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Subject : Ration Scale - FERRLI I.C.G.

50 British Liaison Unit.

Ref ST/5/10.

10 Jan. 45.

S. & T.
M.M.I.A.

92.

Receipt is acknowledged of your ST/5 dated 30 Dec.

Not having received letter ST/6/12/5 of 24 Dec from DEST 15 Army Group it is not easy to follow the context of your letter, but may I point out that I have at no time been informed of any amendment to the ration scale as laid down in the pamphlet to which you refer, which pamphlet was issued to me from your office on about 5 Sept.

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He was!! I told him myself and handed out copies made on my 2nd copy

ADST

"S & T. MMIA.

Recd 13 Jan 45.

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SUBJECT: Equivalents

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
AA/2-31
7 January 1945

TO : Ministry of War

1. We list below equivalents for Nuts, shelled:

Nuts

Nuts, shelled ½ ounce, or Nuts, unshelled 1 ounce.

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

TTR/ri
Copies to: MMIA LO Naples
MMIA LO Sardinia
MMIA LO 5th. Army
MMIA LO Sicily
MMIA LO 54 Area
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SECRET

SUBJECT : Ration Scale for Italian Armed Forces

50 Brit Liaison Unit

SZ/5/10

ST MAIA
ST 1 District

9 Jan 45

The FRIULI ICG has now completed two regimental exercises and experience in both of them has shown the unsuitability of the present ration scale.

1. There are at present no tinned alternatives to the fresh ration issue of flour, vegetables and fruit with the result that it is extremely difficult to make up a hard ration for issue to troops in a forward area where it may not always be possible to bring up rations from the rear.

Having regard to the nature of the country in which it seems probable that this Group may be called upon to operate it is considered essential that this defect should be made good and that authority should be given for the issue of biscuit as an alternative to flour, tinned vegetables as an alternative to fresh, and jam as an alternative to fresh fruit and for the P Meat ration in a hard ration to be increased from 4 oz to 6 oz.

2. It is considered that additions should be made to the Hosp Diet. This at present consists only of tinned milk, rice, semolina, margarine and meat extract. It is thought that the following items should be added. Jam, cocoa, sugar, chocolate, powdered eggs. The somewhat anomolous position exists at present that the MOs of the Group have been issued with Med Baskets but have nothing with which they can fill them. Apart from that consideration it is considered that the items enumerated above should be added to the Hosp Diet.

3. No detailed comments are made as to the general adequacy of the ration scale as it is understood that this matter has been taken up on a high level, but briefly the following are the minimum changes considered necessary in addition to the alternatives specified in (1) above :-

i)	MACARONI	Increase ration from 3 oz to 5 oz
ii)	OLIVE OIL	" " " 1 oz to $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz
iii)	SALT	" " " $\frac{1}{2}$ oz to $\frac{3}{4}$ oz

iv) Include a periodic issue of fresh meat as an alternative to tinned meat.

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DADST

CMF
GAP/SYB

Copy made for A/Q 18 Jan

Copy to : ST 15 Army Group
Fifth Army (Brit Increment)
XIII Corps
51 Brit Liaison Unit
52 " " "
53 " " "
54 " " "
56 " " "

*G & T. MMA.

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SUBJECT:- Issue of Nuts.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(I.N.I.A.)
SC/5

10 Jan 45.

Direc.Gen.Commandeering,
Italian War Ministry.

Copy to:- All INIA Cols
A/C INIA

1. Retroactive this date, the scale of issue of nuts is as follows:-

Shelled - 2 oz per man per day.
or Unshelled - 1 oz per man per day.

2. Please inform all concerned, accordingly.

A.L. Cama, Major,
for Col. D.A.C.
ADCT, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (INIA).

HDC/ms

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Lt. Hopkins
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50 Amex
1 Beale
2 Beale
50 Blue
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Fwd Over Kenor 8 Army
Kenor
Kelly
Marshburn
1st FTO (Major Gilcrist)
France (Lt Col Dennis)

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Subject:- Ration Scale - Italian Provided Items.

LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMM. A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.)
NAPLES
STN/18

1 January 1945.

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

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Further to our STN/18 of 27 December 1944

1. The following is submitted as a suggested Ration Scale:-

COMMODITY.	RATION
(1) Olive Oil	10 grammes/daily
(2) Salt	24 " "
(3) Nuts	60 " "
Wine	½ litre/daily
Cigarettes	
(4) Free Issue ("Macedonia""Nazion")	5 gram/daily
(5) Payment (Milit)	5 " "
(6) Matches	40 Matches/week
(7) Soap	300 grames/month

NOTES

(1) Ration Olive Oil normally 28 grames or 1 ounce. Due to overall civilian and Military supply, ration is 10 grames at present.
(2) Ration Salt is 20 grms/individual plus 4 grms for bread making.
(3) Ration Nuts is 60 grms - considering weight of shell etc.
(4) Ration of Cigarettes is 5 cigarettes (5 grms) daily as free issue.
(5) Where payment type cigarettes is available 5 cigarettes/daily added.
(6) Ration Matches is 40 matches weekly. Italian matches come in 100 matches/box.
(7) Soap is 300 grms/month as maximum.
Discretion of unit commanders on actual distribution to increase or decrease amount for soldiers depending on need (office soldier and heavy manual labour (e.g. mechanic).

2. The above applies to Naples stocks, and it is appreciated that it may vary with other Sectors.

GEORGE D. SMITH JR,
Major Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer.

KRN/bc

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REFERENCE: SERIAL NO.

Communicated by: Lt.J.J.N.Horlick, Colon. Ods. : 31 Dec. 44.

FROM: R/S Comm/to. "S" T. MMAA. : 15301/S/1

Sussistenze -rench. : 31 Dec. 44.

SUBJECT: Ration of dried fruit, salt and fresh vegetables.

This Ministry, as you have already been informed, in the food table attached to letter 7650/S of 26 Jul. 44., has always issued to Italian Troops the dried fruit and salt rations at the scale of 28 grs. and 20 grs. respectively considering the easy availability of such items and the smallness of ration of ½ oz.

With the new system of supply of locally produced items for BR-ITI and US-ITI troops, it has occurred that you have bid for the issues to BR-ITI and US-ITI troops calculating always on the basis of the ration of ½ oz.; in this way, whereas the ITI-ITI units directly supplied from Italian Depots get the ration of 20 grs. of salt and 28 grs. of dried ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ fruit, the BR-ITI and US-ITI units receive, instead, a ration of ½ oz. per man per day.

This differentiation is all the more grave as the troops that draw ~~xxxx~~ less are those that are in need of better feeding, considering the physical discomforts and the strain they have to undergo.

The same question has ~~xxxxxx~~ also arisen about fresh veg. for soup items. In fact, the Italian troops supplied from Allied depots receive a daily ration of 225 grs., whereas this Ministry as you have already been informed in letter 799/I/S of 20 Mar. 44., has considered it advisable to augment the ration itself to 350 grs., as from 10 Apr. 44., considering that fresh vegetables are issued with cores, leaves, etc.

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So as to get rid of the inconveniences mentioned above will you please inform your L.O.s with BR-ITI and US-ITI units, that bids for dried fruit and salt are made on the basis of the ration of 28 and 20 grams and that units are issued with 350 grams of fresh vegetables.

Then for those units that do their own baking, the bids for salt should actually be heightened to 24 grams, considering that for the production of 440 grams of bread, 4 grams of salt are actually needed.

We await your kind confirmation to our requests.

(Signed) PALLIGRA, for the Minister.

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Roma P.M. 200 21 dicembre 1944

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DIREZIONE GENERALE
DEI SERVIZI DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE
-Divisione Sussistenze-

N. 15301 S/1 di prot.
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Risposta al Foglio N.
del

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

R O M A

OGGETTO : razione frutta secca, sale e verdura fresca.-

Questo Ministero - come segnalato anche a codesta Sottocommissione con la tabella viveri allegata al dispaccio 7550/S. del 26 luglio c.a.- ha sempre distribuito alle truppe italiane le razioni di frutta secca e sale rispettivamente in gr.28 e 20, in considerazione della facile reperibilità di tali generi e della tenuità della razione di 1/2 oncia.

Con il nuovo sistema di rifornimento dei generi di produzione locale, è avvenuto che cotesta Sottocommissione richiede le cessioni per le truppe BR-ITI e US-ITI calcolando il fabbisogno sempre in base alla razione di ½ oncia; in tal modo, mentre i reparti ITI-ITI direttamente riforniti dai Magazzini italiani ricevono la razione di gr.20 di sale e di gr.28 di frutta secca, i reparti BR-ITI e US-ITI ricevono, invece, una razione di ½ oncia giornaliera per uomo.

Tale sperequazione è tanto più grave in quanto le truppe che vengono a prelevare in meno sono proprio quelle che hanno bisogno di un'alimentazione migliore, in rapporto ai disagi fisici ed agli sforzi cui sono sottoposte.

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Per ovviare agli incovenienti di cui sopra si prega cotesta Sottocommissione di voler comunicare agli Ufficiali di Collegamento M.N.I.A. delle unità BR-ITI e US-ITI, che le richieste di frutta secca e sale vanno effettuate in base alla razione di gr.28 e 20 e che ai reparti va distribuita la razione di gr.350 lordi di verdura fresca.

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Per quei reparti poi che provvedono direttamente alla panificazione, la richiesta di sale dovrebbe anzi essere portata a gr.24, considerato che per la produzione di 440 gr.di pane occorrono appunto gr.4 di sale.

Si resta in attesa di un cortese cenno di conferma.-

p. IL MINISTRO

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TRANSLATION.

Translated by: Tan Pancciolo

From: War Ministry Commissariato

Date: 29/12/44

Serial No: 14570/S/1

Date: 28 Dec.44

To: ~~FFFF~~ / Major T. MAMA.

Subject: Rations not collected.

In your letter ST/5 dated the 27 Oct.44 the MMIA stated that the soldier has a right to the full ration which is his due, even if there are certain items missing temporaly in the Depots.

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This system has created a certain amount of difficulties in its practical application.

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This obviously falses the data as to the effective stocks existing in a depot, and these data do not correspond to the figures shown in the "P" forms, and create an accountancy for the bonuses issued, that makes a good deal of confusion.

Considering also that often, these bonuses are collected after some time, so that other men use the items than those for who they were originally intended, we would like the MMIA to consider the necessity of limiting the validity of these bonuses for a period of 15 days and not more.

In this way the accountancy would remain open till the compilation of the "P" forms, and the actual stocks in the Depot would correspond to those shown on the accounting books.

Would the MMIA be so kind as to approve what is above stated or give us any better suggestions so as to eliminate these difficulties.

for THE MINISTER sig. [illegible]

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Roma F.N.3800 28 dicembre 1944

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Risposta al foglio N.
del

Al LA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C.(M.M.I.A.) ROMA

OGGETTO prelevamento in mano di razioni.

Con foglio ST/5 del 27 ottobre 1944 codesta Sottocommissione affermava il diritto del soldato alla integrale razione viveri spettantegli, a prescindere dalle temporanee indisponibilità di taluni generi nei magazzini.

Questo Ministero dispose che, per i generi mancanti, i magazzini rilasciassero al reparto prelevante dei controbuoni con cui effettuare successivamente il prelevamento.

Tale sistema ha lasciato affiorare però, alcune difficoltà pratiche di attuazione.

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Ciò, come è ovvio, viene a falsare sensibilmente i dati relativi alla effettiva esistenza del magazzino distributore, dati che non trovano più corrispondenza con la dimostrazione periodicamente esibita a mezzo del mod.P, mentre, d'altra parte, creano una contabilità relativa di controbuoni che ingenera non poca confusione.

Considerando, altresì, il fatto che spesso, a distanza di tempo, di quei generi resisi in seguito disponibili ne beneficiano militari diversi da quelli che non ne usufruirono, si prospetta a codesta Sottocommissione la necessità di limitare la validità dei controbuoni alla durata della quindicina cui la distribuzione deficitaria si riferisce e non oltre.

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In tal modo la contabilità rimarrebbe sospesa fino alla compilazione del mod.F e l'esistenza reale di magazzino corrisponderebbe esattamente a quella contabile.

Si resta in attesa di benestare da parte di codesta Sottocommissione o di più opportuni suggerimenti per ovviare all'inconveniente segnalato.

p.IL MINISTRO

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SUBJECT:- Ration Scale - Italian Armed Forces.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/5

D.S.T., A.F.H.Q.

30 Dec 44.

Reference DDST 15 Army Group letter ST/6/12/5 of 24 December 1944, copy to this HQ.

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3. The travel ration referred to in the a/q letter was authorised by D.C.A.O., HQ AAI on 29 June 1944.

4. The Hospital Scale shown in attachment to a/q letter is a patient/day interpretation of the scale authorized in Annex 'E' to AFHQ letter AG/400/105 D-O of 22 September 1944.

5. It is noted that DADST 50 BLU has apparently included in the basic ration scale attached to the a/q letter the additional 6 ozs. of flour and 1 oz. of Preserved Meat authorized in AFHQ signal FX 52252 of 13 Nov 1944 for issue to certain Italian military forward of Army rear boundaries when engaged in arduous conditions of work and/or bad weather.

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6. The various alternatives set out in attachment to a/q letter are those used normally to permit issues to be made based on commodity stock holdings at the time and, further, to use up certain stocks of Italian items, e.g. Surrugato, Meat Paste, thus conserving supplies from Allied sources.

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B.L.PERCEVAL.
Lt.Col. RASC,
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).

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Copy to:- Q (Maint)
Q.M.
DDST 15 Army Group
DADST 50 BLU
A/Q MMIA.

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SUBJECT:- Ration Scale - Italian Armed Forces.

DST AFHQ

~~A.P.H.Q.~~ (For ~~A~~DST).

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Q.M.) For information.
A/Q MMIA. DASST ~~15~~ 15 Army Group.
DASST to BLU

Lt Colonel.

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Subject: Italian Armed Forces Ration Scale.

LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
NAPLES
STN/18

27 December 1944.

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AQ?

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

1. It is recommended by this office that a revised Italian Armed Forces Ration Scale (Allied and Italian components) be published.

2. Included in a revision it is recommended to note equivalents; e.g. issue of "Chile con Carne" and solid preserved meats.

3. The Italian component of the Ration often causes questions; e.g. free and payment cigarettes, salt (4 grams added for the making of bread), etc.

4. If HQ MMIA should publish such a scale with a wide distribution, it is believed that it would be helpful to all concerned.

GEORGE D. SMITH, JR
Major, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

KRM/jlm

To: 2 T, MMIA.
Date: 29 Dec
Ref: ST/ 5

ADST
DADS

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I think Smith is right. The scale in the pamphlet has not had a wide distribution.
Prepare a draft for publication showing all equivalents

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Subject: Ration Scale - Italian Armed Forces.

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HQ 15 ARMY GROUP,
Tel: FILFOT 344-5.
ST/6/12/5.
24th Dec 44.

D.S.T., A.F.H.Q.

Copy to: A.D.S.T., M.M.I.A.,
"G".

1. The attached copy of the Ration Scale for Italian Armed Forces (w.e.f. August 1st 1944) has been received from M.M.I.A. by D.A.D.S.T., 50 B.L.U.

2. It will be observed that whilst the only basic difference in the main scale is the increase of Peas and Beans Dried by 1 oz. and the deletion of Veg. Dehyd. 1 oz., there are considerable variations in the alternatives which may be issued, none of which are authorised as far as your instructions are concerned.

3. It will also be observed that a "Travelling Ration" is quoted and here again, no other information would appear to be available.

4. It is requested that urgent action may be taken to clarify the position as considerable discontent is arising amongst the Italians who feel that they are not receiving their proper entitlement. Should there be no authority for the issue of this ration scale, it is further requested that strong representations be made to M.M.I.A. to the effect that any further embarrassment of a difficult situation is to be deprecated.

Brigadier,
D.D.S.T.

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COPY

RATION SCALE FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES
(w.e.f. 1 Aug 44)

Single Ration Scale.

For All Troops.

Items from Allied Sources.

	Oz.
Flour.	
Normally the entire ration of Flour will be converted into Bread before the issue to unit takes place. The scale of issue of Bread under this arrangement will be 442 grms daily.	18 12
Part or all of the Flour Ration may be substituted from time to time by Biscuits weight for weight.	
Macaroni (from Allied sources).	3
Rice	1
Preserved Meat or Fish	
Preserved meat includes all types of canned meat, meat and vegetable compounds, sausages, etc. Preserved Fish includes all varieties of canned fish, salted fish in barrels, etc. Dehydrated Meat may be issued in lieu of Preserved Meat or Fish at one-third weight i.e. 1 oz. per man per day.	3 4 oz. P. Meat
Pulses.	
Pulses means Dried Peas, Beans or Lentils. Dehydrated Vegetables. (the specially-processed technical product) may be issued in lieu of Pulses at one-half weight i.e. $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz. per man per day. Tinned Vegetables may be issued in lieu of Pulses at double weight i.e. 6 ozs. per man.	3 2 1
Cheese.	1
Tomato Preserve.	$\frac{1}{2}$
May be substituted by Meat Paste or Tinned Tomatoes weight for weight or by Tomato Juice at double weight, i.e. 1 oz. per man per day.	

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Pulses. — 3 / 2 / 1

Pulses means Dried Peas, Beans or Lentils.
Dehydrated Vegetables. (the specially-processed technical product) may be issued in lieu of Pulses at one-half weight i.e. 1½ oz. per man per day. Tinned Vegetables may be issued in lieu of Pulses at double weight i.e. 6 ozs. per man.

Cheese. — 1

Tomato Preserve. — ½

May be substituted by Meat Paste or Tinned Tomatoes weight for weight or by Tomato Juice at double weight, i.e. 1 oz. per man per day.

Sugar. — 1

Coffee. — ½

May be substituted by Surrogate weight for weight, by Cocoa at one-half weight i.e. ½ oz. per man per day by Tea at one-third weight i.e. 1/6 oz. per man per day.

Pepper. — 1/200

Matches per week. — 2 books or 1 box

Items from Italian Sources.

Fresh Fruit. — 4

Fresh Vegetables. — 8

Olive Oil. — 1

Nuts. — ½

Salt. — ½

Wine. — ½ litre

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Travelling Ration.

(To be issued in lieu of Allied portion of single Ration Scale).

Biscuits.	400 grms.

May be substituted by 425 grms Flour to be made into biscuits before departure.

Preserved Meat/Fish.	4 ozs.

Hospital Scale.

(Special items to be issued in addition to Single Ration Scale for certified strengths of Hospital Patients).

	Grams.
Tinned Milk.	21,593
Rice.	40, 77
Semolina (or similar product).	10, 57
Margarine.	36, 24
Meat Extract.	1, 812

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SUBJECT:- Biscuits. Issue of.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(MMIA).
ST/5
13 Dec 44.

DADST
50 ELU.

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Reference your ST/5/10 dated 8 Dec 44.

1. It is left to the discretion of the operational or divisional commander to authorise the issue of Biscuits in lieu of Flour at the same rate and on a weight for weight basis.

2. It is also permitted to issue them under similar conditions as part of the travelling ration.

3. This is laid down in MMIA Supply and Accounting Instructions and has not been rescinded at any time.

E L Mann-Mason
Capt

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ST/5
15 Dec 44.

DADST
50 MLU.

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Capt
for B.L.PERCEVAL.
Lt.Col RASC.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.(MMIA).

ELM/nc

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Subject:- Ration Scale 'FRIULI' Div.

5 British Liaison Unit
Ref:- ST/5/10
8 Dec 44

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M M I A

In the Supply Organisation and Accounting Instructions the scale of flour is 12ozs per man per day (since amended for, this Div to 18oz) and it is stated that " Part or all of the flour ration may be substituted from time to time of biscuit weight for weight" and biscuit is also provided in the TRANSIT RATION.

I have not received any amended instructions on this point.

I am now informed by S&T 1 Dist that in accordance with their Departmental Instructions No 116 there is no alternative to the issue of flour and that therefore biscuit can only be issued under special circumstances.

If amendments have been issued to your original instructions may I please be supplied with a copy.

Maj
D A D S T

C M F
GAB/RCB

S & T, MMIA.

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SUBJECT:- Ration Scales.

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Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/5

50 B.I.U.

7 Dec 44.

Your ST/5/40 of 4 Dec 44 refers.

1. The ration scale set out in the pamphlet referred to by the Friuli Commissariato was established by the Combined Chiefs of Staff in Washington and this HQ has no authority to effect any alterations.

2. Certain recommendations have recently been submitted to A.F.H.Q. by this HQ which may eventually produce changes. Until these are authorised you must continue to work on the official scale and on that only.

3. You are reminded that Italian unit commanders are authorised to effect certain local purchases from funds furnished by the Ministry of War on a per lira/man/day basis. This allowance varies from 5 to 10 lire per man/day depending on localities in which troops are situated.
If this allowance is wisely administered it is felt the increases mentioned by you could be furnished.

B.I.PERROTV.
Lt.Col. RASC,
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).

MM/jc

Copy to:- HQ 1 District (For ST)

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Subject:- Ration Scale for 'FRIULI' Div.

30 British Liaison Unit

Ref, ST/5/10

4 Dec 44

To S.& T. MMIA.

Herewith English interpretation of a letter which I have received from the Supply Major on the Div Staff, on the subject of their ration scale, in respect of certain items in that portion of the scale which is drawn from Italian sources.

Would you please let us know as soon as possible whether authority can be given for the items referred to, to be issued on the scale on which they have hitherto been issued. I think the question of the salt ration in particular, should receive favourable consideration. A reduction in that ration from 240gms to 140gms will make it very hard to provide for the baking of the additional flour which has now been added to the ration scale.

Copy to:- SDT 1 list.

CMF
GAD/RCB

Maj,
D.A.D.S.T.

"S & T" MMIA.
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MANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO " FRIULI"
Ufficio Commissariato.

No. 1649/Co. di prot. P.M. 79. December 3rd. 1944.

SUBJECT - Rations.

TO THE D.A.D.S.T. 50 B.L.U.

On checking the Ration Table shown in the Pamphlet " Organisation of Rations Supply to the Italian Armed Forces and Instructions regarding Forms and Vouchers ", with that furnished by the War Office (circular 7650/S dated July 26th), we have found the following differences :-

FRESH VEGETABLES :- The Pamphlet Table shows an allotment of 8 ozs. of fresh vegetables, i.e. 226 grammes, while the instructions received from the War Office show a ration of fresh vegetables amounting to 350 grammes.

DRY FRUIT.:- The above mentioned Table shows a ration of ½ oz of nuts (gr 14) but up to the present the ration has been of grammes 28, dry fruit, shelled almonds.

SALT. :- From the War Office we have been informed that salt must be given at the rate of 20 grammes daily per man. Furthermore, 4 grammes of salt must be supplied for baking of the bread ration (grammes 440). Up to now we have drawn from the Italian Stores a total of 24 grammes daily per man.

The Pamphlet Table, instead, shows the salt ration as ½ oz - grammes 14 - and does not take into account the salt required for baking.

We understand that the salt could be distributed from the British Depot at the rate of grammes 20, of which grammes 6 could be used for baking and grammes 14 for ration cooking.

The differences above mentioned will affect the men's ration, reducing the quantity which up to the present has been given.

We shall be obliged, therefore, if you will request the M.M.I.A. to authorise rations of fresh vegetables and dry fruit in accordance with the figures given by the War Office, and salt rations as per our suggestion - grammes 20.

IL MAGGIORE COMMISSARIO CAPO UFFICIO.
Benedetti Flavio.

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IL MAGGIORE COMMISSARIO CAPO UFFICIO.
Benedetti Flavio.

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S.T. 84

Subject: Ration Scale for Italian Armed Forces.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E.
AQ/2 - 18

3 Dec 44

A.F.H.Q. for G4 (Br)

1. (a) I keep on getting complaints from the Italians regarding what they consider the inadequacy of the present "Single Scale" ration.

(b) I fully appreciate that this whole matter was considered in detail last summer and that the C.C.S. have decided on the existing scale in the light of all the factors involved, e.g. availability of supplies, calorific value, etc. Moreover, I was informed by the Italians themselves that the present ration was better than they had under their own regime. On this basis I sent attached letter AQ/2 dated 11 Aug to H.Q., A.A.I.

2. However, in view of the complaints, I demanded from the Italians what I have been unable to secure hitherto, viz. a categorical statement of the rations issued to their troops pre-armistice. I have now received this and examined it in relation to the Single Scale ration.

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(c) The special parachutist ration, designed to give that type of soldier a higher ration scale than the normal soldier, need not be considered in the comparison.

4. (a) It is understood that :-

(i) the calorific value of the British ration is 4300 and that of the American is slightly higher.

(ii) a ration with calorific value of not less than 3500 is necessary to maintain energy sufficient for a reasonably hard day's work and that a higher figure is required under arduous conditions of effort or weather. It is for this reason that increases to meet arduous conditions were authorised in your FX 62252 of 13 Nov.

(b) Annex "A" of AFHQ letter AG.400/105 D-O dated 22 Sept states that the "total calorific value of the ration (Italian) is 3290".

5. Taking all the above into account, App."A" and "B" appear to shew that the calorific value of the present single scale Italian ration is :-

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(a) lower than the pre-armistice scale -
on American data, by 445 calories,
on British " " 534 "

(b) actually less than the stated 3290 calories (see para 4(b) above):-
on American data, by 332 calories
" British " " 162 "

while being at the same time less bulky, though the Italian soldier particularly likes bulk and a "tight belt".

6. If my calculations are correct, two aspects arise -

(a) the general aspect as regards the adequacy of the ration for the Italian Army as a whole,

(b) the particular aspect of the Italian combat groups under hard training and (inevitably) hard conditions of living in winter due to lack of accomodation and clothing.

The general aspect is, I realize, a matter for the CCS and I fancy that the Scale cannot now be changed.

As regards the particular aspect, I am informed by Finance Sub-Commission A.C. that the necessary doubling or trebling of the cash grant (to purchase items to make up the shortage of calories) would be most inadvisable on the grounds of inflation and because it would have other repercussions tending to the same financial result. Similarly Food Sub-Commission A.C. inform me that civilian stocks of food could not stand the strain produced by this extra army purchasing power.

The matter, however, could be solved by making applicable to all combat groups under training the increases authorisable under your FX 52252 of 13 Nov. I consider that there is a case for this, particularly as authority for that special increase has already been given for FRIULI and CREMONA Combat Groups on arrival in the forward area. LEGNANO, FOLGORE and MANTOVA are or shortly will be doing equally intensive training under worse conditions of clothing and accomodation. I therefore suggest that the

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7. For your consideration, please.

à Pariani
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Major General.
M.M.I.A.

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Subject: Ration Scale - Italians.

Army Sub Commission (MMIA)
H.Q., A.C.C.
R C M S
AQ/2.

11 Aug 44.

H.Q., A.A.I.

Ref your 1025/1/Q1(2) dated 8 Aug.

1. My American Second-in-Command has prepared the attached memorandum for me. I agree with it.

2. There are six main points, as I see it, viz :-

(a) The Italian soldier on the new scale will be better fed than he was before we arrived.

(b) The ration is perfectly adequate for him to do his job.

(c) The majority of the Italian Army scores by the introduction of the new scale, which is a compromise to provide "the greatest good for the greatest number".

(d) The Allies must have one policy in this matter.

(e) In view of the world wide shortage of food, shipping considerations etc, the CCS cannot authorize a higher scale.

(f) The people of the victorious Allies themselves have little to eat owing to the shortage.

3. (a) I can well understand commanders in the Field disliking a reduction of the Combat Scale. The Italians also will "play up" to this. But I do not see that we can alter the ration.

(b) I think our only policy can be to educate and explain to the Italians the reasons why the new Scale was decided on. If my remarks in para. 2 are properly explained not only in writing but also verbally to the Combat troops,

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(b) I think our only policy can be to educate and explain to the Italians the reasons why the new Scale was decided on. If my remarks in para. 2 are properly explained not only in writing but also verbally to the Combat troops, and they are told that this reduction is part of the price they have to pay for Allied victory and for ITALY "earning her passage", such genuine dissatisfaction as there may be should cease.

Sgd L. BROWNING,
Major General.
Army Sub Commission (AMIA).

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HEADQUARTERS
ARMY SUB COMMISSION ACC
APO 394, U.S. ARMY

SPK/lh
10 August 1944

AQ 2

SUBJECT: Italian Army Rations.

TO: General Officer Commanding, MMIA.

In connection with the AAI letter 1025/1/Q1(2) on rations for the Italian Army, I would like to make the following comments:

1. The ration now given the Italian soldier comes from three sources.

a. The imported items (US).
b. The "Italian Purchase" items - bought by Ministry of War.
c. The "Cash Purchase" items purchased by the unit Commander locally from funds furnished him by the Italian Army on a daily basis of so many lire per man per day - this varies from 3 to 10 lire per man per day.

The items under "a" and "b" are laid down by the CCS. The items under "c" are what is available locally. The principal item under "b" is olive oil and this has been in short supply for several months, but certain stocks are now being made available and issues will be made on the priority of (1) to Italian troops in Army Areas including Corsica (2) Italian troops employed by the Allies in rear of Army Areas (3) other Italian troops.

2. Prior to the arrival of the Allied Armies in Italy the ration of the Italian soldier was on a local purchase basis. Only the items of canned meat and biscuit were handled on a limited National basis. As the ration varied with the honesty and ability of each Italian Commander it is not possible to determine exactly the average amount of food furnished the Italian soldier. I am informed by Italian officers that the ration as set up under the old "B" Scale, when supplemented by the proper items under "b" and "c" of paragraph 1 above, was superior to anything to which the Italian soldier had previously been accustomed. The only complaint was that the Italians preferred more wheat elements, bread or pasta, to the meat and fish elements. I have been several Italian messes at meal times and the soldiers were well satisfied, at least as well satisfied as Allied soldiers who eat canned rations. I have yet to see a starving Italian soldier. Naturally, they might prefer some other item of diet, but they have not starved to death nor even been so undernourished that they could not work.

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3. The old "Combat" scale ration raised the living standard of the Italian soldier. Since he received all of the wheat he desired, there was no particular need to furnish him the "Cash purchase" part of the ration in substantial food available locally and the money went for such items as the Italian likes, but does not need. There are also some doubts as to whether items under "b" was furnished completely in some cases, and cases are known where only the olive oil was furnished as the Allied part of the ration was otherwise considered sufficient.

4. The new ration scale is actually a reduction of the "Combat" scale and an increase of the "B" scale. Supplemented with the two parts to the furnished by the Italians, the new scale, while still slightly below the desired amount of what, is adequate. There may be cases in the combat zone where the Italian parts of the ration cannot be furnished. However, local purchase of items is not a new system for the Italian, and unless they are forced to better themselves they will depend on the Allies for all the ration. This was never intended.

5. The effect of the "Combat" ration scale was to give the Italian soldier more than he had ever had before, and he liked it. In this the Allies themselves encouraged the Italins and sympathised with him. It must be remembered that the Italian normally eats only two meals a day , and only one of these is hot. We have now trained him to a better world and when he is out back, as inevitably he must be, there is resentment. But he will be out back in the end for Italian economy cannot support the Italian on Allied standards - so the Italian soldier will be disappointed, resentful of the government which cannot maint his new standard of living, and resentful of the Allies, who simply cannot feed the world on Allied standards. In fact the Italian taxpayer will never stand for its soldiers getting a new standard of food which must be taken from the already short supply available to civilians.

6. The effect of one Ally issuing additional items from national stock to Italian groups under its command, while the other Ally does not, would be disasterous, not only to morale but would place the Ally who did not make the issue on a bad basis with the Italians. Also, who can say that combat troops, or troops in the combat area, are entitled to more food than dock workers or truck drivers two hundred miles behind the fighting front. This argument plagued us when we had the two ration scales - the Commanders of labor units in the rear contending that their troops needed the same rations as troops in the combat zone. Actually, except for short and infrequent periods of exertion, combat troops do not burn up as much energy as troops laboring hour after hour every day on docks, road work,etc.

7. Suffice to say, if additional rations are given any troops, working for the Allies or purely on Italian work (which is nevertheless energy consuming) all trops must be given the same ration. Any other solution at this time would cause untold dissatisfaction.

8. I talked with our liaison officer with 5th Army where the Italian troops are on the new scale. He tells me that the only dissatisfaction with the new rations is that 8th Army are issuing their Italian troops additional food. A number of complaints about the ration have been investigated by him and he states that the complaints are unfounded and no Italian soldiers are suffering from malnutrition.

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9. I suggest, therefore, that no change be made in the ration, and that no additional food be furnished the Italians from any Allied stocks. To improve what is obviously a disturbing situation I would suggest (1) that the Allies cease trying to raise Italian standards of living and give no further moral support to the Italians on this basis, palying one Ally off against another and (2) that Allied Commanders insist (and supervise if necessary) that the Italian Commanders under their control secure, prepare and serve all of the food intended for the Italian soldier, evenk to the extention of assisting on purchasing and transportation where necessary.

10. We have people in the United States who are hungry, for one reason or another, and I cannot get excited about asking for more food to come from the United States. The mission of MMLA is to make the best of what we have given us, and to force the Italians to do their part. No Italian soldier need be hungry or unable to do his work on account of malnutrition from lack of Allied food. I doubt that such is the case.

(sgd) CLAYTON P. KERR
Colonel, Infantry.

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APPENDIX "A"

COMPARATIVE CALORIFIC VALUES IN RATION SCALES

BRITISH MINISTRY OF FOOD DATA

Commodity	Remarks	Calories per ounce	Typical Pre-Armistice Italian Scale			Present single scale	
			Weight Grams	Weight Ounces	Calories	Weight Ounces	Calories
Bread	If the Italian bread issue is transferred back to flour for comparison with the single ration issue, the corresponding flour issue would be (approx) 542 grams = 19.1 oz. = 2063 calories, an increase of 235 in the calory value of the Italian issue.	74	700	24.7	1828	—	—
Flour		108	-	-	-	12	1296
Dried Vegetables	Calculated as for dried peas.	83	-	-	-	2	166
Meat canned.	Calculated as for corned beef	66	200	7.05	465	3	198
Cheese		126	10	.35	44	1	126
Sugar		120	15	.54	65	1	120
Macaroni	As for flour	108	-	-	-	3	324
Rice		112	-	-	-	1	112
Dehydrated Veg.	- Taken as for double weight of dried peas @ 83 which may be issued in lieu.	166	-	-	-	1	166
Catsup or Tomato Paste		20	15	.54	11	1/2	10
Coffee or Coffee Sub		Nil	10	.35	-	1/2	-
Sugar		Nil	-	-	-	1/200	-

Dried Vegetables	Calculated as for dried peas.	83	-	-	-	2	166
Meat canned.	Calculated as for corned beef	66	200	7.05	465	3	198
Cheese		126	10	.35	44	1	126
Sugar		120	15	.54	66	1	120
Macaroni	As for flour	108	-	-	-	3	324
Rice		112	-	-	-	1	112
Dehydrated Veg.	- Taken as for double weight of dried peas @ 83 which may be issued in lieu.	166	-	-	-	1	166
Catsup or Tomato Paste		20	15	.54	11	1/2	10
Coffee or Coffee Sub		Nil	10	.35	-	1/2	-
Pepper		Nil	-	-	-	1/200	-
Fruit	Taken as a combination of apples (14) and Oranges(11)	13	-	-	-	4	52
Veg(fresh)	Taken on an average of 5 likely vegetables	7 1/2	-	-	-	8	60
Olive Oil		264	15	.54	142	1	264
Nuts	Taken as walnuts	156	-	-	-	1/2	78
Salt		Nil	20	.70	-	1/2	-
Wine		Nil	1/4 litre	-	-	1/2 litre	-
Pasta	As for flour	108	200	7.05	761	-	-
Pulses	As for dried peas	83	50	1.76	146	-	-
Total Daily calories of food issued				45 1/2	3462	39	2972
ADD: Cash grant of 3-10 lire per day according to locality.							say 156
TOTAL daily calories of food issued and bought					3462		3128

NOTE: The Italian soldiers ration has always been increased by extra-ordinary issues of "comfort rations" (chocolate, marmalade etc) under arduous conditions.

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APPENDIX "B"

COMPARATIVE CALORIFIC VALUES IN RATION SCALES

AMERICAN DATA
(WASHINGTON RESEARCH COUNCIL, FOOD AND NUTRITIVE BOARD NOV 1943)

Commodity	Remarks	Calories per ounce	Typical pre-Armistice Italian scale.			Present single scale	
			Weight Grams	Weight Ounces	Calories	Weight Ounces	Calories
Bread	See corresponding note in appendix A. 700 grams bread = 542 grams flour (approx) = 19.1 oz = 1929 calories(American figures) an increase of 101 calories in the value of the Italian issue.	74	700	24.7	1828	-	-
Flour		101	-	-	-	12	1218
Dried Vegetables	Calculated as for dried split peas	100½	-	-	-	2	201
Meat canned	Calculated as for corned beef	62	200	7.05	437	3	186
Cheese		109	10	.35	38	1	109
Sugar		111	16	.54	60	1	111
Macaroni		102	-	-	-	3	306
Rice		99	-	-	-	1	99
Dehydrated Veg.		103	-	-	-	1	103
Catsup or Tomato paste		12	16	.54	6	1/2	6
Coffee or Coffee sub.		311	10	.35	-	1/2	-
Pepper		311	-	-	-	1/200	-
Fruit	Calculated as a combination of apples and oranges	13	-	-	-	4	52

Cheese		109	10	.35	38	1	109
Sugar		111	15	.54	60	1	111
Macaroni		102	-	-	-	3	306
Rice		99	-	-	-	1	99
Dehydrated Veg.		103	-	-	-	1	103
Catsup or Tomato paste		12	15	.54	6	1/2	6
Coffee or Coffee sub.		Nil	10	.35	-	1/2	-
Pepper		Nil	-	-	-	1/200	-
Fruit	Calculated as a combination of apples and oranges	13	-	-	-	4	52
Vegetables (fresh)	Calculated on average of 5 likely vegetables	8 1/4	-	-	-	8	66
Olive oil		256	15	.54	138	1	256
Nuts	Calculated as Walnuts	190	-	-	-	1/2	95
Salt		Nil	20	.70	-	1/2	-
Wine		Nil	1/4 litre	-	-	1/2 litre	-
Pasta	Calculated as Macaroni	102	200	7.05	719	1	-
Pulses	Calculated as dried split peas	100 1/2	50	1.76	177	-	-
TOTAL daily calories of Food issued				43 1/2	3403	39	2802
ADD Cash grant of 3-10 lire per day according to locality.							say 156
TOTAL daily calories of food issued and bought					3403		2958

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PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Subject: Italian ration scale.

ABST
DATE

"S & T. MMIA.

Recd 3 Dec

File ST/ 5

C.C.,53 M.L.O.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
AQ/2-19.

2 Dec 44

Ref your Q4-17 dated 21 Nov and your MMIA LO's letter Q3 of 20 Nov, the following comments are made :-

1. We do not wish to appear hard-hearted or unsympathetic in this matter. We realise that these combat troops are prepared to go and fight for us, and that they are doing or about to do hard training under adverse conditions of weather, accomodation, clothing etc.

2. (a) But the fact remains that this whole matter was thrashed out very fully last summer. We submitted our recommendations to AAI who took up the matter with AFHQ. The latter had to get the decision from the Combined Chiefs of Staff at WASHINGTON, who in turn had to take into account factors such as availability of supplies, world wide demands, shipping facilities, calorific values of items etc. It was C.C.S. who decided on the present single-scale Italian ration. In any event, an alteration in the Scale would take time to implement, bearing in mind the shipping time-lag. All this has been explained ad nauseam to the Italians.

(b) Incidentally, we have worked out calorific values of the ration on British and American data, which are very different to the Italian calorie values shewn in the Italian letter 880/Gen/V di prot of 9 Nov. The Italian calorie values given in that letter are distinctly to the advantage of the Italian case ! Obviously, we must work on British or American calorie values, as we are providing the rations.

3. Since then, AFHQ telegram FX 52252 of 13 Nov has authorised a

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3. Since then, AFHQ telegram FX 58262 of 13 Nov has authorised a special increase in the ration for soldiers in the combat zone on specially arduous duty, of 6oz flour and 1 oz meat. But that is the only alteration that has been made and on a limited basis.

4. From the aspect of inflation and of the drain on civil food stocks, an increase in the cash grant per soldier for food is most inadvisable, I am informed by A.G.

5. (a) The graph of casualties in FOLGORE shews 1 1/2% sick for 1st half of October and 2 1/2% for the 2nd half. Our M.O. here informs me that 3 1/2% would not be undue in an Allied unit at this time of the year and that sick-rate naturally always rises in the winter.

(b) The table of ailments in FOLGORE for October shews 240 (out of 430 = 55 %) men sick from ailments such as fractures, syphilis, etc. which cannot possibly be attributed to malnutrition. This makes the percentages in 5 (a) look all the better.

6. The Italians naturally (and we in their position would do the same) make the biggest "song and dance" they can, so as to try and get a bigger ration. I am bound to say that they look remarkably well on the diet !

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7. The above is the state of affairs, therefore. It is not a matter of what we would like to give; it is what we are in a position and authorised to give. You, being new to this business, have not known the implications and background as we have.

8. The S.O.C. nevertheless has again represented what you say to AFHQ. Whether anything will come out of it, we do not know - probably nothing. It is just possible that the increase mentioned in para 3 might be authorised for combat groups in training, in rear of the Combat Zone. But do BUT tell the Italian this. They would at once take it as a firm promise. All you can tell the Italian at this moment is that their complaints and requests are being investigated by the S.O.C. personnely, and the contents of paras 2,3,4, 5 above. We will let you know what eventuates.

F.I. Noame.

W.J.SUMNER Col.
for Major General.
M.M.I.A.

LS/hh

Copy to: OC S2 SLU (LEONARD)

OC S4 SLU (MARTOVA)

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F.T.N. Gomez.
T.J. ROMERO Col.
for Major General.
A.G.I.S.

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GC 64 MLU (MARTUSA)
ST ANNA.

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SUBJECT:- Rations - Underdrawals.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).
SF/5

29 Nov 44.

LO
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).
SARDINIA.

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1. Reference your S/9 dated 21 Nov 1944 referring to our SF/5 dated 27 Oct 1944 instructions contained therein also apply to the Italian portion of the ration with the exception of Olive Oil, which is known to be in short supply.

2. Units which have underdrawn rations due to non - availability of stocks in Depots at dates of indenting and drawing are entitled to overdraw to make good as and when stocks are available.

B.L. PERCEVAL.
Lt.Col. RASC,
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).

SWO/jo

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"S & T. MMA

Rec'd 28 Nov

Ref 5

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Subject: Issue of tinned meat of Italian manufacture.

Ref 87/SOP 16 Nov 44

The tins of meat of Italian manufacture have been almost exclusively reserved up to now for issue as travel rations.

They have a net weight of 220 grams and are thus issued in the measure of one tin to every two men, a measure fixed by you in your letter AQ/15/2 of 6 Jul. 44. and confirmed by the pamphlet "Supply Organisation.....".

In the case where Italian meat is to be issued instead of Allied meat in the ordinary ration scale, instructions have been issued to the Commissariat Directorates that the ration scale laid down (84 grams or 3 ozs.), be adhered to.

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Ministero della Guerra
DIREZIONE GENERALE
DEI SERVIZI DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

- Divisione Sussistenze -

N. di Prot. 12736 / S.M. Sud
Allegati

Roma, D.M. 151, li 26 Nov. 1944.-

Al LA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

ROMA

Risposta al foglio N. ST/5
del 16 corrente

OGGETTO : distribuzione di carne in scatola di produzione nazio_
nale.-

ST
28/11

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Le scatolette di carne di produzione nazionale sono state, finora, riservate quasi esclusivamente per la distribu_ zione quale viveri di viaggio.-

Esse hanno un peso netto di gr.220 e vengono pertan_ to distribuite nella misura di una scatoletta ogni due uomini, misura fissata da codesta Sottocommissione con il foglio A4/15/2 del 6 luglio e confermata con il fascicolo a stampa sulla "Organizzazione per la fornitura dei viveri per le FF.AA/ italiane ed istruzioni contabili relative".

Per il caso in cui la detta carne nazionale debba essere distribuita in sostituzione della carne alleata nella razione ordinaria, sono state emanate disposizioni alle Direzioni di Commissariato, perchè si attengano alla prescritta razione di gr.84 (once 3).-

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p. IL MINISTRO

Pellizza 1723

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LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION (U.S.,U.K.)
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.O. 397, U.S. Army

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21 November 1944

SUBJECT: Rations - Underdrawals.

TO : Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Commission, (A.C.) U.S.,U.K.
A.P.O. 394, U.S. Army.
Attention: ADST.

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1. Reference your ST/5 of 27 October 1944, subject as above. Request clarification and amplification of how this policy affects the Italian portion of ration, especially in regard to olive oil and wine.

For The Senior Liaison Officer:

George L. Hossett
GEORGE L. HOSSETT,
Major, G.S.

GLH/sop

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DATE 1/6

*S & T, MMA.
Read 24 hrs
File ST/ 5

George is being smart! We can say the same applies to milk than say it cannot buy backlog made up to date!. Reply that, except for oil which has been withdrawn to act above certain stocks, the policy contained in subject letter stands good for Italian portion of ration and could not have had to withdraw due to non accumulating of 1737 in depots at dates of withdrawing are entitled to withdraw to make good when stocks are available.

Replied

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LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION (U.M.L.A.)
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.O. 397, U.S. Army

G/G 21 November 1944

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For The Senior Liaison Officer:

GEORGE L. FOSSETT,
Major, C.E.

GLF/eap

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SUBJECT:- Ration Scale.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/5/10

23 Nov 44.

D.A.D.S.T.
50 B. I. U.

Reference your ST/5/10 dated 16 Nov 44.

1. It is agreed, departmentally, that the equivalents of P.Meat are not entirely satisfactory in as much as the issue of P.Meat is the exception rather than the rule.

This is entirely due to the shortage of P.Meat that exists in this theatre.

2. The ration scale is laid down by the Combined Chiefs of Staff in consultation with ABMQ; its adequacy under varying conditions is constantly under review and the opinion expressed by you will be borne in mind when recommendations are made.

E. L. Mnew-Mason
Capt
for R.L. PERCEVAL.
Lt.Col. AASC,
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).

ASL/jc

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Subject : Italian Ration Scale.

50 British Liaison Unit.

Ref ST/5/10.

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

16 Nov. 44.

(1) The ration scale for issue to Italian troops cannot be said to be generous.

(2) The ration of MEAT is 3 oz per man per day.

(3) In accordance with " Supply organisation and accounting Instructions for the Provision of Food to the Italian Armed Forces " M & V is issued on the same scale as preserved meat.

(4) In the British Ration Scale 7½ ozs preserved meat is an equivalent of 20 ozs M & V.

(5) In view of para (1) it is suggested that, whatever alterations can or cannot be made in the scale as such, the issue of M & V as an alternative to 3 oz P. Meat should be at least increased to 6 ozs.

Reply @ 79

Maj.
D.A.D.S.T.

C.M.F.
GAB/LGB.

ADST
DADS

S.T. MMA
Recd 19/11
File ST/5

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SUBJECT: Administration of the LEGNANO Group

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. S/G/29/25
16 Nov 44

TO : 52 SAU

Ref your A/S of 11 Nov 44.

Para 1. The ration scale is laid down by the Combined Chiefs of Staff in consultation with AFHQ; its adequacy under varying circumstances is constantly under review and the opinion expressed by you will be borne in mind when recommendations are made.

Para 2. It is not the intention to substitute Italian blankets for British blankets, but in the temporary absence of the latter, Italian blankets were loaned to the group as an emergency measure.

These will be withdrawn when British blankets are issued to scale.

In the meantime representations are being made to increase the present blanket scale for Italian Combat Groups.

Para 3. NO Italian Single Sheet Bivouacs are available for British ITI Tps who are supposed to receive entirely British equipment; some ITI tents are in process of manufacture and it is hoped that some of these can be issued to you within the next 3 weeks, as an emergency measure in the absence of British Tentage.

Major General
M. M. I. A.

Int. Dist.: A/S
S.I.
Maj. COLE

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"S & T, MMIA.
Recd 16 Nov
File STI 5

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SUBJECT:- Issue of P. Meat.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).
SZ/5

16 Nov 44.

Dirsn. Gen. Commissariato,
Italian War Ministry.

Copy to:- LO, Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MMIA)
c/o HQ 5th Area (your report no. 15. of refers)

1. It has been reported that Italian Tinned Meat is being issued at the rate of one tin per 2 men, and that this has been authorised by you.

2. This is 25 grammes in excess of the ration scale of 3 ozs = 84 grammes per man.

3. Please issue instructions to ensure that the correct scale is adhered to.

E.L. Monin-Mason
Capt
for B.I. PERCEVAL.
Lt.Col. RASC,
ADMT, Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).

SLT/jo

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SUBJECT:- Ration Scale - Vegetables.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/5

9 Nov 44.

Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.). NAPLES.

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Reference your STN/18 of 2 Nov 44, addressed Dirs. Comm., Naples.

1. The correct ration scale for vegetables is as under:-

Veg Dried (Dried Beans, Peas, etc)	2 oz per diem
Veg Dehyd	1 oz per diem

2. Vegetables, Tinned, may be issued in lieu of the above, at the following scale:-

Veg Tinned 4 ozs = Veg Dried 2 ozs
Veg Tinned 2 ozs = Veg Dehyd 1 ozs

3. It is requested that your letter be amended in the light of the above, to prevent confusion arising on the part of the Italian authorities.

B. L. PERCEVAL.
Lt.Col. RASC,
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

DVW/jc

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Subject: Ration Scale - Vegetables.

LIAISON OFFICER
UNRRA
RATIONS SECTION
STH/13

2 NOVEMBER 44

To: Direzione Commercio
Comando Militare, Campania

Copy: UNRRA Rome

1. It has been verified with the UNRRA that ration scale for vegetables is as follows:

Vegetables, Dry	2 OZ.	
" , Tinned	4 "	?
" , Dehyd.	1 "	

DATOS

HERBERT S. LOVE
Major, QM
Executive Officer

Action int. (74)

RCAO/lvcs

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File 72

SUBJECT:- Rations - Underdrawals.

Military Mission Italian Army,
ROME.
ST/5

27 Oct 44.

Dirzione Gen. Commissariato,
Italian War Ministry.

Copy to:- All MMIA LO's
A/G MMIA.

1. The question has arisen regarding the entitlement of units who have underdrawn on certain commodities in the daily ration scale.

2. Every unit is entitled to its full ration scale all the time. The fact that no stocks are available at the time of issue, or for a period, does NOT render this entitlement null and void.

3. Please issue instructions to this effect to all depots under your command, forwarding a copy of same to this HQ.

for B.L.PERCIVAL.
Lt.Col. RASC,
ADST. Military Mission Italian Army.

MM/jc

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM : DELTA

27 10-25 A.

TO : HQ SACTLY MEDTOUR AGG

SECRET

SF/445

DELTA TO SACTLY (.) Ref your SAS/1 dated 23 (.) Taken home area

_____ Paren (.) Units are entitled to full ration scale and

to make good any underfrivals (.) Our Ministry instructed to

inform Commonwealth to this effect (.)

Precedence ROUTINE

Authentication for Int. Col.

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FROM ALLIED MISSION TO SICILY

TO MMIA PLUS Authorities S & T

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PERIOD 9 to 24 Oct 1944 PALERMO OID Did not yet not have sufficient chance to make care all requirements (.) Do not no substitute was issued (.) Director commissary refuses to make back issue from stock now available (.) Request advice as to policy on back issue when a unit failed to receive their full ration because of insufficient stock at time of issue.

IMPORTANT

Action 72 refers

AGAS

DAGS — AMM

DAGS

There can be no question. The unit is entitled to its full ration all the time. We stocks for a period does NOT render this impossible well and good. In effect they have considerable and are entitled to procedure to make good. This will be issue a general instruction covering this point and to direct commissariats. Pending 1927
In effect issued copy to all others

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MESSAGE FORM

From : MMIA

To : HQ Sicily Region ACC 13 1640

RESTRICTED

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Your 525/4 03 (.) Paren Rome Area_____Paren (.) Begin

for tinned vegetables is eight rpt eight ounces (.)

Precedence

Authentication

Lt.Col.

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ARMY FORM C2120 (Form III)

MESSAGE FORM

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Transmission Instructions

Register No. 69

Cat. | Sil. No. | Priority

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

Originator

FROM (A) ALBERT MEIA LO SICILY

Date Time of Origin 031700A

Office Date Stamp

ST/5

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For Action

MMIA ROME

TO (W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions — GR

Originator's No.

525/1 (.) RESTRICTED (.) REF YOUR ST/273 OF 29 JULY (.) TO CALCULATE NUMBER RATIONS CLOSING STOCK COLUMN OF STOCK MOVEMENTS RETURN FOR PULSES SHOULD BE BASED ON 4 OUNCES, AND FOR DEHYDRATED VEGETABLES ON 2 OUNCES, BECAUSE THE NUMBER OF RATIONS MUST BE DETERMINED FOR EACH SEPARATELY (.) REQUEST CLARIFICATION OF BASIS FOR TINNED VEGETABLES 6 OR 8 OUNCES

4 oz Pulses = 1 ration
2 oz Veg. = 1 ration
8 oz Tinned = 1 ration

This Message May Be Sent AS WRITTEN By Any Means { Except / Except } Underlined

If Liable To Be Intercepted Or To Fall Into Enemy Hands, This Message Must Be Sent IN CIPHER

Authentication Instructions

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Signature

Sender

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SUBJECT: Ration Scale for Italian Armed Forces.

ARMY SUB COMMISSION (MMIA)
HQ ACC
ROME
AG/2/10
14 September 1944.

TO : Flag Officer Liaison Italy Area
Combined Headquarters.

1. Reference your letter T.A. 1030 of 4 August 1944.

2. We wish to call your attention to the item appearing on your letter under the heading, "To be furnished by Italian Military from local resources at their own expense:" Fruit - 1 oz. The ration scale for the Italian Military reads, Fresh fruit four (4) ounces. If dried fruit pulp is issued by the Depot, in lieu of fresh fruit, it will be issued on the basis of one (1) ounce dried fruit pulp or four (4) ounces of fresh fruit.

3. For your convenience and reference, we attach hereto, copy of the ration scale for Italian Military.

Tommy T. Rose
TOMMY T. ROSE, Major
for Major General
Army Sub Commission MMIA.

Copy to: Ministry of War.
S.T.

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G 2 T. MMIA.
Date 14 Sep
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RATION SCALE FOR ITALIAN MILITARY

ITEM	SCALE
FLOUR	12 ozs.
DEHYD VEG.	1 "
BEANS OR PEAS DRIED	2 "
CANNED MEAT OR PRESERVED FISH	3 "
CHEESE	1 "
SUGAR	1 "
MACARONI	3 "
RICE	1 "
TOMATO CATSUP OR PASTE	½ "
COFFEE	½ "
PEPPER	1/200
MATCHES, WEEKLY ISSUE 2 Books or 1 Box.	
FRUIT, FRESH	4 ozs.
FRESH VEGETABLES	8 "
OLIVE OIL	1 "
NUTS	½ "
SALT	½ "
WINE	½ Litre

CANNED MEAT OR PRESERVED FISH	3 "
CHEESE	1 "
SUGAR	1 "
MACARONI	3 "
RICE	1 "
TOMATO CATSUP OR PASTE	1/2 "
COFFEE	1/2 "
PEPPER	1/200
MATCHES, WEEKLY ISSUE 2 Books or 1 Box.	

FRUIT, FRESH	4 ozs.
FRESH VEGETABLES	8 "
OLIVE OIL	1/2 "
NUTS	1/2 "
SALT	1/2 "
WINE	1/2 Litre

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Subject: Storing of Rations.

Army Sub Commission(MMIA)
H.Q., A.C.C.
R O M E
AQ/6

3 Sep 44

To: MINISTRY OF WAR

1. It is understood that the custom exists in parts of the Italian Army for soldiers to save part of their daily ration to take home on leave.

2. Cases have occurred when Allied Police have, in course of their duties, found soldiers either on leave or recently demobilised, in possession of Allied tinned rations. These rations being in excess of the authorised travelling ration.

3. This indicates that either the ration scale is in excess of that needed by the soldier to carry out his duty, or that additional irregular issues are being made.

4. Will you please issue clear orders that under no circumstances will other than the correct travelling ration be in possession of any member of the Armed Forces when on leave or demobilised. Rations issued to the Italian Army, except the special ration issued to personnel travelling on duty, are for consumption in the Mess only, and are not to be removed from the Mess under any conditions.

5. Allied Military Police are entirely correct in initiating disciplinary action in all cases where Italian Armed Forces are found in illegal possession of Allied rations other than the authorised travel ration.

6. A copy of the instructions you issue will be forwarded to this H.Q. in due course.

S & T. MMIA.

Recd 3 Sep

F J Noam Lt Col

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S & T. MMIA.
Rec'd 3 Sep
File SI/ 5

F J Noakes Lt Col

FJN/hh

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

Copy to: HQ AAI for A.
HQ AAI for G4.
HQ Rear Eight Army.
HQ Rear Five Army.
HQ No.1 District
HQ No.2 District.
HQ No.3 District.
HQ PBS.
HQ RAAC.
HQ ACC (3)
All MMIA LO's.
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Lo Rome.
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SUBJECT: Subsistance

ARMY SUB COMMISSION (MMIA)
HQ ACC
ROME
AQ 2/5
29 August 1944

TO : Ministry of War.

Rec'd P.M. 2 Sep.

Ref. your Phonogram N-8904 in regards to increase of cheese issue to 2 oz.

Authority for this increase cannot be given.

TOMMY T. ROSE, Major
for Major General
Army Sub Commission MMIA

TTR/ag

Copy to S T

"S & T., MMIA.
Rec'd 2 Sep.
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ADST
DADST
to Rome

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Subject:- Ration Scales.

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY,
Tel. FILPOT 344-5,
ST/6/3,
27 Aug 44.

ST/5
28 8 44

Army Sub-Commission (M.M.I.A.),
H.Q. A.C.C., ROME.

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Reference your ST/5 dated 26 Aug 44.

1. Herewith 2 copies of A.F.H.Q. Ration and Fuel Scales as requested.

Brigadier,
D.D.S.T.

DADST

Sir/ They require amending completely

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Direz.Gen.dei Serv.di Comm.Mil.
- Divisione Sussistenze -

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N. 8815/3/S. di prot. P.N.107,11 26 agosto 1944.-

OGGETTO: Razione Lipo Unico.-

Razione Lipo Unico

AL MINISTERO DELLA MARINA - R.G.C.A.M. - ROMA
" " DELL'AERONAUTICA - S.C.N. - ROMA
ALLA DIREZ. DI COMM/TO MIL.DEL G/DO TERRITORIO ROMA
" " " " MIL. PUGLIA E LUCANIA P.N.67
" " " " " CAMPANIA P.N.120
" " " " " CALABRIA P.N.114
" " " " " SICILIA P.N.126
" " " " " SARDEGNA P.N.50
ALL'UFFICIO AUTONOMO DI COMM/TO MIL. TARANTO
ALL'UFFICIO COMMISSARIATO MIL. CIVITAVECCHIA
AL DEPOSITO CENTRALE VIVERI di TARANTO
AI DEPOSITI SPECIALI VIVERI di: CIVITAVECCHIA - BARI - NAPOLI - CATANZARO - PALERMO - CAGLIARI

e, per conoscenza:

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO DELLA A.U.C. R O M A

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La Sottocommissione per l'Esercito della A.U.C. con foglio SE/5 del 29/7 u.s. ha comunicato che la composizione della razione legumi secchi deve intendersi così costituita:

- vegetali disidratati (verdure essiccate, patate, carote essiccate, rutabaga) ..... once 1
- legumi secchi (fagioli, lenticchie e piselli) ... " 2

Pregasi pertanto depennare dall'allegato 1) - razione [illegible] del dispaccio n.7709/S. del 29 luglio u.s. la voce

" " " " " SICILIA F.R.126
" " " " " SARDEGNA F.R.50
TARANTO
ALL'UFFICIO AUTONOMO DI CONTROLLO ALL. CIVITAVECCHIA
ALL'UFFICIO COMMISSARIATO ALL. TARANTO
AL DEPOSITO CENTRALE VIVERI di
AI DEPOSITI SPECIALI VIVERI di: CIVITAVECCHIA - BARI - NAPOLI - CATANZARO - PALERMO - CAGLIARI

e, per conoscenza:

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO DELLA A.C.C. ROMA

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Pregasi pertanto depennare dall'allegato 1) - razione tipo unico - al dispaccio n.7700/A. del 29 luglio u.s. la voce " LEGUMI SECCHI " once 3 pari a gr.84,3 ed inserire in sua vece le voci " VEGETALI DISIDRATATI " once 1 pari a gr.28,1 e " LEGUMI SECCHI " once 2 pari a gr.56,2.(1).-

- (1) sostituibili con 1 oncia pari a gr.28,1 di vegetali disidratati oppure con once 4 pari a gr.112,4 di vegetali in scatola.-

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Per copia conforme
Il Direttore Generale

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Subject:- Ration Scales.

Army Sub Commission, (MMIA),
HQ, ACC, RCMP.
ST/5.

24 August 44.

DDST, HQ, A.A.I., CMF.

May two up to date copies of AFHQ ration scales be forwarded for the use of this Mission, please.

E.L.PERCEVAL.
Lt.Col. RASC,
ADST, Army Sub Commission, (MMIA).

DW/bo

By 30 Oct (Reply all (65)
Reply

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Direz.Gen.dei Serv.di Co...il.
- Divisione Sussistenze -

Date Recd 28 X

N.8000/S. di prot. R. .107,li 5 agosto 1944.-

OGGETTO: O. razione tipo unico.-

Unique Ref. Ration

AL MINISTERO DELLA MARINA - D.G.C.A.A. - ROMA
AL MINISTERO DELL'AERONAUTICA - D.G. . - ROMA
ALLA DIR. DI COMM. IL. DEL C/DO MERIDIONALE IL. ROMA
" " " " " " IL.PUGLIE E LUCANIA BARI
" " " " " " " CAMPANIA NAPOLI
" " " " " " " CALABRIA CATANZARO
" " " " " " " SICILIA PALERMO
" " " " " " " SARDEGNA CAGLIARI
ALL'UFFICIO AUTONOMO DI COMM. IL. TARANTO
ALL'UFFICIO DI COMM. IL. CIVITAVECCHIA
AL DEPOSITO CENTRALE VIVERI TARANTO
AI DEPOSITI SPECIALI VIVERI di CIVITAVECCHIA - BARI - NAPOLI - CATANZARO - PALERMO CAGLIARI

e,per conoscenza:
ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO DELLA A.C.S. ROMA

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A parziale modifica del dispaccio 7700/S. del 29 luglio c.a. ed a seguito del dispaccio n.7900/S. del 4 agosto 1944 pregasi cancellare nell'allegato n.1 al dispaccio n.7700/S. sopracitato la voce " leguni once 3 = gr.84,3 " e sostituirla con le seguenti:

ALL'UFFICIO AUTONO O DI CO . I. ARI.O . II. CAGLIARI
ALL'U ICIO DI CO IS ARI.O . II. TARANTO
AL DEPOSITO CENTRALE VIVERI CIVITAVECCHIA
AI DEPOSITI DISTRETTUALI VIVERI di CIVITAVECCHIA - BARI - NAPOLI - CAMPOBASSO - PALERMO CAGLIARI

e, per conoscenza:
ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCIZIO DELLA A.C.C. ROMA

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legumi secchi (fagioli, lenticchie) .....once 2 = gr.56,2
vegetali disidratati (verdura essiccata - patate essiccate - carote essiccate - rutabaga) ...once 1 = gr.28,1

Assicurare.-

S. S. T. MMIA.

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Transcribed in 61

To: MMIA
from: M.O.W.

ref 7900/S
August 4, 44

Subject: New food rations standard types

The Army Ord Commission D.C.C. has informed us with letter S T/S dated 29/7/44 that the dry vegetables rations is to be formed as follows:
- dehydrated vegetables (shred vegetables, sliced potatoes, sliced carrots) gr. 28
- beans or dry peas 4 56 (1)

Therefore in the fortnightly ration return (in force since 1/8/44 according to letter P650/S dated 26/7/44), please cancel "dry vegetables gr. 84" & write instead "dehydrated vegetables gr. 28 & dry beans or peas gr 56."

The military Commissariat Directorates to whom this letter is addressed will inform of the above the Commissariat Offices, Special food supplies Depots & military stuffs Dumps under your command.

P.T.O.

"29 AUG MMIA.
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(1) can be substituted for the gr 28 of dehydrated vegetables or gr. 112 of canned vegetables

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Direz.Gen.dei Serv.di Comm.Mil.
- Divisione Sussistenza -

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N. 7900/S. di prot. F.M.107, li 1 agosto 194..-

Nuovo food ration standard type

OGGETTO: Nuova razione viveri di tipo unico.-

AL MINISTERO DELLA MARINA - D.G.C.M.M. - ROMA
AL MINISTERO DELL'AERONAUTICA - D.C.A. - ROMA
AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA PUGLIA E LUCANIA BARI
" " " " SICILIA PALERMO
" " " " SARDEGNA CAGLIARI
" " " " CALABRIA CATANZARO
" " " " CAMPANIA NAPOLI
AL COMANDO DEL TERRITORIO MIL. di ROMA
AL COMANDO GENERALE ARMA CC.RR. ROMA
AL COMANDO CORPO ITALIANO DI LIBERAZIONE P.M.155
AL COMANDO PRESIDIO MILITARE ROMA
ALLA DIREZ. DI COM/TO MIL. DEL C/DO TERRITORIO DI ROMA
" " " " " " MIL.PUGLIA E LUCANIA BARI
" " " " " " CAMPANIA NAPOLI
" " " " " " CALABRIA CATANZARO
" " " " " " SICILIA PALERMO
" " " " " " SARDEGNA CAGLIARI
ALL'UFF. AUTONOMO COMISSARIATO MIL. TARANTO
AL COMANDO DEL REPARTO AUTONOMO INDUSTRIALE S E D E
AL COMANDO CC.RR. MINISTERO GUERRA S E D E

e,per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO GUERRA - Gabinetto - S E D E
AL COMANDO SUPREMO P.M.135
ALLO S...M.E. - Uff.Servizi - P.M.151
ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO DELLA A.C.C. ROMA

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La Sottocommissione per l'Esercito della A.C.C. con io

" " " " " " MIL.PUGLIA E LUCANIA BARI
" " " " " " CAMPANIA NAPOLI
" " " " " " CALABRIA CATANZARO
" " " " " " SICILIA PALERMO
" " " " " " SARDEGNA CAGLIARI
ALL'UFF. AUTONOMO COMMISSARIATO MIL. TARANTO
AL COMANDO DEL REPARTO AUTONOMO MINISTERIALE S.E.D.E.
AL COMANDO CC.RR. MINISTERO GUERRA S.E.D.E.

e,per conoscenza:

AL MINISTRO GUERRA - Gabinetto - S.E.D.E.
AL COMANDO SUPREMO P...135
ALLO S...R.E. - Uff.Servizi - P.M.151
ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO DELLA A.C.C. ROMA

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La Sottocommissione per l'Esercito della A.C.C. con fo_ glio 58/5 del 29/7 u.s. ha comunicato che la composizione della ra_ zione legumi secchi deve intendersi così costituita:

- Vegetali disidratati (verdure essiccate,patate essiccate,carote essiccate) ..... gr. 28.=
- Fagioli o piselli secchi ..... " 56.=(1)

Pertanto nella tabella quindicinale viveri in vigore dal 1°/8/194[illegible] di cui al dispaccio 7850/S. del 26/7 c.a.,pregasi can_ cellare " legumi secchi gr.84 " ed inserire " vegetali disidratati gr.28 e fagioli o piselli secchi gr.56 ".-

Le Direzioni di Commissariato Militare in indirizzo por_ teranno quanto sopra a conoscenza degli uffici di Commissariato, Depositi Speciali Viveri e Magazzini Militari Viveri dipendenti.-

(1) - sostituibili con gr.28 di vegetali disidratati ovvero con gr.112 di vegetali in scatola.-

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TRANSLATION.

FROM : WAR MINISTRY

TO : MIN. OF NAVY.

Copy to:- MMIA.

REF : 7700/S

DATE : 29 July 44.

Subject:- A Standard Ration.

Further to 7650/S dated July 26.

1. Enclosure No.1 shows the new standard ration which from August 1st must be distributed to all the Italian troops whether combat or territorial. The previous types of rations, "A" & "B" are abolished as of that date.

Said enclosure also reports the quantities reduced in grammes of the various types of foodstuffs composing the rations which must be issued by Central ration Depot of TARANTO and by Special ration Depots to the three Armed Forces, on the basis of the assignment which are ordered every fifteen days by this Ministry.

In regard to this, please note that the quantities reduced in grammes do not correspond exactly to the equivalences established between ounces and grammes with letter 4904/S dated May 18.

In fact, the quantities which must be distributed by the Central Depot and by Special Ration Depots have been reduced in part, in regard to said equivalence to allow the above mentioned Depot a limited supply with which to meet the inevitable waste, damage and various losses which will take place during the handling of the foodstuffs.

Moreover, the quantities for each foodstuff which will be distributed by Ration Depots to the three Armed Forces have also increased in regard to the effective distributions to be made in favour of the units on the basis of the new fortnightly rations table, in as much as we have kept in mind the fact that the waste, losses and damage, are also verified at the distributing warehouse before, during, and after, the distribution to the units.

It remains understood that waste, losses, and damage, must always be shown with the ordinary administrative regulations in force.

In fact, the quantities which must be distributed by the General Depots by Special Ration Depots have been reduced in part, in regard to said equivalence to allow the above mentioned Depot a limited supply with which to meet the inevitable waste, damage and various losses which will take place during the handling of the foodstuffs.

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11. Detailed regulations for the application of the new food rations.
- flour: 339 grammes of flour and 4 grammes of salt must be employed for the making of 440 grammes of bread.

The consignment of 130% for each quintal of flour, employed also when the bread making is intrusted to civilian firms by regular contracts, remains confirmed.

Commissariato units will proceed to make the necessary amendments to all existing contracts.

The consignment of 135% remains in force for the bread making done in military bakeries and in civilian bakeries requisitioned or administrated directly by A.M.G. -

- Macaroni etc; with the new ration macaroni etc, will be supplied exclusively by Allied sources. As from the 1st August all existing contracts for the making of this foodstuff must be broken.

The quantities on hand must be consumed with absolute priority.

- Preserve (Tomato concentrate) the ration of preserve (tomato concentrate) indicated in the enclosure concerns tomato preserve from Allied sources, and is to be considered as double concentrate.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Direz.Gen.dei Serv.di Comm.Mil.
- Divisione Sussistenze -

7700/S. di prot. P.M. 107,li 29 Luglio 1944.-

OGGETTO: Razione tipo unico.-

AL MINISTERO DELLA MARINA - D.G.C.M.... - ROMA
AL MINISTERO DELL'AERONAUTICA - D.C.M. - ROMA
ALLE DIREZIONI DI COMMISSARIATO MIL.di: ROMA - BARI - NAPOLI - CATANZARO - PALERMO - CAGLIARI TARANTO
AL DEPOSITO CENTRALE VIVERI
AI DEPOSITI SPECIALI VIVERI di: CIVITAVECCHIA - BARI - NAPOLI - CATANZARO - PALERMO CAGLIARI
AGLI UFFICI DI COMMISSARIATO di: CIVITAVECCHIA - TARANTO

e,per conoscenza:

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO DELLA A.C.C. ROMA

Seguito dispaccio 7650/S. del 26 luglio c.a.-

I) Dall'allegato 1) risulta il nuovo tipo di razione che,come noto,dal 1° agosto c.a. dovrà essere distribuita a tutte le truppe italiane,sia combattenti che territoriali,essendo sotto la stessa data abolite le precedenti razioni del tipo "A" e del tipo "B".-

Lo stesso allegato precisa anche i quantitativi ridotti in grammi dei vari tipi di derrate componenti la razione che dovranno essere ceduti dal Deposito Centrale Viveri di Taranto e dai Depositi Speciali Viveri alle 3 FF.AA. in base alle assegnazioni che quindicinalmente vengono disposte da questo Ministero.-

[illegible] CIVITAVECCHIA - TARANTO

e, per conoscenza:

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO DELLA A.C.C. ROMA

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Al riguardo si fa notare che i quantitativi ridotti in grammi non corrispondono esattamente alle equivalenze stabilite fra oncia e grammi con dispaccio 4904/S. del 18 maggio 1944.-

Infatti i quantitativi che dovranno essere distribuiti dal Deposito Centrale e dai Depositi Speciali Viveri sono stati in parte ridotti rispetto alla predetta equivalenza per consentire ai suddetti Depositi una limitata scorta con la quale fare fronte agli inevitabili cali, avarie e perdite varie che si verificano nella gestione delle derrate.-

Inoltre anche i quantitativi per ciascuna derrata che saranno distribuiti dai Depositi Viveri alle 3 FF.AA. sono maggiori rispetto alle effettive distribuzioni da farsi a favore dei reparti in base alla nuova tabella quindicinale viveri, in quanto si è tenuto conto che cali, perdite e avarie si verificano anche presso i magazzini distributori prima, durante e dopo la distribuzione ai reparti.-

Resta inteso che cali, perdite e avarie dovranno sempre essere documentati con le solite norme amministrative in vigore.

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TRANSLATION.

FROM : WAR MINISTRY

TO : MIN. OF NAVY.

Copy to:- MMIA.

REF : 7700/S

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Moreover, the quantities for each foodstuff which will be distributed by Ration Depots to the three Armed Forces have also increased in regard to the effective distributions to be made in favour of the units on the basis of the new fortnightly rations table, in as much as we have kept in mind the fact that the waste, losses and damage, are also verified at the distributing warehouse before, during, and after, the distribution to the units.

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Said enclosure substitutes enclosure No.1 of letter 2800/S dated 18 March which remains in force in regard to general regulations when they do not interfere

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The quantities on hand must be consumed with absolute priority.
- Preserve (Tomato concentrate) the ration of preserve (tomato concentrate) indicated in the enclosure concerns tomato preserve from Allied sources, and is to be considered as double concentrate.

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In the distribution to units, however, absolute priority must be given to all the other types of tomato concentrate on hand in ration warehouses and purchased directly from A.M.G. in order to meet the distribution contemplated with the former ration "Type B".

The Commissariato Directorate of NAPLES will see to the breaking of the existing contracts with "OLRIO" firm as from 1st August.

- Table Cheese; exclusively from Allied sources; if not available in subsistence warehouses it must NOT be purchased from commerce, and cannot be substituted with grating cheese nor with another foodstuff.
- Additional items will continue to be effected directly by the Administration of the three Armed Forces, and according to the regulations now in force.

Sd. Gen. PELLIGRA.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Direz.Gen.dei Serv.di Comm.Mil.
- Divisione Sussistenze -

7700/S. di prot. R.M. 107, lì 29 Luglio 1944.-

OGGETTO: razione tipo unico.-

AL MINISTERO DELLA MARINA - D.G.C.M.M. - ROMA
AL MINISTERO DELL'AERONAUTICA - D.C.M. - ROMA
ALLE DIREZIONI DI COMMISSARIATO MIL.di: ROMA - BARI - NAPOLI - CATANZARO - PALERMO - CAGLIARI
AL DEPOSITO CENTRALE VIVERI TARANTO
AI DEPOSITI SPECIALI VIVERI di: CIVITAVECCHIA - BARI - NAPOLI - CATANZARO - PALERMO CAGLIARI
AGLI UFFICI DI COMMISSARIATO di: CIVITAVECCHIA - TARANTO

e, per conoscenza:

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO DELLA A.C.C. ROMA

Seguito dispaccio 7650/S. del 26 luglio c.a.-

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Lo stesso allegato precisa anche i quantitativi ridotti in grammi dei vari tipi di derrate componenti la razione che dovranno essere ceduti dal Deposito Centrale Viveri di Taranto e dai Depositi Speciali Viveri alle 3 FF.AA. in base alle assegnazioni che quindicinalmente vengono disposte da questo Ministero.-

Al riguardo si fa notare che i quantitativi ridotti in [illegible] non corrispondono esattamente alle equivalenze [illegible]

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Infatti i quantitativi che dovranno essere distribuiti dal Deposito Centrale e dai Depositi Speciali Viveri sono stati in parte ridotti rispetto alla predetta equivalenza per consentire ai suddetti Depositi una limitata scorta con la quale fare fronte agli inevitabili cali, avarie e perdite, varie che si verificano nella gestione delle derrate.-

Inoltre anche i quantitativi per ciascuna derrata che saranno distribuiti dai Depositi Viveri alle 3 FF.AA. sono maggiori rispetto alle effettive distribuzioni da farsi a favore dei reparti in base alla nuova tabella quindicinale viveri, in quanto si è tenuto conto che cali, perdite e avarie si verificano anche presso i magazzini distributori prima, durante e dopo la distribuzione ai reparti.-

Resta inteso che cali, perdite e avarie dovranno sempre essere documentati con le solite norme amministrative in vigore.

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Detto allegato sostituisce l'allegato 1) al dispaccio 2000/3. in data 10 marzo 1944, dispaccio che rimane sempre in vigore per tutto quanto si attiene alle norme di carattere generale e sempre quando non siano in contrasto con le successive e con quelle contenute nella presente circolare.-

II) NORME DI MASSIMA PER L'APPLICAZIONE DELLA NUOVA RAZIONE VIVERI

- farina: per la confezione dei 400 grammi di pane dovranno essere impiegati 300 grammi di farina e gr. 4 di sale.-

Resta confermata la resa del 130% per ogni q.le di farina impiegata sempre quando la panificazione venga affidata, mediante regolari contratti, a ditte private.-

Gli enti di Commissariato provvederanno a stipulare regolare atto aggiuntivo ai contratti in corso.-

La resa del 130% rimane tuttavia in vigore per la panificazione eseguita nei panifici militari e nei panifici civili requisiti o gestiti direttamente dall'A.M.-

- pasta da minestra: con la nuova razione la pasta da minestra verrà rifornita esclusivamente da fonti alleate.- Dovranno pertanto essere disdetti, a partire dal 1° agosto c.a., tutti i contratti in corso per la fabbricazione di questa derrata.-

I quantitativi esistenti verranno passati al consumo con precedenza assoluta.-

- conserva (concentrato di pomodoro): la razione di conserva (concentrato di pomodoro) indicata nell'allegato riguarda la conserva di provenienza alleata, da considerarsi doppio concentrato.-

Nelle distribuzioni però ai reparti dovrà darsi la precedenza assoluta a tutti gli altri tipi di concentrato di pomodoro esistenti nei magazzini viveri ed acquistati direttamente dall'A.M. per far fronte alla distribuzione contemplata con la cessata razione del tipo "D".-

La Direzione di Commissariato di Napoli provvederà a di-

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La resa del 133% rimane tuttavia in vigore per la panificazione eseguita nei panifici militari e nei panifici civili requisiti o gestiti direttamente dall'A.M.-

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  La Direzione di Commissariato di Napoli provvederà a disdire il contratto di fornitura già stipulato con la Ditta " CIRIO " a partire dal 1° agosto c.a.-

- formaggio da tavola: esclusivamente di provenienza alleata; qualora non disponibile nei magazzini delle sussistenze non dovrà effettuarsene acquisto dal commercio, e non potrà essere sostituito con formaggio da raspa nè con altra derrata.-

- generi addizionali: la provvista dei generi addizionali continuerà ad essere effettuata direttamente dalle Amministrazioni delle 3 FF.AA., ciascuna per proprio conto e secondo le norme già in vigore.

p. IL MINISTRO

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ALLEGATO n° 1) al foglio n° 7700/3. del
20 Luglio 194.

Standardization

RAZIONE TIPO UNICO

DI PROVVIDENZA ALLEATA : Allied Source

- farina . flour	once 12	=	gr.	339,2
X - legumi . meat tinned biscuit fish	" 3	=	"	84,3 X
- carne o pesce in scatola ...	" 3	=	"	84,3
- formaggio . cheese	" 1	=	"	28,1
- zucchero . sugar	" 1	=	"	28,1
- pasta . macaroni	" 3	=	"	84,3
- riso . rice tomato puree or concentrate	" 1	=	"	28,1
- conserva o concentrato di pomodoro	1/2	=	"	14,1
- caffè . coffee	" 1/2	=	"	14,1
- pepe . pepper	" 1/200	=	"	0,14

- fiammiferi. 2 bustine o una scatola ogni 7 giorni. matches 2 packs or 1 box every seven days

DA FORNIRSI DA CIASCUNA [illegible] A PROPRIE SPESE DALLE RISORSE LOCALI : To be provided by each Armed Force, at its own expense, from local resources

- frutta fresca . fresh fruit	gr.113	
- verdura fresca . fresh veg	" 350	
- olio di oliva . olive oil	" 20	(momentaneamente ridotta a gr.10 per tutte le truppe)
- frutta secca . dry fruit	" 20	(sostituibile con gr.56 di [illegible]

- zucchero ..... " 1 = " 20,1
- pasta ..... " 3 = " 04,3
- riso ..... " 1 = " 20,1
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- sale ..... " 20
- vino ..... l. 1/2
- tabacchi ..... gr. 5

* (momentarily reduced to 10 grams for all troops) (may be substituted with 56 grams fresh fruit)

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TRANSLATION.

FROM : WAR MINISTRY

REF : 7650/S

TO : MIN. OF NAVY.

DATE : 26 July 44.

copy to; MMIA.

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(b) In the fifteen day period

2 days - A hot meal of Macaroni (180 grms).
4 days - A meal of Rice pottage (105 grms).
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SD. THE MINISTER
A. CASATI.

"S & T. MMIA.
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With the rations on the present list (including wine, sugar, coffee, fruit etc) the following types of meals can be prepared.

For 9 days.

1. Morning

1 Minestrone made up of
100 grms macaroni etc.
84 grms veg.
or
42 grms dried veg
or
168 grms Tinned Veg.
28 grms Table Cheese

Evening

Meat or Fish (84 grms) with a dressing of fresh veg (350 grms).

For 4 days

2. Morning

1 Minestrone as above substituting the macaroni by 105 grms.
28 grms Table Cheese

Evening

Meat or Fish (84 grms) with dressing of fresh veg. (350 grms).

For 2 days

3. Morning

180 grms Macaroni.
28 grms Table Cheese

Evening

Veg soup (350 grms) and Veg (84 grms).
Meat or Fish (84 grms).

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ARMY SUB COMMISSION (MMIA)
NAPLES OFFICE

STN/18

1 August 1944

Subject : Vegetable Element In New Single Ration Scale.

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To : ADST, MMIA, HQ.

1. Reference your signal ST/273 of 29 July 1944.

2. The position of this matter was formerly understood to be that the basic item was established as Pulses (i.e. Dried Beans or Peas) at 3 oz per man per day. However according to the availability from time to time of supplies of the various types of vegetable from Allied Sources the issue of Pulses might be substituted in part or in whole by Dehydrated Vegetables at one-half the weight i.e. 1½ oz per man per day, or by Tinned Vegetables at double the weight i.e. 6 oz per man per day. This is the version of the matter contained in Appendix II of the printed Supply Instructions. Under Such an arrangement the present heavy stocks of Dehydrated Vegetables could be utilised by issue of the whole ration in that form in the places where the Stocks are located.

3. It is not known whether the meaning of your signal under reply is intended to be that Dehydrated Vegetables and Beans or Peas Dried are now to become separate items in the Scale with separate rates of issue. If so this would presumably require that ~~[illegible]~~ distribution and issue of (a) Dehydrated Vegetables, (b) Beans or Peas Dried will have to be separately operated.

4. To avoid the latter difficulty it is strongly urged that the position be re-confirmed as set out in para 2 above. Clarification is awaited.

Spoke Papineau
Mr Gunther A

"S & T, MMIA.
Rec'd 2 Aug
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(O.C.PAPINEAU)
ST Liaison Officer
MMIA, Naples.

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Subject: Ration Scale - Italian Military.

H.Q., A.A.I., C.M.F.,
Tel. FILPOT 344-5.
ST/6/12/5.
1 Aug 44.

D.D.S.T., Eighth Army,
D.D.S.T., 5 Corps,
D.D.S.T., 2 Pol. Corps,
D.D.S.T., 1 District,
D.D.S.T., 2 District,
D.D.S.T., 3 District,
A. D.S.T., Army Sub Commission (A.C.C.),
Main H.Q. (M.M.I.A.),
Med.

M.M.I.A.
FILE REF
Date Recd

Copy to: 'Q',
A.D.S.T., 26 HLU.

Reference ST/6/12/5 dated 18 July.

1. The word "PULSES" will be deleted from the scale circulated in the above letter and the second item in the scale will now read:-

VEGETABLES DEHYDRATED - 1 oz.

Brigadier,
D.D.S.T.

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Subject: Provision of food stuffs for Italian Armed Forces.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ. MMIA.
R O M E.
AG/2.

20 Jul 44.

H.E. The Minister for War.

Your Excellency.

1. I am directed to draw your attention to the necessity for making the fullest possible use of all local food products for the maintenance of the Italian Armed Forces.

2. As the items now imported by the Allies, or other similar items which may be used instead, become available in Italy, the corresponding reductions will be made in the shipments brought into the country.

3. It is expected that there will be a considerable decrease in the amount and variety of items imported. It is therefore necessary for you to make immediate plans.

4. You will therefore establish such organisation as you deem necessary to procure and store bulk purchases of these commodities as they become available. Application for assistance in rail transportation for movement from points of purchase to your main storage installations and from such installations to the sussistenza depots may be made as now.

5. I request that your plans for the implementation of this instruction be communicated to me in the immediate future.

Major General.
Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
(MMIA).

FJN/hh

Copy to: ST.

"S & T" MMIA.

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Message Form.

To : MMIA Sector LO NAPLES
" " " BARI
" " " TARANTO
" " " CATANZARO
" " " SICILY thru' HQ ACC SICILY REGION
" " " SARDINIA thru' ACC SARDINIA

Date TOO.29. B.

From : MMIA

Copy: "Q"MMIA. Sector LO ROME

ST/273 CONFIDENTIAL (.) Subject introduction of new single ration scale (.) Our letter ST/5 20 Jul (.) Delete Pulses three ounces (.) insert Dehydrated vegetables one ounce (.) Beans or peas dried two ounces

If liable to interception to go in cipher.

Degree of Priority

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See 69 from Sicily

MESSAGE IN ST 52

FROM: CG: NORBS

TO : CG: MMIA

CONSIDERABLE CONFUSION EXISTS CONCERNING RATION FOR ITALIAN MILITARY CMA CLARIFICATION IS DESIRED IN THE FOLLOWING PAREN TO COMMANDING GENERAL SOS NATOUSA AND COMMANDING GENERAL MMIA FROM COMMANDING GENERAL NORBS CITE BNQM REF NO. 3096 PAREN SUBSISTENCE SUPPLIES RECEIVED FROM VESSELS BA 377 AND BA 385 PLUS THOSE RELEASED FROM US STOCKS FOR ITALIAN MILITARY HAVE BEEN SET ASIDE FOR ISSUE TO ITALIAN MILITARY AS DIRECTED BY SOS NATOUSA CABLE LX 39347 CITE SSQMC 2952 DATED 10 JULY PD DISCHARGED FROM VESSEL TANITHA BROWN ON 19 JULY WERE 7.5 LONG TON DRIED BEANS CMA 31 LONG TONS DRIED FRUIT PULP CMA 6 LONG TON ALMONDS AND 7 LONG TON COARSE SALT SHIPPED BY MMIA PD EFFECTIVE 1 AUGUST WILL BE SINGLE RATION SCALE FOR ITALIAN MILITARY AS AUTHORIZED BY MMIA CABLE 711 AQ 1719 DATED 21 JULY PD YOUR ATTENTION IS INVITED TO AMENDMENT NUMBER 4 TO TECHNICAL BULLETIN NUMBER 4 DATED 20 CMA DOES CHANGE IN PULSES APPLY TO PULSES AS AUTHORIZED IN MMIA CABLE REFERRED TO ABOVE AND IF SO WHAT DISPOSITION IS DESIRED OF THE BEANS DRIED SHIPPED FOR ITALIAN MILITARY PD IT TO BE ASSUMED THAT VEGETABLE DEHYDRATED SHIPPED SPECIFICALLY FOR ITALIAN MILITARY WILL BE SUBSTITUTED FOR VEGETABLE CMA IF NOT WHT 02

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To & T. MMIA.
Rec'd 29 Jul
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Date
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TO : MMIA SECTOR LO c/o 52 AREA

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FROM : MMIA

ST/272 CONFIDENTIAL (.) Reference your TLO /2/2 of 26 (.) Italian War Ministry sent signals to all Commissariato's Italian Navy and Air Force on 26 July that New Ration Scale becomes effective 1st Aug (.) Detailed list despatched to all above by War Ministry today 28 July

If liable to be intercepted to be sent in cipher

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LRAR V NEAV NR 227 IMPORTANT T MEYT A MERM

FROM MMIA SECTOR L O TARANTO [redacted] 262345

TO ARMY SUB COMM ACC (MMIA) ROME

INFO

COMMISSARIATO TARANTO (BY HAND)

TLG /2/2 RESTRICTED (.)

TARANTO AND OTHER DEPOTS THIS SECTOR NOT RECEIVED

NOTIFICATION NEW [redacted] RATION SCALE (.)

ISSUES TO ITALIAN NAVY FROM TARANTO

B D FOR [redacted] CONSUMPTION FIRST AUGUST HAVE COMMENCED (.)

DEPOT CMDR USING NEW SCALE ON MY AUTHORITY (.)

REQUEST WAR MINISTRY BE HASTENED

THI 270846B

~~REPN 227 262345 242 B D 270846~~

SENT NCC BB

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Date Recd	27/7/44

Reply at (51)

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SUBJECT: Purchase of Cheese

Army Sub Commission ACC
HQ (MMIA)
ROME
AQ/2
24 July 1944

TO: War Ministry

1. Beginning August 1st, Cheese will be an item on the ration scale for the Italian Army and will be included in that portion furnished by the Allies. The present civilian ration can only be sustained by insuring that all Cheese produced in the Mainland of Italy, Sicily and Sardinia is available for civilian consumption. Therefore considering the above you will issue instruction to all concerned to the effect that the purchase of cheese is prohibited by Italian Army units.

2. Give this matter your prompt attention, and send this HQ a copy of your instructions to the Italian units.

Tommy Rose
for Maj. Gen.
Army Sub Commission ACC

Copy to: All LO's
and S/T

"S & T" MMIA.
Recd 25 Jy
File ST/ 5

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for Maj. Gen.
Army Sub Commission ACC

Copy to: All LO's
and S/T

"S & T, MMIA.
Recd 25 Aug
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FROM MMIA SECTOR L O TARANTO 231100
TO ARMY SUB COMM ACCOMMIAD ROME
QQY GR37
TLO/2/1 CONFIDENTIAL . FOR ST .

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SUBJECT IS NEW RATION SCALE
EFFECTIVE FIRST AUGUST . SCALE
STATED FOR MEAT OR REPEAT OF FISH IS HALF
REPEAT HALF PREVIOUS TOTAL OF THESE
COMODITIES .
IS THIS CORRECT
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~~REF 327 231100 TO TLO/2/1~~
~~ST FOR MEAT OR REPEAT OF~~
~~AS PER COPT 231315~~
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I.O.M.

Subject:- New Ration Scale. Local Resource Items. ST/5.

A/Q. MMIA.

Reference New Ration Scale.

The Ministry of War wish to make the following substitutions to items shown to be purchased by them from local sources:-

a. 6 grammes EXTRA salt to suit Italian palate.

Amount required for Italian troops with 5th and 8th Armies will be supplied by the Ministry of War.

b. 1 oz of bacon or other fat, where available, in lieu of 1 oz of olive oil.

c. A cash allowance equalling cost of ½ litre of wine to be issued to troops to whom wine cannot be issued due to transport difficulties.

Please say if approved.

July 44.
RP/BC

B.L.PERCEVAL.
Lt.Col. RASC,
ADST, Army Sub Commission. ACC.

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SUBJECT: Single Ration Scale

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Army Sub Commission ACC
HQ (NMIA)
Rome
AQ/2
19 July 1944

TO: S/T

1. Request that you issue necessary instructions to the W/M and all concerned for the Italian Army, Navy and Air Force to be subsisted on the single ration scale beginning as of 1st August 1944.

2. Local purchase items are not restricted under this new scale. You will therefore submit to this section (Q) for approval the local purchase items which the W/M desires to issue.

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Tommy V. Lowe
for Maj. Gen.
Army Sub Commission A.C.C.

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SUBJECT:- Introduction of New Ration Scale.

Army Sub Comm. ACC.
(MMIA), ROME.
SE/5.

Direz. Gen. Commissariato,
Italian War Ministry.

20th July 44.

1. Effective inclusive August 1st 1944 all Italian Armed Forces will be subsisted on the single scale of rations attached at Appendix "A" hereto.

2. You are requested to effect forthwith any redistribution of stocks as between the various depots that may be necessary to enable issues to be made on the new scale for consumption by troops on August 1st.

3. With regard to the items shown to be purchased locally under arrangements made by the Ministry of War, it should be understood that NO increases to the items and/or quantities shown on the scale at Appendix "A" is permissible at the present time.

B.L. Percival

B.L.PERCIVAL.
Lt.Col. RASC,
ADST, Army Sub Commission. ACC.

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Copy to:- All Sectors.
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Rome. Naples. Bari. Taranto. Calabria
Sicily. Sardinia.

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Appendix "A" to ST/A, dated 20 July, 1944.

NEW RATION SCALE (EFFECTIVE INCLUSIVE 1st AUGUST, 1944).

To be furnished from external sources:-

Flour	12	ounces.
Pulses	3	"
Canned Meat or Preserved Fish	3	"
Cheese	1	"
Sugar	1	"
Macaroni	3	"
Rice	1	"
Tomato Catsup or Tomato Paste	1/2	"
Coffee	1/2	"
Pepper	1/200	"
Matches, weekly issue	2 books or 1 box.	

To be furnished by Italian Military from local sources at their own expense:-

Fruit	4	ounces.
Fresh Vegetables	8	"
Olive Oil	1	"
Nuts	1/2	"
Salt	1/2	"
Wine	1/2	litre.

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Subject:- Ration Scale - Italian Military.

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H.Q. A.A.I. C.M.F.,
[illegible] 34/5,
ST/5/12/5.

18 Jul 44.

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D.D.S.T. Eighth Army. (5)
D.D.S.T. 5 Corps. (5)
D.D.S.T. 1 District. (5)
D.D.S.T. 2 District. (5)
D.D.S.T. 3 District. (5)
A.D.S.T. Army Sub-Commission (A.C.C.),
Main H.Q. (M.M.I.A.).
Med.

Copy to:- "G"

1. A single ration scale for the Italian Military has been approved by the Combined Chiefs of Staff and will be implemented w.e.f. 1 Aug 44.

The Scale is as follows:-

(a) To be furnished from external resources.

Flour	12 Ounces
Pulses (Vegetables, dehyd)	1 " VEG DEHYD
Canned meat or preserved fish	3 "
Cheese	1 "
Sugar	1 "
Macaroni	3 "
Rice	1 "
Beans or peas, dried	2 "
Tomato ketchup or tomato paste	[illegible] "
Coffee	[illegible] "
Pepper	1/200 "
Matches, weekly issue	[illegible] books or 1 box

(b) From Italian Military local resources and at their own expense.

Fruit	4 Ounces
Fresh Vegetables	8 "
Olive Oil	1 "
Nuts	[illegible] "
Salt	[illegible] "
Wine	[illegible] litre

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Flour	1 "
Pulses (Vegetables, dehyd)	3 "
Canned meat or preserved fish	1½ "
Cheese	1½ "
Sugar	2 "
Macaroni	1½ "
Rice	2 "
Beans or peas, dried	½ "
Tomato ketchup or tomato paste	½ "
Coffee	1/200 "
Pepper	2 books or 1 box
Matches, weekly issue	

(b) From Italian Military [illegible] sources and at their own expense.

Fruit	4 Ounces
Fresh Vegetables	8 "
Olive Oil	1 "
Nuts	"
Salt	"
Wine	½ litre

2. This Scale when it becomes effective will replace both the Basic and Combat Ration Scales now being issued.

3. An Administrative Instruction on this subject is in course of preparation and will be distributed through Staff Channels in due course.

Brigadier,
D.D.S.T.

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MESSAGE FORM

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CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS IN / OUT By hand - Urgent

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TO ITALIAN WAR MINISTRY.

FROM MMIA.

Original Number ST/256

Date 19 1/80

Reference Number

CONFIDENTIAL (.) Subject(.) New Single Ration Scale Local Resources Ration Items (.) In view of the fact that the New Single Ration Scale will be brought into operation by the 1st August essential that an answer be forwarded immediately to our ST/5 dated 8 July

(37) See (43)

This Message may be sent as WRITTEN / Group Message / Code / Cipher

Delegator's Instructions Degree of Priority

Time of Origin 1800 B

Signature

Signature Alberto IMPERIALI

(Originator may delete "Except" and lines not applicable) (BELOW THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

Reader Sender

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY
APO 400

ALE/jra
9 June 44.

MEMORANDUM)
:
TO) MMIA
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S & T
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1. Herewith copy of letter Single Ration Scale for Italian Military AFHQ, 14 May 1944, file AG 400-1 (Italian) SUP-O.

2. Will each addressee please submit any comments or queries with reference thereto, as soon as practicable?

3. MMIA will initiate the operation of the machinery necessary to accomplish the shipments required in para 4 basic letter, and will advise this headquarters of the effective date in mainland Italy, Sicily, Sardinia and Corsica.

(Sgd) A.L. HAMBLEN
Brigadier General, U.S.A.
DCAO

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 400-1 (ITALIAN) SUP-O

14 May 1944

Subject: Single Ration Scale for Italian Military.

TO : Commander-in-Chief, Allied Armies in Italy.

1. You are advised in our cable F43874 dated 10 May 1944 that a single ration scale has been approved by the Combined Chiefs of Staff. The approved ration scale is listed below:-

a. To be furnished from external resources: Caloric value-2,368

Flour	12 ounces
Pulses (Vegetables, dehy)	1 "
Canned meat or preserves fish	3 "
Cheese	1 "
Sugar	1 "
Macaroni	3 "
Rice	1 "
Beans or peas, dried	2 "
Tomato catsup or tomato paste	½ "
Coffee	½ "
Pepper	1/200 "
Matches, weekly issue	2 books or 1 box

b. From Italian Military local sources and at their own expence: Caloric value - 921

Fruit	4 ounces
Fresh Vegetables	8 "
Olive Oil	1 "
Nuts	½ "
Salt	½ "
Wine	½ litre

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Canned meat or preserves fish	3 "
Cheese	1 "
Sugar	1 "
Macaroni	3 "
Rice	1 "
Beans or peas, dried	2 "
Tomato catsup or tomato paste	2 "
Coffee	1/2 "
Pepper	1/200 "
Matches, weekly issue	2 books or 1 box

b. From Italian Military local sources and at their own expence:
Caloric value - 921

Fruit	4 ounces
Fresh Vegetables	8 "
Olive Oil	1 "
Nuts	1/2 "
Salt	1/4 "
Wine	1/2 litre

2. This scale when it becomes effective will replace both the basic and Combat ration scales now being issued.

3. These rations are being shipped based on a strength of 500,000. Listed below are the ports and percentages being shipped to each port:-

BOWL	-	31%
HUNG	-	30%
MITE	-	29%
TOMB	-	5%
EJAR	-	5%

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Ltr AFHQ, AG 400-1 (Italian) SUP-O,
dtd 14 May 1944 (Cont'd)

4. Rations for the Italian Military personnel on Corsica have been included in the shipments to Sardinia. It will be the responsibility of your headquarters and NCLA to ship sufficient rations from Sardinia to Corsica for the Italian Military personnel on Corsica.

5. We have been notified by PEMBARK that the following markings will be used and that the first 30 days supply will be shipped on UGS 45:-

EJAR 45 QM I ITI PL 55
MITE 45 QM I ITI PL 58
BOWL 45 QM I ITI PL 56
MITE 45 QM I ITI PL 69
HUNG 45 QM I ITI PL 57
TOMB 45 QM I ITI PL 80

6. In view of the above information, it is requested that this headquarters be advised the date the single ration scale will become effective at all locations.

by command of General WILSON.

/s/ H.V. Roberts
/t/ H.V. ROBERTS
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General.

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Subject:- New Single Ration Scale - Local Resources Ration Items.

Army Sub Comm. ACC.
Medical Div. MMLA.
TRUCKLAS (TRUCKS)
ST/S.

8 July 44.

Direct. Gen. Commissariato,
Italian War Ministry.

1. Assuming that the Italian Armed Forces will be subsisted on the single ration scale shown at Appendix "A" hereto and that units are NOT restricted to purchasing ONLY the items shown underlined in red on the scale, it is requested that you will inform this HQ. of any items you consider could be purchased in addition to, or in substitution of, any or all of the items underlined, in order to provide greater variety in the diet and to make the best use of local resources.

2. You should give the scales of issue proposed by you in order that comparison may be made with the scales of issue shown for the underlined items in the scale.

B.L. PERCIVAL.
Lt. Col, RASC,
ADST, Army Sub Commission. ACC.

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Subject: Vegetable Element in New Single Ration Scale.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA)
LECCE (LECCE)
AG/2
30 June 44.

To: DCAO. HQ. A.A.I.

1. Reference your AGH/jrn dated 9 June 44, para 2.

2. Clarification is sought in regard to the second and eighth items in the Ration Scale set out in para 1.a. of AFHQ letter AG-400-1 (ITALIAN) SUP-O of 14 May 44 (the basic letter to your reference under reply.

3. The items in question read as follows :

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Pulses (Vegetables,dely) 1 oz.

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Beans or Peas, Dried 2 oz.

4. Hitherto it has always been understood that Pulses are defined as Dried Beans, Peas or Lentils. For this reason the distinction apparently drawn in question in para 3 above is not understood.

5. It is to be noted that experience hitherto has shown that provision of the Vegetable element in consignments shipped under the ITI programme may take any form as between Pulses, Tinned Vegetables, Dehydreted Vegetables, depending on supplies of each from time to time available.

6. In addition it would be difficult administratively and uneconomical to maintain universal distribution of each seperate type of vegetable at all times throughout the Italian food depot system.

7. For the two reasons in paras 5 and 6 it seems advisable to

Pulses (Vegetables,dry) 1 oz.

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Beans or Peas, Dried 2 oz.

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6. In addition it would be difficult administratively and unconscional to maintain universal distribution of each separate type of vegetable at all times throughout the Italian Food Depot system.

7. For the two reasons in paras 5 and 6 it seems advisable to express the vegetable element in the ITI Ration Scale in terms of one particular type of vegetable and then to provide conversion factors for the other types.

8. Hitherto this Headquarters has instructed the Italian War Ministry to treat Pulses as the basic item (since this item was specifically included in the former "B" Scale), and to use Dehydrated Vegetables in substitution at half weight, and Tinned Vegetables at double weight.

9. Please state therefore whether it will be in order to base the new Single Ration Scale in respect of the vegetable element as follows :-

Pulses (Dried Beans, Peas, or Lentils) - (rate of issue to be notified by you). May be substituted by Dehydrated Vegetables at one half weight or by Tinned Vegetables at double weight.

10. The foregoing would take the place of the second and eighth items on Ration Scale in para 1.a. of AFHQ letter AG-400-1 (ITALIAN) SUP-O of 14 May 44.

Tommy T. Rose

Major General.
Army Subb Commission,A.C.C.

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SINGLE RATION SCALE.

To be furnished from external sources:

Flour	12	ounces
Pulses	3	"
Canned Meat or Preserved Fish	3	"
Cheese	1	"
Sugar	1	"
Macaroni	3	"
Rice	1	"
Tomato Catsup or Tomato Paste	1/2	"
Coffee	1/2	"
Pepper	1/200	"
Matches, weekly issue	2 books or 1 box.	

To be furnished by Italian Military from local sources at their own expense:

Fruit	4	ounces
Fresh Vegetables	8	"
Olive Oil	1	"
Nuts	1/2	"
Salt	1/2	"
Wine	1/2 litre	

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY
APO 400

AIG/jrn
9 June 1944

MEMORANDUM)
:
TO) MMIA
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2. Will each addressee please submit any comments or queries with reference thereto, as soon as practicable?

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(Sgd) A.L. HASKELL
Brigadier General, U.S.A.
DCAO

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 400-1 (ITALIAN) SUP-O

14 May 44

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TO : Commander-in-Chief, Allied Armies in Italy.

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Flour	12	ounces
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Canned Meat or preserved fish	3	"
Cheese	1	"
Sugar	1	"
Macaroni	3	"
Rice	1	"
Beans or peas, dried	2	"
Tomato catsup or tomato paste	½	"
Coffee	½	"
Pepper	1/200	"
Matches, weekly issue	2 books or 1 box	

b. From Italian Military Local sources and at their own expense: Caloric value - 921

Fruit	4	ounces
Fresh Vegetables	8	"
Olive Oil	1	"

Flour	12	ounces
Pulses (Vegetables, dehy)	1	"
Canned Meat or preserved fish	3	"
Cheese	1	"
Sugar	1	"
Macaroni	3	"
Rice	1	"
Beans or peas, dried	2	"
Tomato catsup or tomato paste	½	"
Coffee	½	"
Pepper	1/200	"
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Fresh Vegetables	8	"
Olive Oil	1	"
Nuts	½	"
Salt	½	"
Wine	½	litre

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MITE	-	29%
TOMB	-	5%
EIAR	-	5%

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by command of General WILSON.

/s/ H.V. Roberts
H.V. ROBERTS
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

Rp

Divisione Sussistenze

N. 6410 /Sl. prot. P. M. 107, li 23 giugno 1944

Risposta al foglio N. del Carte annesse 1

OGGETTO: Tabella viveri

Al LA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO DELLA LEVANTE

A.C.C.-Comando Principale -

ST. 24/6

Per informazione si trasmette copia del dispaccio 6150/3 in data 16 giugno con il quale è stata diramata la nuova tabella decadale viveri che andrà in vigore il 23 giugno c.a.

p. IL MINISTRO

Pellegrin

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Direz.Gen.dei Serv.di Com.Mil.
- Divisione Sussistenze -

N. 6150/2. di prot. F.I.107,11 16 giugno 1944.-

OGGETTO: tabella viveri.-

.....INDIRI I O REI.....

Si trasmette copia della nuova tabella decadale viveri che andrà in vigore il 23 giugno c.a. anche sostituisce la precedente di cui al dispaccio 3000/S. del 21 marzo.-

La detta tabella deve essere applicata da tutti gli enti che fruiscono della razione tipo " B " ed avrà vigore soltanto nell'interno dei reparti allo scopo di rendere più variato e gradito il rancio della truppa, ferme restando le disposizioni impartite con il dispaccio 4430/S. del 5 maggio a riguardo dei prelevamenti decadali.- Pertanto, per ciascuna decade, i prelevamenti verranno effettuati con un buono unico per i quantitativi totali spettanti nella decade.-

Si prega dare la massima diffusione fra le truppe della tabella allegata mediante affissione nell'albo degli ordini del giorno di una copia, in calce alla quale dovranno riportarsi però anche le note che seguono:

- IL SOLDATO DEVE RICEVERE -

a) GIORNALIERIE:

- una bevanda calda composta da gr.14 di caffè e gr.14 di cicoria;
- gr.300 di pane ovvero gr.240 di biscotti (al massimo [illegible] per decade) ovvero gr.250 di [illegible]

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- gr.113 di frutta fresca e gr.28 di frutta secca ogni mandorla;
- 1/2 litro di vino;
- 5 sigarette (oltre 5 " KILIP " a pagamento e a cura spacci cooperativi).-

b) NELLA DECADE
- PER 2 GIORNI - un rancio di pasta asciutta (gr.145) rancio di carne (gr.113) ovvero 1/2 ta italiana.-
- PER 3 GIORNI - un rancio di minestrone e un rancio gr.113.-
- PER 5 GIORNI - un rancio di minestrone e un rancio conservato (gr.226).-

N.B. - Il rancio di galletta deve essere distribuito al

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volte per settimana.-

p.IL MINISTRO
F/to Pellegra

P. C. C.

Il Direttore Capo Divisione
CAPITANO COMMISSARIO
(Vincenzo Ventrella)

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Con i viveri di cui alla presente tabella possono essere distribuiti al soldato i seguenti tipi di rancio che si segnalano a titolo indicativo:

1°) PER TRE GIORNI NELLA DECADE

- MATTINO -

un minestrone costituito da:

- pasta ..... gr. 95
- verdura fresca ..... " 350
- legumi secchi ..... " 56

oppure:

verdura essiccata ..... " 28

oppure:

vegetali in scatola .. " 113

- vino .....litri 1/4

- SERA -

- carne - con verdura saltata e leguri (da acquistarsi col miglioramento rancio)..... gr. 113
- frutta fresca ..... " 113
- frutta secca ..... " 28
- vino .....litri 1/4

2°) PER DUE GIORNI NELLA DECADE

- MATTINO -

- pasta asciutta gr.145
- frutta fresca ..... " 113
- frutta secca ..... " 28
- vino ..... litri 1/4

- SERA -

- carne gr.113
- una zuppa di legumi o verdura (con altri generi da acquistarsi col miglioramento rancio)
- vino .....litri 1/4

3°) PER CINQUE GIORNI NELLA DECADE

- MATTINO -

un minestrone costituito da:

- pasta gr.95
- verdura fresca ..... " 350

- SERA -

- pesce conservato ...gr.226 con insalata da acqui_

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oppure:
vegetali in scatola .. " 113
- vino .....litri 1/4

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- MATTINO -

- pasta asciutta gr.145
- frutta fresca ..... " 113
- frutta secca ..... " 28
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TABELLA DECADALE VIVERI PER TUTTE

GIORNI DELLA DECADE	PANE (1)	PASTA o RISO (2)	CARNE SCATOLATA (3)	PESCE CONSERVATO (4)	LEGUMI SECCHI (5)	VERDURA O FATE O ALTRI VEGETALI SECCHI (6) oppure: CHO	VEGETALI IN SCATOLA (7)	CONSERVA (8)	OLIO (9)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1° GIORNO	300	95		226	56	28	113	8	28
2° GIORNO	300	145	113		56	28	113	8	28
3° GIORNO	300	95		226	56	28	113	8	28
4° GIORNO	300	95	113		56	28	113	8	28
5° GIORNO	300	95		226	56	28	113	8	28
6° GIORNO	300	95	113		56	28	113	8	28
7° GIORNO	300	95		226	56	28	113	8	28
8° GIORNO	300	95		226	56	28	113	8	28
9° GIORNO	300	145	113		56	28	113	8	28
10° GIORNO	300	95	113		56	28	113	8	28
	3000	1050	565	1130	560	280	1130	80	280

(1) Sostituibile al massimo tre volte per decade con gr.240 di biscotti di p
galletta italiana sino ad esaurimento delle scorte di tale tipo di bisco
(2) Da sostituirsi due volte per settimana (martedì e sabato) con gr.100 di
un giorno quando il martedì ed il sabato è previsto il rancio di pasta

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IVERI PER TUTTE LE TRUP[illegible]TOVAGLIATE CON RAZIONE TIPO " B " IN VIGORE DAL 23/6/44

	SCATOLA (7)	CONSERVA (8)	OLIO (9)	FORMAGGIO RAGUSA	LEGUME	SALE	VERDURA FRESCA (10)	OLIO	FRUTTA FRESCA (11)	FRUTTA SECCA SGUSCIATA A MANDORLA (12)	CAFFE' (13)	ZUCCHERO	TABACCHI (14)	MIGLIORAMENTO RANCIO (15)
6	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
113	8	28	6	0.14	20	350	1/2 litro di vino al giorno	113	28	14	14	5	&. 3	
113	8	28	6	0.14	20	350		113	28	14	14	5	" 3	
113	8	28	6	0.14	20	350		113	28	14	14	5	" 3	
113	8	28	6	0.14	20	350		113	28	14	14	5	" 3	
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113	8	28	6	0.14	20	350		113	28	14	14	5	" 3	
113	8	28	6	0.14	20	350		113	28	14	14	5	" 3	
113	8	28	6	0.14	20	350		113	28	14	14	5	" 3	
113	8	28	6	0.14	20	350		113	28	14	14	5	" 3	
1130	80	280	60	1.40	200	3500		1130	280	140	140	50	&. 1	

..... 40 di biscotti di provenienza alleata qualora disponibili; da sostituirsi il giovedì con
tale tipo di biscotto.-
ato) con gr.100 di galletta di produzione italiana fino ad esaurimento delle scorte, con a
l rancio di pasta asciutta.-
[illegible] costituita con gr.17 di carne disidratata ovvero con gr.200 (con osso). di

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TRUPPA RIFORNITA VETTOVAGLIATE CON RAZIONE TIPO " B " IN VIGORE DAL 23/6/44

11	PARMIGIANO REGGIANO	6	0.14	20	350	1/2 litro di vino al giorno	113	28	14	14	5	£. 3
12	PESCE	6	0.14	20	350		113	28	14	14	5	" 3
13	SALE	6	0.14	20	350		113	28	14	14	5	" 3
14	VERDURA FRESCA (10)	6	0.14	20	350		113	28	14	14	5	" 3
15	VINO	6	0.14	20	350		113	28	14	14	5	" 3
16	FRUTTA FRESCA (11)	6	0.14	20	350		113	28	14	14	5	" 3
17	FRUTTA SECCA SGUSCIATA A MANDORLA (12)	6	0.14	20	350		113	28	14	14	5	" 3
18	CAFFE' (13)	6	0.14	20	350		113	28	14	14	5	" 3
19	ZUCCHERO	6	0.14	20	350		113	28	14	14	5	" 3
20	TABACCHI (14)	6	0.14	20	350		113	28	14	14	5	" 3
21	MIGLIORAMENTO RANCIO (15)	60	1.40	200	3500		1130	280	140	140	50	£. 30

provenienza alleata qualora disponibili; da sostituirsi il giovedì con gr.250 di
otto.-
galletta di produzione italiana fino ad esaurimento delle scorte, con anticipo di
asciutta.-
sostituita con gr.17 di carne disidratata ovvero con gr.200 (con osso). di carne di

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5° GIORNO	300	95		226	56	28	113	8	28
6° GIORNO	300	95	113		56	28	113	8	28
7° GIORNO	300	95		226	56	28	113	8	28
8° GIORNO	300	95		226	56	28	113	8	28
9° GIORNO	300	145	113		56	28	113	8	28
10° GIORNO	300	95	113		56	28	113	8	28
	3000	1050	565	1130	560	280	1130	80	280

(1) Sostituibile al massimo tre volte per decade con gr.240 di biscotti di
galletta italiana sino ad esaurimento delle scorte di tale tipo di bisco
(2) Da sostituirsi due volte per settimana (martedì e sabato) con gr.100 di
un giorno quando il martedì ed il sabato è previsto il rancio di pasta
(3) Qualunque specie di carne scatolata anche con vegetali.- Può essere sost
cavallo, ovvero con 1/2 scatoletta di carne di produzione italiana.- In
(4) Qualunque tipo di pesce conservato.- Sostituibile con gr.226 di salsicci
(5) Pisellini, fagioli o lenticchie a secondo delle disponibilità.-
(6) Finchè disponibili impiegare giornalmente, per una maggiore varietà dei
(7) Compresi i legumi e le patate in scatola.-
(8) Se doppio concentrato; gr.6,6 se triplo e gr.4 se sestuplo.-
(9) Temporaneamente e sino a nuovo avviso la razione è ridotta a gr.14.-
(10) Da acquistarsi dal commercio a cura dei Corpi e Reparti.-
(11) Da acquistarsi dal commercio.- Sostituibile con gr.50 di frutta secca a
(12) Da acquistarsi dal commercio.- Sostituibile con gr.100 di frutta secca
(13) Anche per le mense ufficiali e sottufficiali.- Sostituibile con gr.7 di
(14) Inoltre per gli ufficiali gr.5 giornalieri a pagamento e per i sottuffi
(15) £.5 giornaliere per la sola truppa in Campania.- £.10 per uff.sottuff.e

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113	8	28	6	0.14	20	350	1/2 litro di vino	113	28	14	14	5
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e di tale tipo di biscotto.-
sabato) con gr.100 di galletta di produzione italiana fino ad esaurimento delle scorte, o
to il rancio di pasta asciutta.-
etali.- Può essere sostituita con gr.37 di carne disidratata ovvero con gr.200 (con osso)
duzione italiana.- In linea eccezionale anche con sardè salate in pari quantità.-
e con gr.226 di salsiccia in scatola.-
isponibilità.-
a maggiore varietà dei rancì, metà razione di verdura secca e metà di legumi.-

e sestuplo.-
è ridotta a gr.14.-
Reparti.-
gr.50 di frutta secca a polpa (fichi, prugne ecc.) oppure con gr.15 netti sgusciati di frutta
gr.100 di frutta secca a polpa (fichi, prugne ecc.)
Sostituibile con gr.7 di cacao o gr.4,7 di thè.-
gamento e per i sottufficiali e truppa gr.5 giornalieri di MILIT a pagamento a cura degli
- £.10 per uff.sottuff.e truppa in Sicilia; £.16 per gli allievi delle RR.Accademie Milita

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n scatola.-

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(donia?)
olpa (fichi, prugne ecc.)
cao e gr.4,7 di thè.-
li e truppa gr.5 giornalieri di MILIT a pagamento a cura degli spacci.-
uppa in Sicilia; £.16 per gli allievi delle RR.Accademie Militari.-

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY
APO 400

AG/Jrm
9 June 44.

MEMORANDUM)
:
TO) MMIA
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MDBS

1. Herewith copy of letter Simple Ration Scale for Italian Military AFHQ, 14 May 1944, File AG 400-1 (Italian) SUP-C.

2. Will each addressee please submit any comments or queries with reference thereto, as soon as practicable?

3. MMIA will initiate the operation of the machinery necessary to accomplish the shipments required in para 4 basic letter, and will advise this headquarters of the effective date in mainland Italy, Sicily, Sardinia and Corsica.

(Sgd) A.L. MAXWELL
Brigadier General, U.S.A.
DCAO

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ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 400-1 (ITALIAN) SUB-O 14 May 1944

Subject: Single Ration Scale for Italian Military.

TO : Commander-in-Chief, Allied Armies in Italy.

1. You are advised in our cable F43874 dated 10 May 1944 that a single ration scale has been approved by the Combined Chiefs of Staff. The approved ration scale is listed below:-

a. To be furnished from external resources: Calorie value-2,368

Flour	12 ounces
Pulses (Vegetables, dry)	1 "
Canned meat or preserves fish	3 "
Cheese	1 "
Sugar	1 "
Macaroni	3 "
Rice	1 "
Beans or peas, dried	2 "
Tomato catsup or tomato paste	1/2 "
Coffee	1/2 "
Pepper	1/200 "
Matches, weekly issue	2 books or 1 box

b. From Italian Military local sources and at their own expense: Calorie value - 921

Fruit	4 ounces
Fresh Vegetables	8 "
Olive Oil	1 "
Nuts	1/2 "
Salt	1/2 "

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Cheese	4 "
Sugar	1 "
Macaroni	3 "
Rice	4 "
Beans or peas, dried	2 "
Tomato catsup or tomato paste	½ "
Coffee	½ "
Pepper	1/200 "
Matches, weekly issue	2 books or 1 box

b. From Italian Military local sources and at their own expense: Calorie value - 924

Fruit	4 ounces
Fresh Vegetables	8 "
Olive Oil	1 "
Nuts	½ "
Salt	½ "
Wine	½ litre

Pulses (vegetables, dry)	1	"
Cannel meat or preserves fish	3	"
Cheese	1	"
Sugar	1	"
Macaroni	3	"
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Nuts	½ "
Salt	½ "
Wine	½ litre

~~2. [illegible]~~

2. This scale when it becomes effective will replace both the basic and Combat ration scales now being issued.

3. These rations are being shipped based on a strength of 500,000. Listed below are the ports and percentages being shipped to each port:-

BORL	-	31%
HUMG	-	30%
MIEE	-	29%
TORB	-	5%
BJAR	-	5%

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Ltr AFHQ, AG 400-1 (Italian) SUP-O,
dtd 14 May 1944 (Cont'd)

4. Rations for the Italian Military personnel on Corsica have been included in the shipments to Sardinia. It will be the responsibility of your headquarters and MMIA to ship sufficient rations from Sardinia to Corsica for the Italian Military personnel on Corsica.

5. We have been notified by PENBARK that the following rations will be used and that the first 30 days supply will be shipped on UGS 45:-

BLAR 45 QM I ITI PL 55
MITS 45 QM I ITI PL 58
BOWL 45 QM I ITI PL 56
HUTS 45 QM I ITI PL 69
HUNC 45 QM I ITI PL 57
TOMB 45 QM I ITI PL 80

6. In view of the above information, it is requested that this headquarters be advised the date the single ration scale will become effective at all locations.

by command of General WILSON.

/s/ H.V. Roberts
/t/ H.V. ROBERTS
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General.

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ARMY FORM 0216 (Staff)

MESSAGE FORM

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FROM (A) Originator: Hq. A.A.I.

Date-Time of Origin: 08. 1300 B.

For Action

Mr. Mr. I. A.

TO (W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions — GR

GH 233. Restricted. Reference your AQ1098 ⊙ no official news about new station ⊙ have queried AFHQ ⊙ will inform you ⊙ make no changes until officially informed

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This message may be sent AS WRITTEN

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SUBJECT:- Supplies for Italian Army

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q.(MAIA)
LECCE (LECCE)
AQ/8
25 Apr 44

HQ AZA.I. Adm Sch for G-4

1. It is desired to clarify the position regarding the various RATION SCALES now in operation and also under consideration.

2. The scales at present in operation are Combat Scale 'A' - Calorific Value 3745 calories
Basic Scale 'B' - Calorific value 2306 calories

The addition of the 2 ozs P Meat brings the basic scale 'B' to 2436 for personnel employed in Docks and other similar work.

3. The present scale 'B' is insufficient for the troops to carry out their duties and it is understood that the C.C.S. have been asked to approve the issue of Scale 'A' to all troops. It is clear that this would enable for more work to be done by the tps and so fulfil the tasks laid down by the Allies.

4. In the event of the refusal of the C.C.S. to agree to Scale 'A' for all tps it is essential that a new scale (Scale 'C') be introduced in place of scale 'B'. DDMS HQ AAI holds the opinion that 3400 calories is a suitable diet for moderate work. A new scale has been worked out and att as annexure 1 to this letter. In this connection please cancel Appendix 'A' to my letter AQ/8 of 16 Apr and substitute that annexure from this letter.

5. The proposed Scale 'C' (at annexure 1) has been carefully prepared taking into consideration the necessary balancing of protein, fat and carbohydrate and gives a calorific value of 3279 calories. It also is so balanced as to be acceptable and easily digested by ITALIAN tps and so give the best results in proportion to the bulk of food shipped by the Allies. For ease of reference I attach the present scale 'B' at annexure 2.

6. It is an established fact that an item to be efficient

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6. It is an established fact that an Army to be efficient must be properly fed. I am satisfied that the proposed scale 'C' is the lowest upon which the ITALIAN Army can be efficiently worked.

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Maj Gen,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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ANNEXURE I

MODIFIED SCALE "C" FOR ALL ITALIAN TROOPS.

		Protein	Fat	Carbohydrate	Total Calories
FLOUR (or Rice or Biscuits)	16 oz.	102	17	1467	1676
Pulses	2 ozs	67	-	185	252
F. Meat or Liv 6 ozs or Fish 4 ozs	4 ozs	104	156	-	260
Cheese	1 ozs	32	95	-	128
Rice	2 ozs	14	2	188	203
Macaroni	2 ozs	16	3	230	249
Sugar	1/2 oz	-	-	50	50
Tomato Ketchup	1/2 oz	1	-	9	10
Coffee	1/2 oz	-	-	-	-
Pepper	1/200	-	-	-	-
Local Purch Ro					
Fresh Fruit	4 ozs	2	-	54	56
Fresh Veg.	12 ozs	18	-	84	102
Olive Oil	1 oz	-	260	-	260
Nuts (unshelled) Dry shelled	1 oz 1/2 oz	16	64	5	85

Macaroni	2 ozs	10	6	220	240
Sugar	1/2 oz	-	-	50	55
Tomato Ketchup	1/2 oz	1	-	9	10
Coffee	1/2 oz	-	-	-	-
Pepper	1/200	-	-	-	-
<u>Local Purchase</u>					
Fresh fruit	4 ozs	2	-	54	56
Fresh Veg.	14 ozs	18	-	84	102
Olive Oil	2 oz	-	260	-	260
Nuts (unshelled)	1 oz				
Dry shelled	1/2 oz	10	66	5	85
Wine	1/2 litre	-	-	-	-
Salt	1/8 oz	-	-	-	-
		400	600	2248	3279

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EXISTING SCALE B

ANNEXURE 2.

		Protein	Fat	Carbohydrate	Total Calories
Flour	12 oz	144	13	1091	1248
Pulses	2 oz	57	-	135	192
P. Meat	2 oz	52	78	-	130
Preserved Fish (rsq figures only available	4 oz	101	71	-	172
Sugar	½ oz	-	-	58	58
Coffee	½ oz	-	-	-	-
Pepper	1/200	-	-	-	-
Local Purchase					
Fresh Fruit	4 oz	2	-	54	56
Fresh Veg.	12 oz	18	-	84	102
Olive Oil	1 oz	-	263	-	263
Nuts (unshelled) (Say ½ oz shelled)	1 oz	16	64	5	85
		390	489	1427	2306

2 ozs extra P. Meat drawn by Port Labour etc. bringing total to - 2436.

This diet is too low in total calorific value of 2306 but properly balanced.

Medical opinion of DDMS AAI gives 3400 calories as necessary for moderate work.

Local Purchase

Fresh Fruit	4 oz	2	-	54	56
Fresh Veg.	12 oz	18	-	84	102
Olive Oil	1 oz	-	263	-	263
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MOL/JG/dfe

SG 250. 10 April 1944

Subject: Soldiers of Italian Army in Jail.

To: Director, Army Sub-Commission.

I refer to your [illegible] of 6th April 1944.

1. I am directed by the Chief Commissioner to state that he has decided that all soldiers who are imprisoned whether awaiting trial or after sentence will be provided with the same rations as those issued to civilian prisoners.

2. The Chief Commissioner is glad to hear that steps have been taken to accommodate military prisoners and soldiers awaiting trial. He hopes that these arrangements will be completed as soon as possible in order to liquidate the congestion in the jails.

Robert B. Joa
Major, A.G.D.
Secretary General

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(Original in AG/2)

Subject:- Cigarettes and Tobacco - Italian Forces.

HQ., AAI (Adm Sch) CMF
1025/1/G1
4 Apl 44.

HQ (Brit Incr) Fifth Army.
HQ Eighth Army.
HQ 5 Corps.

1. Information has been received that the scale of the Italian tobacco ration is 5 grammes per day.
This is equivalent to:-
35 cigarettes per week, or
1¼ ozs tobacco per week.

2. It will be left to the discretion of Army Commanders if they wish to increase this ration to the Allied Military Scale.

3. The additional issue above the Italian Armed Forces Scale will be made from Allied sources.

4. Allied Control Commission are being pressed to increase the ration to Italian Armed Forces to equal that of Allied Forces, in order supplementary issues from Allied sources may be discontinued.

sd/ ??? Major, for
Major General.
Chief Administrative Officer.

Copy to:- PBS
Army Sub Commission ACC
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MESSAGE FORM

ARMY FORM 6128 (Parts of 300)

Serial No.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN	File: ST/5	No. of Groups	Office Date Stamp
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TO FLAMBO

File ST/19

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FROM PYMIA

Originator's Number AQ 822 | Date 30 March | In Reply to Number

Report	ADM	Mobilization	Reserves	Chinese	Force
Eleven	[illegible]	ITI	Nationism	[illegible]	Fight
Grenade	Four	Army	[illegible]	Have	equivalent
[illegible]	Five	Italian	Congressman	[illegible]	offensive
Have	Send	Grenadier	[illegible]	Four	Letter
[illegible]	ITI	Congressman	and	Together	[illegible]
Weight	Have	Bracket			

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN or may be paraphrased.

If cipher to be used it must be sent IN CIPHER.

Originator's instructions Domestic priority

Time of origin 30/1510

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T.H.I. 4667

T.O.R.

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Subject:- Issue of Tobacco and Cigarettes to Italian Armed Forces.

Army Sub Comm. ACC.
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEGHILL (LEGGE)
ST/5.
29 Mar 44.

War Ministry.

1. HQ, A.A.I. (Adm Sch) have informed this Sub Comm. that the Allied Control Commission are not yet in a position to supply tobacco and cigarettes from Italian sources.

2. Italian Troops in forward areas who are rationed on Combat scale, will therefore continue to be issued with cigarettes or tobacco at a scale of 2 ozs. per man, per week from Allied Sources.

(File)

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

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Subject:- Issue of Tobacco and Cigarettes to Italian Forces

H.Q. A.A.I.(ADC COMMISSION)
C.M.F.
Tel. Ext: 104
ADJ./SE
25 Mar 44.

A.F.H.Q., Eighth Army
A.F.H.Q., Fifth Army(Br.Inc.)
A.F.H.Q., 5 Corps

Copy to:- Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main HQ (ACC)
SALERNO (ACCOM)

1. Information has now been received to the effect that the Allied Control Commission are not yet in a position to supply tobacco and cigarettes to the Italian Armed Forces.

2. Italian troops in the forward areas who are rationed on the Combat Scale will therefore continue to be issued with Cigarettes or Tobacco at a scale of 4 ozs per man per week.

3. 'Y' Type cigarettes will be issued to cigarette smokers.

A.W.B. Dell
Maj.
Brigadier,
F.A.A.I.

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Subject:- Maintenance of Italian Armed Forces from Allied Shipments.

Army Sub Comm ACC
Main HQ (MMIA)
LECCE (LECCE).
SD/1.
17 Mar 44.

ITALIAN WAR MINISTRY.

Copy to:- HQ, ACIF (Adm Sec)
HQ, 1 District. FORALI.
HQ, 2 District. FORIT.
HQ, 3 District.
Navy Sub Comm ACC.
Air Force Sub Comm ACC.
All MMIA L.Os.
All MMIA Supervising & L.Os.

1. As from the 25 MARCH 1944, all rations for the Italian Army, Navy and Air Force rear of Combat Zone on the mainland will be supplied from Italian Supply Depots.

2. The Italian War Ministry will continue to submit to MMIA the ration strengths of the Italian Army, Navy and Air Force, and the rations required under the Operational Scale and Basic Scale, and the Depots from which rations are required to be drawn, as in accordance with your 2674/S dated 14 Mar 44.

3. Rations will be issued in accordance with Appx "A" of AFHQ letter No. AG 400-1(Italy) GDS-AGN dated 9 Jan 44, under the following scales:-

Item	Unit	(Scale "B") Basic Ration	(Scale "A") Combat Ration
Whole wheat or	oz.	16	
Flour	"	12	18 ++
Pulses	"	2	1½
Canned Meat	"	2 ø	4 (or preserved fish)
Preserved fish	"	4	
Cheese	"		1
Sugar	"	½	1
Macaroni	"		3
Rice	"		2
Beans, dried	"		2
Tomato catsup or paste	"		½
Coffee	"	½	½
Pepper	"	1/200	1/200
Onions	"		2
Matches (weekly issue) book or			2

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Preserved fish	"	4	
Cheese	"		1
Sugar	"	½	1
Macaroni	"		3
Rice	"		2
Beans, dried	"		2
Tomato catsup or paste	"		½
Coffee	"	½	½
Pepper	"	1/200	1/200
Onions	"		2
Matches (weekly issue)	book or box		2 1

++ Bread or Biscuits to scale may be substituted as necessary.
ø May be increased to 4 oz when engaged in heavy manual labour.

Additional to be procured, stocked and furnished by Italian military:-

Item	Unit	Basic Ration	Combat Ration
Fruit	oz.	4	4
Fresh Vegetables	"	8	8
Olive Oil	"	1	1
Wine	litre	½	½
Butter	oz.	1	1
Salt	"	½	½

Yeast and other bread making ingredients as required.
Where it is impracticable to supply the above items from Italian sources to Italian troops forward of army rear boundaries, substitutions from Allied stocks of suitable equivalents except for canned fruit.

Lt.Col,
A.D.S.A., Army Sub Commission. ACC.

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Subject:- Italian Rations.

Army Sub Comm. AMG.
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
BZ/3.
~~16. Mar 44.~~

"ST" HQ, No.2 District.
MMIA L.O. 2 District.
"ST" HQ, 52 Area.
"ST" HQ, 6 Base Sub-Area.
"ST" HQ, 71 Sub-Area.
OC British Cadre, 1000 Italian G.T.Coy, TARANTO.
" " " 1001 " " " PALO DEL COLLE.
" " " 1002 " " " BRINDISI.
OC, 562 Arty Coy, BARI, MMIA (in respect of Training School, POLIGNANO).

1. The following information from Italian War Ministry regarding rations received by the Italian Soldier is forwarded for your information -

DAILY

A Hot Drink made of 7 gr. Coffee, 3 gr. of Substitute Coffee, and 14 gr. of Sugar.
240 gr. of Biscuits, or 300 gr. of Bread.
142 gr. of Fresh Fruit, and 28 gr. of Nuts.
½ Litre of Wine.
5 Cigarettes.

DURING THE 10 DAY PERIOD

On 2 days - 1 meal with 150 gr. of Macaroni
1 meal of meat (1 tin per 3 men, or ½ Italian tin per man).

On 3 days - 1 meal with Soup
1 meal with Meat (1 tin per 3 men, or ½ Italian tin per man).

On 5 days - 2 meals with Soup, plus 40 gr. of Jam, plus 32 gr. of Herrings, or 14 grs. Sardines, or 24 gr. of Salmon.

[illegible] Capt.,
AMGOT,
Army Sub Comm. AMG.

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Min of. War - Commissariate
To: MMIA

TRANSLATION

Ref. 26941 S
15 MAR. 44

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Subject. Ration Scale

For your info. we are enclosing herewith the foodstuff ration scale which took effect on the 1st March.

An increase of 10 gra. of maccaronies per day has been raised through various experiments and extra production imposed to the bakeries and Maccaronies Factories.

Gen. PELLICCIA

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Dist. Ufficio: S.D/5
Recd: 16 marzo

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

LA/ro DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE
- DIVISIONE SUSSISTENZE - Sez.1 -

2694/S. di prot. P. M. 107. II 15 marzo 1944

Risposta al foglio N. del Carte annesse 1

OGGETTO: trasmissione tabella viveri.-

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO DELLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO - COMANDO PRINCIPALE - (M.M.I.A.)
LEQUILE

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Per notizia si trasmette a codesta Sottocommissione copia della tabella viveri in vigore dal 1° marzo corrente anno.-

Essa prevede l'aumento della razione pasta in gr.10 giornalieri, potuti realizzare attraverso numerosi esperimenti compiuti e le maggiori rese potute conseguentemente imporre agli industriali panificatori e pastificatori.-

p.IL MINISTRO

Pellizzi

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METHOD OF ISSUING THE ADDITIONAL
2 ozs P.MEAT TO ITALIAN PORT LABOUR.

Contact has been made with DADS 71 Sub Area and OC, Dock Labour, BRINDISI, with regard to the method of issuing the additional 2 ozs P.Meat for Italian Port Labour.

1. Italian personnel are checked as they enter each berth on the Docks (3 times a day) by the Pioneer Officer in charge of the berth.

2. The total number of Italian personnel employed on the Docks is then reported to the O i/c Pioneer Coy, who authorises the drawing of the equivalent amount of P.Meat in bulk from the D.I.D.

3. Each Pioneer Officer in charge of a berth is then issued with the amount of P.Meat for the numbers of personnel employed.

4. At meal times all tins of P.Meat are opened by a Pioneer NCO, and the Italian Officer in charge of his men working on the berth collects his allotment and issues it to his men where it is consumed on the spot.

S. W. Cann Capt.
DADST.

7 Feb 44.
DA

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SUBJECT:- Composition of Special AFHQ Ration Scale for Italian Armed Forces

Military Liaison to ITALIAN ARMY
AI/2
4 Dec 43

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AFHQ A by Adm Eab

1. As agreed by Brig GOLDIE at Conference at BRINDISI on 29 Nov. The Italian QMG has, after consulting the experts of all three Italian arms of the service put up suggestions with regard to the reconsideration of the rations as now laid down.

2. In principal, he considers that the basic part of the ration to be supplied w.e.f. 16 Dec from Allied Military sources has been cut to a minimum on the assumption that the remainder of the ration (to be procured by local purchase) can supply the quantity and calory value lacking in the basic components. He states that on the new AFHQ scale the daily ration is reduced by almost 2 lbs in weight and by 2,300 calories in food value.

3. His present difficulty in local purchase applies particularly to fresh vegetables, fruit and nuts which are not available in sufficient quantities in APULIA, LUCANIA, CALABRIA, and CAMPANIA.

4. He therefore submits the following requests for consideration

(a) An increase of flour to a daily issue per man of 15 1/4 oz. capable of producing 17 1/2 oz of bread and 5 1/4 oz of pasta. Alternatively an increase to 17 1/4 oz of flour to be supplemented by an additional 2 oz of cheese. rice.

(b) An increase in the daily issue of sugar to 1 oz to be supplemented by an additional 1 oz of cheese.

(c) Owing to the lack of fresh fruit and vegetables due to the present time of year and difficulty in distribution of what is available he requests a daily ration of

(i) 2 oz of tinned meat (to make 4 ozs) or
(ii) 5 oz of cheese as a substitute

5. A comparison of the daily ration of flour, pasta and meat on the various scales that have been operative is shown herewith for information:

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(a) An increase of flour to a daily issue per man of 12 1/4 oz. capable of producing 17 1/2 oz of bread and 5 1/4 oz of pasta. Alternatively an increase to 17 1/4 oz of flour to be supplemented by an additional 2 oz of cheese, rice.

(b) An increase in the daily issue of sugar to 1 oz to be supplemented by an additional 1 oz of cheese.

(c) Owing to the lack of fresh fruit and vegetables due to the present time of year and difficulty in distribution of what is available he requests a daily ration of

(i) 2 oz of tinned meat (to make 4 oz) or
(ii) 3 oz of cheese as a substitute

5. A comparison of the daily ration of flour, pasta and meat on the various scales that have been operative is shown herewith for information:

	Normal ration before occupation	After Allied occupation 8 Sep	Special temporary AMGOT scale
Bread	24 1/2 oz	12 1/4 oz)	12 oz flour or
Pasta	7 oz	5 1/4 oz)	16 oz wheat
Meat	8.75 oz	5 1/4 oz	2 oz

6. I realise that the Allied Authorities have not laid down the present ration without due consideration of the question, but am convinced of the good faith with which the Italian suggestions have been put fwd and recommend a revision of the existing scale.

(sgd) C.C. DUMESNE

Brig
Comd

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Subject:- RATIONING OF ITALIAN ARMED FC.

Military Mission to
Itali Army.
AQ/2/3
30 Nov 43

To Allied Control Commission

With reference to the conference on the policy for the issue of rations to the Italian Armed Forces held yesterday 29 Nov at your H.Q.

Herewith 3 copies (one for Commadore Palmer RN one for Air Commodore Foster RAF of the Special temporary ration scale as laid down by A.F.H.Q.

As agreed General Aliberti, Italian War Ministry, will submit his recommendations on this scale, and will also point out the difficulties in obtaining the supplies from local resources (para 4 sub para b) to MMIA for consideration , and for onward transmission to A.F.H.Q. for their approval.- Copy of letter will be forwarded to you.

A.W. Cam Major
for Brig
Comd

HC

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Subject:- RATIONING OF ITALIAN ARMED FORCES

Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY
AG/2
25. Nov 43

The Ministry

Copy to:- S.M.P.M. 3rd Armata.

Reference MMTEDESCA 7th Italian Army letter 2799/Comm, dated 23 Nov 1943.

Herewith ration scale as laid down by the Allied Force H.Q. (Note:- already reported to MMTE 3rd ARMATA in my AG/2 dated 15 Nov 1943.

1. With effect from 15 Nov the following policy will be brought into effect.

2. After the maximum utilization of local resources surplus to the minimum essential needs of the Italian civil population has been carried out, subsistence may be issued from military sources by both British, and American Forces in return for services rendered by Italian Units.

3. The maximum scale of issue in such circumstances is given below:- This scale is subject to deduction, by authority of Allied Force H.Q., when suitable substitutes for the items can be obtained from local resources.

	ARTICLES	SCALE	REMARKS
(a)	Whole Wheat or	16 ozs	
	Flour	12 "	
	Pulses	2 "	Examination to be made for procuring locally.
	Canned Meat	2 "	ALTERNATIVE Tinned Fish 1 oz. Cheese 1 oz., Sugar ½ oz., OR Tinned Sausages 2 2/3 ozs., Sugar ½ oz.
	Sugar	½ "	
	Pepper	1/200 "	
	Matches	2 Books weekly = 1 Box	
	Coffee	½ ozs.	

(b) The following additional items will be furnished by the Italian Army. Purchases from local resources will be co-ordinated with AMG

3. The maximum scale of issue in such circumstances is given below. This scale is subject to deduction, by authority of Allied Force H.Q., when suitable substitutes for the items can be obtained from local resources.

	COMMODITY	SCALE	REMARKS
(a)	Whole Wheat or	16 ozs	
	Flour	12 "	
	Pulses	2 "	Examination to be made for procuring locally.
	Canned Meat	2 "	ALTERNATIVES Tinned Fish 4 Ozs. Cheese 4 ozs., Sugar ½ oz., OR Tinned Sausages 2 2/5 ozs., Sugar ½ oz.
	Sugar	4 "	
	Pepper	1/200 "	
	Matches	2 Books weekly = 1 Box	
	Coffee	½ Oz.	

(b) The following additional items will be furnished by the Italian Army. Purchases from local resources will be co-ordinated with ANC to ensure equitable distribution between Military, and Civilian requirements. All such purchases will be paid for by the Italian Army.

COMMODITY	SCALE	REMARKS
Fruit	8 ozs	
Fresh Veg.	8 "	
Olive Oil	½ "	
Wine	½ Litre	
Nuts (Unshelled)	4 oz.....	as an alternative for fresh fruit, and vegetables.

4. When Italian units are within the boundaries of 8th Army, or 10 Corps, the responsibility for providing the complete ration, including the fresh element , will be undertaken by the Allied Forces.

5. In all other cases, Allied Forces will be responsible only for issuing those items detailed in para 3(a), the remainder of the ration being purchased and supplied by the Italian Army, under their own arrangements.

A. Cam Shaft
Lt. DRIG
OCMD

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Urgentissimo

N. 2910 (298 bis) del Cart. (R. 1941 - Anno XX)

P.M.107, 23 novembre 1943 - Anno

INTENDENZA DELLA 7ª ARMATA
Commissariato
Vettovagliamento

LA MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA
PRESSO IL COMANDO DELLA 7ª ARMATA
= L E Q U I L E =

Risposta al foglio del

Prot. N. 2799 /Com. Allegati Div. Sez. N.

OGGETTO: Razione viveri per le truppe italiane.

Si prega di voler comunicare con cortese urgenza la composizione della razione viveri, che viene distribuita alle truppe italiane che prestano servizio presso comandi alleati.-

IL TENENTE COLONNELLO COMMISSARIO
DIRETTORE
(Pietro Vacca)

Please inform us urgently of the ration

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Prot. N. 2/39 Allegati Div. Sez. N.

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IL TENENTE COLONNELLO COMMISSARIO
D I R E T T O R E
(Pietro Vacca)

Please inform us urgently of the ration scale which is distributed by the Allied HQ's to It. troops working for them 4655

COL. VACCA

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SUBJECT:- Supplies to Italian Military Personnel.

AFHQ Adv Adm Ech, C.M.F.

4012/ST1.

15 Nov 43.

DDST Eighth Army 22 B.P.O.
DDST 10 Corps 13 B.P.O.
DDST 2 District 14 B.P.O.
ADST 57 Area
OC RASC 94 Sub Area

Copy to:- DST AFHQ.
HQ Military Mission to the Italian Army.
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1. All previous instructions relative to the issue of supplies to Italian Military Personnel are cancelled.

2. W.E.F. receipt of this letter the following policy will be brought into effect.

3. After the maximum utilization of local resources surplus to the maximum essential needs of the Italian Civil population has been carried out, subsistence may be issued from Military sources by both British and American Forces in return for services rendered by Italian Units.

4. The maximum scale of issue in such circumstances is given below:- This scale is subject to deduction, by authority of this HQ, when suitable substitutes for the items listed can be obtained from local resources.

(a)

Commodity:	Scale:	Remarks:
Whole Wheat or	16 ozs.	
Flour	12 "	
Pulses	2 "	- Examination to be made for procuring locally.
Canned Meat	2 "	- Alternatives:- T. Fish 1oz.; Cheese 1 "; Sugar ⅛ "; or T. Sausage 2 2/5 oz.; Sugar ½ oz.
Sugar	½ oz.	
Pepper	1/200 oz.	
Matches	2 Boxes weekly - 1 Box	

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Coffee	½ oz.	

(b) The following additional items will be furnished by the Italian Army. Purchases from local resources will be co-ordinated with A.M.G. to ensure equitable distribution between military and civil requirements. All such purchases will be paid for by the Italian Army.

Fruit	8 oz.
Fresh Veg	8 "
Olive Oil	½ "
Wine	½ litre.
Nuts (unshelled)	1 oz. - as an alternative for fresh fruit and vegetables.

5. When Italian Units are within the boundaries of Eighth Army or 10 Corps, S & T will be responsible for providing the complete ration, including the fresh element.

6. In all other cases, S & T will be responsible only for issuing those items detailed in 4 (a), the remainder of the ration being purchased and supplied by the Italian Army under their own arrangements.

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7. Separate and accurate records will be maintained by all supply depots of issues made in accordance with the above instructions.

8. Further information concerning the accounting procedure will be published at a later date.

9. In future no issues of supplies may be made to Italian Military Personnel without the authority of :-

(a) HQ Eighth Army - for Italian Troops within Eighth Army Boundaries.

(b) HQ Fifth Army - for Italian Troops within Fifth Army Boundaries.

(c) AFHQ Adv Adm Ech - Italian Troops in Base and L of C Areas.

10 The scale detailed in para 4 cancels that published in serial 15 of AFHQ Ration and Fuel Scale Booklet.

for [illegible]
Brigadier,
D.D.S.T.

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TO. FLASH FOR ACTION TO GOC 15 ARMY GROUP;CG 5 ARMY, CG 8 ARMY
GOC NO 1 DISTRICT, GOC NO 2 DISTRICT , .CG PDS,FATTA FOR
TAYLOR, FABLE FOR SOULBOIS AND HARDING, AND CG MOS WATERUSA
FOR INFORMATION

FROM FM DOC SIGN D CINC CIT FHOUR:PHDGO,NIGDO AND NADG

INFO AGO NO 8181 - dated 8 Nov

POLICY IS ANNOUNCED BY THE COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF ; (1) AFTER
UTILIZATION TO MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE OF LOCAL RESOURCES BEYOND
TO MINIMUM ESSENTIAL CIVILIAN SUBSISTENCE NOW MAY BE ISSUED
FROM MILITARY SOURCES BY BOTH BRITISH AND AMERICAN FORCES IN
RETURN FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY ITALIAN UNITS. (PART 2) TEMPORARY
MINIMUM SCALE FOLLOWS . WHEREVER SPECIAL TEMPORARY RATION SCALE
AS MAXIMUM AUTHORIZED AND TURN OVER TO PRODUCTION THAT CAN BE
SPARED AT YOUR DISCRETION OR IF NO LISTED OR SUBSTITUTES THAT
MAY BE AVAILABLE FROM LOCAL RESOURCES . READ IN 3 COLUMNS A,
COMMODITY:B, AMOUNT SPECIFICATION: C,REMARKS:

A COMMODITY	B AMOUNT SPECIFICATION	C REMARKS
WHEAT	16	
OR FLOUR	12	
PULSES	2	CONSIDERATION TO BE GIVEN FOR EXCHANGE LOCALLY
CANNED MEAT	2	IF STOCKS DO NOT PERMIT FULL ISSUE (IN ALTERNATIVE GRAM DRIED FISH 1 OZ, OR 2 1 OZ ANCHOVIES 5/8 OZ OR SARDINES 2 1/2 OZS AND SUGAR 1/4 OZ
SUGAR	1/2	
FOOD A	1/200	
MATCHES	2 BOXES PER DAY	
SOAP	1/2	

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ET CT D AT YOUR DISCRETION OR IT IS LISTED OR SUBSTITUTE THEREFOR AVAILABLE FROM LOCAL RESOURCES . AS AN EXAMPLE A, COMMODITY:B, AMOUNT OF RATION: C,A 1 LOAF;

B COMMODITY	B AMOUNT OF RATION	C REMARKS
WHOLE WHEAT	26	
OR FLOUR	18	
PULSES	2	CONSIDERATION TO BE GIVEN FOR PROCURING LOCALLY
CANNED MEAT	2	IF STOCKS WILL NOT PERMIT FULL ITEM A RATIV SHARE IN CANNED FISH 1 OZ, OR B 1 OZ AND SUGAR 5/8 OZS AND SUGAR 1/4 OZ
SUGAR	1/2	
FISH A	1/2 OZ	
WATCH G	3 DOSES MONTHLY	
COFFEE	1/2	

FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL ITEMS WILL BE FURNISHED BY ITALIAN ARMY . PURCHASES FROM LOCAL RESOURCES WILL BE COORDINATED WITH ACC TO ENSURE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION BETWEEN MILITARY AND CIVIL POPULATION . ALL SUCH PURCHASES WILL BE PAID FOR BY THE ITALIAN ARMY.

FRUIT	5	
FRESH VEGETABLES	5	
OLIVE OIL	1/2	
TEA	1/2 LITER	
POTATOES (WHEN AVAILABLE)	1	AS AN ALTERNATIVE FOR EACH FRUIT AND VEGETABLES.

(3) ACCURATE RECORDS WILL BE MAINTAINED BY ALL DISTRIBUTING AGENCIES OF ISSUES MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ABOVE . 1653 ACC IS WILLING TO ASSIST IN MATTERS OF DISTRIBUTION OF THESE RECORDS.(4) WHEN ITALIAN ARMY UNITS ARE ACTUALLY PARTICIPATING WITH THE 5 ARMY AREAS IN THE COMBAT ZONE THE ABOVE RATION SCALE MAY BE DIVERTED AND WATCH SOURCES AUTHORIZED BY ARMY COMMANDERS FOR THEIR USE.(5) WHEN ITALIAN ARMY UNITS ARE ENGAGED IN LINE OF COMMUNICATION OR REAR AREA OPERATIONS THE ABOVE RATION SCALE WILL APPLY AND MAY BE AUTHORIZED WHEN NECESSITY REQUIRES .(6) TO AVOID ACTIVE LIST A NFG

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SUBJECT:- Supplies to Italian Military Personnel.

AFHQ Adv Adm Ech, C.M.F.

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15 Nov 43.

DDST Eighth Army 22 B.P.O.
DDST 10 Corps 13 B.P.O.
DDST 2 District 14 B.P.O.
ADST 57 Area
OC RASC 94 Sub Area

Copy to:- DST AFHQ.
HQ Military Mission to the Italian Army.
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1. All previous instructions relative to the issue of supplies to Italian Military Personnel are cancelled.

2. W.E.F. receipt of this letter the following policy will be brought into effect.

3. After the maximum utilization of local resources surplus to the maximum essential needs of the Italian Civil population has been carried out, subsistence may be issued from Military sources by both British and American Forces in return for services rendered by Italian Units.

4. The maximum scale of issue in such circumstances is given below:- This scale is subject to deduction, by authority of this HQ, when suitable substitutes for the items listed can be obtained from local resources.

(a)

Commodity:	Scale:	Remarks:
Whole Wheat or	16 ozs.	
Flour	12 "	
Pulses	2 "	- Examination to be made for procuring locally.
Canned Meat	2 "	- Alternatives:- T. Fish 1oz.; Cheese 1 "; Sugar ½ "; or T. Sausage 2 2/5 oz.; Sugar ½ oz.
Sugar	½ oz.	
Pepper	1/200 oz.	
Matches	2 Books weekly = 1 Box.	
Coffee	½ oz.	

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Pepper	1/200 oz.	
Matches	2 Books weekly = 1 Box.	
Coffee	½ oz.	

(b) The following additional items will be furnished by the Italian Army. Purchases from local resources will be co-ordinated with A.M.G. to ensure equitable distribution between military and civil requirements. All such purchases will be paid for by the Italian Army.

Fruit	8 oz.
Fresh Veg	8 "
Olive Oil	½ "
Wine	½ litre.
Nuts (unshelled)	1 oz. - as an alternative for fresh fruit and vegetables.

5. When Italian Units are within the boundaries of Eighth Army or 10 Corps, S & T will be responsible for providing the complete ration, including the fresh element.

6. In all other cases, S & T will be responsible only for issuing those items detailed in 4 (a), the remainder of the ration being purchased and supplied by the Italian Army under their own arrangements.

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7. Separate and accurate records will be maintained by all supply depots of issues made in accordance with the above instructions.

8. Further information concerning the accounting procedure will be published at a later date.

9. In future no issues of supplies may be made to Italian Military Personnel without the authority of :-

(a) HQ Eighth Army - for Italian Troops within Eighth Army Boundaries.

(b) HQ Fifth Army - for Italian Troops within Fifth Army Boundaries.

(c) AFHQ Adv Adm Ech - Italian Troops in Base and L of C Areas.

10 The scale detailed in para 4 cancels that published in serial 15 of AFHQ Ration and Fuel Scale Booklet.

Brigadier,
D.D.S.T.

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GOC NO 1 DISTRICT, GOC NUMBER 2 DISTRICT , CG PBS,FATTA FOR
TAYLOR, PABIS FOR BOULNOIS AND HARDING, AND CG BOS WATOUSA
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PULSES	2	IN LIEU OF WHOLEMEAL FLOUR
CANNED MEAT	2	IF WHOLE MEAL NOT PERMIT FULL ISSUE ALTERNATIVE MEAT IS ADVISED FISH 1 OZ, CHEESE 1 OZ AND SUGAR 5/8 OZS TWO SUGAR 1/4 OZ
SUGAR	1/2	
PEPPER	1/300	
MATCHES	2 BOXES PER DAY	
SOAP	1/2	

FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL ITEMS WILL BE PURCHASED BY ITALIAN ARMY .
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a	b	c
COMMODITY	RECOMMENDATION	REMARKS
WHOLE WHEAT	16	
OAT FLOUR	12	
BURGHUL	2	SEE MATTER ON REMARKS FOR SECURITY REQUIRED.
OAT MEAL	2	IF INCOME THE POT PERMIT FULL ISSUE ADD A NATIVE CHEAP PASTRY DERIVED 1 OZ, SH 1 OZ AND SUGAR 5/8 OZS AND SUGAR 1/4 OZ
SUGAR	1/2	
SALT	1/200	
MATCHES	2 DOZEN WEEKLY	
COFFEE	1/2	

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FRUIT	6	
FRESH VEGETABLES	6	
OLIVE OIL	1/2	
WINE	1/2 LITER	
MEAT (OFFAL ALLOWED)	1	AS AN ALTERNATIVE THE FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLES.

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SECRET MESSAGE - OUT.

TO:-(1) 15 Army Group
(2) Fifth Army
(3) Main Eighth Army
(4) Rear Eighth Army
(5) PeninsularBase Section
(6) No.2 District
(7) Military Mission att 7 Italian Army
rptd(8) A.M.G.O.T., 15 Army Group
(9) A.M.G.O.T., Region II.
(10) A.M.G.O.T., Region III.
(11 A.F.H.Q.
Copies to:-(12) G-4
(13) G(SD)
(14) ST
(15) MGS (Adv)
(16) L.O. to Italian Forces, Campania

FROM:-Plumbo Q 176 6

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FIRST (.) Italian units under cond Armies and employed in Army Areas will be rationed by Armies from Allied Military Sources in accordance with the approved scale laid down by AFHQ (.)

SECOND (.) Italian troops in PeninsularBase Section and No.2 District Areas will be rationed by the Italian Military Authorities but Military Mission will report to this HQ what assistance the Italian Military Authorities require from Allied sources to enable them to do so without encroaching on stocks required for civilian population (.) in order to assess quantities to be issued from Allied stocks the Military Mission will submit forthwith (a) through PeninsularBase Section in the case of Italian tps located in PBS Area and (b) through No.2 District in the case of Italian tps located in No.2 District area the following information (.)

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(A) total stocks at present held in Italian Military Depots by commodities giving locations (.)

(B) normal Italian Military ration scale (.)

(C) Order of Battle by formations with strengths and details of present employment and depots on which based

(D) monthly estimate of bulk commodities such as flour fats, preserved meat, etc., required by Italian Military authorities (.) in certain instances it may be necessary to meet immediate needs by rationing certain detached Italian Units on the approved Allied ration scale but this must be the exception and not the rule (.

THIRD (.) effective 15 Dec system of bulk assistance must apply exclusively (.)

FOURTH (.) civil stocks controlled by A.M.G. will not be released for Italian Military needs without the authority of this HQ

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In Cipher if liable to be intercepted.

Signature.....

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DLG/WJB. File 85/Q.

Degree of Priority.
Orig Instructions.

IMMEDIATE to:- 1,2,4,5,6, and 7.
E.L.S. to:- 3, 5, 9, 10.
A.L.S. to:- 11.
By Hand to:- 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16.

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ALLIED MILITARY DESIGN - [illegible]

FROM : FREEDMAN
TO: SAFE A.

Policy is announced by the combined chiefs of staff:

1. After utilization to maximum extent possible of local resources surplus to civilian essential civil needs subsistence may be issued from military sources to both British and American forces in return for services rendered by Italian units.

2. Temporary scale as maximum authorized and subject to reduction that can be effected at our discretion of items listed or substitutes that can be available from local resources.

A. COMMODITY	B. OUNCES PER RATION	C. REMARKS
WHITE WHEAT	16	-
FLOUR	12	-
RICE	2	Examination to be made for procuring locally.
BACON FAT	2	-
PRESERVED FISH	4	IN ORDER "THAT NOT EXCEED IN FULL ISSUE RATIO RATIOS ARE PRESERVED FISH 1 OZ SUBSET 1 OZ AND SUGAR 1/8 OZ OR SACCHARIN TABLETS - / OZS and SUGAR 1 1 OZ.
SUGAR	1	-
PEPPER	1/200	-
VINEGAR	2 BOTTS WEEKLY	

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c. To permit scale as various authorized and subject to reduction that can be effected at your discretion of items listed or substitutes that may be available from local resources.

A. COMMODITY	B. OUNCES PER RATION	C. REMARKS
FRESH MEAT	16	-
BACON	12	-
BUTTER	2	Examination to be made for procuring locally.
CANNED MEAT	2	-
PRESERVED FISH	4	IF SOURCE FILL NOT CERTAIN FULL ISSUE ALTERNATIVE ARE PRESERVED FISH 1 OZ CHEESE 1 OZ AND SUGAR 2/3 OZ OR SAUSAGES CANNED 2-2/3 OZ and SUGAR 1/4 OZ.
SUGAR	2	-
PEPPER	1/200	-
MATCHES	1 BOOKS WEEKLY	
COFFEE	2	

Following additional items will be furnished by Italian Army. Purchases from local resources will be coordinated with AMG to insure equitable distribution between military and civil requirements. All such purchases will be paid for by the Italian Army.

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A. COMMODITY	B. OUNCES PER RATION	C. REMARKS
WHEAT	8	-
GREEN VEGS.	8	-
OLIVE OIL	2	-
WINE	2 LITRE	-
FUEL(COMPRESSED)	1	AS AN ALTERNATIVE FOR WOOD BRITES & CHARCOAL.

3. Accurate records will be maintained by all distributing agencies of issues made in accordance with the above. Instructions will follow as to later disposition of these records.

4. Where Italian Army units are actually participating with 5th and 8th Armies in the combat zone, the above ration scale United States and British sources may be authorized by army commanders concerned.

5. Where Italian Army units are engaged in line of communication or base section duties the above rations scale will apply and may be authorized when necessity requires.

6. To avoid actual want among Italian military units not actually participating with 5th and 8th Armies nor on Allied line of communication or base section duties, necessary components of the above ration scale will apply and may be issued as far as Allied resources permit.

This suggested ration scale for the Italian Army is defined as Partial to be used once copy of Army and Food Scales Booklet distributed through British SOT channels 27th October, 1943 to British formations only.

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4. Areas in the combat zone, the above rations scale cannot be applied and supply must be met either by any commodities concerned, and British sources may be not either by any commodities concerned.

5. Where Italian Army units are attached in line of communication or base section duties the above rations scale will apply and may be authorised when necessity so arises.

6. To avoid serious want among Italian military units not actually participating in the 5th and 8th Armies nor on Allied line of communication or base section duties, necessary components of the above ration scale will apply and may be issued so far as Allied resources permit.

This supersede ration scale for the Italian Army notified as Serial 15 in advance copy of Army and Fuel Scales Booklet distributed through British SD channels 20th October, 1943 to British formations only.

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(C O P Y)

SUBJECT:- RATION SCALES - ISSUES TO ITALIAN TROOPS

SECRET - IMMEDIATE

Near HQ EIGHTH Army, ONF

R 4307 ST

19 Sep 43

SECRET

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. Reference is made to ST Departmental Instructions No.94, Serial No.5, dated 1 Sep 43.

(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 :-

Meat	8 ozs	Tea	½oz
Biscuit	12 ozs	Sugar	1 7/8ozs
Rice	4 ozs	Milk	1 3/8ozs

Salt ½ oz

(b) For all Italian personnel on dependent strength for a period exceeding 24 hrs and not in transit, e.g. Base Camps under reorganisation or operating as re-formed units, the following scale will be issued. (This scale is the basic scale as shown in para b(iii) of D.I. No.94, modified to adjust the non-availability of Maccaroni and with the additions to which working personnel are entitled).

Bread (Local)	16 ozs	or Biscuits	12 ozs
Flour	5 ozs	(for the manufacture of Maccaroni etc under unit arrangements).	
Fruit Fresh	3 ozs		
Ground Nuts	2 ozs		

Meat	8 ozs	Tea	[illegible]
Biscuit	12 ozs	Sugar	1 7/8ozs
Rice	4 ozs	Milk	1 8/8ozs

Salt ½ oz

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Bread (Local)	16 ozs	or Biscuits	12 ozs
Flour	3 ozs	(for the manufacture of Macaroni etc under unit arrangements).	
Fruit Fresh	3 ozs		
Ground Nuts	2 ozs		
Jam or Marmalade	1 oz	or Tomato Puree 1½ ozs or Tomato Paste 1½ ozs	
Meat Bres	3 ozs--------daily		
Milk Tnd	1 2/5 ozs		
Oil, Cottonseed	1½ ozs		
Onions	2 ozs	or Garlic 1/3 oz	
Peas/Beans/Lentils	2 ozs		
Pepper	1/300 oz		
Onions Rice	1 oz } 2 ozs }	in lieu Potatoes 8 ozs	
Raisins	1 oz	or Ground Nuts 1 oz	
Rice	1½ ozs		
Salt	½ oz		

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Sugar 7/8 oz

Tea ½ oz

Vegetables Fr 4 ozs or Peas/Beans/Lentils 2/3 oz

Vinegar 1½ ozs

Tobacco(Local) 1½ ozs or Cigarettes (Local) 35 pos

3. It is imperative that these scales be introduced immediately by all concerned. Action must therefore be taken forthwith to ensure that stocks are held and correct scales instituted.

4. (a) Every endeavour should be made to employ Italian military "Commissariat" personnel in the production or provision of the following items for their own units, formations etc. as opportunity affords ----- normal RASC purchase and contracting procedure being followed as usual.

Fruit Fresh
Tomatoe Puree or Paste (to be issued when available in lieu of Jam or Marmalade)

Vegetables

(b) (i) When Macaroni can be obtained, flour for its production will be taken from the daily issue of 5 ozs under unit and formation arrangements.

(ii) When Macaroni is available for issue the scale will be 2½ ozs and the flour issue reduced to ½ oz accordingly.

5. Until further instructions are received Cigarettes, Tobacco and Matches will continue to be issued to C.R. Italian personnel only and will not be issued to Officers.

6. Ack.

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6. Ack.

(sd) - HUBBARD, Major
for Brig
DDST

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DOTAZIONE PERSONALE DI VIVERI R. ESERCITO ITALIANO.

(Locale)	454 grms	(16 ozs)	o Biscotti 336 grms (12 ozs)
Farina	84 grams	(3 ozs)	(per la preparazione di pasta entro reparti)
Frutta fresca	56 grams	(2 ozs)	
Noci pestati	56 grams	(2 ozs)	
Marmelata	28 grams (	(1 oz)	o Puree di Pomadoro 42 gms o Conserva di Pomadoro 42 gms
Carne in scatola	84 grams	(3 ozs)	
Latte condensata	39.2 grams	(1 2/5 ozs)	
Olio di lino	49 grams	($1\frac{3}{4}$ ozs)	
Cipolli	56 grams	(2 ozs)	o Aglio 0 grams (1/3 ozs)
Piselli/Fagioli/Lentichie	84 grams	(3 ozs)	
Pepe	0.28 grams	(1/100 ozs)	
Cipolli	28 grams	)	in vece di Patati 168 grams (6 ozs)
Riso	56 grams	)	
Uva secca	28 grams	(1 oz)	o Noci pestati 28 grams (1 oz)
Riso	42 grams	($1\frac{1}{2}$ ozs)	
Sale	14 grams	($\frac{1}{2}$ oz)	
Zuchero	24.5 grams	($\frac{7}{8}$ oz)	
Thé	14 grams	($\frac{1}{2}$ oz)	
Verdure fresce	56 grams	[illegible]	

Riso	56 grams	)	
Uva secca	28 grams	(1 oz)	o Noci pestati 28 grams (1 oz)
Riso	42 grams	(1½ ozs)	
Sale	14 grams	(½ oz)	
Zuchero	24.5 grams	(⅞ oz)	
Thè	14 grams	(½ oz)	
Verdura fresca	96 grams	(4 ozs)	o Piselli/Fagioli/Lenti 16 grams (2/
Aceto	35 grams	(1¼ ozs)	
Tabacco (locale)	35 grams Settimanale	(1¼ ozs)	o Sigarette (locale) 3 Settimanale

(i) Quando none possibile ottenere pasta, la farina per la sua preperazione verra dedotta dalla dotazione giornaliera di 84 grmi.

(ii) Quando e possibile fornire pasta, la dotazione giornaliera sara 70 grmi e la dotazione di farina verra ridotta a 14 grmi.

(iii) Fino ad oltre nostre notozie la dotazione di tabacco, sigarette e fiammiferi vera fatta solamente alla truppa di reparti italiani e non agli ufficiali.

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