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ST/98 Maintenance of Italian A.F.s
Western Italy
Aug. - Oct. 1944

Subject: Conference, Commissariato, 27 September 1944.

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LIAISON OFFICER
MMIA
NAPLES SECTOR
STN/8

27 September 1944

To: Direzione, 1st Sezione, Commissariato,
Naples (Lt Col Riso)

→ Copy: ADST, MMIA HQ

1. Confirming conversation (Lt Col Riso - Captain Nelson) this morning, the following points were discussed and agreements on action to be taken:
- a. Ration of Olive Oil - 10 grams daily
 - b. Almonds to be despatched to Corsica via Sardinia - MMIA LO will signal MMIA LO Sardinia for reshipment to Corsica when ship departs.
 - c. Analysis Commission - to convene at Depot 590 at 0930 hrs, 29 September with Captain Baxter as the Allied member of the commission.
 - d. Tobacco - double order to Cremona on today's shipment (pack train).
 - e. Marmalade - to be issued to combat troops (not to Catanzaro, for example).
 - f. Tobacco - for bulk shipments, tobacco would be stored at Depots 590/1 or 590/2.
 - g. Construction rear of Depot 590/1 - to expedite work by civil labor so that unloading may be accelerated.
 - h. Boxes and cartons - reconsider previous order and to have cartons disposed of at Recovery Depot, Naples.
 - i. Rations for 228 Div - Captain Baxter will arrange with 14 CRASC today to place demands in writing on Commissariato, Naples, through MMIA LO, Naples (same procedure as 212 and 210 Divisions and PBS).
 - j. Civitavecchia shipment for 212 Div - utilize stocks at ITI CIV Depot and supplement rations in Naples for shipment.
 - k. Special flour despatch - rail cars of flour despatched this date for Speranise, Rome, Benevento (1 - Friuli, 1 Cremona), Aversa (2) and Caserta (2). Delay caused in shipment due to lack of yesterday's reports.
 - l. Inter-depot shipments by rail - report to be made to Captain Nelson on number and contents of rail cars received in Naples today.
 - m. Cheese in lieu of meat - an information copy of instructions issued to depots on cancellation of issue of cheese for meat sent out previously.
 - n. Truck discharges - necessity to unload rapidly of trucks at bulk depots.
 - o. Chile con Carne - issue of this item at one (1) ounce for meat by letter from War Ministry.

p. Port Detachment personnel - to follow up bringing detachment to strength and available escorts to safeguard rations in transit (our STN/15 of 25 Sept).

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Major, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

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Subject: Conference, Commissariato, Naples, 25 Sept 44.

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MMIA
NAPLES SECTOR
STN/6

25 September 1944

TO: Direttore, Commissariato, Naples

→ Copy: ADST, MMIA HQ

1. Confirming conversation (Col. Occhipinti - Lt Col Riso-Captain Nelson) of 25 Sept 44, the following points were discussed:

- a. Italian Port Detachment
- b. Transportation Difficulties.
- c. Acceptance Note.

2. It was agreed that the following action would be taken in respect to subjects, par 1:

a. Italian Port Detachment

(1) Measures would be taken to bring up to strength officers, non-commissioned officers, and enlisted men to the following:

(a) Officers	6	6	} 3 Port Det OK
(b) NCO/Warrant Officers	9	9	
(c) Enlisted men	30	36	

(2) Arrangements to procure escorts available for handover of items export and/or Allied Depots:

- (a) 2 Officers
- (b) 50 Enlisted men

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b. Transportation difficulties.

(1) A letter is being prepared by MMIA, Naples to MMIA, HQ requesting a further allocation of vehicles for Campania.

c. Acceptance Notes.

- (1) It was again emphasized that the Italian Government/Army was responsible for the subsistence/clothing ex port or Allied Depots at the point of Acceptance, which is normally at ship-side for ex port and at the depot ex Allied Depot. Signature on the Port Detachment Tally Note (MMIA Form ST/1) constituted a signed receipt.
- (2) In drawing up an Acceptance Note (MMIA Form ST/3) the quantity of subsistence would be based on the total receipts (MMIA Form ST/1) and if there is any variation from these figures a certificate would be attached to the MMIA Form ST/1 and settlement would be accomplished between MMIA, HQ and the Italian War Ministry.

3. The Italian Port Detachment and number of escorts (sub par 2, a.(1) and (2) above) would be brought up to strength today.

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INTER OFFICE MINUTE.

"AQ" MMIA.

Reference LO Naples letter STN/1 dated 21 Aug 44.

1. Appendix A to memorandum "Channels of Supply of Rations for Italian Armed Forces in Western Italy is reproduced below for the months of Jun & Jul 44 in respect of Items from Allied Sources, giving further information requested.

Estimated strength of 5 Army Italian Troops is 9735.

ITEMS FROM ALLIED SOURCES.

Month of June, 1944.

Item	Lbs	at	Rations	No of Days
Flour	391,882	18 ozs.	353,896	36.3
Macaroni	65,215	3 "	347,813	35.7
Biscuit	-	-	-	-
Rice	43,442	2 "	347,586	55.7
P Meat/Fish	72,004	4 "	238,016	29.0
Pulses	43,442	5 1/2 "	388,410	39.0
Deh Veg	45,037	1 "	346,656	35.5
Sugar	21,666	1 "	341,568	35.0
Coffee	10,674	1 "	349,232	35.8
Cheese	21,827	1 "	346,304	35.5
Tomato Catsup	10,822	1 "	338,600	34.7
Pepper	105.8	1/200 "		

Month of July, 1944.

Item	Lbs	at	Rations	No of Days
Flour	228,341	18 ozs	202,969	20.8
Macaroni	104,482	3 "	557,237	57.2
Biscuit	-	-	-	-
Rice	-	2 "	-	-
P Meat/Fish	137,111	4 "	548,444	56.3
Pulses	27,069	5 1/2 "	306,626	31.4
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Sugar	14,264	1 "	456,448	46.8
Coffee	14,264	1 "	23,280	2.4
Cheese	1,455	1 "	-	-
Tomato Catsup	-	1/200 "	458,600	47.1
Pepper	143.3	1/200 "		

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(1) Rations have been calculated in terms of Pulses - 5 1/2 ozs is made up by: 2 ozs Beans, 1 1/2 ozs Pulses & 2 ozs Onions.

Above scale is the old "A" (Combat) scale which was in operation during the months under review.

7 Sep 44.
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W. L. Hann
Lt. Col.
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Originator's No.

STW/H/T743 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) SUBJECT IN SUPPLY OF ITT RATIONS IN WESTERN ITALY (.) FURTHER TO MY STW/1 OF 21 AUGUST 44 PARA 4 (G)(.) NOW ASCERTAINED THERE IS A PREVIOUS 5 ARMY INDEBT OUTSTANDING FOR 110000 RATIONS IN ADDITION TO 121000 ADVISED IN PARA QUOTED (.) PES PROPOSE COLLECT BOTH LOTS FOR DESTATION TO 5 ARMY AND TO DAY STARTING ON FIRST LOT (.) BESIDES THESE TWO BULK ISSUES VARIOUS SMALL DEMANDS HAVE BEEN TRICKLING BACK THROUGH WAR MINISTRY CHANNELS FOR INDIVIDUAL ITEMS FOR 5 ARMY ITALIANS (.) YOUR ST/297 OF 19 AUGUST 44 RE TORRICO AND TELEGRAM 8295 WAR MINISTRY TO COMMISSARIATO NAPLES RE OLIVE OIL ARE EXAMPLES (.) PES HAVE DECIDED TO DISREGARD THESE SMALL ORDERS IN VIEW OF MAIN SUPPLIES GOING FORWARD AS DETAILED (.) PLEASE INFORM WAR MINISTRY ACCORDINGLY (.) AM HASTENING STOCK FIGURES AS OF 24 IN ORDER TO DETERMINE OUR POSITION AGAINST THESE NUMEROUS COMMITMENTS (.) UGS 50 ETA 27 AUGUST 44 BUT EARLIERINGS NOT YET KNOWN (.) ANYTHING YOU CAN DO TO REDUCE OUR 5 ARMY OR PES FIGHTING COMMITMENTS WILL ASSIST REVENUE PROSPECTS

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Originator

For Action

MILIA HQ FOR ADST AND ASST G-4 RATIONS

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Subject:- Channels of Supply for Italian rations
Western Italy.

File
Army Sub Commission, (MMIA),
HQ, ACC, ROME.
ST/102/1.

MMIA Sector LO, NAPLES.

26 August 44.

Your STN/1 of 21 August 44.

The information is most helpful and it is regretted
that changes of policy which will be explained to you
personally preclude taking any action at this time.

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

Copy to:- "Q" MMIA.

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Subject: Channels of Supply
of Rations for
Italian Armed Forces
in Western Italy.

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Military Mission
To Italian Army
Naples Office

STW/1

21 August 64

To: ADST MMIA HQ ←

Copies: Deputy Director MMIA HQ
A4 and GMD MMIA HQ.
Asst G-4 (Rations) MMIA HQ
MMIA LG 5 Army.

1. Attached memorandum on above subject is forwarded for your consideration.
2. It is realized that the problems in question are under your constant attention, and that much may have been arranged of which this office is not yet aware.
3. It is however considered that there may be in the memorandum some information on the present situation that is new to you, and this may serve to make the note of use.

"S & T" MMIA.

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O.C. PAPINEAU

Major RASC
ST Liaison Officer
MMIA Naples.

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Channels of Supply of Rations
for Italian Armed Forces in
Western Italy

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1. Appendix A contains a statement prepared by Direzione Comissariato Rationes of Food Supplies issued by them to PMS in respect of maintenance of Italian troops with 5 Army over dates March - and July 1944. These issues were made in compliance with instructions periodically received from Office of the Quartermaster PMS.

2. The figures are a combination of supplies requested in the name of 5 Army specifically and other supplies requested in the name of SHingle. The latter code-name was used first to cover Italian troops with 5 Army formations at Anzio and later has been used to refer to Italian troops with 5 Army formations at various points further north. The supplies listed in Appendix A were however all furnished in respect of Italian troops with 5 Army irrespective of variations in nomenclature.

3. Italian troops with PMS were originally supplied with food through the same channels as any other Italian troops in Campania i.e. by issues from Italian Army food distribution depots. When PMS extended northwards special arrangements came into existence similar to those already applying to Italian troops with 5 Army.

4. The position now reached in respect of channels of supply of Rations for Italian Armed forces in Western Italy is as follows:

(a) There at present is a normal feeding strength of Italian Armed Forces in Campania (including Italian troops with PMS and III District) amounting to some 75000 troops. These troops all draw their Rations by writs from the Italian distribution depots in Campania.

(b) The Benevento Scheme is likely to mean a nett increase in the foregoing "normal" strength amounting to an additional 20/25000 at the peak period in October (part of the troops at Benevento are already included in the strength figure in preceding sub-section).

(c) About 1500 are Italian troops at present remaining

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(c) About 1500 PMS Italian troops at present remaining at Anzio are fed from the Benione Specials di Sueni-stenza Posto Militare 181 which is a PMS-Italian food distribution depot supplied by PMS lorries which draw in bulk from Naples Commissariate. This packet of PMS Italian troops is expected to dwindle gradually.

(d) 18000 Italian troops situated in the Rome Area will according to your 58/53/1 of 15 August 44 be fed wef. 20 August 44 by means of a daily consignment of some 15 tons nett to be despatched by Naples Commissariate by rail to Littoria and thence by road.

(c) PMS Italian troops located in and near Civitavecchia totaling at present some 6000 are fed through the PMS-Italian food distribution depot at Civitavecchia (Base Logistica di Civitavecchia), which is maintained by means of consignments demanded by Comando Truppe Italiane PMS on Naples Commissariato and transported by road in PMS lorries. The first such Civitavecchia consignment was 15000 Rations (30 days for 5000 men) moved early in July. A second parcel of 75000 Rations (15 days for 5000 men) was lifted at the end of July. A third parcel of 105000 Rations (15 days for 5000 men) was lifted on 17/21 August 44. These convoys consisting of heavy drives with Italian Carabinieri escorts with very limited officer personnel either from PMS proper or from Comando Truppe Italiane PMS are unsatisfactory administratively both as regards the loading operation and the actual convoy movement including protection of the cargo.

(f) Comando Truppe Italiane PMS (in their 02/805/cont. di prot. of 13 August 44) have now placed a new demand on Commissariato Naples calling for 300000 Rations (30 days for 10000 men) to furnish a new PMS-Italian food distribution depot at Piombino (Base Logistica di Piombino) to service PMS Italian troops located at Grosseto - Piombino - Cecina - Livorno at present estimated at 5000 and increasing shortly to 10000. Action lies at time of writing with Commissariato Naples to compile itemised list including deadweight and cubage to PMS Italian Liaison Section in order that the means of transport for this consignment may be decided and arranged.

(g) 5 Army, in addition to Rations collected up to end July listed in Appendix A, have called (in 322/ann of 11 August 44 Office of the Quartermaster PMS to Commissariato Naples) for 121000 Rations stated to represent 10 days for 14000 men. These Rations were alerted for collection for transport to 5000 miles starting 21 August 44 but at time of writing the collection has not yet begun.

5. It will be observed from the foregoing paragraph that under present dispositions the whole of the approved strength

officer personnel either from PMS proper or from Comando Gruppo Italiano PMS are unsatisfactory administratively both as regards the loading operation and the actual convoy movement including protection of the cargo.

(F) Comando Truppe Italiane PMS (in their 08/305/Comm. di prot. of 19 August 44) have now placed a new demand on Commissariato Napoli calling for 800000 Rations (30 days for 10000 men) to furnish a new PMS-Italian food distribution depot at Pionbino (Base Logistica di Pionbino) to service PMS Italian troops located at Grosseto - Pionbino - Cecina - Livorno at present estimated at 8000 and increasing shortly to 10000. Action lies at time of writing with Commissariato Napoli to communicate itemised list including deadweight and cubage to PMS Italian Liaison Section in order that the means of transport for this assignment may be decided and arranged.

(G) 5 Army, in addition to Rations collected up to end July listed in Appendix A, have called (in JMA/mem of 11 August 44 Office of the Quartermaster PMS to Commissariato Napoli) for 181900 Rations stated to represent 10 days for 14000 men. These Rations were alerted for collection for transport to Pionbino starting 21 August 44 but at time of writing the collection has not yet begun.

5. It will be observed from the foregoing paragraph that under present dispositions the whole of the approved strength of the Italian Armed Forces in Western Italy from Salerno to north of Leghorn depend for their food supplies on bulk issues operated in Naples by the Naples Commissariato. These bulk issues are at present operated for items of Allied origin by the Naples Special Depot (Depot 530) and for items of Italian origin (olive oil, wine, salt, tobacco) by the already inadequate Naples Distribution Depot (Depot 593 Caserma Sani). This makes Naples a real bottleneck. Moreover there is at present no machinery for regulating or coordinating the incidence of the various demands in the previous paragraph, since they are initiated separately by different organizations. Bulk issues are therefore at present liable to clash both among themselves and with intakes from convoys or railroad.

6. Apart from the problems of the excessive turnover thus concentrated in Naples and the long haul of supplies to the

north resulting from the present dispositions there is a further difficulty concerning the discharge points in Western Italy of IRI food supplies from overseas. Whereas all demands are at present channelled to Naples Commissariato as demonstrated in para 4, IRI food supplies from overseas arriving in Western Italy are discharging at various points. As previously reported in our SW/3 various dates, Merrill (port cargo) R. Roseley, Gideon Wells, Irvin Mc Dowell, all discharged IRI Rations at Civitavecchia. S. Blatchford, J. Piske, Hilary Herbert (port cargo), Roland Stanford discharged IRI Rations at Piombino. Other vessels on US 48 are still outstanding and relatively substantial tonnages of IRI Rations are notified for early arrival in US 49 and US 50. It is an even chance whether these latter consignments will be put down at Naples or elsewhere.

7. It is not known in this office what has taken place in regard to the IRI Rations already discharged at Civitavecchia and Piombino. It is however observed as noted paragraph 4 that demands to feed Italian Armed Forces in Western Italy are apparently at present falling 100% on Naples Commissariato. No future discharges it is on file (Signal IX 31540 of 15 July 44 SOS Natouen to PMS info 5 Army) that IRI Rations discharging at 5 Army ports will be absorbed into Quartermaster dumps against repayment of qua titios per Manifest by PMS to Italian Army in Naples. This proposal if and when it takes effect will add further to the administrative complications in Naples (even if actual physical transfer can be minimized by offsetting dues from PMS to Naples Commissariato in repayment of IRI discharges in 5 Army ports against dues from Naples Commissariato to PMS on Rations indents).

8. In order to dispose at one stroke of the three difficulties of excessive turnover in Naples, long hauls to the north and the problem of attestation of IRI Rations discharging at Western Italy ports other than Naples the following solution is put forward for consideration.

(a) 5 Army, and PMS in Civitavecchia and Quartermaster northwards, to feed Italian troops and to them from U.S. Quartermaster Stocks.

(b) 5 Army, and PMS as defined, to take into U.S. Quartermaster Stocks all IRI Rations arriving by sea at ports in their respective areas.

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8. In order to dispose at one stroke of the three difficulties of excessive turnover in Naples, long hauls to the north and the problem of utilization of IRI Nations discharging at Western Italy ports other than Naples the following solution is put forward for consideration.

- (a) 5 Army, and PMS in Civitavecchia and other northwards, to feed Italian troops absorbed to them from U.S. Quartermaster Stocks.
- (b) 5 Army, and PMS as defined, to take into U.S. Quartermaster Stocks all IRI Nations arriving by sea at ports in their respective areas.
- (c) Supplies issued as (a) to be offset periodically against supplies received as (b) and net balances under or over to be adjusted by transfers in Naples.
- (d) Non common-user items (Wine and Olive Oil) to be procured locally if possible, if not to be supplied in bulk by Italians to PMS at Naples for onward transport.

9. This solution is submitted without prejudice to any wider reorganization at a later date that may be under consideration. The present proposal is intended to concern

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the immediate future during the intervening months before any general reorganization can take effect. It is emphasized that unless some such adjustment of the position can be made at an early date, a breakdown is likely to occur in the present dispositions owing either to exhaustion of Naples Stocks of key items or impossibility of executing in due time all the simultaneous operations which will be loaded on to the Naples Commissariate machine and the inadequate Italian military road transport in Campania. At any rate it is recommended that the present dispositions, which have grown up piecemeal should be urgently reviewed and reorganized.

10. Meanwhile action is being taken at this end forthwith to stock the Naples Special Depot with Olive Oil, Wine, Salt in bulk so that large bulk issues for 5 Army-Picerno-Civita-Vecchia-Benevento can be operated for all items through Depot 580. This will simplify loading operations and the problems of convoy control and prevent delays at Depot 583 which is not designed or equipped to carry out bulk issues.

Belknap

O.C. PAPERHEAD
Major NASC
ST Nelson Officer
EMIA Naples

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APPENDIX A

ITALIAN RATIONS REPORTED ISSUED BY DIREZIONE COMMISSARIATO MILITARE IN

RESPECT OF MAINTENANCE OF ITALIAN TROOPS WITH 5 ARMY

(All weights in kilograms)

Item	March	April	May	June	July
<u>ITEMS FROM ALLIED SOURCES</u>	Kgs	Kgs	Kgs	Kgs	Kgs
Flour	67,305	144,169	139,513	177,747	103,556
Pasta	10,288	23,915	23,427	29,576	47,384
Biscuits	-	617	352	-	-
Rice	7,552	16,193	16,167	19,704	62,182
Preserved Meat/Fish	23,017	31,410	30,820	32,655	12,276
Pulses	6,679	17,386	15,399	19,704	17,765
Dehydrated Vegetables	6,635	21,847	16,184	20,425	6,469
Sugar	3,859	8,013	7,625	9,826	6,660*
Coffee	1,787	3,968	3,736	4,841	-
Cheese	3,620	8,113	7,742	9,899	65
Tomato Preserve	2,100	4,131	3,855	4,906	-
Pepper	19	42	16	48	-
<u>Total Number Rations Stated By Comma-</u>					
<u>riato To Be Represent-</u>					
<u>ed By Above Issues</u>					
<u>Allied Items</u>					
	131,630	294,782	276,738	348,811	453,480
<u>ITEMS FROM ITALIAN SOURCES</u>	Kgs	Kgs	Kgs	Kgs	Kgs
Olive Oil	3,633	10,522	8,807	-	360
Salt	3,210	7,607	5,065	11,100	1,200

* Formaggio Pecorino.

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ARMY FORM 02186 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Call

Srl. No.

Priority

Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNAL'S USE ONLY

FROM

(A)

Originator

MM 1A LO 54 Area

Date/Time of Origin

18 Oct. 18 10A.

OFFICE DATE STAMP.

For Action

TO

MM 1A.

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

GR -

Originator's No.

PV. 190. Ref your HQ 2032 no information from Italians as yet. I will advise as soon as I hear something.

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN IF LIABLE TO BE INTERRUPTED PRIOR TO ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS BY ANY MEANS EXCEPT FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS. THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CLEAR.

SIGNED

Sic

Recd 22 Oct

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MESSAGE FORM

From : MMIA

16 Oct. 0755 A.

To : 54 AREA

AQ 2032

RESTRICTED

FOR MMIA LO (.) PAREN HOME AREA _____ PAREN (.)
REF AQ 1981 07 OCT (.) PLEASE STATE WHAT PROGRESS
HAS BEEN MADE (.)

(2)

See reply at (9)

"S & T, MMIA.

Recd

17 Oct

PRECEDENCE

ROUTINE

File ST/

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AUTHENTICATION

W. H. [unclear]

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Internal:- ST, MMIA.

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Index (or Cat.) No.	Designation	Quantity
	Roughs Print	140
	8" x 10" Print	2
	Ord. 1000	

Signature _____

_____ Capt Rank _____ Date _____

Order: $AAA + A$

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ist of Stores, Plant, Tools, Instruments, &c.

Issued to
Requisitioned by

From 104 CBS Stores Date 8/1/87

[illegible]

E. L. Starnes - Mayor *Signature*

Cast Rank 8 Oct Date

to ADST, Miami

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Subject:- Paint and Distemper.

Military Mission Italian Army,
BHE.
BE/101

GRS
BHE.

Oct 15

Reference telephone conversation of 7 October
(Col. Perceval - A. GRS).

1. It is requested that the bearer be issued sufficient paint (light green) and distemper (cream) to redecorate a room approximately 14'x14', allowing a 6' high painted wall border.
2. The room is being redecorated to serve as an GRS rest room.
3. It would be much appreciated if brushes could be loaned to carry out the work. They would be returned to you on completion.

HEP/jc

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Lt. Col.,
for
Major General,
Military Mission Italian Army.

Copy to:- 104th BS Stores at 45 VIA MARSE
Stores Officer.

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MMIA

DATE: TIME: ORIGIN

TO (FOR ACTION): DISTWO

7 Oct 1045A

REF NO.: AQ 1981

R E S T R I C T E D

FOR MMIA LO (.) PAREN ROME AREA _____ PAREN (.) SUBJECT
IS WELFARE ITEMS LEFT BY 65 POW CAMP AND NOW IN ITALIAN ARMY
WAREHOUSE BARI (.) THIS HQ AQ/27 OF 29 SEP ADDRESSED TWODIST
FOR WELFARE REFERS (.) G.O.C. MOST ANXIOUS SECURE WELFARE
ITEMS FOR PERSONNEL THIS HQ WHO WITHOUT ANYTHING (.) LIST OF
ITEMS STATED TO BE AT BARI INCLUDES SOCCER BALL WITH BLADERS,
PING PONG SET AND BALLS AND SEVERAL INDOOR GAMES SUCH AS
DOMINOES, LOTTO, MONOPOLY, ETC. (.) GOC WISHES YOU OBTAIN
THESE AND DESPATCH BY BEST MEANS TO THIS HQ ADDRESSED FOR
ADST.

*S & T. MMIA.

Recd 7 Oct

File STI 101

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AUTHENTICATION 5980

Internal - ST hmn. 17.

Ad 9
17/10/45

(7 & 9 refs)

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Note for Welfare File

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Planes and gramophones with 12 records, can be obtained
on 7 day loan from Welfare (NY) R.A.A.C.

Presumably there is a waiting list and application
would need to be made early,

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S & T. MMIA.

Subject: Welfare Amenities. Recd 7 Oct
File STI 101

Military Mission Italian Army,
ROME.
AS/27

HQ RAAG. (For Welfare (Br)). 7 Oct 44.

Reference telephone conversation of 7 Oct. (Col.
Perovial - Capt. Bailey).

1. It is desired to register HQ Military Mission Italian
Army, (strength in Rome 95 ORs) on your waiting list of units
requiring welfare wireless sets and as desirous of being
allotted a proportionate share of such welfare amenities as
are available, now and in the future.

2. Due to the small size of the unit and to its compari-
tive isolation in the heel of Italy prior to moving to Rome,
we are extremely badly off for amenities for the men and I
shall be most grateful for your assistance.

HLP/jc

Lt. Col.
for
Major General.
Military Mission Italian Army.

Copy to S/T ←

B7 ~~12 Oct~~

~~12 Oct~~
Capt Harold Mason to follow up.

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