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ST/79 SARDINES

Opened May 10, 1944 - Closed June 31, 1944

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ARMY SUB COMMISSION
NO. 594

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Subject : Shipment of Sardines.

13 June 1944

To : HM MIA LEROUX (10000).

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Orig in floating file

1. Reference letter HAFUCA dated 8 Apr 1944, and enclosure concerning Shipment of Sardines.
2. The following is forwarded for your information and records:
a) On Shipping order M-I-2647, a total net weight of 689,700 lbs was shipped to F.B.S., 489,700 lbs of this total for the Italians.
b) Individual tally outs show a total of 489,795 lbs shipped to Depot NO. 590, Naples.
c) Tallies at Depot No. 590, Naples show a total of 469,572 lbs , received.
3. In view of the above, it can be assumed the pounds under "c" to be correct as signed for by the Italian Commissariate.
4. Reference stock Report, this HQ, dated 10 June 1944 show approximately one days ration of these Sardine remaining, beating the spoilage deadline.

Incls:

- 3 Copies Tally Inc.
- 3 Copies. Comm. Receipts

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Lt. Col.
Army Sub Commission ACC.

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DIREZIONE DI COMISSARIATO DEL COMANDO FF.AA. CAMPANIA + 1^a SEZ. *899*
N A P O L I

Napoli, 26 maggio 1944

Peso complessivo della partita di sardine salate cedute dal Depo-
sito Americano Q. 574 al Deposito Italiano Q. 520.

Sardine salate libbre 469572 .

IL TEN. COLONNELLO COMMISSARIO DIRETTORE
(Felice Riso)

F. Riso

Major L. L.
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PESE DEI VUSTI DI PESCE SALATO FORNITI DALLI ALLEATI AL DEPOSITO SPECIALE
VIVIERI DI NAPOLI PER UN QUANTITATIVO COMPLESSIVO DI KG. 212.993

File C.p7.

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N°	10	barili	da	Kg.	33	=	Kg.	330
"	14	"	"	"	34	=	"	475
"	57	"	"	"	35	=	"	1995
"	47	"	"	"	36	=	"	1692
"	40	"	"	"	37	=	"	1480
"	20	"	"	"	38	=	"	760
"	9	"	"	"	39	=	"	351
"	29	"	"	"	40	=	"	1150
"	8	"	"	"	41	=	"	328
"	5	"	"	"	42	=	"	215
"	2	"	"	"	43	=	"	88
"	17	"	"	"	44	=	"	765
"	22	"	"	"	45	=	"	1012
"	10	"	"	"	46	=	"	470
"	31	"	"	"	47	=	"	1483
"	26	"	"	"	48	=	"	1274
"	60	"	"	"	49	=	"	3000
"	32	"	"	"	50	=	"	1632
"	53	"	"	"	51	=	"	2758
"	79	"	"	"	52	=	"	4187
"	68	"	"	"	53	=	"	3672
"	56	"	"	"	54	=	"	3080
"	36	"	"	"	55	=	"	2016
"	45	"	"	"	56	=	"	2565
"	63	"	"	"	57	=	"	3654
"	99	"	"	"	58	=	"	5841
"	150	"	"	"	59	=	"	9000
"	132	"	"	"	60	=	"	8052
"	129	"	"	"	61	=	"	7093
"	113	"	"	"	62	=	"	7119
"	60	"	"	"	63	=	"	3840
"	78	"	"	"	64	=	"	5070
"	63	"	"	"	65	=	"	4158
"	39	"	"	"	66	=	"	2613
"	43	"	"	"	67	=	"	2924
"	36	"	"	"	68	=	"	2484
"	44	"	"	"	69	=	"	3000
"	34	"	"	"	70	=	"	2201
"	34	"	"	"	71	=	"	

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29	29	39	40	221
8	328	41	1160	1160
5	215	43	328	328
2	83	44	215	215
17	765	45	83	83
22	1012	46	765	765
10	470	47	1012	1012
31	1488	48	470	470
25	1274	49	1488	1488
60	3000	50	1274	1274
32	1632	51	3000	3000
53	2756	52	1632	1632
79	4187	53	2756	2756
68	3672	54	4187	4187
56	3080	55	3672	3672
36	2016	56	3080	3080
45	2555	57	2016	2016
63	3554	58	2555	2555
99	2041	59	3554	3554
150	9000	60	2041	2041
132	8052	61	9000	9000
129	7990	62	8052	8052
113	7119	63	7990	7990
60	3640	64	7119	7119
78	5070	65	3640	3640
63	4150	66	5070	5070
39	2612	67	4150	4150
43	2524	68	2612	2612
36	2484	69	2524	2524
44	3080	70	2484	2484
31	2201	71	3080	3080
25	1800	72	2201	2201
16	1160	73	1800	1800
21	1554	74	1160	1160
36	2700	75	1554	1554
28	2120	76	2700	2700
12	924	77	2120	2120
25	1950	78	924	924
22	1738	79	1950	1950
37	2960	80	1738	1738

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N°	barili	ds	Kg.	Kg.
33			81	2673
30			82	2450
36			83	2988
18			84	1512
22			85	1070
17			86	1452
10			87	870
10			88	800
7			89	623
15			90	1350
7			91	637
14			92	1288
4			93	372
13			94	1222
14			95	1530
9			96	854
5			97	873
5			98	980
10			99	594
6			100	800
8			101	101
1			102	306
2			104	104
1			105	106
1			107	107
1			108	108
1			109	109
1			117	117
1			119	119
1			120	120
2			121	242
3			122	366
3			123	369
4			124	496
6			125	750
4			126	524
3			127	381
1			128	128
1			129	129
1			130	130
1			132	132
2			132	266

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623 1350 637 1288 372 1222 1330 654 873 986 594 800 101 305 104 105 107 108 109 117 119 120 242 366 369 496 750 524 381 123 129 130 132 256 402 408 276 556 423 148 300 151

89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100 101 102 104 105 107 108 109 117 119 120 121 122 123 124 125 126 127 128 129 130 132 133 134 136 138 139 141 148 150 151

15 7 14 4 13 14 9 9 10 6 8 1 9 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 2 3 3 3 4 6 4 3 1 1 1 1 2 3 3 2 4 3 1 2 1

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$$\begin{array}{r} 164,567 \\ + \quad (1) \\ \hline 51,437 \end{array}$$

total removed 12.89

Oct 9, 598 lbs.

(1) - Già consegnati dal Deposito Speciale Viventi di Napoli a Magazzini e reparti dipendenti - eseguendo delle perizie per cui non è possibile precisarne il numero. -

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Capt. G. P. Zayac

IL SOTTOFONEMA COMPLESSIVO
ADDIZIONE ALL'ACERTAMENTO

(Zero value type)

Mr. E. H. [Signature]

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Subject:- Rations - Cheese.

Army Sub Commission ACC.
Main HQ. (MMIA)
LEWIS. (LEGG)
LS/P

9 June 44

Ministry of War.

Reference your letter 5676/B dated 3 June 44.

The present stocks of cheese are too small to allow a cheese issue to be made to troops on Scale "B" Rations.

It is regretted, therefore, that the proposals forwarded in the above letter cannot be agreed.

F. J. Noan
for Major General.
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

Copy to:

MMIA. ST.

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Recd 9 June.

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Main Bldg. (2014)
Bldg. (1000)
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June 11.

Signal with ads

Reference your 64 - 235 of 4 May 1964.

1. A complete investigation of the salted sardines which arrived at Bari has been made and is attached as follows:-
 - Appendix 1 - Translation of Message from Minister of War.
 - Appendix 2 - Copy of report of Italian Commission.
 - Appendix 3 - Record of events by Major Hery. GSC.
 - Appendix 4 - Report of Capt. Hathaway. VC.
 - Appendix 5 - Report of Major Papineau. MIA.
2. The complete file is forwarded to show the exact conditions of shipment with a view to necessary corrective action on future shipments.
3. From the standpoint of the Bari Depot, the case can be considered closed. Isolated cases of shales covering unfit food may arise in the field from the using organizations and will be dealt with in accordance with SOP. 5625

ST/19
Lead 9 June

Major General.
Army Sub Commission S.C.C.

Copy to:- Ministry of War.
CHIA. ST.

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CONFIDENTIAL

25 JUN 44 dated 9 June

WAVE 116.02

From - Ministry of War.

Commission of Italian Officers appointed by 9th Army Corps have adjudged 1930 barrels damaged ordnance stored at Bari Special Depot ex SS DALLAK as not repairable since most of it damaged or suspected damaged (*). Please arrange urgent meeting at Bari Special Depot of permanent commission provided by your HQ as per your 27/46 dated 2 May for definite decision on goods.

4 Jun 44

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APP. 2 To 11/2 dated 1/1/44

DIRECTION OF THE MILITARY COMMISSION OF THE 9th Army Corps - DAMI CLAM LORIC.

REPORT REGARDING THE EXAMINATION OF 1,700 BARRELS OF SALT CURED SALMON.

In the 30th of May 1944 in the Warehouse in Via Velonense No. 156 called "Special Warehouse Supplies".

BE KNOWN

THAT the undersigned Commission, nominated by the Commander of the 9th Army Corps on request of the Direction of the Military Commission, has set to examine the state of preservation, and the edibility of 1,700 barrels of salt cured salmon unloaded from S/S tanks through Adriatic Depot;

THAT the said fish are packed in barrels of various types and dimensions weighing from 70 to 500 kilos; but that almost all the barrels present a bad condition with regard to preservation; many with rusty bases are broken; many heads are rotting; the bad barrels look and others, having lost their ingredients, are half empty; it seems that they are old barrels taken from salvage material and therefore no good for overgrown salmon; there are no labels on the barrels indicating the type, weight or shipping port of the fish.

THAT more than 100 barrels have arrived from the tanks broken and the most part of the contents lost before they reached us and were accepted at warehouse, as by the reserves formulated by the consignee.

THAT the Commission, after having examined first the above mentioned broken barrels, has ascertained that they contain salmon of different sizes, caught long ago and preserved after drying, salted and brined with smoke; some of them are whole fish, others are without heads. Their meat breaks when touched and they have a pale red sometimes a yellow and black colour, the backbone breaks easily; others are covered with a red substance and give a bad odor putrefaction, elements that leave no doubt to their alteration caused by parasites.

THAT the Commission has opened three good barrels, chosen from the best of the lot and found that their contents, even if in condition much better than those mentioned in the broken barrels, are mostly spoiled or suspected, in a manner that they do not offer the necessary sanitary guarantee to be issued to the troops.

THAT for the above mentioned reasons and bearing in mind the following considerations:
a) that given that in some barrels a part of their contents are still edible, which is doubtful, it would be impossible for the units to separate the good from the bad and issue it.

- b) that the hot season will accelerate the process of fermentation and putrefaction of the product, already in action;
- c) that given the item is still edible, it should be treated with toxic substances or other treatment, that only would give it a good taste and that the military kitchens have not on hand.
- d) that the issue could only be considered in relation to the lot in and not as basic of it.

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and others, having lost their ingredients, are half empty; it seems that they are old barrels taken from salvage material and therefore no good for overseas shipments; there are no labels on the barrels indicating the type, weight or shipping port of the fish.

That more than 100 barrels have arrived from the docks broken and the most part of the contents lost before they reached us and were accepted at merchandise, as by the reserves formulated by the Commission.

That the Commission, after having examined first the above mentioned broken barrels, has ascertained that they contain sardines of different sizes, caught long ago and preserved after drying, salted and treated with smoke; some of them are whole fish, others are without heads. Their most breaks when touched and they have a pale and sometimes a yellow and black colour, the backbone breaks easily; others are covered with a red substance and give a bad odour putrefaction, elements that leave no doubt to their alteration caused by parasites.

That the Commission has opened three good barrels, chosen from the best of the lot and found that their contents, even if in condition much better than those examined in the broken barrels, are mostly spoiled or suggested, in a manner that they do not offer the necessary sanitary guarantees to be issued to the troops.

That for the afore mentioned reasons and bearing in mind the following considerations: a) that given that in some barrels a part of their contents are still edible, which is doubtful, it would be impossible for the units to separate the good from the bad and issue it.

b) that the hot season will accelerate the process of fermentation and putrefaction of the product, already in action; c) that given the item be still edible, it should be issued with tomato sauce or other condiment, that only would give it a good taste and that the Military authorities have not on hand. d) that the issue could only be considered in addition to the ration and not as basic of it.

That all this considered, the Commission, unanimously, judges that the lot of 1700 barrels of sardines in question, composed of merchandise in part spoiled, is quite suspected, and in any case not edible, is not in condition to be issued to the troops. Note, read, closed and signed at the date and place s/n.

THE CAPT. COMMISSARIAT
of the Direction of Military Commissariat
of the 9th Army Corps.
(A. BIPPINARDI)
Signed A. Bippinardi.

THE MAJOR VETERINARI
DIRECTOR of the Quarantine Dispensary.
(Doctor AGOSTINI)
Signed Agostini

THE LT. COLONEL
Hygienist of the Directory Sanitation
(Director Gaetano Ciccinato)
Signed Ciccinato.

THIS IS A COPY
Signed A. BIPPINARDI.

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REPORT OF EVENTS BY MAJOR C.F. HERR. S.R.C.

PA. 2 to 24/2
dated... 2 June 44

0800. C.O.

1. Shipping Order 43-1-2642 called for 1,927 barrels of sardines to be shipped the US 6643 for the Italian Forces. These sardines were loaded on Ship 6643 at WSS and arrived here 23 May 44 on convoy WSS-50. Arrangements were made with WSS and Italian Military to have our checkers at shipside and tally the barrels to IRI Military at that point.
2. The afternoon of 24 May, Capt. Bettinardi of IRI Military called and reported that the sardines were spoiled and in a state of fermentation. The following day Capt. Hathaway and Capt. Murphy went with Capt. Bettinardi to the IRI warehouse to inspect same.
3. The following conditions were noted; many of the barrels were without hoops they ranged in size from small (about 10 gallons) to very large (about 250 gallons); some were bound with metal bands and some with strips of wood; some barrels while intact had extremely loose staves.
4. Lt. Col. Martin was informed of the condition of the barrels but the 6643 had left berth and could not be contacted to determine whether this condition existed at the time of loading. Col. Martin pointed out, however, that barrels tend to "go to staves" when salt or brine is used in packing.
5. Our checkers reported that broken barrels were noted as the ship was unloaded but none could not exceed 5% of the total shipment. Italian Military reports 98 barrels out of 1930 without heads. This is 5.08% of total shipment.
6. Although the sardines are not spoiled they do not present a good appearance and since Italians are accustomed to eating sardines packed in oil or tomato sauce they do not want these sardines, saying their soldiers will not eat them; but they have accepted them under "polite" protest.
7. Report of Capt. Hathaway and analysis given him from 26th General Hospital are attached.

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True Copy.

Raymond B. Sellers.
Sergeant - WSS

Frank W. Infanter.

C.F. HERR.
Major CMG
1 June 44

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REF ID: A66000
1 June 44

RESTRICTED
VETERINARY DEPARTMENT B
APO 2336

SUBJECT: - REPORT OF INSPECTION
TO : Quartermaster Supply Officer, Maritime Depot, APO 2336.

1. Submitted herewith is report of inspection of salted fish made at Italian military ration depot at Bari on 27 May 44. Inspection was requested by Lt. Col. Quartermaster Maritime Depot #1, in order to determine acceptability of fish for consumption from a sanitary standpoint.
2. Upon examination, following were noted:
 - a) Fish were packed in salt and appeared to be well cured.
 - b) Superficial layers of fish in barrels with separation of shavings of salt, broken bones were dried but showed no evidence of spoilage either from a high percentage of rancidity in some layers due to breaking down of fish oils.
 - c) General appearance, color, odor and consistency of fish oil not good evidence of deterioration or spoilage. Underneath particularly the bits of fish from several different barrels and found them to be edible, although heavily salted.
 - d) Conclusions drawn from gross examination: fish, although heavily salted, are unsuitable in appearance, gave every indication of being fit for consumption from a sanitary standpoint.
3. On the same date that the fish was made, samples from several barrels were taken for bacteriological analysis. To the 4th General Hospital Laboratory for bacteriological analysis. This analysis was completed 31 May 44. Report is attached.
4. Although laboratory examination indicated presence of the bacterium *Staphylococcus aureus*, which is at times an offender in food poisoning cases, it is not believed that this is reason for suspicion or condemnation for the following reasons:
 - a) The bacterial growth obtained in the laboratory was slight and was not pronounced until the close of 48 hours. Heavy contamination would normally result in marked growth within 24 hours.
 - b) The mere presence of this particular bacterium does not indicate that the product in question is necessarily contaminated and unfit for use. This species is ubiquitous and is undoubtedly ingested accidentally by man on frequent occasions. However, under favorable conditions and in the proper media, staphylococcus aureus produces a toxin which is capable of inducing food poisoning. Heavily salted and well cured products are not ordinarily considered favorable media for this organism.
 - c) Underlined is believed to attribute the presence of the bacteria in this particular case to the fact that it was impossible to contact the silver foil in a sterile manner under the existing circumstances. Contamination could very easily have occurred during the handling and transport of specimens.
 - d) No ill effects were suffered by undersigned as a result of eating several samples.
5. Although an unqualified statement cannot be made to the effect that anyone eating this fish could not suffer ill effects from so doing, it is hereby stated that in view of all evidence gathered the fish in question show no indication of being spoiled and show no indication of being unfit for consumption from a sanitary standpoint.

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c) General appearance, colour, odour and consistency of fish did not show evidence of putrefaction or spoilage. Undermined portions of fish from several different barrels and found them to be edible, although heavily salted and unappetizing.

d) Cancellous tissue from gross examinations; fish, though heavily salted and unappetizing in appearance, gave every indication of being fit for consumption from a sanitary standpoint.

3. On the same date this inspection was made, samples from several barrels were taken for bacteriological examination to the 26th General Sanitary Laboratory for bacteriological analysis. This analysis was completed 21 May 44. Report is attached.

4. Although laboratory examination indicated presence of the bacterium *Staphylococcus aureus*, which is at times an offender in food poisoning cases, it is not believed that this is reason for suspicion or condemnation for the following reasons:-

a) The bacterial growth attained in the laboratory was slight and was not pronounced until the lapse of 48 hours. Heavy contamination would normally result in marked growth within 24 hours.

b) The mere presence of this particular bacterium does not indicate that the product in question is contaminated and unfit for use. This organism is widespread and is undoubtedly ingested accidentally by man on frequent occasions. However, under favourable conditions and in the proper media, *Staphylococcus aureus* produces a toxin which is capable of inducing food poisoning. Heavily salted and well cured products are not ordinarily considered favorable media for this organism.

c) Undersigned is inclined to attribute the presence of this bacterium in this particular case to the fact that it was impossible to collect and deliver the product in a sterile manner under the existing circumstances. Contamination could very easily have occurred during the handling and transport of specimens.

d) No ill effects were suffered by undersigned as a result of eating several samples

5. Although an unqualified statement cannot be made to the effect that anyone eating this fish would not suffer ill effects from so doing, it is hereby stated that in view of all evidence gathered the fish in question show no indication of being spoiled and show no indication of being unfit for consumption from a sanitary standpoint.

JAMES H. ESTHART,
Capt. U.S.C.

A TRUE COPY.

SGT. Raymond E. Bellard

RAYMOND E. BELLARD
Captain, Infantry.

1954

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April 5
to April 2 Dated

SUBJECT: Consignment of Salted Sardines
Received at Bari for Maintenance of
Italian Armed Forces.

Major O.C. PATRICK RUC

1. I was instructed to investigate the position arising out of the communication received from Italian War Ministry ~~letterhead~~ to this (Appendix 1) ~~note~~ stating that a Commission of Italian officers at Bari had condemned as unfit for human consumption 1930 barrels salted sardines and requesting convocation of Joint Allied-Italian Commission to inspect the consignment in accordance with the procedure laid down in AMM/RMs of 21 May 44 and 11 May 44. Subject: write-off of unfit foodstuffs.

2. The 1930 barrels referred to in the communication from Italian War Ministry constitute the whole consignment of sardines received at Bari. The parcel was discharged ~~from~~ ^{on} Dalles between 23 and 26 May 44.

3. The local Italian military authorities convened a Commission to examine these supplies on 30 May 44. Findings of this Commission are contained in ~~Annex 2~~ ^{Appendix 2}.

4. It will be observed that two out of three members of the Italian Commission were technical officers. Nevertheless the Commission appears to have arrived at the conclusion that the sardines were unfit for human consumption solely on the basis of examination of the contents of damaged barrels (para 4 of findings) and of three good barrels chosen from the best of the lot (para 5 of findings). No chemical analysis of the sardines is referred to in the report of the Italian Commission.

5. Reports in regard to this consignment from American sources are contained in ~~Appendixes 3, 4, and 5~~ ^{Appendix 4}. It will be observed that ~~Appendix 4~~ in particular contains the evidence of a technical officer, who concludes as a result both of his own inspection and eating of the fish and of laboratory analysis that the fish in question.....show no indication of being unfit for consumption from a sanitary standpoint.

6. Surprisingly, after having received the report of the Italian Commission that the supplies were unfit and having originated the communication referred to in para 1 above, the Italian military authorities in Bari changed their course of action and proceeded to distribute the fish from 31 May 44 onwards.

7. Having ascertained the foregoing facts ~~and~~ ^{for a meeting at Direzione Commissariato Bari on the evening of 6 June 44} ~~for a meeting at Direzione Commissariato Bari on the evening of 6 June 44~~ ^{for a meeting at Direzione Commissariato Bari on the evening of 6 June 44} ~~The meeting was attended by~~ ^{The meeting was attended by} ~~Colonello LA LARA (Direttore Commissariato) Maggiore LA TUMA (Capo di Sezione Sostitutiva) Capitano BATTIMELLI (Ufficio di Collegamento di Sostitutiva) on the Italian side and by Capt. JELLES and a self for AMIA.~~ ^{Colonello LA LARA (Direttore Commissariato) Maggiore LA TUMA (Capo di Sezione Sostitutiva) Capitano BATTIMELLI (Ufficio di Collegamento di Sostitutiva) on the Italian side and by Capt. JELLES and a self for AMIA.}

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7. Having ascertained the foregoing facts ~~concerning~~ ^{for} a meeting at Direzione Commissariato Bari on the evening of 6 June 44. The meeting was attended by Colonello LA LANA (Direttore Commissariato) Maggiore DE TOMA (Capo di Sezione Assistenza) Capitano BERTINARDI (Ufficio di Collegamento di Assistenza) on the Italian side and by Capt. GILLIES and myself for MIA.

8. Colonello LA LANA stated that distribution had been proceeded with in spite of the findings of the Italian Commission as a result of direct and formal orders received by him ~~from~~ ^{from} War Ministry L.M. 15. The covering letter (to Bari Sector Depots only) sent by Direzione Commissariato Bari is contained in attachment E. The distribution actually effected up to close of work on 5 June 44 is contained in attachment F.

9. It will be observed that at close of work 5 June 44 distribution was for all practical purposes completed. The fish had gone into consumption in the Bari Sector from 2 June 44 onwards, and up to yesterday no serious complaints or difficulties had been reported. The Direzione Commissariato had arranged for the supplies to be made as palatable as possible (see attachment G), both by alternating the issue of the Sardines with preserved meat and/or salmon, and by instructing units to soak the Sardines in water thoroughly before serving in order to de-salt them and if possible to garnish them with a little oil and lemon juice.

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10. CONCLUSION

- (a) The matter can apparently be regarded as satisfactorily disposed of as far as the Bari Sector is concerned.
- (b) Since it is fairly clear that the Gardines in question were borderlines merchandise, further difficulties may still arise on the parcel dispatched by rail from Bari to Lecce - Taranto - Calabrian.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

Divisione Assistenza

ro/

N. 5682/S. di prot.

P. M. 107, II 4 Giugno 1944

Risposta al foglio N. _____

del _____

Carte annessa 1

OGGETTO: rancio di sarde salate.-

Salted sardines - ways of cooking same.

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'Esercizio DELLA AGO
- COMANDO PRINCIPALE - LEQUILE

Si trasmette, per opportuna conoscenza,
copia della circolare n°5640/S. in data 2 c.m.,
con la quale questo Ministero ha dato alcuni
suggerimenti per la confezione del rancio di
sarde salate.-

p. IL MINISTRO

T. Elligna

*Attached for your information is a copy of
circular No. 5640/S of 2 June, in which this Ministry
suggests various ways of serving the salted sardine
ration.*

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE
- Divisione Sussistenze -

n. 5640/S di prot.-

P.M.107, li 2 giugno 1944

OGGETTO: rancio di sarde salate.-

AL COMANDO FF.AA. DELLA CAMPANIA	NAPOLI
AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SARDEGNA	P.M. 50
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AL COMANDO DEI CAMPI DI RIORDINAMENTO	P.M.107
AL COMANDO CC.RR. ITALIA LIBERATA	P.M. 67
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AL COMANDO REPARTO AUTONOMO MINISTERO GUERRA	S E D E
e, per conoscenza:	
AL COMANDO SUPREMO	P.M.135
AL MINISTERO DELLA MARINA	TARANTO
AL MINISTERO DELL'AERONAUTICA	B A R I
ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R.ESERCITO	P.M.151
AL MINISTERO GUERRA - Gabinetto -	S E D E
ALL'ISPETTORATO GENERALE DELL'ESERCITO	P.M.151 "A"
A TUTTE LE DIREZIONI DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE	LORO SEDI

Entrano in questi giorni a far parte della razione del soldato le sarde salate, di provenienza Alleata.-

Allo scopo di rendere tale genere quanto più possibile vario e gradito alla truppa, questo Ministero ne ha fatto studiare diversi tipi di confezione; tipi che qui di seguito si riportano, affinché i reparti abbiano modo di scegliere tra essi quelli che meglio si adattano al gusto del personale dipendente, tenuto conto dell'entità del personale stesso e dei mezzi di cucina disponibili per la particolare bisogna:

1) - PESCE ALLA LIVORNESE

Nella padella preparare un po' d'olio e fare un battuto di aglio, prezzemolo e sedano, mettendolo a friggere: aggiungere pescia, dopo averlo fatto ben rosolare, della conserva o pomodoro fresco.-

Durante la preparazione del sugo aggiungere acqua, sufficiente a coprire il pesce.-

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1) Cotta bene la conserva o il pomodoro, immettere nella salsa le sarde, avendo cura di dar loro una sistemazione sul fondo della padella.-

Durante la cottura spargere sopra un po' di pepe.-

2) - PESCE IN BRODETTO

Preparare nella padella olio, battuto di aglio, prezzemolo e pepe; aggiungere in seguito acqua nella quantità necessaria perchè il pesce rimanga coperto; mettere quindi le sarde in padella sistemandole come detto al n.1.-

A cottura quasi ultimata versare sopra un po' di aceto, possibilmente forte.-

3) - PESCE IN INSALATA

Aprire le sarde a metà e spargervi sopra - lasciandovelo per circa un'ora prima della distribuzione - un sugo così confezionato: battuto di aglio, prezzemolo, olio, limone e aceto.-

4) - PESCE FRITTO

Avendo cura che il pesce sia completamente asciutto, impanarlo bene con farina e metterlo in padella contenente olio bollente.-

Dopo l'operazione di friggitura, aggiungere un po' di succo limone o di aceto.-

5) - PESCE IN GRATICOLA

Asciugare bene il pesce; fargli fare un bagno di olio e aceto e metterlo in graticola. Levato dalla graticola spargervi sopra un battuto di prezzemolo.-

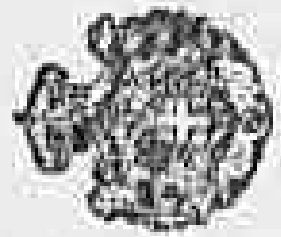
Per la migliore confezione dei suddetti tipi di rancio è necessario tener presente che occorrono in media 2-3 gr. di olio per ogni convivente (un po' di più per il pesce fritto) e che le sarde, prima di essere cucinate, vanno tenute in bagno per 6-7 ore, cambiando l'acqua 1 o 2 volte.-

Si pregano i Comandi in indirizzo di portare quanto a conoscenza dei reparti dipendenti.-

p. IL MINISTRO
F/to Pelligra

P. C. C.
IL DIRETTORE CAPO DIVISIONE ff.
(Cap. Comm.rio V. Ventrella)
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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE
DIVISIONE SUSSISTENZE

ro/

N. 5676/S di prot.

Risposta al foglio N.

del

Carte annesse

P. M. 107. U 3 Giugno 1944

OGGETTO: razione carne e pesce.-

AL LA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCIZIO DELLA A.C.C.

- COMANDO PRINCIPALE -

LEQUILLE

Mi riferisco al colloquio avuto stamane col maggiore
CAPINAU.-

La A.C.C. ha comunicato che le sarde salate testè ri-
fornite alle P.V.A.A. italiane debbono essere distribuite al po-
sto della carne scatoletta in base alle seguenti razioni:

- categoria "B": 2 once giornaliera al posto di 2 once di
carne;

- categoria "A": 6 once giornaliera al posto di 4 once di
carne.-

In merito osservo:

1°) CATEGORIA "B": tenuto conto dell'attuale deficienza di
pesce scatoletto, soltanto parzialmente sostituibile con gli
scarsi quantitativi di salsiccia scatoletta in corso di con-
segna a Napoli, la razione giornaliera di sarde salate da
distribuirsi sarebbe composta in definitiva di 6 once (2 al
posto della carne e 4 al posto del pesce scatoletto o della
salsiccia).- 5615

Tale distribuzione verrebbe in effetti ad aggravare gli
inconvenienti segnalati e contestati Sottocommissione coi miei
precedenti dispacci n° 5416/S. e 5538/S., rispettivamente in
data 29/5 e 1°/6, in quanto alle truppe italiane non sarebbe
possibile né consigliabile, consumare giornalmente sì forti
quantitativi di sarde.-

La Sottocommissione voler conside-

Mi riferisco al colloquio avuto stamane col maggiore

PAPINAU.-

La A.C.O. ha comunicato che le sarde salate testè ri-fornite alle R.A.A. italiane debbono essere distribuite al posto della carne scottolata in base alle seguenti razioni:

- categoria "B": 2 once giornaliera al posto di 2 once di carne;

- categoria "A": 6 once giornaliera al posto di 4 once di carne.-

In merito osservo:

10) CATEGORIA "B": tenuto conto dell'attuale deficienza di pesce scottolato, soltanto parzialmente sostituibile con gli scarsi quantitativi di salsiccia scottolata in corso di consegna a Napoli, la razione giornaliera di sarde salate da distribuirsi sarebbe composta in definitiva di 6 once (2 al posto della carne e 4 al posto del pesce scottolato o della salsiccia).-

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All'uopo prego cotesta Sottocommissione voler considerare la necessità di diluire il consumo delle sarde salate autorizzando che almeno 4 volte nella decade al posto delle 4 once di sarde salate, che devono sostituire altrettanti quantitativi di pesce scottolato, venga distribuita una razione di 2 once di formaggio scottolato, da trarsi dai quantitativi esistenti.-

Le attuali esistenze di formaggio scottolato ammontano a tonnellate 215.- Detratto il fabbisogno mensile per le truppe vettovagliate con categoria "A" restano disponibili 11 tonnellate 175: di queste, qualora le autorità Alleate accettassero la proposta sopra formulata e cioè di destinare per 4 giorni nella decade alle truppe vettovagliate con razione del tipo "B" 2 once di formaggio scottolato al posto di 4 once di sarde salate, verrebbero impiegare tonnellate 153 circa

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per assicurare le 12 distribuzioni mensili.--

2°) CARSCORIA "A".-- Le distribuzioni di 6 once giornaliere di sarde salate al posto delle 4 once di carne rappresentano una razione assolutamente superiore alle normali facilità di ingestione di siffatto tipo di pesce e, tenuto conto che le truppe combattenti non hanno la materiale possibilità di preparare le sarde secondo un sistema più razionale tanto per renderle più appetibili date le particolari caratteristiche dell'ambiente operativo, è necessario che la razione per dette truppe venga stabilita come segue:

- carne sciolata : 2 once ;
- sarde salate : 3 once.--

Con le proposte sopra formulate il consumo delle sarde verrebbe oltremodo frangente e quindi reso più gradito alle truppe.--

D'altra parte, in considerazione delle residue rimanenze di carne in conserva e delle 85 tonnellate di salsiccia sciolata testè rifornita a Napoli, per le quali ultime si sono disposti movimenti perequativi, non si viene a protrarre oltre un mese il consumo delle sarde che le Autorità Alleate hanno consigliato debba essere effettuato non oltre due mesi.--

Infatti con i quantitativi di sarde fino a questo momento esistenti nell'Italia Liberata - escluse Sicilia e Sardegna - (circa 500 tonnellate), applicando quanto da me proposto il consumo sarebbe ultimato entro venticinque giorni circa.--

Resto in attesa di conoscere le decisioni che la testè Sottocommissione vorrà adottare in merito con cortese urgenza.--

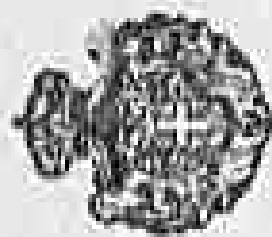
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DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE
DIVISIONE SUSSISTENZE

no/

N. 5538 / 5 di prot.

Risposta al foglio N.

del

P. M. 107. li

Carte annesse

16¹⁰⁴⁴ maggio 1944

OGGETTO: sardine salate.-

Salute sardine

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

- COMANDO PRINCIPALE -

LEQUITE

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Seguito 5416 e 5429 del 29 maggio 1944.-

E' in corso l'esame chimico-bromatologico del campio-  
ni di sardine salate prelevati dalla nota partita di 3.000  
q.li testè consegnata a Bari.-

La Direzione Generale di Sanità Militare, nell'espri-  
mere il proprio parere sull'alimentazione del soldato con  
sardine salate ha confermato la necessità di diluire il più pos-  
sibile il consumo della derrata ed ha precisato che, data la  
stagione calda e in considerazione che si tratta di cibo po-  
co appetibile, non consueto per le nostre truppe e ric-  
co di sale, da una prolungata ingestione potrebbero molto fa-  
cilmente derivare disturbi anche seri all'apparato gastro-in-  
testinale.-

P. IL MINISTRO

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1965

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SUBJECT: Salted Sardines.

Army Sub Commission, AGC,  
Main HQ, (MAIL),  
LEGATION, (LACOM),  
SR/6.

2 Jun 44.

ITALIAN WAR MINISTRY.

Copy to:

ITALIA HQ, HQ, AGC.  
" " 5th Army (Maj Van Kirk, APO 454, G.4 Section).  
" " Rear 8th Army.  
" " (Col Simmons) (thru' Allied Garr. Comdr, SARDINIA).  
" " (Col Albert) (CO CO IEG).  
" " HQ, 2 District.  
" " HQ, 60 Sub Area.  
" " With 51st Italian Corps.  
" " TARANTO.

Reference your 5415/S dated 29th May 44, on above subject.

1. The matter was referred to HQ, A.A.I. It was suggested to them that immediate arrangements be made to trade part of the consignment with the civilians, in exchange for flour, thus enabling the remainder of the consignment to be consumed quickly by the Italian soldier.
2. Today, however, a signal has been received to the effect that the Salted Sardines were shipped in lieu of Pres. Meat, and HQ, A.A.I. have instructed this Sub Commission to direct that every effort must be made by you to utilise the entire quantity as quickly as possible.
3. For this purpose, Sardines will be issued in lieu of Pres. Meat at the ratio of 2 ozs Fish in lieu of 2 ozs P. Meat, in addition to the 4 ozs Fish issued, making a total of 6 ozs Fish per man per day, on the BASIC scale.
4. You are authorised to issue on the OPERATIONAL scale at the ratio of 5 ozs of Fish in lieu of 4 ozs Pres. Meat.
5. Issues are to commence immediately after the Sardines mentioned above are received in the various areas.
6. Please report compliance.



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" " HQ, 2 District.  
" " HQ, 60 Sub Area.  
" " With 31st Italian Corps.  
" " TARANTO.

Reference your 5416/S dated 29th May 44, on above subject.

1. The matter was referred to HQ, A.A.I. It was suggested to them that immediate arrangements be made to trade part of the consignment with the civilians, in exchange for Flour, thus enabling the remainder of the consignment to be consumed quickly by the Italian soldier.
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DN

*Jimmy Dore*  
Major General,  
Army Sub Commission, AGO.



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Cal Hart:-

2 June 44  
This is the answer on the  
fish at Bari. I will have  
M/H to wear these first,  
but do not think we should  
issue in lieu of meat  
rations



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Originator's No.

F 53715 RESTRICTED0 Salted Sardines in the subject  
REF URADG H-276 dated 31st May  
signed SACHED Cite FHSOP C

Quantity of salted sardines shipped  
approximately 16 days supply for  
500,000 ITALIAN troops in the  
theatre. Therefore, every effort should  
be made to utilize entire quantity of  
sardines should be substituted for meat  
canned and sardines - stored immediately  
if the above doubt of their  
any spoilage

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Originator's No.

F 53715 RESTRICTED Sailed Sardines is the subject  
Ref URADG 4-276 dated 818' 1940  
Signed SACHED Cite FHSOP C

Quantity of sailed sardines shipped  
necessarily only 16 days supply for  
500,000 ITHAN troops. This  
shipment made in line of canned  
meat. Therefore every effort should  
be made to utilize entire quantity of  
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canned and used stored immediately  
if this is done doubt if there will be  
any spoilage 5612

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DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE  
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Risposta al foglio N.

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Carte annesse

P. M. 107, li 29

Mezzogiorno 1944

OGGETTO: sardine salate.

*salted sardines*

AL LA SECCO COMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCIZIO DELLA D.O.E.

- COMANDO PRINCIPALE -

L. E. N. 113

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Le Direzioni di Commissariato di Bari e Napoli segna-  
laro che sono attualmente in corso di consegna da parte del-  
le Autorità Alleate i conti quantitativi di sardine salate in  
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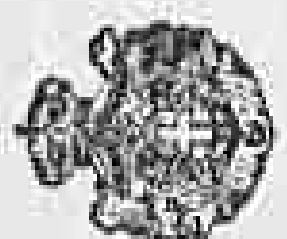
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rinsciere al pieno gradimento alle truppe in quanto, a pre-  
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mente altro tipo di pesce sciolto, quale il salmone, sardi-  
ne all'olio ecc., se ne dovrebbe effettuare il consumo ogni  
giorno in base alla razione di 4 once; ragione assolutamente  
superiore alle normali condizioni di appetibilità per  
un prodotto salato, specie durante la stagione estiva.

Nelle condizioni alimentari del popolo italiano il pe-  
sce salato è usato naturalmente come companatico e condi-  
to abbondantemente con olio di oliva.

Appare pertanto necessario che, allo scopo di evitare  
malumori tra le truppe e soprattutto complicazioni di caratte-  
re sanitario, venga attentamente la distribuzione delle sardi-  
ne salate, commisurata al massimo a 4 decedeli ed attamen-  
te con altro tipo di pesce non salato, quale può essere il  
salmone.

La questione è tanto più importante in quanto, come  
noto, il consumo di tale tipo di pesce salato viene ora a coin-

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Nelle suddetti alimentari del popolo italiano il pe-  
sce salato è usato esclusivamente come companatico a sopor-  
to abbondantemente con olio di oliva. -

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Appare pertanto necessario che, allo scopo di evitare  
malumore fra le truppe e soprattutto complicazioni di caratte-  
re sanitario, vengano attenuate le distribuzioni delle sar-  
dine salate, cominciando al massimo e a decussali ed alternan-  
dole con altro tipo di pesce non salato, quale può essere il  
salmone. -

La questione è tanto più importante in quanto, come  
noto, il consumo di tale tipo di pesce salato viene ora a coin-  
cidere, in caranza di "corned beef", con quello della carne  
mista e vegetali, altro prodotto questo di potere nutritivo  
limitato ed in ogni caso inferiore a quello del "corned beef". -

In relazione a quanto sopra si prega cortese cortesia  
missione voler intercedere la Superiore Autorità per ottenere  
che vengano ripresi per le P.A.A. italiani i razionamenti di  
salmone e sardine all'olio, in modo da alternarne le distri-  
buzioni con quelle delle sardine salate. -

9. IL MINISTRO

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Direz. Gen. Commissariato,  
Italian War Ministry.

MMIA LO: BARI. CATANZARO. TARANTO. LECCE.  
MOV. MMIA.

## 2. Sardines in Barrels.

SD/ Tommy T. Rose.

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431 (SSQMC)

8 April 1944

SUBJECT: Shipment of Sardines.

TO : Commanding Officer, Mediterranean Base Section, APO 600.

1. It is requested that shipments of Sardines be made from the Quartermaster at Oran in accordance with instructions shown on attached schedule (Inclosure No. 1).

2. Sardines in the amount of 2,322,600 net pounds as covered by Shipping Order No. QM-1-2554 ordering their movement from CASAPLANCA to ORAN, will be available upon arrival and discharge at ORAN of Vessel HOWELL E. JACKSON.

3. The commanding Officers of the respective Base Sections are being furnished copies of this directive for information.

By command of Major General LARKIN:

E. S. TURNER  
Major, A. G. D.,  
Asst. Adjutant General.

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Information copies to:

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CO, 310th Service Group, APO 650  
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ENCLOSURE NO. 1 TO LETTER, HEADQUARTERS SOS, NATOLIA, SUBJECT: SHIPMENT OF SARDINES  
DATED 6 APRIL 1944 to, CO, MEDITERRANEAN BASE SECTION, APO 600

| SHIPMENTS OF SARDINES TO BE MADE FROM THE QUANTITIES, WRS, AT CRAN AS FOLLOWS: | LONG TONS | NET WT. | GROSS WT. | QUANT. BASE at<br>HALES | DESTINATION                                       | CONSUMING<br>FORCES                                                                    |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| SHIPPING ORDER NO. QM-I-2647                                                   | 689,700   | 804,272 | 359.05    | 21,094                  | QM, 10th SERVICE<br>GROUP at CAGLIARI<br>SARDINIA | 465,700 net<br>lbs for Ita<br>Lians and<br>224,000 net<br>lbs for<br>FRENCH<br>ITALIAN |
| QM-I-2648                                                                      | 783,000   | 910,390 | 406.42    | 15,810                  | QM, 10th SERVICE<br>GROUP at CAGLIARI<br>SARDINIA | ITALIAN                                                                                |
| QM-I-2649                                                                      | 604,600   | 935,146 | 417.61    | 15,242                  | QM, 10th SERVICE<br>GROUP at CAGLIARI<br>SARDINIA | ITALIAN                                                                                |
| QM-I-2650                                                                      | 45,300    | 54,657  | 24.40     | 1,055                   | QM, 10th SERVICE<br>GROUP at CAGLIARI<br>SARDINIA | ITALIAN                                                                                |

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## HEADQUARTERS

SOS - NATOUA

APO 750

10th MAY

1944.

SHIPPING ORDER NO. QM-I-3111

AUTHENTICATION

MIDDLESWARTTO : COMMANDING ~~KENEXIA~~ EASTERN BASE SECTION, APO763

OFFICER

1. THIS ORDER IS AUTHORITY FOR MOVEMENT OF SUPPLIES LISTED IN :

SHIPPING ORDER LIST NO. QM-I-3111.

(Requisition, letter or other authority)

FROM : QUARTERMASTER - EBSAT : BIZERTETO : QUARTERMASTER - MMIAAT : TARANTO, ITALY.DESCRIPTION : CANNED MEAT AND FISH FOR ITALIAN MILITARY.TONNAGE FOR MOVEMENT : DEADWEIGHT LONG TONS 2,412.38CUBIC FEET 126,653

2. ITEMS NOT IN STOCK OR AVAILABLE FOR SHIPMENT WILL BE REPORTED PROMPTLY IN WRITING TO THIS HEADQUARTERS (NOT TO BE BACK ORDERED.)

3. CONSIGNOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR FOLLOW UP.

4. PRIORITY : ☐ URGENT ☒ HIGH ☐ ROUTINE.NOTE: MARK ALL CASES WITH LETTERS "ITI", 4" HIGH.

5. TRANSPORTATION :

(a) METHOD :

(b) TIME : SUPPLIES REPORTED AVAILABLE BY EBS ON 8th MAY 1944; ORDERED FROZEN IN(c) REMARKS : STOCK ON 8th MAY 1944; TO BE READY FOR SHIPMENT IMMEDIATELY.

6. FOR SHIPMENTS BY AIR FILL IN ADDITIONAL FORM ON REVERSE SIDE.

7. IT IS REQUESTED THAT CONSIGNEE BE NOTIFIED AS TO QUANTITIES SHIPPED DATE AND METHOD OF SHIPMENT.

By command of Major General LARKIN :

E. S. TURNER  
Major, A. G. D.,  
Asst. Adjutant General.K. C. MAULDER  
Capt. E. C. C. C.  
Adjutant GeneralSee Instructions on Reverse SideSECRET



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

### SHIPMENT OF SUPPLIES BY AIR

1. SHOW NAME AND RANK OF INDIVIDUAL HANDLING THE SHIPMENT IN THE CONSIGNEE BASE SECTION, AND HOW HE MAY BE CONTACTED:

(a) NAME AND RANK \_\_\_\_\_

(b) CONTACT \_\_\_\_\_

2. DESCRIPTION OF SHIPMENT MUST INCLUDE, ADDITION TO CONTENTS, THE DEAD WEIGHT (LBS) AND DIMENSIONS (IN CUBIC FT) OF EACH PACKAGE:

| NO. OF<br>PIECES | KIND OF<br>PACKAGE | CONTENTS | WEIGHT OF<br>EACH PACKAGE | CUBIC FT EACH PACKAGE |
|------------------|--------------------|----------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
|------------------|--------------------|----------|---------------------------|-----------------------|

(If shipment is composed of numerous pkgs of various weights & sizes attach additional sheet to show specifications of each package.)

3. STATE WHETHER OR NOT THIS SHIPMENT MAY BE MOVED IN SPLIT LOTS IF NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH AIR MOVEMENT FOR THIS MISSION.

4. SHOW LATEST ARRIVAL DATE AND HOUR NECESSARY FOR ACCOMPLISHMENT OF MISSION.

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

HOUR \_\_\_\_\_

5. SHOW DEFINITE INFORMATION TO JUSTIFY THE NEED FOR PRIORITY AND PASSAGE BY AIR:

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF SHIPPING ORDER

Prepare in triplicate.

Service originating Shipping Order will enter all information except that required by paragraph 5.

Geographical location of Consignor and Consignee will be stated in paragraph 1.

Paragraph 5 will be completed by the Transportation Officer.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER  
APO #750

## SHIPPING ORDER LIST

DATE 10th MAY 1944

TO QUARTERMASTER EASTERN BASE SECTION, APO 763.

S.O. NO. QM-I-3111

SHIP TO QM, MMIA

AT TARANTO, ITALY.

SHEET NO. 1 of 1

BASIS: DISTRIBUTION FOR ITALIAN MILITARY.

( ) SHIP EXACT QUANTITY

NOTE: MARKING → LETTERS "ITI", 4" HIGH.

( \*) SHIP TO NEAREST CASE

| QUANTITY  | UNIT | DESCRIPTION                   |
|-----------|------|-------------------------------|
| 1,532,988 | LB.  | BEEF, CORNED                  |
| 336,895   | LB.  | CHILI CON CARNE WITHOUT BEANS |
| 300,931   | LB.  | SALMON                        |
| 842,908   | LB.  | HASH, CORNED BEEF             |
| 23,124    | LB.  | LUNCHEON MEAT                 |
| 398,267   | LB.  | HASH, MEAT & VEGETABLE        |
| 993,195   | LB.  | STEW, MEAT & VEGETABLE        |
| 558,280   | LB.  | SAUSAGE, VIENNA               |

ABOVE QUANTITIES EXPRESSED  
IN POUNDS NET WEIGHT.

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