25 JUL 1943
to
ITALIAN ARMY.

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Ref. y. ST/1 of 5 Feb.

We do not think that the new scheme order of supply could be carried out in all the garrisons within 7 days of the arrival of the 1st ship, for the following reasons:

1.- Difficulty of knowing before hand the kind of ships and possibility that the load does not include all the items of the foodstuff ration for which we might not have necessary foodstuff available for the supply of our stores; this already happened with the first ship being recently unloaded at Naples, which does not bgt. main foodstuff (flour, meat, sugar, coffee, cheese etc.) as per y. ST/1 of the 10 inst.

2.- Impossibility of distributing within 7 days foodstuff from the unloading harbour to all our stores.

3.- Impossibility to supply within 7 days the S.S.Dr. which supply our operating forces, also for the reasons given in para 1.

We think that a/m change could be made within 10 days of the unloading in the various harbours of all foodstuff forming the basic ration and "fighting" ration.

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N. 4270 / 211 SP

Stato Maggiore Regio Esercito
UFFICIO SEGRETERIA E PERSONALE

Missione Militare Britannica
presso l'Esercito Italiano

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LE QUILE

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rA/ro

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

N. 4813/S.li prot. Div.Suss.ze — P. M. 107, li 13 febbraio 194 4

Risposta al foglio N. *del* *Carte annesse*

OGGETTO: vettovagliamento FF.AA. italiane.-
supply of food the Ital. Forces.

Al LA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE per l'Esercito della A.C.C. (MMIA)

L E Q U I L E

Riferimento vostro foglio ST/1 del 5 febbraio.-

A giudizio di questo Ministero il nuovo sistema di rifornimento non può avere pratica attuazione in tutti i presidi entro 7 giorni dall'approdo del primo piroscafo per le ragioni che seguono:

1°) difficoltà di conoscere in anticipo il carico delle navi e probabilità che esse non trasportino tutti i generi componenti la razione viveri per cui non si avrebbe la necessaria disponibilità di derrate per poter rifornire i magazzini;il che si è già verificato per la prima nave attualmente sotto scarico a Napoli,la quale non trasporta i generi fondamentali che compongono le razioni (farina,carne,zucchero,caffè,formaggio ecc.),giusta vostra comunicazione del 10 corrente con foglio ST/1;

2°) impossibilità di smistamento entro 7 giorni delle derrate dal porto di sbarco a tutti i nostri magazzini;

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2°) impossibilità di smistamento entro 7 giorni delle derrate dal porto di sbarco a tutti i nostri magazzini;
3°) impossibilità di rifornire,entro lo stesso periodo di 7 giorni,i E.S.D. britannici che devono attendere al vettovagliamento delle nostre truppe operanti,tenuto anche conto di quanto detto al precedente n.1.-

Si ritiene che il suddetto cambiamento possa utilmente effettuarsi entro 10 giorni da quello in cui sono state sbarcate nei vari porti le derrate tutte che compongono le razioni base e di combattimento.-

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Subject:- Additional Issues to Italian Armed Forces.

Army Sub Comm ACC
Rear HQ (MEDIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE).
ST/1.
24 Feb 44.

DDST, HQ No.2 District.
Copy to:- DDST, AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon.

Reference your 4009/7 dated 14 Feb 44.

1. A copy of this Sub Commission letter No.ST/1 dated 24 Feb 44, and enclosure thereto, addressed to the Italian War Ministry, is forwarded for your information. E.P.O's concerned will be notified direct as to the deductions to be made.

Wherever possible, non-Italian Ration Scale items have been converted to their equivalent on the Italian Ration Scales, but adjustment cannot be made for the following. May your instructions for adjustment be given, please.

Commodity		Lbs.	
Potatoes,	Tl	1,852	
"	Dehyd	133	
"	Fresh	32	
"	"	432	- This is balance of equivalent of M & V. See Note # of enclosure to attached letter.
Concentrated Soup		55	
Jam		473	
Marmalade		105	
Syrup		61	
Pickles		18	
Mustard		6	
Curry Pdr		1	
Baking Pdr		3	
Custard Pdr		4	
Margarine		681	
Milk,	UK	977	
"	USA	150	
"	Spray Pdr	74	
Charcoal		186	
Wood		3,850	

2. Reference the 7,200 lbs Straw issued in 24 Sub-Area; may further details be given, please. Authority was given for 3 Tons to be ~~issued~~ released from AMG MATERA - FLAMBO signal Q8694 of 11 Jan, addressed MEDIA, repeated HQ 2 District, refers - and it is thought this may be the same release.

copy to S3/13 (Forage file)

Lt.Col,
ADST,
Army Sub Comm ACC.

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SUBJECT:- Supplies issued to the Italian Armed Forces.

Army Sub Comm ACC
Rear HQ (MAIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE).
ST/1.
24 Feb 44.

War Ministry.

1. The following supplies, in addition to those issued to the Italian Armed Forces 10 daily demands, were issued during the month of January 1944, from British D.I.D's:-

Flour	58,877 lbs	Pepper	67 lbs
F.Meat	15,941 lbs	Cigarettes	334,580 pieces
Herrings,Td	2,739 lbs	Tobacco	68 lbs
Cheese	1,759 lbs	Salt	762 lbs
Dried Veg.	8,391 lbs	Fresh Fruit	7,187 lbs
Onions	7,409 lbs	Cooking Fat	621 lbs
Coffee	1,580 lbs	Matches	4,906 boxes
Sugar	2,896 lbs		

2. Certain commodities, which are not on the Italian Ration Scales, have been converted to their authorised equivalent on those Scales, and included above.

A list is attached showing the various commodities issued, and amounts.

3. The above commodities will be deducted from your 10 daily demand for period 5th to 14th March 1944.

4. Please inform this office, by return, where you desire deduction to be made, i.e. BARI, BRINDISI or NAPLES.

Deduction 15-24th Feb.
½ Bari
½ Brindisi

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Lt.Col,
ADST,
Army Sub Comm ACC

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Enclosure to Army Sub Comm ACC letter No. ST/1 dated 21 Feb 44. 1920

Commodity.	Issued during January, 1944. Amount.		Equivalent amount of item on Ital. Scale.		Total to be deducted, and commodity.
Flour	24,937 lbs	=	24,937 lbs	Flour	
Biscuits	12,611 "	=	12,611 "	"	
Bread	15,925 "	=	11,944 "	"	58,877 lbs FLOUR.
Macaroni	1,792 "	=	1,792 "	"	
Rice	7,494 "	=	7,494 "	"	
Oatmeal	99 "	=	99 "	"	
P.Meat	11,557 "	=	11,557 lbs	P.Meat.	
Beef Boneless	1,366 "	=	1,681 "	"	
Frozen Mutton	22 "	=	18 "	"	
Variety Meat	341 "	=	341 "	"	13,941 lbs P.MEAT.
Dehyd. Meat	18 "	=	54 "	"	
M & V	784 "	=	290 "	"	
Salmon	196 "	=	261 "	Herrings Td	
Sardines	148 "	=	296 "	"	
Herrings Td	670 "	=	670 "	"	
Egg Powder	94 "	=	423 "	"	
Sausage Td	446 "	=	446 "	"	2,739 lbs HERRINGS, TD.
Luncheon Meat	268 "	=	429 "	"	
Bacon Td	134 "	=	214 "	"	
Cheese	1,738 "	=	1,738 "	Cheese.	1,759 lbs CHEESE.
Chocolate	41 "	=	21 "	"	
Peas/Beans/ Lentils	5,053 "	=	5,053 "	Dried Vegetables.	
" " "	36 "	=	36 "	" "	
Dehyd. Veg.	362 "	=	724 "	" "	
Fresh Veg.	9,245 "	=	2,311 "	" "	
" "	290 "	=	72 "	" "	8,391 lbs VEGETABLES DRIED.
Veg Tnd.	141 "	=	71 "	" "	
Beans Canned.	248 "	=	124 "	" "	
Onions					
Onions	2,872 "	=	2,872 "	Onions.	
Onions	73 "	=	73 "	"	7,409 lbs ONIONS.
Onions, Dehyd.	372 "	=	4,464 "	"	
Coffee	971 "	=	971 "	Coffee.	1,580 lbs COFFEE.
Tea.	203 "	=	609 "	"	
Sugar	2,896 "	=	2,896 "	Sugar.	2,896 lbs SUGAR.
Pepper	67 "	=	67 "	Pepper.	67 lbs PEPPER.

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~~Luncheon Meat~~	~~203~~	~~"~~	~~=~~	~~[illegible]~~	
Bacon Td	134	"	=	214 " "	
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Chocolate	41	"	=	21 " "	
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Sugar	2,896	"	=	2,896 " Sugar.	2,896 lbs SUGAR.
Pepper	67	"	=	67 " Pepper.	67 lbs PEPPER.
Cigarettes,PT.	105,200 pcs	=		105,200 Cigarettes.	334,580 pcs CIGARETTES.
Cigarettes,"V".	229380 pcs	=		229,380 "	
Tobacco	68 lbs	=		68 lbs Tobacco.	68 lbs TOBACCO.
Salt	762 "	=		762 " Salt.	762 lbs SALT.
Fresh Fruit	5,899	"	=	5,899 " Fresh Fruit.	
Dried Fruit	178	"	=	1,246 " " "	7,187 lbs FRESH FRUIT.
Dates	6	"	=	42 " " "	
Cotton Seed Oil	475	"	=	475 " Cooking Fat	821 lbs
Lard	148	"	=	148 " " "	COOKING FAT.
Matches	4,906 bxs	=		4,906 bxs Matches.	4,906 boxes MATCHES.

NOTE ø The equivalent of 724 lbs M & V = 290 lbs P.Meat
+ 36 " P/M/L
+ 290 " Fresh Veg.
+ 73 " Onions.
+ Potatoes,which are not accounted for on this list.

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Subject:- Leaves to Italian Army, Navy, and Air Forces.

H. Q. No. 2 District, C.M.F. 191

S3/1 — 33 Acc/I

11 Feb 44

M.M.I.... — encl 35

Reference A.F.H.Q. Adv. Adm. Echelon t.p.m. ACC/321 of 23 Dec 43: leaves with return of leaves to Italian/Armed Forces by U.S.F's in 2 Districts during January 1944.

[signature]
Colonel,
D.A.A.G.

Copy to :- D.A.G.A. A.F.H.Q. Adv. Adm. Echelon

(one 88 shows return made to 31 Dec 43)

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COMMODITY		37 AREA	94 SUB AREA	6 B.S.A.	52 AREA	151 SUB AREA	71 SUB AREA	TOTAL
Meat	lbs.		6	137		125		268
Frozen Mutton	"					22		22
Canned Beans	"		24	15		211		248
Bacon End.	"			134				134
Margarine	"		59	326		256		601
Tea	"		6	95		102		203
Egg Powder	"			54		40		94
Cigarettes "V"	pcs.			39285	42930	14726	132445	229386
Dehydrated Potatoes	lbs.			85	25	48	45	153
Biscuit Swee.	lbs.		3959	383		8869		12211
Dried Fruit	"		24	113		41		178
Charcoal	"					146		146
Tobacco	"			58		8	2	68
Lard	"					148		148
Food	"		3290			560		3850
Marmalade	"			70		35		105
Milk Spray Pdr.	"			73		1		74
V.Meat	"		125	216				341
Meat Dehydrated	"			18				18
Chocolate	"			41				41
Syrup	"			61				61

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	Dehydrated Potatoes Ibs.						
	Biscuit Svce.	lbs.	3959	283	6269		12611
	Dried Fruit	"	24	153	43		178 ✓
Y	Charcoal	"			146		146 ✓
	Tobacco	"		58	8	2	68 ✓
	Lard	"			148		148 ✓
X	Wood	"	3290		560		3850 ✓
	Marmalade	"		70	35		105 ✓
	Milk Spray Pdr.	"		73	1		74 ✓
	V.Meat	"	135	216			344 ✓
	Meat Dehydrated	"		18			18 ✓
	Chocolate	"		41			41 ✓
	Syrup	"		61			61 ✓
	Oatmeal	"		39			39 ✓
	Pickles	"		18			18 ✓
	Curry Powder	"		1			1 ✓
	Baking Powder	"		3			3 ✓
	Custard Powder	"		4			4 ✓
	Onions Dehydrated	"	196		176		372 ✓
	Potatoes Fresh	"	32				32 ✓
	~~Onions~~			~~34~~			~~34~~
	Concentrated Soup	"		55			55 ✓
X	Straw	"	7200				7200 ✓

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ESTIMATE No.

To : 15 BDE
From : [illegible]

[illegible]/68 [illegible] Your 406 dd (.) Latest

[illegible] watches are the only items affecting 15 BDE

This message may be sent as written by any means except [illegible].	This message must be sent in cipher if liable to fall into enemy hands.	Degree of security.
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Schedule of Correspondence re Strength & Rationing of Italian Navy.

Date.	From/To.	Ref.No.	Subject.
NOV.			
15	To FOLI	AQ/3	Req. strengths of Ital.Navy.
	Fr FOLI	FOL/1177/35	Unable to obtain figures for Ital.Navy. Min.of Marine's figures will have to do.
10	To FLAMCO	AQ/2	1st strength to FLAMCO. FOLI asked to confirm Navy figures and keep us generally informed.
DEC			
3	To FLAMCO	AQ/2/1	2nd Strength to FLAMCO. Navy figures unconfirmed. Navy in CAMPANIA included.
14	Fr FOTALI	TA/1030/3	Feds strengths and dispositions of Italian Navy, ashore and afloat.
	Fr FLAMCO	25/4.	Policy letter for issue of rations to Itl. Army and Air Force. States that Ital Navy will be rationed under R. NAVY margin.
28	To FLAMCO	9.270	3rd return to FLAMCO, Ital NAVY. Fotali asked to send 10 daily returns as requested in AQ/3 of 16 Nov.
	Fr FLAMCO	9.5663	Ital Navy to be rationed similar way as Ital Army and Air Force. Gives strengths for period 1- 4 Jan 44. Sardinia Naval personnel not responsibility of FLAMCO. Fotali to submit 10 daily demands for Ital Navy thereon MMA.
	To FLAMCO	G/275	Demand for period 5 - 14 Jan. (7000 in Naples Area). Copy sent to Fotali
JAN			
2	To MAR COM	AQ/2	Ital Navy will be maintained from Allied sources w.e.f. 1 Jan 44. Ital Navy to be included in 10 daily strength states and ration demands submitted to MMA
6	Fr FLAMCO	9.7660	Separate drawing of rations in bulk for Ital Army, Navy and Air Force approved.
11	Fr FOTALI	TOO.1227	Asks Fowit to tell MMA rations to be available from 14 DPO Naples for Ital Navy period 14 - 28 Feb.
13	To FLAMCO	9.374	Increase in Naval figures being investigated with Fotali.
15	Fr FOTALI	TM.0615	Ital Navy figures as at 10 Jan.
24	Fr C-in-C (Marine)	2257/3	Net communication from Navy. Excluding Campania.
FEB			
4	Fr C-in-C (Marine)	407/3	2nd Naval letter. Strengths as at 31 Jan. Excludes Campania.

	To FLANCO	0/275	to daily demands for Ital Navy through NEA. Demand for period 5 - 14 Jan. (7XX in Naples area). Copy sent to Potsli
JAN 2	To WAR MIN.	A/2	Ital Navy will be maintained from Allied sources w.e.f. 1 Jan 44. Ital Navy to be included on 10 daily strength states and ration demands submitted to NEA.
6	Fr FLANCO	4.7660	Separate drawing of rations in bulk for Ital Navy, Navy and Air Force approved.
11	Fr POTALI	TOO.1227	Asks Powit to tell NEA rations to be available from 14 DEC Naples for Ital Navy period 14 - 23 Feb.
13	To FLANCO	0.374	Increase in Naval figures being investigated with Potsli.
15	Fr POTALI	TMH.0615	Ital Navy figures as at 10 Jan.
24	Fr NIN of) MARINE)	2257/S	1st communication from Navy. Enclosing Casparini.
FEB 4	Fr MIN of) MARINE)	4077/S	2nd Naval letter. Strengths as at 31 Jan. Enclosing Casparini.
15	To Flambo	0.571	Strengths. Powit included on list of addressees as requested by Potsli.
14	Fr FLANCO	2501	Subs letter from Powit re over issue of rations for immediate investigation to be made.
19	To FLANCO To WAR MIN. To FOG FAS COMST FLANCO	0.600 A2/2 A2/2	War Min. being asked to investigate. Please investigate over issue of rations. New statement of rations issued to Ital Navy up to present date in Naples Area to be forwarded.

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SUBJECT: Over [illegible] ns of [illegible]tions to Italian [illegible]ed Forces.

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Army Sub Comm ACC
Near E. [illegible]
[illegible].

14 Feb 44.

Commanding General, P.B.S.
MEDIT. AFHQ. Adv Adm Echelon.

Reference AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon letter No. [illegible]1 dated 14 Feb 44, addressed this Sub Commission, copy to you.

1 May a statement be forwarded, please, of rations issued to date to the Italian Navy in or about the vicinity of NAPLES.

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for Brig.
Army Sub Comm A

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SUBJECT: Over Issue of Rations to Italian Armed Forces.

Army Sub Comm. AMG
Near H (NAIA)
AFHQ (ENGOA).
ASC.
4 Feb 44.

Ministry of War.
Copy to: AFH . Adv Adm Echelon(Ref my signal 0600 of 1 Feb)
Flag Officer, Taranto do.
& Adriatic.

1 I attach at Appendix "A" extracts from a letter received from the Royal Navy on the subject of issuing rations to units of the Italian Navy, with special reference to those in the NAPLES Area.

2 In view of the apparent discrepancies that have arisen in the method of reporting ration strengths, I am to request you to forward a report to this Sub Commission stating:

(a) How the strengths of the Italian Air Force and of Naval units ashore and based on the Mainland are ascertained and communicated to you.

(b) What method is adopted in issuing rations from Italian Army depots to the Italian Navy and Air Force.

and(c) For what strengths have previous detailed issues been made and from what depots.

3 I am to request you to forward the result of your investigations at the earliest moment so that the facts, as required by Allied Force H. .. may be despatched without delay.

Lt.
D.A.A.G.
DA Army Sub Comm. AMG.

Appendix "A" to Army Sub Comm AMG letter A/ dated 19 Feb 44.

All co-operating personnel of the Italian Navy in the Naples Area have been supplied with rations by the Royal Navy since the first days of occupation and this commitment has been taken into account when drawing common user provisions from the Army.

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Yours faithfully,

[signature]
Lieut.
R.N.

The Army Sub Comm. A.C.C.

Appendix "B" to Army Sub Comm ACC letter A/ dated 19 Feb 44.

" All co-operating personnel of the Italian Navy in the Naples Area have been supplied with rations by the Royal Navy since the first days of occupation and this commitment has been taken into account when drawing common user provisions from the Army.

This disposal of the rations drawn by the Italian Army is not known, and neither is it known on what basis the numbers for which issues were made was calculated. The ration strength quoted by the Italian army is very far in excess of the greatest number of actively serving Italian naval personnel in this area. "

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M E S S A G E F O R M

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From : M.M.I.A.

To : FLAMBO rptd FOTALI FOVIT FATIMA for Army and Navy
Sub Commissions PBS FARGO

Q 600 I9

Ref your 25/QI of I4 Feb (.) My AQ/2 of I8 Nov addressed to you copy to FOTALI asked latter to check figures and keep me informed (.) FOTALI I030/5 of I4 Dec stated All issues of rations for Italian Navy to be under complete control Italian Naval Depts (/) Copies of all strengths and breakdowns have been submitted to FOTALI every ten days for Mainland only when rations have been provided (.) Am asking Ministry of War to investigate with copy to you and FOTALI (.) FOTALI should investigate inaccuracy of Italian Ministry of Marine returns and deduct rations overdrawn from future demands (.) This office has no knowledge of Italian Naval Reserve policy nor system of victualling Italian ships (.) FARGO memorandum of 6 Feb lays down that machinery for physically checking deliveries to Italian Navy is matter for Naval Sub Commission to organise

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Sgd [signature] Adm
for Brig Comdr

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Subject:- Additional Rations issued to Italian Army.

Army Sub Comm. ACC.
Rear HQ (MMLA)
LECCE (LECCE)
SE/1.
20 Feb 44.

War Ministry.

Reference your 1806/3 of 13 th Feb 44, in reply to this office letter SE/1 dated 9th Feb, para 2 - supplies ex s.s."LAATEFROOM".

1. These supplies are being deducted in 2 ten daily periods, as under:

	24 Feb - 4 March.	5 March - 14 March.	TOTAL.
Sugar	-	17,280	17,280
Flour	54,856	275,240	330,096
Biscuits	33,912	-	33,912
Peas Bl) Beans ")	-	70,100	70,100
Coffee	-	10,038	10,038
Pepper	144	-	144
P. Meat	27,504	-	27,504

Matches 191,232 boxes to be deducted from 13 B.P.O. by 10 day periods until finished.

2. The above supplies to be deducted during period 24th Feb to 4th March are in addition to those to be deducted in accordance with our letter SE/1 of 2nd Feb - also referred to in para 1 (a) of SE/1 dated 9th Feb 44.

Lt.Col.
ADST.
Army Sub Comm. ACC.

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Subject:- Additional Rations issued to Italian Army.

Army Sub Comm. ACC
Rear Hq (MEIA)
LEQUILA (LEQUIN)
ST/1
15 Feb 44

AFHQ, Adv Adm Echelon.

Copy to:- 22 B.F.O.
13 B.F.O.

1. The following additional supplies forwarded by 13 BSD ex the s.s. "ZAANSTROOM" have been handed over to the Italian Army. CROTONE - our ST/1 dated 9 Feb 44 refers.

2. The Italian War Ministry desire the deductions to be made from 22 B.F.O. and 13 B.F.O. and spread over 2 ten day periods as follows:-

	24 Feb - 4 March.	5 March - 14 March.	TOTAL.
Sugar	-	17,280	17,280
Flour	54,856	275,240	330,096
Biscuits	33,912	-	33,912
Peas Dd Beans "	-	70,100	70,100
Coffee	-	10,038	10,038
Pepper	144	-	144
P. Meat	27,504	-	27,504

Matches 191,232 boxes to be deducted from 13 B.F.O. by 10 day periods until finished.

3. It is mentioned that 22 BFO BARI have also further deduction for the period 24th Feb - 4th March to be made - our ST/1 dated 2 Feb refers.

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for Brig.
Army Sub Comm. ACC.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

N. 1805 S. di prot. Div.Suss.ze P. M. 107, li 13 febbraio 194 4

Risposta al foglio N. *del* *Carte annesse*

OGGETTO: Viveri per l'Esercito Italiano - Crotone.-

Foodstuff for the It. Army - CROTONE

Al LA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE per l'Esercito della A.C.C.

L E Q U I L E

Riferimento foglio ST/1 del 9 corrente.-

1°) Siamo perfettamente d'accordo con codesta Sottocommissione che dalla nostra richiesta viveri per il periodo decadale 14 - 23 febbraio venga detratta l'aliquota di derrate indicata nel foglio cui si risponde, allo scopo di recuperare gradualmente i viveri a suo tempo spediti in Calabria.-

2°) Apprendiamo soltanto ora delle successive spedizioni da voi effettuate in Calabria da Barletta, per ferrovia.-

E' nostra opinione che nessuna detrazione possa essere apportata, oltre quella di cui al n.1), nello stesso periodo decadale 14 - 23 febbraio.-

E ciò perchè l'effettuazione contemporanea della detrazione di cui al n.1) e di quella di cui tratta il n.2) della vostra lettera porterebbe praticamente all'annullamento completo di ogni ritiro di viveri dal 22 E.P.O. di

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Riferimento foglio ST/1 del 9 corrente.-

1°) Siamo perfettamente d'accordo con codesta Sottocommissio_ ne che dalla nostra richiesta viveri per il periodo deca_ dale 14 - 23 febbraio venga detratta l'aliquota di derra_ te indicata nel foglio cui si risponde,allo scopo di recu_ perare gradualmente i viveri a suo tempo spediti in Cala_ bria.-

2°) Apprendiamo soltanto ora delle successive spedizioni da voi effettuate in Calabria da Barletta,per ferrovia.-

E' nostra opinione che nessuna detrazione possa esse_ re apportata,oltre quella di cui al n.1),nello stesso pe_ riodo decadale 14 - 23 febbraio.-

E ciò perchè l'effettuazione contemporanea della de_ trazione di cui al n.1) e di quella di cui tratta il n.2) della vostra lettera porterebbe praticamente all'annulla_ mento completo di ogni ritiro di viveri dal 22 P.P.O. di Bari durante la decade stessa,con pregiudizio dell'effi_ cienza dei nostri depositi.-

3°) Le detrazioni dovrebbero,a nostro giudizio,continuare ad essere effettuate decadalmente e nei limiti della forza vettovagliata in Calabria;il che non pregiudica in alcun modo il servizio e non costringe a spostamenti di derra_ te dai magazzini della Calabria a quelli della Puglia.-

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Subject:- Maintenance of Italian Armed Forces.

22 Base Provision Office, R.A.S.C.
C.M.F.
Tels. Foxton. 10133 & 10130.
Ref. BPO/S/73.

13 Feb 44.

D.D.S.T.,
AFHQ Adv Admin Sch., CMF.

S4/1

Copy to:- M.M.I.A.

in file 6/3 (dem. 4/23 Feb)

Reference your 4012/4/ST1 dated 10 Feb 44.

It is confirmed that the deductions as shown in MMIA letter ST/1 of 2 Feb 44 were made for the last period with the following exceptions, which have been adjusted as under.

Pepper. Entitlement not sufficient. Balance of 75 lbs deducted from period 14 Feb - 23 Feb 44.

Peas & Beans Dried. This commodity is not included on either Basic or Combat Scales. 75,000 lbs of Veg. Dried has been deducted from current period comprising 37,500 lbs Peas and Beans Dried from period 4 Feb - 13 Feb 44 and 37,500 lbs from period 14 Feb - 23 Feb 44.

Sausage. No deduction has been made for either period, as this commodity is not shown on Ration Scales.

Instructions have been given for deductions to be made in accordance with above quoted MMIA letter for period 14 Feb - 23 Feb 44.

CT/ js.

L.D. Jenkins
Lieut.Col.,
22 Base Provision Office, R.A.S.C.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

N. 1812/S. di prot. Div.Suss.ze P. M. 107, li 13 febbraio 1944

Risposta al foglio N. del Carte annesse

OGGETTO: provvedimenti per la sicurezza dei trasporti e per favo_ revole vettovagliamento reparti aereonautici in Calabria.-

Al L'ARMY SUB-COMM. A.C.C. REAR HQ (MMIA)

L E Q U I L E

Arrangements re safety of Italian Air Force in Calabria

S'informa codesta Sottocommissione che,in riferimento alle segnalazioni trasmesse dall'ufficiale di collegamento della M.M.I.A. presso il XXXI C.A.,sono stati presi i seguenti provvedimenti:

1°) per quanto riguarda la manomissione dei carri viveri ed altro materiale militare ovunque diretti,ad evitare il ri_ petersi di simili inconvenienti,è stato ribadito l'ordine che tutte le spedizioni vengano scortate da militari di provata fiducia fino al luogo di destinazione.-

2°) Per i piccoli reparti della R.Aereonautica dislocati in Calabria,è stato informato il Ministero dell'Aereonautica non esservi difficoltà da parte nostra a che detti repar_ ti si riforniscano presso i magazzini presidiari del R.Eser_ cito colà dislocati,salvo a trattenere tali quantitativi sulle assegnazioni periodiche fatte alla R.Aereonautica sui nostri depositi.-

S'informa codesta Sottocommissione che, in riferimento alle segnalazioni trasmesse dall'ufficiale di collegamento della M.M.I.A. presso il XXXI C.A., sono stati presi i seguenti provvedimenti:

1°) per quanto riguarda la manomissione dei carri viveri ed altro materiale militare ovunque diretti, ad evitare il ripetersi di simili inconvenienti, è stato ribadito l'ordine che tutte le spedizioni vengano scortate da militari di provata fiducia fino al luogo di destinazione.-

2°) Per i piccoli reparti della R.Aereonautica dislocati in Calabria, è stato informato il Ministero dell'Aereonautica non esservi difficoltà da parte nostra a che detti reparti si riforniscano presso i magazzini presidiari del R.Esercito colà dislocati, salvo a trattenere tali quantitativi sulle assegnazioni periodiche fatte alla R.Aereonautica sui nostri depositi.-

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Tradotto il 11 Febbraio

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE DI SANITA MILITARE

N.16/San. di prot. All.
Div. 1ª Sez. 1ª

P. M. 107 li 17 febbraio 1944

OGGETTO: razione viveri per degenti alleati in ospedali militari.-

AL COMANDO FF.AA.NELLA CAMPANIA=INTENDENZA=DIREZIONE SANITA' — NAPOLI
AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SARDEGNA=INTENDENZA=DIREZIONE SANITA' — P.M. 50
AL COMANDO IX CORPO D'ARMATA = DIREZIONE DI SANITA' = — P.M. 67
AL COMANDO XXVI CORPO D'ARMATA = DIREZIONE DI SANITA' = — P.M.114
AL COMANDO II CORPO D'ARMATA = DIREZIONE DI SANITA' = — P.M.410
AL COMANDO DIVISIONE FTR. "SARDEGNA" = UFFICIO SANITA' = — P.M. 10

e, per conoscenza:
ALLA DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO — R O M A
(rif.f.16752/S. Div.Guas.ze del 9/1/44)
ALLA M.M.I.A. — SEDE

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La Missione Militare Britannica presso il M.d.G. interessata da questo Ministero circa il trattamento degli Alleati degenti in ospedali militari italiani ha precisato che i militari alleati all'atto del loro ricovero, sono forniti di viveri per sette giorni, periodo massimo previsto di degenza, e che solo in casi eccezionali, in cui sia necessario un particolare trattamento dietetico, i Direttori degli Ospedali possono somministrare un vitto speciale e richiedere il reintegro all'ufficiale di collegamento della Missione presso il corrispondente Corpo d'Armata, comunicando nome e numero del degente, malattia e quantitativo del vitto speciale somministrato.

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e, per conoscenza:

ALLA DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI DELL'ESERCITO — S E D E

(rif.f. 1252/S. Div.Succ.ze del 9/2/44)

AIDA M.P.I.A. — ROMA

La Missione Militare Britannica presso il M.S. interessata da questo Ministero circa il trattamento degli Alleati degenti in ospedali militari italiani ha precisato che i militari Alleati all'atto del loro ricovero, sono forniti di viveri per sette giorni, periodo massimo previsto di degenza, e che solo in casi eccezionali, in cui sia necessario un particolare trattamento dietetico, i Direttori degli Ospedali possono somministrare un vitto speciale e richiedere il reintegro all'ufficiale di collegamento della Missione presso il corrispondente Corpo d'armata, comunicando nome e numero del degente, malattia e quantitativo del vitto speciale somministrato.

Si pregano le Direzioni e l'Ufficio di Sanità in indirizzo di impartire sollecitamente, in tal senso, le necessarie disposizioni ai dipendenti ospedali.-

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Ref. y. instructions re: supply of food to allied Troops in italian. Hospitals.
Instructions sent to all above addressees.
G.

d'ordine
IL COLONNELLO MEDICO
(V. Romeo)

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

SUBJECT:- Supplies for Italian Navy.

Army Sub Comm. ACC.
Naval Hq (NMA)
Legation (FOOS).
ST/1.
12 Feb 44.

WAR MINISTRY.

1. Reference NMA letters Nos ST/3 dated 1st and 3rd Feb 44, on the subject of the Italian Naval Authorities making their own arrangements with regard to the purchase of Fresh Fruit, Fresh Vegetables, Wine, Salt and Olive Oil, for the personnel subsisted on the Combat Scale as well as those now rationed on the Basic Scale.

2. May your reply now be forwarded, please.

for Brig.
Army Sub Comm. ACC.

DW.

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SUPPLIES FOR ITALIAN NAVY.

FROM.. FLAG OFFICER TARANTO AND ADRIATIC.

DATE.. 10th February, 1944. No.T.A.1030/15.

TO .. MILITARY MISSION TO ITALIAN ARMY.

Whilst I agree with it in principle, the proposal in yourNo.ST/3 of 1st and 3rd February, 1944 is not at present considered practicable. For the Italians to do their own "marketing" a considerable amount of transport would be needed, which in spite of many urgent requests to the Allied Control Commission has not so far been forthcoming.

REAR-ADMIRAL.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

N. 1671 /S.d. prot. Div. Syss. P. M. 107, li 9 febbraio 1944

Risposta al foglio N. del Carte annesse

OGGETTO: Organizzazione dei rifornimenti per le FF.AA. Italiane.- Organizzazione di fondaturi sussistenza delle FF.AA.

AlLA MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA -presso l'Esercito Italiano.-

L E C C E

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Questo Ministero conferma che a Brindisi non vi é attualmente alcuna disponibilità di spazio coperto per immagazzinare convenientemente le derrate che potranno giungere in quel porto.-

Si prega codesta Missione voler interessare i Comandi Alleati affinché, in considerazione della situazione su esposta, sia evitato l'avviamento a Brindisi delle navi trasportanti viveri destinati al rifornimento delle FF.AA. italiane.-

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ARMY FORM 2130
(Revised 1944)

MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. 165

No. of Words GR. 51

DATA AND INSTRUCTIONS | IN | OUT

ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNAL PERSONNEL

TO: DISTOTE FAELE FOR SIDNEY.

FROM: M M I A

Originator's Number: Q 535

Date: 10

In Reply to Number:

Italian Armed Forces SICILY SARDINIA and
CORSICA shortly to be supplied with
tobacco from Italian Sources Mainland (.)
FAMO is to arrange export with
NOV FLAMBO

This Message May Be Sent As Addressed by the Signal Officer

Signed

If Unable to Be Delivered as Addressed Then Send By Next Means Available To

Signed

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

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FOR SIGNAL PERSONNEL ONLY

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From : U.S.L.O.

To : FAN30 copy to FLANO 4536 10

Subject is tobacco for Italian Armed Forces (.) Ref FLANO letter 25/10 dated ninety five Feb (.) QMC (.) para three able (.) Please make available weekly for this purpose 46875 lbs from State Factory NAPLES (.) Amount based on ration ceiling Italian Armed Forces 900,000 (.) Notify MMA copy to FAN and AT FLANO when supplies will be released (.) Two (.) para four below (.) Breakdown follows by letter.

To be sent in CIPHER

Degree of Priority

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SUBJECT:- Supplies for the Italian Army - CROTONE.

Army Sub Comm. ACC.
Rear HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
ST/1
9 Feb 44

WAR MINISTRY.
Copy to:- FLAMIO.
" " No.2 District.
" " MMIA. LO. 31 Italian Corps.

The following supplies, inaddition to the Italian Armed Forces 10 daily demands, have been forwarded to 31 Italian Corps, CROTONE -

1. Supplies ex s.s."ATLE JARL" forwarded by Schooners "MONTEBELLA" & "GEORGIA", and by rail from TARANTO:-

Sugar	43,320 lbs	Sausages	66,024 lbs
Flour	330,096	P.Meat	55,002
Peas Dd	37,000	Pepper	276
Beans Dd	57,900	Biscuits	296,136
Coffee	27,504		

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(a) The above quantities are being deducted by three 10 day periods from 22 EPO BARI, as under - MMIA letter ST/1 dated 2 Feb refers. (For information of AFHQ Adv Adm Sub a letter under same reference and date was addressed direct to you). -

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Commodity.	4 Feb to 13 Feb	14 Feb to 23 Feb	24 Feb to 4 Mch.	TOTAL.
Sugar	10,000	10,000	23,320	43,320
Flour	100,000	100,000	130,096	330,096
Peas Dd / Beans Dd	37,500	37,500	19,900	94,900
Coffee	10,000	10,000	7,504	27,504
Sausage X	28,000	28,000	10,024	66,024
P.Meat	37,500	17,502	-	55,002
Pepper	276	-	-	276
Biscuits	125,000	125,000	46,136	296,136

(b) Issue and Receipt Vouchers for the above have been forwarded to you for signature and return to MMIA - our ST/2.2 of 25 Jan refers.

2. Supplies ex s.s."ZAANSTROOM" forwarded by rail from BARLETTA:-

Flour	330,096 lbs	Sausage	Nil

(a) The above quantities are being deducted by three 10 day periods from [illegible] as under - MGIA letter ST/1 dated 2 Feb refers. (For information of AVM Adv Adm Sch a letter under same reference and date was addressed direct to you). -

(135)

Commodity.	4 Feb to 13 Feb	14 Feb to 23 Feb	24 Feb to 4 Mch.	TOTAL.
Sugar	10,000	10,000	23,320	43,320
Flour	100,000	100,000	130,096	330,096
Peas Dd }	37,500	37,500	19,900	94,900
Beans Dd }				
Coffee	10,000	10,000	7,504	27,504
Sausage X	28,000	28,000	10,024	66,024
P.Meat	37,500	17,502	-	55,002
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(b) Issue and Receipt Vouchers for the above have been forwarded to you for signature and return to MGIA - our ST/1/2 of 25 Jan refers.

2. Supplies ex s.s."[illegible]" forwarded by rail from [illegible]:-

Flour	330,096 lbs	Sausage	Nil
Peas Dd	32,000	Pepper	144 lbs
Beans Dd	38,100	Coffee	10,030
Sugar	17,280	Biscuits	33,912
P.Meat	27,504	Matches	191,232 boxes

(a) Railway Wagon Nos, and dates of despatch are:-
13 Jan - 1006486 7100796 1006155 156390 1008109 155268.
14 Jan - 251823 1123749 1702272 1001543 1007577 1008172 1132930.
15 Jan - 1024820 200680 190207.

(b) These supplies will be deducted from the 10 daily period 14 to 23rd Feb. Will you please inform MGIA from which BPO you require the deduction to be made.

(c) Issue and Receipt Vouchers will be forwarded to you for signature as soon as they are received from 13 B.S.D. by MGIA.

for Brig,
Army Sub Comm. ADC.

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Subject:- Issues to Allied Forces.

16 ARMY.

13 Base Provision Office, RAF CSF.
Ref. 182/1.

ADST,
HQ.

4 Feb 44.

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MILITARY MISSION.
Date 5 Feb. 44.
to
ITALIAN ARMY.

Copy to:- AMG Adv. Admin. Sch.
(Ref. AG12/ST1 of 29 Jan 44.)

Reference your ST/1 of 25 Jan 44.

The following commodities have not been deducted:-

Potatoes Tinned	2797 lbs.
Potatoes Dehydrated	620 "
Rice	2026 "

W. M. E. White
Lt-Col.,
13 Base Provision Officer RAF.

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Subject:- Empty Tins.

Army Sub Comm. A.C.C.
Rear HQ (MALA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
ST/1.
7 Feb 44.

War Ministry.

Reference your 1614/3 dated 5th Feb 44.

Empty British Biscuit tins can be used by you for the manufacture of Stars.

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Army Sub Comm. A.C.C.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

N. 1614 /Sdi prot Div. Suss.ze P. M. 107, li 5 febbraio 1944

Risposta al foglio N. *del* *Carte annesse*

OGGETTO: Rimpiego scatole di latta già contenenti biscotti di prove= nienza inglese.-

Al LA MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA - presso l'Esercito italiano

L E Q U I L E

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A seguito delle distribuzioni di biscotti alle truppe ita= liane, nei nostri Magazzini vi sono attualmente circa 10.000 scato= le di latta vuote.-

Poiché non si ha sufficiente spazio per conservare ulterior= mente questo materiale ed in considerazione altresì che é necessario avere la completa disponibilità dei magazzini per poter immagazzinare convenientemente le derrate che affluiranno tra breve a mezzo piro= scafi, si prega voler comunicare se questo Ministero può disporre perché le predette scatole di latta siano impiegate nella fabbrica= zione di stellette.-

p. IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

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p. IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

Re: empty tins having contained Engl. Biscuits.
There are 10000 tins in our stores. Could these be used for the manufacture of "stars" in order to make place to the new foodstuff which are expected in our stores very shortly?

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Date 5 Feb 44 S3/1
to
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We gave instructions to all the Paramelies of the Commissariats to organize a system of unloading, Tpt, storing, distribution of foodstuff ~~shipped~~ as soon as arrival signalled in an Italian Harbour by the Allied Auth.

If the foodstuff have to be unloaded in one harbour (Naples or Bari or Brindisi or Taranto,) it is necessary to have ready (at least for the 2 first days) 30 Lly trucks a day to facilitate distribution to stores in all the Main Centres (see our attached ~~State~~)

Please consider the matter and inform us of your decisions.

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DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

N 1569 /Sdi prot. Div.Suss.ze — P. M. 107, li 3 febbraio 1944

Risposta al foglio N. *del* *Carte annesse*

OGGETTO: Organizzazione dei rifornimenti per le FF.AA. italiane.-

Al LA MISSIONE MILITARE ALLEATA - presso il'Esercito Italiano -
LEQUILE

Organization of the Rations issue for the Italian Forces

Questo Ministero ha provveduto a dare le disposizioni di competenza agli organi di Commissariato dipendenti perché attuino un'organizzazione tale che consenta di ottenere che le operazioni di sbarco, trasporto, immagazzinamento, smistamento e distribuzione delle derrate, segnalate in arrivo ai porti italiani dai Comandi Alleati, avvengano il più celermente possibile e con quella precisione che il caso richiede.-

Nell'eventualità però che lo sbarco delle derrate avvenga in un unico porto (Napoli o Bari o Brindisi o Taranto), é necessario poter disporre sui rispettivi scali ferroviari ed almeno per i primi due giorni, di 30 vagoni ferroviari giornalieri per provvedere [illegible] delle derrate che dovranno essere spedite per fer=

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Organizzazione della Missione inviata dalla Italia [illegible]

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Si prega pertanto codesta Missione volersi interessare al riguardo e cortesemente comunicare a questo Ministero le decisioni adottate.-

p. IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
L'ISPETTORE DEI SERVIZI DI COMMISSARIATO
(Col. Pietro Basile) 1.925

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Distribution of foodstuff to the various Units, for its E.A.

PROGRAMMA DI SBARCAMENTO DERRATE DESTINATE AL R.ESERCITO

If unloaded at

1° CASO (sbarco a Napoli)

1° giorno (15 vagoni per Bari
(15 vagoni per Brindisi

2° giorno (15 vagoni per Bari
(15 vagoni per Brindisi

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2° CASO (sbarco a Bari)

1° giorno (10 vagoni per Napoli
(20 vagoni per Brindisi

2° giorno (10 vagoni per Napoli
(20 vagoni per Brindisi

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3° CASO (sbarco a Brindisi)

1° giorno (10 vagoni per Napoli
(20 vagoni per Bari

2° giorno (10 vagoni per Napoli
(20 vagoni per Bari

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4° CASO (sbarco a Taranto)

1° giorno (10 vagoni per Napoli
(9 vagoni per Brindisi
(11 vagoni per Bari

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(20 vagoni per Brindisi

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Subject:- Information received from L.O. 31 Italian Corps.

Army Sub Comm. A.C.C.
Rear HQ (MMIA)
LEGULE (MOOSE)
PT/1
2 Feb 44.

War Ministry.

The following information has been received by M.M.I.A. L.O. with 31 Italian Corps and is forwarded to you for necessary action:-

1. Trucks of Supplies and other Military Stores are arriving at CATANZARO without any Wagon Waybills or documents. Wagon doors have been found open and supplies pilfered. It is requested that more care be given to documentry railway wagons, and that all consignments be advised ahead and that wagon doors be properly secured before despatch.

2. There has been difficulties with regard to feeding of Italian Air Force in CALABRIA. Italian Air Force have been demanding rations from Italian Army. As the three services draw separately from British D.S.Os, it appears that the Italian Air Force have drawn from MILITARY but have made no arrangements for further despatch to their Units in CALABRIA. Would you please look into this matter.

3. 31 Italian Corps still await despatch of Brake Fluid, 100 gallons was released from 500 A.O.D. BARI on 21st Jan to G.S.O. BARI. Would you please forward their necessary requirement.

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Replied (173)

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Army Sub Comm. A.C.C.

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SUBJECT: Report by A.D.S.T. on Sup Depots visited between 31st Jan & 3rd Feb.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Rear HQ (MEIA)
LE QUILE (LECCE)

AQ/24
4 Feb 44

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S.T. Branch.

Further to the above report dated 4 Feb.

1. Will you please take the necessary action with regard to paras. 4,5 and 7.

2. Ref para.6, CROTONE Depot. The change of Comd at this Depot has been taken up, but in the meantime will you please take such technical action through Service channels as is possible.

F. J. Wood
Lt-Col.
A.A.& Q.M.G.

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Report by Lieut. Col. H.B. FINCH. A.D.S.T.- M.M.I.A.
On Visits to Italian Supply Depots in CALABRIA, between 31st Jan and 3rd Feb 44.

1. Saw Major Lentzner M.M.I.A. LO. separate report submitted.

2. Visited Italian Supply Depot COZENZA. Comdr. Major Julio Meringolo.
(a) Depot is feeding approx 5,000 men.
(b) Accommodation is ample and there appear to be considerable stocks in Store. Supplies are averagely well kept. Stores clean and tidy. No Italian Rations were seen.
(c) Comdr made complaints that Railway Wagons arrived completely unlocumented and sometimes pilfered. He found it very difficult to investigate the circumstances or to discover the extent of loss.
(d) A Military Bakery was also inspected. Very clean and tidy. The loaves however were small and heavy. They were made from British issue flour.
(e) Comdr said that Supe were continually being pilfered by civilians and asked that Guards might be provided. He was instructed to apply to his Italian Superiors.

3. Visited Italian Supply Depot CATANZARO. Comdr Lt.Col. Applecintoli.
(a) Depot feeds approx 12,000 men.
(b) Depot clean tidy and well laid out. Considerable quantities of Italian Supe were seen.
(c) A flour store was infested by rats and mice. Comdr explained that he could not keep cats because they were killed and eaten as hares by the civilians.

4. Visited VIBO VALANTIA. Comdr Lt.Col. Caparatti Arturo.
(a) Feeding approx 4,000 men.
(b) Excellent accomodation which contained nearly all Italian Supplies.
(c) Some tins of biscuits had been put on one side as unfit for human consumption. inspection showed that only some were unfit for human consumption. It was pointed out that supplies should be sorted before being put on one side and condemned.
(d) Some Italian Preserved Meat was also observed which had become blown. It appeared that though Italians have Analyst Officers, these do not seem to go round and visit depots. The whole system of inspection appears weak. Stocks appear to be kept and permitted to deteriorate until they rot. It does not appear anyone's duty to ensure timely turn over.
(e) There were considerable quantities of empties.

5. Visited REGIO CALABRIA. Comdr Lt. Verducci.
(a) Depot was very untidy and generally dirty. Stocks were badly stacked and in some cases would be impossible to take stock of. Accommodation was very good and there was every reason that this should have been a good Depot.
(b) The Unit Comdr did not appear at all.
(c) Feeding approx 6,000 men.
(d) There were considerable stocks of British Supe in this Depot.
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Approx. 300 boxes of Compo Rations.
40 bales of Latrine Paper.
42 Cases of Porridge Oats.
Bigstock of Sweet Biscuits.
Big stock of Tinned Milk.
Small stock of Candles, Baking Powder and Pickles.
(e) There were also considerable quantities of heavy cases awaiting disposal.

6. Visited Italian Supply Depot, CATTARO. Comdr. Capt. [illegible]
(a) Feeding approx 5,000 men.
(b) In forage store with bales of straw, an Officer and two men were seen smoking. No fire appliances of any sort were to be seen anywhere.
(c) Stocks with very little attempt at stacking properly were just piled up to the roof in the various warehouses used. It would have been quite impossible to take stock. As far as turn over was concerned, it was from appearances, unlikely that stocks at the back ever were issued for long counted.
(d) A system of detailed issues was all mixed up with bulk issues. There appeared to be no system at all. Sacks of Soap which had a distinct odour were stacked up against flour and would undoubtedly contaminate it, making it unpleasant if not unfit for human consumption.
(e) Depot had quantities of stocks which were border line and doubtfully fit for issue. These should have been inspected by an Analyst Officer.
(f) Warehouses in Dock Area had men, supposed to be guarding, sleeping in with the stocks. There was every reason to think these men were helping themselves judging by the large biscuit tin of sugar seen, and other items broached.
(g) This Depot being of the first importance on account of its port and bulk distribution Duties, should be under the command of a most efficient Officer.

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(h) Instead the Comdr appeared indolent and uninterested. This is by far the worst Depot so far inspected.

7. Visited Italian Supply Depot. PETTELA FOLIGNATO. Comdt Lt Gaudiosa Franco.
(a) Feeding 400 men.
(b) Staff running it 1 Officer and 18 O.Rs.
(c) Whole Depot consisted of one small room and had entirely Italian Rations. The stocks in the store should have kept the 400 men supplied for a month.
(d) It is examples of this nature that show a complete lack by the Italians of adjusting their organisation to their requirements. It is believed that this little Depot is being closed down and withdrawn.

8. Visited Italian Supply Depot, MOGARINO, Lt. BIAGETTI.
(a) Feeding between 6,000 to 7,000 men.
(b) I was very impressed by the knowledge, interest and keenness shown by this very Junior Officer. He could tell the exact quantities, and full details of every stock as we came to them.
(c) He had had a delivery of dried figs, some of which he did not consider were ~~xxx~~ upto the correct standard. He had obviously inspected them very carefully and had selected and rejected certain portions.
(d) Once again quantities of British issue Biscuits had been put on one side as unfit for human consumption which should have been sorted before rejection and condemnation. This was pointed out.
(e) From what was seen during a very hasty inspection, this Depot is the best yet seen in Italy.

9. Visited Italian Supply Depot SPEDALO ALBANESE. Comdr Capt. MARINO PASQUALI.
(a) Feeding 1,600 men in some 12 Sub Units.
(b) Staff running Depot 2 Officers and 20 O.Rs.
(c) Whole stock was housed in one Room and could have been easily managed by a C.S.M. of a British Inf or Equiv. Unit.
(d) Depot was well cared for and neat. Officer in charge a keen smart man, who was very anxious to do a good job of work. I am of the opinion that little Depots of this sort are uneconomical in every way.

10. Visited Italian Supply Depot CASTROVILLARI Comdr, Capt TUCCI RAFFAELI.
(a) Feeding approx 1,500 men.
(b) Staff running Depot 2 Officers and 23 O.Rs.
(c) Depot was neat clean and tidy.
(d) Considerable quantities of Captured German Stocks were in store.
Salt - Tea - Dried Veg - Flour - Marmalade - Oatmeal.
(f) Stocks were sufficient to have kept dependant Units fed for a month or more. It

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Lt. Col.
A.D.S.T.- M.M.I.A.

In the Field
4th Feb 44.

Original to:- Comd.
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Subject:- Rations for Allied Patients in Italian Hospitals.

Military Mission to
Italian Army
ST/1
4 Feb 44.

War Ministry. — Replied (172)

Copy to:- LO 31 Corps.

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Reference your 1482 dated 3rd Feb 1944.

There is no authority for drawing extra rations for Allied patients in Italian Military Hospitals in CALABRIA.

Ration arrangements have been made for all Allied soldiers entering Italian hospitals, see copy of letter attached.

In exceptional cases where special food is necessary for the patients health, please instruct your hospital commanders to issue and reclaim through the LO. MMLA 31 Italian Corps, giving patients name and number, disease and amount of the particular food issued.

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SUBJECT: Allied patients in Italian Military Hospitals.

Military Mission to
ITALIAN ARMY.
M/5/215.
17th. Jan.44.

To : A.A.I.A. L.O. 1 Italian Corps. CATANZARO.

Reference your "G" of 11th. Jan.44 requesting extra rations for Allied patients in Italian Military Hospitals in CALABRIA L. of C.

1. All units leaving REGGIO carry 7 days rations. Allied patients are not detained if likely to be over 7 days in hospital. Therefore the easiest solution would be for M. & T. REGGIO to instruct all unit Commanders that if any man is admitted to an Italian Hospital in the CALABRIA L. of C., 7 days rations will also be left at the hospital. This will easily cover his needs.

2. If extra medical comforts are necessary, these should be requested on your own indent on A.D.M.S. D.I.D. and distributed via your R.A.. I am certain A.D.M.S. Office 52 AMGA will countersign as there is no British Medical Officer in CALABRIA. The needs for medical comforts should not be very great if each unit sees that their men are properly supplied on admission.

3. To put this officially through R.A.M.C. channels and draw supplies through Italian S.I.D.'s would lead to many complications for very small amounts and involve different ration scales.

(Signed) W.A. Reggie, Major, R.A.M.C.
for Brig.
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Copy to: A.D.M.S. 52 AMGA (for info) (Under instructions from A.D.M.S., A.F.H.Q., Adv.Adm.Sch. in October, '43, the Italian Army Medical Services maintain 3 hospitals each of 10 beds for use of Allied personnel in CALABRIA. These are situated at VIBO VALENTIA, COSENZA and CATANZARO.

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Rations issued to Allied soldiers in the Italian Hospitals.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

N. 1482 S. di prot. Div.Succ.ze P. M. 107, li 3 febbraio 1944

Risposta al foglio N. *del* *Carte annesse*

OGGETTO: somministrazione di viveri ai militari anglo-americani ri_
coverati negli ospedali militari.-

Al LA MISSIONE MILITARE ALLEATA
presso l'Esercito Italiano

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Replied 150

Alcuni ospedali militari hanno segnalato che i militari anglo-americani ivi degenti, hanno richiesto e ot_tenuto un trattamento speciale che supera i limiti della ra_zione in vigore per le FF.AA.italiane.-

L'Ospedale Militare di Vibo Valentia, per esempio, in seguito ad intervento della Polizia inglese, ha prelevato del_lo zucchero in più della normale razione, per la distribuzione a volontà a favore dei militari alleati.-

Si prega far conoscere quale trattamento dovrà farsi ai medesimi e le modalità per il prelevamento.-

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Si proporrebbe che i quantitativi di viveri somministrati alle truppe alleate siano portati in aggiunta alle note richieste decadali.-

MILITARY MISSION.

Date 3 FEB. 44

to

ITALIAN ARMY

p. IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
L'ISPETTORE DEI SERVIZI DI COMMISSARIATO MIL.
(Col. Pietro Basile)

Some Mil. Hosp. reported that the Allied Soldiers sheltered here, asked some extra ration. Anyhow there is one of the Italian Troops
The Military Hospital of VIBO VALENTIA through the M. Police has asked an extra ration of wheat as to be issued on behalf of the Allied Soldiers.
Please let us know which the ration to be given to each soldiers and for how days for its withdrawal.
We suggest that rations given to allied troops, be added to our request for each period of 10 days.

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Subject:- Tonto Sauce for Italian Armed Forces.

Military Mission to
Italian Army
S2/1
3 Feb 44.

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1. References A.F.H.Q. Adv. Adm. Echelon letter 25/01 dated 22nd Jan 44 103
on above subject.

2. Will you please advise if the monthly rations are sanctioned.

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Comd.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

Divisione Assistenza

N. 1552/C. di prot. P. M. 107. li 2 Febbraio 1944

Risposta al foglio N. del Carte annesse

OGGETTO: Conserva di pomodoro.

Al La MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA presso
l'Esercito Italiano L O R O

Pregasi far conoscere le determinazioni prese dalle Autorità Anglo-Americane in merito alle richieste di 41.000 mensili di conserva di pomodoro, di cui alla richiesta fatta da questo Ministero col dispaccio 11411/3 in data 15 cornu_ io c.a.

P. IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
L'ISPETTORE DEI SERVIZI DI COMMISSARIATO
(Col.Comm.Pietro Tacile)

Kindly inform me of the decision of the Allied Authorities concerning the monthly release of 800 quintals of tomato sauce, as requested in this Ministry's letter 11411/3 dated 15 Jan.

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Subject:- Macaroni for Category "A" Rations.

Military Mission to
Italian Army
G.S/1
7 Feb 44.

War Ministry.

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Reference your 1433/S dated 27th Jan 44.

When macaroni is available it is issued to Italian operational Forces in accordance with Category "A" ration scale. When not available the equivalent amount of Flour is issued.

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Subject:- Macarani.

22 Base Provision Office, R.A.S.C.
C.M.F.
Tels. Foxton. 10138 & 10139
Ref. BPO/8/73.

Feb 44.

M.M.I.A.

Reference your signal ST/7430 dated 31 Jan 44.

Macaroni issued when available.

Flour is not being issued in lieu.

Flambo instructions.

It is hoped that Macaroni will be available again during the next few days.

Lieut.Col.,
Provision Officer, R.A.S.C.

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SUBJECT: Additional Rations issued to Italian Army: CALABRIA.

Military Mission to
Italian Army
SI/1
2 Feb 44

War Ministry.

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1. Reference your letter 147/S of 31 Jan 44.

2. The deductions will be made from 22 BPO BARI and spread over 3 ten day periods as follows:

	4 to 13 Feb	14 to 23 Feb	24 Feb to 4 Mch.	Total.
Sugar	10,000 lbs	10,000 lbs	23,320 lbs	43,320
Flour	100,000	100,000	150,096	350,096
Peas Dd)				
Beans Dd)	37,500	37,500	19,900	94,900
Coffee	10,000	10,000	7,504	27,504
Sausage	28,000	28,000	10,024	66,024
P.Meat	37,500	17,502	=	55,002
Pepper	270	=	=	270
Biscuits	125,000	125,000	46,136	296,136

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L. L. Eason Major
for Brig
Comd

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

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SUBJECT: Additional Rations issued to Italian Army.

Military Mission to
Italian Army
ST/1
7 Feb 44

AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon
Copy to: 22 BPO.

1 The following additional supplies ex 13 BSD Sicily; have already been forwarded to CROTONE via TARANTO from the s.s. "ATLE JAHL" and have been handed over to the Italian Army:

Sugar	43,320 lbs	Sausage	66,024 lbs
Flour	330,096	F.Meat	55,002
Peas Dd	37,000	Pepper	276
Beans Dd	57,900	Biscuits	296,136
Coffee	27,504		

2 The Italian War Ministry have been notified of the above; and they desire the deductions to be made from 22 BPO, BARI, and spread over 3 ten day periods as follows:

	4 to 13 Feb	14 to 23 Feb	24 Feb to 4 Mch	TOTAL.
Sugar	10,000	10,000	23,320	43,320
Flour	100,000	100,000	130,096	330,096
Peas Dd)	37,500	37,500	19,900	94,900
Beans Dd)				
Coffee	10,000	10,000	7,504	27,504
Sausage	28,000	28,000	10,024	66,024
F.Meat	37,500	17,502	-	55,002
Pepper	276	-	-	276
Biscuits	125,000	125,000	46,136	296,136

3 It is mentioned that as these additional supplies are now in CALABRIA, and to deduct the total amount from one ten day period would necessitate moving supplies from CALABRIA to BARI Area: this is impracticable in view of the present shortage of rolling stock and the fact that coastal schooners are now no longer at the disposal of the Italian Army.

4 If this proposal is agreed by you, will you please [illegible] 22 BPO at the same time as MMIA; a signal has already been sent to him by MMIA to advise the amounts scheduled to be deducted for the period 4 to 13th Feb 44.

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[signature] Brig
Comd

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

N. 1473/S. di prot. Div.Suss.ze — P. M. 107, li 31 Gennaio 1944

Risposta al foglio N. del — Carte annesse

OGGETTO: Deduzione derrate.-

Return of extra rations issued to CALABRIA

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE ALLEATA
presso l'Esercito Italiano

LECCE

Il ritiro contemporaneo di tutti i viveri indicati nel foglio GT/1 del 28 corrente compromette l'approvvigionamento delle truppe che fanno capo ai nostri magazzini di Bari, Brindisi e Napoli.-

Poichè tutti i viveri di cui alla citata vostra lettera furono spediti in Calabria, ove attualmente sono disponibili, si prega codesta Missione di non effettuarne in una volta la deduzione da Bari, Brindisi e Napoli ma di consentire che, decadalmente, siano dedotte dalle vostre assegnazioni su Bari il numero di razioni corrispondenti alla forza esistente in Calabria (30.000 razioni per 10 giorni).-

Tali deduzioni saranno fatte ogni decade fino al raggiungimento delle quantità di viveri indicate nel vostro foglio GT/1 del 28 corrente.-

In tal modo, pur dandovi la possibilità di recuperare le razioni date in anticipo per i bisogni della Calabria, il nostro servizio non viene ad essere in alcun modo turbato.-

La misura delle riduzioni da apportare nelle decade

Il ritiro contemporaneo di tutti i viveri indicati nel foglio ST/1 del 28 corrente comprometterebbe l'approvvigionamento delle truppe che fanno capo ai nostri magazzini di Bari, Brindisi e Napoli.-

Poichè tutti i viveri di cui alla citata vostra lettera furono spediti in Calabria, ove attualmente sono disponibili, si prega codesta Missione di non effettuarne in una sola volta la deduzione da Bari, Brindisi e Napoli ma di consentire che, decadalmente, siano dedotte dalle vostre assegnazioni su Bari il numero di razioni corrispondenti alle forze esistente in Calabria (30.000 razioni per 10 giorni).-

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In tal modo, pur dandovi la possibilità di recuperare le razioni date in anticipo per i bisogni della Calabria, il nostro servizio non viene ad essere in alcun modo turbato.-

La misura delle riduzioni da apportare nella decade 4 - 13 febbraio sul deposito di Bari dovrebbe essere la seguente:

		POUNDS	
sugar	- zucchero	libbre	10.000
flour	- farina	"	100.000
(dried) peas beans	- piselli e fagioli secchi	"	37.500
coffee	- caffè	"	10.000
sausages	- Salsicce	"	28.000
meat (Tins)	- carne scatolata	"	37.500
pepper	- pepe	"	276
biscuits	- biscotti	"	125.000

reply at 137 Wilson

also memo re Rocco at 135

p.IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
L'ISPETTORE DEI SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO
(Col. Pietro Pe[illegible]

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

159

Subject:- Supplies for Italian Navy.

War Minister.

Copy to:- Admiral. - Replyref 1(17a)

Military Mission to
Italian Army
M2/3
Feb 44.

1. A.F.H.Q. Adv. Adm. Sch., have requested that the Italian Naval Authorities make their own arrangements with regard to the purchase of Fresh Fruit, Fresh Vegetables and Wine for the personnel embarked on the Combat Boats as well as those now stationed on the Beach Roads.

2. It is mentioned that this procedure will be of great assistance to the British Supply Depots concerned, and will eliminate double handling, and save much additional accounting.

3. Will the Italian War Ministry please inform MMIA when the above arrangements will be put into operation.

Replyref 2 Admiralty 1(7).

[illegible]

Brig.
Gen. 4909

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

Subject:- Supplies for Italian Navy

AFHQ Adv.Admin.Sch., 158
C.M.F.
Tel.Ext: 152
4012/STI
27 Jan 44.

M.M.I.A.

1. No. 13 R.P.O. has submitted a proposal to the effect that the Italian Naval Authorities should assume responsibility for the provision of Fresh Fruit, Fresh Vegetables and Wine for men of the Italian Navy subsisted on the Combat Scale as well as those rationed on the Basic Scale.

2. As is known, it is the normal practice for the W.D. to provide all items on the Combat Scale, as men rationed on this scale being in the Forward Areas are out of touch with the normal Italian Supply organisation. At the time these arrangements were made, it was not envisaged that the question of different scales for the Navy would arise.

3. It is requested therefore that arrangements are made for the Italian Naval Authorities to purchase Fresh Fruit, Fresh Vegetables and Wine for the men subsisted on the Combat Scale as well as those rationed on the Basic Scale.

4. If this proposal is acceptable, it will be of great assistance to the Supply Depots concerned, and will have the effect of eliminating the double - handle and will save much additional accounting which at present must be carried out.

Brigadier,
D.D.S.T.

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

Subject:- Issues to the Italian Armed Forces.

13 B.P.O. RASC C.M.F.
Ref. 185/1.

28 Jan. '44.

M.M.I.A.

Ref. your ST/1 dated 25 Jan '44.

This matter should be referred by you to A.F.H.Q. Adv. Adm. Ech. as indicated in para.4 of this office letter of even number dated 9 Jan. '41.

MILITARY MISSION.

Date 31 Jan 44.

W.M.E. White. Lt Col.
to 13 Base Provision Officer, RASC.

ACB/hs.

ITALIAN ARMY.

Note. SO Hamb in para 3 of our ST/1 29 Jan added 13 BPO e/thinking we had asked 13 BPO to enquire & adjustments are made.

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Subject:- Maintenance of Italian Armed Forces.

AFHQ Adv.Admin. Sch.,
C. M. F.
Tel. Sct: 162
4012/ST1
29 Jan 44.

M.M.I.A. 31/Jan 50/3

Reference ST/3 dated 25 Jan 44.

1. Orders have now been given to the D.P.Os. concerned for the release of the supplies demanded in the above letter.

2. It is noted that the total Air Force demand is for 18,275, whereas M.M.I.A. Signal, Q.454 dated 26 Jan 44, gives the figure as being 17,275. Please confirm which figure is correct.

3. It is confirmed that adjustment for supplies issued from D.I.Ds. in the period 16 - 25 Dec 43, are being adjusted in this present ten-day period.

4. The following variation in the scale of rations to be issued to troops on the Basic Scale is also notified. Dried Vegetables are reduced from 4 ozs to 2 ozs and to off-set this an additional issue of Biscuits at 2 ozs will be made.

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Yours ever,
mayr
Brigadier,
A.D.S.T.

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Subject:- Supplies for Italian Navy.

Military Mission to
Italian Army.
ST/3
2 Feb 44.

War Ministry.

Copy to:- FOTALI.

Replyed(170) 12 Apr(530)

Further to our ST/3 dated 1st Feb 44.

It is also requested that the Italian Naval Authorities purchase locally Salt and Olive Oil.

Would you please inform MMIA at your earliest convenience of the date when the Italian Naval Authorities can undertake the purchase of the 5 commodities mentioned.

for Brig.
Gen.

4005

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Reminder 21/3 Replyed(511)

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

Subject:-Maintenance of Italian Troops.

Military Mission to
Italian Army
G/1
31 Jan 44.

Key Minister.
Copy to:- AFHQ Adv Adm Sch.

1. Owing to the short supply of onions from Allied source, please delete from COMCAT ration scale onions 2 ozs.

2. This item is to be procured from local resources by the Italian Military Authorities.

[illegible]
Brig.
Comd.

(Note: this ref ex message 44650, 20 Jan (from A.C.C) in AG/2)

Spare copy hand at (123E)

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30 Jan 1944

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MILITARY MISSIONS

BAS 31 Jan ST/1.

to

ITALIAN ARMY.

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ROUTINE

Jan 291847A

Jan 300010A

FREEDOM CITE FHCUF, FHGDS AND FHGDQ SIGNED CINC

FATIMA, ACTION FLASH INFO CG ACMF, CG 5TH ARMY, CG PBS, CG 8TH ARMY, GOC NO. 2 DISTRICT, GOC NO. 1 DISTRICT, FATIMA, CG TYRRHENIAN BASE DEPOT CG ADRIATIC BASE DEPOT

Due to shortage onions in United States delete onions 2 ounces from combat ration scale as outlined in administrative memorandum No. 2 dated 10 Jan 1944 and list fresh onions (2 ounces) under those items to be procured by Italian Military.

DISTRIBUTION:

2 - AG
1 - Diary
1 - MMIA - [illegible]

[illegible] This is a reduced copy of original, upon which we have already taken action - see enclo 123.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

N. 1433 /S di prot. Div.Suss.ze P. M. 107, li 24 Gennaio 1944

Risposta al foglio N. *del* *Carte annesse*

OGGETTO: pasta per razione di categoria "A".-

Macaroniso for "A" Category Rations

Al LA MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA
presso l'Esercito Italiano

L E U I L E

La razione di tipo "A" prevede la somministrazione di 3 once giornaliere di pasta.-

Il Ministero dell'Aeronautica ha informato che la pasta non è stata finora ceduta dai depositi inglesi.-

Si prega far conoscere se la razione di pasta dovrà essere fornita a cura dell'Amministrazione Militare italiana detraendo conseguentemente dalla razione di farina, fissata in 18 once giornaliere e destinata alla panificazione, lo sfarinato necessario per la fabbricazione della pasta da minestra; ovvero se la farina occorrente sarà fornita, in più delle 18 once giornaliere, dai depositi inglesi.-

presso l'Esercito Italiano

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p. IL DIRETTORE GENERALE .

L'ISPETTORE DEI SERVIZI DI COMMISSARIATO MIL.
(Col. Pietro Basile)

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Reply to W/T ... 141

5/40 Signal sent to ... re contents above

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

Subject:-Issue of Sugar to AMG.

Military Mission to
The Italian Army.

L.O.31st.Italian Corps,
Catanzaro.

24 Jan 44.

Ref:-G.

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

Ref. your minute ST/I dated 19 Jan 44.

This sugar should only be issued on loan and not free or on repayment. In principle the idea is bad and should not be allowed.

Lieutenant-Colonel.

W.V.J.

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

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DORE.

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Subject:- Enlistment Italian Forces.

Ref. your No. [illegible]

[illegible]

Copy to:- " " Home Affairs Dept.
" " Northern District Dept.
" " Dept. of Defence
" " No. 3 District
GH

Ref. [illegible] (Italy)(38)-(2) of 9 Oct. and [illegible] No. 3 of 10 Jan., also my [illegible] of 17 Aug. and to Eden Lang, Middle East of 16 Dec.

The matter to be dealt with in this letter is whether Italians now in India will be available for enlistment for the Italian armed forces raised in this country.

Until such time as these enlistments arrive, our whole position [illegible] the lack of alternatives for a number of them. We will [illegible] internment from the moment of the actual capture under one of these

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[illegible]

(Sgd) [illegible]
for Secretary
[illegible]

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

Subject:- Additional Rations.

Military Mission to
Italian Army.
ST/1.
28 Jan 44.

War Ministry.

The following additional supplies ex 13 B.S.D. Sicily, which have already been forwarded to CROTONE via TARANTO consigned to Italian Army will be deducted from your next 10 day demand period 4th to 13th Feb 1944.

Sugar	43,320 lbs.
Flour	330,096 "
Peas Dried	37,000 "
Beans "	57,900 "
Coffee	27,504 "
Sausage	65,024 "
P. Meat	55,002 "
Pepper	276 "
Biscuits	296,136 "

Would you please inform MMIA by return, where you desire deductions to be made i.e, BARI, BRINDISI or NAPLES.

Replied ok 13th

BC

Brig.
Cond.
for.

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

Subject:- Mediterranean ( )Italian Army.

IC - F.C. A.SC. C.M.F.
Ref. 205/1.

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24 Jan. '44.

A.S.I.A.
ALGIERS.

The following supplies for the Italian Army for period 25 Jan. to 8 Feb '44 may be collected from Depots as under:-

Flour (incl 31,250 lbs in lieu Veg.Dried.)	- 965,760 lbs	} Satellite S.S.D. 2 Berth } SAVOISI DOCKS.
Sugar	- 20,832 lbs	
R. Meat	- 22,050 lbs	43 S.S.L.C. MESSINA.
Salmon	- 17,410 lbs	}
Cheese	10,220 "	} 21 S.S.L.C. MESSINA.
Pepper	200 "	}

W. M. 3. White
Lt.Col.
IC Base Provision Officer, A.S.C.

jo/ns.

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Subject:- Feeding of Italians in Military Labour.

HQ No. 2 District GF
Acct 13720
1388 2
25 Jan 44

SP

Further to this HQ 13884 of 17 Dec 43.

The following ruling has been finally decided:-

" British rations may be issued to Italian personnel of IV and V Compagni.

Rations to cover absence from station must be a matter for local adjustment.

(Sgd) ???
for Colonel
Colonel i/c Admin

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MILITARY MISSION.
Date 26 Ja 944
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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

N. 1280 /Sez. prot. Div. Sussa. P. M. 107, li 25 Gennaio 1944

Risposta al foglio N. del Carte annesse

OGGETTO: Razioni prelevate dai magazzini inglesi.-

Alla MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA - presso il R. Esercito -

L O R O

Questo Ministero ha interessato i Ministeri della Marina, della Aeronautica e le Direzioni di Commissariato dipendenti perché comunichino a quegli enti militari italiani sono stato distribuite le razioni addizionali di cui al vostro foglio ST/1 del 20 corr.-

Non appena le notizie richieste saranno pervenute sarà fatta analoga comunicazione a codesta Missione per procedere al rifiuto delle razioni eventualmente prelevate in più.-

P. IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
L'ISPETTORE DEI SERVIZI DI COMMISSARIATO
(Col. Ezechia Bentini)

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106

Subject:- Stationing of Italian Armed Forces.
Additional refugee trade from Italian ports.

Military Mission to Italian Army.
G1/1.
25 Jan 44.

13 P.R.C.
Corps Tpt Offr Adv Adm Hqs.
" No. 2. District.

1. The undermentioned shipping were landed in Italian Naval Forces from British Ports during the period 15th to 31st Dec 1943.

2. The undermentioned vessels took part after the Italian Armistice came into operation on 8th Sept 1943.

3. Those vessels are required to be employed upon the next 10 daily trade periods 1st to 15th Feb 1944 from the Naval and Mercantile Marine.

Vessels.	Tons.
F. Cairo	15,121
Procida	696
Pozzuoli	81
Ischia	50
Vesuvio	48
Olbia	67
Isola	
Total	16,063
Nave (Steam)	✓ 5,248
Nave (Motor)	✓ 10,534
Nave (Sailing)	✓ 271
Total	2,799
Naval Patrol	2,799
Navy Requirements	1,214
Total	1,214
Piano	✓ 1,214
Grand Total	

Vessels.	Tons.
Cheops	✓ 2,421
Nefertiti	776
Olympia	✓ 2,250
Papyrus	✓ 121
Pharaoh	✓ 3,112
Total	8,680
Mercantile Marine	
Total	8,680
Rebundo	✓
Defenestrato	✓
Ribalto	✓

4. Vessels [illegible] on the 1st of the 10 daily periods of the above mentioned.

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(W) Copy of this letter, after 5 (5-7) of 5013 sent direct to CO Bari.

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Military Mission to Italian Army.
A.P.O.
25 June.

(104)

Subject:- Tobacco - 1st 6 Mths issue Rations.

To:- United Military Government,
Industry and Commerce Sub Commission.

Reference your letter ANC/61.36/1c dated 17 June, addressed to AFHQ.

This does not give me the information required. Would you please inform me the quantity of tobacco which could be available each week and for what period the Italian Forces can be maintained.

In accordance with AFHQ ADV LOG Mon letter 25 6/1. I have obtained the following information from the Italian War Ministry:- Tobacco required by the three Services per week at a ration of 1 oz. per man.

Army	57,953 lbs.
Navy	7,670 lbs.
Air Force	2,367 lbs.

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(Sgd) Major. Comm
For Actg.
Cond.
Cond'.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
TERRITORY OF COMMUNE AND PROVINCE
APO 394

17 January 1944

AMG/6136/IC

Subject: Tobacco - Italian Armed Forces

To : AFHQ, Adv and Tandon.

1. Reference your /5/1 dated 7 Jan 44.

2. It is reported by the Financial Under- Secretary of State in the provisional Italian Government that stocks of tobacco leaf in Italy at present:

for Sig Arthen - 100 tons.
for cigars - 40 tons.

3. The minimum quantity which is necessary to be allocated to be 30 - 40 tons of cigarettes.

4. 700 - 800 wooden cases are held for distribution and are returned in the NAAF factor after delivery.

Copies to : AMG
C-in-C
SI

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

SUBJECT:- Maintenance Italian Forces

AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon
CMF
25/31
22 Jan 44

Allied Control Commission

Copy to:- MMIA
G-4
ST

Ref MMIA letter ST/1 of 15 Jan 44 addressed this HQ, copy to you.

There is no objection from this HQ point of view to the release of 300 quintals tomato sauce monthly from civilian stocks for the Italian Armed Forces.

Will you please advise MMIA whether you are prepared to release from a civilian point of view and, if so, arrange for release of amounts required.

Major General.
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer.

Reminder to ACC 26.953

MILITARY MISSION.
Date 25/1/44 ST/1
to
ITALIAN ARMY.

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MMIA

SUBJECT: - Maintenance Italian Forces

AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon
CMF
25/01

Allied Control Commission
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22 Jan 44

Copy to:-MMIA
G-4
ST

Ref MMIA letter ST/1 of 18 Jan 44 addressed this HQ, copy to you.

There is no objection from this HQ point of view to the release of 800 quintals tomato sauce monthly from civilian stocks for the Italian Armed Forces.

Will you please advise MMIA whether you are prepared to release from a civilian point of view and, if so, arrange for release of amounts required.

/s/ ?
Major General.
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer.

MILITARY MISSION
Date 1st Feb per ST/1
to
ITALIAN ARMY

A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY:

For ROGER B. DERBY
1st Lt. AGD

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CMF
25/91

Allied Control Commission
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22 Jan 44

Copy to:-MMIA
G-4
ST

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There is no objection from this HQ point of view to the release of 800 quintals tomato sauce monthly from civilian stocks for the Italian Armed Forces.

Will you please advise MMIA whether you are prepared to release from a civilian point of view and, if so, arrange for release of amounts required.

MILITARY MISSION
Date 1st Feb to ST/1
to
ITALIAN ARMY

/s/ ?
Major General.
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer.

A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY:

For E. J. Chevrea
ROGER B. DERBY
1st Lt, AGD
AG

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785920

MILITARY MISSION.
Date 1 Feb 44 ST/1

Subject:- Tomato Sauce for Italian Armed Forces.

Military Mission to
Italian Army
ST/1.

18 Jan 44.

AFHQ Adv Adm Ech.
Copy to:- No. 2 District.
" ":- Allied Control Commission.

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1. Italian War Ministry have asked if certain stocks of Tomato Sauce, at present blocked by the Allies, can be released to them for issue to the Italian Forces.

2. They state that there are large stocks available amounting to about 10,000 quintals, and that only the needs of the civilian population is being met.

3. Tomato Sauce has always been part of the Italian Army ration scale for use in preparing the rations, and especially for "PASTA".

4. As the stocks of Tomato Sauce held in Italian Military Depots are being exhausted, so much so that issues to Italian troops will shortly have to be auspended, they ask if a monthly release of 800 quintals could be made, representing a daily ration of 10 grams per head per day.

5. Would you please inform MMIA if this release can be made.

/s/ ?
Brig.
Comd.

BC

A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY.

E J Cheorica

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 789120

Copy to:- No. 2 District.
" ":- Allied Control Commission.

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/s/ ?
Brig.
Comd.

BC

A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY.

For E J Checcia
ROGER B. DERBY
1st Lt, AGD
AG

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Subject:-Rations.

Military Mission to
The Italian Army.

I.O.Stat.Italian Corps,
Catanzaro.

19 Jan 44.

Ref:-G.

H.Q.,
Stat. Italian Corps.

Reference your ration scale which includes 226 gramme of Fresh Vegetables.

I have noticed that many of your troops are not being issued with same. On enquiring, I have been told that Fresh Vegetables are unobtainable but that beans, potatos etc., are.

In view of this, will you please make up the troops rations to 226 gramme of all vegetables.

Sugar.

You may increase the ration of this commodity to 20 gramme per day as previously laid down.

Copy to:-M.M.I.A.
(The Italians are sticking to the letter re above which I am sure was not intended In view of the meagre ration the absence of 8 ozs. vegetables per day is proving very hard and the Italians here would not supplement this with potatos, beans etc., without my authority.
Hence this letter.).

Major.
Jackentzen
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A.W.J.

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In reply
refer to: 091.712 31 January 1944.

MEMORANDUM TO: His Excellency General of Italy Vanna
Chief of the Supreme General Staff

The Allied Control Commission desires to inform your Excellency that the total ration scales of the Italian Armed Forces on the mainland of Italy for which the Allied Governments accept responsibility has been fixed at 370,000.

The supplies of the categories used forces has therefore been reduced the following:

Army	275,000
Navy	61,000
Air Force	34,000

For His Majesty's Government, Allied Control Commission:

[illegible]
Colonel, Cavalry
Acting Vice President
Allied Commission

(Text posted by A.

SUBJECT:

With to the memorandum as passed to General Vanna on 30 Jan.

In Orders will be issued by G.H.Q. the Forces must not exceed the difference between G.H.Q. and the ration.

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Subject:- Infiltration - Italian Army.

Military Mission to Italian Army.
AG/2/2
21 Jan 44.

2. SECRET.

Copy to:- A.F.H.Q. Adv Adm Echelon.

Reference AFHQ Adv Adm Sub Letter, 25/1 dated 17 Jan, para 2.

Will you please ensure that Allied units employing Italian military personnel on heavy manual labour draw and issue additional 2 ozs. of preserved meat per man under arrangements made by their particular Area or Sub Area.

It is emphasised that Allied units are also responsible that this additional issue is given to the individual man at an appropriate time and place during his period of work.

(Sgd) T.N. Chm Major.
for Brig.
Gen.

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SD/1 [illegible]

Report by Lt.Col. H. B. Wynn, A.D.C., H.Q.L. on visit to Italian Naval Installations in Taranto and other visits on 17 Jan 1944.

1. Visited Bin for [illegible], Lt.Col. Lenhoff (Quartermaster).
Col Lenhoff was worried because Italian Air Force Command had not been issued their quota of Wheat, Sugar and Coffee. The Italian Navy had also been unable to draw their allotment from Bari Dump. Both had been told to apply to [illegible].

2. Called in at 13 Base Supply Depot (Lt.Col. White).
Reason for above is:-
(a) Bulk supply depot at [illegible] is closing down and every effort is being made to dry it up.
(b) [illegible] is useless to issue all commodities left in [illegible].

3. Proceeded to [illegible] and saw Italian Military Supply Depot commanded by [illegible] Keith Saunders.
(a) Depot is sited in very good accomodation and is well kept in every way.
(b) There are fair quantities of Italian supplies in stock.
(c) Depot feeds about 14,000 men.
(d) The usual troubles and difficulties had been experienced.

4. Contacted Major Taylor and Capt Ostenfeld, [illegible].
(a) Handed Capt Ostenfeld copy of Italian Ration Scale.
(b) Checked 10 day break down of Italian rations.
(c) Warned Major Taylor to assist Italian Dry Canteen to encourage Italians to improve conditions of accomodation for Italian soldiers.

5. Contacted British Base Accounting Officer [illegible].
(a) Basic Point was easy, but was dearly and explained accounting system for Italian Naval Rations.

6. Visited Italian Naval Signalling Depot commanded by Lt.Col Ellard.
(a) Depot in excellent buildings. Built about rather muddled. Distributing depot under excellent conditions.
(b) Quantities of local supplies from British supply depot and general service requisitions. Wheat in considerable quantities and unfit for human consumption. Cheese and tinned fish can also be had in lesser quantities.
(c) Saw about 200 tins of M.T. ration all blown.
(d) Coffee in salvaged tinned rice had been personally tasted before issue.

5. Contract, British Naval Accounting Officer R. [illegible].
(a) Commr Flint was away, but new deputy and explained accounting system for Italian Naval Ratings.

6. Visited Italian Naval Victualling Depot managed by Lt. Col Tiani.
(a) Depot in excellent buildings. Bulk stock rather scattered. Distributing depot under excellent conditions.
(b) Quantities of bad supplies from British Supply Depot had caused serious proportions. Meat in considerable quantities was unfit for human consumption. Cheese and tinned fish was also bad in lesser quantities.
(c) Saw about 200 tins of U.S.A. ration all blown.
(d) Coffee in salvaged parcel that had been carefully filtered before issue.

7. Visited Italian Naval Bakery.
(a) Installation equipped with excellent machinery.
(b) Stated moulding and care to the conclusion that Italian bakers do not take sufficient trouble with the process of moulding.
(c) Product was very good, better than Bakery at Bari. Two rolls of 150 gms each constituted a man's ration per day. However, better moulding would produce a larger loaf.
(d) Installation capable of producing 24,000 lbs of bread a day.

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In the Field.
6 Jan, 1944.

Original & 1 Copy.
Copies to :- G. O.
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Office File.
Policy File (AT).

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Military Mission to
Italian Arm'.
ST/1.
20 Jan 44.

SUBJECT:- Rationing of Italian Armed Forces -
Additional Rations drawn from BIDs.

WAR DEFICIENCY.

1. The undermentioned supplies were issued to Italian Military personnel from British D. I.Ds during the period 16th to 31st December, 1943.

These additional issues took place after bulk issues came into operation as from the 16th Dec 1943.

Commodity.	Lbs.	Commodity.	Lbs.
F. Meat	15,191	Cheese	2,621
Frozen Meat	596	Herrings	776
Fresh Meat	84	Sugar	2,946
Variety Meat	54	Pepper	101
Dehyd. Mutton	18	Dd. Peas, Beans, Lentils	3,139
Pork	67	Coffee	1,305
Flour	19,205	Sausage	2,672
Bread	6,208	Sardines	202
Biscuits	39,604	Salmon	275
Dhi. Potatoes	2,797	Rice	2,626
Dehyd.	620	Macaroni	271
Onions	1,515	Tobacco	3
Dhi. Veg.	440	Cigarettes	91,235 pieces
Canned Beans	445	Matches	13,595 boxes

2. The above supplies will be deducted from issues to be made in the next 10 daily period - 25th Jan to 3rd Feb.

3. Will you please inform MMIA, by return, where you desire deduction to be made, i.e. BARI BRINDISI or NAPLES.

Hamilton Hunt
Brig

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SUBJECT:- Additional issues to Italian Units from PIDs.

Military Mission to
Italian Army.
G2/1
20 Jan 44.

DEST. (1) No.2 DISTRICT.
Copy to:- AFHQ, Adv Adm Echelon.

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Reference your G2/4009/7 dated 14 Jan 1944.

1. A copy of MMIA letter G2/1 dated 19 Jan 1944, addressed to the Italian War Ministry, is forwarded for your information. R.P.Os concerned will be notified direct as to the deductions to be made.

The items enumerated thereon are covered by the Basic & Combat ration scales as issued to the Italian Armed Forces.

2. No adjustment can be made for the undermentioned items as they do not come under either the Basic or Combat scales.

3. Would you please inform MMIA how these will be adjusted.

Commodity.	Lbs.	Commodity.	Lbs.
Dd Fruit	231	Salt	470
Margarine	960	Jam	985
Syrup	36	Meg Powder	46
Milk	2,346	Tea	338
Fresh Potatoes	9	L.Meat	315
Mustard	72	Olive Oil	344
K & V	809	C.S.C.	512
Dd Nuts	44	Marmalade	4
Bacon	17	Oatmeal	10
Baking Pdr	1	Fuel Wood	3,540
Curry Pdr	4	Almonds	7
Td Fruit	27	Custard Pdr	1
Milk Spray	9		

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SUBJECT : Issues of [illegible] to Italians.

HQ 0 Z District CMP
ST/4009/7.....

17 Jan 44.

MILITARY MISSION.

Date 18 Jan 52/1.

TO
ITALIAN ARMY.

SP, 57 Area
52 Area
6 Base Sub Area
91 Sub Area
71 Sub Area
151 Sub Area (Reference your hoq/ST dated 8 Jan 44)

The issue of rations in cases of injury by UXBs to crews of Italian vessels operating under direct control of the British Royal Navy is authorised under certain conditions.

2. The scale will be as in Appendix "A" to this office Letter ST/4009/7 of 13 Jan 44.

3. All denials will be signed by an officer of the Royal Navy.

4. Details of the expenditure issued will be reported to this HQ at the end of each month for irrigation.

5. It is emphasised that whenever possible the procedure for the drawing of supplies laid down in this office Letter ST/4009/7 dated 13 Jan 44 will be followed.

for Brigadier
Colonel
D.A.A.G.

A.G.O....46.C.A.

Copy to : HQ

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Subject:- British Flour for making "Pasta".

Military Mission to
Italian Army.
SI/1.
19 Jan 44.

AFHQ, Adv Adm Echelon.

1. Italian Authorities have carried out experiments with British Flour for making Macaroni, and this has proved very satisfactory.

2. One factory has already been put into operation for this purpose, but only small quantities can be produced owing to the fact that the issue of 6 ozs per man per day is not enough to allow for Macaroni and Bread to be made.

3. The Italian War Ministry state that to make possible the manufacture of sufficient quantities of Macaroni to supply the Italian Armed Forces, it is essential for the issue of 12 ozs Flour (as laid down in the Italian Scale) to be issued.

4. As Macaroni takes some time to manufacture, it will be necessary for a fixed reserve to be supplied so that the normal issue of Flour to Italian troops will not be effected by the period of preparation.

5. Would you please inform MMIA if the ration of 12 ozs of flour will be issued in the near future and whether a reserve supply can be made for the Italian Armed Forces.

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Comd.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

N. 1157/S di prot. Div.Suss.ne (72) P. M. 107. 18 Gennaio 194

Risposta al foglio N. ST/1 *del* 13 Gennaio *Carte unnesse*

OGGETTO: Farina inglese per la fabbricazione di pasta.-

Al LA MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA
presso l'Esercito Italiano

L E Q U I L E

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Questo Ministero ha, già da tempo, impartite istruzioni affinchè fossero eseguiti degli esperimenti di fabbricazione di pasta con esclusivo impiego di farina australiana e canadese, ricevuta dai depositi inglesi durante i periodici rifornimenti.-

Avendo gli esperimenti dato esito positivo, specie con l'impiego della farina canadese, è stata senz'altro iniziata la confezione dei primi 3000 quintali di pasta presso alcuni pastifici di Bari.-

Perchè possa assicurarsi, oltre che incrementarsi, la continuità della lavorazione è necessario però che le attuali assegnazioni di farina da parte delle Autorità Alleate vengano mantenute e, se possibile, aumentate rispetto alle consegne di biscotti.-

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Alla MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA
presso l'Esercito Italiano

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Questa razione non è certo abbondante nè tale da soddisfare le esigenze del soldato italiano;ma non si potrà giungere ad un aumento della razione stessa se non quando le autorità alleate non saranno in grado di aumentare corrispondentemente la razione di farina che sarebbe sufficiente elevare di gr.100 onde ripristinare la razione di pasta a gr.150 e portare la razione di pane a gr.350.-

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Copy of Translation.

Subject:- Issue of Sugar to civil authorities.

Italian War Ministry.

No.1167/S

18 Jan 44

To:- Ia Direzione di Commissariato del XXXI C.A. CATANZARO

Copy to:- MMIA (ref No.ST/1 of 14 Jan)

A M G II Region.

This Branch is making available 150 Quintals of Sugar to AMG II Region.

1. In the event of AMG releasing this to private individuals who have to pay the relative price, this price is fixed at £.831 per Quintal - excluding sacks and excluding other additions.

The sacks will have to be returned to the Mil. Administration; when the Sugar is withdrawn a security deposit of £.50 per Sack will be required.

2. The assignment will be made free whenever the Sugar is required for purposes directly connected with AMG.

In this case, it will be sufficient for the Supply Officer to leave a receipt and the necessary notifications will be made by this H.Q.

(sd) PELLICRA.

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Subject:- Issue of Sugar to AMG.

Military Mission to Italian Army.
ST/1.
19 Jan 44.

MMIA H.Q. with XXXI Italian Corps.

A.M.G. Region 2 applied to MMIA for the release of 150 Quintals of Sugar from Italian Army stocks in CALABRIA.

A copy of War Ministry's reply, making the Sugar available, is forwarded herewith for your information.

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...LI ...RY MISSION.

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Date _____

to
...IAN ARMY.

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

N. 1157/S. di prot. Div.Sussc.ne P. M. 107, li 18 Gennaio 1944

Risposta al foglio N. _____ del _____ Carte annesse _____

OGGETTO: Cessione zucchero ad autorità civili.-

Alla DIREZIONE DI COMMISSARIATO DEL XXXI C.A.
CATANZARO

e, per conoscenza:

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE ALLEATA
presso l'Esercito Italiano (rif.f.n.ST/1 del 14 corr.)

ALL' A. M. G. - II Regione -

Codesta Direzione metta a disposizione dell'A.M.G. - II Regione - q.li 150 di zucchero.-

1°) Nel caso che l'A.M.G. ne disponga la cessione a privati che debbono pagarne il relativo prezzo, tale prezzo è fissato in £.831 al q.le al netto di tele e senza l'applicazione di altre maggiorazioni.-

Le tele dovranno essere restituite all'Amministrazione Militare; al momento del ritiro dello zucchero sarà richiesto agli acquirenti un deposito cauzionale pari a £.50 per ogni sacco.-

2°) La cessione deve intendersi a titolo gratuito qualora lo zucchero occorra per necessità alle quali debba far fronte direttamente l'A.M.G.-

e, per conoscenza:

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE ALLEATA
presso l'Esercito Italiano (rif.f.n.ST/1 del 14 corr.)

ALL' A. M. G. - II Regione -

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In tal caso, basterà che l'ufficiale addetto al vettovagliamento (Supply Officer) rilasci ricevuta e che codesta Direzione effettui poi le prescritte segnalazioni.-

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SUBJECT : Issues of Silk for Kilts

W.I.A. 52/1.

Hq. No 2 District CMF
39/4009/7

14 Jan 44

1. Reference AFHQ, Adv. Admin. Sec. A012/321 of 23 Dec 43 the following commodities have been issued to Indian Military personnel from DIDs from 16 Dec 43 to 31 Dec 43. Part 35

2. Any further issues made will be included in a return to be rendered at the end of this month.

Lieut Col
Colonel
D.D.S.

I.O.C. 1700 A.

Copy to : DMST, AFHQ, Adv. Admin. Sec.

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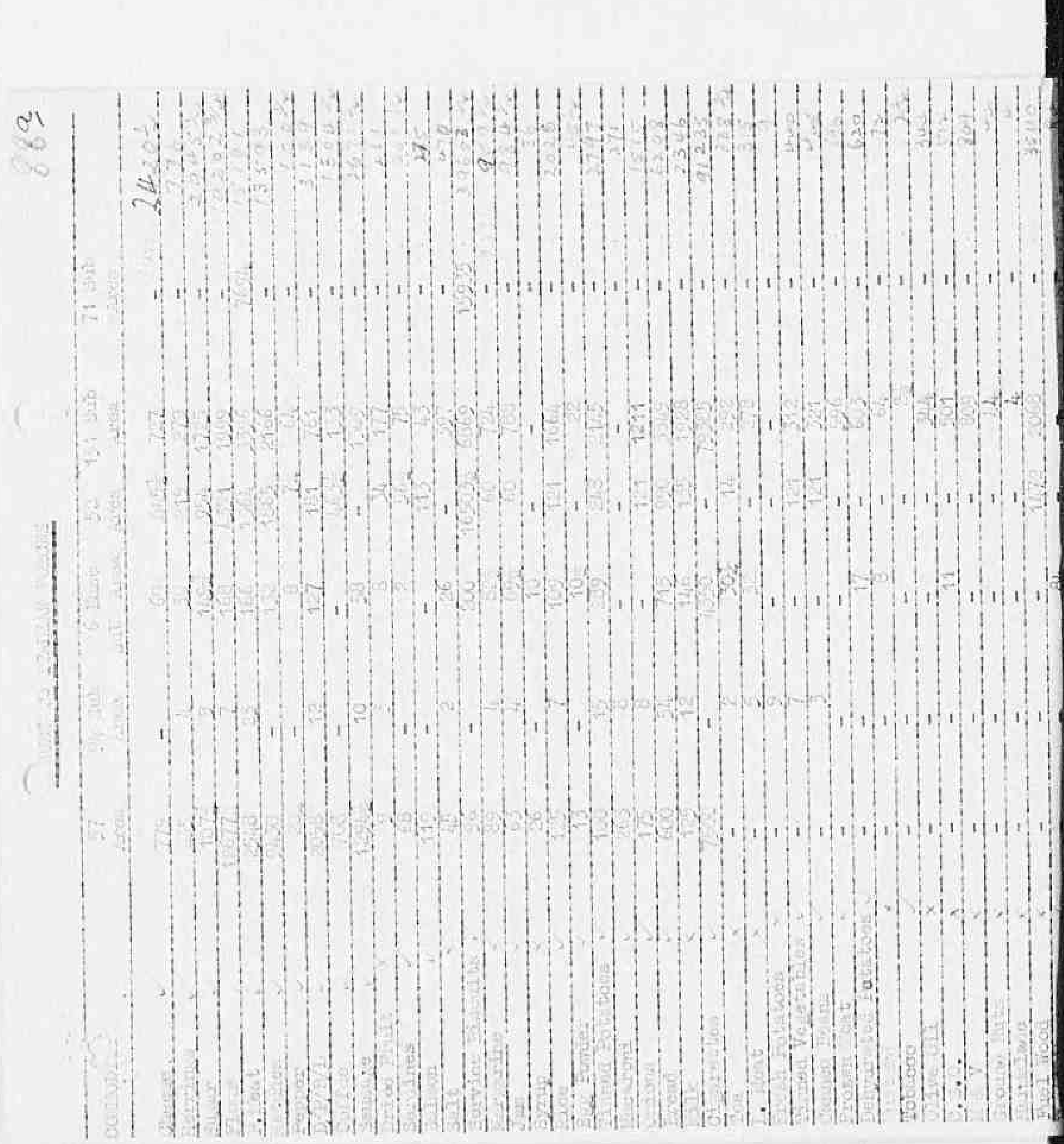

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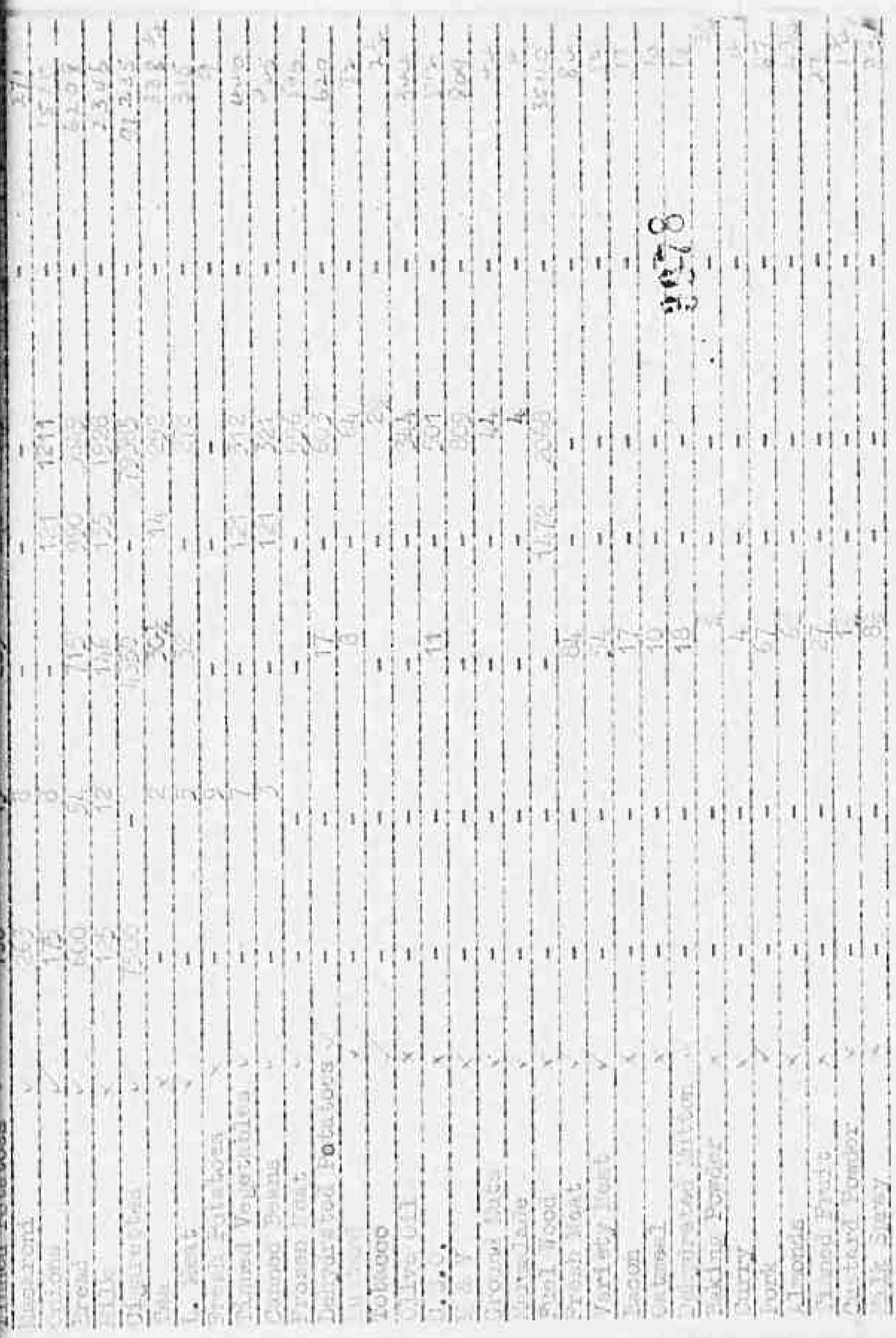

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

N. 1182 S. di prot. Div.Susa.ze P. M. 107. 16 Gennaio 194 4

Risposta al foglio N. *del* *Carte annesse*

OGGETTO: Magazzini Viveri del R.Esercito.-

AlLA MISSIONE MILITARE ALLEATA
presso il R.Esercito

L E Q U I L E

A seguito richiesta verbale, si comunica l'elenco dei Magazzini Viveri del R.Esercito:

e) DIREZIONE DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE DI BARI :

1) Magazzino Militare Viveri di - * Bari
2) " " " " - * Brindisi
3) " " " " - * Lecce
4) " " " " - * Taranto
5) " " " " - Monopoli
6) " " " " - Molfetta
7) " " " " - Gioia del Colle
8) " " " " - Barletta
9) " " " " - Trani
10) " " " " - Potenza
11) " " " " - * S.Pancrazio Salentino
12) " " " " - Locorotondo
13) " " " " - Bernalda

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12) " " " " — Locorotondo
13) " " " " — Bernalda
14) " " " " — Canosa di Puglia
15) " " " " — Spinazzola
16) " " " " — Maglie
17) " " " " — Galatina
18) " " " " — Otranto
19) Deposito Speciale Viveri " — Lecce

b) DIREZIONE DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE DI NAPOLI :

1) Magazzino Militare Viveri di — Aversa
2) " " " " — Napoli
3) " " " " — Nola
4) " " " " — Avellino
5) " " " " — Salerno
6) " " " " — Benevento
7) " " " " — Caserta

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c) DIREZIONE DI COMMISSARIATO XXXI CORPO D'ARMATA - CATANZARO -

1) Magazzino Militare Viveri di — Cosenza
2) " " " " — Spezzano Albanese
3) " " " " — Castrovillari
4) " " " " — Nicastro
5) " " " " — Catanzaro
6) " " " " — Petilia Policastro
7) " " " " — Reggio Calabria
8) " " " " — Vibo Valentia
9) " " " " — Crotone

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SUBJECT:- Tobacco for Italian Armed Forces.

Military Mission to
Italian Army.
GT/1.
18 Jan 44.

A.C.C.

1. Reference AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon letter 25/QL dated 7 Jan 44, para 3, would you please inform MMIA of the actual quantities of Tobacco and Cigarettes held in the Italian Factory, BARI.

2. As soon as this information is received, MMIA can make the necessary arrangements for allocation and distribution.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

N. 1113/3 di prot. Div.Suss.ze P. M. 107, li 15 Gennaio 1944

Risposta al foglio N. ST/1 del 12 corrente Carte annesse

OGGETTO: distribuzione tabacchi.-

Al LA MISSIONE MILITARE ALLEATA
presso l'Esercito Italiano

L E Q U I L E

Con riferimento alla lettera che si riscontra, si comunicano i dati richiesti:

	Forza: uomini	fabbisogno tabacco: libbre
1°) ITALIA PENINSULARE		
a) Puglie, Lucania e Calabrie		
ESERCITO	126.576	11.866 e ½
MARINA	63.896	5.990 + 1/4
AVIAZIONE	26.600	2.493 + 3/4
b) Campania		
ESERCITO	14.216	1.332 + 3/4
MARINA	7.886	739 + 1/3
AVIAZIONE	150	14 + 1/16
2°) ITALIA INSULARE		
a) Sicilia		

presso l'Esercito Italiano

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2°) ITALIA INSULARE		
a) Sicilia		
ESERCITO	11.764	1.102 + 7/8
b) Sardegna		
ESERCITO	209.958	19.683 + 9/16
MARINA	10.042	941 + 7/16

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Military Mission to
Italian Army
SE/1.
17 Jan 44.

Subject:- Tomato Sauce for Italian Armed Forces.

AFHQ Adv Adm Hqs.
Copy to:- No. 2 District.
" ":- Allied Control Commission.

1. Italian War Ministry have asked if certain stocks of Tomato Sauce, at present blocked by the Allies, can be released to them for issue to the Italian Forces.

2. They state that there are large stocks available amounting to about 10,000 quintals, and that only the needs of the civilian population is being met.

3. Tomato Sauce has always been part of the Italian Army ration scale for use in preparing the rations, and especially for "PASTA".

4. As the stocks of Tomato Sauce held in Italian Military Depots are being exhausted, so much so that issues to Italian troops will shortly have to be suspended, they ask if a montily release of 800 quintals could be made, representing a daily ration of 10 grams per head per day.

5. Would you please inform MMIA if this release can be made.

Brig.
Comd.

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Italian customs require a daily ration of TOMATO SAUCE among the condiments, for use in preparing the rations and especially for "pasta asciutta".

Tomato sauce has , in fact, always been included in the ration of the Italian soldier, and supps of this commodity were largely assured by the vast production in Italy, where there are factories of world fame.

Campania is among the more productive areas, and here there are large stocks of tomato sauce amounting to about 10.000 quintals, which at present are NOT available as they are blocked by the allied authorities for the needs of the civilian population .

As the stocks of Tomato sauce in italian military depots are being rapidly exhausted, so that the distribution to the cps will have to be suspended shortly, we are asking the mission to approach the allied authorities, with a view to their making a monthly release for the Italian armed forces, amounting to 800 quintals , which would be sufficient to produce a daily ration of 10 gr per head.

Replyat (207)

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

N. 1141/S di prot. Div.Succ.ze P. M. 107, li 15 Gennaio 1944

Risposta al foglio N. del Carte annesse

OGGETTO: Conserva di pomodoro.-

Alla MISSIONE MILITARE ALLEATA - PRESSO L'ESERCITO ITALIANO

L E Q U I L E

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Una fra le zone di maggior produzione é appunto la Campania dove esistono anche ora dei forti quantitativi di conserva di pomodoro che si aggira sui q.li 10.000, attualmente non disponibili perché bloccati dalle autorità alleate per i bisogni della popolazione civile.-

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Date 16 Jan 52/1
to
ITALIAN ARMY.

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SUBJECT: Issue of supplies to Italian Nationals.

Hdqrs.Adv.Sub.Section,
C. C. F.
Cal 2etc 65.
4002/322.
6 Jan 44.

D.M.S.O., Eighth Army.
D.D.S.T., 1a Corps.
D.D.S.T., 2 District.
D.D.S.T., 3 District.
13 D.M.O.
14 D.M.O.
22 D.M.O.
M.M.A.

MILITARY MISSION.
Date 12 Jan. 44.
to
ITALIAN ARMY.

Reference 4002/273 of the 28 Dec.

1. Attached as appendices "A" and "B" are the revised scales which have now been approved for issue to Italian Naval and Military personnel.

2. The scale in appendix "A" will be issued in substitution of the Control or Operational scale, and that at appendix "B" in substitution of the Basic ration scale.

3. It will be noted that certain items in the scale at appendix "B" are to be obtained under arrangements of the Italian Army, but it is not practicable for this to be done when Italian troops are on the basket or operational scales. All items in the scale at Appendix "A" will therefore be provided from British resources.

4. At a later date, all Italian troops will be withdrawn from stocks specifically operated for that purpose by the U.S. Administration, and the appropriate scales of issue when these supplies become available will be notified in due course.

5. In the meantime with effect from the date of this letter, all issues of supplies to the Italian Naval and Military personnel will be made in accordance with the scales attached to Appendix "A" and "B" to this letter.

for Major General
Chief Administrative
Officer, 15 Army Group.

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Quantity.	Daily Scale in Ozs.
Flour	18
or Whole Wheat	24
or Biscuits	16
Meat Preserved	4
or Beef Rations	3
Herrings Tinned	4/7
or Sardines Tinned	2/7
or Salmon Tinned	3/7
Macaroni	4
Cheese	2
Vegetables Dried	6
Vegetables Fresh	12
or Vegetables Tinned and Beans Cured	12
Onions	2
or Onion Powder	1/6
or Garlic	1/6
Coffee	½
or Cocoa	½
Sugar	1
Pepper	1/2(A)
Cigarettes	1½ ozs. weight
or Tobacco	1½ " "
Salt	½
Fruit Fresh	4
or Fruit Dried	4/7
Cooking Oil	1
or Olive Oil	1
or Fat	1
Wine	½ litre
Matches	1 box weekly

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ANNEX "D"

BASIC SCALE FOR ITALIAN PRISONERS.

Commodity.	Daily Scale in Ozs.	Remarks.
Whole Meat	16	
or Flour	12	
or Biscuits	12	
Vegetables Dried	½	
or Biscuits	2	
or Flour	2	
Preserved Meat	2	
or Beef Boneless	1½	
Herrings Tinned	4/7	
or Salmon Tinned	3/7	
or Sardines	2/7	
Sugar	1	
Pepper	1/20	
Coffee	½	
Salt	½	)
Fruit Fresh	4	)
Vegetables Fresh	8	) To be obtained
Nuts (unshelled)	1	) under Italian
Olive Oil	1	) Military
		) arrangements
Wine	½ Litre	)

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Subject:- Maintenance of Italian Army.

13 B.A.S. RASC. C.M.F.
Ref. 185/1.

13 Jan. '44.

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M.M.I.A.
Le Quile.

The following supplies for Italian Army for period 15th. to 24th. Jan '44 may be drawn from Depots named.

Flour (incl. 89,610 in lieu Dr. Veg.)	627,250 lbs	Satellite B.S.D. 2 Berth BRINDISI Docks.
Sugar	22,410 lbs	108 D.I.D. TARANTO.
P. Meat	89,610 lbs	28 B.S.D. BRINDISI.
Herrings	12,800 "	
Salmon	9,600 "	
Coffee	22,410 "	
Pepper	224 "	

Lt.Col.
13 Base Provision Officer, RASC.

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MILITARY MISSION.
Date 14 Jan 44
to
ITALIAN ARMY.

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Subject:- Rations

A.D.S.T.
M.M.I.A.

British Cadre
Att."Y"(Italian)
G.T.Coy.R.A.S.C.
Ref. Y/7/1.

There is a general complaint from the Italian personnel of this Company that the rations issued to them are not sufficient for men who are working long hours.

The messing arrangements within the unit are as follows:-

(a) The men have approx. 1/5th litre of coffee before proceeding on duty with their vehicles usually between 0530 & 0630 hrs, but nothing to eat.

(b) They take with them 8 oz of biscuits, or approx. 10 oz of bread, together with 4 oz of preserved meat.

(c) On return to camp usually between 1700 & 1900 hrs. they have 1/2 litre vegetable soup.

Complaints are constantly reaching me that the drivers are on duty with no midday meal & that British units have to provide, but I am assured by the Coy. Comdr. that men always leave the camp with the ration mentioned at(b) above, but that the men eat this early in the day. They therefore have nothing until the evening.

Besides the ration in kind drawn by them from Italian Depots they receive 3 lira per man per day & this is spent by them on vegetables and fruit. In addition they draw 2 oz of Pres. meat per man from British sources.

Their suggestions for bettering the ration scale & making it adequate are:-

(a) Substitute the issue of tinned fish, which they consider a luxury, with a larger issue of preserved meat.

(b) Increase the bread, biscuit or flour scale to 16 oz.

(c) They prefer flour not to be issued as their cooks are not capable of using this & facilities do not exist for making pasta.

(d) That if flour has to be issued from British sources that arrangements be made by the Italian authorities for it to be made

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(e) That an issue of 1 oz of tinned milk be made.

The Italian personnel often come into contact with other Italian soldiers who are working for the Americans in the province of Avellino, & the latter state that they receive the same ration as the American soldiers. The men of this Coy. therefore consider that they have a grievance & this has been mentioned to me on several occasions.

I personally have seen these Italian meals, & whilst allowing for the fact that their standard of living is lower than the British, that they are a defeated nation etc, I do feel that their ration is insufficient for men who are often working 12 - 14 hours a day. It does lack bulk & even an increase in bread and/or biscuit would be most beneficial & would add considerably to the contentment of the men which would reflect favourably on their work.

R. Sarlos

Major R.A.S.C.
O.C. British Cadre
Att."E"(Italian) G.T.Coy. R.A.S.C.

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Copy to A.D.G.T. 5th Area

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SUBJECT:- Sugar.

Military Mission to
Italian Army.
ST/1
14 Jan 44.

War Ministry.

1. We have been informed by Region II Supply Officer A.M.G. that XXXI Italian Corps has large quantities of Sugar in its possession.

2. Would it be possible to have 150 quintals of this Sugar released to the above Supply Officer as it is urgently required for Hospitals and special medical cases.

3. If this is possible would you please arrange.

Brig
Comd

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
REGION II

ST 75

Ref : MG/2016/2

11 Jan 44

Subject : Sugar

To : British Military Mission, Brindisi.

I. MILITARY MISSION.
D. Date 13 Jan.
to
II ITALIAN ARMY.

1. We have been advised by our Provincial Supply Officer in Caserta that the Italian XXXI Corps, has large quantities of sugar in its possession.

2. Since our bids for imports have not materialized, we are wondering if it would be possible to have 150 quintals of Sugar released to our supply officer there.

3. As there has been no sugar supply in the area since late October, we intend to use the above quantity only for hospitals and special medical cases.

4. Please treat this as urgent.

DeSanti, Lt CA
for
H.A.F. Hick.
Lt. Col.,
Regional Supply Officer,
for R.C.A.C.

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MILITARY MISSION. 74.
Date 13 Jan 44
to
ITALIAN ARMY.

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

GABINETTO

N. di prot. 118/C UFFICIO COLLEGAMENTO MISSIONI ALLEATE
P.M. 107 li 12 gennaio 1944

OGGETTO: Tabacchi per le truppe delle isole.- Tobacco for the troops on islands.

A I L A M. M. I. A. SD/1 (48, 68th Line reference) = LEQUILE

Da Direzione Generale di Commissariato di questo Ministero incontra gravi difficoltà nel rifornire regolarmente di tabacchi le divisioni dislocate in Sardegna e Sicilia a causa della deficienza di mezzi di trasporto.

Alle truppe italiane in servizio in dette isole, nonostante i tentativi fatti, non è stato assolutamente possibile far pervenire sigarette sia a titolo gratuito, sia a pagamento.

Poichè il soldato risente molto della privazione di tale genere, si sarà molto grati a codesta Missione se vorrà esaminare con la maggiore possibile benevolenza la possibilità di distribuire alle truppe dislocate nelle due isole, oltre alla razione viveri anche la razione tabacchi.

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Normalmente, alle truppe dislocate in penisola, vengono distribuite 5 sigarette a titolo gratuito e 5 a pagamento al giorno.-

GENERALE ALIBERTI

Owing to lack of tpt, Comm. Branch of this Ministry has grave difficulties in supplying tobacco to troops in Sicily and Sardinia. These troops have not in fact been receiving any free or paid for cigarettes.

As the cigarette ration means a lot to our soldiers, we would appreciate if cigarettes could be issued, together with the rations, to troops on both these islands.

The ration for such troops would be 5 free and 5 paid for cigarettes per diem

Gen ALIBERTI.

For ST

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EPORT BY LT. COL. H.B. FINER. A.D.S.T. M.M.I.A.
ISITING ITALIAN SUPPLY D POTS. 12th JAN 1944.

2. Contacted General Pelligra, and obtained permission to inspect Italian Sup in company with Capt. Cillo.

Italian Supply Depot Lecce, commanded by Major Alfarano.

(a) Depot supplies approx. 25,000 in detail in vicinity of Lecce. 25,000 in bulk small Depots round Lecce.
(b) Depot was averagely well kept considering difficulties of accommodation.
(c) Small quantity of Supplies, mainly P.Meat and cheese, from British issue had be put on one side unfit for human consumption. There was also a considerable sma heap, of empty tins that had been returned.
(d) Comdr stated that "Pasta" in place of flour was preferred by Italians and that Bread was prefered to Biscuits.
(e) "Pasta" had been successfully made from British issued Canadian Flour.
(f) T.Fish is not popular with Italians. They prefer to have P.Meat instead.
(g) Small quantities of Italian Pasta, Italian Biscuits, and Italian cheese were in store.
(h) British issue of Coffee in Petrol Tin pack was said to be low quality.
(i) Small quantity of British Issued P.Meat was observed to be past warranty date. Italians were confident that it would be issued almost immediately.

Italian Supply Depot BARLETTA, commanded by Major Boli.

(a) Depot makes a daily detailed issue of about 30,000 in vicinity.
(b) Depot was fairly well kept and was spread about in a number of lock-up stores, not very suitable. Better accommodation was being considered.
(c) Again a small quantity of U.N.R.R.A. Supp had been collected, mainly P.Meat and Cheese.
(d) Italian "Pasta" and Italian Cheese were available in small quantities.
(e) There appeared to be considerable stocks in store in view of the fact that there were only three days of the Ration Period to go.
(f) Depot Comdr complained that he would prefer to spread the period of drawing out. It was explained that the British Supply Depot had large quantities to handle and that it was essential to keep strictly to the programme.
(g) P.Meat and Biscuits were observed to have passed warranty date.

Italian Supply Depot. San Ferdinando. commanded by Capt Goldingham.

(a) Depot makes daily detailed issue to approx 10,000 men.
(b) Depot was exceedingly well laid out and most neatly kept.
(c) Greater quantities of Italian Supp were seen i.e. Biscuits, Pasta, Tomato conserve and even Flour and Sugar.
(d) Local Troops have similar complaints to those mentioned above.
(e) P.Meat and Biscuits were seen to have passed warranty date.

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Italian Supply Depot BRINDISI, commanded by Major Poli.

(a) Depot makes a daily detailed issue of about 20,000 in vicinity.
(b) Depot was fairly well kept and was spread about in a number of look-up stores, not very suitable. Better accommodation was being considered.
(c) Again a small quantity of U.N.R.R.A. Bags had been collected, mainly P.Meat and Cheese.
(d) Italian "Pasta" and Italian Cheese were available in small quantities.
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Italian Supply Depot. San Pancrazio. commanded by Capt Calimbrun.

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(d) Local troops have similar complaints to those mentioned above.
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Met Lt Col Landolfi.
and the Italian system of ten day breakdown of supplies explained in detail. It is observed that the British ration is eked out by some of the old Italian Stocks. It was also explained that a larger issue of Flour and Meat was essential for the health and strength of the Italian Soldier.

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Lt.Col
A.D.C. to C.R.E.

The Field.
Jan 44.

Original to:- Comd.
Copy to :- B. O.
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Subject:- British Flour for Making Pasta.

Military Mission to
Italian Army.
ST/1.
13. Jan 44.

War Ministry.

A complaint has been received by 1000 (Y) Italian G.T. Coy TARANTO with regard to the British rations as issued to them. It appears that the Italian soldier misses the food with which he is accustomed, the principle item being PASTA. It is regretted that hard grain is not available but it is suggested that part of the British flour as issued could be manufactured by Italian Contractors for this purpose and thereby the Italian soldier could receive a proportion of his regular diet.

M.M.I.A. is quite aware that so far the full ration of flour which the Italians should receive in accordance with the ration scale has not been obtainable from British R.S.D. but it is hoped that after temporary difficulties have been overcome the proper scale will be issued.

It would be appreciated if steps could be taken by the Italian War Ministry to put a scheme into operation so that a certain amount of British flour could be made into PASTA and issued in that form and so satisfy the Italian soldier.

Brig.
for Col.

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Subject:- Tobacco Issue.

Italian War Ministry.

Military Mission to
Italian Army
3T/1
17 Jan 44.

1. We have been informed that a certain amount of Italian tobacco is available, and it is possible that an issue may be made to all Italian troops of the Army, Navy, & Air Force on the Mainland, and in Sardinia and in Sicily.

2. Would you please let us know the total strength of the three services in the above places and the quantity of tobacco required at ration of 1½ ozs per man per week.

Replying from Wire AV(85)

Brig.
G.C. Cond.

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CONF.

Subject:- Maintenance Italian Forces

AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon
G-4
25/01

7 Jan 44.

Orig in Hdqs

Copy to:- AFHQ
G-4
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1. Information has been received from AFHQ that tobacco and cigarettes are available at MAIN-FARINA DEPOTS, NAPLES sufficient to ensure a regular supply of tobacco or cigarettes for all Italian troops both on the Mainland and in Sicily, SARDINIA and CORSICA.

2. Cigarettes and tobacco from US and British sources are at present being supplied to Italian troops in the forward areas and to Italian Navy and Air Force on combat duties. This supply will be replaced by Italian tobacco immediately distribution arrangements can be made.

3. Will AOS please confirm to this HQ and AFHQ that these supplies are available at NAPLES.

4. In the meantime AFHQ will make necessary arrangements for the distribution of tobacco and cigarettes from this source to Italian Armed Forces both on the Mainland and in SICILY, SARDINIA and CORSICA, and inform this HQ when it will be possible to stop supplies from Allied sources.

(J.H.) Pitt
for
Major General.
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer.

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WAR MINISTRY to - M M I A ST/C docket 7 Jun 44

As has already been pointed out to your Mission, the ration at present issued to the Italian soldier has a considerably lower energy producing value than the ration to which he is accustomed.

All tps who by reason of work or trg are undergoing physical effort are feeling the effects of this difference. In particular, those engaged in/ the hy work of discharging ships are suffering thereby, to the extent of a closely influencing their output.

So much so that the comd 71 Sub Area was able to obtain a sig increase in output by distributing a supplementary ration to the workers in the port of Brindisi.

This Ministry is very concerned ix about the lab problem, and is leaving nothing undone to improve the physical and moral conditions of the tps, who are in fact doing work which is both hy and uninteresting.

Among other things it has succeeded in doubling the lab bonus, which from 10 lire is increased to 20 lire, although a hy additional burden for the finances of the state.

The Ministry is nevertheless convinced that the results which will be obtained by this measure will not be acequate unless the personnel is in a condition physically to be able to carry out the work. This can only be if the soldier receives a ration corresponding with the expenditure of energy asked of him.

Although it is well understood that reasons of high policy have compelled the Anglo-American authorities to reduce rations to their present level, the good offices of the Missions are being sought in order that a supplementary ration may be supplied to all units employed on lab, similar to that temporarily supplied by 71 Sub-Area.

The increased output of the lab resulting from this measure would be translated into increased utilisation of tpt and therefore a greater lift of supp.

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Subject:- Supplies for Shield Army Flank

.D.S.T.
Ch. Adv. Ship. Sch. AF.

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H.Q.C.S. 606
Ref. 1/3/1.
8 Jun. '44. Tele.

Copy to:- .....I.A.
B.A.C. Toronto.

The British Army and Navy are not drawing their rations to be scheduled.

Any instructions issue be given as to whether any balance drawn at the end of a maintenance period is to be considered cancelled.

Called at US BSO London, 6/6/44
& told that already included
the Platoons to come at night & being
the rations drawings up to date.
1/3/13.
7/6/44 Drawings to date.

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W. M. E. White.
Lt.-Col.
Ship Provision Officer, RASC.

Subject:- Rations fo. Italian Army.

Military Mission to
Italian Army.
AG/2
7 Jan 44.

AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon.
Copy to:- No 2 District.
Comdr 71 Sub Area.
Allied Control Commission.

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1. PORT LABOUR. Under present arrangements Italian Service labour working on dock installations are issued with 2 ozs Preserved Meat per man per day as compared with 4 ozs P.Meat and 8 ozs biscuits per man issued formerly. This discloses a great reduction of the essentials, Flour and Meat.

Apart from this ration being inadequate, the objective is to ensure that the individual on the job gets the mid-day meal into his stomach and so works the better for it. In effect we are demanding more work and gradually feeding them less.

From conversation with Comdr 71 Sub Area I gather that the practical effect of present arrangements is that:-

(a) By issuing complete bulk rations to the Italian Army in theory the port worker should get extra food. In practice the extra food (2 ozs P.Meat) does not come on to the job with the man for consumption on the work.

(b) Labour camps in which the port labour live contain also their administrative personnel and certain other troops (e.g. Anti Aircraft personnel) who in practice share any extra rations that may be issued.

(c) The Italian port worker works beside Allied personnel on the same work. At lunch time, and sitting in sight of one another, the Allied personnel munch an adequate meal while the Italians have an inferior one.

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Apart from this ration being inadequate, the objective is to ensure that the man on the job gets the mid-day meal into his stomach and so works the better for it. In effect we are demanding more work and gradually feeding them less.

From conversation with Comdr 71 Sub Area I gather that the practical effect of present arrangements is that:-

(a) By issuing complete bulk rations to the Italian Army in theory the port worker should get extra food. In practice the extra food (2 ozs P.Meat) does not come on to the job with the man for consumption on the work.

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(c) At present the Italian feels that his rations are inadequate for physical effort, and in particular the worker misses the bulk food to which he is accustomed. He regards Allied resources as an inexhaustable gold mine of whose riches he will be granted a share merely as we consider fit. That we may have administrative difficulties does not occur to him unless we say so. I think it would help them to understand, and so raise their confidence and morale, to disclose some of our difficulties to them officially.

(d) Do you agree to my writing to Italian Authorities on the lines of para 3 (b) above, to say that temporary difficulties impose the present scale on us, but that by the end of Feb it is hoped that the basic scale will be improved so that the full Flour ration or whole wheat can be issued. And have you anything to add?

4. The attached Appendix is a comparison between the Italian ration scales.

Col Scheme
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Commodity.	British Army Ration.	Commodity.	Italian Army Ration. Pre-War.	Ration. 1943.	Ration.
Bread or Flour.	12 oz.	Bread or Flour.	24 oz.	17½ oz.	
Meat or Rice.	1 oz.	Meat or Rice	7 oz. (1)	5 3/6 oz. (1)	
Vegetable	2 oz.	Vegetable Conserve	½ oz. (2)	1/3 oz. (2)	
Meat. Fresh.	10 oz. with Bone, or	Lard, Fat, or Oil.	1 oz. (3)	½ oz. (3)	
Meat. Preserved.	8 oz.	Meat. Fresh.	7 oz. (4)	5 1/6 oz. (4)	5 1/
"	"	Meat. Preserved.	"	"	
"	"	"	"	"	
Cheese.	1oz. 6 days per week.	Cheese Grated	1/2 oz.	2/7 oz.	
Vegetables or Mixed	4 oz. or 8 oz. Fresh	Cheese	2 oz. (5)	1 1/3 (5)(6)	1
Potatoes.	12 oz. or 6 oz. Flour.	Vegetables or Mixed	2½ oz.	1 oz.	
		Potatoes	3½ oz.	2 oz.	
Coffee.	½ oz. or 2/7	Coffee	½ oz.	½ oz. (Substitution)	½
Sugar.	2½ oz.	Sugar.	1 oz.	1 oz.	1
Salt.	½ oz.	Salt	2/3 oz.	2/3 oz.	2/3
Meat. Fresh or Mixed	½ oz. Bacon or 1 oz. Fresh or 2 oz. Tinned	Meat. Fresh or Mixed.	"	"	1.
Tobacco.	1 oz.	Tobacco.	"	1/6 oz.	1/6
Bacon.	3oz. (Ind. 2½ oz.)	"	"	"	
Pickles.	2/7 oz.	"	"	"	
Milk.	2oz. (Ind. 1½ oz.)	"	"	"	
Milk, per Ind.	2/7 oz.	"	"	"	
Mixed Fish.	2/7 oz. (Salmon)	Mixed Fish.	"	"	
Jam.	1½ oz.	Fish.	"	"	
"	"	Olives.	"	"	
"	"	Jam.	25 oz.	25 oz. (2 oz.)	25
			48 7/12 ozs.	34 13/21ozs.	37 1

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RECAPITULATION STRENGTH AND RATION SCALES.

Italian Army Station.			New Italian Ration Scale Station. Dec 43.	Actually being issued for period 5 to 24 Jan 1944.	Remarks (Difference Explanatory
Pre-War.	Spring 1943.	Sept - Dec 43.			
			Italian Element Less:	Flour 6 ozs	(a) 5 lessons
24½ ozs	17½ ozs	12 ozs	or 12 ozs	Biscuits 6 ozs	
7 ozs (1)	5 1/6 ozs (1)	3 1/6 ozs (1)	-	-	(b) ½ oz. s
½ ozs (2)	½ ozs (2)	½ ozs (2)	-	-	on mond
½ ozs (3)	½ ozs (3)	½ ozs (3)	½ ozs	½ ozs	
7 ozs (4)	5 1/6 ozs (4)	3 1/6 ozs (4)	-	Beef, Tongues 1 ½ ozs.	(c) 4 ozs su on mond
-	-	-	-	-	(d) 1/3 oz on mond
1/2 ozs	2/2 ozs	2/2 ozs	2 ozs Sardines ½ ozs.	-	
2 ozs (5)	1 1/3 (5)(7)	1 1/3 ozs	1 ozs	-	(e) 2 lesson For mond
1½ ozs	1 ozs	1 ozs	8 ozs Rice	½ ozs.	
3½ ozs	2 ozs	-	-	-	(f) Alternat 2 ozs ch
1 ozs	1 ozs (Imitation)	½ ozs (Imitation)	½ ozs	½ ozs	(g) Issued a tin of
½ ozs	½ ozs	½ ozs	1 ozs	½ ozs	or of Jam
2/3 ozs	2/3 ozs	2/3 ozs	2/3 ozs	½ ozs	
-	-	1.50 Litre ozs (6)	8 ozs	8 ozs	(i) 1½ ozs on Sunda
-	1/6 ozs	1/6 ozs	-	-	
-	-	-	-	-	(j) 3 times
-	-	-	-	-	
-	-	-	Bacalao ½ ozs.	Bacalao ½ ozs	Fever a in this
-	-	-	Sardines 2/7 ozs	Sardines 2/7 ozs	
-	-	-	or Salmon 3/7 ozs	or Salmon 3/7 ozs	
-	-	-	-	-	
-	-	-	½ ozs	-	
25 ozs.	25 ozs (2 Men)	25 ozs.	½ Litre	½ Litre.	
43 7/12 ozs.	3[illegible] 23/24ozs	27 12/24ozs	42 51/42 ozs	20 11/56 ozs.	

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	New Ration Scale Effective Dec 1st.	Actually being issued for period 5 to 24 Jan 1944.	Remarks. (Differences and Explanations)
12 oz	Lamb Meat Not more than 10 oz	(Max 6 ozs (Minimum 6 ozs	(a) 5 issues weekly.
5 1/2 oz(a)	"	"	(a) ½ oz supplement on meatless days
1½ oz(b)	1 oz.	1 oz	
5 1/2 oz(c)	"	Beef, Boneless 1 5/8 ozs.	(c) ½ oz supplement on meatless days
"	2 ozs	"	(d) 1/3 oz supplement on meatless days
"	Bacon 1½ ozs.	"	
2 1/2 oz	1 oz	"	(e) 2 issues weekly for meatless days
1 oz	8 ozs every 4 days	½ ozs.	
"	"	"	(f) Alternative of 2 ozs Cheese.
1 oz(g)	½ oz	½ oz	(g) Alternative of: ½ a tin of Meat, or
2 ozs	1 oz	½ oz	Box of Fruit Pie
2.5 ozs	2½ ozs	½ oz	
1.39 litre	8 ozs	8 ozs	(h) 1½ oz supplement on Sundays
1/6 oz(h)	"	"	
"	"	"	(j) 3 times a week.
"	"	"	
"	"	"	
"	Herrings 4/7 ozs	Herrings 4/7 ozs	/ Never available in this area.
" or	Sardines 2/7 ozs or	Sardines 2/7 ozs or	
" or	Salmon 1/7 ozs or	Salmon 1/7 ozs	Early March 4th 1944.
"	"	"	Cheese 4 ozs Meat.
"	½ oz	½ oz	8 ozs Biscuits.
25 ozs.	½ litre	½ litre.	Now reduced to 2 ozs Meat only.
27 1/2 ozs	14 3/4 ozs	20 1/96 ozs.	

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Subject: [illegible]

SC/

28 Dec 43.

To:- DDV.

In cases where supplies for the Italian Army arrive at ports and are consigned to Italian depots without passing through ASCs., it is essential for ADS to be informed of the details of such consignments.

Will you therefore issue instructions that copy of the consignment notes in these cases be forwarded to MSA.

Brigadier,
D.D.S.

copy to:-
S.T.
M.E.I.A.

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A+Q for info

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Subject:- Pigeon Food.

Military Mission to
Italian Army.
SI/1.
7 Jan 44.

S.H.A.E.F.

Reference your 399 dated 8 Dec 43.

Allied Force H.Q. have been approached with regard to the supply of pigeon food for the pigeons held by the Italian Army.

They state that this requirement cannot be met from Allied sources and that the Italian authorities must make their own arrangements to purchase from local sources.

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for Brig
[illegible] Lt Col

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SUBJECT:-Supplies - Pigeon Service.

AFHQ. Adv Adm Echelon.
CMF.
Tel Ext 218.
75/Q.
30 Dec 43.

AMIA.

Copy to:-ST.

Reference your AQ/32 dated 24 Dec 43.

Small stocks only of pigeon food are held in our depots and these were obtained by local purchase.

Is there any reason why the Italian Army cannot obtain their requirements in a similar way?

for Brigadier.
D.Q.M.G.

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HML/WJB.

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Subject:- Rationing of Italian Armed Forces.

Military Mission to
Italian Army.
AQ/2
2 Jan 44.

Ministry of War.

Copy to:- AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon.
Flag Officer Taranto & Adriatic. } - For inf.
Air Div. Allied Control Commission.

Further to MMIA letter AQ/2 dated 14 Dec 43.

1. Notification has been received that with effect from 1 Jan 44 the Italian Navy will be maintained from Allied sources in the same way as the Italian Army and Air Force

2. Rations will be issued on two scales: (a) Operational, and (b) Basic, which are attached as Appx "A" & "B" to this letter. (for Navy & Army only)
The operational scale does not apply within the terms of this letter to the Italian Army; provision for those units entitled to it is already made by 5 & 8 Armies.
Numbers of those now operationally employed in the Italian Navy and Air Force are shown in para. 4 below.

3. It will therefore now be necessary to include the Italian Navy in both

(a) 10 daily strength state due to reach MMIA on the 7th, 17th and 27th days of each month.
and (b) Ration demands due to reach MMIA every ten days. Those due during the month of January are as under:-

4 Jan to cover period 15 - 24 Jan incl.
14 Jan " " " 25 Jan - 3 Feb incl.
24 Jan " " " 4 Feb - 13 Feb incl.

4. Owing to the short notice with which this scheme has to be implemented, the demand for the period 5 - 14 Jan incl. has already been forwarded to AFHQ Adv Adm Ech as under:-

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" " "	AIR FORCE	B	16,225
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15 BPO BRINDISI	ARMY	B	60,837
" " "	NAVY	B	27,119
" " "	NAVY	A	35,104
14 BPO NAPLES	ARMY	B	12,697
		TOTAL	267,257

The recent move of 227 Coastal Div to the Naples Area has been taken into account in this calculation.

5. An initial issue of rations is now being made to the Italian Navy for the period 1 - 4 Jan incl by 15 B.P.O. BRINDISI.

6. Will the Ministry of War please arrange to keep a central record of all rations drawn from Allied R.S.Ds for the three Arms of the Service, Army, Navy and Air Force; a clear distinction will be made between those entitled to the two different ration scales.

7. Those officers nominated as responsible for drawing from each R.S.D. will please be instructed to forward to the Ministry at the completion of each ten day period a signed consolidated statement showing commodities drawn during the preceding period.

for Brig
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SUBJECT: Rationing of Italian Navy

IN AMG
15 ARMY GROUP
CMP

AG/132/15
26 Dec 43

MMIA
ACC, FRIULI
AMG HQ
Civil Supply Committee
ALL PUGLIA Provinces

The attached correspondence is forwarded for information.

W.L. BAIT, Jr.,
Captain, Infantry,
Deputy Director,
Economics & Supply Division.

WLB/FAD.

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CONFIDENTIAL BR TELETYPEWRITER MESSAGE
IN

FOLIO 00649
23 Dec 43

FROM: PLANNO
TO: FILPOT (FOR AMG)
ORIG NO: 05216

TOO: 1430A/24
TOR: 2117/24

YOUR AMG/132/9 of 20 DEC. AFHQ HAVE ALTERED RULING IN PARA 2 MY 25/4 AND ITALIAN NAVY WILL BE RATIONED SAME WAY AS ITALIAN ARMY. NOT UNDERSTOOD WHETHER THIS GRANT IS FOR LOAN OR RENTALS. IN ANY CASE DEMAND SHOULD HAVE BEEN PLACED THROUGH A M I A.

AMGOT 4 ACTION

SHAEF 2345A/24
F.T. 2218A/24

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SUBJECT: Rationing of Italian Navy

TO: AFHQ
15 ARMY GROUP
G-4

AFHQ Adv Adm Sch.
NCIC, TARANTO

AMG/152/3
20 Dec 43

The attached are forwarded to you for information and necessary action.

(Sgd.) W.L. Butt, Jr.,
for Colonel,
Chief Staff Officer

WLB/BAD.

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MESSAGE OUT

TO: FOGGIA MILITARY FOR ALG FOGGIA

FROM: FLAFOT FROM ALG

Orig No: FA563 Date: 19 Dec 43

Ref FX/A08662 Dec 16 (.) Do not authorise release 300 tons grain for Italian Navy (.) Para 2 of FLAFO letter 25/Q Dec 14 states Italian Navy will be rationed under arrangements made by Royal Navy

In CLEAR if liable to intercept

Degree of Priority ROUTINE

TOO 1630A

TOR

P. FAIRLEY SMITH Lt-Col.

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CONFIDENTIAL DR TELEPRINTER MESSAGE FOLIO NO 0610
IN 16 Dec 43

TOO 1615A/16
TRI 0845A/17
TOR 2311A/17

FROM: AIR FORCE PROVINCE
TO : 15 ARMY GROUP FOR A/G
ORIG NO: FX/A06622

PRIORITY NEWS SEEMS TO AUTHORISE RELEASE 300 TONS GRAIN FOR ITALIAN NAVY AT TARANTO AM REQUESTING AUTHORISATION UNTIL RELEASE CONFIRMED BY YOU.

AMGOT 4 ACTION

SMC 0130A/18
TOR 0235A/18 IU

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PHONOGRAM BY D/R
THI/311030 A

From: W.M. Commissaria - Victualling Br.
To . M.M.I.A.
N: 498/S of 31.12.43

S/L. S.D. Ration file 59

DIR. Commiss. - BARI informs that it is possible to draw at BARLETTA 100 Tons a day through Garrison Transport Contractor which can provide labourers and transport ⊙ Withdrawal could not be started on 30th (afternoon) Capt Crooks being absent and 65 D.I.D. Personnel having received no instructions for the delivery of forage ⊙ ✳ Please authorize 22 P.B.O, 13 and 14 P.B.O. Food stores to issue quantity of stores higher than a day's ration

(sgd) Gen. PELLICRT

✳ Consignee hold A.C. 1350 Receipt to issue more than one days ration at one time subject to his Depot number 9947

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THi/31103 4E.

MINISTERO della GUERRA
Direzione Generale Servizi di Commissariato Militare

FONOGRAMMA URGENTE A MANO

DA GUERRA COMMISSARIATO SUDDISTERNA

AT MISSIONE MILITARE ALLEATA - L A U I L E -

N. 798 /S. DATA 31 DICEMBRE ALLE DIREZIONE COMMISSARIATO DATI COMUNIC., CHE A DISPOSTA DEL POSTILLO RITIRO GIORNALIERO CENTO FORNELLETTI A MANO E DUNGA PENSILE DIARIA TRASPORTI CHE DISPONE DI MANOVALANZA ET MEZZI AL RITIRO NON POTENDOSI INIZIARE PRIMA DEL GIO CORRENTE PERCHE' CAMIANO CHCON ERA ASSENTE ET SUBORDINATO ADDETTO 65 D.I.D. NON AVEVA RICEVUTO ISTRUZIONI PER LA CONSEGNA DEL FORAGGIO ALT CON OCCASIONE PREGASI AUTORIZZARE DEPOSITO VIVERI 22 D.P.O. 13 ET 14 D.P.O. PERCHE' CONSENTANO PRELEVAMENTO VIVERI IN MISURA SUPERIORE AD UNA GIORNATA ALLE GENERALE PRELIGNA

F.C.C.
Magg. Ten. Direttore f.
F. Ciccolella

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SD/1 SECRET S7

SUBJECT :- Maintenance of Italian Navy.

AFHQ Advanced Adm Echelon
CMF
4012/ST1

29 Dec '43

13 B.P.O.
M.M.I.A.

Copy to :- D.S.T., A.F.H.Q.
D.D.S.T. No. 2 District
22 B.P.O.
14 B.P.O.
"Q"

1. With effect from 1 Jan '44, the Italian Navy will be maintained from W.D. sources in the same way as is at present being done in the case of other Italian Military personnel.

2. The present feeding strength of the Italian Navy is as follows :-

Afloat	-	33,104
Ashore	-	27,119
Total		60,223

3. The scales of issue will be those laid down in this H.Q. letter 25/Q of 14 Dec. Men "afloat" will be issued with rations on the Combat Scale and those "ashore" on the scale for troops employed on the L of C and communications zone.

4. An initial issue will be made by 13 B.P.O. on demand to cover a period of 4 days, 1 - 4 Jan '44, and the detailed breakdown of the items to be issued in satisfaction of this demand is shown on the attached Appendix 'A'.

5. Future demands for the Italian Navy will be placed to this office by the M.M.I.A. and will be included with the ten-day period demands made for the Italian Army and Air Force as indicated in this H.Q. letter 4012/ST1 of 12 Dec para 2.

6. When the issue authorised in this letter has been made to the Italian Navy, all Italian Military and Naval personnel will be rationed up

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6. When the issue authorised in this letter has been made to the Italian Navy, all Italian Military and Naval personnel will be rationed up to and including 4 Jan ~~xxxx~~ and the demand for the next ten-day period is now overdue and should be placed without delay.

7. At the completion of each ten-day period, 13 B.P.O. will include the issues made to the Italian Navy in the return which is forwarded to this H.Q. (with copy to M.M.I.A.) referred to in 4012/SD1 of 12 Dec para 5.

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Brigadier,
D.D.S.T.

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Appendix 'A' to
4012/ST1 dated
29 Dec '43

Breakdown of Supplies to be issued to Italian Navy
for period 1 - 4 Jan (inclusive)

Commodity	Scale A Personnel Afloat 33,104 for 4 days	Scale B Personnel Ashore 27,119 for 4 days
Flour	148,966 lbs	81,357 lbs
P. Meat	33,104 "	13,560 "
Flour in lieu Macaroni	24,328 "	-
Cheese	8,276 "	6,780 "
Rice	16,552 "	-
Dd. Beans	16,552 "	13,560 "
ø Tomato Catsup or Paste	4,138 "	3,390 "
Coffee	4,138 "	6,780 "
Sugar	8,276 "	34 "
Pepper	42 "	
Dried Veg	12,414 "	
Pulses in lieu Rice	16,552 "	
Dried Onions		1,938 "
in lieu Herrings		1,454 "
Salmon		10,170 "
Sausage		27,119 bxs
Matches		

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R A Z I O N E V I V E R I

G e n e r i	IN VIGORE ANTEGUERRA	IN VIGORE AL GIORNO DELL'ARMISTIZIO	
Pane.....	gr. 700	500	(1) - 5 distr
Carne.....	" 200 (1)	150 (1)	(2) - gr.300 si dist
Pasta o riso....	" 200 (2)	150 (3)	(3) - gr.250 si dist
Legumi..... oppure:	" 50	30	
Patate.....	" 100	60	(4) - gr.30 d distrib
Caffè.....	" 10	-	
Surrogato.....	" -	10	(5) - gr.24 d si dist
Zucchero.....	" 15	15	
Olio o lardo..	" 15 (4)	15 (4)	(6) - due dis mente r
Conserva di pomodoro	" 15 (4)	12 (5)	la carr
Sale.....	" 20	20	(7) - sostitu
Formaggio da grana	" 10	8	
Formaggio da tavola	" 60 (6)	40 (6)(7)	
Vino.....	cl. 25	25	

1 kg = 28 5^{e} grammi

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R A Z I O N E V I V E R I

	IN VIGORE AL GIORNO DELL'ARMISTIZIO	N O T E
	500	(1) - 5 distribuzioni settimanali.-
)	150 (1)	(2) - gr.300 giornalieri nei giorni in cui non si distribuiva la carne.-
)	150 (3)	(3) - gr.250 giornalieri nei giorni in cui non si distribuiva la carne.-
	30	(4) - gr.30 giornalieri nei giorni in cui non si distribuiva la carne.-
	60	(5) - gr.24 giornalieri nei giorni in cui non si distribuiva la carne.-
	-	(6) - due distribuzioni settimanali e precisamente nei giorni in cui non si distribuiva la carne.-
	10	(7) - sostituibile con gr.60 di salame.-
	15	
)	15 (4)	
)	12 (5)	
	20	
	8	
)	40 (6)(7)	
	25	

1 oz = 28 5 grammi

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Subject:- Rations for Italian Military Labour

GRM/326A

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17 GHQ
[illegible], BWIF
G(A) Gp 190

Further to this HQ signal GRM/303/G dated 20 Dec 43.

1. Bulk sustenance for feeding Italian military labour is effective ref 21 Dec 43.

2. In addition to the above, Employing Services will ref 22 Dec issue 2 oz preserved meat daily to all such labour employed on dock clearance, work in depots, etc, involving extra physical effort.

3. Employing Services will impress on the men that the daily direct issue is reduced only because their ordinary rations have now been greatly increased from allied sources.

Lieut-Colonel
for Lt-Col.
AA & QMG.
6 Base Sub-Area.

In the Field
21 Dec 43
GRM/326

Copy to:- 2 District (Conversation Lt-Col Chadwick-Healy -
Lt-Col Bruce Johnson)

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MEDIA LO all AAI CORPS

TO — (W) For Information (I) (C)

Message Instructions — CP

(202) 192 tons of biscuits left BRINDISI by schooner ADA consigned to Italian Army supply depot CHIOGGIA (*) Please notify AAI CORPS to arrange off loading

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(R. 1941 - Anno XX)

Lecce, 14 dicembre 1943 - Anno

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
DIREZ.GEN.SERVIZI DI COMM.MIL.
Divisione Sussistenze

Prot. N. 508/S Allegati Risposta al foglio del Div. Sez. N.

A LA MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA
presso il Regio Esercito
L E Q U I L E

OGGETTO: Supplemento pane ai militari di manovalanza

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Questo Ministero ha disposto che la data d'inizio della distribuzione della nuova razione viveri sia fissata al 22 corrente per Bari e Brindisi ed al 25 corr.per Napoli ed ha, contemporaneamente,ordinato agli enti di Commissariato interessati di darne notizia alle Autorità Alleate delle rispettive località perchè queste possano,in relazione al desiderio espresso da codesta Missione,sospendere la distribuzione dei supplementi ai militari impiegati in lavori di manovalanza nei porti,a partire dal primo giorno di applicazione della nuova tabella.

In merito a quanto sopra,questo Ministero esprime il parere che sarebbe necessario ed opportuno conservare ai lavoratori almeno il supplemento di pane o biscotti,tenuto conto dello sforzo cui essi sono sottoposti,della scarsezza della razione pane prevista dalla nuova tabella viveri e delle consuetudini alimentari degli italiani.

Qualora codesta Missione condivida tale parere,la distribuzione del supplemento suddetto potrà continuare ad essere effettuata direttamente da parte vostra.

SUBJECT: Supplementary bread ration to troops engaged on labour duties.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
(Gen.di Div.Raffaele Pelligra)

FROM: SHAEF COMMIS.
TO: MMIA

Pelligra

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IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
(Gen.di Div.Raffaele Pelligra)

FROM: SMCC-CONTROL
TO: NAPLES.

This Ministry has given orders that the date for beginning the issue of the new ration be fixed at 22 DEC. for BARI and BRINDISI, and 25 for NAPLES. At the same time it has ordered the COMMISS. units concerned to give notice of this to the Allied Authorities in the respective areas, so that they can, in accordance with the desire expressed by ALMA, suspend the Supplementary ration made available to troops employed on labour duties at the ports, starting on the first day of issue of the new ration.

In relation to the above, we express the view that it is necessary and advantageous to continue to issue the supplementary ration of bread or biscuits, bearing in mind the hard work that these men are under at present, the small ration of bread in the new ration table and the need to allow for national food habits.

If ALMA shares our view on this matter, the distribution of the supplementary ration could be continued by you.

PELLIGRA

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Subject:- Ration Scale "B" - Italian Army.

Allied Force Headquarters
Adv. Admin. Sch., C.M.F.
Ext. 190.
3807 A.

17 Dec. 43.

Military Mission to Italian Army.

Copy to:- D.D.H., A.F.H.Q., Adv. Admin. Sch.

1. An opinion on the above ration scale has been requested by Major Heggie, R.A.M.C.

2. The total calorific value is 2340 calories, with an extension at a later date to 2550 calories when 4 oz. fish (calorific value 214 calories) will be added to the present scale.

3. This represents the gross calorific value, from which a 10% loss with digestion and absorption, must be deducted, leaving a net value of some 2000 calories, (or 2241 calories when augmented by 4 oz. fish). The waste and refuse deduction is conservative as the diet is essentially vegetarian.

4. It is considered that any man employed on moderate muscular work has a daily energy output of some 3000 calories, and must receive at least 3400 calories gross to cover loss in cooking and preparation, and loss during digestion and absorption.

5. Scale "B" is reasonably balanced in the main food principles of Protein, Fat and Carbohydrates.

6. The recommended Scale "B" is thus grossly inadequate, calorifically, if these men are to carry out a day's work in road construction, Port labour, A.A. defence or any L of C duties. These soldiers will be unable to yield the necessary amount of [illegible] nor will they maintain health.

1. An opinion on the above ration scale has been requested by Major Heggie, R.A.M.C.

2. The total calorific value is 2390 calories, with an extension at a later date to 2590 calories when 4 oz. fish (calorific value 200 calories) will be added to the present scale.

3. This represents the gross calorific value, from which a 100 calories loss in cooking and food preparation and a further 10% loss with digestion and absorption, must be deducted, leaving a net value of some 2000 calories, (or 2241 calories when augmented by 4 oz. fish). The waste and refuse deduction is conservative as the diet is essentially vegetarian.

4. It is considered that any man employed on moderate muscular work has a daily energy output of some 5000 calories, and must receive at least 5,000 calories gross to cover loss in cooking and preparation, and loss during digestion and absorption.

5. Scale "B" is reasonably balanced in the main food principles of Protein, Fat and Carbohydrates.

6. The recommended Scale "B" is thus grossly inadequate, calorifically, if these men are to carry out a day's work in road construction, Port labour, A.A. defence or any L of C duties. These soldiers will be unable to yield the necessary amount of energy, nor will they maintain health.

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If we are going to have
forces [illegible] [illegible]

Brigadier,
D.D.M.S.

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MB/WH.

Copy to:- DMS. Office of the Surgeon, AFHQ. - For information.

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Subject:- Ration Scales.

MILITARY MISSION TO
ITALIAN ARMY.

14 Dec. 43.

DDMS. AFHQ. Adv. Admin. Sch.

1. "Q" Branch of this Mission has asked me to express an opinion on the Food value of the proposed Scale of Rations to the Italian Army outside the Combat Zone. (Scale "B").

2. Attached as Appendix "A" is the proposed Ration Scale "B". Caloric values are in the uncooked state, but prepared for cooking.

3. These men will be employed in training, guard duties on L. of C., A.A.Defense, Road Construction and Port Labour.

4. I consider the diet fairly well balanced, but its total value appears insufficient.

5. I should be grateful of your opinion on this subject.

File.

Major, R.A.M.C.
for Brigadier,
Commanding.

WAH/WGT.

APPENDIX "A"

ITALIAN ARMY - "B" RATION SCALE

Commodity	Daily Amount	Calorific Value: Total	Proteins	Fats	Carbo-Hydrates
Whole Wheat...	16				
or Flour	12	1284	148	13	1123
Pulses.					
Peas, Dried.	2	166	50	-	116
or Beans, Dried.	2				
or Lentils, Dried... ...	2				
Canned Meat(BULLY)	2	130	52	78	-
Herrings, Tinned..	4/7				
or Sardines.....	2/7				
or Salmon M.R...	3/7	17	10	7	-
Cheese, Tinned	1	120	29	91	-
Sausage, Tinned...	1-1/2	146	15	114	17
Sugar.	1	116	-	-	116
Pepper	1/200	-	-	-	-
Matches...	2 boxes.	-	-	-	-
Coffee	1/2	-	-	-	-
LOCAL PURCHASE.					
Fruit. ..APPLE	8	112	3	-	109
Fresh Vegetables(Say Turnip)	8	40	7	-	33
	1/2 oz.	130	-	130	

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Sausage, Tinned..	1-1/2	146	15	114	17
Sugar.	1	116	-	-	116
Pepper	1/200	-	-	-	-
Matches...	2 boxes.	-	-	-	-
Coffee	1/2	-	-	-	+
LOCAL PURCHASE.					
Fruit. ..Apple	8	112	3	-	109
Fresh Vegetables(Say Turnip)	8	40	7	-	33
% Clive Oil.	1/2 oz.	130	-	130	-
Wine..	1/2 litre.	-	-	-	-
Nuts(Unshelled)...	1				
Say(Shelled)	1/2	85	16	64	5
		2346	330	3937	1519
At later date.					
Fish(Say Herring, Raw) ...	4	244	56	188	-
		2590	386	685	1519

NOTE:- (1) Lowest alternatives have been chosen.
% 260 taken as calorific value, but no reference could be found.

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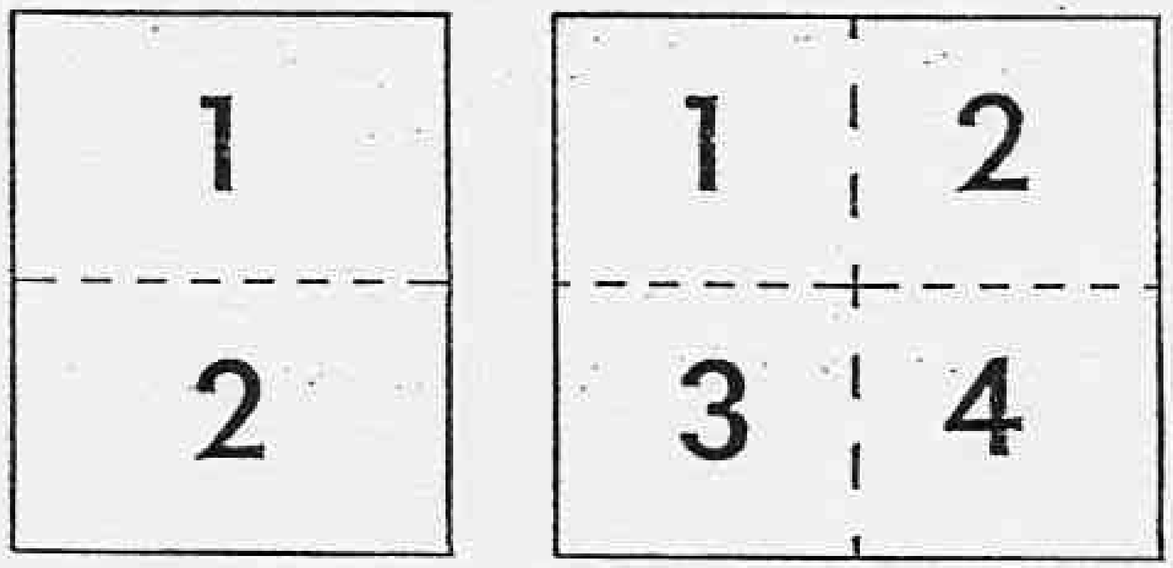

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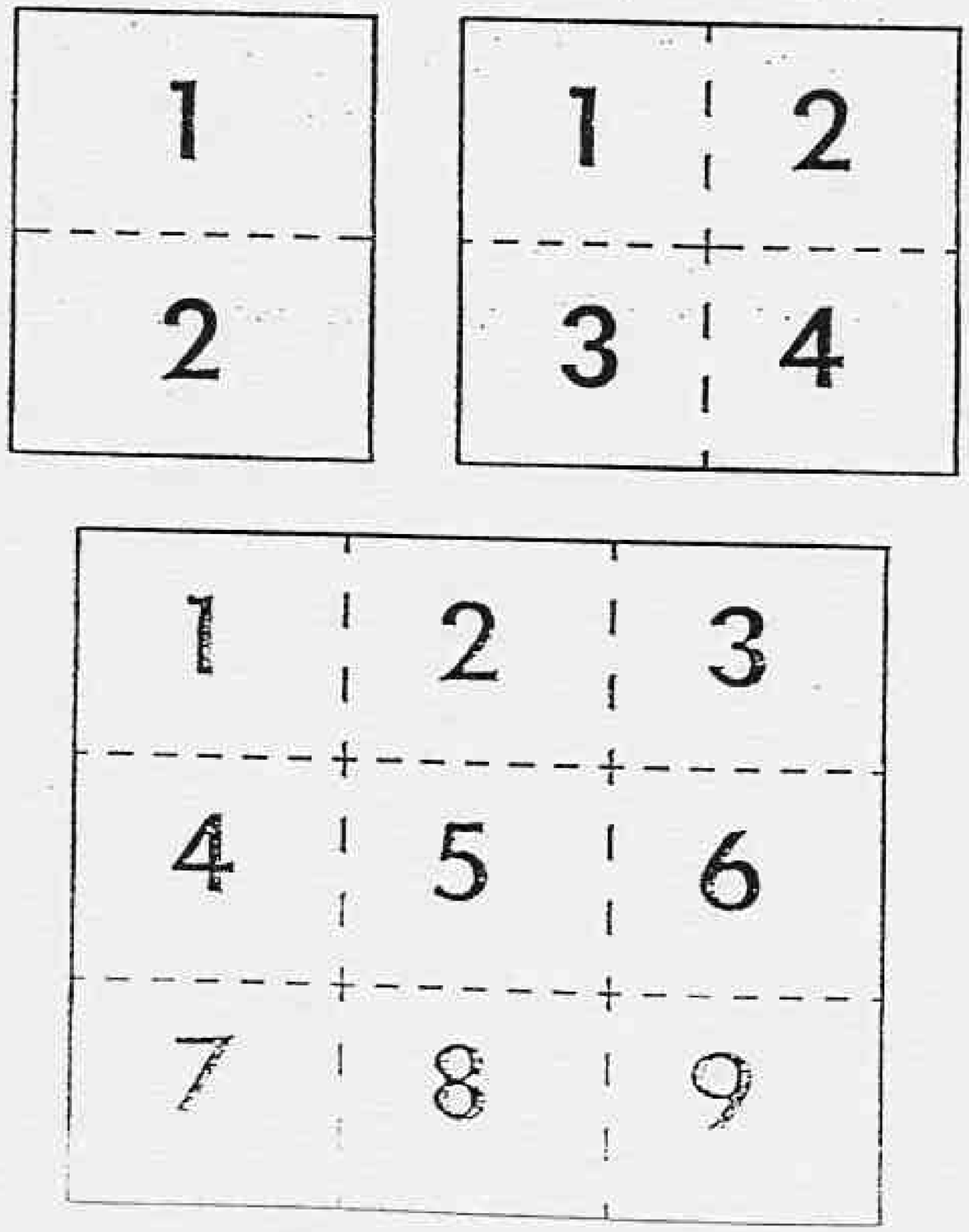

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COMPOSIZIONE CHIMICA E VALORE ENERGETICO DELLA RAZIONE VIVERI

CHEMICAL COMPOSITION & ENERGETIC VALUE OF RATION SCALE E

GENERI ITEMS	GRASSI? GRAMS.	ALBUMINA ALBUMEN Contenuto medio per % MEDIUM % AVERAGE	ALBUMINA ALBUMEN Contenuto nella razione CONTAINED IN RATIONS	GR Contenuto medio per MEDIUM %
Farina..FLOUR	282	10	28.20	1
Carne fresca o congelata FRESH OR FROZEN MEAT	107	38	40.66	9.15
Pasta o riso PASTA OR RICE	150	7.55	11.32	0.75
Conserva..TOMATO CONSERVE CONCENTRATED	14.3	3.50	0.50	0.5
Olio....OIL	19.3	====	====	95
Lardo....LARD	19.3	9.5	1.83	76
Formaggio da raspa GRATING CHEESE	8	13.15	1.05	38.2
Formaggio da tavola TABLE CHEESE	11,7	33.8	3.95	11.1
Legumi...VEGETABLES	38.5	24	9.24	2
Zucchero...SUGAR	15	0.5	0.07	====
Caffè (surrogato) ESSENCE COFFEE	10	1.4	0.14	0.3
Vino.....WINE	250	2.63	6.57	alcool gr.25
T o t a l e :			103.53 (1)	

N.B. (1) - La somministrazione di albumine è di grammi 101,85 nei giorni in cui si di
- La somministrazione di albumine è di grammi 65,14 nei giorni in cui si di
- Con la somministrazione bi-settimanale di carne e pentasettimanale di
giornaliera di grammi 78,45 di albumine.

(2) - La somministrazione di grassi è di grammi 50,87 nei giorni in cui si distr
- La somministrazione di grassi è grammi 42,37 nei giorni in cui si distri
- Con la somministrazione bi-settimanale di carne e pentasettimanale di for
di grammi 44,60 di grassi.

(3) - Nei giorni in cui si distribuisce la carne le calorie somministrate sono

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NERGETICO DELLA RAZIONE VIVERI VIGENTE AL 20 NOVEMBRE 1943

GETIC VALUE OF RATION SCALE EXISTING ON 20 NOV. 43

M I N A		G R A S S I FATS		C A R B O I D R A T I CARBOHYDRATES		C A L O CALORIES	
-e-	Contenuto nella razione CONTAINED IN RATIONS	Contenuto medio per % MEDIUM %	Contenuto nella razione CONTAINED IN RATIONS	Contenuto medio per %	Contenuto nella razione CONTAINED IN RATIONS	Contenuto medio per %	Co
28.20	1	2.82	72	202.04		358	
40.66	9.15	9.79	==	======		176	
11.32	0.75	1.13	78	117		353	
0.50	0.5	0.07	1.67	0.23		90	
===	95	18.33	==	===		905	
1.83	76	14.66	==	===		745	
1.05	38.2	3.05	0.2	0.016		421	
3.95	11.1	1.29	2.4	0.28		283	
9.24	2	0.77	52	20.02		335	
0.07	===	===	96.5	14.47		400	
0.14	0.3	0.03	2.2	0.22		11	
6.57	alcool gr.25	===	0.392	0.98		31	
103.53 (1)		51.94 (2)		355.256			

i 101,85 nei giorni in cui si distribuisce la carne e non il formaggio da tavola.
i 65,14 nei giorni in cui si distribuisce il formaggio da tavola e non la carne.
carne è e pentasettimanale di formaggio da tavola si ha una distribuzione media

50,87 nei giorni in cui si distribuisce la carne
,37 nei giorni in cui si distribuisce il formaggio.
carne e pentasettimanale di formaggio da tavola si ha una distribuzione media giornaliera

le calorie somministrate sono 2219.

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AL 20 NOVEMBRE 1943

ON 20 NOV. 43.

	CARBOIDRATI CARBOHYDRATES		CALORIE CALORIES	
enuto nella razione	Contenuto medio per %	Contenuto nella razione Contained in Grams	Contenuto medio per %	Contenuto nella razione Contained in Grams
2.82	72	202.04	358	1010
9.79	==	======	I76	I88
1.13	78	117	353	530
0.07	1.67	0.23	90	13
18.33	==	===	905	173
14.66	==	===	745	144
3.05	0.2	0.016	421	34
1.29	2.4	0.28	283	33
0.77	52	20.02	335	129
===	96.5	14.47	400	60
0.05	2.2	0.22	11	1
===	0.392	0.98	31	105
51.94 (2)		355.256		2147 (3)

isce la carne e non il formaggio da tavola.
ce il formaggio da tavola e non la carne.
o da tavola si ha una distribuzione media

la carne
l formaggio.
a tavola si ha una distribuzione media giornaliera

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- La somministrazione di albumine è di grammi 65,14 nei giorn
- Con la somministrazione bi-settimanale di carne e pentass giornaliera di grammi 78,45 di albumine.

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- La somministrazione di grassi è grammi 42,37 nei giorni in
- Con la somministrazione bi-settimanale di carne e pentaset di grammi 44,60 di grassi.

(3) - Nei giorni in cui si distribuisce la carne le calorie somm
- Nei giorni in cui si distribuisce il formaggio da tavola le
- Con la somministrazione bi-settimanale di carne e pentasett di 2108 calorie.-

(1) On days when meat replaces cheese, albumen content is 101.85 gms
" " " cheese " " " 65.14 gms
With a meat issue twice a week and cheese issue 5 times a week

(2) On days when meat is issued there are 50.87 grms fats
" " " cheese " " " 42.37 "
With meat twice a week and cheese 5 times a week there is

(3) On days when meat is issued there are 2219 calories
" " " cheese " " " 2108 "
With meat twice a week and cheese 5 times a week there is

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di albumine.
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ibuisce la carne le calorie somministrate sono 2219.
ibuisce il formaggio da tavola le calorie somministrate sono 2064.
settimanale di carne e pentasettimanale di formaggio da tavola si ha una somministrazione

there is an albumin content of 101.85 gms
" " " " 65.14 "
and these above 5 times a week there is an average daily albumen content of 98.45 gms

" " " fats " 50.87 gms
" " " " 42.37 "
and these above 5 times a week there is a daily average of 44.60 gms of fats

" " " 2219 calories administered
" " " 2064 " "
and these 5 times a week there is a daily average of 2168 calories administered

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	51.94 (2)		355.256		2147 (3)

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istrate sono 2064.
aggio da tavola si ha una somministrazione media giornaliera

daily allowance of 78.45 gm

daily average of distribution of fats

of diet calories administered

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COMPOSIZIONE CHIMICA E VALORE ENERGETICO DELLA NUOVA RAZIONE VI

Chemical Composition and Energetic value of New Ration

G E N E R I	GRAMMI	ALBUMINA Contenuto medio per %	ALBUMINA Contenuto nella razione
Farina di frumento o segala o avena.....(1)	340,20	10	34,02
Carne in scatola.....	56,70	38	21,54
Olio.....	I4,I75	--	-----
Lardo.....	I4,I75	9,5	1,24
Legumi.(fagiuoli,piselli,lenticchia,ceci).....	56,70	24	13,60
Verdura fresca (rape,cavoli di rape,cappuccio).....(2)	226,80	2,5	5,67
Patate.....	----	2	-----
Zucchero.....	14,I75	0,5	0,07
Caffè.(surrogato).....	14,I75	1,4	0,19
Vino.....(3)	500	2,63	13,15
Frutta (mele,pere,arancì)(4).	226,80	0,27	0,61
Nocciuole o mandorle secche..	28,35	15,6	4,42
Pesce seccato.....	28,35	82	23,24
Formaggio.....	28,35	19,5	5,52
T o t a l e			90,09

Nota sul totale

Con la nuova razione si vengono a somministrare gramm 90,09 di a
gr.303,64 di carboidrati.Se invece si distribuisce l'olio e non
Le calorie somministrate dando l'olio sono 2089 giornaliere,dand

(1) - Riferito al tipo attualmente in uso - abburattamento al 98
(2) - Riferito al tipo medio stagionale disponibile.
(3) - Riferito alla gradazione media in distribuzione,di IO grad
(4) - Riferito alle disponibilità stagionali attuali del territor

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OVA RAZIONE VIVERI STABILITA CON FOGLIO 731/SV/COMM. DEL 20 NOVEMBRE DELLO S.M.R.E. III° R

New Ration Scale as laid down in letter 731/SV/comm from SMRE dated 20 Nov.

I N A	G R A S S I		C A R B O I D R A T I		C A L O R I E	
Contenuto nella razione	Contenuto medio per %	Contenuto nella razione	Contenuto medio per %	Contenuto nella razione	Contenuto medio per %	Contenuto razione
34,02	1	3,40	72	244,94	358	1
21,54	9,15	5,18	---	---	176	
-----	95	12,46	---	---	745	
1,24	76	10,77	---	---	745	
13,60	2	1,13	52	29,49	335	
5,67	0,3	0,68	5	11,28	32	
-----	2	-----	20,5	-----	96	
0,07	---	-----	96,5	13,26	400	
9,19	0,3	0,04	2,2	0,31	11	
19,15	alcool gr.50	-----	0,392	1,96	31	2
0,61	0,01	0,02	10,5	2,38	51	1
4,42	66,5	18,95	16,2	14,59	660	
23,24	0,5	0,44	-----	-----	333	
3,82	38,2	9,82	0,2	10,05	421	
90,09		33,68		303,64		2

mi 90,09 di albumina distribuendo il lardo, e non l'olio; gr.21,22 di grassi distribuendo il l'olio e non il lardo si hanno gr.80,59 di albumina, gr.22,91 di grassi, carboidrati gr.303,6 rnaliere, dando invece il lardo sono 2066.

temento al 98%.

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ne, di IO gradi

i del territorio.-

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FOGLIO 731/SV/COMM. DEL 20 NOVEMBRE DELLO S.M.R.E. III° REPARTO

In letter 731/SV/comm Roma SMRE dated 20 Nov.

I	CARBOIDRATI		CALORIE	
ntenuto nella zione	Contenuto medio per %	Contenuto nella razione	Contenuto medio per %	Contenuto nella razione
3,40	72	244,94	358	1218
5,I8	—	---	I76	97
I2,46	--	---	745	I27
I0,77	--	---	745	
1,13	52	29,49	335	I90
0,68	5	11,28	32	72
-----	20,5	-----	96	
-----	95,5	13,28	400	57
0,04	2,2	0,21	11	2
-----	0,392	1,96	31	210
0,02	10,5	2,38	51	116
			660	
2,55	16,2	14,59		
0,44	----	----	333	
9,82	0,2	0,05	421	
33,68		303,64		2089

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ono 2066.

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.....	.....	.....	2,03	23,12	1811601
Frutta (mele,pere,aranci)(4).	226,80		0,27	0,61	0,0
Nocciuole o mandorle secche..	28,35	15,6		4,42	166,5
Pesce seccato.....	28,35	82		23,24	0,5
Formaggio.....	28,35	19,5		3,82	36,2
T o t a l e				90,09	

Nota sul totale

Con la nuova razione si vengono a somministrare grammi 90,09 di albumina dist
gr.303,64 di carboidrati.Se invece si distribuisce l'olio e non il lardo si
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(1) - Riferito al tipo attualmente in uso - abburattamento al 98%.
(2) - Riferito al tipo medio stagionale disponibile.
(3) - Riferito alla gradazione media in distribuzione,di 10 gradi
(4) - Riferito alle disponibilità stagionali attuali del territorio.-

Note on total

In the new ration scale by issuing lard instead of oil there are 90.09 gms albumen
30.59 gms albumen, 22 of fats and 303.64 gms carbohydrates. Issuing oil there are 2

1) With reference to the type actually in use. - Bolting of 98 %
2) With reference to the type available according to season
3) .. .. .. the medium average available graduation being issued, 10 % de
4) .. .. .. type available in the area during the season

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2,03				-----		0,392	1,96	31	
0,27	0,61	0,01		0,02	10,5		2,38	51	
	4,42	66,5	18,85		16,2		4,59		660
	23,24	0,5	0,44		----		----		333
	3,82	38,2	9,82		0,2		10,05		421
	90,09			33,68			303,64		

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0,02	10,5	2,38	51	116		
5	16,2	4,59	660		187	
4	----	----	333		94	
2	0,2	0,05	421		119	
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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

N. 727/S di prot. Div.Suss. P. M. 107, li 28 dicembre 1943

Risposta al foglio N. del Carte annesse

OGGETTO: vettovagliamento FF.AA.

Al LA MISSIONE MILITARE ALLEATA
presso l'Esercito Italiano LEQUILE

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Si è preso atto di quanto comunicatoci con f.AQ/2 del 26 dicembre u.s. e si assicura che, per l'avvenire, vi sarà richiesta la ripartizione delle derrate qui vari Magazzini in tempo debito.-

Vogliate compiacervi, però, disporre che le 11.000.- razioni giornaliere assegnate su Napoli per il periodo 5 - 14 gennaio siano aumentate a 17.703, in conseguenza dell'avvenuto trasferimento della 210^ Divisione nella zona della Campania.-

Si resta in attesa di un cortese cenno di assicurazione.-

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
(Gen.di Div.Raffaele Pelligra)

Pelligra

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Please see Memorandum of 210 Div
Please alter salvage to read.

BARI	12697	126,800
BRINDISI	15500	15,500
Naples	17703	17,700
	210600	210,000

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

GABINETTO

N. di prot. 236/C P.M. 107 li 27 Dicembre 1943

OGGETTO: Galletta per l'Esercito Italiano.-

- LEQUILE -

→ ALLA M.M.I.A.
e, per conoscenza:
ALLA DIREZIONE GEN.LE DEI SERVIZI DI COMMISSARIATO
- S E D E -

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La Direzione dei Servizi di Commissariato segnala che la decurtazione di altre 700 tonn. di biscotti che, secondo il foglio n° A2/2 del 21 c.m. di Caserta M.M.I.A. dovrebbero essere spedite in Calabria, comprometterebbe la possibilità di alimentazione delle rimanenti truppe della Puglia e della Lucania.-

Pregasi pertanto voler ottenere che le 700 t. di biscotti siano lasciate a disposizione della Direz. Generale predetta nella seguente misura:

- 200 a Bari
- 500 a Brindisi

Ciò anche nella considerazione che le 350 tonn. di biscotti già spedite in Calabria[1] assicurano il rifornimento delle truppe colà dislocate per oltre un mese.

GENERALE ARISIO-I

Arisio

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(1) Da segnalazione pervenuta dal Comando XXXI° Corpo d'armata sarebbero giunte - per ferrovia - altre 28 vagoni di biscotti..-

PMI/28180 AX.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

N. 716 /S. di prot. Div.Suss. P. M. 107. li 28 dicembre 1943

Risposta al foglio N. del Carte annesse

OGGETTO: Rifornimento derrate all'Esercito Italiano.-

SUBJECT: Food Supplies to Italian Army.

Al LA MISSIONE MILITARE ALLEATA
presso l'Esercito Italiano
LEQUILE

TO: MMIA FROM: MMCE WAR COMMISS

La Direzione di Commissariato del XXXI C.A., ha informato che il giorno 25 corr. sono giunti al Magazzino Militare Viveri di Crotone 28 vagoni di biscotti di cui 23 scoperti e col carico, in parte, danneggiato dalla pioggia.-

Si prega cotesta Missione voler comunicare da quale Magazzino inglese è stata effettuata la spedizione e di compiacersi - ove lo creda - interessare le competenti autorità alleate preposte all'esecuzione dei trasporti perchè le spedizioni di derrate deperibili vengano effettuate, possibilmente, con carri chiusi.-

Sarebbe infine gradito che le spedizioni che le Autorità alleate desiderano effettuare direttamente, fossero concordate con questo Ministero, in via preventiva, allo scopo di avviare i rifornimenti ai presidi che ne

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IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
(Gen.di Div.Raffaele Pelligra)

Pelligra

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29/12.

The Direct. Commissariato XXX Corps has informed us that on the 25 Dec. 28 wagons of biscuits arrived at the Military Ration Store, CROTONE, of these wagons 23 were uncovered and the contents in some part of them damaged by the rain.

With MMIA please let us know from which British Ship they were sent and - if possible - ask the competent Allied Authorities in charge of the assistance of transport to send perishable goods if possible, in closed wagons.

Thanking in advance for the [illegible] Allied Authorities would be arranged quickly, even also in agreement with this Ministry, so that supplies could be sent to those where need is greatest.

GEN Pelligra

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

FROM WAR MIN. COMMISS. SEC. SUS.

TO - AMA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

N. 693/S. di prot. Div.Suss. P. M. 107, li 27 dicembre 1943

Risposta al foglio N. *del* *Carte annesse*

OGGETTO: Vettovagliamento dell'Esercito Italiano.-

Al LA MISSIONE MILITARE ALLEATA
presso l'Esercito Italiano

L E Q U I L E

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Riferimento lettera AQ/2a del 23 c.m.

La detrazione di 350 tonnellate di biscotto, in dipendenza del rifornimento di pari quantitativo effettuato via marittima al Magazzino Militare Viveri di Crotone, mette in grave difficoltà il vettovaglia_ mento delle truppe italiane dislocate nelle Puglie, non esistendo alcuna scorta nè di farina nè di galletta e non potendosi effettuare una spedizione da Crotone, stan_ te la nota precaria situazione dei trasporti.-

Pur convenendo nella necessità da parte allea_ ta di effettuarne il diffalco, questo Ministero prega voler interessare le competenti autorità affinchè il 13 B.P.O. o il 22 B.P.O. vengano autorizzati a cedere in anticipo le 700 tonnellate di biscotto di cui trat_ ta la lettera AQ/2 del 21 c.m. e la cui cessione è pre_ vista per il periodo 2 - 11 gennaio e 12 - 21 gennaio

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presso l'Esercito Italiano

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Questo Ministero rappresenta altresì la neces_ sità che i biscotti non sostituiscano interamente la razione giornaliera di farina, ma che di essa siano con_ cessi almeno 100 grammi per convivente, allo scopo di poter far confezionare quel minimo di pasta assolutamen_ te indispensabile per la preparazione di 3931cio che abbia sufficiente valore nutritivo e che sia nel contem_ po più aderente alle consuetudini alimentari del solda_ to italiano.-

Si rimane in attesa di notizie e si ringrazia.-

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
(Gen.di Div.Raffaele Pelligra)

Pelligra

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

N. 695/S. di prot. Div.Suss. P. M. 107, li 27 dicembre 1943

Risposta al foglio N. ____ del Carte annesse

OGGETTO: Razione viveri per il XXXI C.A.

Al LA MISSIONE MILITARE ALLEATA
presso l'Esercito Italiano L E Q U I L E

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Riferimento lettera AQ/2/2 del 23 c.m.

Si assicura di aver impartite disposizioni al XXXI Corpo d'Armata perchè si astenga dal rivolgere all'A.M.G. dirette richieste di rifornimenti.-

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
(Gen.di Div.Raffaele Felligra)

Felligra

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MESSAGE FORM

From MMIA

To DISTAO

T O O

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(25) Ref FMAIBO 4012 SIT of 25 Dec (a) It was understood that Italians were given up to 21 Dec, allowing them from 16 Dec to 21 Dec (5 days) to break bulk and issue to all their units in 2 District area our Q207 of 18 and Q 209 of 18 Dec refer (b) Assume therefore ration deductions should be made from 22 Dec (c) Please confirm

To be sent ~~in Cipher~~ if liable to interception in Line

S.L. Cann

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PRIORITY

(IMMEDIATE)

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M.M.I.A. - 2 District

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First (.) Understand certain Italian Units still drawing rations from D.I.Ds in 2 District (.) Essential such units be maintained from Italian Depots forthwith (.) Confirm this will be carried out (.) Second (.) Will DDST 2 District advise M.M.I.A. of commodities issued to Italian Military Personnel from D.I.Ds. after 16th December, when bulk provision came into force (.) M.M.I.A. will deduct such amounts from future bulk demands

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MMIAJ LRLE (?)2 [redacted] NR426 (P) GR46 426/340

~~[illegible] IMPORTANT [illegible]~~

TO [redacted]

[redacted] ROMA

FROM ST PISTO

SF180 26

FIRST (.) STATE WHAT ITALIAN UNITS STILL DRAWING RATIONS

FROM DID'S (.) SECOND (.) STATE AMOUNTS BY COMMODITIES

ISSUED TO ITALIAN MILITARY PERSONNEL FROM

DID'S AFTER 16 DEC (.) ABOVE EXCLUSIVE P MEAT ISSUE

AUTHORIZED [redacted] 1358/2 OF

19 (.) ALL INFORMED

TOO 1135A TOD 261200

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ANNEXURE "A".

RATION SCALE - ITALIAN ARMY.

COMMODITY		Ounces per Ration.	REMARKS.
	Whole Wheat	16	
or	Flour	12	
	Pulses	2	Examination to be made for procuring locally.
	Canned Meat	2	
	Herrings Tinned	4/7	
or	Sardines Tinned	2/7	
or	Salmon N.R.	3/7	
	Cheese Tinned	1	
	Dhalego Tinned	1½	
	Sugar	1	
	Pepper	1/200	
	Matches	2 books weekly or one box	
	Coffee	1	

In addition to the above the following items will be furnished by ITALIAN ARMY. Purchases from local resources will be co-ordinated with A.F.H.Q. to insure equitable distribution between military and civil requirements. All such purchases will be paid for by the ITALIAN ARMY:-

COMMODITY	Ounces per Ration.	REMARKS
Fruit	8	
Fresh Vegetables	8	
Olive Oil	1	
Wine	1 litre	

Coffee — 1 book weekly or one box

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COMMODITY	Ounces per Ration.	REMARKS
Fruit	3	
Fresh Vegetables	3	
Olive Oil	1	
Wine	½ litre	
Nuts (unshelled)	1	As an alternative for fresh fruit and vegetables.

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Appendix "B"

MAINTENANCE OF ITALIAN MERCHANT.

Detailed breakdown of commodities to be issued daily over the period 16 - 25 Dec 43.

	13 D.I.O.	14 D.I.O.	22 D.I.O.
COMMODITY	Daily Feeding Strength 153,500.	Daily Feeding Strength 11,000	Daily Feeding Strength 69,500
Flour	57,564.	4,128	26,064.
Biscuits	57,564.	4,128	26,064
Peas/Beans/Lentils	19,188	1,376	8,688
M.&Vet	19,188	1,376	8,688
Herrings or Sardines or Salmon	5,484 2,742 4,113	396 198 297	2,340 1,170 1,755
Cheese Tinned	9,594	688	4,094
Sugar	9,594	688	4,094
Pepper (1/200)	48	4	21
Matches (1 box)	153,500	11,000	69,500
Coffee	4,797	344	2,047

Herrings or	5,484	396	2,340
Sardines or	2,742	198	1,170
Salmon	4,113	297	1,755
Cheese Tinned	9,594	686	4,094
Sugar	9,594	686	4,094
Pepper (1/200)	48	4	21
Matches (1 box)	153,500	11,000	65,500
Coffee	4,797	344	2,047

NOTES:

The following variations in the ration scale as shown in Appendix "A" are made consequent upon the present stock position:

1. Sausages are not available and will not be issued. 3924

2. In lieu of flour at 12 ozs. the following is the ratio I more over this period:-

(a) Flour 6 ozs.
(b) Biscuits 6 ozs.

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Subject:- Pigeon Food

Military Mission to
Italian Army
AQ/2a
24 Dec 43

AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon

Copy to:- No 2 District

It has been reported by the Italian War Ministry that there stocks of pigeon food is practically exhausted.

The total number of carrier pigeons held by the Italian Army was originally 1928, out of this number the British and American Authorities have requisitioned 828 for operational purposes.

If the remaining 1100 pigeons are to be kept alive they will require 44 Kilos of pigeon food per day, this amount is based on the ratio scale of 40 grammes per bird per day.

It would appear to be in our interest to feed these birds

(a) that any future reinforcements required by the Allies can be met and

(b) to help the Italian Government to re - establish its pigeon communications.

Would you please inform MMIA if the issue of the food can be authorised.

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Lt Brig
Comd

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for Brig
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C O P Y

SUBJECT:- Carrier Pigeon Service

Telecommunications
Office S M R E
N° 399
8 December 1943

M M I A

Herewith Army Pigeon units in PUGLIA situation

PESCARA	N° of Pigeons	150	No news
S.SEVERO	" " "	106	Occupied by British
BARLETTA	" " "	153	" " "
BARI	" " "	299	" " "
BRINDISI	" " "	270	" " "
FASANO	" " "	74	Run by Italian personnel
TARANTO	" " "	400	" " " "
MASSAFRA	" " "	150	" " " "
LECCE	" " "	200	" " " "
MANDURIA	" " "	100	" " " "
CASARANO	" " "	100	" " " "
PUTIGNANO	" " "	76	" " " "

With the cessation of many local requirements the SMRE had ordered the reorganisation of a new pigeon comms net, using for the purpose, only the principal pigeon posts of BARI, BRINDISI, TARANTO, LECCE and CASARANO, and as soon as possible those of S.SEVERO and PESCARA. The other pigeons would then form a reserve for reinforcing damaged posts or forming new ones.

But the taking over by British Authorities of the pigeon posts of BARI and BRINDISI, has not permitted us to put this new programme into operation, for those two posts are the receiving and despatching points of most of the lines of flight which were ~~xixkmx~~ to be either put into operation or kept in operation.

To the technical difficulties of this new net has been added the difficulty of finding foodstuff required to keep the birds alive. The CONSORZI cannot meet our demands.

Our stocks of bird food will last for about 20 days. Consequently we should, without more ado, do away with the pigeons belonging to the units we had intended to suppress to ensure longer life for the birds in the main post units. But for these also, before long, the situation will become critical, and considering the present transport and supply situation it

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Therefore if the Anglo-American authorities are interested in keeping the birds at the moment in our possession, and I give the SMRE permission to carry on as soon as possible with their plan of reconstruction for PUGLIE, they should supply the following amount of grain daily, based on 40 gr per bird

N° of pigeons with Italian Pigeon units : 1,100 – 40 gr[illegible] bird = 4,400 gr

i.e. 44 kg of grain per day. We would be grateful to know as soon as possible what the Anglo/American authorities intend doing.

I take this opportunity to add the following:

The pigeons over and above those required for the reorganisation scheme for PUGLIE, could be used to set up a pigeon service in CALABRIA as was once suggested to the SMRIA by HQ 7 Army (letter 10/192/Nov.12.43). Once supplies are assured, a comprehensive study of the use of these pigeons, existing material and equipment could be made by an Italian Officer and an officer sent by the A/Americans.

A. MARIOTTI

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Subject: Return of Vouchers

Military Mission to
Italian Army
AG/2 b
24 Dec 43

22 B.P.O., BARI

Returned herewith are the issue vouchers for supplies issued to the Italian Army and Air Force.

It is mentioned that these vouchers are of no use to MMIA unless they are signed by the consignee.

In order to support the accounting of rations and the Italian future 10 daily demands, MMIA must have receipted copies of issue vouchers, (signed by an Italian representative).

Would you please therefore forward all Copy of such vouchers at the completion of each 10 daily requirements.

for Brig
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Subject:- Maintenance of Italian Army

Military Mission to
Italian Army
AQ/2A
23 Dec 43

War Ministry.

AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon)
HQ No 2 District) (for information

MMIA have been informed that the Maintenance of the Italian Army and Air Force for the next 10 day period(26 Dec 43 to 4 Jan 44) will be continued on the same basis as the previous period as laid down in our AQ/2 dated 14 Dec with the exception of 350 Tons Biscuits. reported in our AQ/2 dated 21 Dec. This quantity will be deducted from 13 B.P.O. BRINDISI amounts.

23.12.

V. L. Evans Major
for Brig
Comd

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Subject:- Biscuits for [illegible] Italian Army.

Military Mission to
Italian Army
A2/2
21 Dec 43

Ministry of War

1. Information has been received that the following quantities of biscuits have been consigned by Allied Authorities direct to the Italian Army Depot, CROTONE from the Port of BRINDISI:-

1. 350 Tons for the period 23 Dec to 1 Jan 1944
2. 350 " " " " 2 Jan to 11 Jan
3. 350 " " " " 12 Jan to 21 Jan

2. The first 350 Tons has already been loaded on to Italian schooners for onward transmission.

3. With regard to the 2nd and 3rd amounts these will also be forwarded unless AMMA hear from the War Ministry to the contrary.

4. It is mentioned that these quantities of biscuits are in excess of the 230,000 daily rations already allocated and will be deducted from your corresponding future demands.

S. V. Lamb Major
Brig
for Comd

EJC/cc

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Subject:- Biscuits for the Italian Army dispatched to CROTONE

Military Mission to
Italian Army
AQ/2
21 Dec 43

AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon S.T.

Copy to: No 2 District

1. It has been reported by 13 BPO, BRINDISI that the following quantities of biscuits are to be consigned to the Italian Army Depot, CROTONE; direct from port without passing through BSD's:-

350 Tons fro the period 23 Dec to 1 Jan 1944
350 " " " " 2 Jan to 11 Jan
350 " " " " 12 Jan to 21 Jan

2. If the above quantities refer to shipping bids already made it is pointed out that 350 Tons of SUPPLIES (representing balanced rations for 10 days) were required for the Port of CROTONE.

3. As these quantities of biscuits are in excess of the 250,000 daily rations already allocated to the Italian Army, the 350 Tons for each 10 daily period will be deducted from their future demands.

4. The Italian War Ministry have been informed of this and also of the fact that the re distribution will be undertaken by them. 2918

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Major
for Brig
Comd

DJC/cc

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ARMY FORM 0136 (Small) **MESSAGE FORM** Number No.

Call | Sri. No. | Priority | Transmission Instructions

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FROM (A) MMIA — Originator — Date Time of Origin 21 2105 — Office Date Stamp

For Action

TO FLAMBO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions — CP

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Message No. 225 ref your MU/459 dated 20 (.) rations for the Italian Army for next 10 day period (.) deduct 350 tons BISCUITS repeat BISCUITS just reported arrived BRINDISI ~~point~~ part consigned to CROTONE (.) LETTER follows

This Message may be sent AS WRITTEN / BY ANY MEANS (EXCEPT / CYPHER)

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

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Observation & Instructions Degree of Priority

IMPORTANT

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ARMY FORM 0213b (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Precedence Classifications

MMIA LRC | 627 | OP. | QVR 4

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FROM (A) Originator: FLAMBO. | Date-Time of Origin: 201815A

Opening Date Stamp: 21/12

TO (B) For Action: 13 BPO, 14 BPO, 22 BPO, MMIA, 16 FO, Eighth Army, 10 Corps, Q District,

(C) For Information (INFO):

Message Instructions: CP 24

(33)

Originator's No. ST/469

Reference 4012/S1 of 12 Dec (D) Maintenance of Italian Army and Air Force will be continued on same basis for next ten day period.

(USCBC WC 4-48) (500 Pads - 21 Bk-Ltd 11-52)

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Signature

In Accordance With Instructions It Will Not Be Sent Into Enemy Hands, This Message Must Be Sent IN CIPHER

Signature

Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority: 2357 (P)

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Subject:- Drawing of Rations in Bulk

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Military Mission to
Italian Army
AQ/2
20 Dec 43

Ministry of War

Copy to:- No 2 District

Reference MMIA letter AQ/2 dated 14 Dec.

1. It has been reported that the drawing in bulk of supplies from No 43 BSD, BRINDISI is not proceeding according to plan.

2. This appears to be due to the fact that only four Italian lorries are engaged in the work instead of the eight that had been detailed, and also that the personnel are not working to the full time schedule.

3. I am to remind you that the rapid clearance of these supplies from BSD's is of great importance as accommodation is limited and is required urgently to receive further consignments.

4. Will you please ensure that in the future the number of vehicles at work is sufficient to clear supplies within the current ten day period.

B.G. Lanebrand
for Brig
Cmnd

No 2815

EJC/cc

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ARMY FORM C2136 (Small) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No. 21

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Origin Date-Time of Origin | Office Date Stamp

FROM (A) AMTA | 18 Dec A

For Action

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TO (W) For Information (INFO)

AD/2 18/12 GP

Message Instructions

ST HQ 2nd Area

Originator's No.

Qzq ref your SI/150 dated 18 Dec (.) Italian War Ministry have made arrangements to supply rations for the Italian Army including TALIANO ARM as from the 22 Dec 43

This Message MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS (ENCRYPT / PLAIN TEXT)

IF CLEAR TEXT IS INTERCEPTED OR FALLS INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER

Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority

Time Received THI 3914

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Subject:= Extra Rations for Italian Military Port Labour

Military Mission to
Italian Army
AG/2
17 Dec 43

Ministero della Guerra.

Confirming conversation of this morning, 16 Dec 43, between Lt Col LANDALFE and Major CANN.

It was agreed that the Italian War Ministry will be responsible for the complete rationing of all Italian Port Military Labour in Nº 2 District Area as from the 22 Dec 1943 and in NAPLES Area as from the 25 Dec 1943.

Brig
for Brig
Comd

EJC/cc

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Subject:- Maintenance of Italian Army, Navy and Air Force Personnel.

HQ 71 Sub Area
1555/1/ST
16 December 43

SECRET

M.M.I.A., C.M.F.

Copies to:- DDST HQ No.2 District
"Q" 71 Sub Area
OC 38 DID, RASC

Reference telephone conversation Capt. Hills - Capt. Watson.

1. It is confirmed that pending organisation of detail issues on approved scale by Italian Military from bulk supplies received ex 13 B.P.O. w.e.f. 16 Dec, the present system of providing additions to Italian troops working for the Allied Forces will continue.

2. Similarly the issues to Italian naval personnel will continue pending decision as to their final source of supply.

3. We await your advice, that all concerned may be informed, and present issues discontinued.

No 2 DISTRICT informed.
P.W.C.

Officer Commanding
Major, R.A.S.C.,
D.A.D.S.T.

AHW/lmp

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Prot.N°116/C.

Bacco, li 15 dicembre 1943

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA
presso il Regio Esercito

B A R I

OGGETTO: Promemoria.-

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Sono state impartite disposizioni perchè il ritiro delle derrate messe a disposizione delle FF. AA. italiane nei depositi inglesi di Bari e Brindisi venga iniziato il mattino del giorno 16 c.m.-

L'Ufficiale incaricato del ritiro delle derrate a Bari (Capitano Commissario Battinardi Antonio) avrà a sua disposizione n.5 autocarri pesanti ed una manovalanza di 60 uomini; quello di Brindisi (S.Ten.Commissario Maiorana Paolo) n.8 autocarri pesanti e 150 uomini di manovalanza.-

Si calcola di poter ritirare dal deposito in

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URGENTISSIMA

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Si calcola di poter ritirare dal deposito inglese di Bari 60 tonn. giornaliere e da quello di Brindisi tonn.100 circa.-

Ciò a Bari che a Brindisi esiste possibilità d'immagazzinamento delle derrate assegnate.- 9911

Saranno fornite, appena possibile, le analoghe notizie relative al ritiro dei viveri dal 11 P.R.C.di Napoli.-

Gen Alexander

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Subject:= Exchange of Hard Grain for Flour

Military Mission to
Italian Army
AG/2b
15 Dec 43

War Ministry

Ref your 43/C dated the 5th Dec 1943.

This matter has been referred to Allied Force HQ and they state that owing to the present shortage of British flour available for issue to the Italian Armed Forces, no exchange for hard grain can be arranged.

N. W. Cann Brig
for Comd

EJC/cc

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

GABINETTO

N. di prot. 43/C

P.M.107 li 5 dicembre 1943

OGGETTO: Rifornimento pasta da minestra

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA

L E C U I L E

e,per conoscenza

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Direzione Generale Servizi di Commissariato - P.M.107

ALLO S.M.R.E.- Ufficio Servizi P.M.151

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La Direzione di Commissariato della 7^ Armata,fin dal 12 novembre u.s.,aveva richiesto al Commissariato per l'Alimentazione l'assegnazione di quintali 14.000 di grano duro,occorrenti per poter provvedere alla fabbricazione di uguale quantitativo di pasta alimentare,corrispondente al fabbisogno per i militari delle tre Forze Armate dislocati nel territorio della

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Il Commissariato per l'Alimentazione rispondeva però, con suo foglio 1546/2 del 25 novembre,di non avere la possibilità di effettuare l'assegnazione.

Dato il tempo occorrente per la trasformazione del grano duro(il quale è l'unico che si presti a tale lavorazione e che viene prodotto in forti quantitativi nella Puglia)in pasta alimentare,si richiede il cortese interessamento di codesta Missione onde ottenere dalle Autorità Anglo-Americane l'autorizzazione a ricevere dal Commissariato per l'Alimentazione un quantitativo di grano duro di 10000 quintali,che verrebbero sostituiti con altrettanti quintali di grano,oppure con equivalente quantitativo di farina dei tipi che saranno distribuiti dalle

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Autorità Anglo-Americane per i bisogni delle Forze Armate e che non sono adatti per la fabbricazione della pasta alimentare.

La questione ha carattere di urgenza in quanto le scorte di pasta alimentare stanno per esaurirsi e notevole è il tempo che occorre per produrre questa derrata, che è una delle più importanti per la alimentazione abituale del soldato italiano.-

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GENERALE ALIBERTI

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Subject:- Rations for the Italian Army and Air Force

Military Mission to
Italian Army
AG/2a
14 Dec 43

AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon

Copy to: No 2 District

Reference your A12/3T1 dated 12 Dec 43 para 2.

The ration requirement for the Italian Army and Air Force in No 2 District Area for the period 26th Dec to 4th Jan 1944 are as follows:-

12 B P O BARI	65,500	per day
13 B P O BRINDISI	153,500	" "
14 B P O NAPLES	11,000	
	230,000	

Major
Brig
Jond

MO/cc

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Subject:- Convoy's on L. of C., CALABRIA.
Emergency D.I.D., CURTATONE (M.R.Y9629).

Military Mission to
The Italian Army,
L.O.3rd.Italian Corps,
CATANZARO.

TO/T2/43.

Ref:- E.5.

Area Commander,
NAPLES.

(1). A complaint has been received from XXXI. Italian Corps that Allied troops are making unauthorised and irregular demands for rations at the a/m emergency D.I.D., CURTATONE.

(2). Written orders (copy attached herewith) have therefore been issued to the Italian officer i/c to be shown to Allied troops demanding rations from this D.I.D.

Copy to:- M.M.I.A.

- Capt. RE.
for Major.

A.V.J.

AG/2
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TO ALL ALLIED TROOPS.

(I). This is an emergency D.I.D. only and will be used by troops who are stranded in CALABRIA without petrol or rations. All other troops will draw petrol and rations at MESSINA, TARANTO, or SALERNO.

(2). A proper indent will be made, preferably by an officer showing name of unit, strength, number of days rations required, and reasons for drawing same.

(3). The authorised dry rations scale will be issued and not special items on demand.

(4). Maximum issue will be four days rations.

(5). Any rank disobeying the above orders will NOT be supplied and disciplinary action will be taken.

Major,
Military Mission to the Italian Army,
L.O. 3I Corps.,
CATANZARO.

TO/I2/43.

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Subject:- PIGEON FOOD.

Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY
AQ/2I.
30 Nov 43

G.S.O.I. S.

Reference 7th Army letter I688 of 22nd Nov of which one paragraph stated, that the supply of available pigeon food would only last one month.

If you would let us have the following information, (ie information in addition to our letter X2I of the 22 Nov) the question of feeding these birds will be referred to the competent authority.

1. Total strength of Pigeons. (including the additional birds required for full service)

2. Your pigeon ration scale.

3. Daily amount in Kilos of pigeon food required.

A.S. Cain Major
for Brig
Comd

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Subject:- RATIONING OF ITALIAN ARMED FORCES

Military Mission to Italian Army.
Ref MQ/2
25 Nov 43

S.H.A.E.F.

Copy to:- FLAMBO
GENERAL LIBERTI WAR MINISTRY
NO 2 DISTRICT

In order to facilitate the distribution of supplies to the Italian Armed Forces the following information is required as soon as possible please:-

1. TOTAL MULE AND HORSE STRENGTH of the Italian Army. (NOT including those mule Companies already forwarded to the 8th Army.

2. TOTAL STOCKS OF FORAGE held in Italian Depots, state location.

3. FORAGE RATION SCALE as used by the Italian Armed Forces.

4. FORAGE REQUIREMENTS in bulk, to be demanded in the same way as other rations, according to your ration scale.

5. TOTAL STOCK OF COAL AND FUEL WOOD held in Italian Depots, state location.

6. COAL AND FUEL WOOD REQUIREMENTS to be demanded in the same way as ration scale. 1 lb coal, or 7 lbs wood per Officer or man per day.

7. BULLY BEEF as per your stock statement, is shewn in tins presumed to be 250 grammes NETT. Would you please state total stock in KILOS.

8. LOCAL RESOURCES REQUIREMENTS. Daily requirements in Kelos of (a) FRESH FRUIT (b) FRESH VEGETABLES.

9. Price you propose to pay.

10. Does the Italian Army propose obtaining any supplies from the CALABRIA REGION, if so, what quantities.

11. Total stocks of POTATOES held by the Italian Army.

12. What is the Italian Army's policy with regard to obtaining potatoes for the following season.

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12. What is the Italian Army's policy with regard to obtaining potatoes for the following season.

13. Any stocks of seed potatoes held by the Italian Army.

Please ensure that the above particulars are forwarded to this Headquarters in due course

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S. L. Cann Major.
for BRIG.
COMD.

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Subject:- Supply of Flour in POTENZA PROVINCE.

Military Mission to
Italian Army
HQ/C
21 Nov 43

INTENDENZA 7 ITALIAN ARMY

SIRE 3° RIPARTO for information

Reference your 2926/Comm of 19 Nov.

1. Under orders of General ROBERTSON all supplies for the civil population must be kept entirely distinct from that of the Army. I cannot therefore ask AFHQ to revoke their order.

2. If you wish to make some arrangement for Provincial "Sezione delc Alimentazione" to act as your distributing agent, no doubt this could be arranged. In this case you should state the location and strength of military detachment involved and send flour in advance for distribution to them. Your letter speaks only of flour and is not clear as to how you are handling other rations.

Col Lockett
Brig
Comd

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P.M.107, 19 /11/ 1943 Anno

INTENDENZA DELLA 7ª ARMATA
C o m m i s s a r i a t o
Vettovagliamento

A/LA MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA
PRESSO IL COMANDO DELLA 7ª ARMATA

= L E Q U I L E =

Risposta al foglio del

Prot. N. 2726 /Comm *Allegati* *Div.* *Sez.* *N°*

OGGETTO Rifornimenti di farina alle truppe della provincia di Potenza.

L' Amgot di Potenza, con recente disposizione, ha vietato a quella Sezione Provinciale dell' Alimentazione di fornire la farina ai presidi italiani della provincia.

Tenendo conto della dislocazione eccentrica dei reparti rispetto al capoluogo e delle difficoltà dei trasporti, l' approvvigionamento dei singoli presidi, con farina dell' Amministrazione militare, presenta delle insormontabili difficoltà.

Prego cotesta Missione di compiacersi provocare la revoca del provvedimento adottato dall' Amgot di Potenza, consentendosi alla Sezione Provinciale dell' Alimentazione di quella città di continuare a fornire la farina ai vari presidi.

Ove ciò non fosse assolutamente possibile, si potrebbe ugualmente sfruttare l' organizzazione dei rifornimenti della predetta Sezione, disponendo che la medesima continui gli approvvigionamenti in parola, salvo a fine mese il reintegro dei quantitativi di farina distribuiti.

Tale reintegro da parte dell' Amministrazione militare dovrebbe effettuarsi con unica affluenza, o a Potenza, o in altra sede indicata dalla predetta SEPRAL, allo scopo di realizzare economia nei trasporti.-

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IL GENERALE DI BRIGATA INTENDENTE
(Oreste Moricca)

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UBJECT: Food Supplies for Ital[illegible] Troops

Military Mission to
Italian Armies
AG/2
Nov 43

S.M.R.E. 3° Reparto

Attached herewith letter forwarded to this H.Q. from INTENDENZA 7th Army on the subject of Food Supplies; As this Mission is now operating only with S.M.R.E. 3° Reparto and not 7th Italian Army it is considered that the necessary action be taken by you.

L. B. Lam Brig
Lt. Brig
Comd

SWC/hc

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ST.

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SECRET

Subject: Rations for Italian Troops

Rear H.Q. Eighth Army
M.E.

ST Branch,
H.Q. British Military Mission,
31 Corps

A 4853 ST

21 Sep 43.

Copy to:- "Q" Rear Army
ADST 88 Area

Reference this H.Q. signal A 776 of 21 Sep 43.

1. Arrangements will be put in hand for the supply of rations to 31 Corps wef 24 Sep 43 for consumption on 25 Sep 43 from No. 11 BSD at CROTONE.

2. Your indent should reach 11 BSD as far in advance as possible and should state total ration strength of British and Italian forces separately.

3. Rations will be issued in bulk by the BSD. It will be the responsibility of the Intendenza Commissario to issue in detail to sub-formations, units, messes etc as necessary. For this purpose the appropriate British and Italian Ration Scales are attached. The earlier that the Commissario sections gain experience in handling the various ration items the more advantageous this will be.

4. Instructions concerning the maximum exploitation of Local Resources have already been forwarded. Great importance is attached to the utmost conservation of Tinned Foods of all kinds and to the earliest possible production under 31 Corps arrangements of Bread, Macaroni, Tomato Puree, Paste and Sauce.

5. The number of Italian Rations drawn will not exceed 25,000 at any time (British Rations excluded). This ruling applies regardless of the strength of Italian forces to be maintained. The ration will if necessary be adjusted to meet the total commitment from time to time within this limit which will not be exceeded [illegible]

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ADST 86 Area

Reference this HQ Signal A 776 of 21 Sep 43.

1. Arrangements will be put in hand for the supply of rations to 81 Corps wef 24 Sep 43 for consumption on 25 Sep 43 from No. 11 BSD at BROUNI.

2. Your indent should reach 11 BSD as far in advance as possible and should state total ration strength of British and Italian forces separately.

3. Rations will be issued in bulk by the BSD. It will be the responsibility of the Intendenza Commissario to issue in detail to sub-formations, units, messes etc as necessary. For this purpose the appropriate British and Italian Ration Scales are attached. The earlier that the Commissario sections gain experience in handling the various ration items the more advantageous this will be.

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6. In view of the supply of biscuits and preserved meat already in 81 Corps possession and in course of consumption these commodities will be underdrawn as follows:-
Biscuit - 4 days - (until 28 Sep 43)
P Meat - 7 - (" 1 Oct 43).
Please ensure that this instruction is carried out.

[signature]
Brig.
DDST.

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ITALIAN TROOPS RATION SCALE

1. Until further instructions are given the following ration scales will be issued to Italian troops. A directive will shortly be received through staff channels on the future maintenance policy for Italian military personnel and these scales are therefore to be regarded as provisional only.

2. (a) For Italian military personnel in transit to Base areas, OR on dependent strength for a period not exceeding 24 hours, the Eighth Army Operational Scale will be issued. This scale is as follows:-

P.Meat	8 ozs.	Tea	½ oz.
Biscuits	12 "	Sugar	1 7/8 "
Rice	4 "	Milk	1 2/5 "
	Salt ½ oz.		

(b) For all Italian personnel on dependent strength for a period exceeding 24 hours and NOT in transit, e.g. Base Camps under reorganisation or operating as reformed units, the following scale will be issued. (This scale is the basic scale as shewn in Para b (iii) of S.R.O. No. 24, modified to adjust the non-availability of Macaroni and with the additions to which working personnel are entitled).

Bread (Local)	16 ozs	or Biscuits	14 ozs
Flour	3 "	(For the manufacture of Macaroni etc. under Unit arrangements).	

Rice 4 " Milk 1 2/5 "
Salt ¼ oz.

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Bread (Local)	16 ozs	or Biscuits		14 ozs
Flour	6 "	(For the manufacture of Macaroni etc. under Unit arrangements).		
Fruit Fresh	2 "			
Ground Nuts	2 "			
Jam or Marmalade	1 "	or Tomato Puree		1½ ozs
		or Tomato Paste		1½ "
Meat Pres.	3 "	--- Daily.		
Milk Tnd.	1 2/5 ozs.			
Oil Cottonseed	1½ ozs			
Onions	2 "	or Garlic		1/3 oz.
Peas/Beans/Lentils	3 "			
Pepper	1/100 oz			
Onions	1 oz)	in lieu Pototoes		6 ozs
Rice	2 ")			
Raisins	1 "	or Ground nuts		1 "
Rice	1½ "			
Salt	½ "			
Sugar	½ "			
Tea	¼ "			
Vegetables fresh	4 "	or Peas/Beans/Lentils		2/3 oz
Vinegar	¼ "			
Tobacco Local	½ "	per week or Cigarettes Local		35 per week
Matches	1 box per week.			

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